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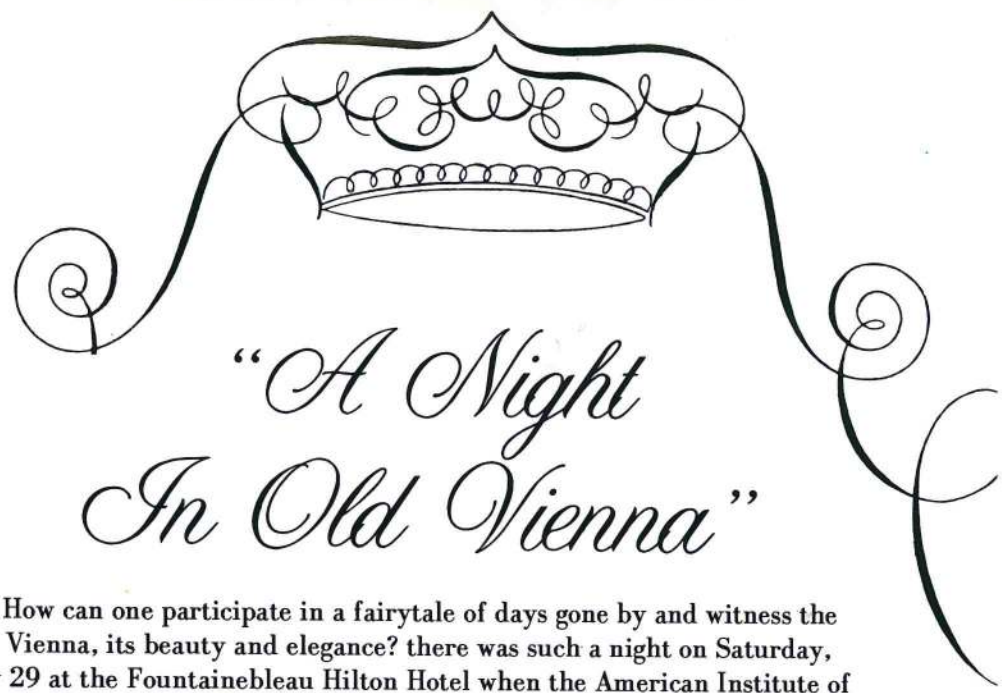
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## 22nd Anniversary International Polonaise Ball




  
*“A Night  
In Old Vienna”*

How can one participate in a fairytale of days gone by and witness the glory of Vienna, its beauty and elegance? there was such a night on Saturday, January 29 at the Fountainebleau Hilton Hotel when the American Institute of Polish Culture held its 22nd Anniversary International Polonaise Ball. The theme was “A Night in Old Vienna” – and it was a night that will be long remembered (Lady Blanka Rosenstiel is the founder and president of the American Institute since 1972).

At the entrance to the cocktail party a row of elegantly clad ladies in period dresses, some with magnificent white wigs complementing their outfit, presided over by Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, greeted all arriving guests. Standing behind them was a long row of Pages in period outfits with candelabras featuring long candles; – the light cast a pink glow on this glamorous scene. The Pages stood at guard to over 450 guests who came from all over the United States as well as Europe to share the evening with the chairmen of the ball, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Dame Pauline Kostuik.

The large buffet table with a variety of delicious hors d’oeuvres was ornated with two large Eagles carved in ice and a cascading fountain adding to the lilt of background music by Frank Hubbell. The cameras were flashing, video films taken... all seemed to be trying to preserve for posterity this very special elegant moment. (Partial donation of liquors and brandy from Mr. Peter Bordeaux of Sazerac was greatly appreciated and the underwriters of the cocktail party were Drs. Stanislaw and Barbara Burzynski, Dame Pauline Kostuik and Mr. Waldemar Dowiak).

The Pages at the Grand ballroom doors opened them wide... the sound of a waltz caught everyone’s attention and guests proceeded to their assigned tables.

The entire ball room was flooded with pin-lights from the top bringing attention to the 45 tall candelabras with hundreds of candles and the magnificent fresh flowers arrangement. The pale oceania roses and pink heather cast a shadow on each table... the mirrors reflected the arrangements and the votive candles added a pink glow to the entire setting. The decor was partially underwritten by Dr. M.A. and Mrs. Edna Gene Schofman and Major and Mrs. Marian Neiman.

Mr. Riabov read the messages from Governor Lawton Chiles and Senator Bob Graham and others who could not be with us that evening. Meanwhile, 32 couples gathered at the stage in preparation for the Polonaise Dance.

Ladies and Gentlemen, “La Polonaise” ...Mr. Riabov announced and



*Presentation of the honored guests*



*Above: Mrs. Margarita De Gea, Mr. Jan Naliwajko, Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Mrs. Ulla Naliwajko, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel. Left: Princess Lada Shuiski, Mr. Ingmar Fredriksson, Honorable Walter Kalteis. Right: Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski, Countess Eugene de Lewenhaupt, Honorable Walter Kalteis.*



*Left: Chief and Mrs. Norman Tarbell, Gen. Jan Libront and Dame Pauline Kostuik. Right: Mrs. Edna Gene Schofman, Mrs. Andie Lippen, Mrs. Lewis Harms, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt, Mrs. Barbara Cooper, Mrs. William Moore*





*Mr. and Mrs. Martin Woolin*



*Mrs. Andie Lippen and Mr. John Schmidt*



*Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*

couple after couple was called out to take their position. Lady Blanka Rosenstiel with Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski, the honored guest of the evening, lead "La Polonaise" choreographed by Mrs. Jarmila Redechovska. The gentlemen bow to the ladies, kissed their hands and smoothly proceeded in a perfectly aligned formation in their elegant Polonaise walk which ended with a Strauss waltz.

Encircled by the candelabra-holding Pages, Franz Lehar's "Vienna city my dreams" ("Wien, Wien nur du allein") and "Yours is my heart alone" ("Di is mein ganzes hertz") was beautifully sung by Peggy and John Sullivan and dinner was served. (Champagne was underwritten by Mrs. Harriet Irsay and Major and Mrs. Zygmunt Turski (ARCO)), Delicious cream of sorrell soup, citrus salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing and sliced tenderloin of beef, perigourdine sauce with fine vegetables... but it was the delightful desert "Le Delice Maria Josepha de Hapsburg" really topped it all! Polish vodka "Luksus" added pleasure to the atmosphere as well as the Polish Wedell chocolates and after dinner liquors. Those were donated by Adamba Import Co., of New York.

The elegant performance by Mrs. Marquerite Hanlon and Mr. John F. in a "Dance Drama" was outstanding. They were so delightful and perfectly beautiful together that all wished there could be more of it. The applause was endless.

We were really pleased to have a performance of two outstanding young musicians. Mr. Adam Wegrzynek, piano (he is completing his Doctoral degree at the University of Miami) and Mr. Krzysztof Witek, violin (he is finishing his master class at Juilliard in New York). It was Henryk Wieniawski's Polonaise Brillante Op. 21 A major and Johann Strass's Trisch-Tratsch Polka, op. 211. Their performance was very much appreciated.

At the intermission guests waltzed to the Frank Hubbell orchestra, partially underwritten by Mrs. Mary Mapp and Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan. Lady Blanka Rosenstiel then proceeded with the presentation of distinguished guests and called the Honorable Council Walter Chalets, who read a special message from His Excellency Helmut Tuerk, Ambassador of Austria in Washington, D.C.

The Mayor of Miami, the Honorable Stephen Clark, presented a special proclamation calling Saturday, January 29, the International Polonaise Ball I.

The AIPC 1994 Gold Medal award was presented to Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski for his untiring work and outstanding achievements in the field of journalism. Mr. Wierzbianski was introduced by his long time friend the Honorable James Mc Carrigan.

James came with his charming wife for the occasion from Washington, DC.

Lady Blanka called upon the honored guests and long time friends to express her personal appreciation for the honor of their attendance at the ball: Princess Marianne Prince Sigvard Bernado of Sweden, Countess Gertrude de Ponton d'Amecourt of Austria, Princess Lada Shuiski who at present resides in San Francisco, and Princess Ali Khan who came from London.

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*Mr. James Colie, Ms. Anita Cordeiro*



*Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Sonderling*



*Mrs. Mary Nimkoff, Mr. Robert Schafer*



*Above: Ms. Monique Garnier, Mr. George Meller Left: Mrs. Edna Gene and Dr. M.A. Schofman Right: Mr. and Mrs. Jan Naliwajko*



*Dame Pauline Kostuik, Gen. Jan Libront*





*Princess Sigvarda Bernadotte, Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt*



*Mrs. Amba McCa Gertr. d'Am*



*Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Mrs. Marguerite Hanlon and Mr. John Ford*



*Mrs. Mercedes Ferre, Honorable Maurice Ferre, Mrs. Gina Janiga*



*Princess Lada Shuiski, Honorable Walter Kalteis — Austrian Consul from Washington, DC, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak*



*Mrs. Lidia Roztoczynski, Dr. Henry Roztoczynski, Dr. Wieslaw Wojnarski, Dr. Maria Wojnarski*

*Right: Princess Marianne Bernadotte, Chief of Mohawk Indians Norman Tarbell, Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*





*Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski, Ambassador James McCarggar, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Dame Jean Loach, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Avril Harrim*



*Honorable Stephen Clark and Ms. Teresa Zorrilla*



*Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski, Mr. Boleslaw Laszewski, Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski, Mr. Stanislaw Burzynski*



*Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan*



*Honorable Walter Kalteis and Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Mrs. Riva Dauer and her guest*



*Mr. Constantin Pardos, Mrs. Grace Clayton, Mr. Andre Chiasson*



*Mr. Terry Russell, Ms. Marjorie El Serralles, Mrs. Marjorie Sonderling, Egmont Sonderling, Mrs. Rita Serra, Mr. Juan E. Serralles, Jr.*





Above: Ambassador David Walters, Princess Marianne Bernadotte. Right: Ms. Gina Janiga, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak. Far Right: Dr. Barbara Burzynski with her daughter Ms. Kinga Szopa and Mr. Randolp McBride



Dame Jean Loach brought prominent guests, among them Mr. Avril Harriman, Senator and Mrs. Albert Gutman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brasswell, he of the Baltimore "Colts."

Lady Blanka was especially touched by the presence of the Chief of the Mowhak Indians (did you remember that last year's ball was in honor of the First Americans?), Mr. Norman Tarbell who came from New York with his wife and Mr. Roger Jakubowski. Then she introduced Drs. Barbara and Stanislaw Burzynski of Dallas, TX, who's invention in cure of cancer became known around the world.

Lady Blanka evidently wanted to thank all guests and, with Dame Jean Loach at the piano, sang "Love makes the world go round" and "I wish you love."

Everyone appreciated the main performance by the Miami City Ballet (artistic director Edward Villella) in Strauss' waltzes. For this occasion the dance floor was covered with a special floor... and when one by one the six couples appeared in their elegant outfits and danced with grace and poise, they were showered with constant applause. It was a divine and graceful performance that will long remain in our memory.

The evening was coming to an end. The drawing of the prizes, held under the chairman, Ms. Gina Janiga, went smoothly and all winners were very happy...

It was time for the Grand Polonaise, which was led by Lady Blanka and Mr. Benedict Markowski, joined by all present in a long line of some 150 couples, who, elated by the atmosphere, moved gracefully on the dance floor and between tables... there would be no ending to this pleasure but, it was one a.m.! Frank Hubbell Orchestra played another hour for guests that did not want it to end...

Others seen at the ball who hosted tables of friends were Mrs. Rubi Baccardi, Mrs. Grace Clayton, Dame Pauline Kostuik, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak with a table of 30, Dame Jean Loach, Mr. and Mrs. Wincent Brunhard from Palm Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Naliwajko from Sweden (his art work exhibition was shown the day after the ball at a party on the S/S "Majesty of the Sea"), Baron Sepy Dobronyi, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Cooper (Chairmen of the Chicago group), Countess Astrid de Grabowski (Chairman of the Ft. Lauderdale group), Dr. and Mrs. Rafael Fernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Norgiega, Mr. and Mrs. Jacek Schindler who, as chairman of the Young committee hosted a table of 30, among them Mr. Robert Dziublowski of New York and Mr. Francis Skrobiszewski of Washington (their lecture was scheduled for Monday at Miami Dade College).

A large program book for the Ball was published describing Austria and Vienna and, especially, bringing out the fact that seven Archduchesses of Austria of the House of Habsburg became Queens of Poland. The program book was underwritten by Mr. James Colie and Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Sonderling.

Mrs. Andrea Lippen has assisted with underwriting of the invitations for the ball which, according to the opinion of guests, was outstanding.



Mr. Ron Brasswell, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Senator Albert Gutman



Ms. Alicia Nemeth, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Ms. Janeth Orladini, Mrs. Rubi Baccardi



Mr. John Scott, Mrs. Lorraine Meyer, Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider, Mr. John Trimmer



Mrs. Helen Pierce



Above Left: Princess Alia Ali Khan, Honorable Stephen Clark. Above Right: Dobronyi and his guest



Above Left: Mrs. Sharlyne Haimm and Mr. Sol Gersb. Above Right: Dr. and Mrs. Kosinski



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Boleslaw Wierzbianski, Mr. Robert Dziublowski



Left: Ms. Anna Kolodziej and Mr. Zbigniew Kurdziel. Right: Mr. Marvin Leibowitz and Ms. Kinga Szopa





*Countess Gertrude de Ponton d'Amecourt, Honorable Walter Kalteis*



*Mrs. Mary Mapp, Mrs. Peggy Sullivan*



*Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cayce*



*Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak, Mrs. Andie Lippen, Mr. William Runnstrom, Mrs. Irene Markey*



*Mr. Waldemar Dowiak, Ms. Gina Janiga, Mr. Nestor Rodriguez*



*Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knapp, Prince Sigvard Bernadotte, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Mrs. Lynn Taylor, Mr. Glenn Friedt, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williamson*



*Mr. Vincent Brunhard, Mrs. Barbara Paradowski*



*Mrs. Andie Lippen, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Barbara Cooper, Ms. Gina Janiga*



*Mr. Janusz Burzynski, Mrs. Maria Czulinski, Mrs. Beata Babinska, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak*



*Left: Mr. Tadeusz Delekta, Countess Astrid de Grabowski. Above: Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Norman Tarbell, Chieff Norman Tarbell*



*Left: Mrs. Beata Babinska, Magdalena Misiurek, Judyta Misiurek, Katarzyna Witek, Ms. Gina Janiga. Right: Mr. Stuart Sorg, Ms. Lynn Allen*

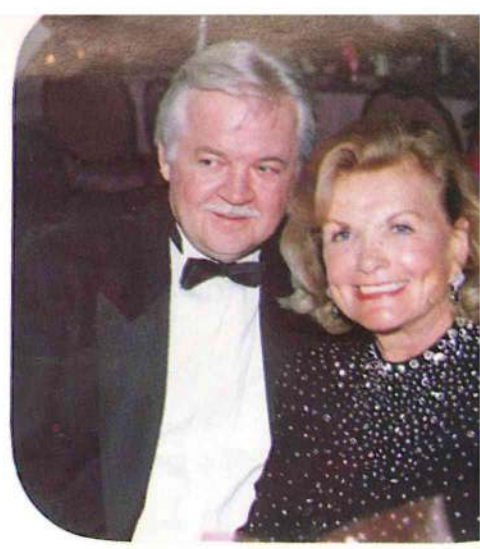




*Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lawn*



*Mr. James Colie and his guest, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kruszewski*



*Mr. Roger Jakubowski, Mrs. Rita T*



*Mr. and Mrs. Thom Wolek*



*Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Mr. Benedict Markowski*



*Mr. Douglas Nesom, Mrs. Jane Dimn*



*Major Marian Nejman and Mrs. Helene Nejman*



*Mrs. Tamara McKeehan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beaman*



*Mr. Andre Pawlikowski*



*Mrs. Peggy Sullivan, Mr. Ted Blum, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Mrs. Maria Czulinski, Jadwiga Rzepiela, Maria Misiurek, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel*



*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kruse*



*Left: Mr. Marek Dziengielewski, Ms. Sabrina Noto, Mr. Rafal Piotrowski, Mrs. Krystyna Jazlowiecki, Mrs. Peggy Sullivan. Right: Dr. Michal Wieczerski, Ms. Deborah Partyka. Mr. Chester Partyka, Mrs. Henrietta Partyka, Prof. Zdzislaw Wesolowski, Dr. W. Rostafinski, Mrs. Mary Kruszewski*

