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The International Polonaise Ball

"Saludo a la America Latina" of the American Institute of Polish Culture (A.I.P.C.) was the title of the 23rd International Polonaise Ball. It was a most appropriate choice to follow and to honor the Summit of the Americas held in Miami last December. The elegant and very informative invitation to the Ball while paying tribute to the Latin American countries brought forth the many significant contributions of Polish immigrants to their development. The Ball was held at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel on January 14th in a most elegant atmosphere with that added Latin warmth.

Already approaching the Grand Ballroom one could feel the excitement in the air. The guests came early in anticipation of the grand evening. Awaiting them were the Mariachis with vivacious rhythmic sounds.

At the entrance, the gold Polish Eagle emblem on a red satin ribbon was presented to every guest. In the softly-lit cocktail lounge, prominent personalities, both local and from overseas, as well as the delegation from the Latin American Consular Corps, were greeted by a row of elegantly gowned ladies presided over by Countess Eugenia de Lewenhaupt and Mrs. Peggy Sullivan.

The large buffet table, resplendent with two large eagles carved in ice and a cascading fountain displayed a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres. Some of these typically Latin delicacies were a real temptation to everyone. The cameras were flashing, video films taken...all seemed to be trying to preserve this special "Saludo a la America Latina" atmosphere for posterity. The cocktail party was graciously underwritten by Dame Pauline Kostuik and Mr. Waldemar Dowiak of Progressive American Tours. Special liquors were donated by Sazerac Company of New Orleans.

At 8:00 p.m. sharp, the lights blinked and the doors to the Grand Ballroom opened to the wonderful sight of glowing candles. Pink and red satin-draped ceilings and walls were illuminated with hundreds of small lights. The majestic gold-crowned, white-feathered Polish Eagle was watching with pride from above the stage as guests proceeded to their assigned tables. The Frank Hubbell Society Orchestra with their romantic sounds was inviting everyone to dance. Multi-colored floral arrangements of peonies and tulips reflecting lights of high candelabra and votive candles cast a gentle glow on the entire setting. The decorator, Janusz Burzynski, created an elegant, dreamy mood. The decor was partially underwritten by a donation from Mrs. Mary Mapp.

The Master of Ceremony, Mr. John Gluski, greeted everyone in English, Spanish, and Polish. He introduced his assistant, Mr. Edmund Sadowski, who proceeded to read the messages sent by: President Bill Clinton; Lech Walesa, President of the Republic of Poland; Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit and others.

Over twenty couples gathered at the stage in preparation for the traditional Polish dance, which for centuries has been opening prestigious, aristocratic European balls.



Senator Stanley Haidasz, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel



Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Sonderling, Ambassador of Spain and Mrs. Carlos Abella, Dr. and Mrs. Horacio A.



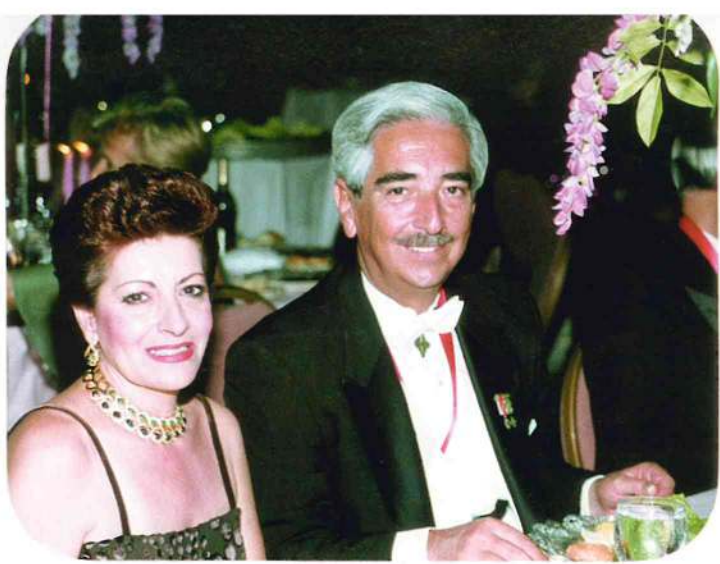
Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Martin Laburu, Mr. John Gluski.



Hon. Andrzej Jaroszynski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Alina Magnuska



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Hon. Luis Benedini and his daughter.



Mrs. Mary Mapp and Mr. Howard Cunningham



Mr. Andre Chaisson, Mrs. Gina Janiga, Mrs. Grace Clayton, Miss Katarzyna Mr. and Mrs. Turner.



Ladies and Gentlemen, "La Polonaise!" Mr. Gluski announced. Couple after couple was called out to take their positions. Lady Blanka Rosenstiel with The Honorable Stanley Haidasz, Senator of Canada, the honored awardee-guest of the evening lead the "La Polonaise" followed by Mrs. Alina Magnuska with The Honorable Andrzej Jaroszynski, Dame Pauline Kostuik with General Jan Libront, Mrs. Gina Janiga with Mr. Waldemar Dowiak, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bartholomew, Mrs. Elzbieta Rummel-Rogerson with Mr. Andrew Plucinski, Mr. and Mrs. George Meller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beaman, Mme. and Mr. Oswald Schietse, Mrs. Dolores Goodstein with Dr. Sanford Ziff, just to mention a few.

Each gentleman bowed to his lady, kissed her hand, and proudly proceeded in a perfectly aligned formation in this graceful Polonaise walk which was followed by a Strauss waltz. There was much applause from the audience and participants felt great joy and pride in their special performance. The dance, as in the previous years, was choreographed by Mrs. Jarmila Radechowska-Houdek.

The delicious dinner was enhanced by Latin rhythmic music, so inviting to dance. Vodka Luksusowa, donated by Adamba Company of New York and champagne, graciously underwritten by Mr. and Mrs. Egmont Sonderling and by Dr. and Mrs. Zygmunt Turski (ARCO), flowed freely adding to the happy mood. The Frank Hubbell Society Orchestra was underwritten by Mrs. Mary Mapp and Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan. Other underwriters were Mr. and Mrs. Roman Cooper, who arrived at the Ball with a large group of friends from Chicago.

There was still that gentle din of conversation when Mr. John Gluski called upon Ms. Daisy Olivera to introduce the young, handsome Cuban concert pianist Mr. Javier Ruiz, whose debut at the Polonaise Ball caught the attention of many of his compatriots in Miami. As soon as his fingers touched the keys of the grand piano (graciously delivered for this occasion by Yamaha), a hush fell over the Grand Ballroom. The silence remained until the last note faded into resounding applause. Mr. Ruiz was presented a bouquet of flowers by Miss. Judita Misiurek. His much appreciated performance included works by Cuba's most renowned composer, Ernesto Lecuona.

It was then time for Ms. Olivera to introduce the Miami City Ballet under the directorship of Edward Villella. Excerpts from "Transtango," created



Mr. Javier Ruiz, Ms. Daisy Olivera



Mr. Javier Ruiz

by resident choreographer Jimmy Gamonet, added that special touch to an evening dedicated to the Latin culture. Guests were enchanted.

Now it was time for the official part of the evening. Mr. John Gluski called upon The Honorable Andrzej Jaroszynski, Deputy Chief of Mission and Mrs. Alina Magnuska, Counselor, both from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington. Mr. Jaroszynski read the special message from His Excellency Ambassador Jerzy Kozminski stressing the common search for harmony and understanding among all ethnic groups and addressed the important issue of sustenance of the various cultural heritages that made America such a great

Lady Blanka Rosenstiel expressed, in Spanish, her very deep appreciation to all those of Latin background, especially thanking Dr. and Mrs. Horacio Aguirre, whose illustrious list included His Excellency Ambassador and Mrs. Carlos Abella, Dr. and Mrs. Joaquin Via and Mrs. Ariel Remos and Mrs. Ana Remos. Lady Blanka also thanked the Latin American Corps members present at the Ball. Present were: Mr. Jose Venere, Consul General of Argentina and Mrs. Venere; Mr. Luis Benedini, Consul General of Brazil with his wife Juliana; Mr. Alberto Labbe, Consul General of Chile and Mrs. Labbe; Mr. Gorky Chara, Consul of Ecuador and Mrs. Charantier; Mr. Carlos Gimenez, Consul Adjunto of Mexico and Mrs. Gimenez; Mr. Carlos Cornejo, Consul General of Peru and Mrs. Cornejo; Mr. Perez Marchelli, Vice Consul of Venezuela and Mrs. Marchelli.

Mr. Martin Laburu delivered Mayor Stephen Clark's best wishes, and the proclamation from the City of Miami calling the 14th of January the A.I.P.C. Day in the City. Lady Blanka Rosenstiel accepted the proclamation with expression of sincere thanks to Mayor Clark.

The Honorable Senator of Canada, Dr. Stanley Haidasz, was the A.I.P.C. Guest of Honor, the awardee for 1995 for his outstanding efforts on behalf of humanity. The Senator, who had come from Toronto especially for this occasion, was presented with a citation ceremony enumerating the Senator's many charitable efforts and accomplishments in Canada, as well as in Poland. She thanked him profusely for his humanitarian concerns. The



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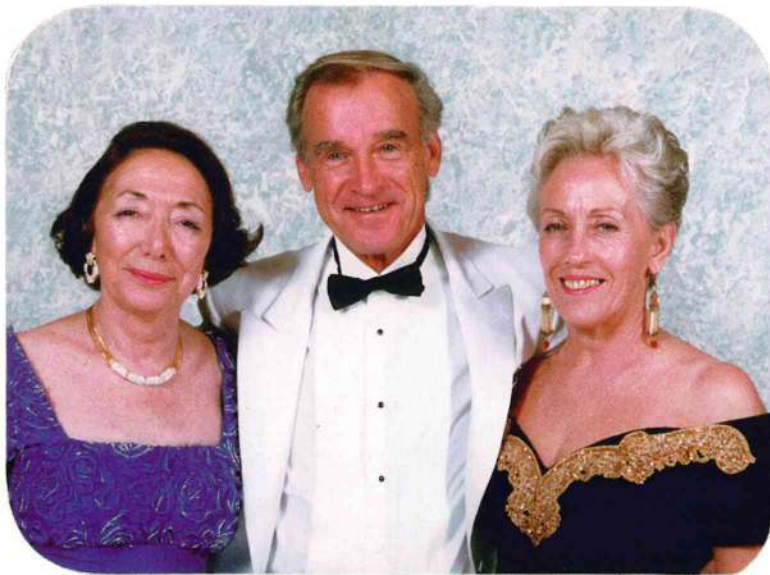


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Mrs. Lee Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sadowski



Miss Katarzyna Kurylonska and Mr. Ali M.



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel and Waldemar Dowiak.



Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Jan Libront



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Germack.



Maj. and Mrs. Marian Nejman



Mrs. Gina Janiga, Mr. Waldemar Dowiak, Mrs. Anna Bartholomew.



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Mrs. Elena Rummel-Roderson and Mr. A.



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