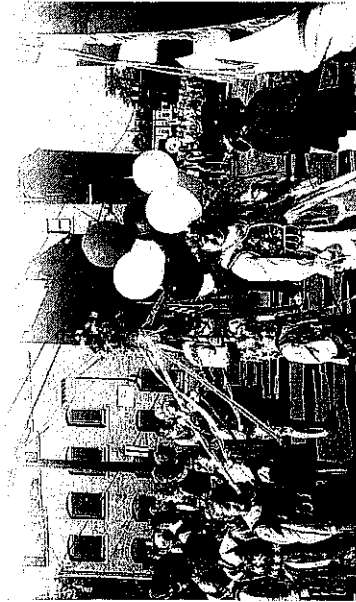
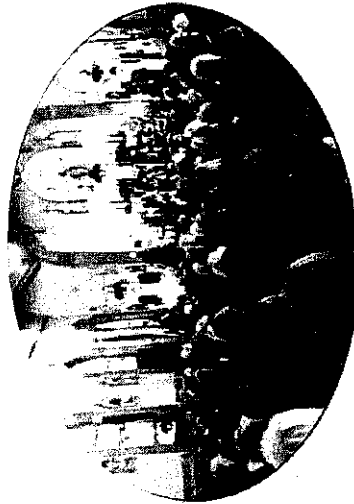
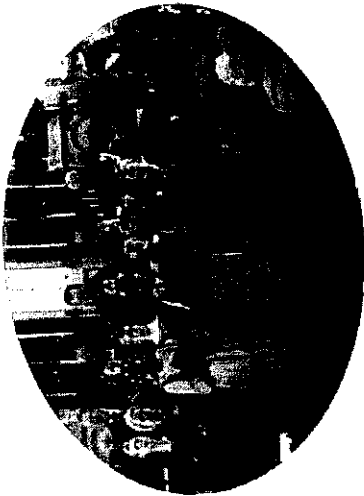


The Polish Heritage Committee



Preserving Polish Culture
in Western Massachusetts

Polskie Kolędy Sing-Along



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Polish Heritage Committee Membership Application

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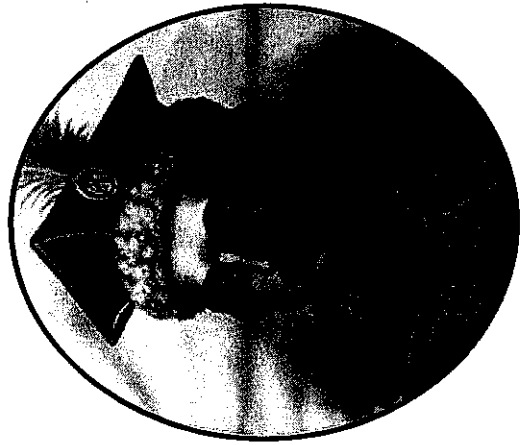
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Donation to support the parade _____

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Each October, Polish pride is celebrated in downtown Northampton as a sea of red and white Polish flags are carried by local Polish-Americans marching to celebrate the contributions of General Casimir Pulaski, a Polish-born patriot who founded the American cavalry and assisted General George Washington's fight for victory in our Revolutionary War. This event, which has grown into one of the largest Pulaski Day parades in the Northeast, has become one of the premier events sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee.

This Western Massachusetts-based organization is committed to assuring the continuation of Polish culture. Our concerts, dinners, and discussions help assure that future generations do not forget their heritage.

Polish immigrants began arriving in Western Massachusetts around 1875, with large numbers in the early 1900s. They built a rich and thriving culture growing our food, working in our factories, and preserving the language and customs that have contributed so much to the growth of our region and nation.

The Polish Heritage Committee, established in the late 1980s, aims to keep this culture alive. We invite you to join us in preserving the heritage that our forebears brought with them from Poland.

Our Mission

With each generation, there is a growing urgency to provide descendants of Polish birth with information about their heritage, culture and traditions. The purposes and objectives of the Polish Heritage Committee are to:

- Promote and encourage interest in the traditions, culture and history of Poland.
- Enhance the knowledge of Poles' contributions to America and to the world civilization.
- Sponsor programs for cultural enrichment.
- Organize and participate in cultural functions that exemplify our traditions.
- Encourage the preservation of local Polish history.

Why Join The Polish Heritage Committee?

- Help preserve and foster interest in Polish culture and customs for generations to come!
- Promote understanding of the Polish experience in Western Massachusetts to our neighbors.
- Enjoy programs relating to Polish history and customs.

