

Welcome to another exciting year. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year celebrations.

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CHAIRPERSONS NOTES

I took up my position as chairperson with the Polish Heritage Trust in December 1998. I have had a lot of time recently and great part of this time was spent reflecting on the past, present and future of our group. Weather this summer was so wonderful and my thoughts were equally optimistic and

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enthusiastic. I hope that you all see them in the same way.

On the Past

We have a wonderful year behind us. With the effort of our small community, we created a whole week celebration of Polish history and culture. We shared this celebration with the community of Dunedin and we have been seen, heard and remembered. Some 2600 people attended our week (those who we were able to count). The total cost of this event was \$14,169.50. We received \$6,000.00 as donations from our sponsors and the rest (\$8,169.58) came from funds raising and fees. Well done! We also consolidated ourselves as a formal group.

On the present

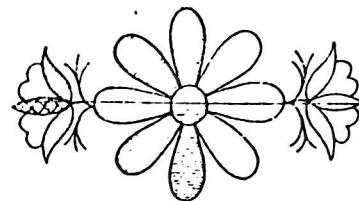
Ahead of us is another busy year. In March, we will be taking part in the Dunedin Festival organised by the DCC. In May, we will have a three day celebration of the 100 years of the Waihola church (now in Broad Bay). Later this year, we are still deliberating it, we intend to paint this church, if funds are available. We applied to the DCC to include our group in their special project of placing historical panels and plaques. This would enable us to promote historical awareness of the Polish culture and history. Historical research projects are in progress and expanding.

On the future

As the new millennium year is approaching with a lot of speculations and predictions. I can only see the year 2000 as a year of more opportunities for our Trust. Stronger consolidation of our members locally and nation-wide, and new

goals and exiting projects. I hope that we will work together to achieve those goals, but most of all we will enjoy ourselves in what we are doing and planning to do.

Swava Pociecha



TRUST BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson: Swava Pociecha

- Ethnic Cultural Liason
- Promotions

Vice Chairperson: Patricia Clark

- Early Settler Decendants
- Church Centennial

Treasurer: Ludmila Sakowska

- Post 1980's

Secretary: Russel Chiles

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Liason

- Fundraising & legal matters

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- Fundraising: John Devereux
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100 YEARS JOURNEY - WAIHOLA & BROADBAY

Friday - 30 April

- Classical concert (Terence Dennis) - Marama Hall Otago University

Saturday - 01 May

- Bus Trip (Taieri)

- Celebration Dinner (University Union)

Sunday 02 May

Church Service (Broad Bay)
Picnic

17 - 26 May -

Community Art Gallery Display
(Waihola - Broad Bay)

National Polish Day - 3 May



FAMILY RESEARCH

Well there can be some truth in stories that are handed down. As you now I have been doing research close to a year and have found some exciting finds.

The Halba family was no exception, with the odd brick wall along the way. Firstly it turns out that the Johanna who came out to NZ with Johan Carl Halba is Brigitta - a younger sister. We then look into the parish records where Joseph Halba (son) was born & according to the early documents we came across a Joseph Annis who was born & baptised on the exact day as on the record supplied by the Halba family.

It turns out that some time ago Alan remembers his father telling him that the family name is actually Annis and not Halba, but was going to elaborate at some later time - unfortunately that time never came.

Another story from an aunt was that Joseph ran away with his Aunt & Uncle to New Zealand which seems to be the case.

Well I hope we may have put this mystery to rest?

Paul Klemick.



strój kaszubski dziewczęcy

Kashubian
girl's costume

Kashubian
boy's costume

DUNEDIN FESTIVAL 1999

The group has enthusiastically entered this years Procession for 1999. Our theme is Celebration of Harvest - an old custom to celebrate the end of the harvest season. If you would like to help or join in contact Trish - 4883-630.

Float Preparations - 7.30am

Parade - 10.00am

06 March 1999

DUNEDIN SINFONIA

Dunedin Sinfonia Sunday Afternoon Concert.

Glenroy Auditorium, 3 pm

20 June 1999

Includes: Chopin

- Terence Dennis, pianist.

160th year since death of Chopin.

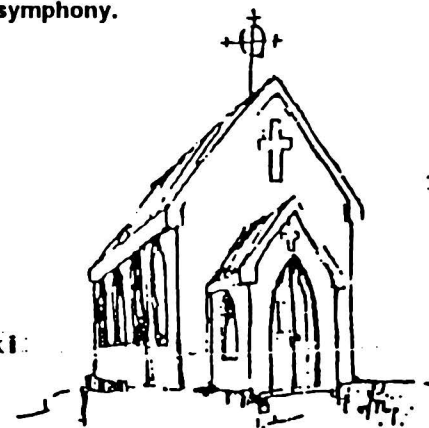
NZ SINFONIA ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Jerzy Maksyniuk (Leading Polish conductor).

Dunedin Town Hall

Wednesday 28 May 1999, 7.30 pm.

For booking details phone Ticketek (03) 477 8597 - For more concert info phone 0800 4 symphony.



Masses at Broad Bay

- 28 March 1999 - 9am.
- 25 April - 9am
- 02 May - 11am (100 years Celebration)
- 23 May - 9am
- 27 June - 9am
- 25 July - 9am
- 22 Aug - 9am
- 26 September - 9am
- 24 October - 9am
- 28 November - 9am
- 26 December - 9am

TRUST MEMBERSHIP

If you are still interested in becoming a financial member of the Trust fill out the membership form and send it to - Polish Heritage of Otago & Southland C/- 723 Highgate, Dunedin.

News Letters will be sent to financial members only after this date.

Bye For Now

Paul Klemick (ED).