



Russian Heritage

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THE GALA !



Observant readers of the RH Newsletter will notice some repetition in this issue, giving readers a chance to sign up for the big gala, before it is too late!

Celebrating the **Old Russian New Year** is also a long-standing tradition. Welcoming in the New Year by the old Julian calendar has been celebrated in Russia since the reforms of Peter the Great. In Soviet times Russians enjoyed celebrating the New Year twice, and Russian Heritage has continued this tradition, now for the nineteenth year. It's a time for getting dressed up, good food, champagne toasts, dancing to music of the Dazzlers, and welcoming in the New Year with **Ded Moroz** and **Snegurochka**! Again this year we will have an outstanding silent auction that will benefit our scholarship fund. And as always we will have some surprise guests to make the evening special. Plan to come and have a good time! (details on page 3-4)

After some problems with our website, www.russianheritage.org is now working again. You can send friends to the website to download forms for the Old Russian New Year's Gala.

Russian Heritage Loses Two of its Founding Members

Dr. Anatol Glen, 91, of Gulfport passed away December 6, 2014. Dr. Glen was a devoted member of the Russian American Club and served as president many times. He was president during the time of creation of the Russian American Club building in Gulfport, and supervised participation of the Russian American Club in SPIFFS for many years. He was also a member of the Russian Heritage Board of Directors in its early years and he promoted Russian Culture through many literary programs for both the Russian American Club and Russian Heritage. Our condolences to his wife Natalia and family. *Vechnaya Pamyat!*

Robert Fincher, 93, died on November 30 in Clearwater after a long illness. Robert and his wife Olga Fincher were active members of Russian Heritage at the beginning of Russian Heritage when Olga served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary. Robert served in the Marine Corps during WWII and was awarded a Purple Heart after the Battle of Guadalcanal. Robert and Olga were enthusiastic participants in the Old Russian New Year's Galas in the early years. Our condolences to Olga and family. *Vechnaya Pamyat!*

Russian Poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko Hospitalized in Russia

Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko was on a tour in southern Russia in connection with the publication of the first volume of his Complete Works when he was hospitalized after a fall that caused a concussion. He was forced to call off his readings in St. Petersburg and Moscow, but appears to be recovering, first in a clinic in Rostov on the Don, and later in Moscow. Yevtushenko has performed in St. Petersburg, Florida several times on programs sponsored by Russian Heritage, and we wish him well.

ДЕД МОРОЗ И СНЕГУРОЧКА

at the Russian Heritage Yolochka Party



This year the *Yolochka* Party on December 13 was a big hit with families from Sarasota, Clearwater, and, of course, St. Petersburg and Tampa. The Russian-speaking women of Tampa Bay got together and put on a really dynamic show that was interesting to children and adults alike. Victoria Peppard decorated the club house at Envoy Point. Tatyana Skotarenko came up with an interesting script. Natalia Klimenko chose music to the script and played the role of Baba Yaga. We had our own Vasilisa Prekrasnaya, played by Ekaterina Kulagina, and Ivanushka, played by her son Artem. The led the children through a challenge of getting keys from Baba Yaga that opened a chest with presents. Alexei Volinsky was a witty and good humored Ded Moroz, and he was assisted by Snegurochka, played by Liliana Sprin. Galina Popova led the children in a traditional New Year *khorovod* as the music fairie. We thank everyone for their contributions that made this a very special Yolochka.

Victor and Victoria Peppard

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Come Celebrate the 19th Anniversary
Old Russian
New Year's Celebration Gala

Saturday, January 10th, 2015

St. Petersburg Yacht Club
 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Reception 6:30pm – Welcome 7:15pm
Dinner 7:30pm

Honorary Chairpersons:
 John and Margo Catsimatidis

Dance to the Music of the Fabulous Dazzlers

R.S.V.P. with the enclosed card by January 3
 Black Tie Optional

Super Silent Auction throughout the evening

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Tickets for the Ball can be reserved and paid for by sending the form on page 4 to the Russian Heritage PO Box.

This year you will have an opportunity to buy auction items with a credit card. You can also pay for the tickets and your dues with a credit card by going to **VLADIMIR'S COLLECTION** (201 – 1ST Street NE) in downtown St. Petersburg.

Organize a table of 8-10 persons and send in your reservations and we will try to give you seating according to your preferences (near the dance floor, near the stage, etc).

It's going to be a great party! Make plans now!

Happy New Year!

Russian Heritage Ball Saturday, January 10, 2015
An Old Russian New Year's Celebration

Name _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Telephone _____

Seats available at: _____ \$100 _____ \$90 Members with paid
2015 Dues (see over)

Indicate choice of Entree:

_____ Chicken Kiev

_____ Beef Burgundy

Please seat me with the following people: (Tables of 8 or 10)

Make Check payable to: Russian Heritage.

Membership Dues 2015

All who are interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by simply paying the yearly dues. Members receive the Russian Heritage Newsletter and discounts on certain events such as the Old Russian New Year Celebration.

Please fill in the following form, and send it with your dues, to:



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