



Russian Heritage

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RUSSIAN HERITAGE IN APRIL

Annual meeting and Elections: Sunday, April 24, 2016.

The annual meeting for Russian Heritage is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm in the Triton Room at Eckerd College. The program will include a short business meeting with elections for the Board of Directors (the four officers are completing the first year of their 2-year terms). The program for the meeting will include a power-point presentation of some visual highlights of our first 20 years, including video clips of our first Old Russian New Year Gala. A musical program will also be presented by one of our newer members of RH, Elona Krasavsteva. The cost for the delicious chicken buffet dinner is \$20 for adults and \$12 for students. Directions to the Triton Room can be picked up at the entrance gate to Eckerd College (4200 54th Ave. South in St. Petersburg).

The nominating committee has received the names of candidates who have expressed interest in running for a position on the board. If you would like to nominate someone for the board, or if you are interested in becoming a candidate, please send this information to the nominating committee at russianheritageflorida@gmail.com. Please indicate how you think this person will contribute to Russian Heritage in the future. And remember, in order to vote at the annual meeting or serve on the Board, it is necessary to be a member of Russian Heritage for 2016. The membership form is on page 4 of this newsletter.

Please RSVP to this email if you are planning to come to the annual meeting. Payments may be sent to: RH, PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733, or you may pay at the door, but please do RSVP now.

SPIFFS Annual International Ball on Saturday, April 23, 2016.

This event is a highlight of the year for SPIFFFS (St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society). Participants dress up in ethnic apparel or semi-formal wear to have a good time and honor the “Persons of the Year” for each ethnic group in SPIFFFS. This year’s event will be at the Casino in Gulfport and will feature the music of the Dazzlers Duo. Tickets are \$40 per person. Those interested in going should send in their money ASAP to Russian Heritage, PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL, 33733, and/or make reservations with the Stenovs (727-867-6013) and pay at the door. Deadline for reservations is April 15.

The Russian Heritage “Person of the Year for 2016” is Galina Malkin. Galina has served Russian Heritage and SPIFFFS for many years. She is our most faithful volunteer at the Folk Fair each year and adds greatly to our booth. Congratulations Galina!

For those who attend both the International Ball and the Annual Meeting, there will be discount of \$5.00 off the cost of the Annual Meeting.

RUSSIAN HERITAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A Word From the President.....

First I would like to thank again all those who worked so hard to make the Twentieth Old Russian New Year Gala such a success. I'm also pleased that so many came out and had such a great time at the festivities. We will continue this focus on our twentieth year with a look back at some of our past RH activities, including some rare video of our very first Old Russian New Year celebration.

We hope you will also get excited about some of our upcoming projects and programs. In addition to our plans for SPIFFS and our Winter Ball, we are also going forward on our postcard project, and we are thinking about celebrating the 25th anniversary of the changing of Leningrad back to St. Petersburg in 1991! Of course this was a part of a much larger event, but it was celebrated in a big way here in St. Petersburg when it happened as well as in Russia. We hope you will consider working on one of our committees, or perhaps even run for a position on the board to help plan and carry out our programs for next year. We plan to have short committee meetings at the end of our meeting to start the planning process. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Most sincerely,
Nadia



The Russian Heritage Scholarship Program

Educational exchange has been an important part of the Russian Heritage program. More than 20 American students from USF, Eckerd, and St. Petersburg College have received financial assistance to study and travel in Russia and 13 Russian students have been supported in coming for short visits to the Tampa Bay area. A committee is now meeting to discuss ways to improve our efforts to increase exchange opportunities and it will continue the process in the coming year. The following application form has been created for this year. If you are going on a program to Russia this summer or in the fall and would like to apply for a grant of \$500 to \$1,000, please answer the following questions and submit them by April 24, either at the annual meeting, or mail your responses to Russian Heritage, PO Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL, 33733. Please share this with other interested students.

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself. (несколько слов о себе)
Name. Address. Phone. Email address.
What is your academic background and your intellectual interests?
What sparked your interest in Russia?
2. What will your program in Russia be like? (несколько слов о программе)
Where will you stay?
What contact will you have with Russian people and institutions?
Will there be academic classes? Language instruction?
3. What will happen after you return home? (после поездки—что будет?)
Will you continue your studies? Where will you be in the fall of 2016?
Will you share your experiences on Facebook or in the RH Newsletter?
Will you be willing to make a presentation in class or at some RH gathering?

You may write your answers in English or Russian. Your answers should be limited to about two pages.
Good luck!



2016 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL BALL

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard South, Gulfport, FL 33707

6:00 pm - Cocktail Hour

6:45 pm - Dance Performance

7:00 pm - Dinner

Menu

Medallions of Beef, Marchand de Vin

Chicken Breast à la Orange Blossom

Pasta Primavera

Oven Brownd Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Greek Salad

Marinated Tomatoes with Fresh Basil

Chocolate Raspberry Cake

Assorted Fruit Pies

Dinner Rolls, Coffee & Iced Tea

Cash Bar

Dancing to The Dazzlers Duo

*Tickets: General: \$40.00 * Youth (12 to 21): \$25*

Under 12: \$20

Dress: Ethnic or Semi Formal

For tickets, call SPIFFS Office - (727) 552-1896



Membership Dues 2016

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:

Russian Heritage
PO Box 14552
St. Petersburg, FL 33733



Please check one:

Student \$0; Individual \$15; Family \$25; Sponsor \$100 or more.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____

If you are a new member of Russian Heritage, we would enjoy hearing more about your interest in Russia: Is your ethnic heritage Russian? Were you born and raised in Russia? Where? How long have you been in the United States? Etc. etc. (несколько слов о себе) in English or Russian.