



# Russian Heritage

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Dear Members,

The most important item coming up in April 2019, is for the entire membership of Russian Heritage to elect a new Board of Directors. This will ensure the continued successful operation of the Russian Heritage Club into the future. There are twelve (12) positions to be filled: four (4) OFFICERS and eight (8) At-Large DIRECTORS. Some Board members are stepping down, while other Board members are re-submitting their names as candidates, plus new candidates are added to the Board. This new Board, once seated, will continue to serve as specified in our By-Laws.

Listed below for your information are the following three (3) items:

1. **Nominating Committee Recommended Candidates**
2. **Voting Procedure at the Annual Meeting**
3. **Location of the Annual Meeting and social activity**

## **1. Nominating Committee Recommended Candidates**

The Nominating Committee, per the RH By-Laws, has recommended the following candidates to serve on the 2019 - 2020 Board.

**OFFICERS** (two-year term): *President:* **KATO HETSCHINOFF**; *Vice President:* **VICTORIA PEPPARD**;  
*Secretary:* **COREY MERENDA**; *Treasurer:* **ANASTASIYA DYCUS**.

**At-Large DIRECTORS** (two-year term): **ZHANNA THOMAS**; **ZHENYA DAVENPORT**; **MARY STENOV**;  
**ZINA DOWNEN**.

**At-Large DIRECTORS** (one-year term): **SAM MENDELBAUM**; **INNA RUEFLE**; **JULIA RADIVILOVA**.  
**NATALIA SCARBERRY** (one year remaining of a two-year term).

## **2. Voting Procedure at the Annual Meeting**

The recommended candidates for the Board will be listed on a bulletin board and read by the acting President. The members will be asked if there are nominations from the floor. If none, the acting President will ask for a motion to approve the candidates as presented for the new Board. Once the motion is noted from the floor and seconded, and the majority of members agree, the acting President States that the motion is carried and the new Board of Directors is confirmed.

If a candidate is nominated from the floor and seconded, and agrees to be on the Board for a specific position, the candidate needs to state his/her qualifications to serve on the Board. If accepted by the current Board, the voting will proceed by paper ballot. Since the nominated candidate is new to the Board, he/she will be added to the At-Large Director one-year term. The ballots will be distributed and the members will vote for the candidates as noted on the ballot including the nominated candidate. Once voting is completed the ballots are collected and counted by the acting President and Secretary. The results are then presented to the members.

When all voting is completed, the new Board of Directors names will be read by the acting President. The acting President then turns the meeting over to the new President, who can say a few words of his vision for Russian Heritage. The business meeting can now be adjourned by the new President and the social part of the program can commence.

Note: In order for the members to vote, they must be in good standing, meaning annual dues (\$15) must be Paid by the Annual Meeting date (April 13). Dues checks should be made out to Russian Heritage and mailed as follows: Russian Heritage, P.O. Box 14552, St. Petersburg, FL 33733; or by Pay-Pal credit card on-line: ([www.russianheritage.org](http://www.russianheritage.org))

## **3. Location for the Annual Meeting**

**Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**Time: 11:30 AM. Business Meeting Starts at Noon.**

**Place: Envoy Point Condominiums**

**East Clubhouse**

**7100 Sunset Way**

**St. Pete Beach, FL**

**Music: Recorded**

**Fee: No charge. However, there will be a donation box.**

**Food: Russian Heritage will provide the entrée (CATERED); drinks (no alcohol): water, juice, soda, paper products. Russian Heritage is asking members for help with the food, to bring Appetizers, Salad, and Dessert to share. We expect about 45 people. Should members decide to bring spouses and kids, the kids can play on the beach with parental supervision.**

Note: The Envoy Point Condominiums have a manned gate. At the gate say that you are a guest of VICTORIA PEPPARD and are going to the East Clubhouse. Turn right directly at the gate and park by the clubhouse.

Sincerely,  
Mary Stenov

# Evening of Russian Romance

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 6 PM – 8 PM



We invite you to enjoy an Evening of Russian Romance at the Russian-American club in Gulfport, Florida. Performance by Aleksandra Vargas, a mezzo-soprano accompanied by Vladimir Khokhlov on the piano.

Tickets at the door are \$25 and are subject to availability

Russian American Club. 2920 Beach Blvd S, St Petersburg, FL 33707

## Poetry in the Two St. Petersburgs: March 17, 2019

We would like to thank everybody who attended the historic first video simulcast today and opening the dialogue between Two St.Petersburgs as part of Sister Cities program. Our special thanks go to The Studio@620 for the hospitality, for providing food and technical support of the video conference, Anna Akhmatova Museum in St.Petersburg, Russia, Edward Hirsch, Anna Halberstadt, Peter Meinke and Helen Wallace for their presentations , sharing their talents and poetry and for being true cultural people-to-people diplomats.



## SPIFFS INTERNATIONAL BALL: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Each year the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS) celebrates its members and their “Persons of the Year” at an International Ball. This year’s event was held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Gulfport Casino.

Russian Heritage honored **Elly Roche** and **Kato Hetschinoff** as the Persons of the Year for 2019.



Elly is an accountant who serves as the treasurer of the Russian American Club. She comes from a Russian American family that has maintained the traditions of Russian culture, including sewing ethnic Russian dresses and *kokoshniki* (women’s head gear). She has been an active volunteer in the SPIFFS Folk Fair and has supported the programs of Russian Heritage and the Russian American Club.



Kato Hetschinoff is also a product of a Russian American family and also carries on the traditions of Russian culture. In the post-Soviet world he spent 25 years doing business in Russia, and now is actively promoting his Russian Heritage at the SPIFFS Folk Fair and at a variety of Russian Heritage activities, including serving as emcee this year at the Russian Winter Ball.

Concert of Russian Folk Instruments from Russia on April 4, 2019 at the Palladium Theater. Elona Krasavtseva will also be performing with the Lad Ensemble. For details and to purchase tickets, check this link to the Palladium Theater.

<https://www.mypalladium.org/fall-in-love-with-balalaika-en.../>



FEATURING ENSEMBLE LAD AND ELONA KRASAVTSEVA

# THE SIBERIAN BALALAIKA SHOW



*IN ORDER TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION OF THE BOARD OR TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, IT IS NECESSARY TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019. PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS FORM AND MAIL IT TO THE PO BOX LISTED BELOW, OR PAY ONLINE BY PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2019.*

## Membership Dues 2019

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.

Please fill in the following form and send it with your check payable to Russian Heritage, or pay via PayPal or credit card at [www.russianheritage.org](http://www.russianheritage.org):



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Please check one:

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