



*White and Red Ball
Debutante Guidelines*

The Legion of Young Polish Women and
it's White and Red Ball Committee
is very pleased to have you and your
parents as guests at today's Tea.

We welcome you as a Prospective
Debutante and want to acquaint you
with the Guidelines for the Ball
which will be held;

at the.....*Cross Helen Hotel*.....
on.....*February 23, 1991*.....
at.....*7:00*.....P.M.

THE WHITE AND RED BALL

The Legion of Young Polish Women was organized in 1939 to bring aid to the victims of World War II.

The annual White and Red Ball Debutante Presentation was inaugurated in 1945 to provide greater financial and material aid.

Post war years brought new areas of participation in aid to political immigrants all over the world. Our original goals, charitable and cultural, were enlarged to include more involvement with the Polish community, aid to schools, scholarships, periodicals, veteran organizations, Polish youth associations and cooperation with all joint efforts of the Polish community.

Accredited local charitable agencies also receive our support annually.

Raising funds for our many worthy causes is the primary function of the White and Red Ball. The Legion of Young Polish Women is proud of the fact that our Annual Ball is the most outstanding social event of the year. This prestigious Ball gives our young Debutantes an awareness of our rich cultural heritage and an opportunity to be a part of this fund raising gala.

Over the years we have been proud of the integrity, admiration and respect our past debutantes and their escorts have brought to the White and Red Ball.

Requirements for Debutanes

In order to qualify as a Debutante, the young lady must be between 16 and 19 years of age, attending high school, or college. At least one of her parents or grandparents must be of Polish descent.

The prospective Debutante must not be engaged.

The qualifications of the prospective Debutante will be presented to the Board of the Legion of Young Polish Women for approval.

Each Debutante has the prerogative of selecting her own escort. Escorts should be at least seniors in high school at the time of the White and Red Ball. Relatives or friends may serve as escorts. If desired, the Ball Committee will assist in the selection of an escort.

Each young lady should complete a biographical sketch which lists; educational background, scholastic honors and awards, organizational memberships, school activities, travel, favorite sports, special talents, hobbies and any other information which would be useful for publicity purposes.

Each Debutante must submit 2 wallet sized glossy photos for publicity purposes as soon as possible to the Photography Committee.

Each Debutante is also required to submit, to this same committee, a formal full length portrait in her Presentation Gown. (an 8x10 black and white glossy) The background for this portrait should enhance the Debutante in her Ball gown. The committee will advise in this matter.

The formal portraits are subject to the approval of the White and Red Ball Committee. The formal portraits must be submitted no later than 6 weeks before the White and Red Ball.

As her contribution to Charity, each Debutante is asked to obtain as many listings for the Program Book as possible.

At the Ball after the Presentation Ceremony, each Debutante will be given a basket of Roses to be offered to the guests for donations, which will be used by the Legion of Young Polish Women for it's numerous charities. The combined proceeds of the Rose Sale and for the listings in the Program Book will determine who will become the Queen of the White and Red Ball.

The Debutante who brings in the second highest amount in the combined sale of listings and roses will be the first runner-up.

The Debutante who brings in the third highest amount in the combined sale of listings and roses will be the second runner-up.

Requirements For Parents

A donation of \$^{500⁰⁰}.....to the Legion of Young Polish Women will be required of the parents of each Debutante. This donation and all underwritten White and Red Ball costs are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

The Debutante fee covers the following items; Presentation bouquet, coronet, boutonniere for the father and escort, and her table centerpiece.

Parents must purchase a table of 10. The Debutante and escort are included in the above 10. If the parents wish, the table can be made to seat 12. Parents may reserve as many tables as they wish. These tables are in the most advantageous location in the Ballroom.

Parent sponsored Debutante parties such as, teas, brunches and after rehearsal parties are encouraged. A member of the White and Red Ball Committee (e.g. chairman, co-chairman, publicity chairman) should be included in the party's guest list. To uphold the dignity and prestige of the Legion of Young Polish Women, parents are requested to supervise the party, refrain from serving alcoholic beverages and select a reasonable hour to close the party.

The Debutantes and their parents will be invited to a series of Teas sponsored by the Legion of Young Polish Women. If the parents so desire, these may be held in the homes of the Debutantes.

Fathers are required to attend all rehearsals.

White and Red Ball Attire

For the Debutante:

1. Ball gowns should be purchased immediately.
2. Floor length all-white Presentation gown; beading and sequins are acceptable if white. Skirts must be full enough to allow a deep bow. No trains.
3. White gloves. Long if short sleeves. Short if long sleeves.
4. Plain white fabric pumps.
5. No hair ornament.
6. Hair, simple, elegant.
7. Jewelry restricted to pearls.
8. Makeup, very natural, light use of lipstick.

For the Parents:

Fathers:

1. Black Full-Dress (white tie and tail coat) white gloves.
2. Boutonniere is provided by the Ball Committee.

Mothers:

1. Floor length gown.

For the Escorts:

1. Black Full-Dress (white tie and tail coat) white gloves.
2. Boutonniere is provided by the Ball Committee.

For the Post Debutante:

1. Floor length gown in Red. White gloves. Shoes dyed to match.

For the Guests:

Ladies:

1. FORMAL FLOOR LENGTH GOWNS.

Gentlemen:

1. FULL DRESS: TUXEDOS, BLACK TIE.

GUESTS WHO ARE IMPROPERLY DRESSED WILL BE DENIED
ADMISSION TO THE BALL.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR GUESTS ACCORDINGLY

Debutante Information

Rehearsals for the White and Red Ball will be scheduled immediately after the New Year.

Rehearsals will be held in a specified place on six or seven consecutive Sunday afternoons. The date of the first rehearsal will be given to you by the Debutante Committee. Rehearsal time will be announced.

The only exception to the above will be the Dress Rehearsal which is always held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hotel where the Ball is held approximately two weeks before the Ball. You will be given definite information about this date and the time by the Debutante Committee.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL CONCERNED TO BE ON TIME FOR ALL REHEARSALS.

Requirements for Escorts

Escorts must be at least seniors in high school and must attend all rehearsal sessions.

Escorts should arrive at the White and Red Ball in the company of the Debutante and her parents. The Debutante should not be left unattended during the Ball.

Detailed instructions will be given to the escorts at a rehearsal prior to the evening of the White and Red Ball.

Dress Rehearsal

Debutantes are to wear floor length full skirted gowns, suitable for bowing, long or short gloves, depending on the gown. White shoes with heels of the same height as those she will wear the night of the Ball.

THE DRESS REHEARSAL IS MOST IMPORTANT. Attendance is imperative for all.

Post Debutantes

The Post Debutante assists the Debutante through the entire preparation for the Presentation.

She is entitled to dance the Biały Mazur the year following her presentation.

She must attend all of the rehearsals.

She cannot miss the Dress Rehearsal.

The Night of the White and Red Ball

The Legion of Young Polish Women encourages early check-in arrangements with the hotel for all Debutantes, parents, and escorts.

The Debutantes, parents and escorts should be dressed and ready for pictures to be taken according to the schedule provided by the photography chairman. It is imperative everyone adheres to their time slot. The photographer MUST be finished with all pictures before the guests arrive.

At 6:30pm all Debutantes will meet in the lobby for participation in the Receiving Line.

If you have any questions, please call...

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