



*The Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner and Ball is a dazzling evening of dining, dancing, debutantes and dignitaries filling the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf Astoria.*

For 78 years, the Kosciuszko Foundation Annual Dinner and Ball has been the premier social event and the primary fundraising activity in support of the Foundation's educational and cultural programs. That magical evening, Debutantes are presented to society under the guidance of the Debutante Patroness Mary Kay Pieski. Following the presentation of the debutantes, honored guests and dignitaries lead the entire assemblage in the historic and stately Polonaise.

## *The Kosciuszko Foundation*

The Kosciuszko Foundation is the premier American organization promoting understanding and friendship between Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges. The Foundation awards one million dollars each year in fellowships, scholarships and grants to some 200 graduate students, scholars, scientists, professionals and artists. It also showcases Polish culture in America through exhibits, film festivals, documentaries, performances, concerts and recitals.

The Kosciuszko Foundation is a non-profit, nonpartisan, non-sectarian membership organization. Since its founding in 1925, it has relied upon its members to support personally its mission and programs. With additional contributions from individual friends, foundations and corporations, it has flourished into one of the most highly regarded cultural organizations of its kind. Headquartered in New York City, the Foundation's chapters in Chicago, New England, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, the Rocky Mountains, Texas, Washington DC, and Western New York carry on its programs locally and regionally.



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## THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

# *Annual Dinner and Ball*

*Where Formality Meets Polish  
Custom, Glitz and Glamour*



*2013 Debutantes with Council Chairman  
Dawn Polewac and Patroness Mary Kay Pieski*

*A prospective debutante should:*

- ❖ Submit a completed application form
- ❖ Submit five (5) 5" x 7" high resolution digital photos no later than March 1, 2014
- ❖ A debutante arranges hotel reservations at the Waldorf Astoria as soon as her application is processed
- ❖ A debutante selects and arranges a white floor-length gown and white full-length gloves as appropriate for the dress
- ❖ The debutante and her family select and arrange for a civilian escort for the debutante
- ❖ The debutantes attend *Le Grande Luncheon*, where they are introduced to their patroness, other debutantes, and dignitaries

To request an application or for any additional information, please call the Kosciuszko Foundation Office of Fundraising and Development at 212-734-2130



## *Debutantes Testimonials*

*'Being a debutante was a once in a lifetime experience for me. It was even more special to me since I was fortunate enough to be the first one in my family to participate. I would highly recommend this experience to anyone who is interested because not only it is a memorable night you will cherish forever.'*

~MIKHAELA ACKERMAN

*'Way back in the fifties, I had the great experience of being presented at the KF Ball. It was a night to be remembered, a never to be forgotten event. Mrs. "Florcia" Jarzembowski was the patroness, and the Kafka sisters taught us all the dance routines. Being on that stage at the Waldorf with two handsome escorts, taking that bow was thrilling. It was a wonderful, wonderful night. Young Ladies, GO FOR IT!'*

~JADZIA BARWICK

*'A once in a lifetime experience! A dream come true! I felt like a Princess! And I met my Prince! We are still living our fairy tale 24 years later!'*

~CYNTHIA ROSICKI

*'Making my debut as a KF Debutante marked a significant milestone in my life. I was fortunate enough to take part in the experience. The Ball provides a most wonderful mix of formality, historic custom, glitz and glamour and a truly memorable and joyous occasion for the debutantes, their partners and their family and friends.'*

~JULIANA FAZIO

*'Although our own debuts were seven years apart, we cherish the memories of that magical evening with family and also with close friends, as we hosted our own "Sweet 16" parties that night at the Ball as well. What a great way to introduce others to such a fabulous event!'*

~SAMANTHA AND  
NATASHA POLEWAC

DEBUTANTE LUNCHEON at  
TRIBECA GRILL

APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 AT 12:30 PM