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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

VISION FOR FUTURE

An ancient fable describes three masons who were hard at work when a visitor asked what they were doing. The first stone mason with sweat beating on his brow grumbled, "I am cutting this stone." The second mason, though less distraught, responded with a deep sigh, "I am building a parapet." The third mason replied with a radiant face, "I am building a beautiful cathedral that will glorify God for centuries."

My vision, our vision, conveys a larger sense of organizational purpose where we see ourselves building "a great organization," rather than simply "cutting stones." Our vision is an ambitious view of the future, one that can be realistically achieved.

We are blessed with many individuals contributing to our success. At our last Board of Director's meeting, Jini Jasti, Assistant Dean UW Law School Alumni Relations, shared ideas for achieving 501(c)(3) status, and Mary Ann Reale shared plans for an oral history program. Kasia Krzyostaniak and the Book Club continue to offer numerous opportunities for learning about our Polish Heritage. Additional thanks are due Patrick Peczerski for his stories about the American Polish Advisory Council, and the Jan Karski Foundation. Gloria Welniak shares talents for creating beautiful Polish Palms, and Szymon Wozniczka continues to share Polish music on WORT-FM 89.9. Take advantage of these activities.

Stan Graiewski

Feb 20 BOD Meeting: the Directors:

- heard from guests Jini Jasti & Mary Ann Reale,
- planned Linda Ganski resignation replacement,
- discussed future events: the Spring Festival, new club event at Sun Prairie's Taste of Arts Fair, and the picnic will be in September

March 1 Polish Club Breakfast Friends 9 am

1st Fri @ 5501 Bridge Road, Monona
Please call Barb 238-9189 if you need a ride.

Mar 13 Wed 1320 Mendota Street 1 pm

Gloria Welniak and Marie Revolinski will be leading a group of volunteers making Polish Palms our club sells so many of at the Spring Festival. Come join them and others! **Pussy willows are needed** to make them, so if you know where to get some, we need your donation. CONTACT Gloria at (608) 217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net

Mar 13 is deadline to pre-order Kielbasa

(fresh/smoked), Kiszka, or Pierogi, so that we have enough food for our plate lunches. If you have not pre-ordered, please wait until after the lunches are served (~ 2pm?) before purchasing any large amounts. We suggest you put these purchases in a cooler in your car. See enclosed order blank or get it from our website.

Mar 24 Polish Club Spring Festival 11 – 3 pm



A Palm Sunday tradition, the event features:
Amber Jewelry Arts and Crafts Bakery
Books Glassware Pottery
Display of colorful Polish Easter eggs and Polish history, a demonstration of Polish Easter egg painting *pisanki* and a children's activity table. Enjoy a Polish lunch of Pierogi and Kielbasa while visiting and listening to music. If you would like to help, or don't receive a call asking for your help, please call Linda Cagle (608) 244-2788. Your bakery donations are welcome!
*If you want to donate something for the Silent Auction, please call so arrangements are made ahead of time. *Invite friends & relatives!*
Immaculate Heart of Mary 4913 Schofield St. From S. Beltline: turn north on Monona Dr. 1.5 miles. Across from golf course, turn left on St. Theresa Ter. to the school. Watch for our signs.

Membership Directories are a way for us to get acquainted with other club members. Pick up your 2013 edition at the Spring Festival info area (OR we will mail it to you). We do not give away our mailing list, and members may decline to have their name or information listed. If your membership label does not say 2013, please renew soon, or call Jane Dunn (608) 831-8827 gwtwfidddd1@tds.net

Mar 30 Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets

Queen of Peace-10 St. Albert's-12 Maria Goretti-1 pm

May 15 Polish Heritage Club Scholarship

The Polish Heritage Club of WI-Madison will again award a scholarship to a student pursuing secondary education. The applicant must be of verifiable Polish ancestry OR studying Polish language, history, society, or culture, OR significantly engaged with Polish culture. Applications, due May 15, can be downloaded from www.phcwi-madison.org. For more information contact the Scholarship Committee Chair Patricia Brinkman h-243-8912, c-212-2413

2013 Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

1st Friday	9 am PHCWI Breakfast Friends (608) 238-9189 Monona Garden Restaurant <u>Monona, 6501 Bridge Rd</u>
1st Sunday varies	5 pm Mass in Polish ST. CECILIA's (608) 254-8381 <u>603 Oak St, WI Dells</u> UW-Madison Polish Student Assoc. Marta Studnicka (262) 441-1452 polishbuckybadger@gmail.com
Mar 4 Mon	Casimir Pulaski Public School Observation Day per 1987 Laws of Wisconsin, Act 11
Mar 13 Wed	1 pm Polish Palms Making Gloria Welniak (608) 217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net 1320 Mendota St
Mar 13 Wed	deadline to pre-order Polish foods for pick-up at the Spring Festival
Mar 24 Sun	PHCWI Palm Sunday Spring Festival Immaculate Heart School 4913 Schofield St, Monona
Mar 24 Sun	3-5 pm <i>Polish Music</i> played by Szymon Wozniczka on WORT-FM 89.9 "On the Horizon"
Mar 30 Sat	Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets <i>Święconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah)</i> , Blessing of Easter Food <i>święcenie pokarmów</i> Queen of Peace 10 am, St. Albert's noon, St. Maria Goretti 1 pm
Until April 1	<i>Fallout: The Mixed Blessing of Radiation & the Public Health</i> HSLC Ebling Library <u>750 Highland Ave</u>
Apr 12 Thur	7:30 <i>Basia Bulat</i> at the Opera House (608) 877-4400 <u>381 E. Main St, Stoughton</u>
Apr 26-28	<i>The New WI Dells Polka Fest</i> Chula Vista Resort <u>2501 River Rd, WI Dells</u>
May 2 Thur	4 pm Joanna B. Michlic <i>Memory of the Holocaust in Post-Communist Europe</i> CREECA Rm 206 <u>1155 Observatory</u>
May 2 Thur	7 pm Book Club Helena Modjeska at Kasia's 836-8632 <u>3209 Highland Ct, Middleton</u>
May 11 Sat	PHCWI at Portage County Cultural Festival Stevens Point
May 15 Wed	PHCWI Scholarship applications due
June 8 Sat	PHCWI at Taste of the Arts Fair Sheehan Park, 1351 Linnerud Drive, Sun Prairie
June 13 - 22	<i>Thrivent Builds Worldwide trip in Poland</i> with Habitat for Humanity (800) 847-4836, ext. 84316
June 15 - 30	<i>Prague, Poland and Berlin Trip</i> UW-Madison Cont.Ed. (608) 262-3731
September	PHCWI Annual Picnic
October	Polish American Heritage Month - events/libraries displays, etc.
Nov or Dec	UW-Madison Polish Film Festival
Nov 2 Sat	PHCWI Christmas Bazaar at the West Side Club
Dec Sat	PHCWI Wigilia

Chicago:

Mar 7 Thur	6:30 pm <i>Vera Gran – The Accused</i> author Agata Tuszynska - <u>Chicago Public Library</u>
April 6 Sat	American Polish Advisory Council Midwest Regional Workshop
	'Frank Piasecki and Polish Aviation Designers' exhibit - arrivals hall <u>O'Hare Airport</u> <i>Piasecki H-21</i>



Milwaukee:

June 14-16	Polish Fest <u>Summerfest Grounds</u>
October	POLANKI's Soup Festival <u>Norway House</u>
Nov 22-24	Holiday Folk Fair <u>WI State Fair Park</u>

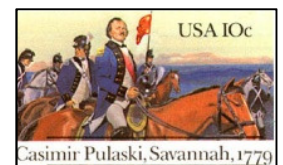
Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140 <http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/>

Mar 10 Sun	7 pm <i>An Evening of Polish Music</i> for woodwinds, piano and voice
Mar 31 Sun	10, noon, 2 pm <i>Easter Champagne Brunch</i> Reservations Required call 414-529-2140.
Apr 6 Sat	<i>Dyngus Day!!</i> First ever at the Polish Center of Wisconsin Saturday, Featuring the Squeezettes
Apr 7 Sun	11-2 pm POLANKI's Pierogi Festival

From the Polish-American Journal and www.polishsite.com - a website about Polish Culture

March Marzec - from *marznac* meaning "to freeze" or from Roman God "Martius" - in Polish *Mars*

2 1868	Birth of Milwaukee's Fr. Wacław Kruszka author of " <i>The History of Poles in America</i> "
3 1945	Founding of Gen. Władysław Sikorski Historical Institute in London
1996	Death of Cardinal Krol , Archbishop of Philadelphia, 1st Polish American Cardinal
4 1484	Death of St. Casimir , Prince, Patron of Poland <i>Count Pulaski at the siege of Savannah, 1779 U.S. postcard</i>
6 1745	Birth in Mazowia of Casimir Pulaski , Revolutionary war hero
7 966	Mieszko I , Duke of Poland, accepts Christianity
8 1994	Polish-born Beata Pozniak's International Women's Day Bill <i>Miedzynarodowy Dzień Kobiet</i>
13 1995	Death of Franciszek Gajowniczek , Auschwitz prisoner saved by Saint Maximilian Kolbe
17 1956	Death of Irene Joliet-Curie , Nobel Prize in Chemistry recipient, daughter of Pierre & Madame Curie,
20 1673	Death of Fr. Augustyn Kordecki (b. 1603), led the defense of Czestochowa against Swedish invaders
21 1822	Death of Jozef Wybicki , wrote the Polish National Anthem
23 1891	Death of Fr. Leopold Moczygemba in Detroit, founded 1 st U.S. Polish Church in Panna Maria, Texas
1951	Birth in NY of "Polish Rifle," Ron Jaworski , Philadelphia Eagles quarterback
24 1794	Tadeusz Kosciuszko assumes title of Supreme Commander of the Polish Insurrection in Krakow marketplace
26 1996	Death of Edmund (Marciszewski) Muskie , Maine senator
28 1928	Birth of Zbigniew Brzezinski , National Security Advisor to President Carter
1937	Death of Karol Szymanowski , greatest Polish composer of the early 20th century



CLUB and MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. **Sto lat!**

3/5 Joan Spindler	3/21 Robert Kriz
3/10 Sonja Hann	3/22 Kasia Krzyczostaniak
3/14 Deb Ankowicz	3/31 Izabela Szlufarska

Michael Kmiotek's paint and steel artwork was on display at Yahara Bay Distillery. He is the son of Stan Kmiotek, long-time club band member. *From his mother Margaret's history:* "The Polish Club was organized in 1979, and on a June Sunday in 1981 there was a picnic at Tenney Park. The Ladies Chorus: **Zofia Kubinski, Yvonne Chelecki, Eva Kubinski, and Phyllis Jensen** planned to sing, and asked **Stanley Kmiotek** to accompany them on his guitar. Before the performance, Stanley was sitting on an old ice chest playing his guitar when **Tom Wosikowski** arrived. Tom, who never misses a chance to play his banjo, went home and returned with it. Several years later, **Dr. Robert Kriz** brought his accordion to a picnic and became a member of the band." SEE: "Garden art, Kinetic sculptures...kmiotekart.com"

Barbara Lomperski is the proud great-grandmother of beautiful baby Hudson Samuel, born Jan 29 in Napa, CA. AND **Ronni Guski** is the proud great aunt of Zane Robert, also born in Napa on January 31. Happy travels to you both! **Basia Pulz** traveled to California for her granddaughter's birthday, and visit her son Jonas, who donated a kidney last November to his friend Anna. They have been friends since preschool, so when his oldest friend needed a kidney, Jonas said the decision was an easy one. Best wishes to all!

Joan Peterson, member/author of EAT SMART IN POLAND, reports: "I'm happy to announce another culinary tour in 2013 - one to Norway July 17-27. This debut tour is a culinary adventure for travelers to beautiful Norway, land of the midnight sun." Her Turkey tour is Aug 13-21. <http://ginkgopress.com/>

Mary Ann Reale heard a recent presentation about recording oral family histories, and invites fellow Polish-Americans to share ideas and resources. Would you like help getting started on a project for your family, or could you help others by doing the filming and/or sharing equipment or knowledge? Our club has many members with valuable stories. Please contact Mary Ann at (608) 233-7397. SEE LAST PAGE FOR RESOURCES

Twila Shesky's volunteering with Catholic Charities Elder Mentoring Program was a topic in Madison's Feb 14th CATHOLIC HERALD. She has helped elders with their finances since the program's beginning. And she and her husband John have many stories to tell about many medical mission trips— in the U.S. and to Ecuador, Bolivia, Nigeria, Mongolia, the Philippines, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Poland. Perhaps you were greeted by Twila and John in the past at the Wigilia reception table. Thank you for all you do!

Loretta Wysocki passed away on Feb. 21. At our last Wigilia many of us enjoyed talking with her, and she was an enthusiastic Polish Choir singer. Born New York, she moved to Poland before WWII, where she received her education. In the mid-40s she lived in Massachusetts, and more recently with her family in Wisconsin. Our condolences to them.

We're fortunate to have member **Gloria Welniak** volunteer her time and talents. She has sold and donated fiber crafts at several club bazaars. Using her degrees in art, she taught art and crafts at all levels in the educational system, and has also taught classes in basketry, spinning, quilting, sewing, bead and jewelry making. Gloria says, "crafts are in my genes." Her Grandfather emigrated from Poland to Nebraska and made baskets and brooms. The entire family became involved in handcrafts. Gloria is interested in pursuing the study of Polish historic and contemporary crafts.

You're invited:

Join Gloria and share your friendship with other members while learning a new craft to carry on Polish traditions: **Wed. 1 pm March 13** at 1320 Mendota St (behind Hy-vee) making Polish Palms to sell at the Spring Festival. Contact Gloria at: (608) 217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net

Jan 27 International Festival Many enjoyed the performances and displays at the Overture Center, even though the snowy forecast came true. Thank you to all who helped with our club's display.

We were again at the State St. entrance, and some members were visible on Channel 3 TV that night! *Thank you to Irena Fraczek for her beautiful photos we will show at future events. Tomasz Borowiecki, Irene Swiggum, Butch Luick*



Mar 2 Old World Wisconsin Eagle, WI 10am-2pm
FROM OLD WORLD: "Gain firsthand knowledge of life in the late 1800s and early 1900s! We're hosting an Employment and Volunteer Open House at Old World Wisconsin ... We invite you to attend, speak with museum staff members to learn more about open positions, and see if life on the other side of the 20th century is something for you! . Call (262) 594-6301 or see <http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/>

May 2 Book Club Helena Modjeska 7 pm First, thank you to **Kasia and Marian Krzyczostaniak** for again making their delicious *rogale świętomarcińskie* (crescent shaped buns from their hometown of Poznan) for our last Book Club about Jan Karski. Jerry Dunn offered to order the next book *Starring Madame Modjeska: On Tour in Poland and America* by Beth Holmgren (or others about the famous actress). Contact him at 831-8827 or gwtwfilddd1@tds.net. Kasia will host us at 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton 836-8632.

June 23 Brewers Polish Heritage Game Milwaukee

John Hagen invites us to attend this Sun. aft. game, AND will charter a bus if enough Madison area people are interested. Contact him at: (414) 640 4031 johnhagen25@gmail.com. Fans receive a Klement's Famous Racing Sausage Bobble, and the Polish Sausage will wear a "Piwowarzy" (Brewers) jersey.

Individual tickets went on sale in Feb 23, and this game is included in the "20-Game Sunday Plus Plan."



Thank you to Patrick Peczerski for arranging this story.

The Polish Visa Waiver Issue

Slow Progress with Polish Visa Waiver Issue Prompts Midwest Polonia Conference to Plan Polish America's Political Future
by William Schreiber, American Polish Advisory Council

Washington, DC - With a new year came a new attempt in Congress to solve a problem that has become virtually synonymous with the Polish-American agenda: Poland's exclusion from the Visa Waiver Program.

Readers of this publication are permitted a heavy sigh. Yes, some bad ideas just don't go away. Sort of like costumes for pets or blankets with sleeves, Poland's exclusion from the Visa Waiver Program keeps costing us -- not only in terms of money, but also the respect of our friends and family.

You're already well-versed in the arguments for Poland's inclusion in the entry-visa program: Poland is a rising economic power in the European Union. Polish tourism would inject millions into the American economy and create new jobs. It appeals to our nation's firm belief in family values, as thousands of Poles every year would have an easier time visiting relatives in the US. At the same time, Poland already enjoys visa-free travel with the rest of the Western world, making it highly unlikely that migrant workers would invest in transatlantic travel, running the risk of exploitation or deportation, instead of legally finding work in countries like the UK, all for the price of a bus ticket. There has been no greater supporter of America's foreign policy on the European continent than Poland: It was a staunch supporter of both US wars in Iraq & Afghanistan. Poland has even gone to great lengths in cooperating with the United States on counter-terrorism to the brink (and some might say past) of constitutionality by hosting US detention facilities on its own soil.

Yet somehow last year, it was on the pretext of national security that legislation to include Poland in the Visa Waiver Program was stopped cold in the House Judiciary Committee by then-Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX). Smith skirted the question of Poland's fitness to enter the program in particular, instead voicing his objections to the Visa Waiver Program at large. Smith noted a legitimate concern: Two terrorists are known to have attempted to enter the United States by exploiting the Visa Waiver Program. Smith failed to mention that these attempts were made through Germany, a country that in comparison with Poland cooperates significantly less with the United States on counter-terrorism. Adding Poland to the list of countries with Visa Waiver exceptions, would be an unlikely source of risk.

More importantly, continued legislative inaction means that absolutely nothing has changed in the Visa Waiver system to prevent its continued exploitation by those who wish to do us harm. Until Congress passes legislation on Visa Waiver, vulnerability will remain the status quo. That is why this year's version of Visa Waiver legislation, the Visa Waiver Enhanced Security and Reform Act, isn't only about undoing the injustice of refusing entry to our stalwart allies in Poland, it's about securing the system for every country that participates, without shutting the gates on the benefits of a global economy.

The act is a fully bipartisan bill sponsored by senators Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) in the Senate, and by representatives Mike Quigley (D-IL) and

Aaron Schock (R-IL) in the House of Representatives. The Act also has the full endorsement of the Department of Homeland Security, which would be granted measures needed to monitor our foreign visitors arriving through the Visa Waiver Program.

You won't find another piece of legislation in Congress with this amount of support on both sides of the aisle. The bill's revised parameters make it a common-sense measure in both economic and national security debates. The problem is (and this may come as a shock), just because something is common sense, doesn't mean that Congress will do it. Everyone may finally be in agreement about what to do, but that's a long shot from someone actually doing it.

In a recent meeting with the American Polish Advisory Council (APAC), a non-profit, non-partisan community organization, a Senate staffer told us that this issue "simply doesn't have enough public visibility" or perceived interest among constituents, to make it to the floor for a vote. I just about fell out of my chair. There are around 10 million Polish-Americans in this country and it seemed to me that a hefty portion of them had already forwarded a petition to sign, a letter on its way to a lawmaker, or a link via Face-book or Twitter, all aimed at including Poland in the Visa Waiver Program. The problem is the vast majority of these efforts were never felt in Washington: a more concrete approach is needed.

There is much you can do to have an impact. First, I urge you to write at least one letter to your elected representatives in the US Congress. We are confident the bill will pass on its own merits. We just need to convince Senate and House leadership to vote on this bipartisan legislation, either by itself, or included in a routine bill already headed for the floor. One such important leader in this equation is Wisconsin Representative Jim Sensenbrenner, a member of the judiciary committee that will eventually vet the legislation. Be sure to ask your representatives in Congress to help get the Visa Waiver Enhanced Security and Reform Act to the floor for a vote. But at the end of the day, the Visa Waiver problem is much more a symptom of Polish America's woes than it is a cause. The reason this issue has become such a gout is the Polonia's disproportionate lack of representation at nearly every level of government.

This nationwide deficit is precisely why APAC is proud to hold the first-ever Midwest edition of the Grassroots Polonia Workshop, in Chicago on April 6. The workshop will be a gathering of those interested in our community's political future, including high-profile speakers from the ranks of national & regional politicians, activists, and fundraisers. We will be talking political tactics and community organizing. If you're unable to join us on April 6, consider joining APAC as a member. We'll send you a newsletter about our activities and keep you informed about future events. For information see: www.APACouncil.info www.Facebook.com/APACouncil. Any questions, ideas or feedback can be directed by email: Office@AmericanPolishCouncil.org



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Karski: A Polish Hero Who Makes Us Proud, A Polish Hero Whose Story We Need to Share

Effective Polonia Campaigning Reaches Success at White House; Educational Foundation Launched to Spread Knowledge of Karski in Schools and Communities in the US. by Patrick Peczerski

Our Polish Heritage community is learning more and more about Jan Karski, a Polish Catholic diplomat-turned-heroic World War II "Home Army" resistance fighter who penetrated various Nazi German-run Jewish extermination facilities in Poland to document the atrocities and later deliver the horrific information to top Allied head heads - President Roosevelt and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. A hero with such a just, courageous and selfless story, one immediately questions why it is only recently that Karski has been brought to the public's attention, even though he passed away a relatively short time ago in 2000, not as a secluded man but as a former Georgetown Univ. professor in the School of Foreign Service.

However, the "rediscovery" Karski's story was not accidental. In April 2011, a group of patriotic Polish-Americans, together with colleagues in Poland and representatives of the Jewish and Georgetown University communities, established the Jan Karski US Centennial Campaign. Within an impressively short span of time, President Obama would be awarding a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor, to Dr. Jan Karski. Not surprisingly, in order to achieve this monumental achievement, the Campaign, under the direction of Wanda Urbanska, had to carry out an effective publicity and lobbying effort.

"It would not have been possible to move so far so quickly [...] without the support of so many," stated Urbanska. "We reached out to a coalition group who were interested in Karski's legacy, including his former students at Georgetown and members of Jewish and Polish American organizations. [The] New York Polish Consul General Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka hosted our Inaugural Dinner on May 31, 2011 and the Karski delegation was in the White House shaking hands with President Obama last May 29. Together, we made this happen!"

In effect, without such a well-coordinated Campaign, Karski's story would have continued collecting dust, and there would have been no Polish hero in the national spotlight. Capturing the attention from the Presidential Award ceremony, the Campaign's organization quickly turned its main focus to presenting Karski's story narrative at the middle, high school and college levels. Since then it has achieved notable results around the country in terms of engaging and educating local communities, not to mention elevating the pride of Polish-Americans. "We are working with the Chicago Public Schools and others to incorporate Karski's life and legacy into the curricula," says Urbanska. Other community leaders interested in duplicating this work can go to www.jankarski.net for resources, or to contribute money or other resource

It is easy to recognize the potential for Jan Karski's story, not only as a medium to teach WWII history, but also to help clarify misconceptions about Polish-Jewish relations during WWII and solidify our relationship with the Jewish community. Moreover, Karski's heroic narrative helps bring

pride to our Polish heritage. As such, the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, also headed by Wanda Urbanska, now leads the effort to educate the nation about Jan Karski. On the classroom front, the Foundation is working with school districts in various states to incorporate Karski's 1944 book "*Story of a Secret State*" into their Holocaust, history or civics curricula. In doing so, the foundation has organized several teacher workshops on Jan Karski, providing them with classroom tools and materials.

One such teacher workshop is planned for this summer in the Chicago area at which 350 social studies teachers are expected to attend, according to Ms. Urbanska. "We have held several teachers' workshops in New York and in Baltimore, and educators are so excited to know about Karski. He is a game-changer," says Ms. Urbanska. "Unfortunately negative stereotypes about Poland persist to this day. Recently a 15-year-old Polish American student in North Carolina related a classroom incident in which his teacher stated that the reason that so many Jews were killed in Poland was that Poles were so closely aligned with the Nazis. She seemed to have no knowledge that Poland was under Nazi occupation. He was stunned about this but was hesitant to correct her. That is why our foundation is so needed." Demonstrating the potential to build stronger ties with Jewish communities, in one Florida community with a large Jewish population, the curricula initiative was received with much enthusiasm, with one Jewish member exclaiming, "Why didn't we know about Karski before?!"

On the community front, effective educational initiatives include library "community reads," guest speakers at universities, Polish and Jewish cultural centers. As a specific example, the Polish Student Organization at Purdue University campaigned to nominate Karski's book as the "Freshman Read", a program that provides incoming college Freshman a free copy of the selected novel. While the nomination was not embraced this time around, organizers plan to introduce it again next year. Of potential interest for our Heritage Club is bringing a 22-panel Jan Karski exhibit recently staged at the United Nations building in New York City; imagine the potential of such an exhibit coupled together with a guest speaker and a soon to be released documentary on Jan Karski. Organizing such an event together with the local Jewish organizations would strengthen our bond with them and the greater Madison community.

I urge our members to contribute ideas on how to promote Jan Karski. Even acts as small as sharing Jan Karski's story with friends or requesting your local library to carry the book (imagine that currently no Dane County libraries have Karski's book!) will go a long way. In regards to the book, although it is hard to find in the US, a US edition of *Story of a Secret State* will be published on March 18 by Georgetown University Press. I trust I have outlined how it is within our interest and capability to promote Jan Karski here in our community and encourage other Polonia organizations in Wisconsin to do the same. Be proud, promote Karski!

Patrick Peczerski is a graduate of UW-Madison Phi Beta Kappa and currently manages sales and marketing for the Latin American region at Mueller Sports Medicine.

EVENTS

PAST MADISON EVENTS:

Feb 4 sponsored by UW History Dept. "Staging Socialism: Theater and Politics in Post-Stalinist Krakow and Leipzig"

Feb 7 Ebling Library "Radioactive" book, "Fallout" exhibit
Dr. Richard Staley moderated the discussion. Love and radioactivity are invisible - author Lauren Redness's visual book and exhibit curator Micaela Sullivan-Fowler both used writings and objects to show their mixed blessings. We stare at the book and at the exhibit, and think about love and science, ethics and science, history, and control in science. Micaela told us she had twice the amount of objects that could be fitted into the 13 display cases. Her goals for this complex subject were to "convey a sense of wonder" about "seeing the power to heal and destroy." She also presented **Feb 20 Wed Nite @ the Lab**. www.biotech.wisc.edu/lectures/search
Thank you to the Friends of UW-Madison Libraries and Ebling for this event + snacks of: Geiger Counter Cookies, Plutonium Bars, Glow Worms, Sun Ray Grapes, & Bomb Shell Brownies

THRU APRIL 1:

Fallout: The Mixed Blessing of Radiation & the Public Health
- 750 Highland Ave Historical Reading Room and 3rd Floor Gallery Ebling Library, Health Sciences Learning Center



"Fallout" is an examination of subjects such as the early use of x-rays in diagnosis and treatment, occupational hazards of working with radiation, the military use of x-rays, the history of tanning, a UW connection with Marie Curie, bomb shelters in the 1960's, the bombing of Hiroshima and concerns with nuclear accidents like Three-Mile Island, UW's Depts. of Medical Physics and Radiology, shoe fitting fluoroscopes and the like. The exhibit is supported by artifacts, journals, books, and other ephemera from Ebling's Rare Books & Special Collections and materials from other campus libraries and UW's Radiology Dept." ebling.library.wisc.edu/artatebling/index.php

Madison connections in the exhibit included:

*A 1921 newspaper article: "A large Wisconsin banner hung among those of the eastern Colleges at the Marie Curie meeting recently held in New York by the AAUW. The University contributed \$147.50 toward the \$106,000 fund to procure a gram of uranium to give to Marie Curie..." A photo showed her with President Harding in 1921. *Stories about UW Chemistry Professor Norris F Hall who studied under Marie Curie. She told them: "There is always something new--the possibilities in the field of radioactivity are unlimited."

Feb 24 UW-Madison Arboretum - Special Family Event: The Gardens of Marie, an indoor and outdoor program: "Susan Fowler's lively presentation will include audience participation as we learn about Marie Curie and the gardens she loved to cultivate."

FUTURE MADISON AREA EVENTS:

March 7 4505 Regent St. Dane Co. Genealogical Soc. 7 pm
Shirley Anderson "Visit to Salt Lake City" www.dcags.org

Orange Tree Imports 1721 Monroe St (608) 255-8211
Mar 16 from 1-3 pm "Join us for a free demonstration of Ukrainian egg decorating with artist Pat Hall. Orange Tree Imports carries a full line of Ukrainian egg decorating supplies!" (Pat has demonstrated at club events.)

March 23 at 5:30 is the deadline for the 35th Annual Egg Art Contest. "Eggs may be decorated in any style, but must be real chicken eggs -- no hard-boiled. One entry per person, please. Adults and children are encouraged to enter, and there will be prizes in many categories. Come see all the entries in our window the week before Easter!"

Mar 24 WORT Radio 89.9 M Polish Music 3-5 pm
Szymon Wozniczka will be a guest on "On the Horizon." The 2 hour folk show "will feature following artists: Warsaw Village Band, Sarakina, R.U.T.A, Basia Bulat, Cathy Carr, Raz Dwa Trzy (touring US in March SEE: www.bilety.com), TSIGUNZ FANFARA AVANTURA, Di Galitzyanem Klezmorim, Zgafafari, Megitza, Samech, Grzegorz Piotrowski World Orchestra, Poludnice/Electronice, Percival, Sutari, possibly Donatan (very succesful fusion of Polish folk and hip-hop); maybe Max Klezmer Band & Wielblady." IF YOU MISS THE SHOW, LISTEN ON THE ARCHIVES for ~ 2 wks. www.wortfm.org/archives/

Mar 26 PORTAGE, WI Public Library 253 W. Edgewater St.
Susan Mikos "Polish migration and settlement in Wisconsin"
The author of the 2012 Wisconsin Historical Society book *POLES IN WISCONSIN* was a Polish Club nominated speaker at LAST November's WI Book Festival. Paperback: \$9.95
The Portage Genealogy Group also has scheduled:
Apr 23 D. Moseley "How to clean, repair, reset gravestones"
May 28 N.Beasley "Encountering unreasonable men/women"
Sept 24 Anna Mae Axness "Cemetery/Obituary Indexing Proj"
Oct 22 Sally Jacobs "Scanning photos safely"
Nov 19 "Family traditions" FOR INFO: 608-742-4959

Wisconsin Historical Soc. Classes, Workshops, Webinars

Mar 11 Webinar: Genealogy, Where Do I Go Next?
Mar 23 Webinar: Organizing Family History Projects/ Events
Apr 22 Webinar: Genealogy, Where Do I Go Next?
May 1 Webinar: Archival Collections

Also.....

Wausau, WI Join us! April 5-6 Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's Gen-A-Rama 2013 wsgs.org/

Salt Lake City August 7-10 The Federation of East European Family History Societies feefhs.org/

Lisle/Naperville, IL Sept 13-14 Polish Genealogical Society of America conference www.pgasa.org

Janesville, WI Sept 28 WI Genealogical Society 2013 Fall Seminar wsgs.org/

OUTSIDE OF MADISON EVENTS:

**PAST MILWAUKEE Feb 12 Kosciuszko Park 2201 S. 7th St
Kosciuszko's 267TH Birthday and Monument Restoration**

The bronze statue of General Tadeusz Kosciuszko, weighing 8,200 pounds, was lifted with a crane to a waiting flatbed truck. The statue is headed for a conservation artist's studio in Ohio so it can be repaired and restored with \$350,000 raised by the Restore Kosciuszko Monument Project. A dedicated group of volunteers has worked for the past five years to privately raise the necessary funds required for the extensive restoration, cleaning and structural work. The event included an overview of the project by Restoration Chairman Claude Krawczyk, a reading of a Proclamation from Mayor Barrett's office, recognition of donors, singing "Happy Birthday", lifting of the monument, and celebrating with birthday cake and pączek. What looked like a lot of cake was less after the arrival of children from Kosciuszko Elementary!



Thank you to Jane Dunn
for this story and photos.



FRANKLIN, WI POLISH CENTER 6941 S. 68th St.....

Sat Apr 6 Dyngus Day – "A wonderful celebration with strong roots in Polish History. ... Tradition includes an ancient spring rite of cleansing, purification, and fertility -- with water and willow switches. Featuring the Squeezettes all the way from Milwaukee. So Much More! Details to follow!"

RESERVATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 15



**Sun April 7 POLANKI'S PIEROGI FESTIVAL
11 am – 3 pm**

Adults-\$15 Seniors (65+)-\$12.00 (8 pierogi, 2 Polish-style salads, 1 dessert and a choice of beverage).
Children-\$7 (4 pierogi, 1 P.salad, 1 dessert and beverage).

FEATURED PIEROGI: Meat, Mushroom, Suaerkraut & Mushroom, Potato & Cheese, Sweet Cheese, and Cherry
Cash Bar - Polish beer available

THERE WILL BE TWO SEATINGS BY RESERVATION ONLY!
Boutique and demonstrations: Bolesławiec pottery, carved wood items, Polish spring crafts, books and more.
A limited number of walk-in dinners may be available.
Pre-ordered frozen pierogi & kopytka (finger dumplings) are available. Send Reservation Form to:
Geraldine Reszel-3440 S. 44th St-Greenfield, WI 53210.
Any questions, please call: (414) 541-2433

ELM GROVE, WI March 7 - March 24 Sunset Playhouse



Over the Tavern by Tom Dudzick

"For the Pazinski family, the 1950s were years of prosperity, hope and chasing dreams. But dealing with wise-cracking Rudy, a precocious 12-year-old who wants to shop around for a more "fun" religion rather than keeping the faith with Sister Clarissa, his knuckle-rapping nemesis, may be more than they can handle. This hilarious look at growing up in the good old days is a smart and fun look at what it means to be a member of a family." www.sunsetplayhouse.com/

In Buffalo, New York a memorial plaque in front of Tom Dudzick's boyhood home commemorates his father's tavern and the play. Other in his series are: *King o' the Moon* (The Pazinski clan embroiled in the turbulent 60's), and *The Last Mass at St. Casimir's* (Which takes place in the bar room during the infamous Blizzard of '77).

In 2010, Door County's Peninsula Players Theatre performed *Over the Tavern*. DAMIEN JAQUES in the MILWAUKEE J S wrote: "This play is really about family life, and it warmly engages the audience because it portrays that life with accuracy, affection and a resistance to overdoing sentimentality."

HEDY WEISS, CHICAGO SUN TIMES: In *Over the Tavern*, his utterly charming semi-autobiographical play about a Polish Catholic family in Buffalo in the late 1950's, Tom Dudzick has created something of a companion piece to Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs." In Cork City, Ireland, the playwright introduced the Murphy family to theater goers in *Over the Pub*.

Buffalo, New York

"With the founding of St. Stanislaus Parish in 1873, the area became one of the largest Polish-American colonies in the world outside of Poland."



By 1904, Poles were 20% of the population, most lived on the East Side. Sites there are: the Broadway Market, St. Stanislaus Church, St. Adalbert's Basilica, Corpus Christi Church, Buffalo Central Terminal, Adam Mickiewicz Library and the Matt Urban Human Services Center. Buffalo's 2000 census - 292,648 people, 11.7% Polish.

SEE: forgottenbuffalo.com/tourpolishbuffalo.html
SOURCES: <http://www.polishunion.com/hspolish.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buffalo,_New_York

Watch for stories about "The Dyngus Day Capital of the World!" This year it's on April Fool's Day. "Dyngus Day, the annual post-Lenten bash, attracts tens of thousands to Buffalo, to celebrate spring, show Polish pride, flirt with pussy willows and listen to the best polka bands in the nation."

IN THE NEWS from various sources

Jan Park City, UTAH – Sundance Cinematography Award:
Lasting (Polish students on a Spanish holiday). Short Film
Grand Jury Prize: *The Whistle* (Krakow area football referee).

Feb 9 Brussels – Poland will receive 105.8 billion euros over seven years from the new EU budget. Prime Minister Donald Tusk said “This is one of the happiest days of my life.”

Feb 10 Mielno NW Poland – About 1500 bathers 'walruses' took an ice bath in the Baltic Sea as part of 4 days of events.

Feb 11 LA, CA Grammy Awards won by Poles: *Song of the Year & Best Newcomer: FUN, *Best Classical Compendium: PENDERECKI: Fonogrammi (with the Warsaw Philharmonic).

Feb 11 Gdansk City statement “outraged by 'CIA black site' movie slur” in the movie *Zero Dark Thirty*: “We hope that Gdansk – in spite of its accidental role as a negative place - will continue to be associated throughout the world as above all a site of Freedom and Solidarity.”

Feb 15 Polish State Railways (PKP) – Services on 2000 km of tracks (10%) on 90 routs will be ended by Dec. to save costs.

Feb 21 – In 2014 Poles will be able to allot 0.5% of their income tax to the Church to replace the ending state funding.

Feb 26 Warsaw – TV premiere of Agnieszka Holland’s mini-series *Burning Bush* about Jan Palach, the Czech student who set himself on fire in protest against the 1968 Soviet invasion.

Mar 15 Poland nationwide - release day of 3D film *Warsaw 1935*. It uses thousands of pre-war photographs and film reels.

JOANNA’S GENEALOGY

I took on another project for my sister-in-law in Virginia. Was able to track her ancestors back to her 2nd great grandfather in West Virginia, on her father’s side. Wrote down all the information and sent it to her. Know Virginia has some of the best Genealogy Records in the country, and they live just our side of the Capitol. And West Va. has a cultural organization on line. They will now carry on with the information I provided and with a little luck the will find their country of origin.

At least we know our country of origin. ~ *Joanna Pasowicz*
(608) 848-4892 japaso@tds.net

ORAL HISTORIES RESOURCES:

Voice Treasurers - Professionally recorded interviews of family history on CD/DVDs. 530 W. Doty St. Madison.
(608) 283-6353 www.facebook.com/pages/Voice-treasures/194450033960009?sk=info

StoryCorps has visited UW-Madison and the Children’s Museum.

StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives. Since 2003 StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 45,000 interviews with nearly 90,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share.

Millions listen to our weekly broadcasts on NPR’s *Morning Edition* and on <http://storycorps.org/listen/>

SEE “Do-It-Yourself Instruction Guide” + suggested questions:

1. Select Your Interview Partner...
2. Create a List of Questions...
3. Find, Borrow, or Purchase Equipment...
4. Choose and Interview Location...
5. Set Up and Test the Equipment...
6. Begin the Conversation...
7. Keep the Conversation Flowing...
8. Wrap It Up...
9. Preserve and Share the Conversation...

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