



Founded in 1979 as a non-profit organization to promote Polish Heritage through educational, cultural, charitable and social activities.
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is coming. As the seasons are changing, so is our Club. I would like to welcome the newly elected Directors, who begin this year with many goals. The adopted revised bylaws provide the Club with guidance, and the Board of Directors will be reviewing our Policies and Procedures to make the day to day operation of the Club as smooth as it can be. Great thanks to Irena Fraczek for the countless hours that were necessary to launch our new Website. It improves the Club's cyberspace visibility.

Please reserve time on your calendar to attend the coming events. They create opportunities for all members of the Club, and the Madison community to interact, to learn about Polish culture, and enhance our understanding of the riches that each person can bring to the encounters that await us.

These last several meetings I had been away traveling to Poland. There is a lot to share, and I hope to present my experiences in a form of a lecture to interested individuals. I appreciate the condolences from the Club on passing of my mother Teresa Zolnik. Your thought are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to serving the Club in hopes that everyone's experiences will be positive, engaging and building on your Polish identity - a treasure for everyone.

Z powazaniem,
Ryszard Zolnik, President.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Apr 13 due. Kosciuszko Foundation
Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship Two Scholarships for the 4 week Polish language and culture program at the Jagiellonian Univ. during Summer 2016. Previous knowledge of the Polish language not req. CONTACT:

Addy@thekf.org (212) 734-2130
www.thekf.org/kf/programs/study/wsips/

May 15 due. Polish Heritage Club - Madison
Scholarship for WI residents post High School 750-1000 word essay on a major event in arts, culture, or history. Explain why the topic interests you or how it relates to you personally. Application on website: www.phcwi-madison.org
CONTACT: Patricia Brinkman brinkpa@att.net

March 20 • Spring Festival • 10-3

Immaculate Heart School 4913 Schofield St.
FROM S. BELTLINE: N. on Monona Dr. 1.5 mi.
ACROSS FROM GOLF COURSE: L Teresa Ter.

Open to the Public. Free admission.
Ample parking. Wheelchair accessible.



Kielbasa, Kiszka, and Pierogi available for sale.
March 10 is pre-order deadline to guarantee what you want. **ORDER FORM ENCLOSED**

A Palm Sunday tradition, the event features:
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TABLE *DEMOS OF:*
pisanki/ decorated eggs & wianki/head wreaths.
SALE OF: traditional Polish baked goods, crafts, amber jewelry, toys, books and pottery.
DISPLAYS: traditional Easter Basket "Święconka & Polish/Polish-American history and genealogy.
PHOTO BOOTH free copies available by email.
SILENT AUCTION
BUSINESS CARDS posting and exchange
ENJOY LUNCH: pierogi, kielbasa, sauerkraut and more while visiting and listening to Polish music.

We need volunteers before, during and after.
If you can help, or have books to donate,
PLEASE CONTACT: Linda Cagle
(608) 244-2788 lindacagle@att.net

Please tell your family and friends!

March 26. Święconka
Holy Sat. Blessing of Food Baskets
Queen of Peace 10 am
St. Albert's 12 pm Maria Goretti 1 pm



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**May 21. Madison
WI Historical
Society
Polish American
Genealogy
Workshop**

Madison area:

1st Fri Breakfast. 9 am ?s/ride? Barb (608) 238-9189
Monona Garden Family Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd

1st Sun of mo. 5 pm. *Eucharist in Polish* St Cecelia's, WI Dells
www.dellscatholic.com/ (608) 254-8381

Saturdays 10 am. Polish Kids Club, Waunakee
<https://www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison>

UW-Madison Polish Students win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA

1 March deadline to apply for WIESCO 2016 teaching English in Poland. www.wiesco.org

9 March 8 pm Basia Bulat, Polish-Canadian folk singer-songwriter. High Noon Saloon, 701 E Washington Ave

20 Mar 10 am- 3 pm POLISH CLUB SPRING FESTIVAL Monona

26 Mar Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets *Święconka*:
10 Queen of Peace, 12 St. Albert's, 1 pm St. Maria Goretti

31 Mar 4 pm *Youth, Transnational Imagination, 1968 Poland*
UW-Madison CREECA, 1155 Observatory Dr

18 April 11 am *Polish-themed Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament*. Lakeview Lutheran CALL: 244-6181

22-24 April *WI Dells Polka Fest* www.dellspolkafest.com/

3 May 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB Kasia (608) 836-8632
Middleton, WI. *Polish Constitution Day Trzeciego Maja*

13 May Trevor Stephenson: *Music of Chopin and others*
1855 Bösendorfer Concert Grand Piano, 900 University Bay Dr

11 June start registration for:

25 June co-sponsored with Pinney Library during Wianki Festival time. Gloria Welniak's *Fabric and Flowers Workshop*

Summer Polish Heritage Club Picnic

October Polish American Heritage Month

Nov Polish Heritage Club Bazaar

Dec Polish Heritage Club Wigilia

Madison: 21 May 9 am- 3 pm *Polish American Genealogy*

WI Historical Society <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>
"Researching Eastern European ancestry will often take people to Polish history. This day will provide guidance by one of the experts in Polish research. Steve will provide guidance on online resources as well as resources that you will need to use in research institutions of all sorts. If you have any Polish ancestry, you must take this workshop. Our main speaker is Steve Szabados, Genealogy Columnist for the Polish American Journal and Author. www.steveszabados.com"
Place: Room 126, Memorial Library, 728 State Street
Cost: \$30 (10% off for WHS or WSGS), includes a box lunch.

Wausau: 8 - 9 April *Thinking Outside the Box!*

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's *Gene-A-Rama 2016*
Main speaker: Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist.

TO REGISTER and see WEBINARS LIST: <http://wsgs.org/>

Feb *The Value of Working with a Professional Genealogist*

March *Basics of Genetic Genealogy*

Milwaukee:

~ **Sunday ~ April 10, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
Polanki Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee

www.polanki.org

12TH ANNUAL PIEROGI DINNER

Polish Center of Wisconsin

6941 S. 68th Street, Franklin, WI

FEATURED PIEROGI:

Meat, Mushroom, Sauerkraut/ Mushroom, Potato/ Cheese, Sweet Ch
Adults - \$15 Seniors, (65+) \$12 – choice of 8 pierogi, 2 Polish-style salads, 1 dessert and beverage

Children - \$7 choice of 4 pierogi, salad, 1 dessert, beverage

Cash Bar - Polish beer will be available.

THERE WILL BE TWO SEATINGS BY RESERVATION ONLY!

WALK-INS – a limited number may be available.

Send Reservation Form to:

Geraldine Reszel–3440 S. 44TH Street–Greenfield, WI 53219

Any questions, please call: (414) 541-2433

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

(Order forms must be mailed by March 24 to meet this deadline)

<http://www.polanki.org/pierogifest.html>

State Fair Park: June 17-19 2016 is 35th Year Polish Fest
"The largest celebration of Polish culture in the US."

Chicago:

Polish businesses <http://polishbuzz.com/>

Polish Museum of America 984 N Milwaukee Ave.

7 Mar 9 am Official State of Illinois Observation of Gen. Pulaski Day

Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave.

4 April 7:30 – 9:30 pm www.CopernicusCenter.org *Karski & The Lords of Humanity* - a partially animated film about Jan Karski, who risked his life trying to prevent the Holocaust.

10 April 4:30 - 7:30 pm Andrzej Cierniewski Concert

24 April Lajkonik 25th Anniversary Song and Dance Ensemble

Northeast Wisconsin: <http://www.phsofnew.org/>

April/May: Easter Party **July:** Pulaski Polka Days

Aug: Art Street

Oct: Movie at Neville Museum

Pulaski, WI: <http://www.casimirpulaskiday.org/>

March 4 *Casimir Pulaski Day per 1987 Laws of WI, Act 11.*



March 7 - 13
Window Decorating Contest
Community Coloring Contest
Spirit Day! Dress in Red!
Scavenger Hunt -Get your
"Passport to Pulaski!"
Saturday night:
Casimir Pulaski Polka Dance,
held at Zielinski's Ballroom.

CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

2/6 Joanna Pasowicz	3/5 Joan Spindler
2/8 Butch Luick	3/7 Fred Janecek
2/11 John Gaska	3/9 Monique Lomperski
2/12 Richard Gaska	3/10 Sonja Hann
2/14 Eleanore (Sue) Hall	3/14 Deb Ankowicz
2/14 Karleen Tyksinski	3/17 Mary B Good
2/15 Charley Rathsack	3/21 Robert Kriz
2/18 Larry Hochman	3/22 Kasia Krzyzostaniak
3/3 John Hagen	3/26 Thomas Stolarczyk
3/4 Douglass Allen	3/31 Izabela Szlufarska Morgan



Irena Fraczek photo/design

Feb 9. Pączki Day at Scott's Pastry Shoppe, Middleton
Patricia "Blue Accordion" Stone played again this year while people bought boxes of pierogi or stayed to eat and sing-along. SEE VIDEO WEBSITE

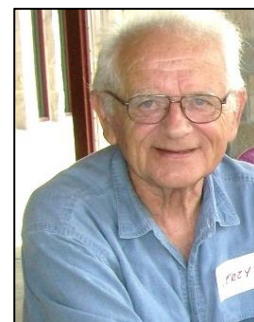
from member Laura Jasiczek: **April 18. Monday 11 am Polish-themed Senior Lunch and Euchre Tournament** at Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd, Madison. If people are interested in joining in the fun, they should call the church, starting mid-March, at 244-6181. It is open to anyone. The church puts out a jar for a free-will donation. We are planning on making bigos (hunter's stew), served with rye bread, and, probably pierogi.

May 3 is 225th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB: Constitution Day *Trzeciego Maja*. Please contact Kasia (608) 836-8632 krmw@chorus.net about your coming, so she has enough chairs.

Our sympathies to the families of:

Dec 19 John R Grace, age 69. He was born in Utica, NY and raised in Athol, MA. With degrees in Religious Studies, John focused on India, where he met Joan Raducha, his wife of 42 years. Their story *Choose Happiness: Unexpected Lessons from Living with Head and Neck Cancer*, about how his diagnosis affected their lives, is featured on the UW Carbone Cancer Center's website. He volunteered with organizations dedicated to helping children and families live better lives. Donations in John's honor can be made to American Friends Service Committee, AFSC- 1501 Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA or Friends of the Lakeshore Preserve PO 5534, Madison, 53705.

Jan 1 Jerzy Władysław Brania, age 75, who passed away after a recent cancer diagnosis. He was born in Tarnobrzeg, Poland, and grew up in neighboring Sandomierz. "In 1960 he came to Madison with his parents, arriving penniless and with no knowledge of English. Through hard work and study over many years, he saved enough money and learned English well enough to enroll at the UW. It was at the Union Rathskellar where he met the love of his life, Carin. Jerzy graduated in 1975 with a degree in Landscape Architecture, and began a nearly 30-year career as an engineer with the Madison Water Utility.....He loved cars, travel, music, gardening, cards, and collecting/restoring antiques, especially those related to gambling. He was active in the area Polish community, serving as a medical interpreter to Polish speakers, and throughout his life opening his home to many individuals and groups from his home country." Donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Assoc. alz.org. *Jerzy attended many Polish Club events with Carin and their children Michael, Robert, and Julie. Many Annual Meetings were held at the Brania home, and their beautiful szopka is appreciated by all at our Bazaar and Wigilia.*



9 Jan. Dziękuję to all International Festival helpers!



L -R Laura J, Joan R, Tedd M, Butch L ~ Jane Dunn photo

Skip Benninghouse	Marge Morgan	Norine Vedeges
Linda Cagle	Mary Ann Reale	Gloria Welniak
Jane Dunn	Marie Revolinski	Ralph Tyksinski
Anne Evans	Sue Faitupito	Karleen Tyksinski
Laura Jasiczek	Joan Rubens	Ryszard Zolnik
Barbara Lomperski	Ann Schachtner	Julita Zolnik
Tedd Mianowski	Irene Swiggum	Adam Zolnik

24 Jan. Annual Meeting and Elections Thank you to the 24 members who attended, voted for the new Board and revisions of the club's Bylaws, and shared ideas about the club - and to the Board of Directors who brought a variety of delicious treats for the socializing afterward. *Elected:*
2016 VP-PRES. ELECT: Marge Morgan (a 2015-16 DIRECTOR)
2016-17 SECRETARY: Anne Evans
2016 PAST PRESIDENT: Jane Dunn (a 2016 Director)
2016 DIRECTOR-odd year: to finish term Sandy Witte
2016-17 DIRECTORS-even: Michelle Michalak and Laurie Ross
Continuing on the Board: PRESIDENT: Ryszard Zolnik,
TREASURER: Linda Cagle, DIRECTOR: Patricia Brinkman

ADVANCE NOTICE..... during the summer solstice, when flowers are woven into head wreaths (*wianki*) to welcome the growing season....

June 25 FABRIC AND RIBBON FLOWERS WORKSHOP 1 – 3:30 pm
June 11 is first sign-up date at Pinney Library.

WEBSITE UPDATED - BEAUTIFUL! Dziękuję bardzo to Irena Fraczek for all her work!! <http://www.phcwi-madison.org/>

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Bożków: A Promising Cultural Experience in an Enticing Corner of the World

by Eric Lewandowski

Club members Eric and Gina Lewandowski
taught English in Poland in 2014 and 2015.

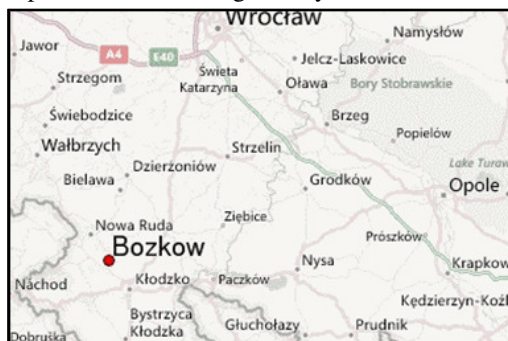
This year they are co-directors of the program in Bożków.



Bożków (BOZH-koof), a hideaway hamlet in the picturesque though often overlooked region of Lower Silesia, Poland, is an idyllic site poised for socio-economic take-off. Formerly called Eckersdorf, the estate of the once prominent von Magnis family, its imposing castle, the “Pałac w Bożkowie”,



still dominates the landscape. Only three miles from the Czech border, historically coveted by Germans, Austrians, Czechs and Poles alike, and visited by Prussian king Frederick William IV and President John Quincy Adams, it now is an empty relic of its former grandeur. Yet even in its brooding decay, Bożków still draws the culturally curious, and currently investment-minded (including Britain’s Prince Charles) to the naturally rich location, close to the historic crossroads of the ancient realms of Poland, Moravia, Prussia and Austria. Both the mysterious, overgrown ruins of long-departed Teutonic knights, and the sunny, well-tended fields of latter-day Polish farmers, speak to the enduring vitality of Silesia.



Yes, agriculture, forestry, mining, industry and tourism in Lower Silesia beckon as much today as they have for centuries. The resources that impelled Prussia and Austria to struggle over them in the Seven Years War are fundamentally the same ones driving socio-economic development there now. Only the human elements, their origins and current orientations, have changed. Where Frederick the Great and Maria Theresa once thrust the world into its first true global conflict over corn and wheat, and Hitler and Stalin struggled savagely over iron, coal and industrial production, the European Union and a fresh, up-and-coming Poland, growing daily in strength and purpose, now aspire to capitalize on these resources. Into this environment, too, the Polish people themselves now factor directly. After a full half-century of totalitarian stagnation and a further twenty-five years of hard-won freedom, the people in this hardscrabble area now dream and aspire to something much better: for themselves, possibly; for their children and grandchildren without question. Perhaps the strongest catalyst for the region’s long sought-after development is *Education* - and a collaborative, innovative,



public education system, engaging with a well-established American nonprofit partnering presence that has proven its value over time:

WIESCO – The Wisconsin International Educational Scientific Cultural Organization.

WIESCO, Inc. grew out of deep-seated idealism, grounded in progressive development impulses of the 1970’s or even earlier. Today, these same impulses guide the work of the WIESCO enterprise, which reaches across the Atlantic and deep into the historically promising but lately especially forward-looking Polish province (*województwo*) of Lower Silesia (*Dolny Śląsk*), and elsewhere. Originally established in 1974 by retired teachers Don and Arlene Thompson of Racine, Wisconsin as Wisconsin International Education, Inc., it initially was sponsored and partially funded by the United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO). After the 1989 fall of Communism, it was reconstituted by Wisconsinites Brendan Kunda and Barbara Klippel as WIESCO, Inc., a free-standing, IRS-recognized, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, tax exempt organization designed to help American teacher volunteers become personal ambassadors committed to building educational ties around the world. Since 1994, WIESCO volunteers have worked with more than 25,000 students in English language/culture camps in: Brazil, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, and this coming year, Armenia.



Typical WIESCO classroom – Wisconsin State theme

Since Poland's entry into the European Union in May 2004, a critical lynchpin for the WIESCO/Poland partnership is the socio-economic future of Lower Silesia, and its projected impact on Poland and the E.U. This, in turn, underlies the WIESCO presence in Bożków and its relationship with its local host institution, the Agronomic Technical Public School (ZSA – Zespół Szkół Agrotechnicznych w Bożkowie):

a program custom designed to provide enhanced English language skills for higher educational and career planning, placement and progression.

WIESCO host institution in Bożków, ZSA The Agronomic Technical Public School



nearby town of Kłodzko WIESCO teachers excursion to Nowa Ruda



The overarching philosophy of WIESCO in Eastern Europe and beyond remains unchanged, namely, that people-to-people contact, focused on developing conversational language skills and promoting intercultural understanding, is paramount in contributing to a more peaceful, stable, cooperative global society. As the WIESCO motto states: "Building a World Community, Face-to-Face, Hand-in-Hand."

WIESCO teachers are American native English speakers, all unpaid volunteers drawn by idealism, adventure, curiosity, various forms of personal interest/commitment and a sense of challenge, representing all ages, professions, backgrounds, geographic locations, and individual circumstances. Teachers, selected under a competitive application process, are assigned to each WIESCO camp in sufficient numbers for each to be responsible for a homeroom normally comprising 10-12 students, ranging in age from ten to seventeen.

In Bożków, in 2016, as previously, an enrollment of approximately 80-100 students is expected, anticipating a corresponding number of American teachers. A small number of American teacher assistants also usually take part. Each teacher is responsible for providing a day-long teaching/activities-based learning experience over the designated period of the camp.

In return, housing and meals are fully provided to WIESCO staff during their stay. Each staff member, teacher or assistant, pays his/her airfare to/from the point of departure/return, with ground transportation in the host country provided by the host institution. Hosts also sponsor excursions for WIESCO staff to sites and events of cultural, historical and/or natural interest during and after the camp, as a means of recognizing the volunteer nature of the staff, helping to build rapport, deepening staff appreciation for the host country, and improving teaching effectiveness.

Another core tenet is to make language learning interesting and fun through participatory exercises that also stimulate creative thinking, the acquisition of skills in intonation, pronunciation, in-/formal vocabulary building, grammatical nuance appreciation, and interactive learning.



To find out more about, or apply for a WIESCO camp experience: www.wiesco.org, or contact Eric eric@wiesco.org or Gina Lewandowski gina@wiesco.org (608) 833-9022 For 2016 Poland Camp locations all application materials must be submitted by March 1, 2016.

Bożków: June 27 - July 8 Poznań: June 30 - July 8, 2016
Native Speakers in rural schools: Autumn 2016 - Mar. 31, 2017

some **2016 TRIPS TO POLAND** see also Jan 2016 newsletter for study trips and scholarships

PL 120,726 sq. mi. (size of New Mexico) vs. WI 65,503 sq. mi. Pop. 2015: 38.6 million vs. WI 5.7 Million

- 2015: Tourist-nights spent in Poland grew by 6.9% vs. average 3.2 % in the 28 EU member countries.
- Dutch tourists rated Kraków the best European city destination for the 3rd year: 8.9 points overall, vs. Vienna 8.8 points.
- Poland 7th highest-ranking country on the Lonely Planet's world's most beautiful destinations for tourists.
- Tourism generating over 5% of Poland's GDP.
- 18th most popular tourist destination in world.
- Poland was picked as one of the annual "12 Destinations to watch" by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA).

Burkhalter Tours - Madison 608-833-1525 or 800-556-9286 tours@burkhaltertravel.com

2016: Departures: 4/23 - 9/17/16

9 Day *Jewels of Poland* (6080) from \$1,299.00 (USD)

Rich cultural heritage, fascinating history, and beautiful landscapes make Poland an interesting place to discover. Starting in Warsaw with stops in Gdansk, Poznan, Krakow.

13 Day *Eastern European Panorama* from \$2,354.00 (USD)

14 Day *Best of Russia, Baltic States & Warsaw*

18 Day *Moscow to Baltic States, Poland & Prague*

20 Day *Moscow to Baltic States, Poland, Prague & Vienna Jewels of the Baltics & Scandinavia* (6930) from \$2,449.00

9 Day *Warsaw To Vienna* from \$1,579.00 (USD)

Travel To Poland With Me by Ann Pienkos

Wish to travel to Poland with a personal tour guide who is fluent in both English and Polish? Wish to travel with a tour guide who has a personal appreciation and knowledge of the beauty of Poland and its people?

I design personalized tours for individuals and small groups.

Since arriving in America at age nine, Ann (Lesniewski) Pienkos has traveled to Poland twenty times – most recently in September, 2015. Ann knows the "ins" and "outs" of travel in Poland. From cities to countryside, from museums to historic churches, from where to stay to where to dine, Ann will provide you with a trip to remember the rest of your life.

Interested in sample itineraries to Gdańsk, Warsaw, Kraków, Zakopane & more? For details, contact Ann at 262-745-6180, annpienkos@gmail.com or visit www.ToPolandWithAnn.com.

For information and photos (and to start planning your tour), go to Ann's website, www.ToPolandWithAnn.com.

<http://www.gofox.com/group-travel/poland-group-vacation>



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September 8 - 18 *Highlights of Poland Krakow to Warsaw*

Initial Deposit: \$400/ person. Final Payment Due June 1, 2016

JAN 17, 2016 WI STATE JOURNAL The AP's Monika Scislowska's 2015 Warsaw story "...almost every month brings something new..." included photos of Warsaw's Palace of Culture and Science, and the POLIN Museum of Polish Jews.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER DEC 2015/JAN 2017

Best of the World: 5th annual list of 20 great places to visit now.

MASURIAN LAKE DISTRICT, POLAND "Classic European countryside"

Picture of "Youngsters assemble a raft near the Krutynia River in Poland's Masurian Lake District."

2,000 lakes, boaters, bathers, canals, nature reserves

#Polska - Official Promotional Website

<http://www.polska.pl/en/experience-poland/>

"Experience Poland - Welcome to the official website of Poland! Get to know our country from the mountain tops of the Tatras, the waves of the Masurian lakes and the narrow paths of the Białowieża Forest. Visit cities and taste our cuisine.

Experience our hospitality and discover Poland for yourself!"

www.polska.pl/en/experience-poland/

July 25 - 31 WYD Kraków 2016

The international gathering with the Pope expects thousands of youth ages 16-35.



Gliwice Area, Poland

May 20 - 30, 2016 www.habitat.pl

COST: US \$1,820

includes a significant donation to

Habitat for Humanity, and covers the volunteer's accommodations, meals, in-country transportation and travel medical insurance. Habitat for Humanity's work in Poland dates back to 1992 in the town of Gliwice. Typical tasks include demolition, insulation, plastering and painting.

Friends of Fiber Arts: Lodz, Krakow, Warsaw

May 8 - 18 International Triennial of Tapestries

the most comprehensive survey of world-wide production of contemporary art in flexible materials and/or constructed using textile techniques. Works by up to 150 artists, 50 countries.

Polish Cultural Institute, Inc. & Museum

Winona, MN The Kasubian Capital of America

June 27-July 08, 2016 Guided tour of the Kashubian lands

which sent so many emigrants to Winona and Pine Creek The leaders of the tour will be Dr. Joseph Hughes, Professor of Classics at Missouri State University (Springfield, Missouri) and Mrs. Malgorzata Mazur, Certified Tour Guide (Gdansk, Poland). Please see <http://kashubia2016.blogspot.com/> for more details.

2016 for June 8 - 19th and Sept 6-17 Mater Dei Tours

Waunakee, WI (800) 515-2632 www.materdeitours.com/

Poland & Lithuania Land of Mercy, Land of Saints

pilgrimage following the lives of John Paul II, Maximilian Kolbe, Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, and others.

Classes and Lectures

31 March. 4 pm Youth, Transnational Imagination, and 1968 in Poland Malgorzata Fidelis, University of Illinois at Chicago
CREECA 206 Ingraham Hall, 1155 Observatory Dr, Madison.

from: <http://hist.uic.edu/history> "Malgorzata Fidelis teaches courses on Modern European, Eastern European, Polish, and Gender history. Her research focuses on social and cultural issues, particularly everyday life and the relationship between individuals and state power, in post-1945 Eastern Europe. Her first book, *Women, Communism, and Industrialization in Post-war Poland* (2010), is a study of female workers and communist policies in Poland....Her new research project concerns the social & cultural history of the "Sixties" in the E. Bloc, emphasis on youth & student cultures in a transnational context."

ongoing or past:

27 Jan - 27 April. 12 - 1:30 pm A History of Eastern Europe
PRE-REG. REQ. \$10 Madison Senior Center, 330 West Mifflin St.
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/node/16696> "Demystify the 'Other Europe' - Experience the astounding history of one of the world's most fascinating places, and fill in a critical gap in your understanding of the globe. This survey gives you the historical context to understand E. Europe today. Videos are narrated by Professor of History Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and are facilitated by James Lamal, a retired educator with a passion for learning."

28 Jan. CREECA UW-Madison Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia *Celebration of Faculty Research*
<http://www.creeca.wisc.edu/> Discussion participants:
. Rachel F. Brenner, Professor of Jewish Studies and 2015 USC Book Prize in Literary and Cultural Studies for *The Ethics of Witnessing: The Holocaust in Polish Writers' Diaries from Warsaw, 1939-1945* (Northwestern University Press, 2014)
. David S. Danaher, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature and author of *Reading Václav Havel* (2015).
. Halina Filipowicz, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature, author of *Taking Liberties: Gender, Transgressive Patriotism, and Polish Drama, 1786-1989* (2015).

Music

11 Dec KATOWICE, PL - Declared a UNESCO City of Music, the first Central and Eastern European city to win the title.

Szymon Wozniczka Polish music on WORT-FM 89.9 FM

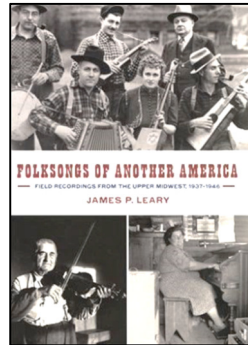


To be on his notification list:
szymon2005@sbcglobal.net
16 Jan. *Reggae from Poland*
8 Feb. included: "Polish Polka" from *Folksongs of Another America* and Polish-British Katy Carr's "Bomba" about Poland's WW2 codebreakers.

9 March. 8 pm Basia Bulat, Polish-Canadian folk singer-songwriter. High Noon Saloon, 701 E Washington Ave.
Basia sings on Youtube: W Zielonym Zoo (In The Green Zoo) which was popular in 1960s Poland.

Folksongs and Polkas

15 Feb. James P. Leary, Grammy *Best Album Notes* Nominee. Author of *Folksongs of Another America: Field Recordings from the Upper Midwest, 1937-46* (UW Press 2015)

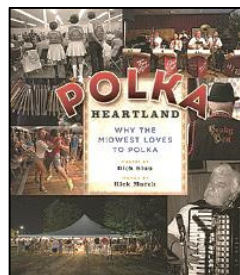


456-page book with CDs and DVDs
"Armed with bulky microphones, blank disks, spare needles, and cumbersome disk-cutting machines, several folklorists had the foresight to document and preserve a significant but overlooked part of the nation's musical heritage, made by immigrant, Native American, rural and working-class performers.... Alan Lomax's 1938 field recordings lumberjack, Finnish, French Canadian, German, Irish, Lithuanian, Ojibwe, Polish, Swedish performers."

CD 3 23. Edwina & Stephanie Lewandowski – Chodźcie gąski moje /
24. Felix Kania – Wedding March
25. Tony Strzelecki and possibly Tony Wasylk – Irish Washerwoman
26. Tony Strzelecki – Polish Polka
27. Adolph & Sylvester Romel – W żelaznej fabryce / In the Steel Mill
28. Tony Strzelecki and possibly Tony Wasylk – Turkey in the Straw
29. Felix Kania – Czerwono posiadło, a zielono zniszło / Red When It
30. Edwina & Stephanie Lewandowski – Goldmine in the Sky

CD 5 27. John Cieczczak – Zbojniki / Bandits' Dance
28. John Cieczczak – In the Style of Sabała
29. Bernice Bartosz – Matuś moja, matuś / Mommy, My Mommy
30. Bernice Bartosz – Miałeś czapkę / Hat with Peacock Feathers
31. Adam Bartosz – Zajumiały bory / The Forests Roared
32. Stasia Pokora – A witajże / Oh Hello

27 Feb. Richard March & James Leary, Mount Horeb Library
10 am History and live music! Polka Heartland why the Midwest Loves to Polka by Rick March (WI H Soc, 2015)
"... how "oompah-pah" came to be the sound of middle



America. From the crowded dance tent at Pulaski Polka Days to an off-the-grid Mexican polka dance in small-town Wisconsin...the artists, venues, instruments, and music-makers pivotal to polka's popularity across the Midwest and offers six full-color photo galleries to immerse readers in today's vibrant polka scene."

STORY: 2015 Autumn *WI MAGAZINE OF HISTORY*

LISTEN: 18 Feb. 10 am WI Public Radio interviews Rick March, Jerry Halkoski, Neal Zunker <http://www.wpr.org/listen/882246>
20 Feb. "an upbeat afternoon with music by the Happy Notes"
Rick March's Steven's Point talk was emceed by legendary polka dance host Jerry Halkoski.

22-24 April. 5th Annual "WI Dells Polka Fest & Expo"

Kids under age 16- Free <http://www.dellspolkafest.com/>
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MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31 *Dziękuję!*

1.00 USD = 3.94 PLN **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND: LITERACY: 99.8% (Poland 6th, S. Korea 1st)
UNEMPLOYMENT: Jan 10.3% vs. Dec 9.8% (Jan 2015 11.9%)
ECONOMY grew by 3.9% last quarter 2015, highest since 2011.
MOST HOMOGENEOUS IN EU: foreign citizens 0.3% of pop.
APPLE EXPORTER: Now 3rd behind Italy & USA.
2015 SURVEY OF 1,011 POLES - 4 in ten over age 50 incomes under PLN 2,000 (EUR 445) / mo. but 45% satisfied.
CORRUPTION PERCEPTION: 30th least. (Korea / Somalia 1st)
NA. RECEIPT LOTTERY - Raises awareness receipts play in a lawful economy. Now accepts receipts from more businesses.
SZCZECIN, Philharmonic Hall - The sawtooth-roofed building won the 2015 Mies van der Rohe Architecture Award.

4 Jan Tadeusz Kościuszko 270th birthday commemorated.

7 Jan NETFLIX announced its arrival in Poland.

LAKE LEDNICA, E. of Poznań - 9th century wicker fish trap found, contained the remains of > 4,000 fish.

13 Jan BRUSSELS, EU Commission - Started probe of Polish legislation that puts more power into the hands of the govt.
WARSAW - First of 3/wk. 10 hour Dreamliner flights to Tokyo.

15 Jan GDYNIA, Emigration Museum acquired 220 unique photos from the MS Batory, luxurious Polish ocean liner.

TATRA MTS. - Over Christmas/NYr. 6 people died. Rescuers oppose closing trails, they want to increase education.

15 Jan Standard & Poor's lowered Poland's foreign credit rating to BBB+ from A- due to changes since Oct. elections.

17 Jan WARSAW, Museum of Technology Industry - Polish Computer Games Exhibition: "Robbo" "Witcher III" "Superhot"

23 Jan COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY Led anti-government protests in ~ 40 towns and cities. "Our privacy is threatened, we could be tracked, and put under surveillance both in our homes and on the internet...Our telephone calls can be tapped without any kind of court procedure."

24 Jan 8 people froze to death. 90 since November.

HAIFA, Israel - Death of Auschwitz survivor 112 yr. old Yisrael Kristal, worked in the family's Łódź confectionary business.

25 Jan ZAKOPANE - Opening of "largest in world" 2,500 sq. m snow maze made from tens of thousands of ice blocks.

25 Jan-3 April BERLIN, Historical Museum - *Art from the Holocaust Exhibit*, 100 works by 50 Holocaust artists.

26 Jan KRAKÓW, Kazimierz - Ceremony unveiling bronze monument to WWII courier Jan Karski statue with bench.

27 Jan International Holocaust Remembrance Day - Several dozen survivors laid flowers on 71st Anniv. of Auschwitz liberation.

RUSSIAN BORDER - Poland sending 46,000 troops, Britain 1,000.

30 Jan CHICAGO, Consul General of the Republic of Poland -

Paulina Kapuscinska completed her 3 yr. Chicago assignment

4 Feb KRAKÓW, School of Art & Fashion Design "Junk Fashion Show"

6 Feb DANUTA SZAFIARSKA "First Lady of Polish theatre" 101.

9 Feb VERMONT, Presidential Primary - Bernie Sanders first Jewish candidate to win a presidential primary. His father was born in Słopnice, Poland, 31 mi. SE of Kraków.

10 Feb ZAKOPANE - 100 kph tore off roofs and knocked down power lines and hundreds of trees. In Tatras 200 kph.

18 Feb LECH WALESZA 'was a paid Communist informant' per 279 pg. taken from home of former interior minister.

19 Feb UDIM, Israel - Death of Samuel Willenberg, the last living survivor of Treblinka. b. 1923 Częstochowa, PL