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Get new one at
Spring Festival.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

As the PHCWI begins 2017, we are thankful for all the wonderful people who founded our club and the dedicated members who have worked so hard for over 35 years to keep us a thriving organization. The members of the 2017 Board look forward to serving you as we continue to conserve and grow our shared heritage. This year we will continue the work of defining the working relationships of the Inventory and Buying Committees. We are grateful to Tedd Mianowski & Marie Revolinski for their efforts.

Looking for an opportunity to cook like a Grandma? We are eager to start having small groups gathering to practice and make Polish foods. Check future newsletters for one or more upcoming opportunities.

I encourage every family to come to one or two just-for-fun activities with your fellow club members. Read a book with the Book Club, eat with the First Friday Breakfast Group, or join us for the Summer Picnic! Also encourage your children and grandchildren of college age to apply for the PHCWI's Scholarship.

We appreciate those of you who volunteered for upcoming activities. We will contact you to participate in the International Festival and the Spring Festival. If you are interested in volunteering but haven't signed up, let Linda Cagle know, so we can add you to the list. The Spring Festival is our club's special opportunity to remember our shared Polish cultural and spiritual activities of the Easter season, so please try to attend or lend a hand. Sincerely,

Marge Morgan, President

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SPRING FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our annual Palm Sun. Spring Festival (April 9 this year), is one of our major fundraisers. It's also a really festive & fun event to lift the cloud of winter doldrums. Many volunteers will be needed the day before & day of. First, we need a planning committee to lay the groundwork. It typically meets once to plan and divide the tasks & then communicates via email or phone. We need new ideas and talent and especially urge our newer members to come aboard. We should meet either Feb. 20, 21, or 22. If you can help, CONTACT: Linda Cagle, lindacagle@att.net, (608)244-2788 OR Gloria Welniak, gwelniak@charter.net, (608) 217-5652

Wisła River 550 Anniversary



Painting by Jan Nepomucen Glowacki (ca 1847)
Wisła river and barge landing at the foot of Wawel,

"Year 2017 marks the 550 anniversary of the first flis (transporting goods on rafts and floating barges) on the Wisła after Poland signed the Second Peace of Toruń (1466) with the Teutonic Knights and regained access to the upper part of the river and its mouth. Known also as the Queen of Polish Rivers, Wisła is a symbol of Polish identity & cultural heritage. For centuries, it was the main trading artery (for grains, timber and salt) and key factor in the economic boom that made Poland a major political and economic power in Europe during the "Polish Golden Age" (15th-17th cen.). ~from the PHCWI-Madison's website

you are invited to:

Feb 3 & Mar 3 - First Friday Breakfast 9 am
Feb - Chopin classes and concerts see inside
Mar 18 - register for April 1 Decoupage Eggs

Feb. 25. Overture Center 10:30-4:30
Polish Heritage Club at:

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Madison area:

1st Fri **FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST** 9 am Monona Garden Restaurant

1st Sun 3 pm Eucharist in Polish WI Dells (608) 254-8381

Polish Kids Club www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison

Trevor Stephenson RES. REQ: trevor@trevorstephenson.com

Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 Enrollment ends Jan 27. \$120.

Frederick Chopin: Four-part Course on His Piano Music

Feb 25 Sat 7 - 9 pm \$40 *Music of Chopin & Debussy House*

Concert Refreshments served.

21 Feb 7 pm **POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB** *Kraków in the Middle Ages*

25 Feb 10:30 - 4:30 **POLISH CLUB** at International Festival

26 Feb 4 pm Farley's House of Pianos: *All-Chopin Concert*

28 Feb *Pączki Day*

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

BURKHALTER TOURS FRIDAY FISH FRY Tour of Milwaukee

31 March Pick up on west and then east side of Madison.

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18 March register for 1 April 10am-12 *Decoupage Easter Eggs*

Pinney Branch Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd. (608)224-7100

7-9 April Madison Symphony: Witold Lutosławski *Concerto*

for Orchestra Prelude Discussion: John DeMain, MSO Director.

15 April Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets *Święconka*

9 April **POLISH HERITAGE CLUB** Spring Festival

28-30 Apr *Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest*, Chula Vista Resort

3 May Polish Constitution Day *Trzeciego Maja* 1999 WI SJR 11

Milwaukee: POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN, Franklin, WI

3 March - 14 April Lent Friday Fish Fry

WISCONSIN CLUB Tickets: www.syrenadancers.com

11 Feb *Bal Maskowy* - Ada Dziewanowska's 100th Birthday

Genealogy:

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

WEBINARS: "Those that log in first will be admitted...."

21 Feb 7 pm "*Caring for Keepsakes*" "This presentation will highlight heirloom preservation tactics for anyone caring for family keepsakes, from digitizing to basic archival care for common family treasures such as photo albums, loose photographs, Bibles, clocks, jewelry, and more. Dozens of photos illustrate best practices for digitizing artifacts, proper storage, and avoiding damage from poor storage & common hazards such as silverfish, mold, and acid migration. Discover what to save when you inherit a houseful of "treasures," how and where to store your keepsakes, and how to set up a home archive so you can easily access items for research & sharing." <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8256923685132587011>

21 March "*I Found My Family on the Internet! Now What...*"

WI Historical Society www.wisconsinhistory.org/

18 March *Genealogy & Technology*: Cloud Computing, Future Is

Now, Digitizing and Creating Keepsakes Using Family Photos

17 June *Digging Deeper into DNA Testing*

Scholarships, Studies, Teaching, and Travel

Teach English in Poland WIESCO: Wisconsin International Educational Scientific Cultural Organization <http://www.wiesco.org/>

due May 15: Polish Heritage Club - Madison Scholarship for WI residents post High School education.

Info/Application on website: www.phcwi-madison.org

Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship For undergrads at Jagiellonian Univ. 4 or 6 wks. Kosciuszko Foundation: <http://www.thekf.org/kf/programs/study/wsips/>

July - Aug: UW-Milwaukee Summer Study in Poland 2017

John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin. Open to students and the general public. CONTACT: Professor Michael J. Mikoś, UW-Milwaukee (414) 229-4151 or mikos@uwm.edu <https://uwm.edu/cie/summer-2016-faculty-led-programs/>

deadline Feb 15: University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

July 15th - August 4th, 2017 *European Union: Conflict, Cooperation, Integration POLI 363/INTL 381 - Politics of the European Union - a 3-credit course.* "Get an intensive, first-hand experience of Europe! What makes the European model different from the U.S. model in world politics and the global economy? This course-on-the-continent will examine historic sites, museums, businesses and institutions that illustrate Europe's intense conflicts with-in its own borders, as well as the steady growth of a common European identity. ...includes lectures on and tours of important institutions of the EU as well. Students from other universities and community members are welcome to apply." \$50 non-refundable application fee due with the application. (\$100 for non UW-Stevens Point students) Dr. Mert Kartal, Professor of Political Science (715) 346-4108 mkartal@uwsp.edu www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad

UW-Madison Slavic Deptment Edward I. Zawacki Award and Michael and Emily Lapinski Undergraduate Scholarships

UW SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE NEWSLETTER Vol. 17 Summer 2016: "We are fortunate, through the generosity of the Lapinski and Zawacki families, whom we recognized at this year's awards ceremony, to be able to provide awards and scholarships to undergraduates and graduates of distinction in their study of Polish language, literature, and culture. This year four outstanding students of Polish received the Michael and Emily Lapinski Undergraduate Scholarship for 2016-17: Justyna Chojnowski, Margaret Naczek, Zuzanna Sztul, and Samantha Walczuk. Two of these students, Margaret Naczek and Justyna Chojnowski, also received the Polanki Award for Outstanding Achievements in Polish Studies from the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee. One outstanding previous recipient of a Lapinski Scholarship, Natalia Chreptowicz, and one new student of Polish, Phillip Kuszel, received the Edward I. Zawacki Award for Outstanding Achievement in the study of the Polish Language, Literature & Culture. Finally, graduate student Anna Borovskaya-Ellis received a Lapinski Graduate Research Assistantship to enable her to devote the coming academic year to her dissertation on the Russian reception of Polish culture in the Thaw and Brezhnev eras."

CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*



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

2/4 Amy Sylve	3/3 John Hagen
2/6 Joanna Pasowicz	3/4 Kenneth Studinski & Douglass Allen
2/5 Joan Rubens	3/5 Joan Spindler
2/8 Butch Luick	3/7 Fred Janecek
2/11 John T Gaska	3/10 Sonja Hann
2/14 Karleen Tykinski	3/12 Laura Jasiczek
2/18 Larry Hochman	3/14 Deb Ankowicz
2/23 Jerry Halkoski	3/17 Mary B Good
2/24 Patty Zaller	3/21 Robert Kriz

3/22 Kasia Krzyzostaniak & Nancy Smiegowski

3/26 Thomas Stolarczyk

3/30 Szymon Wozniczka

3/31 Izabela Szlufarska Morgan & Mary Ellen Wiegand

Welcome new members: Janine M. Sullivan, Casimir & Zebulon Patek

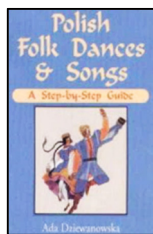
22 Jan Annual Meeting and Elections

Thank you to members who attended, and who sent in their absentee ballots to elect: VP-PRES.ELECT-2017 Allan Patek, TREASURER-2017-18 Linda Cagle, and DIRECTORS-2017-18:

Stephen Pienkos and Gloria Welniak. *Continuing on the Board:* VP-PRES.ELECT-2016 Marge Morgan becomes PRESIDENT-2017, PRESIDENT-2016 Ryszard Zolnik becomes PAST PRESIDENT-2017, SECRETARY-2016-17 Anne Evans, DIRECTORS-2016-17: Michelle Michalak and Laurie Ross. *Dziękuję for their service to our club:* PAST PRESIDENT-2016 Jane Dunn, DIRECTORS Patricia Brinkman '15-16, Sandy Witte 2016. Members, many wearing Packers green and gold, heard reports of club activities and finances. Gina and Eric Lewandowski told about teaching in Poland with WIESCO. And all enjoyed treats provided by the Board.

11 Feb MILWAUKEE Grand Ballroom of the Wisconsin Club Ada Dziewanowska's 100th Birthday Celebration at

Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble's "Bal Maskowy" (Masked Ball). "This formal affair brings to Milwaukee the tradition and charm of 'Old Warsaw' & the European elegance of 'Old Vienna'. Cocktails, Dinner, Opening Polonez at eight o'clock, Dancing until midnight. ~ Formal Attire ~ Period Costume optional ~ Complimentary Masks ~



Ada became the Ensemble's artistic director and choreographer in 1979. Her book is *Polish Folk Dances and Songs: A Step-by-Step Guide*.

The POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL NOV 2016 featured Staś Kmieć's stories about Ada. At the Ball, Staś will present highlights of her life in a stage presentation, and using multi-media projection. The JAN 2017 PAJ had a front page picture about the Bal Maskowy.

*Our Club members have enjoyed Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble's performances at Polish Fest, and other events, most recently at our club's 35th Anniversary Celebration Oct. 15, 2015 at Olbrich Gardens. *Our club posted a congratulatory ad in the Bal Maskowy program brochure, and at our Annual Meeting members signed a birthday card. Best wishes to Ada!*

ALSO IN POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL JAN 2017 pg. 6 POLONIA PLACES: by Gregory L. Witul: *Blochwiak Dairy Co. Home of Bright Star Dairy* 2934 South 9th St. Milwaukee. 23 yr. old John Blochwiak came from Poland in 1902. He started the dairy when his one cow provided more milk than his family needed. The dairy closed in 1972.

21 Feb 7 pm POLISH HERITAGE CLUB BOOK CLUB:

Thank you to Ralph and Karleen Tykinski who will host us at their east Madison home. Please contact them about your coming: revralph341@yahoo.com or (608) 873-6041

TOPIC: Kraków in the Middle Ages 500 - 1500 AD

7th cen: Krak and Wanda mounds created
9th cen: Slavic tribe Vistulans (Wiślanie) controlled the south
960-992: Prince Mieszko I annexed land to the Polish state
965: First written record of the city by a Spanish merchant
990: Incorporated into the Piast dynasty
1000: Krakow Bishopric estab. in Krakow, cathedral built
1038 -1596: Capital of Poland, brick buildings constructed
1241: Tartar/ Mongol raid, most of city destroyed
1313: Town Hall built (approximate date)
1320: Coronation of King Władysław in Wawel Cathedral
1335: Kazimierz is founded on east bank of Wisła River
1364: Jagiellonian University founded
1386: Wedding of Polish Queen Jadwiga/ Lithuanian Jagiello
1395: Cloth Hall built
1397: St. Mary's Basilica built
1455: Fire destroys much of Krakow
1473: First work printed in Poland
1494: Huge fire, gates burned down, Jews expelled

Some sources: ON-LINE:

• **Kraków's Rynek Underground exhibition:** daily life, the city and medieval Europe www.mhk.pl/exhibitions/6.

IN MADISON LIBRARY:

• **The Trumpeter of Krakow** Eric P. Kelly WIKIPEDIA: "Centered on the historical fire that burned much of Kraków in 1462, tells the fictional story of a family of Joseph Charnetski, a Polish noble family from Kresy (modern day Ukraine), who fled to Kraków in 1461 after their home is burned to the ground by the Cossack-Tartars of Bogdan Grozny, commonly known as "Peter of the Button Face" because of the button-shaped pockmark on his cheek." Stories of John Kanty /St John Cantius, early chemistry, alchemy, chrysopoeia. 1929 Newbery.

• **King Krakus and the Dragon** by Janina Domanska



FROM AMAZON.COM: • **Cracow: An Illustrated History** by Zdzislaw Zygmunt "This concise volume offers the reader a panoramic view of Cracow, from its mythical founding to its designation as a European City of Culture in the 21st cen."

• **A History of Krakow for Everyone** Jan M. Małecki "It is a fascinating story of the history of Krakow, and a superb guide, peppered with curiosities, anecdotes and quotes..."

April 1 Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd. 10 am-noon



Decoupage Easter Eggs

Using real blown eggs, apply colorful printed papers to create gorgeous vintage-chic and collaged eggs. You will also learn to prepare artificial eggs with papier mache and paint.

There will also be a discussion of the use of Polish wycinanki and other papercut treatments of eggs. A wide variety of papers and materials will be provided. Please bring a sharp scissors and a small hair dryer if possible. 12 openings. Pre-registration is required. First registration date is [3/18/2017](http://www.mhk.pl) at 9 am. (608)224-7100. *Presenter:* Gloria Welniak

The WIESCO Experience in Poland by Gina and Eric Lewandowski 2017

The Wisconsin International Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization (WIESCO) is an IRS-recognized, fully tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that conducts language learning programs which promote: (1) English conversational skills and (2) an appreciation for American culture. It does this through program ties between institutions in host countries and volunteer teachers and staff who serve as “personal ambassadors” focused on student language learning abroad. Established in 1974, with sponsored funds from the United Nations Educational Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) it was reorganized along nonprofit lines after the 1989 fall of Communism in Eastern Europe utilizing a variety of funding sources. Since 1994, WIESCO volunteers have worked with more than 30,000 students at summer camps in Brazil, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, and Armenia.



WIESCO Bozkow Summer English Language Program Co-Directors Eric & Gina Lewandowski with Polish National Minister of Education, Anna Zalewska (center), and administrative aide.

Since Poland joined the European Union in May 2004, WIESCO has helped anchor the socio-economic future of Polish (and other) citizens by promoting critical language learning skills among persons eager to take part in the wider European political economy. Since 2011, along with other locations, WIESCO has operated a successful and steadily growing summer camp program in Bożków (BOZH koof), Lower Silesia, where it maintains a strong relationship with its local host institution, the Władysław Reymont Agronomic Technical Public School, ZSA - Bożków.



Through the years, this WIESCO Summer English Language Program has engaged more than 40 American native-English language teachers and student assistants from across the U.S.

in delivering over 4,200 person-hours of intensive classroom- and activity-based English language training to approximately 500 new and returning Polish (and Czech) students, ages 8-18, plus smaller groups of adult learners, eager to extend and refine their English speaking skills. The goal is to help learners prepare for important life and career roles, including entry into institutes of higher technical training and academic learning in Poland and other European countries. In 2016, the Program was recognized by Polish educational officials at both the provincial and national levels.



Picturesque Tabletop mountain and Lower Silesian countryside

A rural hamlet of some 1,600 souls located in the picturesque Table Mountains that straddle southwestern Poland and the Czech Republic, tiny Bożków is located in the scenic Kłodzko (KWAT sko) Valley, near the town of Nowa Ruda – part of the Polish province of Lower Silesia, 47 miles from Wrocław.



Scenic Nowa Ruda

Small and remote as it is, Bożków, known for more than 200 years as “Eckersdorf,” always has been something of a focal point of regional and occasionally even wider (inter-)national attention. This attention is due to its central location in a region perennially recognized as a cultural crossroads. Already noted in Roman times for archaeological remains even more ancient, Lower Silesia lay on the fabulous Amber Route between the Baltic and Mediterranean as well as along other well-travelled east-west trade lines. Beyond European commerce, the area itself was (and is) a land of immense natural beauty and wealth, endowed with rich deposits of coal and minerals, inestimable fertility, forestry, fauna, and myriad springs, lakes and rivers (the Oder/Odra, Neisse/Nyssa and numerous tributaries of the Elbe/ Labe), fed from pure mountain sources all around. Not surprisingly, it always has been coveted by wandering tribes and a kaleidoscopic succession of settlers drawn by its bounty.

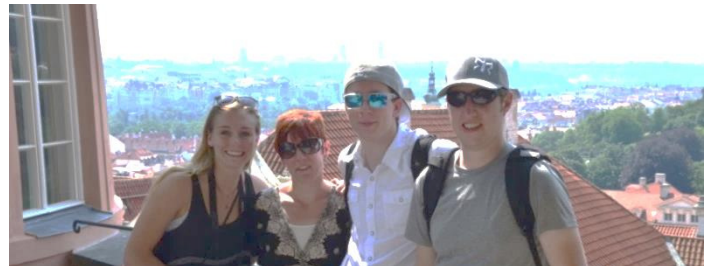
At various times, Lower Silesia has been settled by peoples, now considered indigenous and principally seen as West Slavic or Germanic, but in reality a true congeries of ethnic groups, anthropologically distinguished only by their perceived points of origin: ancient Celts, Vandals, Silesians, Bohemians, Poles, Austrians, Prussians and Germans, as well as Hungarians, Gypsies, Armenians, Jews and many others. Each has left its mark on the physical, physiological, linguistic and historical landscape, resulting in a panoplied tapestry of interconnected elements further reflecting blended varieties of folk art, architecture, religion, cultural traditions, collective memory and popular aspirations.

Also at various times under Polish, Czech and German rule, including local governance by the noble Magnis family, Bożków itself is emblematic of persisting complex societal relations. Indeed, local inhabitants frequently invoke references to a past that mirrors its diverse antecedents. For example, the village centerpiece is a care-worn, but still impressive castle (Palace of Bożków) dating from the period of Prussian overlordship and whose ongoing derelict condition may be linked (at least in part) to residual unresolved feelings about its Teutonic past. *Palace of Bożków*



A more uplifting example is the intense attraction by the heavily Roman Catholic population to the nearby imposing basilica Shrine of Wambierzyce, “the Silesian Jerusalem,” one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Poland, with its strong Bohemian and Moravian religious heritage. The mixture of Polish, German and Czech names among the modern day population, despite the official relocation of persons of German ancestry after World War II, is yet another enduring historical legacy. However, perhaps the most hopeful indicator of a healthy emerging regional identity – even post-Brexit- remains the inexorable draw of the local populace to a modern, technically advanced, technologically sophisticated, politically integrated, & economically cohesive Europe. Americans also now factor positively into this evolving environment through WIESCO efforts to help local residents overcome preconceptions and past prejudices & work to promote active participation in a more broadly inviting and inclusive Europe.

Students outside of ZSA –Bożków during recess



WIESCO teaching staff on excursion – friendship & camaraderie

In 2017, as before, the two-week Bożków program July 3-14, will employ project-based learning in Week One, with a special emphasis on personal expression through adaptive role-playing in vignette settings focused on the theme “Immigration, Emigration and Migration in Polish History.” 100-125 students are expected. Week Two will concentrate on activities-based learning, including indoor/outdoor sports and athletics, arts, crafts, music, games, intensive conversational practice and other planned diversions. Eight or nine WIESCO teachers selected from among applicants who apply online and meet educational and health requirements, along with a \$400 application fee (refundable in the event of non-selection), will take part. A number of positions for student assistants of approximately high school age, who likewise apply online, also are available. A follow-on week of advanced language exercises targeting 50 students, ages 15-18, also is being planned for July 17-22 at a location on the Baltic. Further information about this activity will be made available once preparations have been finalized.



WIESCO teacher Melissa Sullivan and her creative students.



Students and teachers creating memories line dancing.

For further information and applications: www.wiesco.org.

Contact co-directors Gina gina@wiesco.org or

Eric eric@wiesco.org or by phone at (608) 833-9022

**WIESCO Building a World Community
Face to Face, Hand in Hand**

some 2017 TRIPS TO POLAND

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

Record year: Wieliczka Salt Mine - UNESCO World Heritage Site. Before end of 2016, 1.5 million visitors viewed the historic statues, large chapel and lake on the 3.5km route. **2016 TATRA MOUNTAINS had record number of 3.5 million visitors**

A Month-by-Month Guide July: Gdansk, Poland

MONEY's best places to go in 2017 by Stirling Kelso, Jan 2017: sightsee on the Baltic: get an overview by taking a free walking tour that meets daily (tips encouraged), visit St. Mary's Church, a medieval port crane, European Solidarity Centre, Oliwa Cathedral organ recitals...

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by Sarah Schmalbruch / ThisIsInsider.com "I Lived in Europe for 5 Years- These Are the Places I Tell All My Friends to Visit."

POLAND: CYCLING THROUGH THE OLD WORLD

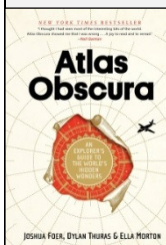
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Oct. '16 WI Book Festival, Central Library co-author



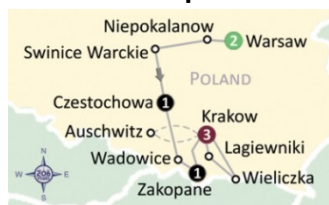
Ella Morton signed books at the book release celebration. "The definitive guide to the world's wondrous and curious places...more than 700 of the world's strangest and most amazing places.....*Cloud Demon Repelling Tower in Koniówka, Poland: A tower in a small Polish village uses the power of a sacred bell to ward off mischievous weather spirits.*"

Czocha Castle, Poland: College of Wizardry

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Films & Radio

19-29 Jan Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UTAH

Polish Shorts: Heat /Skwar - A young boy does his friend a favor - pretends to be him, visits his senile grandmother.
Close Ties/Więzi - Barbara & Zdzislaw will soon celebrate their 45th anniversary—despite their constant bickering.
Pussy/Cipka - Alone at home, a young girl decides to have a solo pleasure session—not everything goes according to plan.
Premier: POLKA KING Jan Lewan (Jack Black) comedy/ tragedy.

12 Feb 59th Grammy Awards - 3 Polish nominees:

Best Choral Performance for CD: composer Krzysztof Penderecki recorded by the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus.
Best Opera Recording: Royal Opera House -Karol Szymanowski's "King Roger" sung by Polish baritone Mariusz Kwiecień.
Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble: selection of composer Jerzy Fitelberg's chamber works by the Canadian ARC Ensemble.

26 Feb Academy Awards: BEST SHORT DOCUMENTARIES

Close Ties/Więzi - about a 45 year marriage - was on the list of 10 considered, but did not make the final 5 nominees. *Others:*
End of the World/Koniec świata - lonely people want to talk
Invisible/Niewidzialne - everyday life of blind 88 yr. old poet
The Dogcatcher/Hycel - loner returns lost dogs to owners
The Tenants/Lokatorki - young woman buys a flat at auction



Feb/March: *Bitter Harvest* Filmed in Ukraine, this romantic-drama film is set during the famine of 1932–33. Two lovers struggle to survive the Holodomor Soviet regime with their Cossack grain farmer families.

March: *The Zookeeper's Wife* Based on the 2007 book by Diane Ackerman. Stars Jessica Chastain as Antonina Żabińska. Tells the story of keepers of the Warsaw Zoo who helped save hundreds of people and animals during WWII.

David Ost: The Rise of the Right in Eastern Europe

on WORT 89.9 FM ARCHIVES archive.wortfm.org/

A Public Affair - Thur Dec 22 12:01 pm 1 hour until Feb 20

"The ultra right-wing movement appears to be ascendant globally." Allen Ruff talks about this global threat with David Ost, Prof. Political Science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, a frequent visiting professor in E. Europe, particularly Poland. He is an internationally known scholar in the fields of E. European labor, political economy, and democratization. BOOKS: *Solidarity and the Politics of Anti-Politics*, *The Defeat of Solidarity: Anger and Politics in Postcommunist Society*. "<http://www.wortfm.org/rise-of-the-right-in-eastern-europe/>

Chopin WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO Classical Archives

Dec 22 12:00 The Midday Host Norman Gilliland talked with sisters Isabella and Audrianna Wu, both Final Forte 2016 and Polish Fest's Chopin Competition finalists. Audrianna performed two Chopin compositions, & spoke about the technical challenges of *Variations Brillantes, Op.12* and the moods of *Nocturne Op. 62, No. 2 in E Major* - begins smoothly, then emotional, then ends calmly.

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Chopin Classes and Concerts

Trevor Stephenson at his W. Madison home. RESERVATIONS:



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"Trevor Stephenson is an early keyboard specialist based in Madison. He started the Light and Shadow Record and Concert Company, and is the artistic director and harpsichordist of the Madison Bach Musicians. Trevor has recorded fifteen albums, and gives concerts and lectures throughout the United States."

2, 9, 16, 23 Feb Thur. 6–7:30 pm Enrollment closes Jan 27

Frederick Chopin: Four-part Course on His Piano Music

Reading knowledge of music suggested. \$120 Class limited to 15.

Feb. 2: Waltzes, Preludes

Feb. 9: Nocturnes, Mazurkas

Feb. 16: Etudes, Polonaises

Feb. 23: Ballades, Scherzos

PIANOS: 18th c. Fortepiano (Sheppard after Stein)

c. 1840 Cottage Upright Piano (attr. C. Smart)

c. 1850 English Parlor Piano (Collard & Collard)

c. 1855 Viennese Concert Grand Piano (Bösendorfer)

TOPICS: Origins of his compositional style, tonal qualities of his pianos, early 19th c temperaments, fingering, pedaling, articulation, touch, tempo, tempo rubato

25 Feb Sat. 7 - 9 pm Music of Chopin & Debussy

House Concert. Refreshments served. \$40 RESERVATIONS REQ.

Adam Neiman: 26 Feb 4 pm \$45 All-Chopin Program -



The 24 Preludes and The Four Ballades

Farley's House of Pianos 6522 Seybold Rd "American pianist Adam Neiman is praised for possessing a rare blend of power, bravura, imagination, sensitivity, and technical precision. Mr. Neiman obtains an established international career and an encyclopedic repertoire that spans more than sixty concerti. The Chicago Tribune says, "What makes Adam Neiman a genuine rarity is that he plays with imagination and authority, not just an extra helping of technique."

Pavel Kolesnikov: Chopin's Mazurkas from Jacob

Stockinger's *The Well-Tempered Ear* Dec. 27:

10 Classical Albums That Saved 2016

Dec. 22 *deceptive cadence:* National Public Radio (NPR) critic Tom Huizenga wrote: "In a year brimming with compelling albums from solo pianists ... three recordings



provided varying degrees of blissful escape. Controlling the subtlest details of color and rhythm, young Russian Pavel Kolesnikov makes each of the two dozen Mazurkas on his new album sound as if they've been made up on the spot. His finespun performance of the trippy *Op. 17, No. 4 in A minor* should be registered as an intoxicant." 9/26 *deceptive cadence:* <http://www.npr.org/sections/deceptivecadence/2016/09/21/494291023/songs-we-love-pavel-kolesnikov-chopin-mazurka-in-a-minor-op-17-no-4>

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Occupation/Business is/was:

Retired?

Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

1.00 USD = 4.07 Złoty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND: Nov. unemployment 8.2% - lowest in 25 years.

- Olympic hammer throw champion Anita Włodarczyk voted 2016 Polish Sportsperson. Her world record is 82.98 meters.
- In 2016 > 457,000 new cars registered, highest since 2000.
- Greenpeace gathered ~9,000 signatures to stop bison hunting.
- GERMANY most popular destination for Poles seeking work.
- 1 in 5 adult Poles has worked abroad at least once in the past.
- BIEDRONKA, largest grocery chain, opened 83 stores in 2016.
- 500+ PROGRAMME cost PLN 15.4 by November. It provides PLN 500 (EUR 114) to families for the 2nd child onwards.

27 Dec 98th anniv. 1918 Greater Poland Uprising celebrations.

Russian ambassador criticized Poland /US missile deal.

28 Dec "Defense Ministry is luring scientists working abroad back to their home country with a new financing program."

29 Dec Archbishop Henryk Hoser, 74, hospitalized/diagnosed with malaria. He was a missionary in Rwanda for 21 years.

KRAKÓW, Czartoryski Foundation's Art - Culture Ministry signed deal to buy the collection, includes Lady with Ermine.

5 Jan ~ 8,500 homes without electricity, heavy snowfall and winds downed power lines, foods in Świnoujście & Elbląg

9 Jan Smog levels high - free public transport in several cities.

33 of the European Union's 50 most polluted cities are in Poland. "Like smoking a thousand cigarettes a day."

10 Jan -20 temps across PL. 71 hypothermia deaths since Nov 1.

14 Dec CHICAGO, Argonne National Laboratory - Physicists from Poland's first synchrotron SOLARIS visited.

20 Dec KATOWICE - 4 kg of cocaine in box of bananas seized. ZAKOPANE, Tatra Museum - Completion of conservation work on 462 18th-19th century glass paintings, most from Silesia.

21 Dec WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOC. - Social Fan Favorite Player Award won by Agnieszka Radwańska for the 6th time.

27 Dec BERLIN -7 immigrants accused of setting fire to a homeless Pole as he slept on a bench in the Berlin underground.

28 Dec ORDER OF SMILE awarded to footballer Kuba Błaszczykowski for his care of children. He drank cup of lemon juice.

29 Dec WARSAW - "Mastermind of 2014 Waitergate" sentenced to 30 mo. in jail for taping of >100 people in restaurants.

30 Dec BANIE,NW PL - Funeral of truck driver hijacked in Berlin Christmas Market attack. Poland's truck drivers honked horns

1 Jan ELK, NE Poland - Riots after Tunisian cook charged with murdering a Pole who left his kebab restaurant w/o paying.

3 Jan KRAKÓW - Death of last 304 pilot Ludwik Krempa, 100.

8 Jan WARSAW - one of 60 cities "No pants Subway Ride" day.

MATEUSZ KIJOWSKI, leader of KOD -apologized, admitted donations to the movement were used to pay his company for IT.

GDAŃSK - Lech Wałęsa's son found dead in apartment.

10 Jan HONG KONG - Death of Clare Hollingworth 105, British war correspondent who broke news of 1939 German invasion

13 Jan WARSAW - President Duda signed controversial budget.

15 Jan WORLD MIGRANT REFUGEE DAY -"First steps in Poland" is a new mobile app.to help newcomers adapt.

14 Jan ZAGAN, W. Poland - PM B.Szydło welcomed U.S. troops 1st time W. forces deployed continuously on NATO's E .flank.

16 Jan WISŁA - Ski jumper Kamil Stoch won his 2nd World Cup.

17-20 Jan DAVOS, Switzerland, World Economic Forum - Mateusz Morawiecki: social justice, not just economic growth, is vital.

20 Jan SZCZECIN SHIPYARD, NW Poland - Sold to a Polish investment fund for PLN 100 million. It closed Jan. 2009.

23 Jan DRAWSKO POMORSKI, NW PL ~4,5000 soldiers from 6 NATO countries began military exercises *Bison Drawsko 2017*.