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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Welcome to Summer.

I and five other presidents of Wisconsin's Polish-American organizations have invited the Polish Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency, Piotr Wilczek to attend Wisconsin's Polish Independence Day and Veteran's Day observance on November 5, 2017. Look for future announcements about this event in an upcoming newsletter.

#### Summer activities are proceeding apace.

Thank you to Kasia Virgell and her mother Czesia Czajkowska for leading our June 10<sup>th</sup> Pierogi Class. Take a look at the pictures both on our Facebook page and in the newsletter. Many club members also went to Milwaukee for Polish Fest and had a great time celebrating Polish customs and traditions.

**More summer activities are coming.** July 4<sup>th</sup> Butch Luick is leading us during Evansville's parade. Please come out either to join us for some fun as a participant on our float or as a spectator along the route. The club is also participating in other parades, so please join us.

**And please mark your calendars.** The Club Picnic is on August 13 at Lakeview Park in Middleton. I'm looking forward to catching up with you and your families.

Wishing you a great Summer,  
Marge Morgan

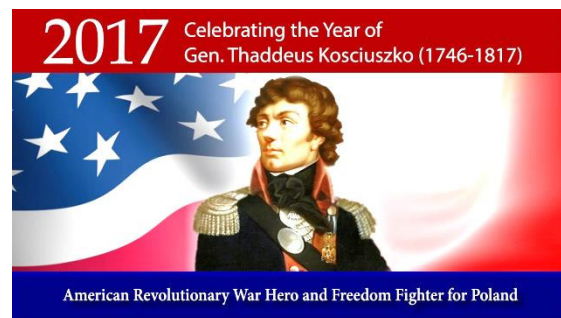
### COME JOIN THE SUMMER FUN!

POLISH HERITAGE CLUB AT PARADES  
Evansville July 4 and Middleton Aug. 27.

More details coming. Our members hand out candy at the curbs as The Luick's Red Truck drives the parade route. Each parade is different, making it interesting. Members who have costumes and are willing to let another member use them for the parades would be most welcome. Please contact:

Barbara Lomperski (608) 238- 9189  
[lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com](mailto:lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com)

### Kościuszko Bicentenary International Competition



picture from: The Kosciuszko Foundation, New York  
"A wonderful opportunity for Lovers of Liberty & Equal Rights to participate in the Australian Celebrations of the Polish Parliament Proclaimed and UNESCO-sanctioned "KOSCIUSZKO BICENTENNIAL" honoring the 200th Anniversary of Kosciuszko's passing."

Adults and high school students can submit up to three entries about Kosciuszko's life in these categories: MUSIC, GRAPHIC ARTS & LITERATURE. See [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org) for entry forms, topics, and stories about his secret garden, tunnel excavation, faithful servant Agrippa, and links to books, movie and music. Over \$10,000 in prizes  
*Sponsors:* Kościuszko organizations in New York, Sydney, Krakow, Warsaw. Due July 31

*You're invited, please save the dates!*

**7 July, 4 Aug 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Breakfasts**

**1 Aug 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB:**  
Joseph Conrad life and books/movies

**13 Aug 11-3 pm POLISH CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC**  
for members, family and friends. 6300 Mendota Ave (Lakeview Park) Middleton (west of Allen Blvd -NOT the park next to lake) in the large shelter. The park has a big play area with a Splash Pad - bring children and grand-children! Be sure to invite family, friends, new members.

*Share & promote Polish traditions!*



*Good fun & pierogi at our June 10 class, thanks to Kasia Virgell, her mom Czesia & President Marge Morgan. More of Kasia's photos on the PHCWI's Facebook.*

**Madison area:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fri Breakfast 9 am Monona Garden Family Restaurant  
 Polish Kids Club [www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison](http://www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison)  
 UW-Madison Polish Students [win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA](http://win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA)

**POLISH HERITAGE CLUB** at parades:

7/4 Evansville, 8/27 Middleton

1 Aug 7 pm **POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB** Joseph Conrad

13 Aug **POLISH CLUB PICNIC** Lakeview Park, Middleton

October POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November **POLISH CLUB BAZAAR** December **POLISH CLUB WIGILIA**

Nov/Dec Madison Polish Film Festival

**Milwaukee:**

21 July Polish Moon Bike Ride

22 Oct Polanki Soup Festival

17-18 Nov Holiday Folk Fair

**POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN, Franklin, WI**

17 Sept 10am - 4 pm Mushroom Madness

22 Sept 7-10 pm Polish Beer Tasting & Vodka Experience

25 Sept 7 pm Dr. James Pula, Kosciuszko Lecture

12 Oct 7 pm John Gurda, Milwaukee Lecture

5 Nov Polish Independence and Veteran's Day Observance

16 Nov 7 pm Dr. Anna Mazurkiewicz, Emigres Efforts Lecture

**Portage County, WI**

INFO. FROM:

Stevens Pt C&VB [www.stevenspointarea.com/](http://www.stevenspointarea.com/)  
[www.polishconnection.com](http://www.polishconnection.com) "Dance News"

Ruth Lietz (TO RECEIVE EMAILS: [polkaruth@hotmail.com](mailto:polkaruth@hotmail.com))

July 2 St. Mary of Mount Carmel - Fancher, Amherst  
 2-7 pm New Polish Sounds alt/w Rich Raclawski

July 9 St. Bronislava Festival, Plover  
 Polish Connection alt/w Cynor Classics

July 13-16 Portage Co. Fair of Amherst

July 15-16 St. Mary's-Torun, Stevens Point  
 Sun 3:30-7 pm Chad Przybylski

July 23 Holy Spirit, Fremont St, Stevens Point

**less than three hours from Madison:**

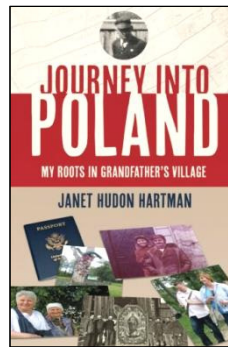
**20-23 July Pulaski WI Polka Days** "One of the largest annual Polish and polka fests in the Midwest. Art & craft show, Polka Mass and Lutheran Worship Service on Sun, parade at noon. Campsites, fireworks, firemen's water fights, food & fun."

New Generation, Chad Przybylski Polka Rhythms, Maroszek Brothers Aaron Socha LiveWIRE, TNT (The Natural Talent), DynaBrass, The Boys, Polka Dynamics, Polish Connection, Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo, Polka Country Musicians, Jeff Winard Band, Mollie B & Ted Lange & Squeezebox, Box On, The Knewz, Eddie Blazonczyk Reunion Tour, IPA Tribute Band, Keith Stras & Polka Confetti, Concertina Rich, Music Connection, Mark Jirikovac Band

**28, 29 and 30 July Pierogi Fest Whiting, Indiana** Pierogi Parade, Toss and Eating contest; Mr. Pierogi Songfest...more

**Genealogy:****"Perseverance Pays Off in Searching for Family Roots"**

*Journey Into Poland: My Roots in Grandfather's Village*  
 by Janet Hudon Hartman pub. 2015 [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com):



"... a memoir about family and the search for my roots, but it's more than that.

I wanted to introduce you to its enchanting beauty; its friendly, obliging people; and sprinkle in some of its history one must know in order to understand the Polish character. ...I wanted to share that flawless simplicity which I feel is — the real Poland, hidden from the world and often from the descendants of those daring early adventurers who crossed the ocean in life threatening conditions aboard overloaded boats. The story of Polish immigrants doesn't end with startling statistics or the intake center at Ellis Island. It continues for decades, sometimes we are lucky enough to discover who we really are." (see PAJ 4/17)

**Dane County Genealogical Society [www.dcags.org](http://www.dcags.org)**

8 July 9:30 am Outing to Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison

**WI State Genealogical Society [wsgs.org/index.php](http://wsgs.org/index.php)**

WEBINARS at 7 pm: "Those that log in first will be admitted"

**18 July Finding Online Resources from Lineage Societies**

"Many of us know that lineage societies have been collecting and preserving family histories for over 125 years, but did you know that some of these treasures can be found for free online? And you don't even have to be a member to take advantage of them! Thousands of applications and supporting documents have been submitted to lineage societies over the years, and your brick wall ancestor could be hiding in the file of one of their members. From the databases and downloadable documents of the DAR, to simple lists of pioneers and soldiers, this class will show you what gems are available online and where to find them. By the time we are finished, you just might be inspired to join!"

**Family History Center, 755 Woelfel Rd, Brookfield WI**

8 Sept 9 - noon Family History Festival No registration required. Register for monthly workshops at: [mnsfhcworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:mnsfhcworkshops@gmail.com) tel.262 641-7408

**29 July 8 pm JOE'S VIOLIN on POV WI Public TV Channel 21**

2017 Oscar Nominee Best Documentary (Short Subject) 24 min.  
 WATCH ON: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D5h\\_Y8N4tg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D5h_Y8N4tg)  
 A 91-year-old Holocaust survivor's violin changes the life of a 12-year-old girl from the Bronx. Joe was born in Warsaw in 1923. He played a violin growing up, found this story's violin in a DP camp, and again played his mother's favorite "Solveig's Song". Story in Sept. 2016 NEW YORKER:  
<http://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/a-holocaust-survivors-violin-finds-a-new-home>



## CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

### SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*



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

Anniv:7/4 Marge & Paul Morgan 7/12 Jane & Jerry Dunn  
7/8 Marcia & Phil Flannery 7/21 Fred & Carol Janecek  
7/9 Mel & Mary Perlman 7/25 Basia Pulz & Scott Jordan

7/1 Kathleen Farnsworth,7/4 Veronica Guski/Pearl Urbanowicz  
7/6 Ralph Tyksinski/Judy Bender 7/20 John T Gaska  
7/9 Emma Czarapata 7/23 Heather Hagen/Sharon Stern  
7/12 Gloria Welniak 7/26 Linda Ganski/Norine Vedeges  
7/17 Aimee Gauger 7/27 John Benninghouse  
7/18 Basia Pulz 7/29 Diane M Pillsbury

**Nanny Needed - Chicago** If you know anyone looking for a nanny position in Chicago for a mid-August newborn, please contact Basia Pulz [basiapulz222@gmail.com](mailto:basiapulz222@gmail.com)

**Wish List** Our Polish Heritage Club is growing steadily and with growth, we have increasing needs. If you can help out, we would appreciate donations of new or gently used equipment and supplies to help our club function more efficiently. Please contact any of the Board of Directors - pg. 1. *Thank you!*

- Portable microphone/simple sound system (Karaoke?)
- Apple laptops or tablets for cashiers • Office supplies: bond copy paper (white & colors), card stock, poster board, felt markers, file folders, binders, duct+clear strapping tape
- Artificial flowers (not plastic) for wianki and Polish Palms
- Polish memorabilia, art or crafts for silent auctions
- LED Christmas light strings • CD player and Polish music CDs
- Polish/English dictionaries • File cabinet approx. 2'-3' height

**CAN YOU HELP? Inventory Committee** computer data entry.  
CONTACT: Tadzium (Tedd) Mianowski (608) 335-3503

**Publicity** to get the word out about our club, and special events, especially the Spring Festival and Bazaar.  
CONTACT: Diane Turner 294-048 [dmtturner643@gmail.com](mailto:dmtturner643@gmail.com)

**Newsletter mailing** 10 x/year, takes about 2 hours

**Do you want your newsletter emailed?** (in color + hyperlinks)  
CONTACT: Rose M (608) 233-3828 [phcwiNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:phcwiNEWS@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR CLUB!**

**1 Aug 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB Joseph Conrad** Please contact Ralph & Karleen Tyksinski about your coming to their east Madison home: [revralph341@yahoo.com](mailto:revralph341@yahoo.com) 608 873-6041  
**7, 14, 21 July 8pm WPTV *The Secret Agent*** (Conrad's story).

### **Polish Fest -Milwaukee: Madison Chopin Piano winners:**

JUNIOR DIVISION 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Antonio Wu age 13 Jefferson MS  
*Variations Brillantes in Bb Major (Op. 12)*  
SENIOR DIVISION 3<sup>rd</sup> - Audianna Wu age 17 Memorial HS  
*Grand Polonaise Brillante in Eb Major (Op. 22)*



### **Madison's Polish Club attendees**

included these cool PHCWI Directors:  
Shelle Michalak,  
Anne Evans and  
Laurie Ross.

## Phyllis Noble Nov 27, 1942 - May 31, 2017



Allan Patek, Ken Martin with Phyllis at 2015 PHCWI Bazaar checkout

*from obit:* "Phyllis Noble passed away, brought down by the only force that could stop her spirit - the demon cancer."  
Phyllis grew up with her mother and Polish immigrant grandparents in NW Chicago. She graduated from Loyola, the first person in her family to get a college degree. After two years teaching English with the Peace Corps in Nigeria, she worked in Chicago. In Madison she taught U.S. Citizenship and English as a Second Language classes. "Then upon retirement she got busy" singing with the Raging Grannies, volunteering with the WI Medical Project, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers - and with our Club at the Spring Festival and Bazaar.

*Linda Cagle:* "At the first PHCWI Christmas Bazaar I volunteered for at the West Side Club, at the last minute, I was asked to move to the other checkout...and there I met Phyllis. She was so friendly and had a great sense of humor - it was non-stop conversation the entire day. I paint, and she wanted to know if I "do windows" replace old glaze around windows. I said I'd be glad to help - it was an older 2-story house with over 25 windows .....but I love a challenge! We had many laughs over this project, and when I painted her condo. I was about to paint again when she discovered she had cancer, but would wait until she returned from her travels. By that time, Hospice was involved and I never did get to see what color she wanted this time. Phyllis was a free spirit. I will miss her."

*Phyllis's family story in our May 2016 newsletter:* "My maternal grandmother, Maria Bienia Szelc Kosinska, was born on a farm in Krosno, Poland, in 1876. In 1905, she was a 29-year-old widow with two step-children and two children of her own. She did not have enough land to grow enough food to feed her little family by herself. When she left Poland to come to America, her plan was to make enough money in two years to return to Krosno and buy more land. Sadly, she never was able to return, not even to visit."

*At our club's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2015,* Phyllis displayed CERAMIC FIGURES and WEAVINGS by Polish artisans that she purchased at the Chicago Art Institute over 35 years ago.

*Memorial contributions can be sent to the National Peace Corps Association, and will be directed toward the Oral History Project:* [www.peacecorpsconnect.org/campaigns/rpcv-oral-history-project](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/campaigns/rpcv-oral-history-project) OR send a check payable to NPCA, 1900 L Street NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036 "RPCV Oral History Project" in memo line. Full obituary: [informedchoicefunerals.com/obituary/184869/Phyllis-Noble/](http://informedchoicefunerals.com/obituary/184869/Phyllis-Noble/)

**Recipe Corner** Anyone have hints for easy Polish recipes? What shortcuts have you used - like crescent rolls or frozen puff pastry? Do you have a recipe for Kiszka with sauerkraut? - **Mary B Good** [sunnygood6970@gmail.com](mailto:sunnygood6970@gmail.com) (715) 614-1111



## Bicycles ~ Rowery

### 21 July 4<sup>th</sup> Polish Moon Ride - Milwaukee

Eat: 5-7 pm, Ride: 7-9 pm, Polka 9-11 pm *Where:* Wayward Kitchen, 1407 S 1<sup>st</sup> St, (right under the always full Polish Moon), the Clocktower in hip Walker's Point Neighborhood. *How far:* 8 miles of slow, easy pedaling with plenty of rest stops to regroup. Capped at 1,000 riders. Takes 1½-2 hrs.

"... a unique, family-friendly bike tour through Milwaukee's historic Polish neighborhoods. The easy, slow roll through the real "Streets of Old Milwaukee" honors the area's Polish and German history while it celebrates the present-day Latino culture. Be sure to bring the whole family for this ride. The pace and distance are slow enough for all ages and abilities, and the police keep everyone safe. Kids of all ages love the feeling of riding around on these historic streets of old Milwaukee as the sun sets!

Come hungry, because the Polish Moon Ride begins at 5 with delicious Polish and Mexican food. The grill masters from Ben's Cycle and Milwaukee Bicycle Co. will man the barbeque pit, featuring Klements Polish sausage on Sciortino's buns. Wayward Kitchen's talented Chef Tyler and will be serving amazing tacos and czarnina, made from an old family recipe. Of course we will have Purple Door ice cream as well as chocolate milk & more ice cream from our friends at Kemps! While you eat, MX Rudigo Norteño, one of Milwaukee's hottest norteña bands, will get you warmed up for the ride.

The police-led ride starts at 7pm with accordion players cranking out polka on the back of cargo bikes along the entire 8 mi. family-friendly ride. Be prepared to be amazed, as the crowd of people on bikes last year stretched 10 city blocks! This is a SLOW ride, so no need for spandex! There will also be lots of short stops along the route as the police hold us at intersections. We will have ride support in case you have a flat or mechanical trouble. As soon as you get back to the start, the Polish Moon Polka Trio kicks off the after-party..."

<http://wisconsinbikfed.org/events/polish-moon-ride/>

**The "Got Czarnina?" Polish Moon T-shirt** pictures the Allen-Bradley Clock Tower in the historic Polish neighborhood. It was the world's largest Four-Faced Clock - each face 40' wide (Big Ben's only 23'). A clock in Mecca is now the largest.



### 23 June 4<sup>th</sup> 'Ride for the Living'

About 150 cyclists rode 55 miles from the Auschwitz-Birkenau German Nazi Concentration Camp to the Jewish Community Centre in Kraków. 27<sup>th</sup> Jewish Culture Festival 6/24-7/2.

### 23-27 July Tour de Pologne Feminin

#### 29 July-4 Aug Tour de Pologne route:

Stage 1: Krakow – Krakow (137 km)

Stage 2: Tarnowskie Gory – Katowice (146 km)

Stage 3: Jaworzno – Szczyrk (161 km)

Stage 4: Zawiercie – Zabrze (238 km)

Stage 5: Olimp Nagawczyna – Rzeszow (130 km)

Stage 6: Wieliczka – Zakopane (199 km)

Stage 7: Bukovina Resort – Bukowina Tatrzańska (132.5 km)



## Music



### 4-12 August International Chopin Piano Festival

*Where:* the SW Poland spa town of Duszniki in Silesia, where Chopin spent part of 1826. see *Michael Moran's blog:* "The festival offers one rare moments of bliss and oblivion to escape the constant news of the unhinged, economically fraught and increasingly brutal violence in this world of ours." <http://www.michael-moran.com/2016/07/71stinternational-chopin-piano-festival.html>

### 11-20 Aug Bard Music Festival: Chopin and His World

"A highlight of the musical year"- *Wall Street Journal*

*Where:* Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, in the beautiful Hudson Valley ~ 90 miles N. of NYC. "The Festival explores Chopin's complex and enigmatic sides. He rose to international fame as the voice of an oppressed Poland, a once powerful nation that had been dismembered decades before his birth in 1810. A child prodigy who grew up in Warsaw, Chopin spent the second half of his life in Paris, where he was lionized as a pianist, composer, and teacher. He was not only a leading figure in the distinguished Polish émigré community of Paris, but also interacted with the aristocracy and with cultural luminaries such as Franz Liszt, Hector Berlioz, Felix Mendelssohn, Giacomo Meyerbeer, Pauline Viardot, Heinrich Heine, Honoré de Balzac, Adam Mickiewicz, and Eugène Delacroix." <http://fishercenter.bard.edu/bmf/2017/>

#### PAST EVENTS:

#### 22 June, WROCŁAW, Orbita Hall - Jazz legend Chick Corea

"one of the world's best jazz pianists, leader of the revolution that modernized jazz and opened it up to electric sounds"

#### 20 June GDAŃSK, Energa Stadium - GunsN'Roses

Third performance in Poland by the legendary rock group.

#### 4 June MADISON, Chazen Museum - Trevor Stephenson

live-streamed concert/talk c. 1855 Bösendorfer concert grand piano - Chopin's: *Nocturne in D-flat major, Op. 27 no. 2, Waltz in D-flat major, Op. 64 no. 1, Waltz in A minor, Op. 34 no. 2.*

**June OPOLE, National Festival of Polish Song** cancelled after major musical stars pulled out of the over 50 years event.

**12 May TEL AVIV - Szymon Nehring, 21,** is the first Pole to win the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition.

#### 7 May LONDON Coliseum, International Opera Awards -

REDISCOVERED WORK: The Polish National Opera's production of Władysław Żeleński's "Goplana" An "unfamiliar jewel" with a fairy tale plot, an opera run through with Polish motifs and touching lyricism". It premiered in Warsaw in 2016.

**1 May WROCŁAW, Market Square** - Mass gathering of 6,299 guitarists playing "Hey Joe" failed to beat the Guinness world record for ensemble guitar playing. Players included Greg Koch (Milwaukee), Jan Borysewicz & Grzegorz Skawiński (PL).

#### 26-30 Apr WROCŁAW, 53<sup>rd</sup> Jazz on the Odra Festival -

LA-based Polish bassist Darek Oleszkiewicz and sax player Ravi Coltrane (tribute on 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his father's death).

**26 Mar. NYC, Kaufmann Concert Hall - Pianist Rafał Blechacz** received a standing ovation at the 900 seat venue. His recital included selections from Bach, Beethoven and Chopin.

## Report of 2016 Polish Events: POLISH HERITAGE CLUB OF WISCONSIN, INC. - MADISON

2016: Poland's 1,050 Anniversary of Christianity

**24 Jan. ANNUAL MEETING** at Lakeview Lutheran. 24 members attended, socialized and enjoyed treats from the Board of Directors. Major Bylaws revisions were approved. *Elected:* 2016 VP-PRES.ELECT: Marge Morgan (a 2015-16 Dir.) 2016-17 SECRETARY: Anne Evans 2016 PAST PRESIDENT: Jane Dunn (a 2016 Dir. & Past Pres.) to fill vacant Past President. 2016 DIRECTOR-odd year: Sandy Witte (to finish Jane's term) 2016-17 DIRECTORS-even: Michelle Michalak and Laurie Ross *Continuing 2015-2016:* PRESIDENT: Ryszard Zolnik, TREASURER: Linda Cagle, DIRECTOR: Patricia Brinkman *Dziękuję* for their service to the club: 2015 PAST PRESIDENT: Joanna Pasowicz, 2014-2015 SECRETARY: Pamela Pasowicz

**WYD Kraków 2016** World Youth Day July 26 - 31 Attendees from the Madison area included 48 traveling with Fr. Brian Dulli and club member Eva Verhoven, & a group from UW-Madison St. Paul's. They were among almost 2 million people from around the world who attended Pope Francis's Mass & events.

**BOOKS** BookExpo America Chicago: Poland Guest of Honor. Book Club: Quarterly coordinated by Kasia Kryzostaniak:

- Jan *My Young Years* by Arthur Rubinstein and others about him
- Apr Polish Constitution Day *Trzeciego Maja*
- Aug 1880-1920 Immigration: *Memories of Dziadka* by S. Szabados, *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America* by Thomas & Znaniecki
- Nov 11 *Polish Customs, Traditions & Folklore* by Sophie H Knab and for Independence /St. Martin's Day: eating Rogal świętomarciński

UW Press pub: • Donna Solecka Urbikas *My Sister's Mother: A Memoir of War, Exile, and Stalin's Siberia* Readings held.

- Paul Brykczynski : *Primed for Violence Murder, Antisemitism, and Democratic Politics in Interwar Poland - The assassination that changed a nation* (May 2016).

Karen Kovacic *Scattering the Dark: An Anthology of Polish Women Poets* Oct.14: with UW-Madison Jesse Lee Kercheval "WATERSHED READING: WHIRLWIND WORLD POETRY TOUR A fast-paced evening of poems from Uruguay and Poland" at Arts + Literature Lab. (Poem list was on PHCWI website.)

James Conroyd Martin, our 2003 WI BOOK FESTIVAL nominee, *The Boy Who Wanted Wings* (2016), was a Chaucer Awards 2015 historical fiction finalist for *The Warsaw Conspiracy*.

**CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** 1st Friday Breakfasts continue. Parades: For the 4<sup>th</sup> year, Butch Luick & Barb Lomperski organized volunteers for parades in Bl. Earth, Evansville, Middleton. Picnic July 10 at Lakeview Park, Middleton ~40 attendees had fun eating, singing Polish songs and drinking cold beer. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Wigilia Dec 3, at the Goodman Community Center, was catered by Working Class Catering. After the Social Hour and the First Star appeared, MC/President Ryszard Zolnik welcomed guests. Laura Jasiczek and family demonstrated sharing of Oplatek. Irene Swiggum told about her family's Wigilias, especially on her 2014 trip to Poland. Butch Luick received a Red Truck Award (a 1/43 Polish Polonez Pickup Truck Red Deagostini) for Volunteer Excellence.

**CO-SPONSORED EVENTS** Gloria Welniak's workshop June 25 *Fabric and Flowers* co-sponsored with Pinney Library, and 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison Polish Film Festival organized by UW Polish Students Association. We advertise and contribute \$.

**WEBSITE** Since February 12 our club has a newly redesigned and fully operational website. *Dziękuję* to Irena Frączek!

### EVENTS PUBLICIZED

Trips included: • Burkhalter's to Poland and to Milwaukee:

*Ethnic Adventure:* "At Milwaukee's last remaining Polish restaurant, enjoy a generous family-style lunch complete with cheese pierogi cheese pierogi, potatoes, sauerkraut, sausage and more. You won't go home hungry."

• The Polish Cultural Institute and Museum - Winona, MN July 2016 Kashubian Tour of Poland.

Pączki Day Feb 9 Scott's Bakery, Middleton: member Patricia "Blue Accordion" Stone did a sing-along for the enjoyment of many. Sadly, 8/ 27 Scott's closed - owner Jackie Scott retired.

Pulaski Day Mar 4 a WI Public Schools Observation Day Blessing of Baskets Święconka Mar 26 at various churches A Polish-themed Senior Lunch & Euchre Tournament April 18 was prepared and hosted by Lakeview Lutheran Church.

Trzeciego Maja May 3 Polish Constitution Day 1999 WI SJR 11 Polish church picnics (Portage Co. and others) June-Sept Cracovia Olympic Foil Fencing School: June 8 Madison's NBC 15 TV told about Krystyna Kostecka's school, and Nov 16 her story was in THE CAPITAL TIMES "Immigrant ingenuity: Five Madison immigrants persevere in building businesses." At our 2010 Picnic, Krystyna & students demonstrated fencing.

"New" St Cecilia's, WI Dells Aug 28 dedication on site of the old church that welcomed many from Poland. Our club made a donation, our name is on a commemorative brick.

Annual Polonia Gathering Sept 11 at Devils Lake S. Shore.

October POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**FESTIVALS** are for the enjoyment of members and the public. They are successful thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

March 20 Palm Sunday Spring Festival at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Great publicity again by Monona's THE HERALD INDEPENDENT front page picture of Gloria Welniak, story/pict of Ted Ceplina. He & Andrea Rolich demonstrated *pisanki*.

Music: Patricia Stone (accordion) & Tom Wosikowski (guitar).

Nov 5 10<sup>th</sup> Polish Christmas Bazaar at St. Thomas Aquinas. Chef Butch Luick and kitchen helpers were kept very busy serving a delicious lunch. *NEW:* Gloria Welniak recorded a PSA for Monona's radio station. Sun Prairie's radio station put our press release into their station announcements rotation. Ch. 57's interview of R.Zolnik & M.Morgan played sev. times.

### Others Fairs and Festivals the club participated in

International Festival Jan 9 at Overture Center: our crafts display was again located by the prominent first floor entrance. 21 members helped with the food serving and crafts sales.

Poland Under Glass Jan 23 at Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee. PHCWI-Madison featured amber jewelry from the Baltic.

Portage Co. Cultural Festival May 7 in Stevens Point. Club members sold crafts, jewelry, books, sample food plates.

Willy Street Fair Sept 18 For the 2nd year our club had a booth on the parade day. Kasis Virgell posted great pictures on FB.

**POLISH KIDS CLUB** Thanks to the organizing of Lisbeth Laciak-Huber, regular children's Polish events began in November 2015. [www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison/](http://www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison/)

## MUSIC EVENTS

Our [WEBSITE](#), thanks to Irena Frączek, regularly had links to performers, Christmas kolędy, and during Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary - Stanisław Sojka's sung poetry.

### Overture Center:

• May 5 World premieres of compositions by Wilhelm Grosz and Josima Feldschuh 'the child prodigy who played piano in the Warsaw Ghetto'.

• July 9 Chopin/others, FREE "*The Über Steinway Meets the Colossal Klais II*" piano and organ.

Tyrone Greive (violin): [Jan 8](#) with Michael Keller (piano) Oakwood Retirement Village W; [Dec 11](#) with Janet Greive 'The spirit of Christmas' included Polish carols. Midvale Luth.

### Trevor Stephenson concerts/lectures:

- Jan 22- Feb 22 Five-part course Beethoven & Chopin
- Jan 24 1855 Bösendorfer Concert Grand Piano - Chopin
- May 13 *Music of Chopin and others* at First Unitarian
- June 5 Live at the Chazen: fortepiano *Mazurka in C-sharp minor, op. 6 no. 2* and *Mazurka in A minor, op. 17 no. 4*

### Polish Fest 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION

June 19 Madison area finalists:

- Antonio Wu, Jefferson MS, *Impromptu in F# Major (Op.36)*
- Theorore Liu, Waunakee HS, *Ballade Ab Major (Op. 47, No. 3)*
- Isabella Wu, Memorial HS, *Ballade in Ab Major (Op. 47, No. 3)*

[Dec 22 WI PUBLIC RADIO](#) Classical Network The Midday Host Norman Gilliland talked with sisters Isabella & Audianna Wu, Final Forte & 2016 Polish Fest' finalists who played Chopin.

Richard March & James Leary: History and live music, talks about R March's book: *Polka Heartland why the Midwest Loves to Polka* at various Dane County locations, and WPR.

Szymon Wozniczka on WORT Radio 89.9 FM regularly promoted Polish music: reggae, Katy Carr, New Releases from Poland, etc. The shows are available for some weeks after on WORT ARCHIVES. To be notified: [szymon2005@sbcglobal.net](mailto:szymon2005@sbcglobal.net) Dziękuję to Szymon for his organizing the [4/17](#) jazz concert by Grazyna Auguscik and Jarek Bester Duo at the Brink Lounge, & for his story about LAUTARI, Ethno Folk USA tour.

[Mar 9](#) Basia Bulat, Polish-Canadian singer, High Noon Saloon.

[April 22-24](#) *WI Dells Polka Fest*

[May 1](#) Haley O'Neil Piano Chopin's *Polonaise*, Morphy Hall

[May 1-5](#) "Performing the Jewish Archive" "Out of the Shadows: Rediscovering Jewish Music, Literature and Theater"

<http://www.music.wisc.edu/performing-the-jewish-archive/>

[June 27](#) Taliesin, Spring Green: *Rural Musicians Forum*

Violinist Alexander Ayers performance included music by "virtuosic Polish violinist Henryk Wieniawski..."

SLAVOCE postponed their October tour due to lack of funding.

They are specialists in rarely heard vocal repertoire of Czech, Polish, Russian, and Slovakian cultures. CONTACT: Dr.

Benjamin Schultz, Assistant Director, UW Mead Witter School of Music 263-4018 [assistantdirector@music.wisc.edu](mailto:assistantdirector@music.wisc.edu)

### MILWAUKEE: some Polish performances:

[Sept. 28](#) *Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations@* Chopin: *Nocturne, Ballade, Scherzo, Etude*, and the heroic Polonaise. Wisconsin Lutheran College, Schwan Concert Hall

[Oct 22](#) The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and Chorus: *The Glory of the Basilica* "simply superb in the stunning Basilica of St. Josaphat." [Dec 9-11](#) *Christmas in the Basilica* Bel Canto Chorus & Stained Glass Brass

**GENEALOGY** The newsletter listed many genealogy events:

A Polish Genealogy Workshop May 21 with speaker Steve Szabados, Genealogy Columnist for the POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL and author. 52 attendees learned about the process of immigration, ports, ships, ways to find birthplaces & records. Organized by the Wisconsin Historical Society's Lori Bressler.

**OLD WORLD WISCONSIN** [June 25-26](#) *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*: Special programs, folk music, dancing, a big cake!  
[Aug 20-21](#) *Heirloom Garden Weekend* "...special programs. Newsletter story : *Polish Tomatoes /Pomodory and Gardens*. [Dec. 3/4, 10/11](#) "Celebrating Polish immigrants coming to Wisconsin " Catered meal, Syrenka Polish Dance Ensemble.

**POLISH FILMS** [Oct. 9](#) death of director, producer and screenwriter Andrzej Witold Wajda in Warsaw, age 90.  
• Sundance: *IDA* Dir: P.Pawlikowski , *The Innocents* Dir: Fontaine  
• [April](#) WI FILM FESTIVAL: *Cosmos* Dir: Andrzej Żuławski  
• [Nov/ Dec](#) UW Polish Student's 26<sup>th</sup> MADISON FILM FESTIVAL: *KAMPER* (dir. L.Grzegorzek).....an eternal boy  
*KARBALA* (dir. K.Lukaszewicz)...a true 2004 war story  
*BLINDNESS / Zaćma* (dir. R. Bugajski)...a communist's past  
*PLANET SINGLE / Planeta singli* (dir. Mitja Okorn)...dating problems  
• [Nov](#) Chicago: 28<sup>th</sup> Polish Film Festival in America.

## SCHOLARSHIPS, POLAND STUDY TOURS & TEACHING

PHCWI-Madison 2015 Scholarship essays in newsletters: *Martial Law in Poland* Aleksandra M.Hoffman, UW-River Falls; *Rowing in Poland* by Jimmy Dodge, UW-Madison; *Marie Curie* by Weronika Zolnik, UW-Madison.

2016 Scholarship winners: Sophie Braman, Middleton H.S and Samantha Wendt, Oregon H.S./Edgewood College.

*The club publicized:*

WIESCO Teaching in Poland Club members Eric and Gina Lewandowski story about their 2014 and 2015 experiences.  
WI Study in Poland - Kosciuszko Foundation new Scholarship.  
POLANKI, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee,  
UW-Stevens Point: for summer & semester studies in Poland.  
UW-Milwaukee Summer Study Tour Catholic University Lublin.  
UW-Madison: The Edward I. Zawacki Award for Polish Study, Michael/ Emily Lapinski Scholarship, CIEE Studies Warsaw.

## UW-MADISON EVENTS

• [Apr.26](#) Anniversary Chernobyl nuclear power disaster: *Compensation: A Liturgy of Fact* - reading at Memorial Union.  
• **UW-Madison courses and conferences included:**  
The Culture of Dissent in Czechoslovakia and Poland (1960s-1980s) David Danaher, Lead instructor with guest speakers.  
International Reach Speakers Program. [April 9](#) International Showcase 2016, Overture Ctr. presentation. POLAND on poster list.  
AATSEEL-WI Conference (Slavic & E. European Languages)  
• **CREECA - Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia:**  
[Jan 28](#) Celebration of Faculty Research: Rachel F. Brenner, Jewish Studies; David S. Danaher, Slavic Languages and Literature; Halina Filipowicz, Slavic Languages/ Literature.  
[Mar 31](#) *Youth, Transnational Immigration, 1968 Poland* : Malgorzata Fidelis, University of Illinois at Chicago.  
[April 14](#) *The Theater of Public Life in the New Europe: Muffled Voices, Cries for Help, and Other Challenges*: Elzbieta Matynia, Sociology, University of Warsaw,

**2016: Facebook: Kasia Virgell; Website: Irena Frączek; Historian: Don Wesolowski; Membership: Jane Dunn; Newsletter: Editor-Rose Meinholz, Dolores Hurlbert, Ronni Guski, Basia Pulz; Publicity: Diane Michalski Turner. In 2016 the PHCWI-Madison had 206 voting members: 56 Families, 81 Individual, 13 Honorary members.**



## Polish Pride Quilting ~ Gloria Welniak's Quilts

### Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Quilt

On the occasion of the Sesquicentennial of the state of Wisconsin in 1998, the Prairie Heritage Quilters of Sun Prairie issued a call for quilt blocks that depicted some aspect of Wisconsin history and culture. PHCWI member Gloria Welniak designed a block with a Polish rooster wycinanki pattern and the words "Polish Heritage". Her sister Patty appliqued and sewed the block. It was one of 20 blocks chosen for the commemorative quilt, and the sisters won an award for one of the best blocks. The quilt was shown at various museums and shows in Wisconsin, and now is part of the permanent collection of the Sun Prairie Museum.



The quilt block was truly a labor of love of their Polish heritage. Their father emigrated from Wysoka, Poland in 1903 to Elyria, Nebraska and in 1920 married their mother, whose parents had emigrated from Poland in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1940 the family settled on a farm in Marshfield, WI where the sisters grew up.



### Wycinanki Roosters Revisited

This small wall quilt was made by Gloria in 2016 as a contemporary take on wycinanki and as a sample for a workshop on Polish crafts taught by Gloria.



### Baba Jaga Spirit Doll

This doll was created by Gloria for the Silent Auction at the Polish Heritage Club's Spring Festival 2017. Though some consider Baba Jaga a witch, this modern Polish earth goddess is said to impart wisdom and gifts to the pure of heart. She wears a patchwork quilted skirt and amber pendant, and holds a white Polish eagle.



### Dziękuję Gloria! and congratulations:

May 30 - Her quilt, "Improv with Teal" won 2nd place in the WI Quilt Expo's Modern Mini Quilt Challenge. See picture on Nancy Zieman's blog.

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Group PO Box 45438 Madison, WI 53744-5438**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31, 2017 *Dziękuję!*

*Any questions, please call: (608) 831-8827*

*Checks payable to: Polish Heritage Club-Madison*

- Family (2 votes) \$25     Individual \$15  
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 Please email my 10x/year newsletter    (not tax deductible)  
 Yes     No    Include my information in Club's Membership Directory

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Club activities you might like to help with:

- Book Group     Education     Auditing     Computer  
 Cooking     Events     Buying     Newsletter  
 Crafts     Genealogy     Inventory     Publicity  
 Displays     Music     Writing  
 Other:

Birthday(s):

Anniv:

Occupation/Business is/was:

Retired?

Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

1.00 USD = 3.77 Złoty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

**POLAND:** May 7.4% vs. April 7.7% (1.25 million unemployed)

- Dropped to 45<sup>th</sup> spot on 2017 Index of Economic Freedom.
- "Poland is one of EU's least tolerant countries" (18 out of possible 100 points)) per ILGA-Europe study. (Malta 88)
- In March ~ 18,000 new dads used part/all of their 14 days of leave allowed for newborn care, still < half of new dads.
- 25 May Excess apples will be made into energy drinks containing caffeine (PLN 5/can, ~2x price of other energy drinks).
- 1 June CHILDREN'S DAY Adam Smith Centre: Raising a child to age 18 costs PLN 200,000 (EUR 48,000) – up 5% in two years.
- 13 June The EU began legal action against Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic for refusing to accept refugees.
- 5-6 July Pre G20 President Trump and Melania visit Warsaw.
- 17-21 July Prince William and Kate visit Poland /Germany.

21 Apr ŚWIDNICA, SW Poland Lutheran Church -\$4 mil. restoration of the largest timber framed church is paid for by Norway.

23 Apr CHICAGO, St. Stanislaus Kosta - 150 yr. celebration of its founding, survival of the Great Fire & Kennedy Expw. I-94.

May 6 and 7 New Polish Heritage Days - In 2003 44,000 Poles lived in the United Kingdom. Now about a million.

7 May HARTFORD, CT - The Catholic Archdiocese will reduce the number of parishes from 212 to 127.

9 May LONDON, Polish Hearth Club in South Kensington - Unveiling statue of WWII spy Krystyna Skarbek b.Poland 1908.

17 May MAKOLNO, east of Poznań - Massive gunpowder factory explosion killed 2, injured 15.

20 May ZHYTOMYR, Ukraine - Unveiling of a plaque commemorating former Polish President Lech Kaczyński (2005-10).

22 May MANCHESTER, Eng. -A couple from Poland were killed by the suicide bomber while they waited for their daughters.

26 May FAIRFAX, VA - Death of former U.S. national security policy advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski 89, from pneumonia.

Polish President Duda signed a condolence book in Poland. WARSAW, Wola district - Streets and 2 metro stations were closed until sappers removed an unexploded WWII bomb.

27 May BIELSKO-BIAŁA, SW of Kraków - Prime Minister Beata Szydło's oldest son ordained a priest, said his first Mass.

30 May NAMCHE BAZAAR, NE Nepal - Poland's Piotr Hercog and Robert Celiński top 2 finishers in the the Tenzing-Hillary Everest Marathon, the world's highest trail running event.

31 May OKLEŚNA, west of Kraków ~50 properties and 15 hectares of land flooded by a tributary of the Wisla River.

3 June WARSAW, National Stadium - Thousands attended 21<sup>st</sup> Science Picnic, co-organized by the Copernicus Science Ctr.

4 June WARSAW, Equality Parade - rainbow and EU flags carried.

5 June Warsaw, Łódź, Poznań and Wrocław - Taxi drivers protest over cheap competition, Uber and others.

6 June GDYNIA -first "Smart City" in eastern Europe: intelligent technologies support the city's quality of life.

CUBA - POLISH FM RADIO Waszczykowski is the first in 30 yrs.

HRUBIESZÓW, SE PL -14<sup>th</sup> century type sword found in a peat bog. "It is possible that a knight was sucked into the marsh after a string of unfortunate circumstances, or that [the sword] was simply lost." Archaeologists will do a dig.

17 June ATLANTIC OCEAN, 1/4 distance to Portugal - 70 year old Olek Doba's solo kayak has a broken rudder.

24 June WARSAW 1000s protest logging the Białowieża Forest.