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Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!

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**Happy New
Year!**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At this time of the year, usually we want to sing that we “are dreaming of a white Christmas.” Looking outside, it is white enough and skiing sounds definitely very attractive. In Polish tradition, Christmas Eve brings families together to forgive each other, nourish each other and provide each other with inspiration perhaps through singing carols.

The Polish Heritage Club's Wigilia was on Dec 3rd at the Goodman Community Center. I hope that the warmth of the Polish Wigilia customs touched your heart at that event. Thank you to Anne, Shelle and Laurie - our Wigilia organizing team - who made this evening so special and warm. If you missed it, do not hesitate to visit the PHC website to check the pictures and perhaps reserve on your calendar for the next year's Wigilia.

Physical Inventory of items the club has to offer at the yearly events is almost completed. Now the BOD is getting ready for our Annual Meeting where members choose the leaders for the following year. Please participate and help the Club to choose new leaders to enhance the Club's presence in the Madison area.

This is my last letter as your President. We will be evaluating this year's events. I must say that the Polish Heritage Club presence in cyberspace is gaining momentum and would like to thank our web master Irena Frączek for doing such a great job.

It was an honor to serve the Club as a President. If you have been inspired by at least one event that PHC has put together (or sponsored), the job of spreading Polish culture in Madison can be proudly carried into the future. Looking forward to meeting you at the Annual Meeting.

Z poważaniem,
Ryszard Zolnik, President

Polish Parliament declared 2017 Conrad Year to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the birth of Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski. Two of his books were made into movies: F.F. Coppola's *Apocalypse Now* & Ridley Scott's *The Duellists*.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

Hear reports, vote for new Directors, discuss ideas. Come visit and stay for refreshments!

Sunday January 22, 2017 at 1:30 pm
ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS
Lakeview Lutheran Church
4001 Mandrake Rd Madison, 53704
(near Warner Park & jct. Hwy 113/School Rd)

Your 2017 membership must be paid to vote, and to be included in the every-other odd year Members Directory (unless you don't want to be included). Your prompt renewal is appreciated!

Memberships are from Jan 1 to Dec 31.

- If you joined since Sept. it's counted for 2017.
- Do you know someone who would like to receive a newsletter? We'll send a sample.
- Give a gift membership, and share your enjoyment of Polish culture! Family \$25, Indiv. \$15.
- If questions contact: **Membership:**
Jane Dunn 831-8827 gwtwfidldd1@tds.net

Included in this newsletter:

- A Membership Form if your label does not say 2017. (Or maybe your check is in the mail?)
- Statements from Board of Directors nominees as of this printing. Additional nominees will be accepted before the vote on January 22.
- An Absentee Ballot (2/Family Membership) if you wish to vote for the 2017 Directors and will not be attending the Meeting. Ballots must be **postmarked by Jan. 17** so received by 1/21.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee:

Past President / Chair: Jane Dunn, Kasia Krzyzostaniak and Ralph Tyksinski.

Madison area:**1st Fri POLISH FRIENDS BREAKFAST**

9 am Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd, Monona

1st Sun 3 pm Eucharist in Polish St Cecilia's, (608) 254-8381

603 Oak Street, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Polish Kids Club www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison
UW-Madison Polish Students win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA

17 Jan Absentee Ballot must be postmarked by this date**22 Jan POLISH CLUB Annual Meeting and Elections****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 Farley's House of Pianos: All-Chopin Concert**

7-9 April Madison Symphony: Witold Lutosławski *Concerto for Orchestra* \$12-\$15 Student Rush tickets for concerts

15 April Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets *Święconka* - var. churches

9 April POLISH CLUB Spring Festival

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

Summer POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Picnic

Green Bay: NE WI POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY www.phsofnew.org/

ANNUAL EVENTS: **Jan** Christmas Party, **Feb/March** Arti Gras Paczki Party, **April/May** Easter Party / Annual Meeting, **July** Pulaski Polka Days, **Aug** Art Street, **Oct** Movie at Neville Museum

Milwaukee:

POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN, Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140

WISCONSIN CLUB Tickets: www.syrenadancers.com

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

POLANKI events include: Pierogi Festival, Soup Festival

16-18 June POLISH FEST, Henry W. Maier Festival Park

November HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL, State Fair Park

Stevens Point: **6 May** PORTAGE CO. CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Genealogy:

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

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

17 Jan 7 pm CST "*Seven Ways to Use the Cloud*"

PRESENTER: Jennifer Alford

"This presentation will include explanations of what the cloud can do for you and ways to protect your privacy. Jennifer will share the seven ways that you can use the cloud to make your research more effective and easier to share with other generations of your family. The cloud can also be a great resource for "crowd sourcing." Volunteers all around the world can access scans of documents and provide invaluable transcribing and indexing efforts." REGISTER AT:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5600600349448678403>

Scholarships, Studies, Teaching, and Travel

Jan 20 due POLANKI'S Annual College Achievement Awards

for Juniors, Seniors, and Grad Students \$750 to \$2000.

(Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee) Info/application:

www.polanki.org joanne.barndt@gmail.com 414-962-5634



March is application deadline for **teaching in Poland with 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.

1. Ancestry – What is your Polish ancestry? Describe your exposure to and/or familiarity with the Polish language and culture.
2. Plans –150 -200 words your educational plans/career goals
3. Essay – Write an original 750- 1000 word informative essay on a major event in Polish arts, culture, or history. Explain why the topic interests you or how it relates to you personally. This essay is to be well researched and well supported.

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

Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship For undergrads at

Jagiellonian Univ. 4 or 6 wks. SEE: Kosciuszko Foundation
<http://www.thekf.org/kf/programs/study/wsips/>

UW-Milwaukee Summer Study in Poland 2017 July - Aug

at the 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/>

UW-Madison Slavic Deptment Edward I. Zawacki Award and

Michael and Emily Lapinski Undergraduate Scholarships

MADISON BURKHALTER TOURS**FRIDAY FISH FRY Tour of Milwaukee**

31 March Pick up on west and then east side of Madison. Tour stops at 3 locally-flavored eateries for sample-sized portions. Visit Basilica of St. Josephat: built in 19th century, modeled after the Vatican, constructed by Polish immigrants.

PORTRAIT OF POLAND tour # H2801 April 10 Final payment

June 23 - July 2 "If you haven't visited Poland, you're really missing a beautiful country with a rich heritage. Fascinating history, myriad architectural treasures, and spectacular scenery all await.

\$2,727 from Chicago.

CONTACT: Burkhalter Tours

608/833-1525; 800/556-9286

6501 Mineral Point Rd, Madison

tours@burkhaltertravel.com



CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

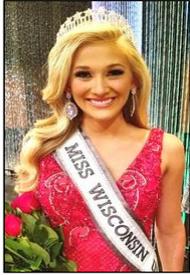
You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. *Sto lat!*

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| 1/4 Mary Ann Preston | 1/13 Joan Peterson |
| 1/10 Rose Meinholz & Kari Buss | 1/17 Carol Hassemmer |
| 1/11 Phil Flannery & Ryszard Zolnik | 1/22 Chris Pasinski |
| 1/12 Beata Kalies Wierzba | 1/23 Steve Zallar |
| | 1/29 Roman Minyaylyuk |

Welcome to new member: Dianne Linskens

Sept 11 Congratulations to Skylar Witte, who was

crowned Miss Wisconsin 2017 - and to her grandmother, PHCWI Director Sandy Witte who will travel with her! Skylar is a dancer, singer, model, actress and blogger. She graduated from DC Everest High School in Weston, WI and is a junior at the UW-Madison, majoring in Political Science and Communications/Rhetorical Studies. Best wishes representing Wisconsin at events, and at the 2017 Miss USA contest!



Julia R. Kubat, former club member, passed away in May, 2016 at age 93. Her story was in Oakwood's OUTLOOK Winter 2016 pg. 1-3 "A REMARKABLE LIFE WITH Exceptional Care." Julia was born in Warsaw in 1923, and raised in a Catholic orphanage because her mother was unable to provide for her. The Germans invaded when she was in High School. In Italy she met her future husband, Dr. Stanislaw Potocki, a member of the Polish Corp in the British Army. In the early 1950s they came with their son to the US and Chicago. At Oakwood Retirement she made new friends, volunteered in the Village Store and met with the knitting group, the Yarners. She enjoyed "riding horses, training dogs, spinning, weaving ... photography [and]...travel!" Recipes for barszcz and favorki, and a Poland trip are included in *Julia's Journal 2007 - 2012* juliarjournal2007.blogspot.com/Journal www.oakwoodvillage.net/images/pubs/OAK_OutlookWinter2016_WEB.pdf



21 Feb 7 pm BOOK CLUB: Middle Ages in

Kraków 500 - 1500 AD Thank you to Ralph and Karleen Tyksinski who will host us at their east Madison home. Please contact them about your coming. revralph341@yahoo.com or (608) 873-6041

Some sources:

- **Kraków's Rynek Underground exhibition:** daily life in Kraków a few centuries ago, connections between the city and medieval Europe. <http://www.mhk.pl/exhibitions/6>
- **King Krakus and the Dragon** by Janina Domanska
- **The Trumpeter of Krakow** by Eric P. Kelly A family from Kresy fled to Kraków in 1461 after their home is burned to the ground by the Cossack-Tartars. Stories of John Kanty /Saint John Cantius, early chemistry, alchemy, chrysopoeia. Newbery Medal 1929

FROM AMAZON.COM:

- **Cracow: An Illustrated History** by Zdzislaw Zygmunt "a panoramic view of Cracow, from its mythical founding..."
- **A History of Krakow for Everyone** by Jan M. Małeck

Dolores "Val" Hurlburt 1923 - 2016



Dolores and Old World WI Garden Coordinator Marcia Carmichael discuss gardening and Polish tomatoes by Kruza House garden

from obit:

"Dolores Margaret Valdivia Hurlburt, age 88, passed away Nov. 20 sitting in her living room chair watching the Tennis Channel. This singular, independent and accomplished woman lived a full life and touched many people. Born in Chicago on May 2, 1928, to Stella and Peter Valdivia, she received her education at Chicago's Lindbloom High School and the University of Illinois.

After her marriage to Laurance Hurlburt, she moved to Madison, Wis. In the 1960s, they purchased a small farmette in Middleton, and later moved to the Spring Harbor neighborhood in Madison. Val and Larry were closely associated with the University arts community. Val helped Laurance publish Mexican Muralists in the United States (1989) and worked at the UW Medical School's Dept. of Ophthalmology where she was cited in a number of papers on ocular complications of AIDS.

For many years she and her husband traveled to New York for the U.S. Tennis Open. A devotee of UW Badger sports, she especially loved and supported women's volleyball. Val was an active member of Madison's Polish Heritage Club. After Laurance's passing in 2001, she took classes at MATC in jewelry, upholstery and other related arts. She loved jazz and her stacks of New York Times. She enjoyed gardening and her yard was a work of art. Friends will remember her loyalty, sharp intellect and fiery personality. She was one of a kind and will be missed. She would like her three cats to be adopted (Sammy, Teddy and Puck). They are at the Humane Society.

Friends can share their memories at www.CressFuneralService.com.

Dolores's family keepsake displayed at our club's 35th Anniversary celebration in October, 2015:



7 x 9" horseshoe with eagle in center. Made of iron covered with commercial enamel. Her grandfather Michael Pisula b ~1880 in SE Poland, hung it over the door at his Pell Lake, WI home.

Words on horseshoe: (2 missing letters)

O Ź E B Ł O G O Ł A W N A S Z D O M
Boże błogosław nasz Dom ≡ God Bless Our Home

Dolores was a faithful 4/yr. Book Club attendee and 10/yr. newsletter mailer since before 2012. I'll miss her many stories, and her knowledge and enjoyment of all things Polish. ~ Rose M, Editor.

38th ANNUAL PHCWI WIGILIA Dec. 3, 2016

at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison
 Photos by Irena Frączek (here+more website) & Kasia Virgell (FB)



Thank you to all who helped with our Wigilia, including:
 Jane Dunn - Uninvited Guest Bolesławiec pottery place setting,
 the Brania Family - for again sharing their beautiful Szopka.



Dziękuję to
 Team Wigilia:
 L-Anne Evans,
 Laurie Ross,
 Shelle
 Michalak - for all
 their care in
 preparing for
 our Wigilia, and
 adding special
 new touches!

80 guests registered. We missed several people and families due to illness. Especially missed was our longtime club musician Tom Wosikowski, who's been Wigilia pianist, Polish Choir and end-of-evening prayer leader during Silent Night. Prayers for his quick recovery are appreciated.



After the Social Hour and the First Star appeared, MC/President Ryszard Zolnik welcomed guests. His daughter Weronika led a Polish Prayer.

Laura & "Ella" Pamella Agnieszka Jasiczek, Axl & Colin Baker demonstrated sharing of Oplatek.

Sharing of Oplatek by the Zolnik Family:
 Weronika, Adam, Julita and Ryszard



Working Class Catering from the Goodman Center providing our sit down meal of Dorsz (baked cod in milk and butter) or Gołąbki (beef cabbage rolls) or chicken tenders/fries (for ages under 18).

Irene Swiggum tells of her 2014 Wigilia in Poland.

Santa Parade led by:
 Star/gwiazda - Adam Zolnik
 Turon - Suzanne Mendoza



Brinlee & Nate Luick, Santa



Samantha Wendt,
 a 2016 Scholarship Winner

Polish Choir sings Koledy:

- L: Irene Swiggum
- Julita & Ryszard Zolnik
- Justyna Palka
- Szymon Wozniczka
- Eva Verhoven



Red Truck Award
 presented to
 Butch Luick for
 Volunteer Excellence
 - cooking, deliveries,
 and parades.

(1/43 Polish Polonez
 Pick up Truck Red
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2017 Elections: Board of Directors Nominees as of this printing

2017 BOD Nominees as of this printing:

VP-PRES.ELECT-1 year Allan Patek

TREASURER-odd year-2 yrs. (vote for 1)

Linda Cagle, Sharon Pasowicz

2 DIRECTORS-odd year-2 yrs. (vote for 2):

Laura Jasiczek, Stephen Pienkos Diane Pillsbury,

Elaine Schenborn, Gloria Welniak,

Additional nominees will be accepted before voting.

VP-PRES.ELECT-1 year Allan Patek

I am very proud of the four branches of my family (Piatek, Demski, Bruski and Recek). My grandparents helped me develop a deep appreciation for being Polish American. My paternal great-grandfather Jan Piatek was a founding member of St Hedwig's in Kewaunee County in 1879. My great uncle Frank Demski, an aged soft spoken farmer when I knew him, volunteered to serve in the General Haller's Polish Blue Army in France. My grandmother Helen gave me an appreciation for little things in the home, garden and kitchen that she did to keep a little of Poland alive. She stayed in touch with her Paskiewicz cousins in a small farming village called Lekno until her death. The Polish flag proudly flies in front of our home on May 3rd and November 11th.

My wife Patricia (Benkert) and I have two sons - Zebulon at the University of Wisconsin, and Casimir at Madison West. I have a bachelor's degree in history and political science from the UW-Eau Claire. Today, I'm putting my 20 years' experience in insurance to work as the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Insurance Security Fund.

I was a member of Green Bay's Polish Heritage Society, and joined Madison's Polish Club when we moved here in 2014. Poles have played an important role in our nation's and Wisconsin's history. I see our organization as not only one to support fellowship among those of Polish heritage, but also to help educate the community and build bonds between our country and Poland.

TREASURER-odd year-2 yrs. (vote for 1):

Linda Cagle Born in West Warwick, RI, I moved to Madison in 1968, which was to be only for a few "short" years. I have a daughter, Kristin, and two grandchildren, Alia and Evan who are my pride and joy.

My ancestry is Polish (50%) and French Canadian (50%) My grandfather and grandmother emigrated from southeast Poland in 1900, via Budapest, Hungary, then Bremen, Germany to Ellis Island. Unfortunately, I never knew them because they died before I was born. My maiden name is Pojda (not shortened or changed) and genealogy is one of my many hobbies so I can find out more about my Polish roots.

I have enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer. I have chaired/co-chaired many events, as well as assisted with the inventory process. It has truly been a pleasure meeting many members who have become my Polish community of friends and wish to help make the Polish Heritage Club a "household name". Thank you for the opportunity to continue to be of service to the PHCWI.

Nominated by Joanna Pasowicz:

Sharon Pasowicz My family hails from Mala, Poland on my father's side and Gdansk/Gdynia/Sopot, Poland on my

Report from the Nominating Committee: Past President /Chair: Jane Dunn, Kasia Krzyzostaniak and Ralph Tyksinski

CONTINUING ON THE BOARD:

VP-PRES. ELECT-2016 Marge Morgan becomes PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT-2016 Ryszard Zolnik becomes PAST PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-even year-2 yrs. 2016-17 Anne Evans

DIRECTOR- even year-2 yrs. 2016-17 Michelle Michalak

DIRECTOR- even year-2 yrs.2016-17 Laurie Ross

mother's side. I am second generation American on my father's side. I am a U.S. Army and Desert Shield/Storm veteran and belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars & Disabled American Veterans Organizations. My career outside of the military is that of a nurse. I have/currently volunteer with the Ronald McDonald House, Port St. Vincent, Special Olympics, bike-a-thon (100mi), roller-skate-a-thon (100 mi equiv) and with the PHC until recently due to complications after my knee replacement.

I joined the PHC to learn more of my Polish heritage. I have enjoyed working with the folks in the club at the events and during the end of the year inventory this month. I am serving on the Inventory Committee and would welcome the opportunity to serve as your treasurer. I have been attending meetings since 2013 and firmly believe we need younger/newer members to join the leadership positions within the PHC, hence one of the reasons I am asking to be your new treasurer. Thank you.

2 DIRECTORS- odd year-2 yrs. (vote for 2):

Laura Jasiczek I live on the Northside of Madison with my boyfriend Colin, daughter Pamella Agnieszka Jasiczek, and my boyfriend's son, Axl. I work at Lakeview Lutheran Church as the office administrator. I have been a member of the Polish club for two years. I joined because I grew up with a father, originally from Chicago, who was quite interested and engaged in his Polish heritage and so this was passed on to me. I spent my last semester in college (2006) studying in Warsaw and, during that time, got to travel around Poland quite a bit. My father also came over and we spent a couple weeks, during Easter, traveling and visiting our family that still lives there, around Czermna. I also grew up polka dancing with my father and we still try to make it to at least one festival a year. I am now passing my love of polka on to my daughter, who at 3 can hold her own! It would be fun to join the Board and help to shape the future of the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin.

Stephen Pienkos I am pleased to have your consideration for an At-Large Director position. I grew up in southeastern Wisconsin and graduated from UW-Madison in 2009. After working a few years in the Milwaukee area, I was happy to return to Madison when I began working for a State Senator in the Capitol where I have been for the past 5 years.

My mother was born near Warsaw and my father's grandfather was born in Rzeszow. All of his grandparents were born in Poland and came to America through Ellis Island in the early 1900s. I have been a member of the Polish

Heritage Club for 3 years. I have been active in the Polish American Congress-Wisconsin Division as a Director and I have served as the Vice-President for Membership for the past 3 years. I am also a member of the Polish National Alliance and I have volunteered at Polish Fest in Milwaukee.

I would like to be able to share more of my time and talents, as well as to deepen my participation with the Polish Heritage Club and it would be a privilege to serve the Club in a leadership role.

Diane M. (Spott) Pillsbury I am 100% Polish and proud of it! I'm the kind that would defiantly wear red on St. Patrick's Day in honor of my heritage. My maiden name is Spott corrupted, on my paternal great grandfather's arrival to Ellis Island, from Szpot. He came from Czerlejno. My paternal grandmother came in 1909 from the area under Russian rule. The story is that her father fled to avoid serving in the Russian military and the rest of her family escaped from by hiding in a hay wagon. My regret is that my three children are only half Polish. I remind them of their better half by serving kielbasa, home-made pierogis and performing the oplatek ceremony every Christmas Eve.

I grew up in the heavily Polish south side of Milwaukee, thinking everybody was Polish. I went to college at UW-Stevens Point (lots of Poles there!) obtained a degree in Environmental Education and attended graduate school at University of Idaho. I worked at nature centers in Wisconsin, Iowa and Philadelphia, hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, married, settled in Vermont for 10 years where our children were born, before moving to Baraboo where I currently reside with my husband, Brian. I now serve as the director of the Baraboo Senior Center. I have been involved in the PHCWI for 3 years and have helped with the Spring Festival and Christmas Bazaar. Now that the children have left, I hope to become even more involved in the Club.

Elaine Schenborn I was born and raised in Chicago, and am 100% Polish - my maiden name is Wojkowski. Each of my grandparents immigrated to Chicago in the early 1900's from the Czestochowa and Lomza regions of Poland. I have fond memories of Polish delis and bakeries in my neighborhood and many Saturday mornings were spent at "Polish school" learning language, songs and dance.

After college I earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from UW-Madison. While in graduate school, I married Dennis and we decided to stay in the Madison area. I worked for many years in Research and Development at Promega. My interests include playing piano (Chopin is my favorite composer) and harp, sewing, cooking, reading and travel.

In Madison, I continued many Polish Christmas and Easter traditions with our family. We have two daughters who live in opposite directions from here: one in Washington, D.C. and the other in Denver, CO. Our Club provides a connection to people with similar roots and reminds me of my own ancestral heritage. I enjoy volunteering at the Christmas Bazaars and attending Book Club. It's been wonderful meeting new friends and learning more about Polish history, its heroes, artists and customs. I look forward to continued opportunities, to share ideas and contribute to the continued success of the PHC.

Gloria Welniak My parents are both of Polish ancestry, my father having emigrated with his family from the Pila region in 1903. I was raised on a farm in central Wisconsin and earned graduate degrees in art and recreation therapy from the UW-Madison. Since retirement, I have volunteered at the Pinney Library, Agrace Hospice Thrift Store, Madison Audubon Society and the Monona Senior Center. I am still active as a teacher of arts and crafts with a specialty in teaching Polish crafts in workshops co-sponsored by the Polish Heritage Club.

I have been a member of PHC since 2010 and have volunteered at fundraisers and donated my hand-crafted wianki, eggs, postage stamp bookmarks, quilts, and other items. Co-chairing the planning committees for the Christmas Bazaar and Spring Festival the past few years has been very gratifying. I have helped with stock inventories several years and have been recently appointed to the Inventory Committee. During the summers, I have enjoyed riding our 'red truck' in community parades.

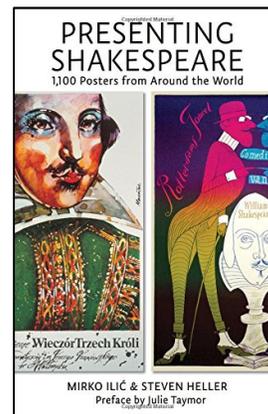
I would like to serve on the PHC Board of Directors in order to work with our talented executive members and to contribute my vision and perspective as an artist to the preservation and dissemination of Polish culture.

Polish Poster Artists

3 Nov - 11 Dec, UW-Madison Chazen Museum

"First Folio! The Book that Gave us Shakespeare"

a national traveling exhibition, was organized by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC. to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary in 2016 of Shakespeare's death. It is touring all 50 states, and UW-Madison was selected as Wisconsin's site. Published in 1623, it is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays, many of which were not published during his lifetime. The First Folio book on display (in a case with an alarm connected to Washington D.C.) was opened to Hamlet's and his soliloquy "To be or not to be."



The accompanying exhibit "Presenting Shakespeare: Posters from Around the World" displayed posters of past productions. They are included in the 2015 book by Mirko Ilić and Steven Heller: *"Presenting Shakespeare: 1,100 Posters from Around the World"* designed by artists from 55 countries. COVER OF BOOK: "Wieczór Trzech Króli" (Twelfth Night, or What You Will)

Six of the Hamlet posters at the Chazen were by Polish artists:

Leszek Zebrowski, Hamlet 1978

Michal Ksiazek, Hamlet 2004

Krzysztof Dydo and Wieslaw Grzegorzycyk, Hamlet, 2005

Tomasz Boguslawski, Hamlet 2010

Leszek Wisniewski, Hamlet 2012

Katarzyna Zapart, Hamlet 2013



On our club's website as of this printing: Several hrs. (at least) of music+videos are available, thanks to Irena F's work. "Young Polish singers from the group STUDIO ACCANTUS perform Polish carols and holiday tunes (top row videos show the streets of Warsaw, Poland)...Accantus Studio is a team of artists and performers creating their own original projects. Our mission is to spread the musical, film music and other species in Poland and the Polish in the best form." Also, a page with music videos related to Szymon Wozniczka's WORT 89.9 FM shows is under construction - stay tuned.

26 Feb 4 pm Farley's House of Pianos 6522 Seybold Rd

**Adam Neiman: All-Chopin Program -
The 24 Preludes and The Four Ballades**



adamneiman.com

"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."

7,8, 9 April Madison Symphony, Overture Hall, State St.

**Philippe Bianconi: Schumann, Rachmaninoff, and
Witold Lutoslawski's Concerto for Orchestra**



**Colossal
Piano**

20 Nov WARSAW, National Philharmonic Hall

Gala concert of 'Quo Vadis' oratorio Composer Feliks Nowowiejski's "Quo vadis" was inspired by Nobel Prize-winning author Sienkiewicz's *Quo Vadis* novel. Between its 1907 premiere in Germany and WWII, over 200 performances were held in Europe and the United States. Nowowiejski conducted when it was performed in Carnegie Hall. 2016 was the 70th anniversary of Feliks Nowowiejski death in Poznań, and the 100th of Henryk Sienkiewicz's in Vevey, Switzerland



Madison's 26th Annual Polish Film Festival, organized by the UW-Madison's Polish Student's Association, was held on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4. The Polish Heritage Club contributed money, and advertised the films. Other groups providing support in 2016: UW Dept. of German, Nordic and Slavic Studies, ASM, CREECA and WUD. Professor Ewa Miernowska posted this thank you on our facebook:

"Dear Friends,
On behalf of the Polish Student Association and the Department of Slavic Languages I would like to thank you for your financial support of the 26th Annual Polish Film Festival. We really appreciate your continuous support of promoting Polish art in Madison. Thank you again,
Ewa Miernowska
Department of Slavic Languages and Literature
University of Wisconsin-Madison"

Nov. Polish Film Festival, Chicago



GOLDEN TEETH OF CAMERA WINNERS:

MOST INTERESTING Marie Curie. The Courage of Knowledge / *Maria Sklodowska-Curie. Odwaga wiedzy* Dir: Marie Noelle

MOST INTERESTING DOCUMENTARY FILM Two Words / *Dwa swiety* Portrait of a family - deaf parents, hearing 12 yr. old.

SPECIAL JURY PRIZE FOR EXCELLENT STORY The Last Family / *Ostatnia rodzina* Last 28 years of Poland's foremost apocalyptic surrealist artist Zdzislaw Bekinski.

JURY PRIZE DOCUMENTARY MOST INTERESTING SUBJECT *Casa Blanca* A Gulf of Havana fishing village, Nelsa (76) and her son Vladimir (37), who has Down syndrome.

AUDIENCE AWARD FOR THE MOST POPULAR FILM and 2016 PFFA BEST COMEDY AWARD Planet Single / *Planeta singli* Romantic comedy about two young people.

Shown at Madison's Polish Film Festival 2016

2016 CHICAGO FILM CRITICS AWARD Blindness / *Zacma* Sadistic Communist haunted by her past.

Shown at Madison's Polish Film Festival 2016

2016 PFFA PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING VALUES Honey Hunters / *Lowcy miodu* Save bees from extinction? Beekeeping traditions, forests & Warsaw skyscrapers,

2016 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Brothers / *Bracia* Two old Polish brothers come back to their homeland, 70 years after having been deported to Siberia.

Jan 24 Final Nominations for Academy Awards Feb. 26.

Poland's submission for BEST FOREIGN FILM is director Andrzej Wajda's last film *Afterimage/Powidoki* - about avant-garde painter Wladyslaw Strzeminski. (was not on the Dec. shortlist)

Films considered for BEST SHORT DOCUMENTARY:

Close Ties/*Więzi* - About a 45 year marriage

End of the World/*Koniec swiata* - 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

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Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

1.00 USD = 4.22 Złoty IN THE NEWS various sources

POLAND:

- Jan - Oct 2016 overall trade surplus ~ PLN 19 bil. (EUR 4 bil.) a significant increase in exports from 2015.
- The National Bank issued 35th anniversary coin of 9 miners killed by communist-era authorities at Wujek coal mine
- English Proficiency Index: 10th highest of 72 countries.
- Lowest # doctors per capita in EU: 2.3 per thousand.
- Average life expectancy 77.8 vs. Spain, Italy, France 83 yrs.
- ~ 12.8% of Poles say they cannot afford to go out for a drink or meal with family and friends at least once a month.

28 Nov Poland + 6 other EU countries missed plastic bag phase out plan deadline. (charge for plastic bags, or limit # used to 90/person by 2019, 40/ person by 2025. Now 200/person/yr.)

1 Dec World AIDS Day: 3 Poles diagnosed HIV positive/day. As of July ~ 9,000 Poles (113 children) being treated for HIV.

24 Nov WARSAW - Police recovered 1997 stolen painting of the Marshal riding Kasztanka 'Piłsudski on Horseback'

28 Nov WARSAW, Temple of Divine Providence - Religious service for 97th anniversary of Ryszard Kaczorowski's birth -last President of government-in- exile, died 10 April 2010 crash.

29 Nov POLKOWICE SW PL, Rudna Copper Mine - Tremor, 4.4 quake, cave-in 1,100 m (3,610') underground. 8 deaths.

6 Dec WARSAW, Chopin Airport - 12 millionth passenger this year, a new record. LOT started over 20 new routes in 2016.

7 Dec WARSAW, Presidential Palace - President Duda posthumously promoted WWII hero Jan Karski to Brigadier Gen.
 WARSAW - 27 yr.old tennis star Agnieszka Radwańska played against Pres.Duda. She called him a "challenging" partner.

9 Dec LUBUSKIE PROVINCE, W,Poland ~700 dead birds at goose farm. H5N8 avian flu detected (not harmful to humans)

10 Dec WARSAW, Powązki cemetery - Burial of 2 Polish army of-ficers who saved 75 tons of gold from being seized in WWII.

11 Dec LILLEHAMMER, Norway - Poland's Kamil Stoch won World Cup ski jumping competition 134 m and 130.5 m.

13 Dec WARSAW, Victims of 1981 Martial Law event - "5,000" at anti-government march, "2,000" at commemoration.

WARSAW, Parliament - Passed law restricting public meetings.

15 Dec POZNAŃ - Death of Bohdan Smoleń 69 -actor, satirical singer, member of KABARET TEY during communist period.

BRUSSELS, EU Summit - PM Beata Szydło protested against EU limit of CO2, said would exclude coal from Polish energy.

16-17 Dec WROCLAW ended yr. as European Capital of Culture: "Heaven" a sound-and-light spectacular, street theatre, music festival, photography exhibition and Verdi's "Il Trovatore."

WARSAW, Parliament 16 Dec Protestors blocked the podium.

After moving to a different hall, Law and Justice (PiS) deputies passed the 2017 budget. Opposition says vote illegal.

17 Dec Donald Tusk asked Polish authorities to respect the constitution. Police used tear gas, removed protestors.

18 Dec President Duda met with opposition leaders.

19 Dec Outgoing Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz: "After 25 years, we are fighting again: this is no good...Peace will come if there is goodwill on all sides. This is what we are praying for."

20 Dec 5th day of sit-in, protests against press restrictions (# of reporters, TV stations limits) reduction of the Constitutional Court's powers, "systematic attempts by the govt. to roll back democratic rights." Some reporters were given a 1 day pass.