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*Happy
New Year!*

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Now is a time for remembering, and it has been a wonderful year for our club. This newsletter, edited by Rosie Meinholz, is always full of information of what the club has done and will do, and then supplemented with all things Polish in Wisconsin. The website too, edited by Irena Frączek, allows us (and our out of town relatives) to visit or revisit all our events. Thanks to both Rosie & Irena for all their efforts this year.

Looking to the new year, the Annual Meeting & Elections are scheduled for January 21st at 2 p.m. Please join us to cast your ballot or just to thank the old board of directors and welcome in the new ones.

Also, we will be sending out a member survey in February. The Board members want to know what you want them to focus on, and how they can serve you better and make our club even stronger.

Thank you all for making this a great year and my best wishes for an even better 2018.

~ Marge Urdova Morgan

Please help promote our scholarship

Each year, the Polish Heritage Club as part of its community programs offers \$1000 scholarships to individuals pursuing their post-secondary education. This scholarship is awarded based on Polish ancestry, academic achievement and interest in the Polish experience. Students interested in being considered need to complete and submit their application and associated materials by May 15, 2018. To obtain the application and more information, go to our website <http://www.phcwi-madison.org/>

2018 is the 100th anniversary of the recovery of Poland's independence.

For 123 years Poland was divided between Austria, Prussia and Russia. It did not exist as a country until after World War I in 1918.

On Jan. 8, 1918 President Wilson delivered his Fourteen Points to a Joint Session of Congress. He listed the principles for peace to end the war and to guarantee the political and territorial independence of countries. *What he said about Poland:*

XIII. "An independent Polish state should be erected which should include the territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations, which should be assured a free and secure access to the sea, and whose political and economic independence and territorial integrity should be guaranteed by international covenant."

Sunday January 21, 2018 at 2 pm
ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS
Lakeview Lutheran Church
4001 Mandrake Rd Madison, 53704
(near Warner Park & jct. Hwy 113/School Rd)

We hope to see you at our Annual Meeting!

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

Your 2018 membership must be paid to vote.

Your prompt renewal is appreciated!

Memberships are from Jan 1 to Dec 31.

*If you joined since Sept.1 it's counted for 2018.

- 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:*
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Included in this newsletter:

- A Membership Form if your label does not say 2018. (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 21.
- Absentee Ballot (2 votes / Family Membership) if you wish to vote for the 2018 Directors and will not be attending the Meeting.
- Ballots must be postmarked by January 14.

Madison:

1st Fri Breakfast 9am Monona Garden Family Restaurant

14 Jan Absentee Ballot must be postmarked by this date

21 Jan POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Annual Meeting and Elections



WI PUBLIC TV: Rick Steves' Europe (repeat):
"Poland Rediscovered: Krakow, Auschwitz and Warsaw - see why the old "east" is becoming the new heart of Europe." ON CREATE CHANNEL:
8 Jan 3pm, 14 Jan 9:30pm, 15 Jan 3:30am

6 Feb 7 pm BOOK CLUB *The Chosen Maiden* by Eva Stachniak
 (608) 836-8632 or kasiakrzyzostaniak@outlook.com

13 Feb Pączki Day | area bakeries

24 Feb POLISH CLUB at International Festival | Overture Center

27 Feb *Maria Pomianowska concert in Madison*

March 4 Casimir Pulaski Day, 1987 Laws of Wisconsin, Act 11

25 Mar POLISH CLUB Palm Sunday Spring Festival | Monona, WI

31 Mar Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets *Święconka* | churches

Discovery Building | 330 N Orchard St School of Journalism and Mass Communication & Institute for Regional/ International Studies

9-10 Feb CONFERENCE: ethics in human rights reporting

UW-Madison CREECA | 206 Ingraham | 1155 Observatory Dr

5 Apr "Politics of Memory in Contemporary Poland"

12 Apr David Ost, author of "Authoritarian Drive in Poland"

27-29 Apr 7th Annual Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest:

Polka Country Musicians, The Boys, The Main Squeeze, Freeze Dried, Polski Chix, Polka Pak, Cynor Classics, Jolly Zuk Brothers

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

Summer POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Picnic

October Polish American Heritage Month

Nov POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Bazaar

Dec POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Wigilia

Milwaukee:

POLISH CENTER 6941 S 68th St, Franklin, WI

7 Jan noon Syrenka: Koledy at the Polish Center

28 Jan Film series "Zookeeper's Wife"

16 Feb -30 March Friday Lenten Fish Fries

29 Apr Polanki's Pierogi Festival

Chicago:

THE LIRA ENSEMBLE *Caroles, Song & Dance*

7 Jan 3pm - Calumet City, IL | St. Andrew Church

MARIA POMIANOWSKA with special guests

23 Feb 8pm | Szold Hall | 4545 N Lincoln Ave

THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA 984 N. Milwaukee Ave.

until 11 March Kosciuszko Bicentennial Exhibit

Music Events

HOUSE CONCERT | Stephenson home | Madison west side

7 Jan 3pm - 5pm \$40 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - SOLD OUT?

"We'll be having a house concert to celebrate the New Year!

I'll play selections by Bach, Scarlatti, Beethoven, **Chopin**,

Mendelssohn, Grieg, Brahms, and Debussy featuring three

different keyboard instruments—the elegant early 18th-c.

German double-manual harpsichord, the ethereal-sounding

1840 English Cottage piano (we call him Fred), the orches-

trally-complex c. 1855 Böesendorfer grand. Treats and drinks.

Please email if you'd like to come." trevor@trevorstephenson.com

POLISH OPERA STARS

28 Jan 6:30pm CBS-TV The 60th Grammy Awards live from NY.

Nominated for Best Opera Recording: Gianandrea Noseda

(conductor) - Bizet: *Les Pêcheurs De Perles* Singers include

Polish baritone Mariusz Kwiecień.

14 Apr 11:30am LIVE FROM THE MET 18 Apr 6:30pm ENCORE

Point Cinema | 7825 Big Sky Drive, Madison *Luisa Miller:*

Verdi's tragedy about a young woman who sacrifices her own happiness in an attempt to save her father's life.

Polish tenor Piotr Beczala as Rodolfo, son of the Count.

Genealogy:

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/989876411730844418>

16 Jan Jill Morelli: *FamilySearch: The Other 70%* "Did you know

- if you do a surname search at FamilySearch.org you are only reaching 30% of the online documents that are available at that site?

Maximize your "search power" by understanding how the image-only documents are arranged to find your ancestor's record easier.

We will cover why these image-only records exist, why sur-name searches will continue to access only a fraction of the online records,

and the impact of the discontinuation of the FamilySearch film distribution activity. We will cover three methods for accessing these

image-only documents and describe the limitations of each. Finally, the organization of the image-only records will be covered and how

to use that organization to your advantage, reducing the amount of "scrolling time." With FamilySearch digitizing records and eliminating the film distribution program in 2017, this topic is v. timely."

FamilySearch is a genealogy organization operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was previously known as the Genealogical Society of Utah and is the largest genealogy organization in the world. ~ Wikipedia

Dane County Genealogical Society www.dcags.org

4505 Regent St., Madison (chapel at junction with Segoe Rd)

10 Feb 11am Lori Bessler, Wisconsin Historical Society

10 Mar Anna Cookove, Czech researcher and translator

WI Historical Society/Family Hx www.wisconsinhistory.org/

17 Mar *How to Get the Most Out of Your Genealogy*

7 Apr *Introduction for Using DNA for Genealogy Research*

Club, Member and Wisconsin News



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

1/2 Krzysztoff Skarbek	1/12 Beata Kalies Wierzba
1/4 Mary Ann Preston	1/13 Joan Peterson
1/10 Rose Meinholz & Kari Buss	1/23 Steve Zallar
1/11 Phil Flannery, Ryszard Zolnik	1/29 Roman Minyaylyuk

Welcome to new members: Carla Marciniak Mason, David Paul & Dana Sue Miller, Mary L. Podolski

- **Do you want your newsletter emailed?** (it's in color)

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- **NEEDED: backup computer data entry inventory person**

CONTACT: Tadziu (Tedd) Mianowski (608) 335-3503

- **Belated thank you for Kościuszko 200th Anniversary Exhibit**

to POLANKI the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee for their loan of the 18 panel exhibit, and especially to *Jean Wroblewski and Jane Dunn for exhibit transport.

- **Best Wishes to Basia Pulz** for a good broken knee recovery.

(Is she making more wianki while her knee is elevated?)

6 Dec WORT-FM Madison "Journeys Into Jazz"

Host Gary Alderman told of many American jazz musicians playing in Poland in the 1960-70s - then played a recording of Stan Getz and a trio of "unpronounceable Polish musicians" at the Warsaw Concert Hall, October 31, 1960.

Stan Getz - 1960 • 1974 In Warsaw - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suBD2ArTv4>

Winter 2017 EDIBLE MADISON "World of Baking"

Bagels • Poland by Allison Sandbeck

"If you can't find a decent bagel, you must learn how to make them - that's what happened when I moved from NY City to the Midwest...they have to snap when you rip them in half." WIKIPEDIA says "First known mention of the bagel, in 1610, was in Jewish community ordinances in Kraków, Poland."

20 Dec MADISON CAPITAL TIMES Dave Zweifel:

"Right wing can relax about upside-down Christmas trees"

His article tells about upside down trees in hotels and shopping centers states the trend "had its origins in Poland and other central and eastern European countries." But Robert Strybel writes in polartcenter.com Christmas FAQ: "...it was the custom to decorate peasant cottages, especially in southern Poland, with a "podniczka" (upcreeper) or "sad" (orchard). This was nothing more than the point of an evergreen suspended point-side-down from the rafters. Sometimes it was simply an evergreen branch. These were decorated with home-made ornaments, fashioned from straw, paper or Christmas wafers as well as sweets, gingerbread hearts and "marcypan" (almond-paste) figures. But a whole Christmas tree was never suspended from the ceiling."

19 Oct CATHOLIC HERALD "Priest from Poland comes..."

Witamy! Fr. Miroslaw Szynal to Watertown

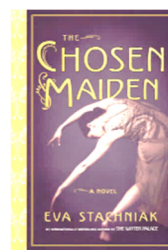
30 Sept Fr. Szynal is Parochial Vicar at St. Bernard Parish and St. Henry Parish. A native of Poland, he was ordained on May 26, 1990 in the Diocese of Koszalin-Kolobrzeg. After five years in Poland, he was a missionary in Tanzania, came back to Poland, and then served in Manitoba, Canada and the past five years in Montana. He states on the church's website: "I am fluent in the Polish, English, and German, and I enjoy hunting and fishing in my free time. I am looking forward to serving the good people of St. Bernard / St. Henry parishes."

Watertown H.Soc.: "1916 COLLECTION FOR POLES St. Bernard's Catholic congregation has contributed over \$100 toward the relief of the Poles in Poland. - Watertown Weekly Leader"

26 Jan 12 FREE TOUR Watrous Gallery | Overture 201 State St Wisława Szymborska's poem "Sky"

inspired some of artist Holly Cohn's paintings and sculptural constructions. "Touched by the questions *Sky* poses about the mystery of loss and connection, Cohn translates her response into visual metaphor. She combines landscape fragments and images of deep space—which she calls 'unframed markers of particular moments'—with etched metal elements and found objects to create hauntingly beautiful pieces that defy categorization." A copy of the poem is in the exhibit. Ends Jan 28.

6 Feb Tue 7 pm POLISH HERITAGE CLUB BOOK CLUB | Middleton



The Chosen Maiden by Eva Stachniak

is about Polish ballerina Bronisława (Bronia) Niżyńska (1891 - 1972). She describes the life of a professional ballerina and living during the Russian Revolution and WWI. Her mother uses a variety of Polish phrases and tells about Polish food items.

YouTube videos show the world of ballet during those times:

Peter Untinov: An Important Ballets Russes Doc - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbqIPF6NI6M&app=desktop>

Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes - ... YouTube › watch
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImsR8eR2-MI&app=desktop>

2 books at Public Library, also on Kindle, many on Amazon

Dziękuję to Kasia and Marian Krzyzostaniak for hosting at their Middleton home. Please contact them at 836-8632 or kasiakrzyzostaniak@outlook.com so they have enough chairs - or for updated meeting place if a change is needed.

DATE TO SAVE Watch for news from Szymon Wozniczka.

27 Feb Maria Pomianowska concert in Madison

The acclaimed Polish musician, composer and researcher is returning to the Midwest. She has a concert scheduled with special guests at Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music on Feb. 23. In 2017 her USA Debut Tour included performances at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, AND in Wisconsin at UW-Whitewater's World Music Festival. Szymon Wozniczka organized a live in-studio WORT-FM radio interview and performance. See Oct. 2017 PHCWI-Madison newsletter.

39th ANNUAL PHCWI WIGILIA Dec. 2, 2017

at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street, Madison



Dziękuję to Irena Frączek for these photos + more on website



After the Social Hour, the First Star and the **Turon/ Casimir Patek** appeared, and the evening began.

MC/President Marjorie Morgan welcomed guests and thanked our servers from the Goodman Center's Working Class Catering.

Team Wigilia led the Dinner Prayer:
Shelle Michalak, Laurie Ross, Anne Evans.



Julita, Weronika, Adam, and Ryszard Zolnik demonstrated sharing of the Opłatek.

Our sit down meal: Dorsz (baked cod) or Gołąbki (beef cabbage rolls), chicken tenders (for ages under 16) + Barszcz, sauerkraut, pierogi, Śledzie marynowane, Mizeria, Chleb, Jaja na Twardo, and Marble Cake for dessert.

After dinner, Mary B. Good told the story "Our Christmas Tree" - a tree lot in Chicago at Division and Milwaukee Ave. and finding several trees to make one perfect tree.

Gloria Welniak read "The Christmas Spider" as the book's pictures showed on the screen - and **Laurie Ross** held up a colorful straw pająk' [spider] ornament - while a black spider dangled nearby.



Santa /Stephen Pienkos arrived with (parents brought) gifts.
Cliff and Suzanne Perkins



President Elect Allan Patek introduced Scholarship recipient James Kolonko who gave his thanks. Raya Lukesic Castronovo could not attend, but was introduced at the 2017 picnic.



Tedd Mianowski, Joan Rubens, James Kolonko, Prof. W. Szybalski

2017 event volunteers were thanked and Gloria Welniak received a spider ornament in recognition of her PHCWI Volunteer Excellence Award. Ryszard Zolnik led singing of kolędy and Linda Cagle read the closing *Polish Blessing*:

May your heart be as patient as the earth, Your love as warm as harvest gold. May your days be full, as the city is full, Your nights as joyful as dancers. May your arms be as welcoming as home. May your faith be as enduring as God's love, Your spirit as valiant as your heritage. May your hand be as sure as a friend's, Your dreams as hopeful as a child's. May your soul be as brave as your people, And may you be blessed. ~ Cultrual Blessings

Dziękuję to Jane Dunn for the Uninvited Guest Bolesławiec pottery place setting, to the 2017 Board of Directors, and especially to Team Wigilia for a special evening.



**B: R.Zolnik
S Michalak
A.Evans
A. Patek
F: S.Pienkos
L.Ross
M.Morgan
G.Welniak
L.Cagle**

2018 Elections: Board of Directors Nominees as of this printing

Dziękuję to the Nominating Committee: Chair: Ryszard Zolnik, and Jane Dunn, Gloria Welniak, Szymon Wozniczka.

2018 BOD Nominees as of this printing:

VP-PRES.ELECT-1 year: Theodore Ceplina, Diane Pillsbury
SECRETARY-even year-2 yrs: Patricia Brinkman, Laurie Ross
2 DIRECTORS-even year-2 yrs. (vote for 2): Ann Evans, Doris Graiewski, Sharon Pasowicz, Elaine Schenborn

Additional nominees accepted before the January 21 vote

VP-PRES.ELECT-1 year 2018

Theodore Ceplina

A love for playing polka music and the craft of pisanki led me to discover my Polish roots. I am originally from Portage County, WI, one of the largest Kaszubian populations outside of Poland. I am named after my great grand-fathers, who came from the Koscierzyna area in Kaszuby.

I discovered the PHC when I attended the 2015 spring event and joined on the spot, very quickly getting in touch about volunteering at the next event. The club is a great venue to share my knowledge of Polish folk arts and music and also a means to learn more.

I served as the director of the UWMC (Marathon Co.) Multi-cultural Resource Center and founded the UWMC Cultural Festival in 2012, an event that had 500 participants in its very first year. I have 20 years of experience volunteering and demonstrating at numerous other multicultural events. My degree in Human Geography also ties into this.

My passion is cultural preservation and my hope is to take the resources and expertise I have and find ways in which the club can have more cultural enrichment/outreach activities within our community. I would love to see Polish music, dance, and craft workshops. I possess the ambition and knowledge to make these sort of events happen.

Diane Pillsbury

I am completely Polish and proud of it! My paternal grandmother's father fled Poland to avoid serving in the Russian army. Her family later escaped by hiding in a hay wagon. She was also instrumental in the beginnings of the Milwaukee International Folk Festival. My paternal grandfather served in the Polish Blue Army during WWI and was also at the decisive Battle of Vistula in 1920 which repelled the Russian Communist Army.

I grew up in Milwaukee, graduated from UW-Stevens Point in environmental education, worked at nature centers in Wisconsin, Iowa and Philadelphia, married my Vermont Yankee husband, Brian, and moved to Vermont where our three children were born. I remind them of their better half by serving them pierogis and performing the opłatek ceremony on Christmas Eve. 21 years ago we moved to Baraboo.

I attended my first PHC Spring Sale. It became a yearly event for me and I finally joined the organization 4 years ago. Now that the kids are grown I really enjoy getting involved in PHC and look forward to serving it more as a Board member.

SECRETARY-even year-2 years 2018-19 (vote for 1):

PHCWI Secretary 2012-14, Director 2015-16

From Patricia's 2015 statement since she's out of town at deadline.

Patricia Brinkman

I may not be 100% Polish, but I do identify/feel very Polish. My maiden name is Leszkiewicz. I was raised in the City of South Milwaukee's Polish neighborhood. My grandparents came to WI via Chester PA before the turn of the 20th century. Grandma was from the Warsaw area and Grandpa from Vilnius. Grandma was a well-educated woman, wrote and spoke seven languages. She became a young widow, was self-sufficient, raised seven children, but did live in poverty during that time.

When I moved to Madison, I served on the YMCA Board and this was the beginning of my community service. Since then I helped settle numerous Hmong, and worked extensively with the International Peace Council and Kiwanis International at both the local and district level.

The following projects are dear to my heart: building a dental clinic in Poland, helping with the Academic Learning Center on the Southside of Madison, and assuring that all ambulances in WI have size appropriate equipment for children. My most recent projects include the International Kiwanis Eliminate project – eliminate maternal and pediatric tetanus deaths in the world and developing a memorial series of community talks. I am a proud resident of the Northside and was an active member of the Northside Planning Council for years.

PHCWI Director 2016-2017

Laurie Ross

Greetings Polish family! I live on Madison's far-east side. I have two daughters (married) and am blessed to have both families living in the Madison area. I work full time for the state of Wisconsin and have the pleasure of spending each Thursday with my two darling grandchildren. I am passionate about the great outdoors and our natural resources. I love traveling, hiking, reading, biking, outdoor time, and spending time with family and friends.

I am currently a Director on the PHC Board and am on the Wigilia Committee. I believe I add a business and efficiency perspective to the Board. I have extensive experience in documenting Board actions and directives and am customer service driven. I volunteer at the Spring Festival and Fall Bazaar, the International Fest at Overture, am excited about being part of the group rejuvenating the Club's Szopka, and hope to organize some non-work PHC outings (purely social!) to Polish events and locations in the years to come.

My dad (100% Polish) is the youngest in his family. Unfortunately, he is the last of his siblings. As my Ross (Rozmenoski) family ages and declines, my PHC family grows with each passing year. Na zdrowie!

2 DIRECTORS- even year-2 years 2018-18 (vote for 2):

PHCWI Secretary 2016-2017

Ann Evans

I am interested in the Polish Heritage Club of Madison because of my interest in family history. I think I can be an asset to the club with my computer, listening, organizing and interpersonal skills. I enjoy talking to people and working with people in groups. I have spent the last two years as Board Secretary of the PHCWI-Madison and enjoyed it immensely.

I first went to the Polish Heritage Club Christmas Bazaar several years ago and had a lot of fun, and bought some lovely amber jewelry. After a few years I joined the Club and have enjoyed helping set up, work and pack up two Bazaars. I have met several incredibly interesting people. I have also helped plan the Wigilia in 2016 and 2017.

I really enjoy traveling and experiencing new cultures. I have traveled extensively throughout Europe including Ireland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. I have also traveled to Morocco, South Korea (and the DMZ) and Israel. My favorite cities include London, Marrakesh and Budapest. I am currently a volunteer Red Cross CPR instructor and am working part time at the YMCA of Dane Co. I enjoy cooking, attending football games and imagining all of the fun places I have yet to visit.

Doris Graiewski

I became interested in Polish culture when I celebrated Christmas with relatives in Poland.

For the past few years I have been a volunteer at the Spring Festival and Fall Bazaar. In the past I have volunteered at the International Festival and Portage County Festival. Currently I am serving on the Inventory Committee.

In addition to being a member of the PHCWI-Madison, I am a member of the Polish American Congress Wisconsin Division and the Polish Heritage Alliance. Both of these groups meet in Franklin Wisconsin. Last June I worked at Polish Fest in Milwaukee for 3 days.

My experience serving on a Board of Directors is for our condo association. I served 2 separate stints with the last being 5 years. My position on that board was as secretary.

I would like your vote so I can further serve the Polish Heritage Club.

Sharon Pasowicz

I was born in Fort Sam Houston, TX and grew up traveling around the U.S. as my father was in the Army (TX, AK, WI). After High School, I served 11 years in the Army: school in SC and VA, and stationed in TX, Germany, Honduras, Panama, Italy, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Saudi Arabia (Desert Shield/Desert Storm). I belong to the Disabled American Veterans Organization and have served as Post Chaplain and Quartermaster with the Armstrong Creek, WI VFW Post.

I am single, live in Verona and I am currently retired from nursing. To broaden my knowledge of what I learned in the military and what I have taught myself, I'm taking classes at Madison College in various spreadsheet programs. I enjoy

music, mixing CD's, gardening, cooking and trying new recipes.

My family on my father's side comes from Mała, Poland, my mother's side from Gdansk/ Gdynia/Sopot. I still have family in Poland and one day hope to meet them. From my father's side of the family, I am second generation. I never knew my grandparents on my father's side and never gained their knowledge of Poland or Polish history.

I joined the PHC to learn the rich history and customs of our Polish ancestors and to honor them. I have volunteered for several years at the International Fest, the Spring Fest, and the Christmas Bazaar.

Elaine Schenborn

I was born and raised in Chicago, 100% Polish - my maiden name is Wojkowski. Each of my grand-parents emigrated to Chicago in the early 1900's from the Czeszochowa and Bialystok regions of Poland. I have many fond memories of Polish delicatessens and bakeries in my neighborhood, and Saturday mornings 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, we 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.

The Polish Heritage Club provides for me a connection to people with similar roots and reminds me of my own ancestral heritage. I enjoy volunteering at the Christmas and Easter bazaars, and attending Book Club. It's been wonderful meeting new friends and learning more about Polish history, its heroes, artists and customs. As a Director I would look forward to many more opportunities for sharing ideas and contributing to the continued success of the Polish Heritage Club.

Continuing on the Board:

VP-PRES. ELECT-2016 Allan Patek becomes **PRESIDENT**

PRESIDENT-2017 Marge Morgan becomes **PAST PRESIDENT**

Elected in odd year for 2 years, serve 2017-18:

TREASURER- Linda Cagle

DIRECTORS - Gloria Welniak & Stephen Pienkos

National History Day

by Rose Meinholz Information from:

<https://www.nhd.org/> <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

Each year middle and high school students across Wisconsin participate in National History Day (NHD). They present their researched topics in one of these categories: Documentary, Exhibit, Paper, Performance or Website. The top entries in each category (and in the JUNIOR GROUP, SENIOR GROUP, SENIOR INDIVIDUAL) advance to the National Contest in Maryland. In 2017 out of 400 projects that competed in Wisconsin's History Day, 36 advanced to the Nationals.

"The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past....The intentional selection of the theme for NHD is to provide an opportunity for students to push past the antiquated view of history as mere facts and dates and drill down into historical content to develop perspective and understanding."

2017 theme: *Taking a Stand in History*

"Taking a stand really means to take a side for or against something. There are many ways people have taken a stand in history. When people take a stand, they have to defend ideas or actions they believe in. They might use force, like the American patriots did against the British. Or they might use peaceful actions, like Martin Luther King did when marching for civil rights. When someone takes a stand, they are trying to make a change in the way things are.

These changes can have short term, long term, or both kinds of changes. Taking a stand is more than just being against something. It's a way of making your voice heard to make change happen. Groups of people often stand together for or against things they want to change. Working men and women joined unions to take a stand for better wages and time off. Countries around the world formed the League of Nations after World War I to take a stand against future wars. Is it always successful? Not always. The League of Nations fell apart as World War II began. Unions have far fewer members today than they used to. Sometimes change takes a very long time. It took over 100 years for women to succeed in their stand to gain the right to vote. Throughout history men, women, and even children have taken a stand for what they believe in, either through force, through their actions, or through speaking out."

Polish titles - Wisconsin at the Nationals:

Witold Pyecki: One Man's Stand Against Nazi Aggression

Irena Sendler: Standing Up for the Children

The Warsaw Ghetto Savior: Irene Sendler

Irene Sendler: Taking a Stand and *Oskar Schindler*

Polish titles - National winners:

SENIOR GROUP Performance - *Solidarity: The Polish People Take a Stand for Freedom*

Discovery or Exploration in History - *Copernicus and His Theories: Laying the Groundwork for the Heavens*

Global Peace - *Joseph Rotblat and The Anti-Nuclear Stand*



2018 theme: *Conflict & Compromise in History*

"**Conflict:** can be more than a physical battle, also considered a disagreement about an idea or difference in opinions.

"**Compromise:** A compromise is an agreement in which each side makes concessions or accepted a deal less than what was ideal. In History: NHD encourages students to look at a topic that impacts today, but don't pick a recent event. Topics must be at least 20 years old to be considered historical. If you like a more recent topic, find a way to connect it to an older event. It will also help you to explain the impact of your chosen subject on the world today."

National History Day in Wisconsin

February or March contests are held in Wisconsin's eight regions. Fees are \$5-\$10 per student. Winners advance to the State Event in Madison at the Historical Society for National History Day (NHD) in Wisconsin - April 21, 2018. Two winners in each category go to Maryland, this year on June 10-14.

National History Day in Wisconsin: What you need to know

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15251>

GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE THEME:

Download the 2018 NHD Theme Book

- Find a brief overview of this year's theme.
- Learn more about the scope of the theme.
- See how it relates to several sample topics.
- Perfect to print, copy and share.

Download the Simplified Theme Sheet

Download the Theme Narrative

Download the Topic List - *Polish related titles:*

- The Munich Agreement: Appeasing Conflict
- The Treaty of Versailles: Prelude to the Second WW
- Conflicting Ideas over Religion: New Immigrants
- The Big Three: Conflict and Compromise at Yalta
- Compromise to End All Conflict: Kellogg-Briand Pact 1928

Special awards are offered by sponsoring institutions and individuals, for example: The Wisconsin Labor History Society for topics related to the study of Labor History, and Ralph and Virginia Kurtzman sponsor the Environmental History Award.

<https://nhdinwi.weebly.com/results.html>

No Polish organizations are listed as offering History Day Special Awards in Wisconsin.

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For any questions, please call: (608) 831-8827

Checks payable to: Polish Heritage Club-Madison Dziękuję!

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 Yes No Include my information in Club's Membership Directory

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- 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 = 3.53 Złoty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND - Nov. unemployment 6.5% = 1,067,700 mil. jobless

PER CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE (GUS):

- 2016: 223,000 people aged ≥ 90 and 4,900 centenarians. Number of 90-year-olds up tenfold over past 100 years.
- Had EU's greatest decrease in poverty.
- Europe's fastest growth rate. 203 Poles assets >USD 100 mil.
- Two-thirds of adult Poles use the internet at least 1x/week.
- One in five 15-yr-olds say they have been bullied at school.
- Only ~ 37% of Poles read at least one book in 2016.
- 46th happiest per World Happiness Report. Norway happiest.
- 54% of Poles plan to keep working after reaching Poland's new lower retirement age (60 women, 65 men).

24 Nov SUNDAY SHOPPING - Will gradually be banned.

2 Dec GOVT SECURITY CENTRE ~60,000 homes without power after heavy snows. 111 people froze to death in PL in 2016.

2 Dec STATE ROADS - 19,000km kept clear of snow and ice with 2,400 ploughs and 1,400 salt trucks.

7 Dec MIGRANTS - The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland referred to the EU's Court of Justice for non-compliance. Poland had agreed to take in over 6,000 migrants.

11 Dec POLAND'S 17th PRIME MINISTER - Mateusz Morawiecki replaced Beata Szydło, PM since 2015.

12 Dec NUCLEAR ENERGY - Sample of 2,000 Poles: 59% support construction of the 1st nuclear power plant. 16% against.

12 Dec S.POLAND - Winds+snow: 50,000 houses no electricity, 6 injured, roofs off 16 and >230 buildings damaged.

PKP Intercity Warsaw-Bydgoszcz - Passengers given logic puzzle on train named for Enigma code breaker Marian Rejewski.

24 Nov WARSAW, Parliament in session - PiS leader Jarosław

Kaczyński photographed reading *ATLAS KOTÓW Atlas of Cats*.

He donated the book for auctioning by a charity.

27 Nov KRAKÓW, National Museum - Opening of Stanisław

Wyspiański Exhibit: playwright, painter and designer.

28 Nov EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA - Henryk Głębocki, historian.

He lectured about the *Polish Operation 1937-1938*.

29 Nov NOWY SĄCZ - Death of Charles Merrill 97, son of the Merrill Lynch founder, considered Poland his 2nd homeland.

1 Dec LOS ANGELES, Polish Consulate - Tom Hanks picked up his vintage Polish Fiat 126p, a gift from the town of Bielsko

Biała. He said the super-compact car "a bit of a squeeze."

13 Dec WARSAW, Martial Law 36th Anniversary - Prayers/speeches marked the 1981 night when > 6,500 activists were arrested.

16 Dec Eurovision - Won by ballet dancer Paulina Bidzińska 19.

17 Dec WASHINGTON D.C. - Death of Retired Army Lt. Gen.

Edward Rowny 100, arms control adviser to 5 Presidents.

18 Dec KAŁUSYN, e.of Warsaw - Polish Air Force MiG-29 jet crashed, the pilot ejected. Training flights were suspended.

20 Dec BRUSSELS, the European Commission - Poland has 3 mo. to follow the EU's values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law - or it will lose its EU voting rights (Article 7).

VATICAN - Cardinal Wyszyński d.1981 closer to beatification

21 Dec WARSAW - Britain's Theresa May and PM Mateusz Morawiecki signed a defense & security co-operation treaty.

until 7 Jan KRAKÓW, Na. Museum - Huge "Heritage Exhibit" of 650 objects from the museum's greatest/superb collections.

9-28 Feb PYEONGCHANG, S.Korea - 28 Poles scheduled to compete in Biathlon, Figure Skating, Luge, Short Track Skating and Speed Skating (gold winner Zbigniew Brodka).