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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Spring Festival a huge success. We once again held a fun event that celebrated our culture and community.

Looking ahead, May 3rd marks an important day to proudly fly the Polish flag. Święto Konstytucji 3 Maja is a national holiday that celebrates the adoption of Poland's first constitution - a progressive document that was held up as a model for Europe. Although its reforms came too late to save the nation from partition by the reactionary emperors, the constitution's promise of progressive reforms was a focal point of resistance and the Poles aspiration to restore the nation.

Polish constitutional scholar Bronislaw Dembinski observed, "The miracle of the Constitution did not save the state but did save the nation." This spirit is important to remember as we celebrate the centennial of restoring independence.

Allan Patek

1999 Senate Joint Resolution 11 declared
May 3rd of every year Trzeciego Maja Day
Polish Constitution Day in Wisconsin:
http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/1999/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution

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. Applications are due by May 15. <http://www.phcwi-madison.org/>

If your label doesn't say 2018 your dues are due - please renew - dziękuję!

from PHCWI-Madison website:

May 12, 2018 is the 10th anniversary of the death of Irena Sendler (1910-2008)

who saved around 2,500 Jewish children... as part of Żegota she smuggling them from the Warsaw Ghetto and found shelters in Polish homes, convents and social care facilities. Yad Vashem recognized her as Righteous Among the Nations in 1968.

Apr 11, 2010 MADISON, Beth Israel Center:

Kansas students presented *LIFE IN A JAR*

May 13, 2018 ENGLAND: Learning from Righteous dedicates her garden at the National Holocaust Centre. The ceremony includes a travelling exhibition and childrens' presentations.

"Inspiring children with the courage of the few."

In the South Central Library System:

3 copies COURAGEOUS HEART OF IRENA - DVD
4 copies THE NAME OF THEIR MOTHERS - DVD
and 29 books (4 different titles)



May celebrations: 100th Anniversary of Poland's Independence



GDYNIA: The *STS Dar Młodzieży* "gift of youth" sets sail on a round-the-world-100-ports voyage to share the centennial message with people of every color creed and nationality. It arrives for World Youth Days in Panama on January 2019.

Built: 1981, Gdańsk Shipyard Lenin

Shipping type: Full rigged. 26 sails.

Height of 3 masts: 49.5m, Length: 108.6m

Engine: Cegielski-Sulzer, diesel

NY CITY: President Duda at a United Nations session and plans to meet the Polish community "to underscore the diaspora's links with their ancestral Poland and to emphasize its contribution to Poland's independence."

UNITED KINGDOM: Polish Heritage Days

Theme: Celebrating 100 years of Independence



Madison area:

1st Fri 9am **POLISH BREAKFAST** | Monona Garden | 608/ 831-8827
1 May 7pm **POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB** | Middleton | 608/ 836-8632
 May 3 Trzeciego Maja Day in Wisconsin

Summer **POLISH HERITAGE CLUB** Picnic
October Polish American Heritage Month

Nov **POLISH HERITAGE CLUB** Bazaar

Dec 1 **POLISH HERITAGE CLUB** Wigilia

Milwaukee: Polish Fest June 15-17**POLISH CENTER - 6941 S 68th St, Franklin, WI**

3 May Premier of a Kosciuszko film, remarks about the film and Polish Constitution by UWM Professor Neal Pease.

8 May 7pm Peter Burzyski poetry reading and reception - *Poems of Szyborska and Milosz* RSVP

13 May Mother's Day Brunch

THE IMMIGRANT STORY - 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.

16 May Bel Canto Chorus "21 short works pay homage to British, Irish, Italians, Jewish, German, Norwegian, Polish immigrants."

WI STATE POLKA FESTIVAL - Sheraton, 5311 S Howell Ave
18-20 May www.wisconsinpolkaboozers.com**MILWAUKEE Food & City Tours: POLONIA CHICAGO**

11 August "You don't have to travel overseas to visit the Old Country. Chicago boasts a thriving Polish community and we will celebrate all things Polish." Included on the tour:

- St. Hyacinth Basilica, the heart of Chicago's Polish Village.
- docent-led tour of The Polish Museum of America
- sit-down lunch at Staropolska's, the top Polish restaurant - -
- shopping at Endy's Deli and Kurowski's Sausage
- Round trip transportation. - Narrated, guided tour

- Departures: Madison \$120; Milwaukee \$115
- Madison Motorcoach pick-ups: JC Penny East Town (6:20)
Colonial Club (6:35 AM), Jefferson Senior Center (7:15 AM)
- Please call 414-255-0534 ext. 3 with your specific requests.
<https://www.milwaukeefoodtours.com/polonia-chicago>

Winona, MN Polish Cultural Institute and Museum

6 May Sunday May Crowning

POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL: During Polish Constitution Week, Ryszard Sylka, the mayor of Bytow, PL will visit historic Kashubian Winona and Pine Creek, WI. Visits to Milwaukee and Charleston, SC are planned on this his second U.S. visit.

Chicago: Polish Constitution Parade

5 May 9am Flag Ceremony on Daley Plaza;
 11:30 Parade along Columbus Drive "The 127th Chicago Polish Parade is celebrating the Polish Constitution of 1791 in honor of the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world only to the United States Constitution. Polish values, history, traditions and culture will be presented by the participants of this biggest outside Poland Parade."

Stevens Point Portage County Cultural Festival:

12 May paper cutting, eggs, genealogy, food-Our Savior's Church
 11 - Children's Polish Language Session
 12 -Syrenna Dancers, Norm Dombrowski Community Polka Dance
 12:30 & 3:30 - Theodore Ceplina
<http://www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org/#about>

Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society www.spagswi.org/

6 June 7pm Cemetery Walk The Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society was founded in 1975... dedicated to fostering an interest in genealogy, sharing information, collecting, compiling and recording records of Portage Co, assisting members and others tracing their local history.

Genealogy:

NW Suburban Genealogy Soc. <http://www.nwsgenealogy.org/>
 Senior Center 1801 W Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL

5 May 10am *Who Sank Grandpa's Boat? Effective Techniques for Finding Passenger Manifests* "A lot of people cannot find the passenger list when their grandfather crossed the ocean. Some of those people believe the boat must have sunk and they swam the rest of the way! Dan Niemiec will help you understand that most of our ancestors did indeed come by boat and there are some tricky search methods that can help you find the passenger list."

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php**WEBINARS 7 pm: "Those that log in first will be admitted"**

15 May *Online Tools to Organize and Collaborate with Your Cousins* "Learn tips and techniques of online wikis, blogs, and collaborating tools to share your family history with your cousins, friends, and family. Topics covered include: The Hows and Whys of Collaboration, Blogs for Communication, Google Docs™, Shared Calendar (Google Calendar™, Outlook™) to Keep on Task, Wikis for Collaboration, Dropbox™, Mosey™, Others for Backup and Sharing."
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6551516287503128835>

19 June *50+ Sources Finding Photos of Ancestors*

17 July *The Erie Canal and the Opening of the Midwest*

21 Aug *Citing Sources and Evaluating Evidence*

12-13 Oct 2018 WSGS Fall Seminar Marshfield, WI

16 Oct *Tips and Techniques French Records*

20 Nov *More than Just the Census: Federal Government Publications for Genealogical Research*

18 Dec *Finding Your Ancestors in Fraternal Organizations*

Doylestown, PA <http://polishlivinghistory.com/#>

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

Poland through the Ages**A Living History Faire**

Memorial Day Weekend \$8/ person, \$5 under 12 & 65+

May 26 Children's Day - games/activities, storytelling, entertainment, Princess Pageant, Tea with the Queen, Poster Contest & more... Fun for all ages!

May 28 Siege of Jasna Gora Battles, weapons, exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment, Royal Banquet & more...

Club, Member and Wisconsin News



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

5/2 Art Haralampopoulos
5/7 Linda Cagle
5/9 Debbie Halkoski
5/11 Dennis Jasiczek
5/26 Carol Janecek
5/28 Zach Zwadzich
5/30 Kasia Virgel
Happy Anniversary to:
5/1 David & Dana Miller
5/24 Nancy Depcik & Jack Cox
5/26 Tony & Deb Ankowicz
5/12 Szymon Wozniczka & Suzanne Mendoza
5/17 Rose Meinholz & Larry Hochman
5/18 John & Sharon Maggioncalda

Welcome to new members:

Allan Christianson, Christina (Christy) Blechl (Szumlas), Mary Gaboury, John & Sharon Maggioncalda, Kathy Nelson, Tony & Maria Thurow, Marcella (Marzy) Worzala,

Madison News:

• 2/15 ISTHMUS cover story - by Marc Eisen

"A Special Mission -The rise of local distilleries. Take a tour. They are proud of their work."....."Cummins makes my single favorite Wisconsin craft beverage - distinctive Polish- style potato vodka that, when served ice cold on my back porch in the middle of winter to my shivering friends is, well, and earthy, head-clearing delight. He makes it from potatoes harvested 2 miles from his distillery, Stevens Point, as the historically minded know, was the center of Wisconsin's Polish immigration, and some of its potato farms go back for generations to when Point was known as "Little Warsaw." "Brian Cummins, who founded Great Northern Distillery in Plover, near Stevens Point, makes this case. He points out how Great Northern is one of six beverage makers in the Central Wisconsin Craft Collective producing beer, wine, spirits –within a 30 min. drive of one another - Point, Plover, Amherst, Rosholt."

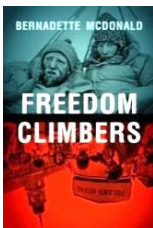
• 3/7 CHEF'S WEEK - meal at Madison Sourdough \$15

"Stol Baba Jaga" - "Enjoy an evening of traditional Polish foods, such as pierogi, gołąbki (cabbage rolls), kielbasa, potato pancakes, soups and sweets. Choice: omnivore or vegetarian Host: Molly Maciejewski. Chefs: Kevin Brungraber (M Sourdough), Shanna Pacifico (Camp Trippalindee), Laila Borokhim (Layla's)

• 3/18 WI ST JOURNAL - AP story by Monika Scislowska

"Poland's Nieborow Palace: A firm place in history"

1 May Tue 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB | Middleton Freedom Climbers by Bernadette McDonald



"Hard to put down...expertly and engagingly penned..the author of a number of prize-winning books on mountaineering. This time she has painstakingly pieced together a story of the over two decades of Himalayan exploits of Polish climbers, women as well as men, many of whom she knew personally." ~COSMOLITAN REVIEW

Dziękuję to Kasia and Marian Krzyzostaniak for hosting our Book Club. Contact them: kasiakrzyzostaniak@outlook.com or 608/ 836-8632 so there are enough chairs. *You're welcome to be on the BOOK CLUB's mailing list to receive info. even if you don't plan to attend CONTACT: phcwiNEWS@gmail.com

Feb. 24 International Festival - Overture

Dziękuję to cultural items and food sales helpers:
Jane Dunn, Anne Evans, Tedd Mianowski, Allan Patek, Casimir Patek, Diane Pillsbury, Mary Ann Reale, Marie Revolinski, JoAnn Revolinski, Sue Faitupato, Elaine Schenborn, Ann Schachtner, Irene Swiggum, Norine Vedeges, Gloria Welniak, Janice Zmrazek.



FOOD CREW:
Laurie Ross,
Butch Luick,
Linda Cagle,
Sue Janczak,
Ted Ceplina.

I. Frączek photo with poster of Centennial of Polish Independence

Mar. 16 First Polish Club Fish Fry - Monona Gardens

Watch for future meetings - seasonal? - at other locations?
Rose M, Larry H, Norine V, Nancy D, Jack C, Jane D.(photo by JD)



Pierogi Quotes: WI Dells and Madison

Edytka's Polish Restaurant 221 Broadway, Wisconsin Dells (608) 253-4558 "We had pierogis, an order of 10. We had half meat and half potato and cheese...INCREDIBLE!!! We also had the cabbage rolls and they had great flavor and the sauce was amazing. They were pretty big so we left with smiles on our faces and our stomachs full." - 3/21/2018 yelp.com

HopCat 222 W Gorham St. (608) 807-1361 "Woodwork-filled brew pub with a massive beer list.....\$8.95 *Vladimir Poutine:* Crack Fries topped with potato & cheese pierogi, Wisconsin cheddar cheese curds, stout caramelized onions & hickory smoked bacon smothered in spicy sausage gravy."

Paul's Pel'meni 414 West Gilman St. (608) 467-3234 "Come visit us and try the delicious and unique Pel'meni, also known as Russian Dumplings. ...Madison's premier comfort food! Pel'meni belong to the family of dumplings, and are related to Ukrainian varenyky and Polish pierogi. In the United States and Canada, the term pierogi or perogies is often used to describe all kinds of Eastern European dumplings, regardless of the shape, size, or filling."

39th Spring Festival on March 25

MONONA, WI Immaculate Heart of Mary School



"Each year the crowds seem to grow and it was certainly a festive atmosphere.....it was the first time we saw people sitting in the hall to eat because all the tables were full (over 350 plates served) as well as people dancing to the music at checkout. Everyone seemed to be having a good time.....and that's what it is all about. Without your time, support and commitment to the Polish Heritage Club, these events would not be possible. THANK YOU for helping to welcome our community to Spring in a festive Polish way."

THANK YOU from the Festival Committee: Gloria Welniak, Linda Cagle, Jane Dunn, Andrea Rolich, Butch Luick, Ted Ceplina, Joan Rubens, Diane Michalski Turner

PHOTOS by Kasia Virgell (with Michelle Michalak -R) were posted on our FB by the start of the Festival. Website and these photos by Irena Frączek.



Please tell us if your name was inadvertently left off our list!



BAKERY/BEVERAGES: Mary Ann Reale Ronni Guski, Ted Ceplina, Kasia Bartoszewicz, Kathy Rasmussen, Gloria Welniak

BOOKS: Irene Swiggum
BUS TABLES, ETC: Joan Rubens, Stephen Gauger

Andrea Rolich - Pisanki & Sharon Brown, Basia Pulz - *Wianki*
Matt Wundrow Band: concertina, tuba, drums



CHECKOUT/ WRAPPING: Doris Graiewski, Ann Schachtner, Diane Turner, Ted Ceplina, Jadwiga Weryk, Michael Armiak, Linda Cagle
CHICAGO TRIP: Butch Luick, Lori Chalecki

SET UP/ CLEAN UP CREW: Linda Cagle, Ted Ceplina, Jane Dunn, Anne Evans, Marcia Flannery, Doris Graiewski, Sue Janczak, Butch & Dorey Luick, Rose Meinholz, Tedd Mianowski, Marge Morgan, Casimier Patek, Andrea Rolich, Laurie Ross, Joan Rubens, Irene Swiggum, Gloria Welniak, Jadwiga Weryk, Janice Zmrazek
MILWAUKEE TRIP: Jean Wroblewski

FLOATERS: Linda Cagle, Ted Ceplina, Stephen Gauger, Marge Morgan, Laurie Ross, Gloria Welniak
INFO/ MEMBERSHIP/POLISH/ FAMILY HISTORY: Rose Meinholz
JEWELRY: Marcia Flannery, Michelle Michalak, Laurie Ross, Elaine Schenborn, Norine Vedeges
KITCHEN/ SERVERS: Butch Luick, Phil Flannery, Ken Martin, Paul Morgan, Judy Nelson, Bev Prierer, Kasia Virgell



MEAT/ PIEROGI SALES:
Diane Pillsbury -L
Marge Morgan-R
Karleen Tyksinski
Ralph Tyksinski

PLATE LUNCH SALES:
Tedd Mianowski,
Sue Janczak

POSTERS (Hanging): Linda Cagle, Rose Meinholz, Gloria Welniak, Tedd Mianowski, Marge & Paul Morgan, Basia Pulz, Andrea Rolich, Joan Rubens, Diane Turner, Norine Vedeges, Sandy Witte
POSTER DESIGN: Rhonda Proulx

POTTERY: Aimee Gauger
PUBLICITY: Diane Turner, Gloria Welniak, Linda Cagle

ROAD SIGNS: Ted Ceplina
LOAD/UNLOAD: Butch Luick, Linda Cagle, Casimir Patek, Dorey Luick, Joan Rubens, Peyton Agard
VOLUNTEER ORGANIZING: Linda Cagle



Club President Allan Patek on Channel 57 about the Festival
SEE website or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9v75LZVnLqY>

Members and guests signed the declaration (from the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union) <http://www.deklaracjapolonii2018.org/english>

Sign the declaration
We, the sons and daughters of the Polish Nation, on the one hundredth Anniversary of Polish Independence, wish to extend our thanks to the United States of America for its enormous contribution

Mysteries of Mazurki Revealed

story and photos by Gloria Welniak.....

If we had ever thought making mazurki was beyond our capability, Irena Fraczek quickly and deftly put our minds at ease in a baking class on March 17. Not only did we gain confidence in the making of the traditional Polish Easter cake, we learned a great deal of Polish history and culture.

The word mazurek (singular) can have several meanings: a bird, a folk dance, residents of a region in Poland and the cake which is only made for Easter. In Poland, mazurki (plural) are baked in the home, usually not in a commercial bakery. Prepared on Good Friday, it is shared and eaten along with the contents of the Swieconka Basket after it is blessed on Holy Saturday and for breakfast on Easter Sunday.

Mazurki were first made for the Polish nobility using exotic dried fruits from the Middle East. Today fruit preserves, caramel, chocolate, marzipan, candied fruits and nuts are layered on a baked shortbread-like crust. Irena baked several rimmed oval, square and rectangular crusts, some decorated with pastry flowers and leaves. She lavishly layered each with different toppings: poppyseed filling, milk caramel, fruit preserves, chocolate, and nuts and finished with a lucre or powdered sugar frosting. A mazurek can be a beautiful, creative, and delicious Easter offering for family and friends.

Virginia B, Judy N, Marge M, Kathy D, Irena, Karleen T



on crust: ground poppyseeds, gooseberry preserves and lemon glaze



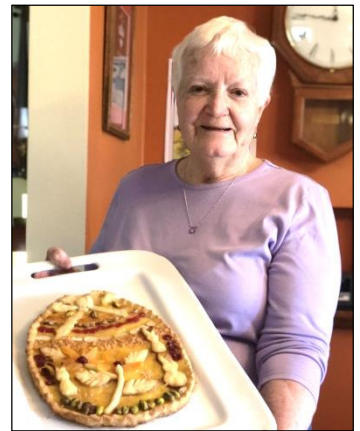
Dziękuję bardzo to Irena and to Marge Morgan for this class and the delicious Mazurki!

by Karleen Tyksinski.....

I was inspired by Irena to try baking a Mazurek for my family Easter breakfast. She gave us so many ideas on how to make, bake and decorate these. I made it in the shape of an egg. I used homemade Lemon Curd for the basic glaze, then made stripes of cherry and apricot jam, nuts and toasted coconut. I made a flower using cut up dried apricots and a dough stem that I had baked from extra dough. I also baked some bunnies from that dough.

If I do say so myself, it was quite pretty and so much fun to do. It tasted good, but next time I will make the base thinner. Otherwise it was delicious!

Thank you, Irena, for your wonderful lesson.



by Rose Meinholtz...

Several of us at the class planned to have our sisters make a

mazurek for our family's Easter meal! Thank you to my sister Virginia for making this chocolate filled mazurek. She topped it with almonds and coconut. Like Karleen, she plans to make the next one's base thinner. We served it with ice cream - nice ending for after eating pierogi and kielbasa and more at our family Easter meal.



Past UW-Madison events

The La Follette School Seminar Series

<http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/outreach-public-service/seminar-series>

Feb 28 The Political Consequences of Economic Shocks:

Evidence from Poland Mark Copelovitch, Associate Professor, La Follette School of Public Affairs:

"Using original survey data collected just prior to the 2015 Polish parliamentary elections and comparing current with past foreign exchange borrowers, Mark Copelovitch will show how economic shocks influence domestic politics.

A surprise revaluation of the Swiss franc in early 2015 provides the backdrop for identifying Polish citizens most directly exposed to the shock – those repaying mortgages dominated in Swiss francs. Copelovitch and his colleague at the University of Zurich also found that these people were much more likely to demand government support.

Current borrowers' preferences for a generous resolution scheme translated into distinct voting behavior. Among former government voters, Swiss franc borrowers were more likely to desert the government and vote for the largest opposition party, PiS, which promised the most generous bailout.

The evidence suggests that PiS was able to use the franc shock to expand its electoral coalition beyond its core voters to include those directly affected by the franc shock, a subgroup otherwise unlikely to support PiS. Simulation results indicate that absent the franc shock, PiS is unlikely to have won a parliamentary majority."

CREECA Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia

Podcasts of lectures: OUTREACH: <https://creeca.wisc.edu/>

April 5 CONTEMPORARY POLAND AND THE JEWS

Geneviève Zubrzycki, Professor, Sociology, Ann Arbor

"In spite of the Jewish community's small size in contemporary Poland, Jews occupy a large space in social imagination and political discourse in that country. Perhaps more than ever before, the Polish public sphere is shaped by both anti- and philo-Semitic discourse, public initiatives and private actions. How can we make sense of the ongoing "Jewish revival," and the resurgence of state-sponsored anti-Semitic historical policies such as the recent "Holocaust law"? In asking this and other questions, Zubrzycki will examine these diverse processes and show how they are related to debates about the redefinition of Polish national identity.

Geneviève Zubrzycki is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia at the University of Michigan. She studies national identity and religion, collective memory and national mythology, and the contested place of religious symbols in the public sphere. She's the author of the award-winning books *The Crosses of Auschwitz: Nationalism and Religion in Post-Communist Poland* (2006, Polish trans. 2014) and *Beheading the Saint: Nationalism, Religion and Secularism in Quebec* (2016), and the editor of *National Matters: Materiality, Culture, and Nationalism* (2017). Zubrzycki pursues her analysis of religion, secularism, and memory in a new monograph, tentatively entitled *Antisemitism, Philosemitism and the Politics of Memory in Contemporary Poland*.

April 12 WHY POLAND MATTERS: SOURCES OF RADICAL RIGHT POWER IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE WORLD

David Ost, Professor, Political Science, Hobart William Smith

"In its third year of power, Poland's far right Law and Justice party enjoys greater public support than ever before. Where other far right parties have alienated large numbers of citizens, has Law and Justice found a way to make "fascism" acceptable again? With policies including family benefits, enforced labor laws, higher wages for the working poor, along with a government takeover of the courts, state promotion of racism, and fanatic nationalism, Law and Justice harks back to classical notions of "national socialism," with the modern twist of allowing an opposition to exist (though with restrictions limiting its capacities). Can it work? What are the conditions for its success? Why is the party so difficult to challenge? Can it be replicated by Trump or in western Europe? The far right no longer just threatens to take power. In Poland and Hungary it already has, even while it faces critics even further to the right. Its model, moreover, is applicable elsewhere, including the United States. Poland helps us understand the sources of the far right's new strength, and provides hints as to its potential weaknesses.

David Ost is the Joseph DiGangi Professor of Political Science at Hobart and William Smith College. He has written widely on eastern European politics and society, with a focus on political economy, democratization, capitalism, and labor. Ost is the author of several books on communist and postcommunist society, including *The Defeat of Solidarity: Anger and Politics in Postcommunist Society*, which received the Ed Hewett award for Best Book in Political Economy. In addition, his essays have been published in a number of scholarly and popular journals including *Politics and Society*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, *East European Politics and Society*, *European Journal of Industrial Relations*, and *The Nation*.

April 19 NUCLEAR POWER AND THE ARROGANCE OF MAN: REVISITING THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Serhii Plokhii, Mykhailo Hrushevsky Professor of Ukrainian History, Harvard

On the morning of April 26, 1986, the world witnessed the worst nuclear disaster in history: the explosion of a reactor at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Soviet Ukraine. Dozens died of radiation poisoning, fallout contaminated half the continent, and thousands fell ill. In his lecture, Serhii Plokhii draws on new sources to lay bare the flaws of the Soviet nuclear industry, tracing the disaster to the authoritarian character of Communist party rule, the regime's control of scientific information, and its emphasis on economic development over all else. Today, the risk of another Chernobyl, claims Plokhii, looms in the mismanagement of nuclear power in the developing world.

Serhii Plokhii is the Mykhailo Hrushevsky Professor of Ukrainian History and the director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University. His interests include intellectual, cultural and international history of Eastern Europe. A leading authority on the region, he has published extensively in English, Ukrainian and Russian. Plokhii is the author of several influential monographs, including *Lost Kingdom: The Quest for Empire and the Making of the Russian Nation* (New York, 2017). His newest book, *Chernobyl: The History of a Nuclear Catastrophe* - May 2018 release by Basic Books.

Feb 27 Maria Pomianowska - Voice of the Suka

About 200 people enjoyed Maria Pomianowska's free concert at UW-Madison's Mills Concert Hall. She and Chicago based cellist Seth Parker Woods performed Polish folk tunes, Chopin's inspired pieces and her original compositions. Maria was in Chicago for the 2nd edition of the festival "Chopin IN the City" organized by Grażyna Auguścik.



Thank you to organizer Szymon Wozniczka, Ewa Miernowska and the Polish Students Assoc. Association, with funding from the UW-Madison's Lipinski Fund and The Polish Heritage Club.

from PHCWI website:

Maria Pomianowska is an outstanding multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, composer, teacher and promoter of Polish classical and folk music. Trained as a classical cellist, she is also a master sarangi player cultivating her interests in the music of Far East Asia as professor of the Academy of Music in Kraków - where she opened the first in Poland *Faculty of Ethno-Music*. She is also director of the Cross-Culture Warsaw Festival and organizer of multi-cultural music programs around the world.

During her concert in Madison, Maria played two unique and long forgotten Polish instruments - a *suka biłgorajska* and a *fidel płocka*. These and similar knee-supported fiddles were used in Poland since the X century and some see them as the Polish precursors of the modern violin. In particular, *suka biłgorajska* went out of use sometime in the XIX century and with not even one copy of the instrument surviving until modernity. It was reconstructed based on the



— *watercolor painting by Wojciech Gerson (1831-1901).*

Pomianowska also developed for the instrument a fingernail playing technique similar to that of sarangi. Dozens of these instruments exist now in various sizes and Maria with her all-women group "ReBorn" popularized it in the most recent of her 23 recordings "The Voice of Suka."

RECORDINGS ON PHCWI'S RECENT WEBSITE:

Maria Pomianowska & ReBorn:
The Valley (Dolina)
Steppe (Step), Island

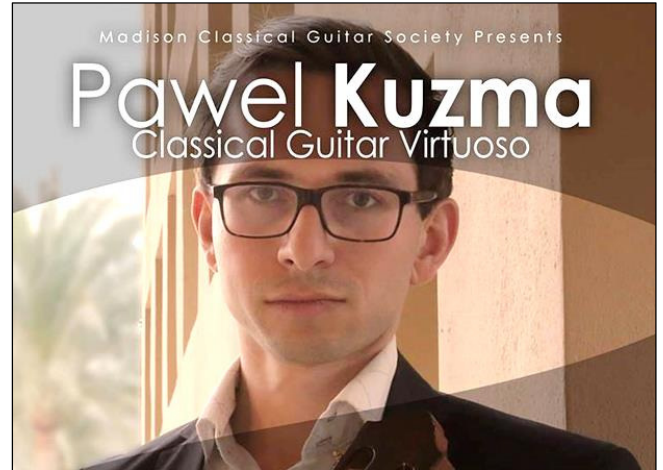
Maria Pomianowska (cello)
Miguel Chachowski (guitar)
Chopin in Andalusia

Maria Pomianowska & Friends:
Chopin in Bulgaria - Mazurka Op.33 nr 2
Chopin in Africa - Prelude Op.28 nr 15
Chopin in Armenia - Spring song Op.74

Maria Pomianowska:
When Bach Meets Suka
Folk Melody with Improvisation
Oberek - fidel płocka
Waltz by Tekla Bądarzewska
Chopin in India
Yoyo Ma i Maria Pomianowska
W Polu Lipieńka

April 8 Pawel Kuzma - Lakeside St. Coffee House

The Madison Classical Guitar Society hosted a concert by classical guitarist Pawel Kuzma. He is the co-director of the Cairo Guitar Collective and highly regarded internationally.



From <https://www.cairoguitarcollective.com/>

"Classical guitarist Paweł Kuźma was born in 1985 in Piekary Śląskie, Poland. He is currently an adjunct professor at The American University in Cairo where he teaches World Music and private applied guitar. Along with composer Bahaa El Ansary, Kuzma co-directs Cairo Impro, a group dedicated to the education and performance of avant-garde improvisation. As a performing artist, Pawel has given many concerts in Poland, Finland, Germany, Czech Republic, Austria and Egypt.

His passion for classical guitar started in his first year of primary school. At the beginning of his musical education, Pawel won many national music competitions. Later, he won international competitions and grants from the Polish Ministry of Culture and City Council.

Considered by many to be one of the most promising guitarists in Poland, Pawel graduated from high school with honors. Pawel continued his education at the Szymanowski Music Academy in Katowice, Poland. There, he studied under the renowned professor, Alina Gruszka. During this time, Pawel was awarded a grant by Young Poland, an organization founded by Ministry of Culture.

After graduating from the Szymanowski Academy, Pawel moved to Finland to continue his education at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, which is widely considered to be one of the best music programs in the world. He studied under Dr. Jukka Savijoki. Pawel became co-director of CGC in fall 2017."

PERFORMANCED BY PAWEŁ KUZMA:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ivf8fYgEYE
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wYAwq7UPAK>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxLb4vneSLQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNHlh-nHv-Q>

The Madison Classical Guitar Society is a non-profit organization, open to the public, and dedicated to promoting classical guitar in the Madison area.

To be notified of Polish music events and his WORT-FM playlists CONTACT: Szymon Wozniczka szymon2005@sbcglobal.net

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 Crafts Genealogy Inventory Publicity
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 Other:

Birth(s): Anniv :

Occupation/Business is/was: Retired?

Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

1.00 USD = 3.38 Złoty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND - Unemployment 6.8% in Feb. (1,266,700 people).
COMPANY BANCROPTCIES up 8% in Jan/Feb compared to 2017.
JANUARY SURVEY: half of companies struggle to fill vacancies.

March 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS:

8 cities held concerts, exhibits, debates and theater events.

7 Mar THE "POLISH RETURNS" PROGRAMME gives PLN 2 mil.

and more benefits for each scientist returning to Poland.

24 Mar - NEW MEMORIAL DAY to honor Poles who saved Jews.

28 Mar PATRIOT MISSILES - 4 units cost Poland \$4.75 billion.

30 Mar FOUR POLISH DIPLOMATS ordered out of Russia in retaliation for Warsaw's expulsion of 4 Russian diplomats.

13 Apr POTENTIAL GERMAN REPARATIONS: A Polish team calculated loss of PLN 62 bil. (USD 18 bil.) in cultural wealth.

27 Feb WARSAW, National Library 90th Anniversary of the present library. During WWII ~800,000 registered items were lost.

5 Mar K2, China-Pakistan border - Leader Krzysztof Wielicki called off the attempt to climb K2 in winter. Cost PLN 1.5 mil.

7 Mar LEŻAJSK, se PL, grave of Rabbi Elimelech Weisblum ~6,000 Hasidic Jews attend on the anniversary of his death in 1786.

ORCHARD LAKE, MI - Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz, Pope John Pauls' secretary, said Mass and met PAC representatives.

11 Mar WARSAW ZOO - 90th anniv. celebration. 40 hectares on the R bank of the Vistula River, 12000 animals, 543 species.

12 Mar WARSAW 17 deputy ministers resigned since PM Morawiecki promised to decrease govt. workers by a quarter.

14 Mar WINTER PARALYMPICS, Korea - Igor Sikorski won the bronze in the giant slalom, 1st Paralympic medal for Poland.

17 Mar RENA to LILLEHAMMER, Norway - Justyna Kowalczyk won the 54km Birkebeinerrennet XC-ski marathon.

19 Mar RADOMOSKO - Canceled its sister city ceremony with Kiryat Bialik due to the Israeli mayor's new law statement.

21 Mar HEL PENINSULA - "Helena" a 220-year-old Polish black poplar, did not win the European Tree of the Year title.

In 2017 " Józef" a Polish oak was European Tree of the Year.

23 Mar WARSAW, Parliament to Law and Justice headquarters -

Thousands marched against plans to further tighten Poland's strict abortion law. "Black Friday" protests in other cities.

24-25 Mar ŻAGAŃ, W. PL - Remembrance of 76 POWs who left Stalag Luft III through a tunnel in 1944 - the "Great Escape".

1 Apr BUCHAREST, Romania, European Weightlifting Champions - Aleksandra Mierzejewska won gold, lifted combined 237 kg.

6 Apr BUDAPEST, Hungary - The PM of Hungary & Poland with J.Kaczynski unveiled a memorial to the 2010 Smolensk crash.

11 Apr WARSAW, Parliament - Minute's silence paid respects the 1940 Katyn massacre of 22,000 Poles by the Soviets.

RADIO DAY - Advertisements on 164 stations to benefit Assoc. of Parents and Friends of Hearing Impaired Children-Krosno.

12 Apr OSWIECIM, International Holocaust Remembrance Day - Poland's and Israel's Presidents marched with ~15,000.

13 Apr WARSAW - Tribute to April 19, 1943 Ghetto Uprising "First armed resistance in city occupied by the German Third Reich."

May LISBON, Eurovision 2018 - DJ Gromee [b.Krakow 1978] and Sweden's Lukas Meijer will sing *Light Me Up*.

17 Apr BRUSSELS, Court of Justice - The logging of UNESCO's Białowieża Forest (with nearly extinct bison) broke EU law.

21 Apr WARSAW, Education Ministry - Thousands protested for pay raises for teachers. Current wages are "pathetic".