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## Welcome to the new members of our Board of Directors elected Jan 31<sup>st</sup> At the Annual Meeting

While Club members enjoyed 4 flavors of Pączki, plus fruit and beverages, **Basia Pulz** and **Barb Lomperski** reported on 2009 events and finances. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the departing Board of Directors: **Tekla Wlodarczyk, Jane Dunn & Rose Meinholz.** (Jane & Rose, with Jerry's help, continue with the newsletter.) The Nominating Committee - **Jane Dunn, Eva Kubinski,** and **Irene Swiggum** presented the candidates: **John Benninghouse** – Vice President **Julie Brania** – Secretary and Directors at large: **Janice Czynson, Butch Luick and Paul Vassalotti.** \*\*See inside for their stories\*\* Thank you to our continuing Directors and our new President **Mary Schumacher.**

After the election, we enjoyed an informative presentation about General Kosciuszko, and Milwaukee's bronze 1903 monument. Our speakers **Susan Mikoś**, President of Milwaukee's POLANKI and **Judy Ramazzini** VP of the Restoration Committee, answered many questions about the \$300,000 project. Donations are tax deductible. Tel. (414) 672-2249  
<http://www.rkmmilwaukee.org/index.html>

**Polish Classes** Ewa Zelka announces Polish Classes for adults **March 6 – June 26** \$150 for 15 classes on Saturdays 8 am-10:15 Tel.886-4535 or 850-3636. Classes will be held at St John's School 114 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Waunakee. (Where the children's classes are held.) **Ania Fields** will teach the class. She was a IKO Polish language instructor in Warsaw, now she is a Sauk Prairie, WI photographer. 643-ANIA  
<http://www.aniafieldsphotoart.com/>  
**Paul Vassalotti** first studied with Ania in 2004.

See inside for more information.....

- **Feb 27** Boston Store Fundraiser to Benefit New Polish Heritage Club Student Scholarship
- **Mar 5** PHCWI Breakfast Friends 9am at Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd Barbara & Michael Lomperski 238-9189
- **Mar 4** UW-Madison CREECA Lecture 4 pm Brian Porter-Szucs "Ecclesia Militans &... Poland"
- **Mar 6** PHCWI at International Festival, also Wisconsin Writers Series - Anthony Bukoski
- **Mar 7** **FREE** Chopin UW-Music Piano Outreach
- **Mar 28** PHCWI's Spring Festival

**Pączki Day** is Feb 16, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (It's on Thursday in Poland).

This recipe was published Feb 7, 1963 by the *Milwaukee Journal* (no vodka or rum?) 1 ½ C Milk



2 cakes yeast  
1 tsp salt  
½ C sugar  
3 egg yolks  
1 whole egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
½ tsp mace or ½ tsp nutmeg  
½ C butter  
4 ½ C flour

Scald milk and allow to cool to lukewarm. Break yeast into lukewarm milk. Beat sugar and butter until fluffy, add eggs, salt and spices. Add flour and milk gradually, beating well. Let rise in warm place until double in bulk. (~2½ hours) Punch down, knead and let rise again. Place dough on lightly floured board, stretch toward you and fill with thick filling (jelly is not thick enough.) Fold over and cut into desired size ball, place on lightly floured surface and let rise. Fry in deep hot fat, turning only once. Doughnuts should have a very dark color before turning that they are thoroughly baked. Drain on soft absorbent paper. Sprinkle with vanilla flavored powdered sugar or mixture of granulated sugar/ cinnamon.

## **Polish Related Events 2010 Madison, WI & area**

- Thursdays biweekly 8:30 pm Polish Table "*Polski Stół*" watch for Polish flag UW-Memorial Union
- Feb 14 Sun 3-5 pm House Concert at home of Trevor Stephenson (some Chopin) Res. required. Tel. (608) 238-6092
- Feb 16 Tue Tue before Ash Wednesday *Pączki Day*, (on Thursday in Poland)
- Mar 4 Thur 4 pm "*Ecclesia Militans & the Catholic Nation in Modern Poland*" CREECA1220 Linden Dr 262-3379
- Mar 5 Fri 9 am PHC Breakfast Friends Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike tel.238-9189**
- Mar 6 Sat 11-6 pm PHCWI Display International Festival at Overture Center** 1:15 writer Anthony Bukoski
- Mar 6-June 26 Waunakee Polish Language Classes Sat. 8 am-10:15 114 E 3rd. St. Tel. (608) 886-4535 850 3636
- Mar 7 Sun 2pm 333 West Main St Chopin Concert by UW-Madison Piano Outreach, PHCWI Reception**
- Mar 8 Mon International Women's Day - *Miedzynarodowy Dzień Kobie*
- Mar 12-13 12<sup>th</sup> 8pm Christopher Taylor Mills Hall 13<sup>th</sup> Chopin Extravaganza UW-Madison School of Music
- Mar 16 Tue 7:30 pm Jeffrey Siegel "*Chopin the Patriot*" UW-Madison Mills Hall 455 N. Park St.
- Mar 28 Sun Monona - PHCWI Spring Festival Immaculate Heart of Mary School**
- Apr 3 Sat Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets (Queen of Peace & St. Albert's) *Święconka*
- April 11 Sun 3pm '*Life in a Jar*' Irena Sendler. Beth Israel Center 1406 Mound Street tel. (608) 265-4763
- April 20 Tue 7:30 pm Jeffrey Siegel "*Chopin and the Future*" UW-Madison Mills Hall 455 N. Park St.
- April 16-17 Manitowoc Stephen S. Barthel "*German and Polish Genealogy*" WI State Genealogical Soc.
- May 8 Sat Stevens Point 10-5pm Portage Co. Cultural Festival
- July 25 Sun PHCWI Summer Picnic Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd. Madison**
- Sep 10-12 WI Dells Polish Fest
- Sep 17-8 F-Sa Stevens Point Harvest Festival *Dozynki*
- Nov 6 Sat PHCWI Christmas Bazaar at The West Side Club** 3706 Junction RD Cty Hwy M tel.(608) 833-6355
- Dec 11 Sat PHCWI Wigilia at Zor Shrine Club** 575 Zor Shrine Place (near WestTowne) tel. (608) 833-6343

## **Chicago**

At the Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel.(773) 384-3352 Feb "Royal Sleigh" & Warsaw" Exhibit

## **Minnesota**

- Sundays Minneapolis 1-3:30 The Polish American Cultural Institute's library is open. 2514 Central Avenue NE
- Feb 28 Sun Minneapolis 1:30 "Celebrating 350 Years of Chopin and Paderewski" Church of the Holy Cross
- Mar 20 Sat Red Wing Polish Culture at Hobgoblin Music 920 State Hwy 19 Tel. (877) 866-3936

## **Milwaukee**

At the Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI 53132 Tel: 414-529-2140:

- Feb 14 Sun need reservations 10th Anniversary -Valentine's Day Champagne Brunch Tel.(414) 529-2140
- Feb 27 Sat 7:30 pm Chicago's Megitza Quartet - Polish Highlander music
- Mar 7 Sun Spring Bazaar sponsored by POLANKI
- April 11 Sun Pierogi Festival sponsored by POLANKI

## **FEBRUARY Luty - in old Polish means "fierce", "bitter frost", "freezing cold"**

*From the Polish-American Journal + www.polishsite - A website about Polish Culture*

- 2, 1674. Coronation of **Jan Sobieski**, king & military leader who defeated the Turks in Vienna.
- 4, 1505. Birth of the father of Polish literature, **Mikolaj Rej**.
1745. Birth of Polish & American patriot, freedom fighter & military engineer **Thaddeus Kosciuszko**.
- 10, 1866. Birth in Detroit of John **Temke**, 1<sup>st</sup> American priest of Polish descent.
- 11, 1945. Yalta Conference, Soviets receive Poland's Eastern lands.
- 12, 1867. Death of **George Sokoloski**, 1<sup>st</sup> Polish American graduate of West Point Academy & Civil War veteran.
- 15, 1880. **Polish National Alliance** formed in Philadelphia
- 16, 1952. Death of **Felix Witkowski**, last Polish Amer Confederacy veteran.
- 17, 1772. First **Partition of Poland** between Prussia, Russia & Austria.
- 18, 1386. Marriage of Polish Queen **Jadwiaga d'Anjou** to Wladyslaw Jagiello of Lithuania.
- 19, 1473. Birth of astronomer **Nicholas Copernicus** (Mikolaj Kopernik) in Torun, Poland.
- 20, 1530. **Zygmunt II August** crowned King of Poland.
1810. (March 1) Birth of **Frederick Chopin**, Polish composer, pianist, in Zelazowa Wola, Poland (d. 1849).
- 23, 1884. Birth of biochemist **Casimir Funk**, father of the vitamin. (d. 1967)
1891. Death of **Fr. Leopold Moczygemba**, who led Silesian immigrants to the first Polish settlement in the US

\* See Jerry Brzezinski's story about visiting Panna Maria, Texas D/J newspaper of the NE WI Polish Heritage Society \*

## CLUB EVENTS AND MEMBER NEWS

### Mar 6 International Festival 11-6pm Overture



PHCWI's display is on Level 1. Of special interest:

11:25 Madison Maennerchor – PHC's **Bob Podgorski** is also a member of WI's oldest German choir.

1:15 WI Writer Series Anthony Bukoski Our club hosted his 2008 WI Book Festival reading from *North of the Port*, (Superior, WI's Polish East End).

1:45 Sergei Belkin who played accordion at the Spring Festival & Wigilia, performs Traditional folk songs.

1:45 Żaibas Lithuanian Dancers

### Mar 7 Sunday Chopin Concert 2pm

The UW Piano Outreach presents a free Chopin concert at Capitol Lakes Retirement 333 West Main St. Free parking for visitors is available across the street from the Main St entrance in the parking ramp – a sign says "Capitol Lakes Parking." The Outreach Program "is devoted to the continual development of performance experience for piano students, essential in music education, while benefiting the university and community. It is made possible through a generous grant from the Evjue Foundation." As we did last year, the club will host a reception and display. Come - enjoy!

Mar 28 PHCWI's Spring Festival again is at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Monona. Crafts, bakery, books, music.....More details in March Apr 26 PHC Book Group James Michener's 1983 Poland 616 pages about 3 families 8 centuries.

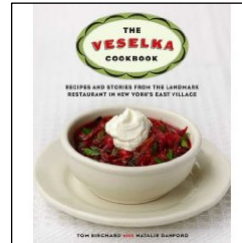
**Butch Luick** says his Jan.20<sup>th</sup> repaired knee will be ready for umpiring for the MSCR and ASA (American Softball Assoc) games and the weddings of Nate and Zach. Best wished for continued recovery, Butch!

**Capt. Robert Brania** of the WI National Guard 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team has returned from Iraq. He will apply for military positions, and hopes to stay close to home in Kieler, WI with Denise, Claire(2) and Carter (8 mo). The Portage Daily Register showed him stepping off the bus Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and Claire's T-shirt picture of her Dad. "*Once Robert stepped into the armory, he picked up each child & held them close.*" Robbie was quoted saying "*I think we're stopping for pizza... I'm glad I don't have to cook.*"

Congratulations to the **Krzyzostaniak Family** – **Kuba** is a Dec 20<sup>th</sup> UW-Milwaukee Global Studies graduate. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> family & friends celebrated the wedding of **Tomek (Tomasz) & Aaliyah** in NYCity. A UW-Madison graduate, Tomek teaches English as a Second Language in the NY Public Schools. He was a Madison Diocese's Office for Justice & Peace intern, and won a POLANKI scholarship. Their proud mom **Kasia** says Brooklyn's Polish Greenpoint neighborhood was nicely decorated at Christmas time. For a walking tour see:



[www.slavsofnewyork.com](http://www.slavsofnewyork.com)



Also in NY City, **Basia Pulz** and her brother have dined at the **Veselka** (rainbow) on 2nd Ave at 9th St. Julia Moskin's Jan. 5th NYTimes story "A Ukrainian Beacon in the East Village" says the restaurant provides steady employment for: "*pirogi-folders, sauerkraut-brewers & kielbasa-makers. ...During the later Soviet era, contact between the East Village and Ukraine became difficult, and emigration rare. Veselka was staffed mostly by Polish women, including four pirogi-makers who worked together for 25 years and were 'the back-bone of the place'..to make pirogi that are light but sub-stantial, savory but not aggressive, perfectly consistent is not easy.*" [www.veselka.com](http://www.veselka.com) "*Over coffee and pirogi the heart began to mend.*"

### Condolences to the families of.....

**Phil and Marcia Flannery** - Phil's 100% Polish mother Olga (Ollie), 93, passed away Dec 22 in Santa Fe. She worked in her family owned bakery in Clinton MA, drove a truck and delivered bread during the Depression. "Her life was devoted to her family. She was the heart of her family. She had a deep human caring for others." Marcia & Phil attend and assist at many events. Marcia has served on the Board of Directors since last year and Phil was MC for last November's Bazaar.

**Charley Rathsack**, long time PHCWI member - His brother Leroy, 82, passed away Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> in Manitowoc, WI. A Navy Veteran, and retired machinist, he had many interests, and Charley appreciated the help he gave their 100 year old Aunt Gertrude. Both sides of the family came from the Poland's Poznan area in 1895.

## Board of Directors Elected 2010

### VICE PRESIDENT – PRESIDENT ELECT

**John “Skip” Benninghouse** lived in Madison since 1990, when he came here to attend the UW. He has held several IT and desktop support positions. Since March 2009, he works at the WI Historical Society. Most of his family lives in Chicago, including his mother who resides in a predominately Polish neighborhood on the north side. He joined the PHCWI around 2005 when he became interested in exploring his varied ethnic backgrounds. “I’ve been the club’s webmaster and Secretary. When I’m not working, I do a lot of writing. I write about local brewing news for Dane 101.com and I am a music reviewer for Green Man Review, an online magazine of folk music, film, etc. And when I’m not writing, I can often be found teaching my girlfriend how to cook Polish food.”

### SECRETARY

**Julie Brania** was born and raised in Madison. She attended Edgewood College for undergraduate studies and Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. She has degrees in Early Childhood Regular and Special Education and a Master’s Degree in Central and Eastern European Studies. After studying and teaching kindergarten and Preschool in Krakow for 2 ½ years, she moved back to Madison and is currently working in Richland Center teaching Early Childhood Special Education. She has been a member of PHCWI since she was born – daughter of Carin and Jerzy Brania – founding members of the club. This is her first time on the Board of Directors. “I look forward to contributing to the PHCWI. I am very interested in Polish & Central/Eastern European culture, literature, politics, and history. I speak proficient Polish and dabble a bit in other Slavic languages!”

### DIRECTORS –AT-LARGE

**Janice Czynson** lives in Madison with her partner Crystal Hyslop. Janice, Crystal and Janice's Mom, Genevieve, have been members of Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin since 2002. Janice has helped PHCWI through her writing, publication, and computer skills by coordinating news releases and advertisement for the Spring Festival and Christmas Bazaar events. She has maintained a longstanding interest in her Polish heritage. Her maternal and paternal grandparents emigrated from Poland to the U.S. in the early 1900s.

**Butch Luick** has lived in Madison since 1956. He attended MATC and currently works for the Gordon Flesch Company as office equipment set up coordinator and senior service technician. He has been with the company for over 35 years. His primary residence in Madison but makes trips to Boston MA to be with his

wife, Dorie, who is in the Military serving as case manager for active duty soldiers. He also has a vacation home in Victory, WI. If you are looking for a get a way, the place is available to rent – check out [vrbo.com](http://vrbo.com) and search #252585 for details. Butch and Dorie have two grown sons Zach (Pharmacist) and Nate (Manager for security system installations at Best Defense Security). Both sons are engaged and planning weddings this Fall – Zach on October 30<sup>th</sup> in Jamaica and Nate on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Madison. Butch is the son of Past President Leon and Josephine Luick. His parents are among the founding members of the club, so Butch has been involved in many ways and years with PHCWI. More recently he was filling a Director vacancy on the BOD, helps with transport and set-up of festivals, grilling at the annual picnics, & most notably our Santa for the Wigilia & Christmas Bazaar. He is an umpire for MSCR Women’s Adult Fast Pitch and Amateur Softball Association for Youth (8-18). Butch reports good recovery with successful knee surgery on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul Vassalotti** lives in Cross Plains. “My wife's name is Mary. We have two college age children. I work for BASF, a German chemical company, considered to be the largest in the world. I am a Technical Service Representative working with crop protection chemicals. I cover all of Wisconsin, northern and western Illinois. I am not a native to Wisconsin, but have lived here since 1982. I grew up in Newton, Massachusetts, which is a suburb of Boston. My interests are as follows: collecting Wisconsin Milk Bottles (with an emphasis on Milwaukee) and learning foreign languages. Initially I learned French (not fluent, but functional) and then 5 years ago I took up the study of Polish. One other interest has been researching my family's former businesses - sand and gravel and ready mixed concrete. While I haven't yet served on the Board, you will find that I am very energetic and creative. I hope to add a great pierogi recipe! While I have no Polish heritage, my interest in the language and culture is very high. For my 50th birthday (2005), I went to Sopot, Poland and attended a Polish Language school for two weeks. I did a home stay for that time with a family who spoke no English. It was such a won-derful experience. If anyone wants to know the details, I invite them to ask.”

### CONTINUING 2010 ELECTIVE OFFICERS:

Mary Schumacher as President, Basia Pulz as Past President, Barbara Lomperski as Treasurer, and Directors at Large – Angela Jakacki, Marcia Flannery, and JoAnn Farah.

**Thank you to the Nominating Committee – Jane M. Dunn, 2009 Past President, Eva Kubinski, and Irene Swiggum.**



## Future Events

### Feb 14 Trevor Stephenson House Concert

3-5pm On period keyboards, Trevor plays a variety of composers, including Chopin on the 19<sup>th</sup> century parlor grand piano. Treats and refreshments will be served in their new kitchen. 5729 Forsythia Pl. Seating is limited to 35. Adm. \$30. Reservations required. (608) 238-6092 [trevor@trevorstephenson.com](mailto:trevor@trevorstephenson.com)

### Feb 27 Milwaukee Megitza Quartet

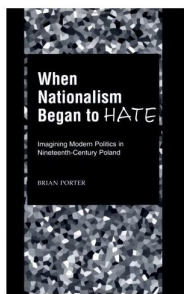


7:30 at the Polish Center  
Tel. (414) 529-2140 for tickets.  
Chicago's Megitza Quartet -  
"...Malgorzata Babiarz - up-  
right bass player - with her  
strong, expressive voice and a  
Highlander Gypsy soul, An-

dreas Kapsalis, an exceptional guitarist of a Greek descent,...together with Marek Lichota - a Polish bayan virtuoso, and all backed by ...drummer Jamie Gallagher, who uses a hybrid, multi-cultural drum set.

### Mar 4 Brian Porter-Szücs CREECA

"*The Ecclesia Militans and the Catholic Nation in Modern Poland*" lecture 4 pm Rm1418 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive tel.262-3379 Brian Porter-Szücs studied Polish language at the Univ. of Warsaw and received his 1994 PhD in History from UW-Madison. He is an Associate Professor of History at Ann Arbor, and specializes in the history of Poland and modern Roman Catholicism. *When Nationalism Began to Hate: Imagining Modern Politics in Nineteenth-Century Poland*, published in 2000, received the Polish Institute



for Arts and Sciences award for best new E. European history book. At last November's Boston conference of the Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies he presented a paper titled "*The Ecclesia Militans and the Polak-Katolik*"

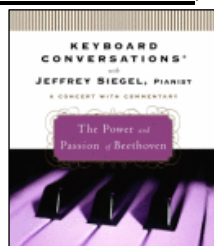
### Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations.

performed by the Chicago native for 23 years in Madison, are free for UW students. Tickets for others are \$35, Union members \$32.

**Tue Mar 16 "Chopin the Patriot"**

**Tue A 20 "Chopin & the Future"**

Did you receive an email about the Union's special offer to the Club?



Thank you for the Union Theater's Nov. 3rd "special offer members of the Polish Heritage Club." The voucher allowed for one ticket at \$35, the 2nd for only \$10. Since this came after the newsletter was mailed, we used our email list to notify members. We do not give away our email list, and limit its use. \*If you would like to receive notices about events like this, and have not already given us your email, you are welcome to send it to [velvetgrn@gmail.com](mailto:velvetgrn@gmail.com) or PO. Box 45438 Madison 53744 or email

### Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Red Wing, MN Polish Event



In Hobgoblin Music's big barn Blanche Krechek will teach Wycinanki (vee-chee-non-kee - paper cutting) & culture to adults + children. \$40 includes dinner with the artist after the workshop. Then she presents a concert combing Polish music, history, stories, culture, and dance with traditional instruments, including pag-pipes. (There are 8 types of bagpipes in Poland.) See [www.stoneyend.com/loft.html](http://www.stoneyend.com/loft.html) They host a variety of concerts, workshops and events at 920 State Hwy 19 just off of HWY 61, 6 miles from Red Wing. Tel.(877) 866-3936 for more information.

### Genealogy Classes and Meetings

- OREGON-March 5-Apr 6 Family History - Beginning April 27 - May 25 Family History - Intermediate Instructor: Patricia Skubis Tel.835-4097 [srl@oregonsd.org](mailto:srl@oregonsd.org) [http://www.oregonsd.org/community/community\\_education.cfm](http://www.oregonsd.org/community/community_education.cfm).
- FITCHBURG March 17 - April 14 Wed 6-9 pm Internet Genealogy - MATC class #65962 Tel 246-6240
- WAUNAKEE April 7-May 5 1-4pm Tel. 849-8385
- DANE COUNTY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOC meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Thur. of the month at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 4505 Regent St.
- PHCWI member **Joanna Pasowicz** offers to share what she and her husband Joe learned when researching their Polish history. Meeting at her Verona home works best for Joanna, you're welcome to call her at 848-4892.

### April 11 Sun 3pm 'Life in a Jar' In 1999



Kansas students wrote the play Life in a Jar for their National History Day Project. The Madison Jewish Community Council is sponsoring this event about the Warsaw Catholic social worker and the Jewish children she saved. Tel.265-4763 Beth Israel Center 1406 Mound St.

## PAST EVENTS

### **Jan 4 –Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI**



was installed as the 11th Archbishop of Milwaukee. The son of a bus driver in a SE Chicago, he attended St. Michael the Archangel Grammar School and Church E. 83<sup>rd</sup> St. & S.Shore Dr.

“Polish Cathedral Style” John Gurda, in telling about the event, wrote about Milwaukee’s “Polish Church War” in the Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Journal Sentinel. By 1900 Poles were the second largest immigrant group, they wanted a Polish Bishop. The Kruska brothers fired “the first shots in the war. Michael was a part-time politician and full-time newspaper editor whose Kuryer Polski (Polish Courier) was the first successful Polish daily in America. Wenceslaus was a Catholic priest with literary credentials of his own...he found time to write a 13-volume history of the Poles in America....Hostilities reached their peak in 1912, when (German) Bishop Messmer formally condemned the Kuryer Polski. Two world wars, a depression and the inexorable process of assimilation dampened the ardor of the Polish partisans. Their identity never vanished, but Polish Catholics took their place as one thread in the broad weave of American Catholicism, a thread whose red and white colors grew less vivid through the years....”

**Jan 9 WI Dells – Jaselka** St Cecelia’s scheduled a Nativity play *Jaselka*, traditional Christmas dinner, & dancing. The school children give a short presentation in Polish. Polish Mass is 5pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of the month.

**Jan 16 - Reggae from Poland** was presented by **Szymon Wozniczka**, on WORT Radio FM 89.9 He played the newest from:

Ras Luta i EWR,	Maleo Reggae
Rockers,	RastaSize,
Aries and the Tribe,	Jamal,
Bob One,	Habakuk,
Junior Stress,	Druga Strona Lustra.

The songs in Polish & English were available on the WORT archives Jan 16 2-4pm “Tropical Riddims” show <http://archive.wort-fm.org> and samples on YouTube. Anyone wanting to be on Szymon’s list of Polish events is welcome to contact him: [szymon2005@sbcglobal.net](mailto:szymon2005@sbcglobal.net)

**Jan 17 WI Public Radio’s Univ of the Air** broadcasted from the home of Trevor Stephenson. He played Chopin on his double string parlor piano, and told stories about Chopin. Listen at WPR Audio Archives: [http://www.wpr.org/webcasting/audioarchives\\_display.cfm?Code=uoa](http://www.wpr.org/webcasting/audioarchives_display.cfm?Code=uoa)

**Jan 22 - Grażyna Bacewicz’s** “Concerto for String Orchestra” was performed by the Madison’s Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. The Polish Music Center states that her 1948 composition “remains a favorite with Polish chamber orchestras and it would be great to hear it performed more often outside of Poland.” Pre-concert, Sandy Tabachnick wrote in Madison’s Isthmus that the concerto “will set the WCO string section ablaze. ..The piece is tightly structured in neo-classical style, but thorny, muscular and not for the fainthearted.”

Last Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grażyna Bacewicz’s birth in Łódź to a Polish mother and Lithuanian father. After her 1932 diplomas from the Warsaw Conservatory, as Szymanowski encouraged, she studied in Paris. She was principal violinist for the Polish Radio Orchestra during the 1930s, and performed underground during the war. Her over 200 compositions paved the way for women composers. Park sculptures, plus the school and streets named for her, remind Poles of one of the most prominent Polish composers.

• **Tyrone Greive** wrote several articles about her string works, and performs *Witraz*[Stained-glass Window] on his 2005 CD “*The Polish tradition violin-piano music from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.*”

• Judith Rosen’s biography in the Polish Music Journal: [http://www.usc.edu/dept/polish\\_music/PMJ/issue/5.1.02/rosen.html](http://www.usc.edu/dept/polish_music/PMJ/issue/5.1.02/rosen.html)



*In Poland...*

**Jan 6 Kielce** In SE Poland’s *Świętokrzyskie* Holy Cross Mountains Zachełmie Quarry paleontologists report finding the world’s oldest tetrapod prints. The four legged animal tracks are an estimated 395 million years old, 11 million years older than previous tracks.

**Jan 12 Olkusz** Police found Poland’s only public displayed Monet painting, the *Beach in Pourville*. Poznań National Museum purchased the painting in 1906. In 2000 it was stolen from the museum by cutting it out of the frame, and replacing it with a copy painted on cardboard.

## **Trips to Poland/Central Europe 2010**

by Rose Meinholz

- **May 1-13 E. European Volkssporting Adventure** sponsored by Dairyland Walkers, non-members welcome. Payment due **March 1** [as of 1/23 still space] Contact: Ed-Ventures, Inc. 320 Elton Hills Dr NW Rochester, MN 55901 tel. (800) 658-7128 [tours@ed-ventures.com](mailto:tours@ed-ventures.com) [www.ed-ventures.com](http://www.ed-ventures.com) or Dairyland Walkers contact Barb Borde (608) 244-3183.
- **June 25-July 7 Central & S. Poland the Lira Ensemble** Details announced in February. [www.liraensemble.com/](http://www.liraensemble.com/) Lucyna Migala Tour/Artistic Director tel.(800) 547-5472 *"Lira tours are a great value because we do not print fancy, full-color brochures & our advertising is mostly word-of-mouth from family and friends. We put all your money into showing you a great time. Whatever is left, we use for our mission of bringing the best of Polish culture into American life. Since we are a charity, any excess income to us is considered a donation by you. After the tour when all bills are paid, you will receive a tax receipt showing what amount you can deduct, which is usually about 8% of the tour price."*
- **July 2-28 "Experiencing the New Europe"** is offered by **The International Urban Summer School on European Transformation.** The 3 week undergraduate course is based at the University of Lower Silesia in Wroclaw, Poland's fourth largest city. Students choose from two courses: "Testifying to the Truth: Politics and Culture in Central Europe" or "The Urban Research Seminar." Contact: Urszula Klobuszewska, IISCE Program [iisce@dswe.pl](mailto:iisce@dswe.pl), [www.iisce.org](http://www.iisce.org), Tel: +48-71-358-2758.
- **July 3 - Aug 9 UW-Milwaukee's Summer Study** at John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, is open to students & the general public. Michael Mikoś, Professor of Polish Language and Literature, leads this study of language (for all levels), culture and sightseeing. Also offered are 2 – 5 week courses. tel. (414) 229-4151 [mikos@uwm.edu](mailto:mikos@uwm.edu) [www.lrc.uwm.edu/tour/](http://www.lrc.uwm.edu/tour/).
- **UW-Madison's program**, co-sponsored, with the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE), was established in 1989. **The 1st Friday in March** is the fall semester deadline. *"The goals of this program are to help students gain a greater understanding of Central Europe, with specific emphasis on the Polish perspective and experience. Students will learn more about business practices and economics in Poland and the European Union through courses at the Warsaw School of Economics."*
- **IKO is a private school** registered with the Ministry of Education to teach Polish as a Second Language. **July 24 - 30 in Zakopane** is IKO's Immersion residential course. A variety of group and private classes are available. <http://www.iko.com.pl/>

• "Study Abroad" "Summer Study Opportunities" <http://www.studyabroadlinks.com/> and [www.studyabroad.com/programs/summer/poland](http://www.studyabroad.com/programs/summer/poland)

• **UW-Stevens Point programs:** 1)-**The College of Natural Resources Summer Environmental Studies Seminar** to Germany, Iceland & Poland - environmental problems & resource management planning. 2)-**The Study Abroad – Change Your Life Program** (40 years in 2009) Fall Semester is Aug. 30 – Dec. 18. <http://www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad/> The program leader this fall, Dr. Robert Beeken, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, will teach "The History of Astronomy", with the emphasis on writing. *"The Semester offers you the exceptional opportunity to visit the Czech and Slovakian Republics, Austria, and Hungary and to live in the cultural splendor of ancient Krakow, Poland. There, the Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364, the oldest University in Poland and the second oldest north of the Alps, will be your home."*

• **Kraków's Int. School of Polish Language and Culture** offers 2 week language courses with a cultural program. Dates for their WINTER/SPRING 2010 sessions listed at <http://www.polishcourse.org/index.php> *The website advertizes "probably the best and friendliest Polish language courses in Poland!" The reservation deadline is 4 weeks before the class, but may be accepted later if space is available, and you may take more sessions at a reduced fee.*

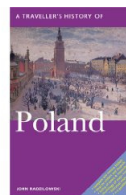
• Has anyone toured with "Poland Culinary Vacations"? <http://www.polandculinaryvacations.com/> **Flavors of Silesia** June 27-July 3 & Aug.29-Sept. 4 **Cooking Your Way Krakow/Zakopane** Aug15-21/Sept 5-11.

For any trip to Poland PHCWI's

**Joan**



**Peterson's "Eat Smart in Poland - How to Decipher the Menu, Know the Market Foods, & Embark on a Tasting Adventure"** is listed by reviewers as a "must read" and "well researched, well written, and lives up to its promise..."



John Radzilowski's **A Traveller's History of Poland** of the Traveller's History Series is another helpful, small book.

Your reports of trips to Poland are welcome! Thank you to **Judith Rapacz** for her report in the Nov 09 Club Newsletter about their last summer's trip. Please send stories, items of interest & comments to Rose Meinholz [meinhoch@hotmail.com](mailto:meinhoch@hotmail.com). Please help us provide a newsletter & website helpful to our members. Dziekuje!





## SUNSHINE CORNER! *Stonieczny Kącik*

We want to celebrate everything and anything from birthdays to anniversaries to graduations. It's all about making a connection with club members. Let us know your reasons to celebrate by calling Basia Pulz (608) 767-2921 or Jane Dunn 831-8827, or [basiapulz2@yahoo.com](mailto:basiapulz2@yahoo.com) or [jdunn@uwhealth.org](mailto:jdunn@uwhealth.org)

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES *Sto Lat!***

- 2/2 Norman Revolinski
- 2/10 Adam Grabski
- 2/11 John Gaska
- 2/15 Charley Rathsack
- 2/18 Larry Hochman
- 2/19 Joanna Janas
- 2/25 Josephine Luick
- 2/26 Margarita Ackerman

**Sat Feb 27 BOSTON STORE** hosts fund raising to benefit non-profit groups. Our club will use the money for the New **PHCWI Student Scholarship Fund**.



- Purchase a \$5 booklet (more as desired) from the Club & receive a \$10 coupon + other coupons toward:
- your 1<sup>st</sup> purchase + other discounts at Boston Store on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - purchases made 1 week before, rung up on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> with Sat-M pick up.
  - purchases made online using the discount code in booklet.

### **The club receives \$5 for each booklet sold -**

100 coupon booklets would provide \$500 toward the scholarship for a deserving student. *Non-profit groups selling 65 coupon booklets before Feb 27<sup>th</sup> are eligible for additional fund raising opportunities.* Obtain coupons at all Club events, from the BOD or by sending a check by Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (payable to PHCWI) to Jane Dunn, 7617 Sawmill Road, Madison, WI 53717. Thank you! We appreciate your support- You made a difference!

## **Polish Heritage Club Of WI, Inc- Madison PO Box 45438 Madison, WI 53744-5438**

### **PHCWI MEMBERSHIP –for yourself &/or as a gift membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Membership for: SELF\_\_ GIFT\_\_**  
**INDIVIDUAL \$10\_\_ FAMILY \$20\_\_ DONATION\_\_**  
**NEW\_\_ RENEWAL\_\_**

**Checks payable to: Polish Heritage Club of WI-Madison**

I'm interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Group\_\_ Crafts\_\_ Displays\_\_ Events\_\_\_\_\_

Genealogy\_\_ Newsletter\_\_ Publicity\_\_ RSVP/Schools\_\_

- \_\_My name/address/phone # may be in the PHC Membership Directory (\$2 at Spring Festival, \$3 mail)
- \_\_Do not include me in the Directory. However, Board members may contact me for official business

**If you like, please share your:**

- Birthday(s)/Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_
- Where your family lived in Poland. \_\_\_\_\_