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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All,

The weather is finally getting warmer despite Mother Nature taking her sweet time about it. Over on the right are some of the club-related activities happening this summer. Also note that June 4th is the date on which we will be moving our stuff into a new storage space on the east side of Madison. It is a larger facility that is climate controlled and the building includes a conference room to boot. Many thanks to Butch Luick for tracking down the new home for the club's possessions. If you can help haul boxes around that day, please let us know.

I also want to give thanks to Stan and Doris Graiewski for representing the club at the Portage County Cultural Festival on May 7th up in Stevens Point. It was a successful day and Stan relates more later in this issue.

As I type, applications for the very first PHCWI scholarship are being judged and movement is afoot on obtaining non-profit status for the club. Since these are both works-in-progress, I don't have much news to tell, so keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more.

I hope everyone has a good summer and to see you at the summer picnic in July.

John Benninghouse

Please call 238-9189 if you need a ride
June 3 PHCWI Breakfast Friends
1st Friday 9 am Monona Garden Restaurant
6501 Bridge Road off the S. Beltline

June 4 Moving Date 10am

A huge thank you to **Butch Luick** for finding new storage space for our supplies.
*Your help is welcome on the moving day - come for the fun & food! Butch 244-4388
email: bluick5023@sbcglobal.net

June 15 Board of Director's Mtg.
6pm Community Bank 8240 Mineral Pt. Rd

America's Largest

June 17-19 Polish Fest Milwaukee



Does anyone want to meet and drive to, OR meet at Polish Fest?
Please post on facebook
OR call 233-3828

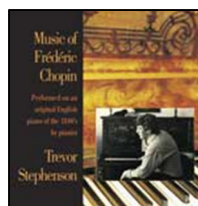
July 16 Opera in the Park before 8pm
in Garner Park. You are invited to join other PHCWI members & friends again this year - watch for red and white umbrellas!

July 17 PHCWI Annual Picnic for members, family & friends.
Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd. Our club provides Polish sausages and buns



plus dishes, cups and eating utensils.
Beer and soda is available for a donation.
*We appreciate help with the setup, serving & cleanup, so please let us know how you can help or show up early. We hope to see you all, including children & grandchildren!
See more information in July newsletter.

Aug 6 Trevor Stephenson 7:30 pm
house concert - Chopin and Debussy played on c.1850 English Parlor Grand Piano and English Upright Piano.
5729 Forsythia Place, Madison WI 53705.
Light refreshments.
RESERVATIONS



REQUIRED. Adm. \$35 call (608) 238-6092
EMAIL: trevor@trevorstephenson.com

REMINDER TO RENEW

***Please check your mailing label.**
If not 2011, YOUR DUES ARE DUE.
(Only \$10 indiv, \$20 family/year.)
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2011 Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

alt. Wed/Th 7-9 pm Polski Stół / Polish Table [UW-Madison Rathskeller](#) Sebastian Jankowski sjankowski2@wisc.edu
June 3 Fri 9 am PHC Breakfast Friends [Monona Garden Restaurant](#) 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike tel.238-9189
July 16 Sat 8 pm PHCWI at Madison Opera's "Opera in the Park" [Garner Park - Mineral Point & Rosa Rd](#)
July 17 Sun PHCWI Summer Picnic [Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd.](#)
Aug 6 Sat 7:30 Trevor Stephenson concert Chopin and Debussy RESERVATIONS REQUIRED tel.(608) 238-6092
Aug 18 Thur 7pm PHCWI Book Group discusses SOLIDARITY books at Kasia's tel.836-8632
October – Polish American Heritage Month - events/libraries book displays
Nov 5 Sat PHCWI Christmas Bazaar at West Side Club
Dec 10 Sat PHCWI Wigilia at Zor Shrine Temple

Chicago:

June 1 & 4 [Chicago Cultural Center](#) *THE OFFICER'S WIFE* screening + discussion with DIR. Piotr Uzarowicz
Sept F-M [Copernicus Cultural & Civic Center](#) "Taste of Polonia" Labor Day Weekend - music, Mass, arts & crafts
Sept 30- Oct 2 [University of Illinois-Chicago](#) *Milosz In/On America Conference*
Sept 30-Oct 1 Polish Genealogy Society of America 33rd Annual Conf. "Puzzled by the Past? Put the Pieces Together"

Milwaukee:

June 17-19 [Summerfest Grounds](#) Polish Fest
Oct 9 Sun [Norway House](#) POLANKI'S Soup Festival
Nov 18-20 [WI State Fair Park](#) Holiday Folk Fair
Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI Tel: (414)529-2140 <http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/>
until June 26 A VOICE OF THEIR OWN-WŁASNYM GŁOSEM *Centennial Celebration of a Women's Newspaper*
July 15 Fri 7-10pm 15 Polish Beer Tasting + a buffet of Polish and American food \$20/\$22 *Na zdrowie!*
Sept 11 Sun Mushroom Madness

Minnesota:

Aug 13-14 [Twin Cities](#) Polish Festival on the Mississippi Riverbank
[Winona Polish Cultural Institute](#) Polish Cultural Institute 102 Liberty St. (507) 454-3431 <http://polishmuseumwinona.org/>
Aug 15 Mon Blessing of Flowers (Feast of Assumption)

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

June czerwiec from czerw "grab" - the larvae of a bee or moth, "czerwienic" - to redden or ripen

- 1 1434 Death of Polish King **Wladyslaw Jagiello**, founder of the Jagiellonian dynasty
- 4 1989 **First free Polish elections** in nearly 50 years, ending Communist Party rule
- 5 1674 **Jan III Sobieski** elected King of Poland
- 6 1818 Death of **General Jan Henryk Dabrowski**, organizer of the Polish Legion
- 7 1982 President Reagan and **Pope John Paul II** meet in the Vatican
- 13 1982 Polish labor union Solidarity strikes in Wroclaw, Nowa Huta, and Gdansk
- 14 1933 Birth of **Jerzy Kosinski**, winner of the 1969 National Book award for *Steps*
- 24 1838 Birth of Polish painter **Jan Matejko** – *Battle of Grunwald, Polonia*
- 29 1941 NYC Death of pianist, composer, statesman **Ignacy Jan Paderewski**
1956 Riots against Stalinist rule take place in **Poznan**
- 30 1911 Birth of **Czeslaw Milosz**, poet, essayist & recipient of the 1980 Nobel Prize



Girls float wreaths on St. John's night
<http://www.krakow-info.com/folk.htm>

WI POLISH CHURCH PICNICS and other events FROM POLKA RUTH'S CALENDAR *Thank you to Ruth Lietz!*

To receive her complete list of polka events contact polkaruth@hotmail.com *Ruth's Polka Calendar* (Last Updated 3/30/11)

www.polishconnection.com/Ruth's_polka_calendar.htm "Not responsible for errors, omissions or bad info!"

May 29 Sun Polish Fest, Friendship	July 15-17 Polish Heritage Days, Armstrong Creek
June 5 Sun St Joe's Picnic, Stevens Point	July 16 Sat 4 th Annual Rome Polishfest, Rome
June 12 Sun St Peter's Church Picnic, Stevens Point	July 17 Sun Our Saviors Church Polishfest, Mosinee
June 19 Sun Good Times in the Pines, Rosholt	July 17 Sun Torun Church Picnic, Stevens Point
June 19 St Stanislaus Picnic, Hofa Park	July 21-24 Pulaski Polka Days, Pulaski
June 25-26 St Ladislaus Event, Bevent	July 24 Sun St Stan's Church Picnic, Stevens Point
June 26 Sun Grand Rapids Fire Dept, Grand Rapids	Aug 7 Sun St Adalbert Picnic, Rosholt
July 1-3 America's Polka Celebration, Green Bay	Aug 13-14 St Therese Church Picnic, Schofield
July 3 Sun St Mary of Mt Carmel, Amherst	Aug 21 Sun Sacred Heart Picnic, Polonia
July 10 Sun St Bronaslava's Church Picnic, Plover	

Celebrating our 30th Festival!

Polish Fest June 17-19

America's Largest Polish Festival is held on Milwaukee's lakefront Summerfest Grounds
200 North Harbor Drive



Hours: Friday & Saturday Noon-Midnight, Sunday Noon-10:00 pm

Ticket Prices : Advance Tickets: \$10, Gate Tickets: \$12, 55+ Gate Tickets: \$10,
Children 15 & Under: FREE with an Adult Group Tickets (10 or more): \$9

Wheelchairs & Strollers: are available at **NO CHARGE**, donations appreciated.

Enjoy "50¢ Friday" at Polish Fest 2011! Noon until 5 pm

Enjoy \$5.00 ADMISSION on Friday 5 pm until Midnight

2011 Special Discounts & Free Admission Opportunities :

ALL WEEKEND FREE ADMISSION to US Military Personnel wearing military uniform + an active military I.D. FRI

FRI 5pm Registration 6:30pm Easter Seals *Walk With Me Milwaukee 2011* ½ to 1 mile along Lake Michigan

SAT FREE ADMISSION 8pm to midnight with 3 or more items donation to the Hunger Task Force

SUN Enjoy \$4.00 ADMISSION after attending the 10:15 am Polish Fest Mass: 9:30 gates open

SUN 10:15 am Polish Fest Mass The reading and music will be in English and Polish. Tickets \$4 after Mass.

SUN 13th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition Sobieski Vodka Cultural Stage

Little Miss Polish Fest Pageant

Cultural Village: Stay tuned for more information!

(In 2010 Polish Fest celebrated the 200th birthday of Chopin and the 150th birthday of Paderewski.)

FOLK ARTS: *wycinanki* (Polish papercuts), *pisanki* (decorated eggs), *wianki* (floral head wreaths) and other traditional

GENEALOGY: Family history experts from the Polish Genealogical Society of America and the Milwaukee

LDS Family History Center show you how to trace your Polish roots.

ART IN THE MARKET: Local Polish artists display watercolors, oil paintings, and other works in our recreated market square representing Kazimierz Dolny, a picturesque artists' colony on the banks of the Vistula River.

Cooking Demonstrations: Polish Fest will feature cooking demonstrations in the Taste of Polonia tent. Local Polish cooks will illustrate the techniques of making pierogi and salads. A full schedule of demonstration times is coming! Smacznego!

Vodka & Spirits Tasting ~ \$12.00 Enjoy and sample several of Poland's finest vodka, meads and liqueurs

Friday 8pm - Saturday 2pm, 5pm & 8pm - Sunday 2pm & 5pm

Food: Krakus Polish Ham, Klement's Polish Sausage, *Pierogi* (Meat, Cheese & Potato), *Placki Ziemniaczane* (Potato Pancakes), *Bigos* (Hunter's Stew), *Zupa Grzybowa* (Mushroom Soup), *Czarnina* (Duck Blood Soup), *Pączki* (Raspberry & Prune), *Chrusciki* (Deep-Fried Pastry), *Zapiekanki* (Open-Faced Pizza Bread Snadwiches), TYSKIE POLISH BEER

Sukiennice Marketplace Over 40+ Vendors: Polish Fest Souvenirs, Bolesławiec - Polish Pottery, Glass-Blown Ornaments, Polish Crystal, Bursztyn - Amber Jewelry, Wooden Boxes & Plates, Pisanki - Easter Eggs, Wycinanki - Paper Cutouts, Polish Cookbooks & Dictionaries, Apparel Items, Polish Dolls, Audio Tapes, CD's & DVD'S, Silver Jewelry, Genealogy Research, Flags & Bumper Stickers

Entertainment: Vitroleum Republic, Doo-Wop Daddies, Syrena & Syrenka Dancers, Bad Medicine, The New Polish Sounds, Jimmy K & Ethnic Jazz, The Polish Connection, Jimmy K & Ethnic Jazz, The Polish Connection, Polka Country Musicians, Polka Family Band, The Silver Orkiestra, All Star SUPERband, Goranie, Starlite's Storytelling Time with Hand Puppet Friends, Julie Sobanski - Princess of Magic, Rojek Band - Weszola Szkola, Wayne & Wingnut, David Seebach's Wonders of Magic, Ed Hause Band, Polka Lessons, Syrena Folk Dance Lessons, Stas Venglevski & Friends, FlipSyde.



CLUB EVENTS & MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome/encouraged to share your news, celebrations, birthdays, & anniversaries by notifying:

Basia Pulz (608) 767-2921 or Jane Dunn 831-8827

6/10 James Conroyd Martin 6/14 Gerald Dunn

6/21 Jan Rapacz 6/21 Mary Schumacher

Wedding Anniversaries:

6/5 Dennis & Elaine Schenborn,

6/11 John & Darlene Gaska

*Former PHCWI Board of Director **Jadwiga Wild** sent this news. Some of us took Polish Language classes at MATC taught by her daughter Paula.*

Thank so much for sending PHC Newsletter. I am so glad that club is doing well. I see that there new names on the board which, I hope, means more people are involved.

It has been already five years since I left Madison. Hard to believe. Time is flying by. I am doing fine. Life in Florida is good and warm. My passion at retirement is travel. So besides going every year to Poland I visit many interesting places around the world. Last trip, in January, was to Antarctica. It was an unforgettable experience. This May I am going to Poland for 6 weeks. Now being retired I go there every year and each year I am looking forward into it. This year it is going to be even more fun as there is a big wedding in my family.

Paula graduated in December from University of California-Davis, a Master degree in International Agriculture Development. She is in transition now looking for a job, and taking courses to get a certificate as a yoga teacher. She loves yoga and is very good at it. Please forward my greetings and best wishes to all at the PHCWI who remember me. **Jadwiga Wild**

Polish Food *From Michael and Barbara Lomperski in response to where to purchase Polish food.....*“Meats,

Bakery, and Polish label items can be purchased in **Milwaukee at AJ Deli on Lincoln Ave and 13th St.** Last Friday Mike and I went to the **Adams Deli & European Sausage 158 S Main St Adams, WI** Tel.(608) 339 2020. Mike purchased meats, he thought they were the best they have ever tasted. They offer specialty items for the blessing of the Easter basket: bread, sausage, ham, lamb butter and cakes. It is a trip that any Polish food lover would enjoy. We arrived around 1:30pm, there was a line, & people continued to come. We plan to make a trip again in the near future.”

*on Yahoo.com STASH writes about the Adams Deli: “All I can say is "WOW". The food and service is top notch. I HAVE GAINED 10 POUNDS SINCE IT OPENED.”

May 1st An Afternoon of Polish Music



Thank you to Julie Page (on the right) of the UW-Madison Education Performance Outreach who organized the musicians, and for these notes.....

Leah Marie Kettelkamp, violin & Carson Rose Schneider, piano

Mythes, Op. 30 Karol Szymanowski (1882-1937)

I. La Fontaine d'Aréthuse

II. Narcisse

III. Dryades et Pan

The 3 *Mythes, Opus 30*, composed in 1915, were inspired by 3 myths from Greek mythology. They are modern sounding, but also retain some dreamy French impressionism, and are technically demanding for both violin and piano. Both instruments create different effects throughout, including splashing fountains and Pan's flute.

Carson Rose Schneider, piano

Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Op. 58 F. F. Chopin (1810-49)

I. Allegro maestoso

II. Scherzo: Molto vivace

III. Largo

IV. Finale: Presto non tanto; Agitato

Chopin composed his *Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Op. 58* in 1844. It is not only his last sonata for solo piano, but one of the few large works in his output. His longer works have been criticized for having a less coherent form, and composer Robert Schumann once referred to his *Sonata No. 2 in B-Flat minor, Op. 35* as Chopin's attempts to "bind together four of his most unruly children." This *Sonata No. 3* has been called an answer of those criticisms. In spite of that, one can still hear all the nuances, depth of expression, and wide array of colorful harmonies that make this work a powerful, emotional standard in the repertoire.

Thank you to Mary Schumacher, Janice Czynscon, Basia Pulz, Judith Rapacz, and Gloria Welniak for making the treats and punch, & helping with the display.



Congratulations to PHCWI member Professor Szybalski

May 3 Dr. Wacław Szybalski received one of Poland's highest orders, the Order of Polonia Restituta, Grand Cross *Krzyż Wielki* from Poland's President Bronisław Komorowski at the Royal Castle *Zamek Królewski*.



After studies at the Lwów Institute of Technology *Politechnika Lwowska* (the only university to also receive the award), and in Gliwice and Gdańsk, Poland, Dr. Szybalski was Professor of Oncology at the UW-Madison's McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research. **On May 18-21 in Wrocław**, he attended the 4th Polish-Ukrainian Weigl Conference on Microbiology. This year's conference was dedicated to "Professor Wacław Szybalski, great geneticist and biochemist, who worked in Professor Weigl's Institute. Therefore the subtitle 'From microbiology to synthetic biology' refers to (the) discipline developed by Prof. W. Szybalski." Biologist Rudolf Stefan Weigl (1883-1957) invented the first effective vaccine against epidemic typhus. See Professor Szybalski's article "*The genius of Rudolf Stefan Weigl (1883-1957), a Lvovian microbe hunter and breeder. In memoriam*"

Thank you Stan & Doris!

May 7 PORTAGE CO. CULTURAL FESTIVAL

By Stan Graiewski



My wife Doris and I were proud to represent the club at the Portage County Cultural Festival in Stevens Point. **Butch Luick** joined us in promoting our missions and goals. The event was truly an international

event with thirty nine nationalities represented. The festival's goal of celebrating the richness of many cultures was achieved. See photos at: <http://www.stevenspointjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=U0&Dat=20110508&Kategori=SPJ01&Lopenr=105080819&Ref=PH> We sold a lot of Easter, Packer and Polish eggs, key chains, a wooden bowl, a wood jewelry case and a three person chess set. Doris and I are looking forward to next year's event. We plan to offer new items.

May 7 Jeremiah Grabski was crowned Prom King at Wisconsin Heights High School in Mazomanie, WI. The son of Board of Director **Adam Grabski**, he enjoys football and track, and works at the Old Feed Mill. Congratulations Adam, and have a great summer!

June 11 Happy Wedding Anniversary!

This is #51 for PHCWI members **John and Darlene Gaska** of Columbus, WI. In 2010 they celebrated their 50th with family and friends, and took a much enjoyed trip to Alaska. John was born in 1938 in Szczepieszyn, in SE Poland, about 20 km west of Zamość. At about age 4, he and his parents were taken by box cars to various labor camps in Germany, where his parents were put to force labor on farms. After the war, they were placed in a DP camp until 1951, when they connected with a friend in America, and he became their sponsor to allow them into the USA. John met Darlene in Chicago, where their 4 sons were born. In 1951 they then moved to Columbus, WI. John is a retired anesthetist & farmer, and Darlene a stay at home Mom. Darlene used the Polish language she learned from her in-laws during trips to Poland in 5/99 and 9/01. In the past, letters had been exchanged by John's parents with relatives in Poland, but contact was lost after they passed away. John and Darlene were pleased to find relatives in Poland on their visits. They now keep in touch with them through phone calls and e-mail. Two years ago Darlene and her sister traveled to their parents' Czech homeland. Now she uses all she's learned to work on the family's Polish/Czech history for their 9 grandchildren.

wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji rocznicy ślubu
"All the best on the occasion of your wedding anniversary"

from WIKIPEDIA...[the town of] Szczepieszyn "roughly translates to *a beetle buzzes in the reed*. The phrase has been incorporated in everyday language as an epitome of Polish tongue twisters and is often presented by natives to foreign learners of Polish. A monument depicting a beetle playing the violin was erected in Szczepieszyn.."

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS *Please

check your mailing label – if it does not say 2011... we appreciate your dues – only \$10/\$20/year. Below is a partial list of new or renewed members (renewals from the Wigilia might not be on this list). Members receive a Membership Directory and notice of Polish related events via the 10x/yr. newsletter or an occasional email. Please tell us of email changes info@phcwi-madison.org

Thank you and welcome to:

Clayton & Bernadette Aumann
Jon & Sherry Bednarski
John & Darlene Gaska
Art & Raina Haralampopoulos
Jo-Ellen Kohn
Joanne R Krause
Butch & Dorey Luick
Nate & Ericka Luick
Zach & Angie Luick
Aleksandra & Rudy Martinka
Dennis & Jean Olson
Carol L Peterson
Basia Pulz

Alex & Andrea Rolich
Tom & Jackie Serocki
Ralph A & MK Tyksinski
Gloria Welniak
Szymon Wozniczka
Aleksandra Zgierska &
David Rabago
John J Zwadzich



A POLAND TRIP *By Miranda Hyslop-Garza*

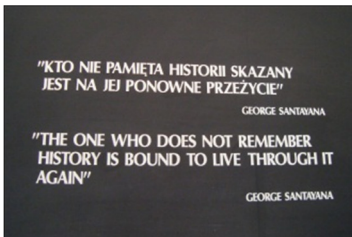
After Russian studies in Petrozavodsk, Russia from mid-Jan. through early April, Miranda traveled for three weeks to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland. Her undergraduate degree is in international studies, and she plans to enter the Peace Corps. She is the daughter of Board of Director Janice Csyscon and member Crystal Hyslop, and has attended past club Wigilias and other events

My first view of Poland was from the bus window. With its green hills and farmland, it reminded me of Wisconsin a bit, but different. Older maybe. Brighter colors on the country houses, fields of almost neon-yellow rapeseed, peaceful and serene.

The cities I visited were majestic. The tall, tall buildings of Warsaw and the sweet cobblestone center of Krakow are unforgettable. I walked around old Jewish districts and toured through ancient castles. I ate pierogi and chrusciki, sampled vodka and beer, and had pickles and pickled herring. I lingered in open markets, where you can buy anything from suitcases & underwear, to electrical adapters or fresh fish. I explored an old salt mine with sculptures, figures and even chapels carved entirely from salt rock.



Poland was also the place I felt the most confronted by history. It does not take long to realize the "Old Town" in Warsaw is not so old. In fact it is almost entirely rebuilt, like many cities in Poland, having been flattened in WWII. There are monuments everywhere to those



lost at war, those brave enough to revolt, and those unlucky enough to know the concentration camps. Not so distant memories of Soviet and Nazi occupation are scattered throughout the cities on plaques, in museums and on statues. I visited both Auschwitz and the Warsaw Uprising Museum. Coming as I do from such a young country, that has been so lucky to be spared the true devastation of war, I could not help but feel completely humbled by what I learned.

BOOKS

May 10 Mequon, WI British author Amanda Hodgkinson read from her debut novel **22 Britannia Road**.



"A young Polish couple with their 18 month old son Aurek, are separated at the beginning of the WWII (he fighting the war, she foraging in the woods). Six years later, the family is reunited. The novel begins as they attempt to start a new life together in Britain." The author lists a favorite movie: "Four Nights with Anna" dir. J. Skolimowski.

91 Essential Books about Poland and WWII

The list was compiled by William Szych and his friends at the Facebook group "The Way Back -- Stories of Poland's Rape, Murder, Enslavement 70 Years Ago." http://open.salon.com/blog/john_guzlowski/2011/03/02/91_essential_books_about_poland_and_world_war_ii

The Katyn Order by Douglas W. Jacobson



"He was an assassin... She was a covert operative with nothing to lose until a 1940 Soviet order would change everything." BOOK TOUR: <http://douglaswjacobson.com/>
June 11, PIASA Washington DC
June 13, 7pm Boswell's Milwaukee,
June 17, SE Book Fest Waukesha

Aug 18 PHCWI Book Group 7pm – Solidarity

You are welcome to share a book or stories about the history of Solidarity *Solidarność*. **Kasia Krzyczostaniak** is hostess 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton tel.836-8632.

See the Madison Public Library lists:

Polish Heritage: Books published prior to 1992 <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/booklists/polishheritage2.html>
Polish Heritage: Books published 1992 to 2006 <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/booklists/polishheritage.html>

from <http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthistday/>

14 Aug 1980: "Shipyard workers in Gdansk, Poland, have staged a successful strike in protest over the dismissal of militant crane driver Anna Walentinowicz.

30 Aug 1980: Striking Polish workers won a sweeping victory in a two-month battle with their Communist rulers for the right to independent trade unions and the right to strike. The agreement means Poland becomes the first Eastern Bloc country formally to recognize an effective and independent trade union movement. The strike leader, Lech Walesa, and deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Jagielski will sign the deal ending industrial action at a ceremony in Gdansk tomorrow. Under the terms of the deal, workers are also promised pay rises, better food and improved social services."

EVENTS – past & future

May 13-15 Toronto, CANADA

QuoVadisIII "TOOLS FOR SUCCESS" CONFERENCE IN TORONTO, ON

"The conference aims to unite and create a network of young professionals, graduates and students, develop leaders to preserve the common Polish heritage, and strengthen the ties that binds Polonians. "Quo Vadis: Polish-Canadian Youth Leadership Challenge" was held in 2009, in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. The conference started a movement, and the following year, the "Quo Vadis II: Building Bridges, Building Leaders Conference" was hosted in Windsor, Ontario. Expanding in size and scope, Quo Vadis II became a N. American conference. Building bridges between young Americans and Canadians of Polish descent, it opened the doors to a greater cooperation and dialogue among the students and young professionals of the global Polish diaspora." See http://www.quovadisconference.com/qv3_about.php

May 18th at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee

FROM BROADWAY TO MILWAUKEE

An Evening With Irena's Vow



The Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center is dedicated to Holocaust remembrance, education and the preservation of the memory of its victims. The Center aims to

promote awareness of the evils of hatred and prejudice and to inspire ethical behavior. On May 18th a performance of *Irena's Vow* was held to benefit the Center. The play, which ended its Broadway run in 2009, tells the story of Irena Gut Opdyke, (b.1919 in Kozienice) a Polish Roman Catholic, who risked her life hiding Jews in the cellar of a German army officer's home. Irena's daughter Jeannie Smith, and Milwaukee's Renaissance Theater Works producing director Julie Swanson, performed excerpts from *Irena's Vow*.

"THE CIRCLE OF FORGIVENESS Philosophers say that by saving one life, you save the world. In the case of Polish Catholic Irena Gut Opdyke, the central figure in the inspiring Broadway drama, **Irena's Vow**, her courage and compassion saved 12 Jewish lives and in doing so changed the world forever. Irena Gut Opdyke was honored at Yad Vashem—the living memorial to the Holocaust—as a Righteous Among the Nations, a title given to gentiles who risked their lives by aiding and saving Jews. Today there are over 22,000 Righteous Among the Nations, gentiles who have been recognized & honored for their heroic actions." <http://www.irenasvow.com>

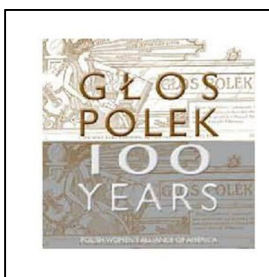
June 1- 6:30pm and June 4 - 2pm Chicago Cultural Center

THE OFFICER'S WIFE post-screening is a discussion with director Piotr Uzarowicz, a Chicago native. "After his father's death, they discovered a forgotten safe deposit box containing his Polish grandmother's autobiography, old photos of an army officer, and a mysterious postcard. In this documentary about family & memory, weaving dramatic interviews with bold animation, the director undertakes an investigation that retraces his grandparents' footsteps and eventually leads him back to the Katyn Forest Massacre."

until June 26 at the Polish Center, Franklin, WI

A VOICE OF THEIR OWN-WŁASNYM GŁOSEM

Centennial Celebration of a Women's Newspaper



The Polish Women's Voice

Głos Polek, official publication of the Polish Women's Alliance, was founded in 1898 in Chicago. The Alliance is a fraternal benefit society serving the financial and social needs of the Polish and Polish American communities.

Articles and photos from the newspaper "tell a unique & inspiring story of journalism, immigration, activism & the fight for self-determination. Against the backdrop of women's struggles to assume their equal place in society—the right to vote, make their own financial decisions, pursue higher education, and enter professions....the pages of the *Głos Polek* chronicle the stories of ordinary women rising to meet the extraordinary challenges of their time." After June 26 the exhibit travels to other US cities, then to Poland in 2012. See a slide show of the opening reception at Chicago's Polish Museum of America (and some of the museum's historic artwork) at http://www.pwaa.org/Polish_Museum2011/SlideShow/slideshow.html



June 10-11 Arlington, VA

69th Annual Meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America

Among the many CONCURRENT

SESSIONS/PANELS, are these Wisconsin speakers:

- * **Helena Pycior, UW-Milwaukee** "Women in the Service of Society: Maria S-Curie & Ernestine Rose."
 - * **Donald Pienkos, UW-Milwaukee** "Economics, Politics and Society in Contemporary Poland."
 - * **Angela Pienkos, Polish Center of WI, Donald Pienkos and Neal Pease of UW-Milwaukee.** "Poland and Polonia in the New "Polish American Encyclopedia"
 - * **Neal Pease, UW-Milwaukee and Douglas Jacobson, author of THE KATYN ORDER.** "The Memoir and the Novel: Two Means of Historical Memory."
- Banquet Speaker is **Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski**. Last year's meeting was held in Milwaukee.

RESEARCH HELP REQUESTED

May, 2011

Dear Wisconsin Students and Colleagues,
I am a doctoral student (D.Min.) at Chicago Theological Union, researching Polish American young adults' worldview and their interpretation of the oplatek ritual from a Ritual Studies perspective.

Would you please take a moment to fill out an anonymous survey for my research? <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PolishAmericanYoungAdults>

Participants should be born between January 1980 and December 1992 and living in Illinois or Wisconsin.

(You may have filled out an earlier, general survey; this is specifically for young adults. A brief summary of the earlier survey is forthcoming in the November 2011 issue of "The Polish American Journal.")

Thank you for any help you might be able to provide in passing this link on to others!

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