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*LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT*

After we made it through the hot winter, and now have a cold spring, it makes us wonder what we are looking forward to this summer. I want to invite you to our picnic on July 22. This year we want to try something new - we are talking about doing a hog roast, so we hope to see a large turn-out. Watch for the details.

Our club will have a table at the May 12 Portage Co. Cultural Festival. I will be in Chicago before then, so if you want Chicago meat items, kielbasa, etc. please call me by May 8 to tell me what you would like picked up.

I'd like to take this time to thank all who made another successful Spring Festival. It would have not been possible without all of you, from those transporting to setting up, selling and cleanup. A special thank you to co-chairs **Barb Lomperski and Linda Cagle** who put it all together.

If you or someone you know could help us with legal advice, it would be much appreciated. Due to our club's growth and expansion, & our efforts to obtain 501(c) 3 status, we are looking for help. Please contact me if you can assist us.

And our Trip to Poland sign-up deadline is coming up. If you are one of those who has not signed up but is interested, there is still time. It's a great opportunity at an extremely good price. We need 21 people to secure the price we're looking at. Please contact me at:  
(608) 219-9842 [bluick5023@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bluick5023@sbcglobal.net)

Dziękuję  
*Butch Luick*

Search **"Trip to Poland"** on the club's website - or use this link:

<http://www.phcwi-madison.org/images/pdfs/polandtour2012.pdf>  
The price includes cost of air & land package, airport taxes, and usually 2 meals/day.  
Sept 6 Departure from Chicago.  
KRAKOW - WIELICZKA - TYNIEC - RAFT TRIP  
DUNAJEC RIVER - ZAKOPANE - WADOWICE -  
AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU - CZESTOCHOWA -  
LOWICZ - WARSAW - TORUN - GDYNIA -  
WESTERPLATTE - SOPOT - OLIWA - KASZUBY -  
MALBORK - GDANSK - Sept. 21 flight home.

**9 am May 4 & June 1**

**Polish Heritage Club Breakfast Friends**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday at Monona Garden Restaurant  
6501 Bridge Road, off the South Beltline.  
*Please call Barb if you need a ride 238-9189*

**May 15**

**Polish Club Scholarship deadline**

The Club will again award a scholarship to a student pursuing secondary education. The applicant must be of Polish ancestry OR studying Polish language, history, society, or culture, OR significantly engaged with Polish culture. Applications, due May 15, can be downloaded from the website [www.phcwi-madison.org](http://www.phcwi-madison.org). For more information, contact the PHCWI Scholarship Committee. [info@phcwi-madison.org](mailto:info@phcwi-madison.org)

**July exhibit**

**SOLIDARITY at UW-Memorial Library**

"This beautifully made display covers the height of the Solidarity movement in Poland 1980-81. The photography as well as the narrative is both visually and emotionally moving... The exhibit, sponsored by The Polish Institute of National Remembrance to commemorate 30th anniversary of the birth of the Solidarity Movement, presents the important events from the strikes of August 1980 to the imposition of Martial Law in Dec. 1981. It also depicts the path which led to the Solidarity Trade Union's establishment, its relations with the communist regime and the attitude of society towards the Trade Union with in the context of the most important political, social and economic events of Poland." It has already been in St Paul & Winona.



**July 22 PHCWI Annual Picnic**

for members, family & friends at Elver Park  
1250 McKenna Blvd. Traditionally the 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! More info. in July newsletter.

## 2012 Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

**1st Friday 9 am PHCWI Breakfast Friends Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd.**  
**1st Sunday WI Dells 5 pm** Mass in Polish ST. CECILIA's 603 Oak St (Polish Translator Iwona Pakos (608) 254-8381  
 alt. W/Th UW-Madison Polish Polish Students "*Polski Stół*" Elliot Bartz (650) 714-9890 <https://win.wisc.edu/organization/psa>  
 June 28 Thur 1-2 pm 22 *Britannia Road* Book Discussion *Sequoia Library*, 4340 Tokay Blvd.  
 July month of Institute of National Remembrance *Solidarity Exhibit* UW Memorial Library  
**July 22 Sun 11-3 PHCWI Annual Picnic Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd.**  
**July 24 Tue 7 pm PHCWI Book Group** *Listen to the Music: The Life of Hilary Koprowski* at **Kasia's** 836-8632

**Old World Wisconsin** W372 S9727 Hwy 67 Eagle, WI (262) 594-6301 [oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/](http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/)  
 Jul 22 Sun 10-12:30 Kurza & Schottler Gardens Stroll with historical gardener Marcia Carmichael  
 Aug 18 Sat 10am-5 pm Polish Heritage Celebration including a special evening Polish meal



**Sept 6-21 PHCWI Trip to Poland** for info: Butch Luick (608) 219-9842 [bluick5023@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bluick5023@sbcglobal.net)

### October – Polish American Heritage Month

Oct 15 Mon 7pm Lauren Redniss, "*Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie, A Tale of Love and Fallout*" UW-Madison Union South  
 Nov 3 Sat **PHCWI Christmas Bazaar West Side Club 437 S. Junction Road**  
 Nov/Dec Polish Film Festival UW-Madison  
 Dec 1 Sat **PHCWI Wigilia – reservations needed**

## Portage County 2012 Polish Heritage Events from the Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

May 12 Portage County Cultural Fest, Stevens Point  
 June 1-3 St Joseph Parish Picnic, Stevens Point  
 June 9-10 St Peter's Parish Picnic, Stevens Point  
 July 1 St Mary of Mt Carmel Fancher, Amherst  
 July 8 St Bronislava Parish Festival, Plover  
 July 14-15 St Mary's -Torun Picnic, Stevens Point  
 July 22 St Stans Church Picnic, Stevens Point



August 5 St Adalbert's Church Picnic, Rosholt  
 August 12 St Bartholomew's church Picnic, Stevens Point  
 August 19 Sacred Heart Church Picnic, Custer  
 August 26 St Mary's Parish Picnic, Arnott  
 August 31-Sept 3 Portage County Fair, Rosholt  
 September 7-9 Pacelli High School Panacea, Stevens Point  
 September 14-15 *Dozynki* Harvest Fest, Stevens Point

## Other Polish related events from Ruth Lietz's Polka Calendar [polkaruth@hotmail.com](mailto:polkaruth@hotmail.com) and others....

June 23-24 Event in Bevent at St Ladislaus Parish, Bevent  
 July 8 - Our Saviors Church Polishfest, Mosinee  
 July 19-22 Pulaski Polka Days, Pulaski

July 27-29 St Florian Parish Picnic, Hatley  
 Aug 19 St. John's Annual Polish Picnic, Princeton  
 Oct 13 St Therese Church Polish Fest, Schofield

## Chicago:

May 5 Sat Polish Constitution Day Parade to celebrate *Trzeciego Maja Day* Columbus Drive  
 Aug 31-Sept 3 *Taste of Polonia* Labor Day Weekend - music on 5 stages, Mass, arts & crafts Copernicus Foundation

**Polish Museum of America** 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel. (773) 384-3352 closed on Thursdays  
[www.polishmuseumofamerica.org](http://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org)

## Milwaukee:

May 5 Sat 4-8 pm *Gathering by the Waters* honors Native Americans, Polish Americans, Mexican Americans Kosciuszko Park  
 June 15-17 Polish Fest Summerfest Grounds Each individual donating \$250 will have their name listed under the "Circle of Friends" sign at the Mid-Gate, receive 20 complimentary tickets & 2 invitations to the Opening Ceremony Reception.  
 October Sun POLANKI'S Soup Festival Norway House  
 Oct 26-8/Nov 2-4 "*Irena's Vow*" Renaissance Theater at Cardinal Stritch Univ. 6801 N. Yates Rd  
 Nov 16-18 Holiday Folk Fair WI State Fair Park



**Polish Center of WI** 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI (414)529-2140 <http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/>

## Minnesota:

May 4 Fri St Paul 7-11 pm Polish May Day Celebration, (651)771-8778 American Legion Post 577, 1129 Arcade St  
 Aug 11-12 Sa-Su Twin Cities 10-10 & 11-6 *Polish Festival on the Mississippi Riverbank*

**Winona Polish Cultural Institute** 102 Liberty St. (507) 454-3431 <http://polishmuseumwinona.org/>

May 5 Constitution Day Mass 4-5 pm, Reception 5:30 – 9 pm at the American Legion, May 6 May Crowning  
 Aug 15 Blessing of Flowers (Feast of Assumption) Oct 7 Apple Festival *Smaczne Jablka* Dec 2 *Oplatki Day*

**May 3, 1791 Konstytucja Trzeciego Maja**  
 Poland and Europe's 's first Constitution passed



Medal commemorating Constitution  
 from WIKIPEDIA



## CLUB & MEMBER NEWS



### SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

5/2 Art Haralampopoulos	6/10 James Conroyd Martin
5/13 Tom Urbanik	6/14 Gerald Dunn
5/22 Barry Dexter	6/21 Jan Rapacz
5/21 Annette Urbanik	6/21 Mary Schumacher
5/27 Tomasz Borowiecki	<u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u>
5/17 Rose Meinholz & Larry Hochman	25 <sup>th</sup>
5/26 Tony & Deb Ankowicz	6/11 John & Darlene Gaska
6/5 Dennis & Elaine Schenborn	

Our sympathies to **Don Wesolowski** and his family - his father Martin passed away March 31 after an illness. Thank you to **Dolores Hurlburt** who helped with the Mar/Apr newsletter. An overdue thank you to my friend Jane Richgels who helped last fall on short notice. Best of health to **Carol Janacek and Irene Pantos** - good to see you both at the Spring Festival. **Mary Ann Reale** has a request for translation help - it does not look like Polish, it may be Czech? Mary Ann - 238-7397 mattysl7@hotmail.com - Rose M

### July 24 Tue Book Group 7 pm

*Listen to the Music: The Life of Hilary Koprowski* by Roger Vaughan From **Dr. Szybalski**.... "It reads like a detective story! So many twists and turns. Hilary Koprowski is a very famous Polish scientist and quite a character." The virologist, immunologist, & inventor of the world's 1<sup>st</sup> effective live polio vaccine was born 1916 in Warsaw. **Kasia Krzyzostaniak** is hostess at her home 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton (608) 836-8632. \*Please call if coming so she can set out chairs. The book is not in our Library system, but it is available from Amazon.com and others. Please call if you need a copy.

### Mar 3 International Festival at Overture



*Irene Swiggum, Marie Revolinski, Tomasz Borowiecki, Butch Luick*  
Many thanks to all of the Volunteers who gave a helping hand at the International Festival. Our faithful transporters **Janice Czynscon, Linda Cagle, Gloria Welniac, Tom Scherfinski, Butch Luick and Skip Benninghouse** made sure all crafts were packed and delivered in a timely manner. Our sales volunteers, **Irene Swiggum, Tomasz Borowiecki, Marie Revolinski, Mary Ann Reale and Co-Chair Gloria Welniak** did a good job of setting up attractive craft and jewelry displays for sale. **President Butch Luick** took on the Membership and Poland Tour sign up with friendly conversation with our guests. Also, a thank you to **Joanna Pasowicz & Patricia Grillot** for volunteering, but were unable to spend the day with us. Dziękuję – Barb Lomperski, Co-Chair

### Apr 1 Spring Festival in Monona

Thank you to all those who helped at the Spring Festival. A large crowd enjoyed the food, music & Polish crafts. **Andrea Rohlich** and Pat Hall demonstrated *Pisanki* Egg Decorating. **Tom Wosikowski and Patricia Stone** provided the music.

\*Posted on Facebook April 1 at 3:31pm ... "My belly is so happy after enjoying a pile of pillowy periogi. Thank you Polish Heritage Club. Looking forward to your next festival!"



*President Butch Luick visits with guests.*



*Basia Pulz tells about wianki & other crafts.*

*Zosia the Polish doll on left.*

### Apr 14 Auction for Adrianek



**Kasia and Marian Krzyzostaniak** hosted a garden party-art auction of oil painted reproductions (van Gogh, Manet, Leon Wyczółkowski & other Polish painters) by artist **Ania Felcyn**. All proceeds are being donated to the family of Adrianek. He lives in Poland and needs an adapted wheelchair designed for children with his health conditions. Guests visited and ate delicious snacks while viewing the art in their pretty yard.



*Ania Felcyn Kasia K photos by Irena Fraczek*



## STAN KMIOTEK AND THE POLISH HERITAGE CLUB BAND

Feb 23, 2012 Stan Kimiotek, age 93, passed away at Oakwood Village in Madison, with his family nearby. He was one of our club musicians who provided much enjoyment and learning about our Polish music traditions at events. As Marie Revolinski wrote "He will be sadly missed by many of us." Photos by Margaret.

### THE POLISH HERITAGE CLUB BAND

by Margaret Kimiotek 2009

The Polish Heritage Club's Band never had a real name, it was just the Club's Band. It played at every picnic, Wigilia, Palm Sunday, and any club event. The Band never toured, never had the thrill of screaming fans, and never had a publicist. Although, you might say I was their fan and publicist. I probably attended all of their concerts, and I always had my camera.

The Polish Club was organized in 1979, and on a June Sunday in 1981 there was a picnic at Tenny Park. The Ladies Chorus: **Zofia Kubinski, Yvonne Chelecki, Eva Kubinski, and Phyllis Jensen** planned to sing, and asked Stanley Kimiotek to accompany them on his guitar. Before the performance, Stanley was sitting on an old ice chest playing his guitar when **Tom Wosikowski** arrived. Tom, who never misses a chance to play his banjo, went home and returned with his banjo. Several years later, **Dr. Robert Kriz** brought his accordion to a picnic and became a member of the band.

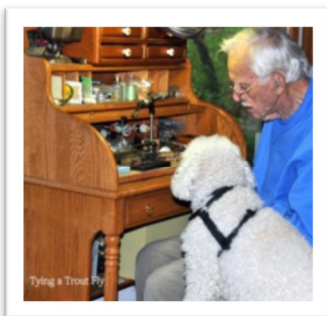
Stanley's father, Michael Kmiotek, lived in Malinowka, Austria, and at age 20 sailed on the *Volturmo* from the port of Rotterdam, South Holland, and arrived on Ellis island August 11, 1910. Stanley's mother Amela Dombrowski lived in Ulatowo, Russia, 100 miles from Krakow, Poland. At age 18 she sailed on the *Roon* from Bremen, Germany, and arrived on March 30, 1912 at Ellis Island. Michael and Angeline met, worked, and married in Milwaukee. There were two girls and two boys in the family. Polish was spoken at home. Stan learned English in school, from reading library books, and attending Saturday movies. His 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher in Milwaukee took him to other classes to demonstrate his spelling ability.

His father purchased a farm near Stevens Point and Stan walked through the woods to attend country school. Stan worked on the farm, played his guitar with his mother who played too. He played trumpet in high school and graduated second in his class. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and was in Germany when the war ended.

Back in Milwaukee, he purchased a Harley motorcycle and drove to Ames, Iowa to enroll at Iowa State. He and Margaret Skinner were married his Senior year. He graduated in 1950 with a Masters in Fishery Biology and was hired by the Wisconsin Conservation Dept. (now the DNR). His career took them to Spooner, Minocqua and Madison....Stan, Margaret, & their children Stephanie, Michael, and Linda moved to their new home in the University Hill Farms.

Stan loved to fly fish for trout and received recognition from many organizations. One of Stan's greatest joys is playing his guitar for the Polish Heritage Club and for the After Five Bluegrass Band. He misses flyfishing in Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado, and Wisconsin, and skiing with his brother.

One of his greatest joys is to practice his guitar with his pal Buffy (bichon-poodle) by his side.



### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

by Marie Revolinski Nov 2004 Newsletter

Stan Kmiotek started playing guitar for the PHC in 1985 at Tenny Park, during the annual picnic, to accompany a singing group. A bit later that day, Tom Wosikowski joined him with his banjo. Thus was the beginning of the PHC musicians.

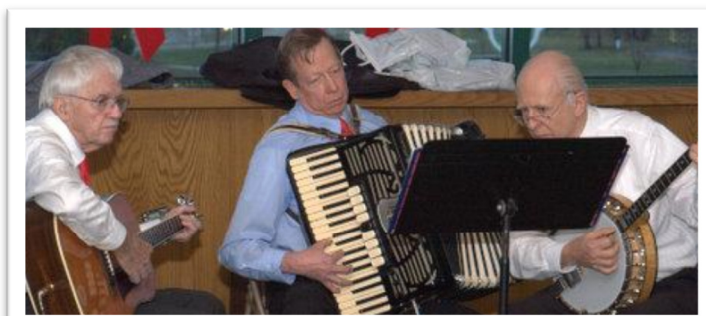
Stan was born May 24, 1918, in Milwaukee, WI, the son of Michael and Amela Dombrowska Kmiotek. He has two sisters and one brother. During the Depression, when Stan was twelve years old, the family moved to a farm in Junction City, near Stevens Point. Their main crop was potatoes, which sold for 30 cents per hundred-weight. The farm work was all hand labor done by his family. Stan smiles at remembering his mother letting him take time from work to go fishing.

Later, Stan graduated from the Racine School of Agriculture. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and was a pilot until he lost some of his hearing due to an ear infection. He was transferred to Field Artillery, serving as a radio operator. He was in France enroute to Japan, when WWII ended. After the war, he went to Iowa State College at Ames, earning a degree in zoology and taking some graduate work in aquatic biology. During his third year at Ames, he married Margaret Skinner. They have three children – Stephanie, Michael, Linda – and a grandson.

Stanley worked in the DNR for 32 years. The first 16 years he was a supervisor in fish biology, the last 16 years he was at the DNR office in Madison. However, throughout their marriage, weekends have been for hobbies: fly-fishing, fly tying, gardening, photography, and downhill skiing.

Stan is a member of the Madison Rose Society; his backyard garden reflects this love with beautiful rose bushes, several bird feeders among them, and a complementary butterfly garden. He is also a member of the American Fisheries Society, a certified Fisheries Scientist, as well as an avid trout fisherman, being a member of Trout Unlimited. Twenty years ago, Stan and Margaret joined fifteen other musicians to start the Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association, Inc. For 18 years Margaret was the editor/publisher/photographer of the award-winning SWBGMAI's *Fireball Mail* newsletter.

2000 Wigilia - Stan, Bob Kriz, Tom Wosikowski



## Pope John Paul II born May 18, 1920

*Judith Rapacz sent this story about her husband Jan Rapacz:*

It was on July 26, 1979, during an informal pot-luck dinner at the University of Wisconsin Catholic Center that Jan Rapacz, a Professor in the Department of Genetics and Animal Science, shared his remembrances of a two and a half years acquaintance with Dr. Karol Wojtyla. Using slides, he showed photos of the city of Krakow and the mountain region of southern Poland, thereby describing the surroundings which did much to shape both Karol Wojtyla and Jan. It was in the Tatra Mountains where the young priest who later became



Cardinal Wojtyla spent many happy holidays skiing and hiking. The slides of Krakow showed many landmarks of the city such as the gate of St. Florian's Church which is part of the old wall that surrounded Krakow when it was the royal capital of Poland. It was in the shadows of the many beautiful and historic buildings of Krakow that Jan met and received his lasting memories of the man who would one day be Pope John Paul II.

*St Florian's Gate*

*Brama florińska from WIKIPEDIA*

In the fall of 1950 Jan Rapacz entered the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. He, like many other new students, began his education with a mixture of apprehension and enthusiasm. "Apprehension stemming from a totally new way of life in the unfamiliar surroundings of the big city, enthusiasm at the prospect of challenge and studying in the famed university which counts Copernicus among its alumni."

After Mass on the first Sunday in October, Jan's hostess introduced him to Father Karol Wojtyla and Father Kurowski. They would be living in the same complex building as Jan, at 1 Warsaw Street, next to St. Florian's Church where Father Wojtyla was the new Vicar. Their apartments were only 200 yards from St. Florian's Gate.

"At first glance I noticed a contrast between these two men; Father Kurowski was a noble looking, well dressed, handsome man with silver hair, and the second man was impressively accessible but rather neglectful of his appearance. This was Karol Wojtyla, who already held a doctorate degree. Although I was most impressed by the degree, I relied on the opinion of others about his quality."

"Dr. Wojtyla held a number of seminars at St. Florian's Church for students, mainly for those from Polytechnic University, although others were welcome as well. Jan was impressed by Dr. Wojtyla's keen intelligence and his ability to probe in depth on important questions about religion, morality and sometimes politics. His very humane attitude toward the facts of life, and his great desire to interact and get involved in debate with students were very impressive. Because of his inquiring mind, radiant personality, fierce humanism, and always stressing our responsibility of adherence to commitments we undertake," because of this Jan was profoundly

impressed by Dr. Wojtyla's thinking. At that time he considered Karol Wojtyla a most progressive priest, however "as a freshman I was in no intellectual shape to challenge him on topics. With time we started to greet each other on the street and exchanged a few words; even though he was very busy, always carrying loads of books under his arm." Coming home late at night Jan noted there was usually a light in the window of Dr. Wojtyla's apartment. "He seemed to be tireless."

After Jan moved from his room at 1 Warsaw Street he "lost touch with Dr. Wojtyla and I saw him only occasionally. The very busy pastoral and scholarly duties of Dr. Wojtyla made it rather difficult to have contact with the greatly admired priest."

### Karol Jozef Wojtyla

May 18, 1920 - born at 7 Kościelna St in Wadowice, ~ 30 mi. SW of Krakow. The family rented 2 rooms and the kitchen on the first floor. (Closed till end of 2012 for remodeling.)



*Dom Rodzinny  
Ojca Świętego  
Jana Pawła II  
w Wadowicach*

*from WIKIPEDIA & Krakow Sites of John Paul II*

1937 moved to 10 Tyniecka St, Kraków to attend Jagiellonian University. During the 5 years of Nazi occupation, worked in the nearby Zakrzówek quarry.

1946 first Mass as priest at the Crypt of St. Leonard's

1951-8 lived near the Cathedral at 19 Kanonicza St

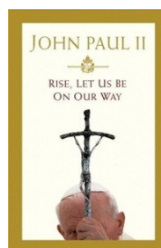
1964 Installed as archbishop of Krakow

1967 Consecrated as a cardinal by Pope Paul VI

1978 Elected successor to Pope John Paul I, becoming the 264th pope of the Catholic Church, the first Polish pope ever and the first non-Italian to fill the post in 455 years.

Feb 14 *The Warsaw Business Journal* reported that the new multimedia John Paul II Museum will open in 2013, not in time for the Euro 2012 soccer championships.

March 2012 *CANOE & KAYAK MAGAZINE's* story *Klepper: the original Popemobile?* answers the question, "I heard Pope John Paul II was a kayaker. True?" by telling about his leading frequent ski and paddling trips, some as long as 3 weeks. He co-owned a Klepper, a folding kayak, named Pebble. He would turn it over and use it as an altar for wilderness Masses. In 1958, while on a Lyna River trip, he was notified of being appointed bishop of Krakow. In a 1955 paddling race on the Dunajec River, the kayak was punctured by a rock and sank near the finish line. "Only the breviary did not get wet." A drawing shows him in a yellow kayak.



The story quotes from the Pope's 2004 book *Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way*. Madison's library has 4 copies.



## EVENTS

June 15-17 Milwaukee Summerfest Grounds, 200 N. Harbor

May 12 Stevens Point 1201 N. Point Drive 10am – 5pm  
Madison's Polish Club will again have a booth at the Portage Co. Cultural Festival. Take time then or later to explore the "Polish Heritage Trail" & Polish church picnics (see pg. 2)  
<http://www.pchswi.org/archives/townships/earlypolishhist.html>



**ic Groups Represented. Come & Enjoy!**

**20th Annual**  
**2012 Portage County**  
**Cultural Festival**

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**10 am – 5 pm • SPASH**  
**Stevens Point Area Senior High**  
**1201 N. Point Drive, Stevens Point**

**Shuttle Service from Chase Bank**

- Ethnic Art Demonstrations
- Entertainment on Six Stages
- Delicious International Cuisine
- Hands-on Children's Activities
- Crafts from Around the World

**FREE ADMISSION**

### 2012 ETHNIC ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDE:

Barbara Godlewski - Pisanki

Bernie Jendrzeczak - Polish Paper Cutting

Kim Swedowski - Polish Paper Crafts

### 12 – 2PM COMMUNITY POLKA DANCE

with Norm Dombrowski and the Happy Notes

This event "attracts ~ 15,000 people of all ages and a wide variety of cultural backgrounds. ... The festival provides an opportunity to sample food, music, folk dances, native crafts and children's games from around the world..."

For lots of info. see "Miscellaneous Countries Information"  
<http://www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org/miscinfo.html>

June 28 Madison Sequoya Library 4340 Tokay Blvd. 1-2 pm

### 22 Britannia Road discussion

'...the secrets they carry pull at the threads of their fragile peace. A tour de force that echoes modern classics like *Suite Francaise* and *The Postmistress*...'

"Housekeeper or housewife?" the soldier asks Silvana as she and eight- year-old Aurek board the ship that will take them to England

at the end of WWII. There her husband Janusz is waiting for them at the little house at 22 Britannia Rd. But the war has changed them all... "Survivor," she says.



## 2012 Polish Fest

**Hours :** Fri & Sat: 12-MN, Sun: 12-10pm p

**Tickets:** \$10/\$12 Senior (55+) \$10.00

Children 15 & under: FREE with an Adult

Group Tickets (10 or more): \$9.00

**Wheelchairs & Strollers:** are available on the grounds.

**NO CHARGE** for the rental of wheelchairs and strollers.

However, donations to Polish Fest are always appreciated.

**ALL WEEKEND LONG FREE ADMISSION** to US

Military by wearing your military uniform and presenting an **active** military I.D. at the Main Gate

**FRIDAY,** Enjoy 50¢ **ADMISSION** Noon until 5pm, then \$5

**SATURDAY** **FREE ADMISSION** with donation to the

**Hunger Task Force** 8:00 pm until Midnight

**SUNDAY** 9:30 am **GATES OPEN** \$4 **ADMISSION** after

10:15 am Polish Fest Mass,

5-9:30 p.m 14th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition

**FREE ADMISSION** to all Dad's 4-6 pm with children any age!

**Cooking Demonstrations, Vodka & Spirits Tasting,**

**Sukiennice Marketplace** Over 40+ **Vendors,**

**Little Miss, Junior Miss, Pre-Teen, Teen Pageant**

**Entertainment:** The Tom Anthony Group, Syrena/Syrenka, Bad Medicine, LIVEwire, Dyversaco, Jimmy K/Ethnic Jazz, Dyversaco, Polka Country Musicians, Polka Family Band, Tad Melon & Friends, The Silver Orkiestra and more TBA.

**Food:** Zupa Grzybowa (Mushroom Soup),

Klement's Polish Sausage, Pierogi (Meat, Cheese & Potato),

Placki Ziemniaczane (Potato Pancakes), Bigos (Hunter's Stew)

Pączki (Raspberry & Prune), Chruściki (Deep-Fried Pastry),

Zapiekanki (Open-Faced Pizza Bread Sandwiches)

**Cultural Village 2012**, hosted by Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee... will feature selected Polish military regalia from 17th century through WW II. There will be multi-media presentations of photographs of the Sept 1929 bombing of Warsaw....and a display/demo of Polish bagpipes

**In the main tent Polish Heroes: Those Who Rescued Jews**, a 2006 traveling exhibit from Galicia Jewish Museum, Krakow. The 21 photographic panels feature photographs by the late Chris Schwarz.

"The exhibition is the first stage in an ongoing educational project to pay tribute to the more than 20,000 individuals honoured as Righteous Among the Nations by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Israel, paying special attention to nearly 6,000 Polish recipients. It focuses on 21 such recipients, who live in the Kraków region today. Their faces and stories are given in honour of all those, living & dead, who could not be included. Little is known about so many of these individuals, who risked their lives to save others with no reward for themselves, & today the thousands of descendants of those they saved live around the world. This catalogue and the exhibition record just some of the remarkable stories, in order to make them accessible for others and so that we too could be challenged by their acts of selflessness, and moved to action in our own world today..."



## MUSIC



Mar 25 Farley's House of Pianos presented piano faculty member Lui Alan Lai "in an intimate salon concert" performing Chopin's *Nocturne in E Major, Op. 62, No. 2* and *Scherzo No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 31*. A reception followed.

To receive notices call 271-2626

or email [pianosales@farleyspianos.com](mailto:pianosales@farleyspianos.com)

Feb 24 (posted) **Szymon Wozniczka** was interviewed by WI Public Radio's Jonathan Overby "about Polish folk music including the mazurka and oberik. A mazurka is folk dance music played in triple meter. Several classical composers have written mazurkas including 69 composed by Frédéric Chopin. Oberik is another folk dance meaning "to spin", but also consists of lifts and jumps. Wozniczka is a Polish native, born in Zakopane at the foothills of the Tatra Mountains where folk music and traditional culture still thrives. He is one of the founding members of the first Polish folk music news forum "Muzykant" and regularly brings Polish music to listeners of WORT-FM. "Listen to the Higher Ground Interview #915: <http://wpr.org/higherground/Podcast.cfm>

Mar 26 On WORT Radio's "Global Revolutions" Szymon presented "mostly new and very new music from Poland," and he played Polish reggae later that week on WORT. Listen to his occasional shows live on 89.9 FM, on the web at [www.wort-fm.org](http://www.wort-fm.org) OR listen to the station's archives for couple weeks at..... <http://archive.wort-fm.org/>

See Szymon's musical selections for this show and others:  
Mad-Pol K.A. Madison Poland Cultural Action  
Bringing Polish music to the USA audience  
[madpolka2010.wordpress.com](http://madpolka2010.wordpress.com)  
Watch his facebook page or request email notification:  
[szymon2005@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:szymon2005@sbcbglobal.net)

Partial playlist of the Mar 26 show.....

\*Caci Vorba, a 5-piece Polish-Ukrainian group, "very imaginative and dynamic take on traditional Roma tunes," "Me Pačav" from *Tajno Biav – Secret Marriage*.

\*Aldona Nowowiejska, a Polish singer who lives and works in France, "Sonnet" is her debut CD *Sonnet*.

\*Zywiolak, "does not shy from amplifying their hurdy-gurdy, viola, bass and lyre," "Prolog" from *Globalna Wiocha*

\*Widymo, a nine-piece all female vocal group, songs of Carpathians Mtn region, "songs that were overheard."

"Karczmareczka" from *A nasi dwory wysoki hory*  
\*Meadow Quartet, classically trained musicians "create a new sonic world mostly inspired by klezmer music, "Das Schloss – A tribute to F. Kafka" from CD *Unexpected*

\*Dziani Szmidt, "very interesting take on Roma classics," "Paszo Wiesz" from *Czarny Kon*

### Performing in Poland:

April 29 Atlas Arena in Lodz - King of Tenors Andrea Bocelli

May 26-31 Katowice, Warsaw, Poznan, Gdynia and Lublin -

Scottish hard rock band Nazareth

July 4 Congress Hall in Warsaw Bobby McFerrin

July 27 Warsaw airport Bemowo Red Hot Chili Peppers

Aug 1 National Stadium in Warsaw Madonna

## IN THE NEWS from various sources

Feb 12 Warsaw The Ronald Reagan statue was unveiled by Lech Walesa. In Poland our former President is highly respected in for his role in the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Mar 5-6 near Szczekociny, southern Poland A Warsaw to Krakow train traveling 95 kph (60 mph) collided head on with a northbound train going from Przemyśl to Warsaw. 16 died, 57 were injured. "Transport Minister Sławomir Nowak insisted that Poland's railways were "still very safe" and said football fans planning to travel to Euro 2012 by train should not be put off...." 65 people were killed when a freight train collided with a passenger train near Ołoczn in 1980.

Mar 13 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the return of WWII looted "The Procession" by Witold Wojtkiewicz.

Mar 15 St Louis, MO A Circuit Court judge ruled St. Stanislaus Kosta Parish has rightful control of its assets & property. An 1891 agreement allowed the parish to handle its own finances, but in 2003 the archdiocese attempted to move the parish's ~\$8 mil. into an archdiocese managed trust. The parish, just north of downtown, was established in 1880. Cardinal Karol Wojtyła visited in 1969. The "Polish Cathedral style" church was added to the Na. Register of Historic Places.

April 13 Tokyo Poland's First Lady Anna Komorowska delivered a lecture on Janusz Korczak, a Polish-Jewish author and educator who is considered to be the author of children's rights. He accompanied orphanage children to the Treblinka death camp.

April 12 Warsaw PM Donald Tusk was scheduled to meet with the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) caucus to discuss pension system reform. The SLD is against the government plan to raise the retirement age to 67 for both sexes and wants Poles to decide about the proposed changes in a referendum

May 20-12 Chicago President Komorowski will lead a Polish delegation to NATO's 25<sup>th</sup> summit. President Barack Obama will welcome world leaders from more than 50 countries.

### Euro 2012 Poland and Ukraine

8 June - 1 July 2012

8 June 18:00 UTC+2 Poland vs. Greece  
in Warsaw's Na. Stadium (capacity 58,145).

Others hosting the European Football Championship:  
Gdańsk PGE Arena (capacity 40,818),  
Wrocław Municipal Stadium (capacity 40,610),  
Poznań Municipal Stadium (capacity: 42,004).



Goats at Poznan City Hall  
dressed in Euro2012 flags

*Koziołki ubrane we  
flagi z okazji*



## Genealogy Corner *by Joanna Pasowicz*

Hurrah for the 1940 Census. Found my Aunt's first husband there. Now all I have to do is look for the other 3, that I know of, and maybe there are others too. This is my new mystery.

On April 2, after the data's 72-year privacy restriction expired, the public was first able to search, browse, and down-load the 1940 census. 37 million hits the first 8 hours after the National Archives uploaded the full census caused the computers to stop working. The 1940 census is important to genealogists because it asked many questions other censuses did not. Ancestry.com and FamilySearch will be indexing the census (make names easier to find). It's free of charge, on your own computer at: [1940census.archives.gov](http://1940census.archives.gov)

May 3 Dane Co. Genealogical Society Meeting at 7 pm.  
"Genealogy Webinars" 4505 Regent St

Aug 18 Eagle – Old World WI W372 S9727 Hwy 67–10-5pm  
in the Southern Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest.

### Polish Heritage Celebration



After Germans, Poles are the largest ethnic group in Wisconsin. Celebrate the heritage and customs of this storied immigrant group, beginning with the site's Kruza farmstead. Check for details about a special evening Polish meal.

**Ticket Info:** Adults \$16; children (5-17) \$9 (children under 5 are free); students/ senior citizens (65 and over) \$14; family (two adults and 2 or more dependent children 5-17) \$43. Fees include an all-day tram transportation pass.

## The Polish Heritage Club of WI, Inc., Madison Group PO Box 45438 Madison, WI 53744-5438

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- Where your family lived in Poland \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31

Oct 15 UW-Madison Union South 7 pm

author Lauren Redniss

## Curies are Go Big Read 2012-13 Choice

From the press release:

University of Wisconsin-Madison Interim Chancellor David Ward has selected "Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie, A Tale of Love and Fallout" by Pulitzer Prize-nominated New York Times illustrator Lauren Redniss as the book for the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the university's common reading program.

Ward chose the critically acclaimed illustrated biography of the groundbreaking scientists from a short list compiled by a review committee. ... "Radioactive" embodies innovation and the wonder of discovery," Ward says. "This book will inspire dynamic discussions across the campus community about the power people have to change the world."

The highly visual book depicting the discovery of radioactive power defies simple categorization, capturing the complexity of the intersections of science, history and biography. Redniss, a professor at the Parsons School of Design in New York, says she wanted to tell a story about invisible forces: radioactivity and love.

"There's passion, discovery, tragedy and scandal," Redniss says in an interview. "But I also thought the Curies' story was an interesting way to look at questions that affect our world right now."

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie**

**b.7 November 1867 Warsaw, d.4 July 1934 France**