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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – next month
Have a great trip to Poland, Butch!
Looking forward to your stories.



Polish Americans Celebrate During Oct.

"Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, VA, Polish people have been an important part of America's history and culture. In 2012, Polish Americans will mark the 31st Anniversary of the founding of Polish American Heritage Month, an event which began in Philadelphia, PA, and became a national celebration of Polish history, culture & pride. During 2012, we will also mark the 404th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers who were among the first skilled workers in America. We, therefore, will also Salute All American Workers and urge people to purchase the products and services offered by American workers. Polish Americans will also mark the 233rd Anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry. For additional information about these historic events and Polish and American history, visit the Museum's Internet site.....
PolishAmericanCenter.org

Information about ways to celebrate and the 2012 Coloring Contest for schools.....
www.polishamericancenter.org/heritmo.htm

Sincerely,
Michael Blichasz
Chairman

Polish American Heritage Month Committee
308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106

This October learn about MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE

2012-13 GO BIG READ "Radioactive Marie & Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout"

Oct 14 Storysmith® Susan Marie Frontczak pg.3

Oct 15 author Lauren Redniss's presentation

Oct-Dec more library & other events pg.2

Oct 6 @ 6501 Bridge Road, Monona 9 am
1st Fri Polish Club Breakfast Friends
Please call Barb if you need a ride 238-9189

PLANNED EVENT...CHECK BACK BEFORE 10/6
Oct 6 Capitol Sq 100 N. Hamilton 10 - noon

Polish Activities Children's Museum 2nd floor Art Studio

Bring your elementary school age children and grandchildren to our club's sponsored event. It's Polish American Heritage AND American Craft Week. Irene Swiggum organized this event for children to experience Polish culture: Polish paper cutting *wycinanki*, color pictures of Polish scenes and events, and see other examples of Polish crafts & history.
Museum Adm: \$7.95 - adults & children, \$6.95 - seniors and grandparents, \$1/ person Family Access adm.(for most public assistance programs). FREE museum members & children under 1. **Parking:** see museum's website



Nov 3 West Side Club S. Junction Rd 9-3 pm **west of Beltline at Mineral Point Rd/Cty M** **6th Annual Polish Christmas Bazaar**

Free admission & parking.
Open to the public.
Handicap accessible.
Polish Imports.
11 - 1 pm Visit from Santa.
Polish bakery and books.
Genealogy & Polish history/family history info.
Live music, *oplatek* (Christmas wafer), & more.
10 - 2 pm Polish Lunch prepared by Queen Ann's Catering, eat in or take out.

If your newsletter includes a Bazaar poster
please help us spread the word by posting it at your local church, coffee shop, grocery store, etc., etc. AND please tell your family and friends about this unique and fun event. ***We will send posters to all South Central Libraries. As usual, volunteers are always needed.**
Please call Linda Cagle (244-2788 or 239-0398) or Barb Lomperski (238-9189) if you would enjoy participating in this special event or could use additional posters.



You are invited to our WIGILIA on DEC 1
Reservation Form in the Nov 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 Student Assoc. Language Table "*Polski Stół*" (650) 714-9890 <https://win.wisc.edu/organization/psa>

October – Polish American Heritage Month

Oct 6 Sat ?10-12 am **Polish Heritage Club activities in the 2nd floor drop-in Art Studio Capitol Sq. 100 N. Hamilton St**
Oct 10 Wed 5:30 pm Rachel Feldhay Brenner *Problem of Empathy: Polish Writers Look at the Ghetto* Elvehjem Bldg, L140
Oct 12-13 AATSEEL-Wisconsin Conference - UW-Madison Pyle Center 702 Langdon St
Oct 14 Sun 2-3pm & 4-5pm **Manya: A Living History of Marie Curie** PAC Middleton H.S. 2100 Bristol, Middleton
Oct 18 Thur 4 pm Danusha Goska *Bieganski: The Brute Polak Stereotype in Polish-Jewish Relations* Marquee Th, Union South
Nov 3 Sat **PHCWI Christmas Bazaar West Side Club 437 S. Junction Road**
Nov 10 Sat 2:45-4 pm **WI Book Festival reading, reception & display *Poles in Wisconsin* WI Historical Soc. 30 N. Carroll**
Nov 14 Wed 7:30 pm Tyrone Greive, violin Faculty Concert Series, Free and unticketed UW-Madison Mills Hall 455 N. Park
Nov/Dec Polish Film Festival UW-Madison
Dec 1 Sat **PHCWI Wigilia – reservations needed**

The 2012-13 GO BIG READ book is "Radioactive Marie & Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout."



The University of Wisconsin–Madison invites you to participate in its common book program, Go Big Read. Initiated by past Chancellor Carolyn “Biddy” Martin, the program will engage members of the campus community and beyond in a shared, academically focused reading experience. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate by reading the book, and taking part in classroom discussions and campus events.

Book Discussions at Public Libraries:

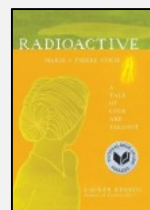
Oct 4 Thur 6 pm Lakeview, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.	Nov 13 Tue 7 pm Stoughton, 304 S 4th
Oct 9 Tue 7 pm Sequoya, 4340 Tokay Blvd.	Nov 14 Wed 6:30 Meadowridge, 5740 Raymond Rd
Oct 11 Thur 12 pm Lakeview, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.	Nov 15 Thur 6 pm Monroe Street, 1705 Monroe St.
Oct 17 Wed 7 pm Central Library, 126 S. Hamilton St.	Nov 17 Sat 1:30 pm Goodman S. Madison, 2222 S. Park St.
Oct 18 Thur 10 am Middleton, 7425 Hubbard	Nov 27 Tue 7 pm Pinney Branch, 204 Cottage Grove Rd.
	Dec 12 Wed 6 pm Monona, 1000 Nichols Rd

*Oct 15 Mon 7-8:30 pm 2012-13 Go Big Read Author Lauren Redniss Public Presentation Date Varsity Hall, Union South
 free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Parking – Union South underground, and Lots 16 & 17.

*Nov 14 Wed 6:30 pm Madison Public Library: Meadowridge Branch, 5740 Raymond Rd. *The Aesthetics of "Radioactive:" an Art and Design Discussion* Join Artist Trent Miller for a discussion of how Redniss' innovative book design and artwork gives the story additional dimensions and influences the meaning of the text.

Contact: emamunds@scls.lib.wi.us, (608) 288-6160 <http://www.gobigread.wisc.edu/> (608) 265-2755

**Cyanotype Workshops With Artist Aliza Rand* (www.alizarand.com) Participants will learn about the process of cyanotype printing (“a camera-less photographic technique in which paper is coated with light-sensitive chemicals. When the chemically treated paper is exposed to the sun’s ultraviolet rays, it turns deep blue. and also make their own cyanotype prints.”) This event is free, but registration required: <http://host.evanced.info/madison/evanced/events/signup.asp?ID=25788>. See the full schedule at: <http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/go-big-read>



Chicago:

Nov 2-18 24th Polish Film Festival in America over 70 feature, documentary and animated films various locations

Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel. (773) 384-3352 closed on Thursdays www.polishmuseumofamerica.org

Sept 7-Oct 14 *Pilgrims* documentary photography by Zbigniew Bzdak, Oct 14 Multimedia presentation and lecture

Oct 5 Fri 7 pm Paderewski Lecture *The Chicago Connection* by Victoria Granacki

Milwaukee:

Oct 7 Sun 11-3 pm POLANKI'S Soup Festival Norway House (414) 321-2637 7507 West Oklahoma Avenue

Oct 26-8/N2-4 *"Irena's Vow"* Cardinal Stritch 6801 N. Yates Rd, Milw. Nov 9-18 Concordia 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr, Mequon

Nov 16-18 Holiday Folk Fair WI State Fair Park 1.800.884.FAIR 640 South 84th Street, West Allis

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

Nov 11 Sun Polish Independence Day/Veterans Day Luncheon

Nov 16-18 Holiday Folk Fair WI State Fair Park 1.800.884.FAIR 640 South 84th Street, West Allis

Minnesota:

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

Oct 7 Sun 12-4 pm Apple Fest *Smaczne Jablka* 20th Anniversary of the Harvest Festival with crafts, displays, art, music...

Manya: A Living History of Marie Curie

Susan Marie Frontczak, Storysmith®



**Program for school-age
Children and families**

**Sunday, October 14
2-3pm & 4-5pm**

**Middleton Performing Arts Center
Middleton High School
2100 Bristol Street, Middleton 53562**

\$4 suggested donation

Marie Curie is best known for the discovery of radium and radioactivity, but few understand the obstacles she faced just to get into the laboratory. From the political oppression of her childhood, to scientific emergence and fame, to the tragedy that forced her into single motherhood as well as further world prominence, Manya's story reveals a compelling journey.

Audience Testimonials "[Frontczak's] Curie portrayal last night...was strangely gripping. The words very intelligently composed, history so tightly interwoven with personal expression, [her] acting style—full of hesitations, the words riding a graph of emotion—one was immersed in the story and the person." —Jack Collum, Poet

"Scientists in the audience applaud the accuracy of the presentation, while the non-scientists rejoice at the accessibility of Manya's scientific descriptions." —The American Museum of Science and Energy, Oak Ridge TN

"With MANYA, Susan Frontczak captures the artistic passions that dwell within the soul of all great scientists. A profound, humorous, magical portrayal of the human side of science and the joy of discovery." —Bob Rasmussen

"We were simply spellbound by the virtuosity of her voice and gesture, intellectual challenge and emotional involvement." —Dr. Brad Bowles, Chair, CU Department of Theater

About the Artist/Author

For 28 years Storysmith® Susan Marie Frontczak has brought literature to life, created stories from thin air, and honed personal experience into tales worth telling again and again. She plays in theatres, corporations, schools, libraries, and festivals internationally. Her Marie Curie presentations have taken her to 21 of the United States, Scotland, and Canada for over 190 performances. In dramatizing the life of Maria Skłodowska, Susan Marie pays homage to their shared Polish heritage. Susan, like Manya, enjoyed school, and promotes awareness that academic excellence can lead to outstanding achievement. Marie Curie's perseverance in purifying a grain of radium from a ton of pitchblende, in part, inspired Susan to major in Engineering, where she worked for fourteen years before pursuing full time writing and acting. Susan has always viewed both science and art as valid outlets for creativity. She believes that Marie Curie's inner complexity is not known, and deserves to be. It is her aim to reveal the human behind the scientist, while placing Marie Curie's life and accomplishments in a memorable historical context.



*This program sponsored by The Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison
And developed with support from:*

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303-442-4052

www.storysmith.org/manya

Demo Video or DVD available upon request.



CLUB & MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. **Sto lat!**
 10/5 Steve Falconer, 10/29 Ewa Verhoven
 10/7 Zygmunt Kosowscy 10/7 Christopher Buss

September BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

Received reports about: Amber Inventory - Norm Revolinski, QuoVadis Chicago 2012 & Sept 29 American Polish Advisory Council plans - Patrick Peczerski & Sebastian Puchalski, Susan Frontczak *Marie Curie* event - Michael Lomperski. Discussed past & planned future events: Sept 15 Stevens Point *Dozynki* Harvest Festival & other possible community events, Children's Museum Polish event - Irene Swiggum, Bazaar Committee Report - Linda Cagel, Chair, UW-Madison Polish Film Festival letter & contribution, Wigilia - Barb Lomperski.

On our club's FACEBOOK page:

*Polish Heritage Trail in Portage Co: churches, kapliczki.....

*Listen to A Polish Odyssey 15 min. BBC Radio 4 's WITNESS 16 Sep 2012. "When Danuta Maczka was 14 years old, she and hundreds of thousands of other Poles were sent to Siberia by invading Soviet troops. But when the Nazis turned against the Soviet Union, the Polish exiles were set free and made their way to the Middle East to form an army under General Wladyslaw Anders. By the end of World War Two Danuta was driving a three-ton truck at the Battle of Monte Cassino."

GENEALOGY CORNER by Joanna Pasowicz

This month I've quite a few break thorough finds, starting right after the 1940 Census came on line. I found 4 of my Aunt Marie's 5 husbands! She was my father's sister, was baptized in Chicago's St. Stanislaus Kostka. She married the first time in 1923 at age 22/23 to Anthony C. She then married Lacey E., he had a daughter Frances. Uncle Lacey died in the early 40's and I remember it was a Military Funeral. His daughter stayed with Aunt Marie until she married in 1949. She will be my next story, she was a special person. Aunt Marie's 3rd husband was Vincent S. b.16 March 1898, m. 23 Sept. 1943 in Chicago, d.19 Aug. 1976. Uncle Vince served in the Military during the First World War, from 28 May 1917 to 19 May 1919. I definitely remember Uncle Lacey & Uncle Vince, but by time she found the 4th (Ellwood H.) and 5th husbands, we were long gone from Chicago, and living in Texas. Aunt Marie died at 80 years old and is buried at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, IL. Hope you all have good luck finding your family. japaso@tds.net (608) 848-4892

FINDING YOUR ROOTS WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES JR.



11 pm Mon, Oct 15 on WPT Channel 21/11

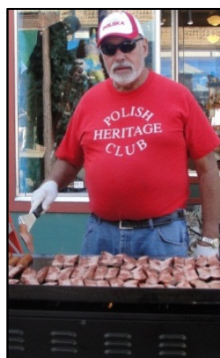
11 am Sun, Oct 28 on WPT

Sanjay Gupta, Margaret Cho and Martha Stewart - Catch a glimpse of 3 distinct experiences of families leaving their homes & becoming American. "Martha S's surnames originated in the SE portion of Poland. Thus, anyone having these names in a family tree could be her cousin: Adamczyk, Albiniak, Baran, Ciman, Flis, Grab, Grosiewicz, Grysztar, Kak, Kielar, Kisielinska, Kiszka, Kostyra, Krol, Krukar, Krulicka, Kulpa, Lach, Lazinska, Litwin, Macuga, Misiak, Okon, Oleszko, Orzet, Penar, Rajchel, Ruszkowski, Rygiel, Rząd, Siwy, Skubik, Strzalinska, Tomczyk, Wasi, Wojtan, Wolyniec, Zukowska."

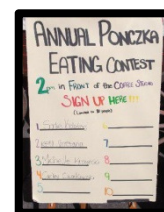
Condolences to Board of Director **Irene Swiggum** and her family. Irene's mother Lucy Mary (Pezara) Burant, age 92, passed away at Nazareth House in Stoughton on Sept 18. She was born in Grduziadz, Poland. At age 19 she was taken to do work for the Germans, & after the war volunteered in refugee camps until she was able to come to the United States, thanks to a Polish widow who sponsored her. In 1952 she married Edward Burant in St. Mary's of Mount Carmel, Fancher and then they lived in nearby Arnott. She is survived by her daughter Irene (Laverne), three grandchildren: Thaddeus, Christopher and Sheila; one sister Weronika in Poland, and several nieces and nephews in Poland and Germany.

Sept 15 HARVEST FEST DOZYNKI Stevens Point

PHCWI President Butch Luick at the grill



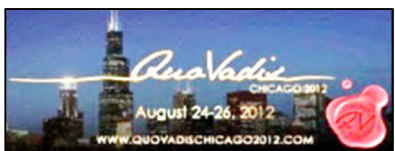
Norm
& Marie
Revolinski,
Irene Swiggum



Nov 10 BOOK GROUP WI Book Festival 2:45-4

Polish Heritage Club and WI Historical Society nominated author Susan Gibson Mikoś will read from and discuss her book *Poles in Wisconsin*, plus do a book signing. She is also bringing a display of images from the Roman B.J. Kwasniewski Photograph Collection, UWM Libraries, Archives Dept. Our club is providing a reception, and since Nov. 11 is St. Marcin's Day, **Kasia & Marian Krzyzostaniak** offered to make *rogale świętomarcińskie*, crescent-shaped poppy seed-almond filled sweet-rolls, Poznan's St Marcin's tradition.

QUO VADIS CHICAGO 2012 Aug 24-26



Theme: *Modern Leaders : Own your Identity*

by Maciej Kazula, Patrick Peczerski and Sebastian Puchalski

Quo Vadis, the first US conference of its kind for young members of Polonia, brought college students and young professionals sharing a common Polish background together for three days to hear, learn and discuss ideas pertaining to the Polish-American community, and how to strengthen it from political, economic and cultural perspectives. The conference speakers ranged from Polish politicians, Polish-American academics, businesspeople, journalists and community organizers. The conference, a mini-renaissance for Polish-American ideas, encouraged us to become more involved in our Polonia communities on both local and national levels, and created a foundation for a national network of Polish-Americans. Maciek Kazula (Graduate Student, UW-Madison), Sebastian Puchalski (Graduate Student, UW-Madison), Patrick Peczerski (area professional, UW-Madison Alumnus) and Marta Studnicka (Undergraduate Student, UW-Madison) attended the conference from Madison.

Friday

The first day of the conference was at the historical Knickerbocker Hotel ballroom. Elected Illinois and Polish officials provided inspirational messages to the participants. It was curious to hear some Polish politicians try to shape the opening of Quo Vadis by stating that we should take their directional advice to become a successful organization, a point that was quickly rebuked by one of the speakers, Professor Krzysztof Kasprzyk; instead Prof. Kasprzyk encouraged participants to form their own ideas and build their own organic solutions and organizations as needed. Nonetheless, the presence of the Illinois and Polish politicians communicated the prestige and importance of the conference. Equally impressive was the caliber and back-ground of the many participants.

A key goal of the conference was networking amongst the participants so that we could use our newly developed acquaintances for future building of our Polish-American community in areas of employment. In order to communicate the importance of networking, Ms. **Laura Schwartz**, former Principal of White House Strategies to President Clinton and author of *"Eat, Drink and Succeed,"* provided illustrative anecdotes of how effective networking has helped advance ideas and careers. Ms. Schwartz's speech was followed appropriately by a networking session where we had the first chance to meet other participants.

The last speaker of the evening was Professor **Krzysztof Kasprzyk**, current Minister-Counselor from the Department of Cooperation with Polish Diaspora, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prof. Kasprzyk spoke about his involvement in Solidarity and how the organization had a key role at the time. He used the example to show the importance of creating timely and organic organizations to reflect and channel the

goals and interests of its members. For all his accomplishments he was very modest and humble in his speech.

In the evening a welcoming reception was held where participants and speakers could further mingle. For us it was a key social event to get to know others and to create new ties with participants from different states and countries. Delicious Polish food and drink was served to all.

Saturday

The second day, mostly spent at the Loyola University Water Tower Campus, was the most eventful. We attended a number of inspiring speeches by influential figures of science, political and business worlds.

"Etiquette in the Charitable World" introduced us to business etiquette. It gave us a chance to get acquainted with the latest trends and nuances regarding inter-acting with others in the business environment. The presenter, **Ellen Erickson** of the Ericson Consulting Group, LLC, is a well-recognized figure in the etiquette education business.

After a short break, we listened to Professor **Thaddeus Radzilowski**, the president of PIAST Institute and author of numerous publications regarding the history of Russia, Poland and East Central Europe. Mr. Radzilowski is also a co-author of a recent publication titled *"Polish Americans Today – A Survey of Modern Polonia Leadership."* He spent a significant amount of time discussing the findings contained in the publication, which may be of a significant interest to the Polish Heritage Club, as it directly concerns socio-political trends among today's Polonia.

Just before lunch break, Mrs. **Wanda Urbanska**, director of Jan Karski US Centennial Campaign, told us about the very courageous and important Polish-American war hero. She shared with us the most recent achievements of the Campaign, which include monuments of Jan Karski sitting on a bench along with the description of what he did during WWII. From the perspective of Polish Heritage Club, another important enterprise mentioned by Mrs. Urbanska was the popularization of Karski's book *"The Story of a Secret State"* among the U.S. public, and efforts to include it as a required reading in history classes. Given that Jan Karski was recently awarded the posthumous Medal of Freedom by the US President Barak Obama, the efforts of the Campaign may be gaining momentum.

After the lunch break, Mr. **Adam Wilczewski**, Chief of Staff at US Department of Commerce, talked about the importance of mentoring others. The speech highlighted the mutual benefits of mentoring and gave some practical tips. After the speech we were divided into different mentoring groups. Each group had a distinctive moderator, whose goal was to promote an active discussion about the purpose and goals of a unified Polonia.

The group meetings lasted about one hour, which turned out to be an insufficient amount of time, given all different ideas and perspectives presented by its members. The most common theme was the need to network. All group members agreed that to create a strong Polonia, we need to overcome the differences between us and create one audible voice.

The last event of the day was the networking reception organized by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. We had a chance to talk with all the speakers at the conference. The reception also turned out to be a great place to network and finalize some of the unfinished discussions of the group meetings from earlier that day.

Sunday

Following a Catholic Polish tradition, most of us started Sunday morning by attending mass at the very famous and architecturally beautiful Holy Name Cathedral. Breakfast was held in world famous John Hancock Tower.

The first speaker, Dr. **Michael Traison J.D.**, spoke passionately about his personal goal to improve relations between Jewish-Americans, gentile Poles and Polish-Americans. As a Jewish-American, Dr. Traison's perspective was powerful as he provided a very honest assessment and constructive framework for improving current relations. It was honest because he spoke critically of perceptions and attitudes held by Jewish-American (ninety percent which have Polish heritage). For example, he has stated that some American Jews perceive Poland as a "forbidden land, nothing but a cemetery ... People have created the idea that Poles were responsible for WWII and the Holocaust." He was also critical of Poles, stating there were Nazi collaborators, but also explained how Poles were especially punished by the Germans for providing help to Jews. It was inspiring to learn that in 1996 he approached the Israeli Embassy in Warsaw to initiate an award ceremony to acknowledge Poles who were carrying out activities to preserve Polish-Jewish history and culture (e.g. maintaining a Jewish cemetery and documenting Jewish history in a small town). Another insightful point that Dr. Traison brought up was the historical dynamics that Poles share with Jews, in that Poland, like Israel, was removed from the map, and its people and culture persecuted. The fact that there was a Jewish American speaking so honestly and in good faith gave us hope that it is possible to improve our relations.

The last speaker, Lieutenant Colonel **Walter Perchal**, Professor at York University's Business School, gave a final inspirational speech encouraging us to take the new relationships and ideas and make something happen. He drew on the excellence of national Polish heroes and pushed us to conduct ourselves with a focus on excellence in everything we do. His speech received the loudest applause from all the speakers; it was evident the last several days changed how we perceived our Polish-American identity, we all felt very proud to be Polish-Americans.

The last event was a lunch boat cruise on Lake Michigan. We had a final chance to socialize and network with participants and speakers. One person Sebastian and Patrick spoke to was **William Schreiber**, one of the main organizers of a non-partisan Polish-American lobby in Washington called the American Polish Advisory Committee. Currently there is no effective Polish-American lobby in Washington, which is puzzling considering that based on the 2010 US census, there are 10 million self-identified Polish-Americans. When compared to the population sizes of other highly effective, ethnic based lobbying groups such as American Jews (5 million) or Cuban Americans (1.7 million), the potential for a strong Polish-American lobby promoting unifying interests in politics (e.g. Visa Wavier Program), culture and history (e.g. adding Jan Karski's book to high school curriculum), and economics (improving trade relations between Poland and the US). There will be an initial Conference September 29th in Washington where the lobby will present an initial unifying platform to both Republican & Democratic National Committee heads. Key to the lobby success will be input from Polish-American organizations from around the US. Wisconsin plays an

important role because it has the highest percentage of citizens with Polish heritage.

In summary, the conference was a life changing, empowering experience for us. We are already working together with the Polish Heritage Club of Madison and the Polish Student Association at UW to see how we can help to strengthen our Polish-American community. We're excited to see what we can accomplish in the next several months.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Polish Heritage Club for their generous funding support for Maciek and Sebastian which enabled them to attend the conference.

-Maciek Kazula, Patrick Peczerski and Sebastian Puchalski.

***Maciej Kazula** graduated with MS and Eng. degrees in Agronomy from University of Life Science in Bydgoszcz (Poland) in 2009 and with MS degree from UW-Madison in October 2011. Following that he joined a very prestigious graduate program called: The Climate and Corn-based Cropping Systems CAP (CSCAP) supported by the USDA-NIFA, Award No. 2011-68002-30190. CSCAP is a trans-disciplinary partnership among 11 institutions creating new science and educational opportunities. This five-year project assesses the environmental, economic and social impacts of long-term climate variability on corn-based cropping systems. Afterwards he will achieve his PhD degree from UW-Madison - under world recognized Prof. Joe Lauer, who is a pioneer in corn hybrids evaluation programs.*

***Patrick Peczerski** graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in International Studies, Polish and Spanish May 2008 from the UW-Madison. He currently works at Mueller Sports Medicine, a global leader in orthopedic braces and sport medicine accessories, where he is responsible for sales and marketing for the Latin American and Caribbean regions.*

***Sebastian Puchalski** graduated with BS in Civil Engineering from UW-Madison in May 2011, following which he joined one of the top asphalt research centers - Modified Asphalt Research Center at UW Madison - under renowned Prof. Hussain Bahia in pursue of MS degree. At the center Sebastian is conducting research on improvement of road construction. After graduation he is planning to pursue a career in industry developing and promoting new products in asphalt industry.*



**American Polish
Advisory Council**

**Sept 29 Washington, D.C.
Polish American Conference**

Discuss changing community demographics, PA political engagement, trade and economic cooperation between Poland and the U.S. and the role of Polish Americans in the 2012 elections. APAC will present the Polish-American Platform to the Democratic & Republican National Committees. The American Polish Advisory Council is dedicated to improving the visibility of Polish-Americans in public affairs & politics.

9/24 President Bronisław Komorowski arrived in New York, attended the UN General Assembly and a dinner hosted by President Obama. "We look forward to the President fulfilling his promise on visas." **9/25** Laid flowers at West Point's Kosciuszko monument. **9/26** Address the UN General Assembly, meet with Poles in the U.S. **9/27** Address the Polish American Congress, meet PA Chambers of Commerce.

Oct 7 Norway House 7507 W. Oklahoma Ave MILWAUKEE

POLANKI the Polish Women's Cultural Club presents.....

13th Annual POLISH SOUP FESTIVAL



~ TWO SEATINGS ~ (11 - 12:30) & (1 - 2:30)
~ BAKERY & POLISH BAZAAR ~ (11AM – 3 PM)
\$12.00 Adults [4 soups]
\$5.50 Children (10 & Under) [2 soups]

FEATURING A CHOICE OF SEVEN DELICIOUS AUTHENTIC POLISH SOUPS

NEW SOUPS FEATURED FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED

KAPUŚNIAK - (Cabbage Soup)

ZUPA CYGAŃSKA - (Gypsy Soup)

ZUPA SŁONECZNA - ("Sunshine" Carrot Soup)

ZUPA Z SOCZEWICY - (Lentil Soup)

ROSÓŁ Z KURY, Z KLUSKAMI - (Chicken/Dumplings)

AND OUR ANNUAL FAVORITES –

CZARNINA - (Duck Blood) GRZYBOWA - (Mushroom)

Each dinner includes rye bread, coffee/milk, dessert.

Cash bar - a variety of Polish beers will be available

Space is Limited & By Reservation Only!

No Reservations Needed To Shop the

~ POLISH BAZAAR ~ AUTHENTIC POLISH BAKERY

~ RAFFLE OF POLISH ITEMS ~

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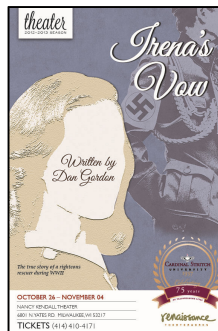
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IRENA'S VOW By Dan Gordon

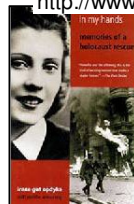
7:30 pm Oct 26-27, Nov 2-3

2 pm Oct 28, Nov. 4

\$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students.

"Based on the life of Irena Gut Opdyke, this is a remarkable story of a "righteous rescuer" and one triumph of the human spirit over the Holocaust's devastation. 19-year-old Irena Gut is conscripted as housekeeper in the home of a powerful Nazi officer when she finds out that the Jewish ghetto is about to be liquidated.

Determined to help 12 Jewish workers, she decides to shelter them in the safest place she can think of: the basement of the German commandant's house. Over the next two years, Irena uses her wit, humor and courage to hide her friends until the end of the German occupation, concealing them in the midst of countless Nazi parties, a blackmail scheme, and even the birth of a child. Her story is one of the most inspiring of our time. This production, a Milwaukee premiere, ..." There will be several school performances. See *Irena's Vow Study Guide* <http://www.irenasvow.com/downloads/IrenasVowStudyGuide.pdf>



Irena Gut Opdyke was born 5 May 1922, in Kozienice, Poland. A 2009 Broadway play starred Tovah Feldshuh as Irena.

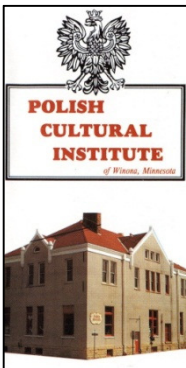
Our South Central Library System has many copies and a recording of *In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer*.

"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>

Oct 7 Polish Cultural Institute 102 Liberty St. WINONA, MN

12 – 4 pm Polish Museum & Heritage House & Annex

20th SMACZNE JABŁKA (Apple Fest)



crafts, displays, art, music, dancers, apples, beverages, silent auction, plus Polish cuisine, pottery and ceramics.

Nov 10, 2011 Pope Benedict XVI declared St. Stan's church in Winona a Minor Basilica of the Roman Catholic Church *Bazylika Świętego Stanisława Kostki*.

Sept 7 & 8, 2012 The parish's Basilica Celebration included a concert of Polish music by Chicago's Lira Ensemble, Hors d'oeuvres and desert receptions, and a Mass of Elevation.

Nov 16-18 8200 W. Greenfield Avenue WEST ALLIS, WI

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Nov 23-25 THE LAKE GENEVA POLKA FEST Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva 300 Wrigley Drive

*America's Polka Sweetheart: Stephanie Pietrzak and her Honky Band ~ from Buffalo, New York

*King of Honky: Stas Golonka Chicago Masters ~ Chicago

*Roger Majeski and his Harmony Kings ~ from Mosinee, WI

*Kevin Altenburg's Honky Review ~ from Parts Unknown

*Welcome Cocktail Party with Patrick Henry ~ Friday at 4pm
Only a limited number of room packages will be available.

For reservations call Harbor Shores Reservations direct and ask for the Polka Fest Package at: (888)746-7371.



UW-MADISON EVENTS

Sept 20-22 Pyle Center The 45th Wisconsin Workshop -

After the Violence: Memory Sponsored by the Dept. of German & The Center for German and European Studies. Co-sponsors included the Department of Slavic Languages and CREECA.

Sept 22: Making Memory in Eastern Europe:

MODERATOR: Winson Chu, UW-Milwaukee History Dept.

-Francine Hirsch, UW-Madison History Dept: *The Nuremberg Trials as Cold War Competition*,

-Karl Schloegel, Cultural Studies, Europa Viadrina University, Frankfurt/Oder: *The Cube on Red Square: A Memorial for the Victims of 20th Century Russia*,

-Geneviève Zubrzycki, Sociology, Univ of Michigan *Beyond Trauma, Denial, & Nostalgia: Polish Memory-Making in the 21st Cen.*

Sept 25 Chazen Museum of Art PHOTOMIDWEST 2012

Ryszard Horowitz, Photocomposer: Expanding the

Imagination.... a pioneer of special effects photography.

Born in Krakow in 1939, he is one of the youngest known survivors of Auschwitz. "He searches for the impossible and improbable, stretching the new media to its limits."

Oct 10 Wed 5:30 pm Elvehjem Bldg L140

Focus on the Humanities: Distinguished Faculty Lectures

The Holocaust and the Problem of Empathy: Polish Writers

Look at the Ghetto Rachel Feldhay Brenner Max & Frieda

Weinstein-Bascom Professor of Jewish Studies, Professor

Modern Hebrew Literature, UW-Madison. Her research

focuses on Jewish Diaspora Literature, Israeli literature, and on representations of the Holocaust in literature & in autobio-

graphical writings. Most recent: *Inextricably Bonded: Israeli*

Jewish and Arab Writers Re-Visioning Culture and The Freedom to

Write: The Woman-Artist and the World in Ruth Almog's Fiction.

The Polish Heritage Club of WI, Inc.,

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MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31

Oct 12-13 - UW-Madison Pyle Center 702 Langdon St
AATSEEL-Wisconsin Conference - American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, WI Chapter

Oct 18 Thur 4 pm Marquee Theater, Union South ***Bieganski: The Brute Polak Stereotype in Polish-Jewish Relations and American Popular Culture***

Danusha Goska (Ph.D. Indiana University, Bloomington) is an experienced teacher and award-winning writer of numerous articles, essays and fiction in Polish Studies. Sponsors: Mosse-Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, Folklore, LISAR, Depart. Slavic Languages & Literature, CREECA, Religious Studies.

From Amazon.com



"In this controversial study, Goska exposes one stereotype of Poles & other Eastern Europeans. In the "Bieganski" stereotype, Poles exhibit the qualities of animals. They are strong, stupid, violent, fertile, anarchic, dirty, and especially hateful in a way that more evolved humans are not. Their special hatefulness is epitomized by

their Polish anti-Semitism. Bieganski discovers this stereotype in the mainstream press, scholarship, film, in Jews' self-definition, and in responses to the Holocaust. Bieganski's twin is Shylock, the stereotype of the crafty, physically inadequate, moneyed Jew. The final chapters of the book are devoted to interviews with American Jews, which reveal that Bieganski and Shylock are both alive and well among those who have little knowledge of Poles or Poland."