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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, dedication and positive results.

~ Stan Graiewski

Enjoy Polish Culture! This newsletter has pictures and credits for many recent Polish Club events. Some in the future:

July 5 Fri 5501 Bridge Road, Monona, 9 am **Polish Club Breakfast Friends**

1st Fri at Monona Gardens Family Restaurant
Please call Barb 238-9189 if ques. or need a ride

July 20 1320 Mendota St. 1-4 pm **Pajaki Workshop RESERVATIONS NEEDED**

Gloria Welniak (608) 217-5652
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Aug 13 Brink Lounge 701 E Washington 7 pm **Fantini Akord Quintet from Poland**

Aug 22 at 3209 Highland Ct. 7 pm **BOOK CLUB THE WINTER PALACE**

Please call Kasia prior to (608) 836-8632

NOTE NEW LOCATION:

Sept 15 Lakeview Park E.Pavilion, Middleton **PHCWI Annual PHCWI Picnic**

The park has a big play area so bring children and grandchildren! (The Splash Pad is closed)

Sept 20 UW-Memorial Union **World Music Festival *Volosi* from Poland**

Oct POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH **Oct 19 Author James S. Pula: General** ***Włodzimierz B Krzyzanowski & contributions of Poles during Civil War***

May 15 Board of Directors meeting:

Approved revisions of current policies.
Discussed places for Bazaar & Wigilia due to closing of West Side Club (They will be at the Zor Temple). Sent a memorial for member Jan Rapacz to WI Public Radio. Accepted resignation of VP Tomasz. To save rental costs, the club will purchase a trailer for hauling supplies to events. Planned future events, including marching in the Aug 11 Black Earth Field Days Parade.



~ Opportunities to host a student from Poland ~

"Since 1985, CCI Greenheart (formerly known as Center for Cultural Interchange) has offered cultural exchange programs in the U.S. that connect Americans with international students. As the leading nonprofit cultural exchange sponsor that blends service learning and volunteerism into all of our programs, we are effectively creating a community of compassionate and conscious global citizens."

Exchange students are ages 15-18 ½.
ccigreenheart.org

Have an experience of a lifetime! **Host a Polish international exchange student.**

Students arrive from more than 60 other countries as well.
Will you open your heart and your home to one of these students?



Julia (age 16) Lives in Warsaw, Enjoys baking, Playing Tennis, and Spending time with her friends and cousins.

Marta (age 15) Lives in Wroclaw, Loves to travel, Curl up with a good book, Meet new people, and Being outdoors – hiking and cycling.

Dominik (age 15) Lives in Zielona Gora, Avid Soccer Player, Jogs, Play Handball, and Rides his bicycle with his little brother.

Michal (age 16) Lives in Warsaw, Swims, Plays with Computers, Likes Karate, and Going on bike rides with friends and family.

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1st Friday 9 am **PHCWI Breakfast Friends (608) 238-9189 Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd**
1st Sunday 5 pm Mass in Polish ST. CECILIA's, 603 Oak St, WI Dells (608) 254-8381
 UW-Madison Polish Student Assoc. Marta Studnicka polishbuckybadger@gmail.com (262) 441-1452
 UW-Madison Badger Polish Cinema. Sebastian Puchalski spuchalski@wisc.edu (347) 268-0158 or check website
July 20 Sat **1-4 pm Pajaki Workshop. Registration required. Contact Gloria Welniak, (608) 217-5652**
 July 18-21 *Pulaski Polka Days, Pulaski* pulaskipolkadays.com
Aug 11 Sun **12 noon Black Earth Field Days Parade**
 Aug 13 Tue 7 pm *Fantini Akord Quintet* Brink Lounge, 701 E Washington Ave
Aug 22 Thur **7 pm PHCWI BOOK CLUB THE WINTER PALACE 3209 Highland Ct. Middleton. Kasia (608) 836-8632**
 Aug 26 Mon 10-later *Links for Lauren Golf Outing* at Nakoma Golf
 until Aug 31 *Arthur Szyk: An Artist at War* WI Veteran's Museum, 30 W. Mifflin St.
 Sept 4-Oct 20 *Miracle on South Division Street* Peninsula Players, Fish Creek
Sept 15 Sun **Annual PHCWI Picnic Lakeview Park East Pavilion, 6300 Mendota Ave, Middleton**
 Sept 20 Fri Madison World Music Festival: *Volosi* UW-Memorial Union
 Sept 21-22 *Dozynki Harvest Fest, downtown Stevens Point*
October POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
 Oct 19 Sat 2 pm Author James S. Pula *General Wlodzimierz B Krzyzanowski and contributions of Poles during Civil War*
 Nov or Dec *Polish Film Festival* UW-Madison
Nov 2 Sat **PHCWI Christmas Bazaar, Zor Temple**
Dec 7 Sat **Annual Polish Heritage Club Wigilia, Zor Temple, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Milwaukee:

Nov 3 POLANKI's Soup Festival, Norway House (414) 321-2637 7507 West Oklahoma Ave
 Nov 11 Mon 2 pm Rededication of Kosciuszko monument, 950 Lincoln Ave.
 Nov 22-24 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 www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/

July 12 Fri 7-10 pm Polish Beer Tasting

Exhibition in Polanki Library: *Jewels of Cracow - Klejnoty Krakowa, Czeslaw Stepień drawings. TUE:noon-2 pm, WED: 6-8 pm*

Chicago:

Sept 13-14 "Growing Your Research Resources" Polish Genealogical Soc. 35th Conference Lisle/Naperville, IL
 Labor Day weekend *Taste of Polonia*, Copernicus Center, 5216 W.Lawrence
 Nov 8-24 **POLISH FILM FESTIVAL IN AMERICA**

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

Portage Co. Polish Events

July 7, St Mary of Mt Carmel-Fancher, Amherst
 July 14, St Bronislava Parish Festival, Plover
 July 20-21, St. Mary's-Torun Picnic, Stevens Point
 July 28, St. Stanislaus Parish Picnic, Stevens Point
 Aug 4, St Adalbert's Event, Rosholt
 Aug 11, St Bartholomew's church Picnic, Stevens Point
 Aug 18, Sun Sacred Heart Church Picnic, Polonia
 Aug 18, Sacred Heart Church Picnic, Custer
 Aug 25, St Mary's Parish Picnic, Arnott
 Aug 30-Sept 2, Portage County Fair, Rosholt
 Sept 6-8, Pacelli High School Panacea, Stevens Point
 Sept 21-22, *Dozynki Harvest Fest, Stevens Point*

www.polkasunited.com/.../82/787140902c9e4057be2e2684501683.pdf



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

July lipiec from lipa – linden tree which flowers in July

- 1 1569 **Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth** founded
- 1 1926 Opening of the Ben Franklin Bridge over the Delaware River, built by **Ralph Modjeski**
- 4 1934 Death of **Madame Sklodowska Curie**, 66, Nobel Prize winner
- 10 1835 Birth of violinist and composer **Henryk Wieniawski**
- 14 1904 Birth of writer **Isaac Bashevis Singer** in Radzymin, Poland
- 15 1410 Polish victory over the Teutonic Knights at **Grunwald**
- 17 1996 **Renata Mauer** of Poland won first gold medal of the Olympic Games
- 30 1619 First strike in America's history staged by **Poles in Jamestown**, Virginia settlement



2013 Polish Events
Wisconsin's Little Poland

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
St. Bartholomew's Church Picnic
2403 City Rd. M, Stevens Point
715-344-3003

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
Sacred Heart Church Picnic
7376 Church Street, Custer
715-692-4221

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
St. Mary's Parish Picnic
Lions Park - Arnott
715-592-4330

FRIDAY-MONDAY, AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2
Portage County Fair - Rosholt
715-677-4708
www.rosholffair.com

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6-8
Pacelli High School Panacea
1301 Maria Drive, Stevens Point
715-341-2445
<http://pacelli.spaces.k12.wi.us>

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 21-22
DOZYNKI Harvest Fest, Downtown Stevens Point, Polka bands Sat. Noon-8PM and Sun. noon-5pm, Polka mass Sun. 10am. Polish and American food, Polish beer, farmers market, Polish crafts & demonstrations, arts & crafts vendors.
715-343-5356 www.stevenspointbz.com

2013 Polish Events
Portage County - Wisconsin's Little Poland

SATURDAY, MAY 11
Portage County Cultural Fest, 10am-5pm, SPASH, art, entertainment, cuisine & crafts from around the world. www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 31 - JUNE 2
St. Joseph Parish Picnic
1709 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point
715-341-1617 www.togetherinfaith.org

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 8-9
St. Peter's Parish Picnic
800 Fourth Ave, Stevens Point
715-344-6115 www.saintpeterscatholic.com

SUNDAY, JULY 7
St. Mary of Mt. Carmel-Fancher Church Picnic
3395 City Trk K, Amherst
715-824-3455

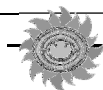
SUNDAY, JULY 14
St. Bronislava Parish Festival
3200 Plover Road, Plover
715-344-4326 www.stbrons.com

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 20-21
St. Mary's - Torun Picnic
589 Diney Drive, Stevens Point
715-344-2559

SUNDAY, JULY 28
St. Stanislaus Parish Picnic
638 Fremont, Stevens Point
715-344-6117 www.saintstans.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
St. Adalbert's Church Picnic
3305 St. Adalbert Rd, Rosholt
715-677-4919 www.saintadalbertrosholt.org

CLUB and MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

7/4 Veronica Guski and Pearl Urbanowicz

7/18 Basia Pulz

7/26 Linda Ganski

7/8 Marcia & Phil Flannery Anniversary

7/9 Emma Czarapata

7/27 John Benninghouse

President Stan Graiewski's story *May 3 - Polish Constitution Day* was printed in full with Stan's photo in his hometown newspaper the WAKEFIELD NEWS/BESSMER PICK & AXE. Thanks Stan, for increasing Polish history knowledge. Enjoy all your Custer's and Gettysburg reenactment events!

Dziękuję Tomasz. Wishing you all the best!

Dear Friends,

Because of the new job and the need to relocate to the St. Paul's area early next month, with the heavy heart I have to resign as a vice president of the Polish Heritage Club.

Thank you so much for three excellent years at our club and all friendships we built together. I have served alongside some very smart and excellent colleagues, and have had opportunity to grow personally and have fun along the way.

I will support the website effort during the transition period and would like to remain a member of our great organization.

All the best,

Tomasz Borowiecki

July 20 Pajaki Workshop 1320 Mendota St. 1-4 pm

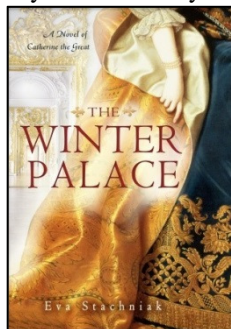
Pajaki are beautifully decorated chandelier-shaped flower mobiles constructed of straw, reed, paper or feather flowers and beads. They are hung from rafters in Polish homes. The literal translation of *pajaki* is "spiders of straw." We will make small versions of *pajaki*. Minimum number is 5 participants. There is no charge. Advance registration necessary. CONTACT:

Gloria Welniak (608) 217-5652 gwelniak@charter.net

Aug 22 BOOK CLUB *The Winter Palace*

Kasia Krzyzostaniak is hostess 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton (608) 836-8632. Please call ahead so she can set up chairs.

THE WINTER PALACE's story is told by a Polish bookbinder's daughter about her friend who became Catherine the Great. Russia's longest-ruling female leader was born in 1729 in Prussia, now Szczecin, Poland. Her former lover, Stanisław August Poniatowski, became the last King and Grand Duke of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The S.Central Library System has many copies of the book, plus sound recordings.



"A marvelous novel, well researched, gripping, intriguing, suspenseful, leaves us wanting more. The good news is that Eva Stachniak is well on the way to completing the second volume, this one with Catherine ruling as the Empress of all the Russias. In this novel, Stachniak notes, "You do not reason with a flood, you look for anything useful that might float your way." -

Irene Tomaszewski 2011 Vol.3 No. 4 *CR cosmopolitanreview.com/the-winter-palace/*

Aug 26 Links for Lauren Golf Outing at Nakoma Golf (also silent auction, dinner/banquet - don't need to golf)



Maxine Cuta, a long-time club member, sent word about her great-granddaughter Lauren Geier. "At age 18 months she was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis 1 Microdeletion Syndrome, which among other things, causes tumors to grow throughout the nervous system. Additionally, her chromosomal deletion has caused her other struggles. Please consider joining us for the 1st Annual "Links for Lauren" Golf Outing this August 26. *All proceeds* will go to fund the non-profit Neurofibromatosis Midwest, for research for this debilitating disease."

10am: Registration 10:30-noon: Lunch

Noon-5pm: Golf 5-6 pm: Hors d'oeuvres

6pm: Dinner/ Banquet

For info. and to sign up www.golfinvite.com/linksforlauren OR like "Links for Lauren" on Facebook. Please let us know if you have any questions!! Thanks for considering! Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested!!

~ Lindsay, Ryan, Brady & Lauren Geier

Milwaukee's POLANKI 2013 Achievement Awards

Several Madison residents were recipients of the Polish Women's Cultural Club's awards for college or university students and graduate students who are of Polish descent or are studying Polish subjects. **Sebastian Skarbek**, son of members Krzysztof & Marlena, received the STANLEY F. and HELEN BALCERZAK AWARD. At UW-Madison he studies Polish, French, European studies, and is active in Polish and Slavic cultural events. Club members enjoyed his piano selections at our 2010 Wigilia. **Joanna Zurko**, a PHCWI member, received the NELLIE BARAN MEMORIAL AWARD. Polish is still spoken her parent's home, she has traveled to Poland many times, and is currently attending UW Medical School. Best wishes, Sebastian and Joanna for your future studies!

Your contributions to the newsletter are welcome!

Do you have stories to tell about your family history, family customs, or the area of Poland they came from? Can you tell us stories about the flora and fauna of Poland? Would you be available to write reports of events and about club members? Would you like to write a regular or occasional column?

Please contact Rose Meinholz, Editor

meinhoch@hotmail.com. (608) 233-3828

Thank you for helping to learn about and enjoy Polish culture!

RECENT POLISH RELATED EVENTS

May 3-5 Tyrone Greive Concert and Reception

Many members attended these events, and Club President Stan Graiewski gave our congratulations. Part of the letter from Tyrone:

Dear Friends, Past Students, Fellow Musicians, Many Others,

Please excuse my use of a group thank you, but I really want to send this before any more time goes by. From my standpoint, the festivities of May 3-5 that marked my official retirement were really an incredible experience.

Seeing so many family, friends and present and past colleagues and students at the two concerts when I played with the UW Symphony Orchestra and at the Sunday retirement reception/party was really not only a high point but a unique happening since they represented a number of different contexts and times of my life suddenly put together (i.e. extending back to when I first started college teaching at Augustana College in South Dakota in 1964). A number came from long distances, and many others were more local. Like-wise, both prior to and after that weekend, I heard from many others who could not come but who still represented an even wider geographic range. And, I am still hearing from yet others... The almost overwhelming numbers of cards, messages, photographs, sharing of memories, expressions of friendship and love, etc. within this relatively short span of time will never be forgotten. But, seeing how individual lives have evolved and learning about their many, many significant collective contributions since last seeing them have made this time one of my most rewarding.

Making the context of this time even yet more memorable is my father celebrating his 96th birthday in mid-May and my wife and I celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary on June 9th (and we had known each other and performed together for several years before we were married). I extend a heartfelt thank you for the contribution that each one of you has made!

Please know I regard each of you as very special in my life. I also want to acknowledge the great amount of work that my spring 2013 violin class put forth in making my retirement celebration a success, ...and those several persons who spoke and sent letters that were read at the reception.

I will continue to practice, perform and work on my research. As you can see, I am retiring from a position but never from music. Once a violinist, always a violinist! - Tyrone Greive

Entire Concert, Two DVD's \$24 (20 + 4 shipping)
Entire Concert, Two Audio CD's \$18 (15 + 3 Shipping)
One DVD \$15 (12 + 3 shipping)
Tyrone's segment - Szymanowski's *Violin Concerto No. 20*
One CD \$10 (7 + 3 Shipping) Also, he is working a retrospective CD recording including selected past live performances.

For copies contact: LANCE KETTERER artisanav@gmail.com

May 11 Portage Co. Cultural Festival, Stevens Point

Thank you to **Butch Luick** for organizing our club's food



booth and helpers:
(L&R) **John Hagen**,
John Benninghouse,
Linda Cagle,
Jane Dunn,
Irene Swiggum,
Gloria Welniak.
Also - Milwaukee's
Syrena Polish
Dancers performed.

May 30 Tour of Milwaukee: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, lunch at Old Town Serbian Gourmet House, then a walk to The Basilica of St. Josaphat, buying supplies at the Polish Deli, and tour of beautiful Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral.



*Dziękuję
Father
Fred!*

At St. Josaphat's: Andy & Carol Stolarzyk, Fr. Bruce Hennington, Lois Nugent, Fr. Fed & Carol Janecek, Rick Nugent, Emma Czarpata, Stan Graiewski, Jeff Reinke, Rose Meinholz, Linda Ganski, Doris Graiewski. NOT PICTURED: Roni Guski, Dolores Hurlburt and Karen Banaszak. *Father Fred and Carol Janecek conducted an excellent tour of Slavic Milwaukee. Eleven members and five guests participated in the tour. Thank you, Fred and Carol, for a wonderful tour.* ~ Stan Graiewski

June 1 Public TV Auction The club received email and hand-written thank yous for our service at this year's Public TV Auction. Having fun are: **Stan Graiewski, Jane Dunn, Linda Ganski**



*Marge Morgan,
Doris Graiewski*



June 8 Taste of Sun Prairie

Thank you to **Butch Luick, Gloria Welniak, Stan Graiewski**, Doris Graiewski, Ken Martin, and Irene Swiggum for helping with Kielbasa selling.

June 14-16 Polish Fest in Milwaukee

IN PHOTO: **Barb & Mike Lomperski, Linda Cagle & Rose Meinholz** Members who attended include: Linda Ganski, Stan &



Doris Graiewski, John & Zach Zwadzich, Jane Dunn & her sister Jean Wroblewski, Marie & Norm Revolinski, Basia Pulz and family. James C. Martin signed copies of his *The Warsaw Conspiracy*. His earlier books are best sellers in Poland. Congratulations to Madison finalists in the 15th Chopin Competition: Audrianna Wu 13, Davis Wu 13, Isabella Wu, Christopher Xu 13, Meng Lou 16, and Antonia Rohlfing 16.

POLISH DISPLAYS

April 18 Multicultural Fair at CWC by Kasia Krzyzostaniak

The Central Wisconsin Center (CWC) Cultural Competency Committee hosted the 8th Multicultural Fair. Fifteen countries were represented: Cameroon, Canada, Gambia, Haiti, Hmong, Honduras, India, Liberia, Mali, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Senegal, Tibet, and the United States. Every country had their own booth with the flag, map, pictures, objects, and clothing characteristic for their native land. The Polish table had a lot



of information: a map, books, amber, wooden colored eggs, decorated eggs, pottery, traditional wooden objects and toys and a decorating eggs station where people could actively participate, and learn the technique. The Kolaczki I Kabanosy were a big hit also!!

Since CWC is a Center for the Developmentally Disabled, the Multicultural Fair was a great sensory experience. Residents were able to taste or smell the different types of ethnic food, touch different cultural objects, look at all the colorful clothing and crafts, and hear the different types of stories and music. There were also activity tables where Residents could decorate eggs, color pictures or flags, and make cards using stickers representing different countries.

May 22 Midvale Elementary Cultural Fair by Jane Dunn



Midvale Elementary School welcomed families, school and community members to promote cultural understanding to their over 400 kindergarten to second grade children. The gym was transformed for the afternoon with over 17 cultural booths and folklore musical artistic performances. Parents returned with their children in the evening for an ethnic potluck dinner. Displays represented N. America, Ecuador, Peru, Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala, Ireland, Norway, Germany, Italy, Poland, South Korea, Hmong, India, Japan, Ethiopia, and Zambia.

PHCWI members **Basia Pulz** (Midvale school teacher) and **Jane Dunn** presented Poland and its rich heritage through beautiful and colorful displays of Polish national costumes, history, flag, map, music, language, and craftsmanship. Children could experience the county and culture through applied art such as wood carvings, wooden boxes, tapestries, hand crafted toys, metal works, silver jewelry with amber, ceramics, wianki, and wyncianki. Pages from a coloring book provided an additional activity to further their knowledge of Polish traditions, famous Polish people, land-marks, and history. A favorite

was the carved wood shadowbox featuring the interior of a Zakopane home.



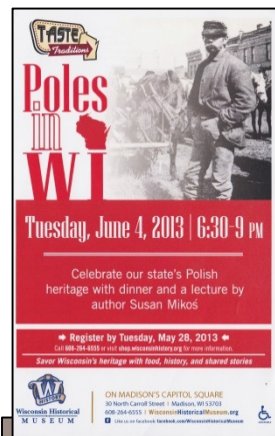
June 4 Poles in WI Dinner & Lecture by Rose Meinholz

Photos by
Jane Qualle

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Colleen Lucy

John Hagen
presenting vase



The WI Historical Society's *Taste of Poles in Wisconsin* June 4 event sold before the deadline. Over 70 guests

visited and viewed our club's display, then dined on a meal that included kielbasa, sauerkraut with apples, green salad with beets and a poppy-seed cheesecake, all catered by Hy-Vee. Polish Heritage Club Director John Hagen described our club's history and coming events, and presented a Polish glass vase to the drawing winner. Colleen Lucy from UW-Madison's Slavic Dept. told of history of the nation's first Slavic Dept. Then speaker Susan Mikos showed pictures while telling about Polish settlement, and autographed copies of her 2012 book. Director Linda Ganski won an autographed copy of the book. Thank you to Katie Schumacher plus the Historical Society volunteers who made this an enjoyable evening for sharing stories. Some who attended were: **Stan & Doris Graiewski, Linda Ganski, John Hagen, Rose Meinholz and Irene Swiggum.**



You are welcome to borrow the Club's display box: Polish items and printed handouts (alphabet and phrases, history, genealogy and craft info) and trifold display boards: Poland, Famous Poles, Madam Curie, Paderewski, and Wisconsin's Polish Heritage Trail.
CONTACT:
Rose Meinholz
or a club Director.

**OCTOBER IS
POLISH-AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**



FUTURE EVENTS

Pulaski Polka Days

Pulaski, WI • July 18 - 21, 2013

July 18-21 Pulaski, WI pulaskipolkadays.com

A People Mover wagon brings people from the grounds to Zielinski's Indoor Ballroom and back for a small donation.



Aug 10-11 Minneapolis Twin City Polish Fest

"...presenting a kaleidoscope of unique cultural and educational displays, food and top-notch

entertainment. Bring a blanket, take a seat on the lawn along the Old Main Street in Minneapolis, visit with friends, watch outstanding musical and dance entertainment, enjoy traditional foods and beverages, and just simply have fun! You'll see for yourself why Poland has earned itself the reputation as one of the World's most hospitable cultures." Past Festival included Baking and Chopin Competition, Film Festival

www.tcpolishfestival.org/



Aug 13 Brink Lounge Fantini Akord Quintet 7 pm

College-age accordion players from Koszalin - the Fantini Akord Quintet - will be joined by a pair of dancers performing mostly tangos. The group also plays accordion arrangements of classical and popular music.

Tickets: \$9 in advance, \$12 at the door. thebrinklounge.com
Szymon Wozniczka (H) 608-242-9250 (C) 608-577-3897
szymon2005@sbcglobal.net and John Hagen 414 640 4031
johnhagen25@gmail.com are coordinating overnight housing.

Sept 20 Madison World Music Festival: Volosi FREE

"This string quintet from southern Poland plays Carpathian string music - mix of highlander's, Gypsy, klezmer and Balkan influences with classical virtuosity but energy, diversity and passion of a village wedding band from central Europe.

GENEALOGY CLASSES/EVENTS:

July 13 Dane Co. Genealogical Society Meeting. 1 pm

WI Historical Society tour. 816 State Street

Aug 7-10 Fed. of E.European History Soc. Salt Lake City

"focus on German, Russian, Polish, Jewish, Germans from Russia, Baltics, the Kingdom of Hungary...language, handwriting, record sources, resources..."

Sept 13-14 35th Polish Genealogical Soc. Lisle/Naperville, IL

"Growing Your Research Resources" Tomasz Nitsch from Poland - new & exciting ways to access the data online.

Polish dancers during the catered lunch. And more.....

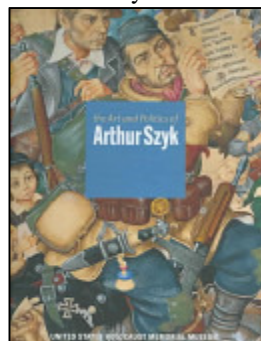
Sept 28 WI Genealogical Soc. 2013 Fall Seminar Janesville

Bringing Your Ancestor's Story to Life! Learn new sources, methodology, & insights into our ancestors' lives. Get Organized! Take Control of Research Projects, Beyond Names...

until Aug. 31 - WI Veteran's Museum, 30 W. Mifflin St.

Arthur Szyk: An Artist at War

Arthur Szyk (b.1894, Łódź. d.1951, CT) graphic artist and book illustrator used medieval and renaissance painting traditions in his caricatures of Axis leaders. He has become well-known thru more exhibits of his work, a biography and a documentary film. www.wisvetsmuseum.com



"His caricatures became daily fare in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. In 1942 alone, Szyk's war-driven cartoons were published in Esquire, Collier's, Look, Liberty, Time, the Saturday Review of Literature, and the Saturday Evening Post. One magazine reported that Szyk cartoons were as popular as Betty Grable pin-ups for troops heading overseas.....As an artist with a love of history, Szyk appreciated the

power that symbols, myths, and heroes had in Polish and Zionist political cultures, and he made full use of those resources to convey his message." Dr. Steve Luckert, curator, *The Art and Politics of Arthur Szyk*.

James Pula's book *For Liberty and Justice* includes Szyk's drawing of Col. Włodzimierz Krzyżanowski leading his men forward in the Civil War's Battle of Cross Keys.

Sept 4 - Oct 20 Fish Creek, WI

Penninsula Players: *Miracle on South Division Street*



Last March, Tom Dudzick play "Over The Tavern" was performed by Elm Grove, WI's Sunset Playhouse. His latest play is also about a Polish-American family in Buffalo, NY..... "A heartfelt and hilarious family comedy by Tom Dudzick Creator of "Over the Tavern" All heck breaks loose on South Division Street when a deathbed confession shakes the Nowak family to its core. ...Grandpa Nowak had a vision of peace and the Blessed Mother while working in the family barber-shop. Since then, Clara and her three children have kept the faith and tended to Grandpa's sidewalk shrine, which has been a beacon of hope to the neighbors and given prestige to the family. Unraveling the family legend leads to unexpected and uproarious results. ... will keep generations laughing. You have to see it to believe it." – *Examiner.com*

2014 Tour of Germany & Poland July 27-Aug 9

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Jan Rapacz ~ June 21, 1928 - May 5, 2013

Jan was an early member of the Madison's Polish Club. He often led our Wigilia's Polish Choir and attended many events. From Judith: "It is with deep sorrow that we announce that my dearest husband, our dear father, grandfather, father-in-law, uncle and brother-in-law passed away on Sunday, May 5th, 2013 in Krakow, Poland. The Funeral will be held on Thursday, May 9th, 2013 in his home town of Lubień, St. Johannes Church/Kirche. He lived to the fullest with boundless energy, curiosity, intelligence, passion, joy and love. His integrity was absolute; his spirit was immeasurable; his approach to life was fearless."

Thank you to George Hesselberg for permission to reprint his story from the May 8 WI STATE JOURNAL: **Jan Rapacz, UW-Madison mutant pig developer and researcher, dies in Poland.**

"Jan Rapacz, 84, a brilliant and persistent UW-Madison immuno-geneticist whose mutant pigs became a standard in heart disease research, died Sunday in Krakow, in his native Poland. Rapacz, who also conducted ground-breaking work with mink early in his Madison career, was a ski jumper, orchid grower and pioneer in developing a pig the perfect size and quality for research: a small pig that dies young of high cholesterol levels and clogged arteries. It is called the "Rapacz familial hypercholesterolemic pig," or the RFH pig.

Rapacz worked for decades — at first with little attention or funding, he would store pig hearts for as long as eight years waiting for analysis — with his research partner and wife, Judith Hasler-Rapacz. He was at the UW-Madison from 1971 to 2004. He came here first, though, in 1961, to conduct studies on mink infertility, and returned to Poland to start a program to test parentage in cattle.

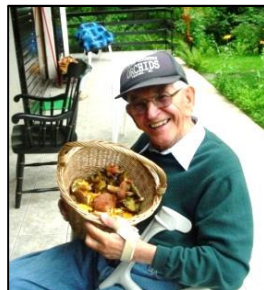
Rapacz said his research would never have gotten off the ground without the aid of herdsman at the university's Arlington Farms, where the pig strain was developed. It was also the scene of perhaps the professor's greatest sadness, as a fire in December 1995 killed nearly the entire population. Four surviving pigs were found in the fire rubble days after the fire, and the unique strain continued.

Millard Susman, retired genetics department chairman, said Rapacz joined the UW and a group of researchers at a time when "immunogenetics was very hot stuff, and the pioneers were here." Rapacz was "enormously enthusiastic and energetic, he lived a life full of joy and energy," he said. "He sure had a lot of energy. He could be so energized it would be difficult to understand what he was saying," agreed Dan Schaefer, chairman at the Dept. Of Animal Science. He said biomedical use of the Rapacz pig — a "durable discovery" — continues.

Rapacz's discoveries and adventures with pigs were included in the book, "Altered Fates: Gene Therapy and the Retooling of Human Life," by Jeff Lyon and Peter Gorner. In it, Rapacz recalled that when World War II ended, in 1945, after five years in the forest with his family because of the Nazi occupation, he was 15 years old and could neither read nor write. "My teachers told my dad to take me back to the farm and let me be a shepherd," he said. Instead, he "studied like a demon," the book said. He earned his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. from the Univ. of Jagiellonica. Rapacz is survived by his wife, two children and four grandchildren."

See Marie Revolinski's story about Jan in the club's Nov 2011 newsletter.

Jan after mushroom collection, Lubien



Irene Pantos ~ March 10, 1929 - May 14, 2013

We will miss Irene at the Club's Wigilias. She also came with her family to 2013 Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets.

From WI STATE JOURNAL



FITCHBURG - "Irene Pantos passed away at her home in Fitchburg, surrounded by her family on May 14, 2013, at the age of 84.

Irene was born in Luck, Poland on March 10, 1929. She lived as a child in various war torn countries in Europe before immigrating with her family to the United States. As a result

Irene could speak seven different languages.

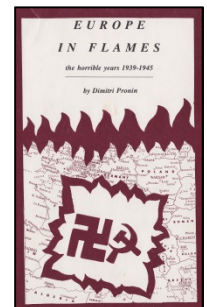
She was employed for many years as a medical technologist at VA Hospitals. She loved working so much that after retiring from the VA she went back to work at the Poultry Sciences Lab which began her love of all things chicken. She also worked every summer for 19 years at the Wisconsin State Fair at the Poultry Booth. Irene's last job was at the Metcalfe Sentry in the deli department where she met a whole new set of special friends.

Spending time with her family and friends brought her the greatest joy in life. Each of her grandchildren will remember her for spoiling them and taking tremendous pride in their individual achievements. She loved the outdoors and all animals, as well as gardening. All who met her loved her sense of humor and adventure.

Irene is survived by her daughters, Pamela (Dave) Onken of Fitchburg, and Anna (Michael) Roidt of McFarland; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Roidt, Dean Onken, Nicholas Orcutt, Jake Onken, Angela Roidt; Brian Onken and Jenni Onken; great-grandchildren, Oscar and Henry Roidt; nieces and nephews, Fred and Leila El-Wakil, Michael and Nina Hilden and Mary (Don) Shipman and long-time friend of the family, Inge Siggelkow. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dimitri and Tatiana Pronin; and her sisters, Anna Hilden and Tatania El-Wakil.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH, 401 S Owen Dr., Madison on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. with Monsignor Kenneth Fiedler officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service. We will love you Forever & Ever..."

Don Wesolowski, Club Historian, wrote about Irene's father: "Dmitri Pronin was born near Gorki, Russia, in 1900. After the Russian Revolution, he went to Istanbul, and later to Poland. He came to Madison in 1947, and worked at the USDA Forest Products Laboratory 1955-1970. He wrote "Europe in Flames: The Horrible Years, 1939-1945", a memoir of his life and escape from occupied Poland." He worked as a district engineer in the Kowel District, SE Poland, where his daughters attended Russian school. They left in the snow to meet his parents, but then spent time in the Konstantinov Camp while he worked in Lodz/Litzmann. After much effort, they left Poland via Yugoslavia.



IN THE NEWS from various sources

2 May, Wroclaw's Market Sq - 5,734 guitarists playing *Hey Joe* didn't break the Guinness record for ensemble guitar playing.
2 May, Krakow - City councilors voted yes for a statue of WWII hero Wojtek the soldier bear.

10 May, Madison - F16 aircraft and ~100 WI Air National Guard 115th Fighter Wing members left for the first rotation of fighter aircraft in Poland. They trained ~2 weeks with the Polish Air Force at Łask Air Base (about 30 km SW of Łódź).

15 May, Warsaw - A 33 yr. old, who lost his nose, upper jaw and cheeks in a Wroclaw stonemason's workshop, received Poland's first face transplant (skin and bones).

18 May Krakow - Andrzej Kaiser, from a Poznan cycling team, won the 1st Visegrad Bicycle Race, 533 km from Budapest.

21 May, Montreal - Boruch Spiegel, one of the last survivors of the month long April 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, died at age 93. He also took part in the August 1944 Warsaw Rising.

23 May, Mount Everest - Peter Cieszewski stood atop the world's tallest Mt. on the 60th Anniversary of the 1st climb.

29 May, Gdansk - Work began on a 1.5km tunnel under the Vistula River. It will connect Lech Walesa Airport and Gdansk's port on the Baltic. "Excavation rates of 10m/day are predicted, over a period of four months. The twin-tube tunnel, costing €209 million, will have two lanes each direction."

29 May, Toronto - Death of abortion rights activist and Order of Canada recipient Dr. Henry Morgentaler, born Łódź 1923.

May, Cannes Film Festival - Polish movie *The Mute/ Niemy*, about struggles to convert pagans in the early Middle Ages, won the Krzysztof Kieslowski Scripteas Award.
Roman Polanski's *Venus in Fur* had its world premiere.

3 June, New York - Death of 89 year of Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), the last surviving World War II veteran in the Senate, and the son of Polish and Russian immigrants.

19 June, Bogatynia, SW Poland - Greenpeace activists climbed the 100 meter PGE Turow lignite (brown coal) power plant.

19 June, Gdansk's PGE Arena - Bon Jovi played the 80's rock band's first concert in Poland.

20 June - LOT Airlines applied for a second 400 million zloty (100 million euro) loan. It will become fully privatized.

22 June, National Stadium, Warsaw - Fans sang Happy Birthday to Paul McCartney who said "Czesc Polacy, dobry wieczor Warszawo!" ("Hi Poles, good evening Warsaw!").

25 June - Emails sent by "anon.pl" said there are bombs at 22 Polish institutions and the Attorney General's office.

25 June Wimbledon, England - Agnieszka Radwanska easily beat her Austrian tennis opponent. On May 27 in Paris her sister Urszula defeated Venus Williams at the French Open.



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