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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Szczesliwego Nowego Roku! 2010

This is the exciting beginning of a new decade!
The Polish Heritage Club is happy to welcome in
the New Year with you. It is a good time to ex-
press gratitude.

We have enjoyed many events together over this
past year. I thank you for all that you have done
to make us a successful and flourishing club.
I personally thank you for allowing me the honor
of working as your club president. There are so
many interesting people I have met and so much
I have learned about my own Polish connections.
I have grown as a happier person for this experi-
ence. I turn to you now to ask you to share in
the vision of the Polish Heritage Club.

Come to the Annual Meeting on Sun, Jan. 31.
Enjoy the socializing, the music, the refresh-
ments and the speaker. Susan Mikoś, President
of POLANKI, the Polish Women's Cultural Club
of Milwaukee, will tell about their club's efforts
to restore the Kosciuszko Monument.

Vote for your new representatives for the board
of directors and executive positions.
(See the insert enclosed. It is your voting ballot!)

Bring your ideas. We want to hear your input!
What are your thoughts for the direction of your
club for this upcoming year? What kinds of
events are you interested in seeing us participate
in? What educational presentations, lectures and
musical experiences should we be looking for to
offer our members? 2010 marks the 200th birth-
day of Frederic Chopin, and the 150th of Ignacy
Paderewski. The club will celebrate these and
other events, so stay tuned about concerts and
other events.

I believe in our people and the inclusive feeling
that we bring to this club. Thank you again for
allowing me this opportunity to share with you
and with others ~whether we deepen their
understanding or we newly expose them to our
Polish customs and culture.

It has been my privilege and my pleasure to be
Your president,
Basia Pulz

Your're invited to the.....

Annual Membership Meeting & Election Sun January 31, 2010 at 2-4 pm

WI Community Bank 8240 Mineral Point Rd
Come to visit, eat Pączki and share you ideas
about the future of your Polish Club!
Susan Mikoś, President of POLANKI, the
Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee,
will tell about their club's efforts to restore the
Thaddeus Kosciuszko Monument

FROM THE W. BELTLINE:

Exit onto Mineral Pt. Rd. toward Junction Rd
On your RIGHT is the WI Community Bank
Turn RIGHT on Junction Rd
& into the bank parking lot.

NEW Trevor Stephenson's Chopin Class.
Register by Jan 21st See inside.....AND
NEW date PHCWI Book Group Tue Jan. 26.

PHCWI Breakfast Friends Fri Feb 5th @ 9am
You are invited to join around the breakfast
table at the Monona Garden Restaurant,
6501 Bridge Rd. 9:00 A.M. till ? See you!
Barbara & Michael Lomperski 238-9189

Polish Related Events 2010 Madison, WI & area

- *NEW DATE Jan 26 Tue 7pm PHC Book Group Polish Poetry Kasia's 3209 Highland Ct. Middleton tel.836-8632**
Jan 28-Mar 4 "Chopin at the Piano" Pay by Jan. 21 to instructor Trevor Stephenson Tel. 238-6092 5729 Forsythia Pl
Jan 31 Sun 2pm PHC Annual Membership Meeting & Election WI Community Bank 8240 Mineral Point Rd
Feb 5 Fri 9 am PHC Breakfast Friends Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike tel.238-9189
Feb 16 Tue Tue before Ash Wednesday *Pączki Day*, (on Thursday in Poland)
Mar 6 Sat 10-6 pm PHCWI Display at International Festival at Overture Center WI Writers: Anthony Bukoski
Mar 12-13 Chopin Extravaganza UW-Madison School of Music
Mar 16 Tue 7:30 pm Jeffrey Siegel "Chopin the Patriot" UW-Madison Mills Hall 455 N. Park St.
Mar 28 Sun PHC Spring Festival Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Monona
April 10-11 'Life in a Jar' Irena Sendler. Contact: Dina Weinbach 608-278-1808 dina@jewishmadison.org
April 20 Tue 7:30 pm Jeffrey Siegel "Chopin and the Future" UW-Madison Mills Hall 455 N. Park St.
April 16-17 in Manitowoc Stephen S. Barthel "German and Polish Genealogy" WI State Genealogical Soc.
May 8 Sat in Stevens Point Portage Co. Cultural Festival
July 25 Sun PHC Summer Picnic Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd. Madison
Sep 10-12 in WI Dells Polish Fest
Sep 17-8 F-Sa in Stevens Point Harvest Festival *Dozynki*

Chicago

- May 1 Sat Polish Constitution Day Parade on Columbus Drive
At the Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel.(773) 384-3352 (free parking):
3rd Sat. each mo. experienced Genealogists at the Museum
Feb Opening of "Royal Sleigh" & Warsaw" Exhibit

Minnesota

- Sundays Minneapolis 1-3:30 The Polish American Cultural Institute's library is open. 2514 Central Avenue NE
Jan 16 Sat Andover, MN 3-5 pm *Kulig* - Horse drawn sleigh thru woods, bonfire roasted Polish sausages
Feb 4-6 Minneapolis Stanislaw Skrowaczewski's US premier of "Music for Winds" Orchestra Hall
Mar 21 Sun Red Wing, MN Polish Festival
Aug 21-22 Twin Cities Polish Festival

Milwaukee

- June 18-20 America's Largest Polish Fest Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Lake Michigan
At the Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI 53132 Tel: 414-529-2140:
Jan 23 Sat RSVP by 1/20 1-5pm Polish Center Winter Festival sled, build snowmen, big screen movies, popcorn
Feb 1 Mon Need to register 6:30 pm *Pączki* and *Chruściki* Cooking Demonstration
Feb 14 Sun Need reservations 10th Anniversary Event: Valentine's Day Champagne Brunch tel. (414) 529-2140
Feb 27 Sat 7:30 pm Chicago's Megitza Quartet - Polish Highlander music with Roma, klezmer, jazz, & flamenco
Mar 7 Sun Spring Bazaar sponsored by POLANKI
April 11 Sun Pierogi Festival sponsored by POLANKI

JANUARY Styczeń - *stykac* "to meet" "to join" since the old year "meets the new year

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

- 1 Jan *Wesołego Nowego Roku!* Happy New Year!
1467. Birth of Zygmunt I Stary, Renaissance king of Poland.
3 1795. Third Partition of Poland.
1882. Death of Ignacy Lukaszewicz, inventor of the kerosene lamp. (b. 1822).
1996. Death in Green Bay, WI of John A. Gronouski, UW-Madison graduate and ambassador to Poland 1965-8
9 1797. Dabrowski organizes his legion in Italy, his name included in the Polish National Anthem.
15 1890. Birth of swing and jazz drummer Gene Krupa..
1919. Ignacy Jan Paderewski, 58, pianist, composer, becomes 1st premier of new Republic of Poland.
17 1945. Warsaw is liberated by Soviet troops from over 5 years of Nazi occupation
19 1967. Death of Casimir Funk in Albany, N.Y., Polish-born biochemist who discovered vitamins.
22 1863. January Uprising. (*Powstanie Styczniowe*) against conscription to Russian Army for Turkish & Caucasian Wars.
23 1793. Second Partition of Poland.
27 1986. Death of Poznan-born Lilli Palmer (Lillie Marie Peiser), 71, actress, in Los Angeles.
31 1974. Death of Warsaw, Poland-born motion picture pioneer & producer, Samuel Goldwyn, in Los Angeles.

WIGILIA 2009 – A BANNER EVENT

By Mary Schumacher



Tom Wosikowski, Jerzy & Julie Brania, Mary Ann Reale, Irene Swiggum, Mike Lomperski, Ewa Zylka, Butch Luick, Waclaw Szybalski

Almost 100 people braved a chilly night to come to the Elks Club in downtown Madison on Saturday, Dec. 5th. The social hour featured **Tom Wosikowski** playing Polish and other piano tunes. Members had the opportunity to meet new people, renew old friendships, and view club photo albums and other displays. Thank you **Jerzy Brania & Jane Dunn** for displaying their spectacular *szopkas*, and Jane's *Bolestawiec* Polish pottery table setting.



This year **John Zwadzach** demonstrated the sharing of the *oplatek*, the Christmas wafer, and congratulated his newly engaged daughter **Raina** in Polish and Greek. Next came the traditional meatless feast: deviled eggs, pickles, herring, bread, *ćwikła* (beet dish), *barszcz* (beet soup), *mizeria* (sliced cucumbers in a dill sauce), potato pierogi, cod with a dill sauce, potatoes, and vegetables.

As dinner started, 13-year-old harpist Cora Wiese-Moore played Christmas carols on to the audience's great delight. At Cora's request, the club made a donation to the Madison Youth Choir in lieu of her fee.



Santa Claus (**Butch Luick** pictured here with his wife Dorey) made his usual energetic appearance, accompanied by the Turon horse head figure whose origin stems from Polish pagan winter festivals. Santa filled the room with his hearty welcome and jingle bells, greeting everyone as he made his way through the room before distributing gifts to the children.



Then Tom Wosikowski and the Polish choir volunteer singers led the members in singing *Koledy*, ending with Silent Night and Tom's prayerful wishes. The reviews of the evening were almost all outstanding, with members praising the Elks Club staff for a tasty meal, and overall enjoying the activities and camaraderie.

HOW IT HAPPENS In case you were wondering, it's not elves that make the Wigilia such a great event. It took several hours that morning to set up display tables, decorate trees, string lights around the room columns and set up a children's area. The results were exemplary.



Kay Cipperly



Matt & Nick Statz

Thank you to our helpers.....
Evening MC: Peter Brinkman **Decorating:** Jerzy & Julie Brania, Kay Cipperly, Veronica Guski-supplies, Larry Hochman, Carol Janacek, Marie Revolinski **Take down:** Carol Janacek & family, Lynn McDonald, Nancy Meinholz, Richard and Mary Ann Reale and all others! **Reception Table:** Kay Cipperly, Nancy Japlou, John & Twyla Shesky **Hosts:** Patricia Brinkman, Marcia & Phil Flannery, Zygmunt Kosowscy & Bożena Kosowska, Don Wesolowski **Cookies:** Veronica Guski, Angela Jacacki, Barb Lomperski, Rose Meinholz, Basia Pulz, Irene Swiggum and anyone else we left out of this list! And of course kudos to the Wigilia Committee: **Rose Meinholz, Chair; Basia Pulz, and Mary Schumacher.** Rose and Basia worked especially diligently to make this Wigilia a success, planning a revised menu that was a big hit. ***Call Rose if you're missing a black spatula or yellow candy container. See you at the 2010 Wigilia!**

CLUB & MEMBER NEWS

You are invited to...

Jan 31st Annual Meeting & Elections

At 2-4 pm please come help plan your Polish Club's future. What would you like to see the club do – what would you like to contribute to the club? We'll have refreshments & Pączki to enjoy while we visit!



Our speaker, Susan Mikoś, President of POLANKI, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, will tell about their club's efforts to restore the Kosciuszko Monument on Lincoln Ave at 9th Place.

See ballot insert

We're meeting at the WI Community Bank, west of the Beltline at the corner of Mineral Pt. & Junction Roads.

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1st Lt. Michael Brania, son of Jerzy & Carin Brania, now on his 1st tour in Iraq, was featured on Madison CBS Channel 3's "32 Faces of the 32nd" Brigade Support Battalion on Sun. Nov. 29th. His most memorable moment was on May 24th seeing his son born via Skype. Michael carries a picture of his wife Denise, son Carter & 2 year old Claire. Michael's mom Carin was PHCWI's newsletter editor until last April, when she passed away after many years with breast cancer. <http://www.channel3000.com/news/21602846/detail.html>

Jo Luick's recipe for Szarlotka (Apple Bars)

was in the Dec/Jan issue of the NE Wisconsin's Polish Heritage Society's free newspaper. Issues of the 5,000 circulation 4 page paper are available at local supporting businesses. In a previous issue, it was fun to read about experiences learning Polish at St. Norbert's College!

Jo and Leon Luick contributed much to the PHCWI through the years, Jo as Volunteer Recruiter and helper with everything, and Leon was Club President. They moved from Madison to the Veteran's Home last April. Address: WI Veteran's Home MacArthur Hall #311 N2665 Co. Rd QQ King, WI 54946-0600. The recipe was in our July/Aug '09 newsletter, & past recipe book.

Congratulations to Farah Fatupaito who graduated from the UW-Milwaukee School of Nursing with honors on Dec. 20th. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Honor Society of Nursing. Farah helps with and attends many PHCWI events. Her proud grandmother **Marie Revolinski** says Farah has attended club events "since before she was born" – her mother **Sue Fatupaito** pregnant when at that first event. *Best wishes, Farah!*



Jackie & Farah Fatupaito at 2009 Wigilia

Bob Podgorski & Marie Revolinski first forwarded a Polish Santa, then an accordion playing squirrel! The website esp. has info about SE Poland.
<http://spuscizna.org/spuscizna/index.html>



Dennis Benarz & Karen Wisniewski, 2010
Email: spuscizna@catholic.org

Jan 26th 7 pm Tue PHC BOOK GROUP

You are invited the home of **Kasia Krzyostaniak** 3209 Highland Ct. Middleton tel.836-8632 to discuss... **Wisława Szymborska** - poet, essayist, and translator who was born in 1923 in Kórnik, (SE of Poznań). In 1931 her family moved to Kraków, where she continues to live. She received the 1996 Nobel Prize "for poetry that with ironic precision allows the historical and biological context to come to light in fragments of human reality" **Anna Frajlich-Zajac** – poet, educator and scholar - was born in 1942 to Polish parents in Kyrgyzstan, west of



China, they returned to Poland in 1946. She received her MA from Warsaw University in the Polish literature and her Ph.D. in the Slavic Department of the New York University in 1990. Her many awards include the Knight Cross of the Order of Merit

awarded by the President of the Polish Republic, and the honorary title of Ambassador of Szczecin, Poland. Listen to her read poems from *Between Dawn And The Wind* at her Oct. 15 CREECA lecture at: <http://www.creeca.wisc.edu/lecturearchive.html>

By Rose Meinholz... Our condolences to the family of PHCWI member **Joseph Pasowicz, Jr.** who passed away Nov 24th after declining health. A memorial service will be held at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, Armstrong Creek, WI. Joe served over 20 years in the U.S. Army, including tours in France, Germany, Vietnam & Alaska, and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer (W-3), with many awards. "He was always very active in many matters, looking to help others and to make a better world to leave behind." After his insurance work in Texas, the family moved to Florence Co. WI where he was active in county, local & veteran's affairs. He authored/compiled nine copyright books.

At the PHCWI's 30th Anniversary, Joe told about his genealogy research, offered to give a talk, and to help members with genealogy research. Sadly, we did not do this soon enough. He gave the club his book *Rodzina Pasowicz* about his family history – with chapters including "Our Origins" "Land and Serfdom" and "Chronology of Galacia and the Mala Region of Poland." The cover photo is of a statue of Jesus Christ overlooking the village of Mala, Ropoczycy, Poland, and a field of grain. Mala is W. of Rzeszów in SE Poland.

In the introduction, he tells about sitting over coffee about 30 years ago in Texas, talking with his wife Joanna, discussing "how we are not passing on the old family traditions & tales we were raised with." Born in Chicago, Joe learned to speak some Polish because his grandfather played a game with him, speaking only in Polish. Joanna's family came from north of Gdansk in 1873, and she has visited with relatives in that fishing area. She says she would be glad to help members learn about genealogy, to share what she and Joe learned about researching family history, and says not to wait to do it! Meeting at her home in Verona works best for Joanna, you are welcome to call her at (608) 848-4892.

"In 1937 in the village of Mala Christ the King Monument, patterned after the one in Rio de Janerio, was erected... The monument in Mala is 17,5m tall, Christ's arm-span equals 8m (the monument in Rio de Janerio, unveiled in 1931, is 38m tall). The monument was put up as a vote of thanksgiving for saving the village of Mala from a hailstorm that devastated neighboring villages." - From the Ropczy website



Pomnik Chrystusa Króla

Future Events

2 hours from Madison.....

Jan 23 Sheboygan Polish Family Festival

1-3pm Kohler Arts Center www.jmkac.org

Price: \$8, member \$6 Tel. (920) 458-6144



The John Michael Kohler Arts Center schedules three Family Festivals each year celebrating cultural traditions with "engaging experiential workshops, and cultural objects shared by the community, and delicious ethnic foods." The Festivals are partly supported by Target, Alliant Energy, & the Gannett & the Sheboygan Service Foundations.

Thank you to Yvonne Montoya for this information:

"Celebrate and participate in the rich cultural traditions of the Polish people who have made America their home. Learn about their homelands & cultures: **Watch** Milwaukee's Syrena & Syrenka Polish Folk Dance Ensembles traditional folk & court dances. **Create** Wycinanki, reverse painting on glass, and straw ornaments. **See** a wood sculpture demo by Chicago Polish Folk Artist Krzysztof Kalata **Hear** folktales, **Sample** Polish foods including *placki kartoflane-/ziemniaczane* (potato pancakes), *gulasz* (goulash), *kapusta kiszona* (polish sauerkraut), polish sausages, *zupa grzybowa* (mushroom soup), *faworki/chrusty* (lightly fried pastry with powdered sugar).

Farther from Madison...Karkowska Sisters Duo

<http://www.karkowskaduo.org/index.html>



West Bend January 29 7:30pm.

Tel. (262)-335-5208.

Oconto Falls PAC Feb 7th 3 pm

Tel.(920) 848-7469

Performing "virtuoso pieces with virtuoso accompaniment" (Union Journal Chicago) and "telling fantastic stories with music that literally takes ones breathe away" (Fairmont Chamber Music)

The sisters were born in Lodz and graduated from its Wieniawski Music High School. Anna, the violinist, has received many awards and performed as soloist with many groups. She graduated from the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati & the Juilliard School in NY City. Kasia, the pianist, studied at the Music Academy in Lodz and at Warsaw's Chopin Academy of Music, where she became "an avid chamber music player... participated as an accompanist at the prestigious Summer Festivals in Zagan and Lancut.

Mar 21st Red Wing, Minn. Polish event

at Hobgoblin/Stony End Music Tel.(877) 866-3936

www.stoneyend.com/loft.htm

NEW Chopin Class - Trevor Stephenson

will give a six part course about Chopin on Thursdays **Jan 28 - Mar 4** at his Madison home. Limited to 20. trevor@trevorstephenson.com or call (608) 238-6092. Payment for the classes is due by Jan 21 \$200 for the course. (a \$180 fee available for 5 classes)

Trevor writes this about Chopin & the class:

“Chopin was an astonishingly fastidious composer-careful and finicky to the nth degree. But he was also an inveterate improviser, frequently playing *extempore* for hours for gatherings of friends. His glorious published music is the offspring of this fluid, improvisatory freedom and the icy rigor of his approach to written compositional commitment. He composed almost exclusively at the piano, often re-working even the most seemingly straightforward measures through a staggering number of altered repetitions--each incorporating a subtle though important change in voicing, melodic shape, or harmonic shift--before arriving at a satisfactory final version. According to his contemporaries, Chopin's playing was commensurate with the beauty of his composition. His touch, articulation, and pedaling at the piano were unsurpassed in cultivation and refined effectiveness; Liszt described Chopin's playing as "perfect in the extreme."

The class will integrate discussion of Chopin's compositions with approaches to performing them. Since a fair amount of information about Chopin's playing and his method of teaching piano is currently available, we will go through this in some detail. We will discuss various aspects of touch (including comportment of the hand and arm), phrasing, articulation, tempo, pedaling, and dynamics. We will also discuss Chopin's compositional role models—particularly Bach and Mozart (as well as the more sublimated influence of Schubert)—and how their music is present in both letter & spirit throughout his work. I will also sprinkle into the lectures anecdotes about Chopin's life and personality, and we'll discuss the social and artistic circles in which he moved.

The curriculum will be organized by genre, starting with the *Preludes* and ending with the *Barcarolle*...Each week we will have an overview of all Chopin's works in that genre and then I will do a more in-depth performer's analysis of one or two specific works. Students are encouraged to bring their own copies of Chopin scores.” Please contact me with any questions. All the best, Trevor Stephenson

Pianos for class & the Schedule:

Late 18th-century fortepiano - *piano of Chopin's youth*
c. 1840 English upright Cottage piano - *used for lessons.*
c. 1850 double-strung parlor grand - *salon performances*
Jan 28 Brief bio, Feb 4 Mazurkas, Feb 11 Nocturnes/
Waltzes, Feb 18 Ballades, Feb 25 Etudes & Polonaises,
Mar 4 Berceuse & Barcarolle

IN THE NEWS

Future Polish Saints Dec 19 - Pope Benedict approved decrees of the Congregation for Saint's Causes: **Blessed Stanisław Soltys** (b.1433in Kazimierz, today a district in Krakow). A miracle was attributed to his intercession, so he is qualified for sainthood. After his ordination as a priest, he was known for his help of the poor and sick, and his Eucharistic piety. His tomb is in the 14th century Corpus Christi Church in Krakow. In 1993 Pope John Paul II approved his liturgical cult.

Venerable Father Jerzy Popieluszko (b.1947 Okopy, north of Białystock, died 1984) was declared a martyr, so no miracle is required before he becomes a saint. Famous for his sermons at St Stanislaw Kostka Church in N. Warsaw as a supporter of the Solidarity trade union, he was murdered by Communist intelligence officers.



Venerable Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła) (b.1920 in Wadowice, died 2005 in Rome) is eligible for beatification if a miracle is attributed to his intercession, and a second miracle would have to be confirmed for him to be declared a saint.

Eastern European Foods *By Rose Meinholz*



After Ekaterina Pronina found **SOOSHKA** in Milwaukee, she wondered how the low salt, vanilla flavored pretzels came from her hometown near Moscow. After studying the possibilities, she and

her husband Alexey Pronin opened **INTERMARKET International Food and Souvenirs**. On opening day, without much advertising, or a store sign, people came to shop. Madison's 12/10 *Isthmus* cover page listed the store, with a story by Linda Falkenstein. Its address is 5317 Old Middleton Rd, just west of Whitney Way, almost across from Knoche's Food Center – look for the green awning on the yellow brick building. The small store's shelves are full of candies, canned and packaged items from Russia, Bulgaria and other E. European countries. Refrigerated and frozen products, plus some bakery items from Chicago, are available. The only Polish items on the day I visited were a good variety of candies, but Ekaterina will order desired products, and said that someone already ordered Polish garlic sausage.

**International food and
souvenirs**



5317 Old Middleton Road
Madison, WI 53705
Phone: (608) 231-2017
Fax: (608) 846-8344
InterMarketWi@yahoo.com

Store hours: Mon-Sun 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

PAST EVENTS

Nov 28's Middleton Holiday Pops Concert

included Szymanowski's *Etude in B-flat*, arranged for orchestra by Polish conductor Grzegorz Fitelberg. Norman Gilliland's program notes named it "one of his most popular pieces, in part, no doubt, because of its songlike nostalgic quality."

Karol Szymanowski composer and pianist b.1882 Ukraine d.1937 Lausanne, Switzerland of TB.

Grzegorz Fitelberg conductor, violinist and composer b.1879 Latvia d.1953 Katowice, Poland

Dec 5th SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Koncert Bozonarodzeniowy - dotacja na Polska Szkole



Despite bad roads, a good sized crowd attended the Dec. 12th fund raiser for the Polish School in Waunakee. Founder and teacher **Ewa Zylka** told about the school, parents described attending Polish School, and the children sang Polish Christmas songs. Anna Sobczak (violin) & Joanna Korylczuk (piano), of the Chicago duo named POLISHED, performed classical pieces, Christmas music & two of their own compositions. Then came the enjoyable task of eating the beautifully decorated food, much of it prepared by Ewa's mother Ursula, who said it was easy getting up at 6 am to make it all! Best wishes for a good school year ahead, and we hope to can hear the children at a future event.

The Polish School meets on Saturday mornings at St. John's School in Waunakee. Classes are about Poland's language, customs, songs, religion, geography and history. To learn more about the school, contact

Ewa Zylka ewazylka@wp.pl
H-(608) 850-3636 C-(608) 886-4535

Class for adults planned.....

Ewa Zelka met many PHCWI members at the Wigilia, spoke about the school and distributed flyers for the fundraiser. She says a friend plans to soon start classes for adults. Stay tuned!

POLISHED Available For fundraisers "Chicagoland's Classic Piano and Violin duo" is available for fund raisers and special events. "With over 30 years of combined Piano and Violin playing experience, POLISHED can help with all of your wedding needs, corporate events, and special occasions." Anna Sobczak (violin) and Joanna Korylczuk(piano) got their master degrees from the Academy of Music in Wroclaw, Poland. Their repertoire includes classical, jazz, rock, Broadway standards & traditional Polish music. Tel.(630) 542-0151 or 202-8847 www.polishedmusicians.com

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MOVIES

Winners of Chicago's Polish Film Festival Golden Teeth Awards...



FEATURE – *Before Twilight Jeszcze nie wieczór*, an actor's retirement home puts on Goethe's Faust.
DOCUMENTARY – *Rabbit à la Berlin* a "creative documentary" about the rabbits living in the 120 km strip of green meadows between the Berlin Wall.
PAST AWARD WINNERS WERE:
1994 Johnnie the Aquarius dir. Jan Jakub Kolski
1995 Young Wolves dir. Jaroslaw Zamojda
1996 Daddy dir. Maciej Slesicki
1997 Love Stories dir. Jerzy Stuhr
1998 Safe Heaven dir. Jacek Bromski
1999 With Fire and Sword dir. Jerzy Hoffman
2000 Life As Sexually Transmitted Fatal Disease dir. Krzysztof Zanussi
2001 Quo Vadis dir. Jerzy Kawalerowicz
2002 Angel in Cracow dir. Artur "Baron" Wiecek
2003 When the Sun Was God dir. Jerzy Hoffman
2004 Vinci dir. Juliusz Machulski
2005 My Nikifor dir. Krzysztof Krauze
2006 Jasminum dir. Jan Jakub Kolski
2007 Immensity of Justice dir. Wieslaw Saniewski
2008 The Offsiders dir. Kasia Adamik

Polart Video, Inc has distributed Polish movies in the U.S. for nearly 20 years. All are playable in DVD or VHS players, most have English subtitles. Call toll free 1-(866)-601-5888 or order at PolishMoviesOnline.com



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Stoneczny Kacik*

We want to celebrate everything and anything from birthdays to anniversaries to graduations.

It's all about making a connection with club members.

Let us know your reasons to celebrate by calling Basia Pulz (608) 767-2921 or Jane Dunn 831-8827, or basiapulz2@yahoo.com or jdunn@uwhealth.org

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES *Sto Lat!*

1/10 Bogdan & Theresa Tukiendorf Anniversary

1/10 Rose Meinholz

1/24 Michael Schumacher

NEW MEMBERS

John Sparks and Christel Szopieray Sparks

Izabela Szlufarska

RENEWED MEMBERS

Jo Coughlin Norm and Marie Revolinski

Sue Fatupaito Mary Schumacher

Angela Jakacki Don Wesolowski

Stan Kowalski Ryszard and Julita Zolnik

Rose Meinholz & Family

save the date.....

Mar 6 PHCWI at International Festival

Save the date – the club is at its usual good location...



“Now in its 29th year, International Festival weaves a rich tapestry of performances, crafts & foods with sounds, smells and flavors as colorful as

the vibrant costumes that adorn the performers. We give full-throated voice to languages, cultures and people from around the world...”

Polish Heritage Club Of WI, Inc-

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Madison, WI 53744-5438

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