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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

With heartfelt greetings, I wish all of you a safe, happy, and healthy New Year. I hope your holidays were warm and memorable.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this past year as President of our club. I have enjoyed those days that now seem to have flown by very fast. I am proud of our accomplishments, including our events that generated more attendance than ever, our new Scholarship Program, and our work toward transitioning our club into a 501(c) 3 organization – a federally recognized nonprofit.

None of this could be possible without the energy and leadership of all the prior boards, or the current one, or our dedicated members. Thank you for your wisdom and encouragement and boundless energy. We have done more than clubs with much bigger memberships.

I look forward to seeing and thanking our volunteers individually at our upcoming Annual Meeting on January 23, and handing over the gavel to our new President. *Do widzenia!*

Mary Schumacher

Dec 15 the Board of Directors:

approved Secretary & Treasurer's reports, discussed the Dec. 11 Wigilia and made plans for the Annual Meeting & Elections. The next meeting is Wed Jan 19 at 6 pm at the WI Community Bank 8240 Mineral Pt. Rd (west of the Beltline at the turn onto Junction Rd toward Target). The bank doors lock at 6pm, so call a Board Member if you plan to attend, we'll give a cell number to call.

You are invited...

Sun Jan 23, 2011 PHCWI Annual Membership Meeting & Election

*11 am for brunch (we're in separate room)
OR 12-1 for the meeting (coffee and bar)
2010 report, 2011 elections.*

*Share your ideas about your club's future!
We hope to see you, come and visit!*



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If you can, please call a board member so we save space. See you on January 23!

****See the enclosed 2011 candidate ballot****

Can you help? Your Club needs:

New storage space to arrange our supplies

Call Butch Luick 244-4388

RSVP Elementary School Folk Fair helpers

Call Marie Revolinski 222-2857

PHC Breakfast Friends:

Please call 238-9189 if you need a ride.

Jan 7th 9 am 1st Fridays PHC Breakfast Friends at Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike tel.238-9189

Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

Alt. Wed/Th 7-9 pm Polski Stół / Polish Table [UW-Madison Rathskeller](#) Sebastian Jankowski sjankowski2@wisc.edu
Jan 7 Fri 9 am PHC Breakfast Friends [Monona Garden Restaurant](#), 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike tel.238-9189
Jan 23 Sun 11 am Annual Meeting and election of officers [West Side Club](#) 437 County Hwy M tel. 833-6355
Feb 8 Tue 7 pm Book Group *A Long Long Time Ago Essentially True* at [Kasia's](#) 3209 Highland tel.836-8632
Mar 5 Sat 10-6 pm PHCWI sale at International Festival at [Overture Center](#)

Mar 30 – May 4 Survey of Polish Theater Class # 60810601 6-8pm MATC-Downtown

Instructor- Ewa Verhoven, Seats Available: 20 Explore the millennium-long history of the Polish theater with an emphasis on 16th century Civic Theater & 19th century Romantic drama. Examine the influence of the historic turning point of 1989 & the achievements of Polish avant-garde theater. matcmadison.edu/ tel. (608) 246-6210
<http://programs.matcmadison.edu/programs/enrichment/survey-of-polish-film>

Apr 17 Sun PHCWI Spring Festival [Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Monona](#)

May 7 Sat [Stevens Point](#) 19th Annual Portage County Cultural Festival

July 17 Sun PHCWI Summer Picnic [Elver Park](#) 1250 McKenna Blvd.

September [WI Dells](#) Polish Fest

September [Stevens Point](#) Harvest Festival *Dozynki*

Chicago:

Jan 27 Thur 6:30 [Spertus Museum](#) 610 S. Michigan Ave *Finding Leah Tickotsky A Discovery of Heritage in Poland*

May [Columbus Drive](#) Polish Constitution Day Parade to celebrate *Trzeciego Maja Day*

Sept F-M Taste of Polonia Labor Day Weekend - music on 5 stages, Mass, arts & crafts

[Polish Museum of America](#) 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel.(773) 384-3352:

Milwaukee:

Nov 19-Jan 16 [108 E.Wells St.](#) Stackner Cabaret Milwaukee Rep Theater's *Liberace* World Premiere!

Jan 22 Sun [Mitchell Domes](#) Poland Under Glass,

June 17-19 [Summerfest Grounds](#) Polish Fest

Oct 9 Sun [Norway House](#) POLANKI'S Soup Festival

Nov Fri-Sun [WI State Fair Park](#) Holiday Folk Fair

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

Jan 29 Sun 7 pm Legendary Jazz Piano Virtuoso Adam Makowicz

Mar 27Sun POLANKI's Pierogi Festival

Minnesota:

Jan 15 Sat [Andover](#) Kulig Adventure - horse drawn sleigh & bonfire CONTACT: maggie_zborowski@anchorlink.com

Aug 13-14 [Twin Cities](#) Polish Festival on the Mississippi Riverbank

September [Winona](#) Polish Cultural Institute *SMACZNE JABŁKA* (Apple Day)

From the Polish-American Journal and www.polishsite - a website about Polish Culture

JANUARY styczeń - *stykac* means "to meet" - "to join" since the old year "meets the new year in January

1 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 1965-58

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

CLUB EVENTS & MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries by calling Basia Pulz (608) 767-2921 or Jane Dunn 831-8827

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Sto lat!

1/10 Rose Meinholz 1/24 Michael Schumacher

New Glarus Former PHCWI Board of Director **Stan Kowalski**, age 81, passed away April 6 after some years with health problems. He co-chaired the summer picnic and helped with of variety of club needs. Stan's smile, stories, laugh and enthusiasm are missed at our events! Our sincere condolences to his wife Marlene.

Madison Best wishes for continued recovery for PHC Historian **Don Wesolowski's** father, Martin. After emergency surgery, and five nights in the hospital, he is recovering at home, "doing better than before surgery."

Fitchburg **John Wysocki**, age 81, died Dec. 28. Marie Revolinski, past club President, wrote: "John was an active member for many, many years. He and his wife were some of our main transporters, helping with set-up and selling – including all the years that we sold in Wisconsin Dells. He never said no to any club related task. A truly proud Pole and a joyful, wonderful person!" After growing up and working on the family farm in Ellis, WI (E. of Stevens Point), John served on a U.S. Navy Destroyer Escort 1951-55. He graduated from Marquette Univ. & worked for the Social Security Administration, which recognized him for his leadership skills and many accomplishments. During retirement, he volunteered for St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Madison's Veteran's Hospital, and was a representative for national and state organizations, including the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV). FROM THE OBIT: John had a great memory for things of interest to others. He would clip and send items of information to them which delighted people because he remembered their special interest. John had a distinctive voice, when he said "hello" on the phone, it was quickly followed by his warm familiar laugh. In addition to family and friends, John loved feeding and watching the many birds, squirrels and chipmunks he attracted to his backyard. He loved everything that was alive and growing and always left things to grow because "God put them there". Our sympathies to his wife Maggie Lin and family.

NEWSLETTER stories and ideas are welcome. For the Feb. issue, do you have stories about Krakow or other travels in Poland? And, do you prefer to receive your newsletter via email? (It's in color) Contact - Rose Meinholz 233-3828 or meinhoch@hotmail.com

WI Public TV - Dec. Newsletter Addition:

Marge Morgan also volunteered at the Nov. 28 fundraiser – this time as our valuable food organizer. Thank you, Marge! Our club usually participates at the last fundraiser of the year, and often over Memorial Day. It's an enjoyable time, helps Public TV, and helps us get to know each other! Your Polish Heritage Club was on the thank you list of companies, clubs, and professional groups that provided ~388 volunteers who took in 4,448 calls and raised \$525,880. "The third best December drive in recent history with a record number of pledges and a 15 percent increase in new members."

Feb 8 PHC BOOK GROUP at 7 pm

Come join the discussion about *A Long Long Time Ago and Essentially True* by Brigid Pasulka. She won the 2010 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for a distinguished first book of fiction. The book came out in paperback last year, and there is a Polish edition. Last November she had TV and bookstore readings in Warsaw, Krakow and the Chicago area.

FROM HER WEBSITE: "The descendant of Polish immigrants, Brigid spent most of her childhood in a farming township in Central Illinois, population 500. After graduating from Dartmouth College, she arrived in Krakow in the summer of 1994 with no contacts, no knowledge of the language, only a vague idea of Polish culture..... *And how did you learn Polish?*

Since I made my plans so spontaneously, I had neglected to learn any of the language. This became cruelly apparent when I was standing on the train platform in Krakow with all my luggage and a young railroad worker in coveralls drove up to me in a service vehicle. He was clearly asking if I wanted help with my bags, and I remember looking at him, thinking, "Oh my God, I don't know the words for *yes* and *no*." I did know a few other words from my mother, who had gone to a Polish grade school on the S. Side of Chicago, and from my grandparents, who still spoke Polish at the big annual family reunions. As nearly as I can remember, I knew these:

- *cicho*: be quiet
- *pierzyna*: down comforter
- *dupa josh*: jackass
- *opłatki*: a wafer at Christmastime
- *naleśniki*: like a crepe, but a little thicker
- *pierogi*: pierogi

I also knew a version of grace before meals, the pronunciation ...turned out to be completely nonsensical."



Kasia Krzyzostaniak

tel.836-8632
3209 Highland Ct, Middleton
is our Book Group hostess.

Madison Public Library has
5 copies of the book.

WIGILIA 2010 on the snowy eveing of Dec 11th



the Zor Temple entrance



Kay Cipperly and her sister Nancy Japlon, visiting from Chicago, greeted guests, and all enjoyed Tom Wosikowski's piano playing.



MC Michael Schumacher described the evening's schedule, and introduced Club President Mary Schumacher and the other members of this year's Wigilia Committee: Rose Meinholz on L & Basia Pulz on R. His stories & jokes helped us get acquainted with old & new attendees. It was good to see Phyllis Podgorski win one of the 4 Polish Ornaments in the drawing, she'd just been discharged from rehab after hip surgery.



Thank you to Barbara Lomperski for the new centerpieces, and the help she and Michael gave decorating & with the take-down. Michael and Jerzy Brania demonstrated sharing of the Oplatek, and told stories of the Club's beginning in the 1970s. Michael also told about the custom of the Uninvited Guest – a place is saved at the table to show welcome for anyone who does not have a somewhere to eat on Christmas Eve – and he reminded us of those in need at this time of the year



Boleslawiec Stoneware for the Uninvited Guest (bowl-eh-suave-ee-ets)





Part of the Brania Family: Jerzy, Julia & Michael – the snow kept Robert & family home. Their beautiful *Szopka* was again set up for all to appreciate. Jerzy's birthday & names day was celebrated the next day.



2010 Wigilia Menu

- Pickled Herring in Sour Cream *Śledzie marynowane*
- Rye Bread *Chleb żytni*
- Deviled Eggs *Jaja na Twardo*
- Dill Pickles *Ogórki*
- Creamy Cucumber Salad *Mizeria*
- Pickled Beets with Horseradish *Ćwikła z Chrzanem*
- Clear Beet Soup *Barszcz*
- Pierogi
- Baked Cod with Dill Cream Sauce *Dorsz*
- Oven Baked Red Potatoes *Ziemniaki Pieczone w Mundurkach*
- Green Beans with Almonds *Fasola po Polsku*
- Coffee, Tea, Milk *Kawa, Herbata, Mleko*
- Christmas Carols *kolędy*
- Orange Poppy seed Cake *Deser*
- Children's Menu:
- Deep Fried Cod *Kotlety z Ryb*
- French Fries *Frytki*



For the after dinner entertainment, Sebastian Skarbek played carols, *Rachmaninoff Op.23 No. 5* and *Chopin Polonaise No.11 Posthumous*



Annette & Tom Urbanik



Waclaw Szybalski & Liliana Nitecka



Marcia & Phil Flannery dined with granddtr. Flannery Raabe & friend Natalie Tack

Marie Revolinski, past President, reminded us of past Wigilias, and told about those celebrating birthdays.



Our evening ended with *kolędy* led by Tom Wosikowski and the Polish Choir: Michael Lomperski, JerzyBrania, Mary Ann Reale, Julie Brania, Butch Luick, Tomasz Borowiecki, Bożena Kosowska, Basia Pulz.

2010 WEDDINGS Raina Zwadzach, Carmen Hyslop, Nate and Zach Luick attended many Wigilias through the years with their parents. They all celebrated weddings in 2010, and we are pleased to wish them **‘all of the best on your new road through life’..‘wszystkiego najlepszego na nowej drodze życia’**

At the 2009 Wigilia **John Zwadzach** demonstrated the sharing of the *opłatek*, and congratulated his newly engaged daughter **Raina**, and her fiance Art, in Polish and Greek. For many years, she sat with her mother Pat at the Wigilia registration table, greeting guests and giving out the nametags they had written and organized. In the Feb. 2006 newslette Marie Revolinski wrote: "a special interest of Pat's was to make sure the children learned of their Polish as well as their Greek heritage...the family is active in both Polish and Greek events, contributing their time and energy to the success of each event in which they participate." Their last family picture was taken at the 2005 Wigilia, sadly Pat passed away that Dec. 25th. This past New Year's weekend, Raina married Art Haralampopoulos in Chicago, and John sent this picture of "the wonderful couple." (Greek icons on the L upper picture)



Art & Raina

by Janice Czyscon **Carmen Hyslop**, daughter of PHC members, **Crystal Hyslop** and **Janice Czyscon**, was united in marriage to Troy Baumann on August 21, 2010. The beautiful and original ceremony and cocktail party were held in the Promenade Lounge of the Overture Center in Madison. The joyous event included several nontraditional aspects, including a comic book wedding invitation designed, illustrated and written by the couple. They also made Activity Book Programs in 3D, including 3D glasses and fun flamingo pens for each guest. They had a bagpiper play their ceremony music, and the Groom's Cake was decorated with rabbits to honor Troy's love of bunnies.



Crystal Hyslop, Troy & Carmen Baumann, Janice Czyscon

The wedding also included a few Polish traditions, including the gifting of a loaf of bread and container of salt from **Genevieve Czyscon**, signifying a wish for abundance and happiness in their marriage. On Sunday the newlyweds joined several of their guests for brunch. In Poland newlyweds often continue their celebration the next day saying their family and friends are so important that they are happy to delay the honeymoon. Carmen and Troy honeymooned in Chicago. They rode the train from Columbus, WI to Chicago, stayed at the Drake Hotel, and did sightseeing, including an architectural tour of the Windy City.

Ericka and **Nate Luick** were married on Sept 17th in Madison. Grandparents Jo (**Josephine**) and **Leon Luick** (past PHCWI President) were able to attend, they came from the Veteran's Home in King, WI. Angie and **Zach Luick's** wedding was Oct 30th in Jamaica. Thank you to proud Dad Butch for the photo!



Ericka & Nate

Angie & Zach

Dory & Butch Luick

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Your wedding & other news is welcome too!

merry christmas

MOVIES



Nov 19-21 UW-Madison Cinematheque
Polish Film Festival 20th Anniversary
The November Newsletter came out just before the final announcements of the Festival films, organized by the Polish Students Association. Our club has been a financial sponsor. For the record, the films were...

Friday

Zero Poland, 2009, 35mm, color, 110 mi Dir. Pawel Borowski Love & hate, cheaters & the cheated, violence and sex, topped with surprising secrets discovered..."

War of Love (Sluby Panieńskie) –Poland, 2010, Dir. Filip Bajon In Poland, this was the biggest production of 2010, and a box office hit. It played at many USA Film Festivals. The movie is based on Maidens' Vows, or the Magnetism of the Heart (Śluby panieńskie, czyli magnetyzm serca) by Aleksander Fredro (1793-1876), who is sometimes called Poland's Molière. Set in 1825 in southern Poland manor houses, two beautiful cousins vow they will never marry.

John Benninghouse, PHCWI VP wrote in his FEARFUL SYMMETRIES Blog: *"It is all rather standard romantic comedy stuff. Until you see a cell phone for the first time. ... This bit with the actors' lives intruding on the story of the film was absurdist-lite in a Monty Python kind of way. It was amusing in its own right and certainly not completely distracting but I suspect that if I knew a bit more about contemporary Polish cinema/actors, it would have made more sense."*

"Bajon himself was to have been in attendance but fell ill at the last minute and so spent the evening at his hotel room. A real disappointment but kudos must still go out to Sebastian Jankowski and the rest of the crew who put the festival together for even getting a director to agree to come to Madison."

Saturday

Lullaby (Kolysanka) Dir. Juliusz Machulski
"menacing story full of humor and suspense..."
People keep disappearing from a small scenic town.

The Swing (Hustawka) Dir. Tomasz Lewkowicz
Michael must choose between his pregnant wife and a passionate lover. "moral integrity...the sacrifices we are willing to make..."

Sunday

Animated History of Poland 2010, 8 min.

*You can watch this one on youtube.com

Little Rose (Rozyczka) Directed by Jan Kidawa-Błoński. In 1967 Warsaw "Under the pseudonym "Little Rose," Kamila cooperates with the Secret Services..."

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

The Most Interesting Feature Film

Jan Kidawa-Błoński LITTLE ROSE (RÓZYCZKA)

The Most Interesting Documentary Film

Janusz Mrozowski BAD BOYS. CELL 425 (CELA 425)

IN THE NEWS



Beetroot – Eat Barszcz!

Beets and some other vegetables contain high concentrations of nitrates, which widen blood vessels and lower blood pressure. Circulation is improved. Test subjects who took beetroot juice daily used less oxygen while walking. And researchers have shown that beet juice increases blood flow to the brain.

Nov 6 Approximately 3,000 Post Offices in Poland will close, so that by 2014 there will be as few as 1,500

Nov 14 W. Poland Vandals burned down a 700 year old oak tree. Napoleon is said to have rested by the tree after crossing the Odra River in 1812.

Nov 20 The Archbishop of Warsaw, Kazimierz Nycz, became the fourth living Polish cardinal. He was born in Stara Wieś (in Silesia, southern Poland) in 1950. He organized the last visit of Pope John Paul to Poland.

Nov 27-Dec 4 The International Film Festival of the Art of Cinematography CAMERIMAGE was held for the first time in Bydgoszcz. The first seven years it was in Toruń, then 2000-09 in Łódź.

Dec. 6 Warsaw Russian President Medvedev and Polish President Komorowski met for talks, eight years since a Russian president last had political talks in Warsaw. He presented the Russian Order of Friendship to Andrzej Wajda, director of the 2007 film *Katyn*.

Dec 8 Washington, D.C. Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski met with President Obama.

Dec 15 Trzebnica City The 31ft giant snowman named Milocinek had a barrel for a hat & traffic cone for a nose.

Dec 17 Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk called the Russian report on April's plane crash "unacceptable" and sent it back with a list of comments & questions.

Dec. 20, 2010 TIME Magazine "In "Brief History: Nazi Fugitives," (Nov. 29) we mistakenly referred to a concentration camp as "Poland's Sobibor death camp." There were no Polish concentration camps in World War II; Sobibor was operated by German Nazis in Nazi occupied Poland." EDITOR'S NOTE: Sobibor was located near the town of Sobibór in occupied Poland, near Polish, Ukrainian and Belarusian borders. 'Bór' in Polish means a deep forest.

Dec 27 Poland "127 people have frozen to death so far this winter in Poland. ... heavy snowfalls disrupted road, railway and air transport. Temperatures at night fell at times to almost - 30 degrees C (- 22 degrees F.) Most of those who froze to death were either homeless or were under the influence of alcohol."

MUSIC

Dec.21st **Szymon Wozniczka** played Polish Christmas music & told about traditions on 89.9 FM WORT Radio. www.wort-fm.org To hear about his upcoming shows: www.madpolka2010.wordpress.com & Facebook page "madpolka" "In order to increase the presence of Polish music in the area (Madison, WI), I will be donating a nice stack of Polish CDs to the local library in Monona www.mononalibrary.org, or www.scls.info (available for anybody in South-Central Wisconsin). I would really appreciate your comments and CD reviews." szymon2005@sbcglobal.net Tel. 608-577-3897

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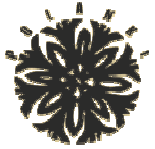
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