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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,
With summer coming to a close, that means the leaves will start turning colors, the temperatures will cool, and school starts again. Regarding the latter, I am very pleased to announce that the PHCWI has awarded its first scholarships. The initial \$500 scholarship was joined by two \$200 scholarships donated anonymously. The winners are:

1st Place: David Talajkowski
2nd Place: Maura McManus
3rd Place: Jackie Freidel

Ms. Freidel was planning to attend the UW-Madison. Hopefully we can convince her into appearing at a club event so we can meet her and offer congratulations in person.

Please check out the calendar as a couple groups from Poland will be playing here in Madison during the middle of September and the UW's Cinematheque will be featuring two films that will likely be of interest to members during the fall semester. Finally, we're working on some events for Polish American Heritage Month in October so keep an eye out for more.

John Benninghouse

Please call if you need a ride.

Sept 2 PHCWI Breakfast Friends 9 am
1st Fri of the month please join us at
Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd.
Barb/Mike Lomperski (608) 238-9189

Sept 10 afternoon gathering 5-7pm
Tamarack Community Center
110 S. Westfield Rd
In honor of the 90th birthday of Professor
Waclaw Szybalski and to commemorate
the 1920 Battle of Zadworze.

see more inside...

It's time to promote October as.....
"Polish American Heritage Month"
A National Celebration of Polish
History, Culture and Pride!

From the Desk of Michael Blichasz,
President National Chairman Polish
American Heritage Month Committee
308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

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 2011, Polish Americans will mark the 30th 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 and pride. During 2011, we will also mark the 232nd Anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry.

You are asked to spread the word about Polish American Heritage Month events in your local community...

- First Polish Settlers in America
- 232nd Anniversary of the Death of General Casimir Pulaski
- 2011 Coloring Contest
- Things to Do During October "Polish American Heritage Month"
- Tracing Your Heritage
- Recent Editions of the Polish American News
- Some Reasons Why Polish Americans are Important to America

Your participation is always appreciated.
My best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration!

Polish American Heritage Month
polishamericancenter.org/heritmo.htm

2011 Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

- Sept 2 Fri** 9 am **PHCWI Breakfast Friends** Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike 238-9189
Sept 9-11 WI Dells Music Festival at Mt. Olympus
- Sept 10 Sat** **Afternoon Gathering for Prof. Szybalski commemorating the 1920 Battle of Zadworze**
Sept 16-17 Stevens Point Dozynki Harvest Fest - farmers market, Polish crafts & demos, arts & crafts vendors,
Sept 18 Sun 7:30 pm Mikrokolekty Audio for the Arts RSVP 255-0511 7 S. Blair St.
Sep 18 & 25 2 pm Shoah UW-Madison Cinemateque Vilas Hall 821 University Ave.
Sept 21 Wed 2nd show Polish Folk Band Dikanda The Brink Lounge 701 E Washington Ave #105
Sept 23 Fri 7:30 pm Frank Glazer plays Chopin & more Farley's House of Pianos 6522 Seybold Rd.
Sept 23-4 Stevens Point 2011 Local History and Historic Preservation Conference
- October – POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**
- Oct 15 Sat** **Tour of Gardens at Old World WI with author Marcia Carmichael south of Eagle on Hwy 67**
Oct 21 Fri 8 pm UW-Madison School of Music Martha Fischer & Tyrone Greive recital – Szymanowski and others
Oct 21-2 F-Sat WI Chapter of Assoc. of Teachers of Slavic & E. Europe Languages UW-Madison
- Oct 22 Sat** **WI BOOK FESTIVAL Katyn Order author Doug Jacobson + PHCWI Reception Veteran's Museum**
Oct 27 Thur 4 pm "Party Politics in Hell: Jewish Armed Resistance during the Holocaust" 206 Ingraham Hall
- Nov 5 Sat** **PHCWI Christmas Bazaar at West Side Club**
Nov 9 Wed 7 pm **PHCWI Book Group discusses 1944 Warsaw Uprising at Kasia's 836-8632**
Nov 12 Sat 7 pm Skolimowski's **ESSENTIAL KILLING** UW-Madison Cinemateque Vilas Hall 821 University Ave
Dec 1 Thur 4pm ".... Polish Writers' Diaries from Occupied Warsaw 1939-1945" 206 Ingraham Hall
Dec 10 Sat **PHCWI Wigilia at Zor Shrine Temple RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Chicago:

- Sept 3-6 F-M Copernicus Cultural & Civic Center "Taste of Polonia" Labor Day Weekend - music, Mass, arts & crafts
Sept 30-Oct 1 Polish Genealogy Society of America 33rd Annual Conf. "Puzzled by the Past? Put the Pieces Together"
Oct 6-20 47th Chicago International Film Festival and Nov 4-20 23rd Film Festival in America

Milwaukee:

- Oct 9 Sun Norway House POLANKI'S Soup Festival <http://www.polanki.org/>
Nov 18-20 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/>
Sept 11 Sun 9:30 - 4 pm Mushroom Madness
Oct 3 Mon 7:30 pm Philomusica String Quartet \$12-22 "the newly established Philomusica Quartet continues to bloom"
Oct 23 Sun 12-4 pm Family Day - arts and crafts, storytelling, games, food, Syrenka Children's Polish Folk Dance
Nov 4 Fr 7 pm Polish Vodka Tasting + buffet of Polish and American foods. \$23/\$25, designated drivers \$15

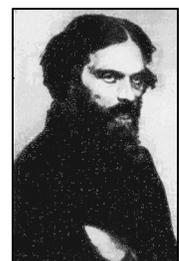
Minnesota:

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

From the Polish-American Journal + [www.polishsite](http://www.polishsite.com) - A website about Polish Culture

September wrzesień - from *wrzosy* - "heather" that beautifully purple in that time of the year

- 1 1939 Without declaring war, Nazi Germany attacks Poland
- 1683 **John II Sobieski** led allied forces to victory over invading Turks at Vienna
- 6 1921 Birth of **Korczak Ziolkowski**, sculptor of Crazy House in S. Dakota
- 7 1897 Polish coal miners shot during a strike NE Pennsylvania, the **Lattimer Massacre**
- 8 1939 German panzer units repulsed near Kutno along the **Bzura River**
- 15 1777 **General Casimir Pulaski** appointed general in the American Army
- 1821 Birth of author, poet and painter **Cyprian Kamil Norwid**.....
- 17 1939 Soviet Russian troops attack Poland on the east border
- 1900 After a Scranton, PA meeting, **the Polish National Catholic Church** is formed
- 19 1905 Birth of **Leon Jaworski**, Polish-American lawyer & Watergate prosecutor
- 24 1963 **John Gronouski** appointed Postmaster General, 1st Polish-American in the Cabinet
- 1939 Warsaw falls to Nazis, the Polish underground resistance begins
- 29 1856 Founding of St. Mary's, 1st Polish church in America, **Panna Maria, Texas**
- 1943 Birth of Polish labor leader and president **Lech Walesa**
- 1849 Birth of **Lt. Frederick Schwatka**, Polish American author, soldier and explorer of Alaska
- 30 1831 James Fennimore Cooper & General Lafayette provide aid during the **Polish Insurrection of 1830-31**



CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*



You are welcome/encouraged to share your news, celebrations, birthdays, & anniversaries!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! *Sto lat!*

9/4 Barbara Lomperski	9/21 Darlene Gaska
9/6 Marie Revolinski	9/25 Raina Haralampopoulos
9/7 Michael Marshall	9/28 Sandra Schmidt
9/9 Waclaw Szybalski	9/29 Michael Lomperski
9/20 Tony Ankowicz	9/30 Linda Kriz
9/20 Irene Swiggum	

RENEWALS: Katherine Blynn, Lori Beth Chalecki, Linda Ganski, Veronica Guski, Charley Rath sack, Jan & Judith Rapacz

June 18-26 S.E. Montana –



Board of Director **Stan Graiewski** (3rd from R) survived the three hour US Cavalry Staff Ride and other events at the Little Big Horn Battlefield. And he had fun!

July 16 PHCWI at OPERA IN THE PARK



Janice Czynson, Rose Meinholz & others with the Polish Flag at the top of Garner Park.

"One gorgeous, near perfect mid-summer evening, lounging for a few hours on the expansive lawn at Garner Park with several thousand friends...and music, really good music, played and sung very well indeed." - WI St J

GET WELL WISHES *by Marie Revolinski*

We're sending get well wishes to long-time members who are recovering from an illness and/or surgery: **Phil Flannery, Marek Hann, Bob Podgorski and Norm Revolinski.** Our positive, healing thoughts are being sent to each of you and your families. We wish a speedy recovery to all. If there is any illness or significant accomplishment that you would like to share with other club members, please contact Rose Meinholz, ED. **MUSICIANS NEEDED** A PHCWI member who plays the concertina and is looking for fellow musicians, such as someone who plays the drums, tuba, or trumpet. He would like to perform at some club events. Please contact Marie Revolinski at 222-2857.

July 17 PHCWI PICNIC at ELVER PARK



Barbara & Michael Lomperski

Thank you to organizers **John Benninghouse & Janice Czynson** and all who made for another pleasant Polish Club picnic.



This year we enjoyed much singing and music from:

Tom Wosikowski, Patricia Stone & Zbigniew Bielejewski.



Nov 9 PHCWI Book Group 7pm Warsaw 1944 **Kasia Krzyzostaniak** is hostess 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton (608) 836-8632 for a discussion about the 1944 Warsaw Uprising from a variety of personal stories, books, movies. <http://www.warsawuprising.com>

The PHCWI nominated Doug Jacobson for the WI Book Festival. He will read from and discuss his book **THE KATYN ORDER** on Oct. 22 at the WI Veteran's Museum. *"Jacobson's vivid description of the Poles' 63-day up-rising of 1944 to liberate Warsaw from Nazi German occupation is emotionally draining. The reader feels the exhaustion of the resistance fighters and the impact of mind-numbing death and destruction. The twists and turns of this story of love that blooms in the midst of abysmal horror, and the struggle to survive death at the hands of both the Nazis and the Soviets keep the reader on edge throughout the narrative."*

Sept 2012 Poland Trip Butch Luick and committee are working on a club trip to Poland. **Tomasz Borowiecki** – Warsaw, **Patricia Brinkman** – Gdańsk, and **Julie Brania** – Kraków. You are welcome to contact them for preliminary plans.

EVENTS

Sept 9-10 Wisconsin Dells Music Festival

1-800-497-9316 <http://www.dells.com/> \$20/day
All new Wisconsin Dells Music Fest at Mt. Olympus! Tickets include ALL attractions, rides and entertainment.
Bands include: Stas' Glonka's Chicago Masters, Polish Connections.



Sept 11 Mushroom Madness 9:30 – 4 pm

The Polish Center of Wisconsin

6941 S. 68th Street, Franklin, WI

(located between Rawson Ave. & Loomis Rd.)

Open to the public and free this year!

Learn to identify edible mushrooms in the wild and cultivate mushrooms at home.

- Speakers will discuss techniques, experts will lead a foray into the woods outside to identify mushrooms.
- Dr. Alan Parker will speak about mushrooms & folklore.
- Watch cooking demonstrations and enjoy an assortment of foods made with mushrooms for purchase.
- Visit the juried mushroom themed art exhibit.
- The Great Hall will showcase a farmer's market and business and organizations selling mushroom-related items and providing information on their activities.
- There will also be a Special 9/11 Memorial Service.

For more information, call (414) 529-2140

DOWNTOWN STEVENS POINT

DOZYNKI HARVEST FEST



SEPTEMBER 16 & 17,
MUSIC FOOD
DANCE COMPETITION

FRIDAY 4-8PM
NORM DOMBROWSKI &
HAPPY NOTES

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***Sept 21 Wed, then Tue for 10 weeks 10 - 12**

Chernobyl's Legacy: 25 Years Later Texts:

Chernobyl: The Event and Its Aftermath,

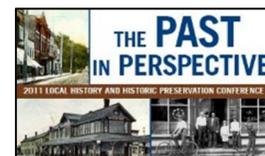
FOCCUS Wormwood Forest by Mary Mycio

The Sky Unwashed by Irene Zabytko." Contact:

Norma Berkowitz 231-3198 or njberkow@wisc.edu.

***Sept 30 Fridays 10-12 PLATO Travel** This fall we

will travel to Poland, Hungary, Egypt, Turkey and Greece. We will board a spaceship to reach the edge of the universe. No class size limit, or to pre-register.



"promises to be the biggest and best gathering of its kind"

Sept 23-24 Stevens Point 2011 Local History and Historic Preservation Conference

Friday 5-8 pm pre-registration req.

Reception, Dinner, Presentation –

Poles, Polkas, Pluralism, Wisconsin's Culture Wars

Learn why Poles were feared and reviled by politicians and professors in the late 19th and early 20th centuries for being Catholics, Slavs, and practitioners of Old World traditions. Then, how they endured "Polack jokes" in the 1960s and 1970s. Despite these obstacles, Wisconsin's Poles have sustained their heritage — through creative forms such as the polka — and continue to contribute significantly to the cultural pluralism distinguishing our state. Presenter Jim UW-Madison Professor of Folklore, is an expert in traditional & ethnic music, & WI traditions.

Norm Dombrowski and The Happy Notes

Come dance the polka, Wisconsin's state dance, with Polka Hall of Fame member Norm Dombrowski and the Happy Notes. The band has been playing Polish music since the late 1950s and is still one of the most popular polka bands today. This family band performs a musical style drawn from Polish-American polka traditions.

Saturday Polish Sites Bus Tour limit 30, pre-reg req.

In the 1850s Poles began settling in Portage County, with Stevens Point as the principal urban center. It became, and still is, one of the largest rural Polish-American communities in America. We'll tour the county and see how immigrant Poles embraced their ethnic roots by creating a distinctive landscape of brick farmhouses, sacred roadside shrines, & numerous churches. We'll also visit with Father Mankowski at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Polonia and hear the legendary stories of arson, dynamite, and battles with the bars in nearby Polish Corners. Tour Leaders Donna Zimmerman Associate Professor, UW-Stevens Point & Ron Zimmerman Dir. of the Schmeckle Reserve & Interpretive Consultant. http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/annual_convention.asp

MUSIC EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 13TH ANNUAL



CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION JUNE 19 AT POLISH FEST IN MILWAUKEE

From Madison 2011 SENIOR DIVISION 3rd Place

Suhong Jin (Age 16) –

Student of Shu-Ching Chuang

(\$ 75 – Sponsored by Steinway Piano Gallery of Milwaukee)

Szymon Wozniczka presented more Polish music on WORT 89.9 FM. **July 31** included KlezmaFour (at the High Noon Saloon 3/5), the Megitza Quartet (The Brink Lounge 8/11) and Dikanda (playing at The Brink 9/21).

Aug 29 on "Global Revolutions" he played Polish reggae. It's archived for 1 week at <http://archive.wort-fm.org/>

MadPolKA | Facebook Szymon Wozniczka
<http://madpolka2010.wordpress.com/>

MadPolKA stands for Madison - Poland Kultural Action. I am interested in promoting Polish culture in Madison, in the state of Wisconsin and even Midwest. I hope that this page will serve as a meeting place for people passionate about this topic. szymon2005@sbcglobal.net



Sept 9 Riverside Park West Bend, WI 9:15 pm BASIA at The Kettle Moraine Jazz Festival

"...an outdoor setting under a spacious tent surrounded by rolling hills and rustling trees..."

Singer-songwriter Basia Trzetrzelewska b.Jaworzno, Poland 1954 wrote: "The concert featured on "From Newport to London" was recorded in June 2011 in Łódź, in front of a very musical and enthusiastic audience, which helped us perform to our best. Being Polish, it was time to record a show in Poland!"

Sept 18 Audio for the Arts 7 S. Blair St. 7:30 pm RSVP 255-0511 \$10 Mikrokolekty

A jazz duo (trumpet, drums, electronics) from Wrocław. "...a new project of the trumpeter Artur Majewski and drummer Kuba Suchar, previously known from an outstanding Polish band Robotobibok. The two started playing in duo in 2004 as a freely improvising outfit in search of new solutions for a jazz duo, inspired by the likes of Don Cherry, Ed Blackwell and Max Roach. Their music is mainly acoustic, only with the minimoog and sampler in the background. This stripped down sound has helped these musicians find new freedom of expression and develop their own idiosyncratic sense of improvisation. Their style is strongly impressionist, somewhat melancholic, organically building musical microworlds. There is no doubt it is one of the finest Polish music around."

(Generous support for this show from Polish Cultural Institute)

Sept 21 Wed The Brink Lounge 8 pm

701 E Washington Ave (608) 661-8599 \$12

"Part 1 of this amazing night is Chick Singer Night

Part 2 Polish Folk Band, Dikanda

"The group was founded in 1997 in Szczecin. Passion for the traditional music and hard work let them create their own style and original sound. Their acoustic songs have been inspired wholly by Poland's folklore, Oriental culture, Balkan, Macedonian and Romanian. Typical Dikanda's style is creation of new words and meanings in composed songs, as well as traditional folk songs." "Dikanda's concerts are a unique journey round the music of the world, a spontaneous meeting full of energy, charisma, genuine passion, joy and emotion for the audience as well as the band itself."



Sept 23 Fri 9 pm Majestic Theatre 115 King Street (608) 255-0901 \$10 The Polish Ambassador

David Sugalski "a beat machine from the future. Hailing from the far reaches of other dimensional Universes and Oakland, CA. Join his army, help Polish annihilate bad beats marring the earth with shame and disgrace..... All 5 of his albums have obtained favorable press..... Synthesizers and a pure spirit are his primary weapons."

Sept 23 Farley's House of Pianos 7:30 pm 6522 Seybold Rd (608) 271-2626 \$30/\$25

Frank Glazer, Pianist

The Program includes: Chopin's Trois Études (composée pour la Méthole de Moscheles & Fétis) and compositions by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Liszt



Mr. Glazer (b. Chester, WI in 1915) first learned piano from his sister Bertha. He played in his brothers' and his Milwaukee North Division H.S. bands. After studies in Berlin, he taught piano in Cambridge, MA. In 1936 at his NY City's Town Hall debut, he played Bach, Brahms,

Schubert, and Chopin. In the 1950's he had his own TV show in Milwaukee *Playhouse 15*. He founded Maine's Saco River Festival, taught at the Eastman School of Music, and has been artist in residence at Bates College in Maine for over 25 years.

"I like to share something beautiful," he says. "The performer is a cryptographer who decodes the symbols on a page bringing it to sound."

Information from WIKIPEDIA and 10/9/2010

"At 95, pianist is still learning" by Bill Glauber

<http://www.jsonline.com/entertainment/arts/104618669.html>

Aug 17 at 7:30 Farley's House of Music the Mystery Pianist **Valentina Lisitsa** played Chopin and others.

~ EVENTS ~ we hope you can join us ~

Come meet the Professor & learn about Polish history.

Sat. Sept. 10 you are invited to an afternoon gathering

WHEN: 5-7 pm

WHERE: Tamarack Community Center

ADDRESS: 110 S. Westfield Rd

from WestTowne/Mineral Point Rd drive NORTH on Westfield Rd,
cross Tree Ln. The "TAMARCK CLUB" & parking lot is on your LEFT.
(it's ~0.3 miles from Mineral Pt Rd)

September 9 is the 90th birthday of PHCWI member Waclaw Szybalski.
The Professor asked us to commemorate the 1920 Battle of Zadworze,
which prevented Soviet forces from seizing Lwów.

Tyrone and Janet Greive will play a selection of Polish violin and cello music.
We'll supply beverages & dishes.

*Please bring food to share: A-K hot dishes/salads M-Z snacks/desserts

*Please let us know if you are coming so we have enough supplies

Kasia Krzyzostaniak (608) 836-8632 Ewa Miernowski (608) 467-7992



with his Grand Cross
PHCWI picnic July 17

October 15 FALL TRIP ! OLD WORLD WISCONSIN

60 miles SE of Madison

1.5 mi. south of Eagle on Hwy 67

oldworldwisconsin.org (262) 594-6300

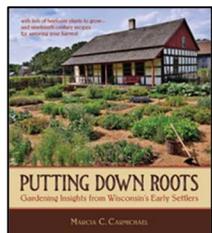
by Marie Revolinski

October 15 is the PHCWI trip to Eagle, Wisconsin to visit Old World Wisconsin (OWW), the outdoor Museum of Immigrant Farm and Village Life.

At OWW the lives and times of our immigrant forefathers are played out daily.

Authentically costumed historical interpreters show what life was like in 19th century Wisconsin as they re-create scenes from daily farm and village life. The PHCWI visited OWW several years ago and later joined with other clubs to help present a true Polish exhibit at this important site, some of us continue to make annual visits.

It is once again time to visit and enjoy the beautiful fall weather together.



After a one hour tour by author Marcia Carmichael, "*Putting Down Roots: Gardening Insights from Wisconsin's early Settlers*" we can see all the wonderful exhibits. The tram ride is included.

Lunch is available in the Clausing Barn. Please join us for this fun, informative trip.

We're looking forward to a day of seeing our old friends and meeting new! More details coming soon!

For information and carpooling, contact:

Barbara Lomperski (608) 238-9189 lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com or

Marie Revolinski (608) 222-2857 marierev@charter.net

From the WI STATE JOURNAL story:

"Carmichael said the best cooks were Polish immigrants.

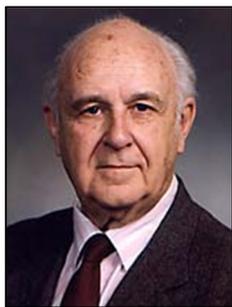
'They had the most interesting food, and the most variety.

In Europe, they had the influences of France and Italy on their cooking."

Also see the July/August 2011 PHCWI newsletter story about Old World Wisconsin.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU - WACLAW SZBALSKI



An esteemed scientist, an old-world gentleman who still makes women blush on kissing their hand during an introduction, is our featured member this month. The PHCWI is fortunate to be able to claim Waclaw Szybalski as a member of our club. He holds five doctoral degrees, and is credited with laying the foundation for genetic engineering, and providing the tools for its progression.

Waclaw was born in Lwów on September 9, 1921. He and his younger brother, Stanislaw, had well-educated parents and "a wonderful childhood in a beautiful country." Eight days after his 19th birthday, just as he was starting classes at Lwów Institute of Technology, World War II started. Germany attacked from the west, and the USSR from the east. Within a month, Lwów was occupied by the Soviets, and twenty percent of the population was deported to Siberia. The Szybalski family was spared this fate because they worked in Professor Rudolf Weigl's anti-typhus laboratories making vaccines which would be used for soldiers. (The lice were fed human blood by letting them suck on human legs through a screen.) The laboratory was also used to make explosives for the resistance, of which Waclaw was a participant. (Waclaw was able to smuggle the vaccines to the Warsaw ghetto.) The Lwów Institute remained open, and Waclaw earned his undergraduate degree. Today he continues to work on commemorating Dr. Weigl's important and unique work in Lwów.

After the war, the USSR deported most of the Polish population from eastern Poland to central Poland, and annexed the Eastern area. With only a loaf of bread in his knapsack, Szybalski made his way to Gdansk, and worked as a food plant inspector. He helped to rebuild the devastated Gdansk Institute of Technology and then continued his education while teaching at a high school and at the Institute. During this period, his mentor, Professor Adolf Joszt, who had directed his interests from traditional chemistry to genetics and biotechnology, helped him get his formal degree in chemistry.

In 1946, Niels Bohr (the prominent physicist), invited Polish post-graduate students to study in Copenhagen, Denmark. Waclaw worked in yeast expert Ojvind Winge's lab, which was sponsored by Carlsberg Brewery and, therefore yeasts were of special interest. He earned his doctorate, and published his first article in a Polish publication. (and published in NATURE in 1950)

In 1949 he returned to Gdansk to attend a Microbial Society conference. His parents & Dr. Weigl gave a farewell dinner - they knew he was going to the USA. He received notice that his school had dismissed him; this allowed Waclaw to leave Poland without repercussions to his family. He accepted a position with the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York. In 1960 he moved to Wisconsin to work at the UW-Madison McArdle Laboratories for Cancer Research.

His work showing the development of antibody resistance led to the use of multidrug therapy. He demonstrated a method to isolate human cell mutants and show their genetic transformation. His methods made it easier to sequence DNA. Waclaw's work made it possible for Cesar Milstein to win the 1984 Nobel Prize for his work with monoclonal antibodies.

At the 2001 Annual Casimer Funk Natural Science Award ceremony in New York City, the awards committee stated, "Dr. Szybalski is one of the world's outstanding molecular biologists. Almost every field of molecular biology of microorganisms and human cells has been touched by Dr. Szybalski's ingenious work." Dr. Szybalski founded the magazine GENE and authored over 400 articles in textbooks or other publications.

Professor Szybalski's son lives in Florida and Chicago, a daughter lives in Arizona. His brother, Stanislaw, is now living in Punta Gorda, FLA. Waclaw enjoys the theater, classical music, swimming, skiing and sailing. At the PHCWI Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner/Dance he proved to be a mighty fine dancer too!

Some of the Professor's wishes for the club: concerts, lectures featuring Polish people or subjects, travelogues, and perhaps evening discussions on intelligent topics. He would like to see the Polish community contact the media in regard to Polish news, and educate the public about Poland - its social concerns and achievements

On May 3, 2011 Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski



awarded Professor Szybalski the Grand Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (Rebirth of Poland) - in recognition of "extraordinary and distinguished service."

Professor Szybalski's writings include:

*Recollections of 1939 -1949: From Politechnika Lwowska to Politechnika Gdanska <http://www.lwow.com.pl/szybalski.htm>

*The genius of Rudolf Stefan Weigl (1883-1957), a Lvovian microbe hunter and breeder. - In memoriam <http://www.lwow.home.pl/Weigl/in-memoriam.html>

2010 was the 20th UW-Madison Polish Film Festival. This year it is not at the Cinematheque, but here are Polish films:



4070 Vilas Hall * 821 University Avenue * Madison, WI * 53706

Sept 18 Sun 2 pm (Part 1) Sept 25 Sun 2 pm (Part 2)

Shoah France, 1985, 35mm, 315 min., subtitled
 DIR Claude Lanzmann's landmark 10-hour documentary presents an oral history of the systematic extermination of the Jews by the Nazis in Treblinka, Auschwitz, Chelmno, and other concentration camps. Lanzmann uses no archival footage, but instead takes his cameras to the camp sites and photographs them as they appeared in the early 1980s. He also interviews numerous camp survivors. "There is no proper response to this film. It is an enormous fact, a 550-minute howl of pain & anger in the face of genocide. It is one of the noblest films ever made." (Roger Ebert). Newly restored 35mm print.

This screening was made possible, in part, through generous contributions from the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies & the Beth Israel Center. Special thanks Laurie Silverberg & Stefanie Rose.

Nov 12 Sat 7 pm Essential Killing Carnage

Poland/Norway/Ireland/Hungary, 2010, 35mm, 83 min.
 DIR Jerzy Skolimowski Vincent Gallo gives a mesmerizing performance as a hunted jihadist in this visceral survival adventure by Polish master Skolimowski.

**The Polish Heritage Club of WI, Inc.,
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 Madison, WI 53744-5438**

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• Birthday(s)/Anniversary _____

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