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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the cooler days of summer have arrived, and that we are starting to get some rain, we can look forward to mowing the grass again. It has been a busy month with setting up the Solidarity display at the end of June, then the reception on July 16 with a talk given by Neale Pease. On July 24th we dismantled the display and it is now on its way back to Poland. I do hope that our members took the time to visit the exhibition.

Finally, we had our Club picnic this past weekend. I was hoping to see a few more of our members in attendance. We did try out our new griddle and it worked very well. We served kielbasa, sauerkraut, a variety of hot dishes, salads, and desserts. We were also entertained by **Patricia Stone and Tom Wosikowski**, their music was great.

Thank you to all who helped with these events.

Butch

9 am Aug 3 Polish Club Breakfast Friends

1st Friday at Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Road, off the South Beltline.

Please call Barb if you need a ride 238-9189

This year's picnic raffle winners:

Pierogies & sauerkraut – Ted Mianowski
Polish beer – Fred Janeczek
Kielbasa & sauerkraut – Michael Lomperski
Polish vodka – Ted Mianowski

Dziękuję to picnic organizers

Tomasz Borowiecki and Irene Swiggum,
and to grill-master **Butch Luick.**

Aug 18 Polish Heritage Celebration at Old World Wisconsin, Eagle WI

Celebrate Wisconsin's Polish heritage at the largest outdoor museum of rural life in the U.S. If you would like to attend this event with club members, some of us will leave from Madison's east side at 9 am. MEET US AT: Menard's 6401 Cops Ave. OR ~10 at Old World's Gift Shop. Please call with any questions. *See story inside.*

10:30 procession to the wayside cross

* Visit the historic Kurza house

* Make herb bouquets, wycinanki

1-4 pm book signing with Susan Gibson Mikos, author of the 2012 '*Poles in Wisconsin.*'

Watch for more details at OWW's website.

Aug 24-26 QuoVadis Chicago 2012



The annual conference for college and graduate students, as well as young professionals of Polish descent, is in Chicago for the first time. Theme: *Modern Leaders: Own your Identity.* Tentative topics/schedule:

*The Power of Networking: Strengthening Our Global Ties, *Modern Poland: What it really means on both sides of the Atlantic, *Creating a Modern Polish Identity in North America, *PIAST study: An Overview of a modern American of Polish Descent, *Need for Mentoring: A Tool to Integrate Generations, *Forming a Political Voice, *Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, *Dinner Boat Cruise.

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Patricia Stone and Tom Wosikowski

*L to R.....Butch, Tomasz,
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2012 Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

1st Friday 9 am **PHCWI Breakfast Friends Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd.**
1st Sunday WI Dells 5 pm Mass in Polish ST. CECILIA's 603 Oak St (Polish Translator Iwona Pakos (608) 254-8381
 alt. W/Th UW-Madison Polish Student Assoc. "Polski Stół" Sebastian Jankowski (650) 714-9890 <https://win.wisc.edu/organization/psa>
Aug 16 & 17 WI PUBLIC TV Rick Steves' Europe Poland Rediscovered: Krakow, Auschwitz and Warsaw
Aug 18 Sat Old World Wisconsin 10-5 pm *Polish Heritage Celebration* 1-4 pm book signing with Susan Gibson Mikos
Sept 14-15 F-Sa 4:30-9 pm and 7 am – 7 pm **PHCWI at Dozynki Harvest Fest, Stevens Point**
Sept 18-Oct 16 *Central European cities transformed* UW-Continuing Studies Chazen Museum, 800 University Ave
October – Polish American Heritage Month
Oct 12-13 F-Sa Amer. Assoc. Teachers of Slavic & E. European Languages (AATSEEL), WI Chapter Conference, UW-Madison
Oct 15 Mon 7 pm Lauren Redniss, *"Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie, A Tale of Love and Fallout,"* UW-Madison Union South
Nov 3 Sat **PHCWI Christmas Bazaar West Side Club, 437 S. Junction Road**
Nov 11 Sun time TBA - **WI Book Festival reading & PHCWI reception for Poles in Wisconsin by Susan Gibson Mikos**
Nov/Dec Polish Film Festival, UW-Madison
Dec 1 Sat **PHCWI Wigilia – reservations needed**

Portage Co. & other events from the Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, polkaruth@hotmail.com and others....

Aug 5 St Adalbert's Church Picnic, <u>Rosholt</u>	Aug 19 St. John's Annual Polish Picnic, <u>Princeton</u>
Aug 11-12 St. Therese Picnic, <u>Schofield</u>	Aug 26 St Mary's Parish Picnic, <u>Arnott</u>
Aug 12 St Bartholomew's Church Picnic, <u>Stevens Point</u>	Aug 31-Sept 3 Portage County Fair, <u>Rosholt</u>
Aug 19 Sacred Heart Church Picnic, <u>Custer</u>	Sept 7-9 Pacelli High School Panacea, <u>Stevens Point</u>
Aug 19 St Stanislaus Church Fest, <u>Rockford IL</u>	Oct 13 St Therese Church Polish Fest, <u>Schofield</u>

Chicago:

Aug 12 Polish Museum of America Polish Genealogical Soc. Meeting: Richard Kujawa discusses Paderewski + a tour of his room.
 Aug 24-26 *Quo Vadis Chicago 2012* Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Place & other venues
 Aug 31-Sept 3 *Taste of Polonia* (music on 5 stages, Mass, arts & crafts) Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence

Milwaukee:

Sept 9 Polish Center of Wisconsin *Mushroom Madness* with the WI Mycological Soc. - demons, speakers, & mushroom items.
 October Sun POLANKI'S Soup Festival Norway House, 7507 West Oklahoma Avenue
 O 26-8/N 2-4 *"Irena's Vow"* Renaissance Theater at Cardinal Stritch Univ, 6801 N. Yates Rd
 Nov 16-18 *Holiday Folk Fair* WI State Fair Park, 640 South 84th Street, West Allis

Minnesota:

Aug 11-12 *Polish Festival on the Mississippi Riverbank* Twin Cities
 Aug 15 Wed *Blessing of Flowers (Feast of Assumption)* Winona Polish Cultural Institute 102 Liberty St.



THE YEAR
OF JANUSZ
KORCZAK

2012

there are
no children,
only people

Nie ma dzieci, są ludzie

from *The Polish Cultural Institute New York* <http://www.polishculture-nyc.org/?eventId=1939.....> "August 5, 2012 will mark seventy years since beloved educator, physician, author, and defender of children's rights, **Janusz Korczak**, [as director of the Warsaw Ghetto orphanage], was ordered by Nazi authorities to assemble the two hundred children under his charge for transport. Refusing offers to escape from the ghetto, Korczak and his assistant of thirty years, Stefania Wilczynska, accompanied the children in quiet protest accepting whatever consequences awaited them at Treblinka. The Polish Parliament has voted to celebrate the memory of Janusz Korczak in 2012 by declaring "The Year of Janusz Korczak."

Korczak had early success as a writer, but chose to study medicine and later to specialize in pediatrics and child psychology, because he valued this practical work as direct service to the world. He was conscripted in 1905 as a physician in the Russian army during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05, returning in 1906, then serving again during the First World War, and paid close attention not only to the injuries inflicted on the combatants but to the social costs of war and the suffering of innocent children that resulted from the decisions of adults.

This idea that adults do not always merit their superiority over children by virtue of the wisdom that allegedly accrues with age is a theme that runs through many of Korczak's writings, such his classic pedagogical work that originated as a pamphlet of advice for parents and teachers, *How to Love a Child* (1919-20), his novel, *King Matt the First* (1923), and his manifesto, *"The Child's Right to Respect"* (1929), which established many ideas that would become integrated into the twentieth-century discourse of children's rights."

CLUB & MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*



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

8/7 Ann Urbanowicz	8/24 Tomek Krzyczostaniak
8/14 Frank Urbanowicz,	8/27 Kuba Krzyczostaniak
8/15 Christel Szopieray	8/29 Donna Perzewski
8/18 Estelle Syrk	

July 18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

- * The 2012 PHCWI Scholarship winner is Katelyn Noelle Ankowicz, daughter of Deb and Tony (story in future).
- *Planned for the Stevens Point *Dozynki* Harvest Fest 9/14-15.
- *Irene Swiggum is contacting the Children's Museum.
- * A committee will work on a point system for evaluating scholarship applications.
- *Tomasz Borowiecki & Michael Lomperski are meeting with the Consulate-General of Poland in Chicago to obtain educational materials and develop an education plan for the club.
- *Discussed participating in local parades and other events.

Welcome to our new Board of Director

Linda Cagle was appointed to the BOD to fill Adam Grabski's position. She lives on the east side of Madison and is originally from West Warwick, Rhode Island, moving to Madison in 1968.... "This move was only going to be temporary for a couple of years and then I would return to Rhode Island. That temporary situation is going on 44 years. My maiden name is Pojda (the other half of me is French). My grandfather came from a little village in Warzyce (Austria) Poland (which is ~ 2 hours east of Cracow) and immigrated in 1900. From what I have been told, my grandmother came from Wadowice, Poland, but there seems to be a Budapest, Hungary connection I am still trying to solve. I never knew my grand-parents as they died before I was born. My father was the 10th child of 14, and I didn't really become obsessively interested in my Polish heritage until 1991 when I took two genealogy classes at the UW-Madison to learn more about tracing my Polish ancestry. Ultimately, I did find my grandfather's half-sister's family still living in that same little village in Poland, and in 1997 and again in 2000, I was fortunate enough to be able to visit them and see my Polish roots first hand.

I have one daughter (Kristin) who lives with her husband and two grandchildren that I adore (Alia and Evan) not very far from where I live. Still live in Rhode Island are my sister (Rhonda), my niece, great nephew and great niece. I am 'retired,' but previously was an Office Manager/Assistant Warehouse Manager at Central Storage and Warehouse, and an event and meeting planner at CUNA Mutual Group." Linda has helped at the Bazaar and Wigilia and was co-chair of the 2012 Spring Festival, and did inventory after events. Her goals for the club: "I would surely like to figure out a way to involve the younger generation more, but this could be difficult - by the time they are really interested, they are my age.

***Did you receive an email reminder** about the Solidarity lecture, the picnic and other events? If not, we do not have your current email. If you would like to be on the list (emails sent only several times/year) OR if you would like to be takeoff the list, please contact:

Jane Dunn, Membership gwtwfidld1@tds.net

May 12th Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona Szymon Wozniczka and Suzanne Mendoza



Congratulation on your marriage! *gratulacje z okazji ślubu*
Photo by Ania Fields www.aniafieldsphotoart.com/

Sept 28-29 Dr Wacław Szybalski Krakow

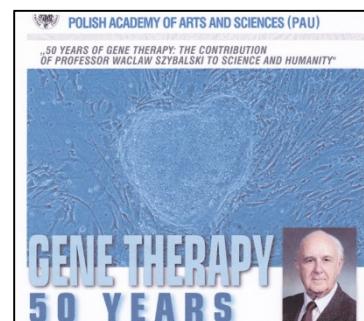
Edited from the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences website :

"In 1962 the landmark discovery for the future of the molecular biology and medicine was made. At McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research at the UW-Madison, Dr. Wacław Szybalski and Dr Elizabeth Szybalska performed the ingenious experiment...they added

DNA from normal cells to treated cells ...the treated cells started to grow. Prof. Szybalski proposed that such an approach – an introduction of the correct genes into the cells – could be used for therapeutic purposes. Hence he coined the term "gene therapy"...Moreover, the gene transfer technology, which the Szybalskis' experiments demonstrated to be possible, has become the everyday tools for molecular biologists.

The achievements and life of Prof. Szybalski will be presented by his students and co-workers and the lectures will be given by the foreign and Polish scientists involved in the gene therapy field. ...Please come and join us at this exceptional gathering to taste the incredible past, presence and fascinating future of genetic technology."

At the July Book Group, Dr. Szybalski told about his meetings with Hilary Koprowski, the subject of "Listen to the Music," and the importance of his polio research. Good travel wishes!



Nov 11 Sun Book Group at WI Book Festival time TBA

Polish Heritage Club and WI Historical Society nominated author Susan Gibson Mikos will read from and discuss her 2012 book *Poles in Wisconsin* at the WI BOOK FESTIVAL.

We will sponsor a reception and display. The book is available from the WI Historical Society and at Old World WI's Aug 18 Polish Heritage Celebration 1-4 pm book signing. Nov. 11 is Poland's Independence Day & Saint Marcin's Day.

Kasia & Marian Krzyczostaniak plan to again make *rogale świętomarcińskie*, crescent-shaped sweet-rolls with poppy seed-almond filling, Poznań's St Marcin's Day tradition.

DOES YOUR NEWSLETTER SAY 2012 ON THE MAILING LABEL? IF NOT, IT IS TIME TO RENEW.

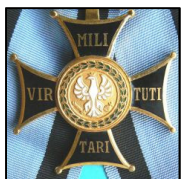
Paul P. Segal, M.D. (Jan 29, 1919-June 26, 2012) was one of Madison's Polish Heritage Club's founders. He usually attended our annual Wigilia with his wife Maria Agres-Segal. Due to planned eye surgery, he did not attend in 2011. That hospital stay led to more health problems. We extend our sympathies to Maria, and to his sister, Wiktoria Malewska of Stockholm, Sweden.

Paweł Segał went to school in Rovno, now the city of Rivne (*Równe* in Polish) in western Ukraine. He told about some of his WWII experiences during author Douglas Jacobson's talk at the 2009 Wisconsin Book Festival, and wrote a 7 page story in Polish about one incident with his Special Forces Battalion of the Polish Army in Russia "*So Far from Home.*" Most of these stories are from Stacy Mauer and Bob Harrison, who worked with Paul in the UW Dept. of Ophthalmology.

At the start of the war, Paul was attending a Russian medical school, so he enlisted in the Red Army. He parachuted behind enemy lines with one other person, a female radio operator. During the first 13 days, they slept in their parachutes, their only protection from the elements. They made contact with the partisans, and spent the next 3 months relaying vital information about German troop movements. When some Polish children came to cut a Christmas tree, they were reported to the Germans. During hand-to-hand combat with a German officer, one of the partisans shot the German officer, and accidentally fired a second round that struck Paul in the hand, so he lost one finger.

After the war, he became a professor of Ophthalmology at the WAM School of Medicine, the Military Medical Academy, in Łódź, Poland. He lost his job when the 1968 student rebellions were blamed on Jews. (His grandfather was Jewish.) Paul's wife was able to work as a night shift physician at a huge textile factory. He immigrated to the USA, came to Madison in the 1970's, and did research at the UW Ophthalmology and Visual Services. He authored six Ophthalmology Textbooks and many research papers. When Irena Fraczek's mother came from Poland, she recognized Dr. Segal as the one who had done Irena's eye surgery when she was 6 years old.

Paul learned that his mother was captured by the Nazis, but his father escaped. When soldiers came to the hospital where his father worked, they were directed down the hall. A family hid his father for several years, but he became careless, worked in the garden, etc. and was captured just before the end of the war. Paul's sister became a dentist in Sweden. Per Maria's wishes, she will be getting his papers and medals. He was a Colonel in the Polish Army. Among various military

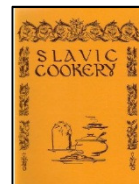


decorations, the medals he most treasured were the *War Order of Virtuti Militari* (Poland's highest military decoration for heroism and courage at war time) and the *Order of the Red Star* (medal for bravery of the Soviet Union.)

At Paul's funeral at Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Msgr. Fiedler told us Maria was too weak to attend, and asked for our prayers. He talked about how the events of history shaped Paul, how he worked to help others, and that the UW-Madison benefited by his choice to come to America

Lydia B. Kalaida Dec 19, 1923 – July 5, 2012 was an associate professor of Russian Language at UW-Madison and director of the UW Slavic Choir. She loved to include some of the beautiful Polish Christmas carols in her Slavic Choir performances. She was born in New York, the daughter of Boris & Nataliya Kalaida. Her funeral service was held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Memorials may be made to Olbrich Botanical Gardens or to the Dane County Humane Soc. Lydia's Slavic cooking classes led to the 1982 publication of *SLAVIC COOKERY*. The 6th edition was published in July '06. The following contributed recipes to the Polish section: Lidia Wojtowicz, Irene Pronin Pantos, Helen Zawacki, Ewa Hann, Tania El Wakil and Xenia Gąsiorowska. Professor Edmund Zawacki, of the Dept. of Slavic Languages & a Polish Heritage Club founder, edited the original cultural information about these nationalities: Czech, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian.

The cookbooks are available at University Book Store and The Rolling Pin Bakery at 2935 S. Fish Hatchery Rd \$19.95



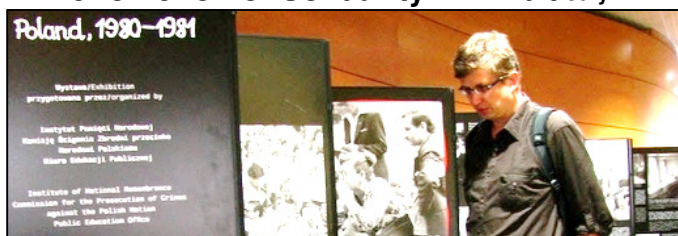
from *The Capital Times* Sept 9, 1976
SLAVIC COOKERY TO BE OFFERED

"The aromatic scent of herbs will emanate from the kitchen of University Methodist United Center at 1127 University Ave Wednesday nights as eight Madison women of Slavic origin teach Russian, Polish, and Serbian cooking in a UW-Extension class...Although all are otherwise busy in careers or civic affairs, they are determined that Slavic cookery will not become a lost art in Madison, says Lydia Kalaida coordinator of the class. Kalaida has taught Russian in the Slavic department since 1960 and is the organizer and director of the Slavic Choir... The cookbook, which the women have assembled for class participants, is illustrated with Slavic figures and motifs. Preceding the chapter on the cookery of the three countries is an authoritative and informative section on the influences which have affected the development of each nation's cuisine. The chapter on Poland points out that at the height of glory in the 16th century, the country had a constitutional monarchy with elective kings, some of whom were of French, Hungarian, Swedish, or Saxon origin. All added something to the Polish table, the most notable being French sauces and salads and German potatoes. When the Italian bride of King I came to Poland in 1518 she introduced artichokes, cauliflower and the as well as the vegetable broth that forms the basis of the delicious Polish soups..."

Paul Segal cont... instead of Israel. Paul liked to travel, he ran marathons, rode his bike to work, and filled his home with 4,000 books. He did 4 parachute jumps in one day to celebrate his 80th birthday!

Stacy wrote "I always enjoyed a challenging dialog with Paul, whether it was politics, religion or even something as simple as the best route to take when driving through Madison. He was full of many fascinating stories and was never afraid to tell you when he thought you were wrong (which was quite often). I learned about a different side of history from his "story" and came to understand how his politics and outlook on life came to be shaped. He was a fascinating man and I will hold his memory close to my heart. Rest in peace, Paul. You will be missed." *Thank you to Dr. Yoram Shenker and Irena Fraczek for their contributions to this story.*

"Phenomenon of Solidarity" Exhibit July 7-24



Photos by Irena Fraczek

Szymon Wozniczka

Madison was the last U.S. stop of the exhibition "*The Phenomenon of 'Solidarity': Pictures from the History of Poland 1980-1981*," organized by the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw, Poland to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the movement.



Thank you especially to Jennifer Tishler, CREECA Associate Director, who organized the exhibit and communicated with Warsaw's IPN Instytut Pamięci Narodowej.

CREECA photo

July 16th the UW's Center for Russia, East Europe, Central Asia (CREECA) & the PHCWI hosted a lecture/reception at the Memorial Library. CREECA's Director, Yoshiko Herrera, introduced Neal Pease, Professor of History UW-Milwaukee. His lecture: "*Polish Solidarity, a Retrospective: The Workers' Revolution that Toppled the 'Workers' State*," used photos from the exhibit.



The trade union's membership grew to 10 million, over 1/4 of the population. Aug. 31, 1980 all 21 of the Gdansk Accords were signed – giving the right to free trade unions and the right to strike. Poland was "a country mobilized for democracy."

What is Solidarity's legacy? Poland is a different country now: prosperous, democratic, secure, not in immediate danger from its neighbors, people smile on the streets, and Poland contributes to world affairs – thanks to 30 years ago when Solidarity refused to give up.

Professor Pease recommended these resources:

- *The "Solidarity" phenomenon <http://www.solidarity.gov.pl/>
- *Virtual Tour of Gdańsk's Solidarity Museum *Roots of Freedom*
- *Institute of National Memory, Warsaw
- *Robotnicy 80. (see www.youtube.com).
- *Timothy Garton Ash *The Polish Revolution: Solidarity, 1980-2*

The exhibit came with 2 photo books, and the Memorial Library had a display case with Solidarity items.

See David Giffey *Remembering Solidarity* at FightingBob.com

Thank you for the reception help, food and exhibit setup/takedown from: **Tomasz Borowiecki, Linda Cagel, Delores Hurlburt, Barb & Mike Lomperski, Butch Luick, Rose Meinholz, Pam Pasowicz, Julita Zolnick, , Jeff Gayton** from Memorial Library, Csanád Siklós & Brandon Olsen (CREECA). Most of our provided food was gone, and many of the ~50 audience members stayed to talk and view the exhibit.

CREECA photo:



WaclawS, MikeL, TomaszB, LindaC, RoseM, ButchL, Malgorzata D



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NEW Central European cities transformed

The metropolises of Central Europe have witnessed many political and social upheavals in the modern era: the dissolution of empires, the rise of radical ideologies, wars, and revolutions. What physical remnants of this past remain in cities like Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Warsaw, and Berlin? In this five-session class we investigate these fascinating locales through the lens of art history, social history, and urban planning.

Instructor: Annie Krieg (PhD, Univ. of Pittsburgh) has taught art history at Lawrence Univ. and at Washington and Jefferson College. Her research on architecture and modern history often takes her to East Central Europe.

Date: Tues, Sept 18-Oct 16, 7-8:30 pm

Location: Chazen Museum, 800 University Ave

Details: 0.8 CEU, Program #5708 **Cost:** \$58 To register call 608-262-2451, or info at www.catalog.dcs.wisc.edu

Genealogy Corner by Joanna Pasowicz

Hello again! I have finally taken one day to work on my Family History. Did have some success for my brother, found out quite a bit of information on his first wife. I knew her name, and they were married in California, but that was all. So I was able to update that information. Was also able to help by e-mail a young lady to find some of her family. She had been adopted and had to wait until she was 21 to see her birth certificate. Am glad to help people to find their families. Don't get out much so doing this type of work helps, as it puts me in touch with other people. In the winter, it is the ice & snow, in the summer it is the extreme heat and humidity.

I keep wondering how everyone is doing with their genealogy?? If you are having success and this column helps, please let me know. Searching is difficult, but I just read the Ancestry Insider and he mentions using an * after a name so you get variations of the name on the Family Search Site.

Good luck with your research.

- Joanna

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Aug. 18 Sat Polish Heritage Celebration Old World Wisconsin 10 am–5 pm



W372 S9727 Hwy 67 PO Box 69 Eagle, WI
1.5 mi. south of Eagle, 60 mi SE of Madison

OLD WORLD WISCONSIN IS OPEN 10 – 5 PM

Schedule:

10:30 Procession to the wayside cross in honor of Assumption Day on August 15.

We invite all our guests to join us.

2-5 Wycinanki paper cutting demonstration

All day: designs and colored paper for making your own wycinanki, also making pierogies & herb bouquets.

*Tentative plans as of this printing:

- A straw weaving artist
- Musicians playing traditional Polish music
- Polish food in the restaurant

Check the Old World website for future updates:
<http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/>

If you would like to attend this event with club members, some of us will leave from Madison's east side at 9 am.

MEET US AT: Menard's parking lot, 6401 COPPS AVE facing east toward the Meriter Clinic. **FROM THE SOUTH BELTLINE** (US-12 W/US-18) EXIT 266 to US-51 N/Stoughton Rd, then left onto E Broadway, right onto Copps Ave. Menards.

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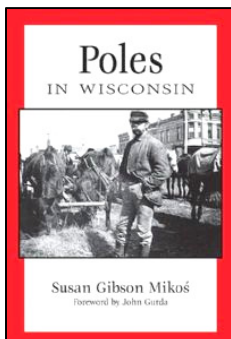
JOIN US AT: ~10-10:15 at Old World WI's Gift Shop.

Please call us with any questions, to let us know if you are coming, and if you will need a ride. It will be nice to see you for this Old World WI Polish Heritage Celebration, the first Polish day event since 1996!

Marie Revolinski (608) 222-2857 marierev@charter.net OR
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from OWW's website:

Old World WI documents the settlement of 19th- & early 20th-century Wisconsin. It comprises an 1870s cross-roads village and 10 ethnic farmsteads located on 576 acres of wooded hills in the Southern Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest.



After Germans, Poles are the largest ethnic group in Wisconsin. Celebrate the heritage and customs of this storied immigrant group, beginning with the site's Kruza farmstead.

Then, stop in at the museum store from 1–4 pm for a book signing with Susan Gibson Mikos, author of the new Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, 'Poles in Wisconsin.'

Ticket Info:

Adults \$16; children (5-17) \$9 (children under 5 are free);
Students and senior citizens (65 and over) \$14;
Family (2 adults and 2 or more dependent children 5-17) \$43.
Fees include an all-day tram transportation pass.

Phone: For recorded information call 262-594-6300; during operating hours call 262-594-6301.

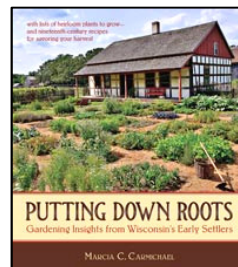


The Kurza House - Historical Society photo

Wisconsin has one of North America's largest collections of stovewood structures. Their builders used whatever wood was available, cut the pieces uniform and short (16 – 18") and set them in mortar. Norwegian, Finnish, German, and Polish settlements used this type of practical construction in NW and NE Wisconsin. The Kurza House was built ~ 1884 in Shawano County, and used as a combination house and barn. When the Historical Society decided to move it to Eagle, WI, the structure was measured and photographed. All 500 pieces of stovewood had a coded metal tag. The lime mortar easily crumbled apart from the stovewood, and 3 men did the dismantling & loading of the building in two and a half work days. In Jefferson Co, restorationists used white cedar from Price Co. to replace lost or rotted stovewood pieces. A Kurza granddaughter told historians what she remembered about where to place the wood burning stove, bed, and worktable. Now in Jefferson County the Kurza House shows us how early Polish immigrants lived. Information from *Wisconsin Architect Nov/Dec1990 "Perpetuating the Stovewood Tradition: The Kruza House Restoration"* by Martin C. Perkins

from the booklet: **Twenty-Fifth Anniversary 1979-2004 Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin, Inc.**

"....The first PHCWI trip to OWW as a club was held in 1992, others were in 1995 and 1996. By 1995, the description of the Kruza house in the brochure was improved, as were staffing levels. PHCWI member **Andrea Rolich** became a member of the OWW Polish Advisory Board, and the PHCWI was kept informed of developments. In 1996 the site included an interpretive panel and wayside shrine, both suggested by the Polish Heritage Club. In 1996 OWW held its first Polish Heritage Day, in which the efforts of the PHCWI played an important role... In 1998 the PHCWI visited the area of Polish settlement northwest of Green Bay, from where the Kruza House was transferred to Old World Wisconsin."



Historic Gardens Coordinator Marcia Carmichael's 2011 book tells the story of the Kruza House, describes Polish gardens and includes 6 recipes in Chapter 8 "Polish Settler Gardens" "Diligence, Persistence and Thrift."

There are many volunteer opportunities, gardening and more, see.....<http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/>

“Something for everyone at Polish Fest “

by Rose Meinholz Milwaukee June 17

Roni Guski, Basia Pulz & I attended this year's Polish Fest Mass in the covered Cultural Stage Pavillion. Led by the choir from several parishes, we sang in Polish and English.



During his homily about the mustard seed, Father Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., Marquette University's first Polish-American President, told about Marquette first flying him to see Green Bay's Lambeau Field. This convinced his father that the move to WI was right for his son

The Village Green had Highland (Tatra) Sheepdogs to pet, and artists displaying their work. We used Jerry Moskaluk's area as our meeting place – he paints Polish scenes on linden and catalpa leaves, and on glass too. Basia told about sunflowers (Słonecznik *swoh-netch-nick*) growing in every garden by Polish homes, so I was pleased to purchase one of his sunflower paintings. We asked about his daughter, **Mary Schumacher**, our former club President, living now in S. Carolina. Twenty-five restaurants offered Polish cuisine this year, so we found pierogi & plenty more to eat while listening to Grammy award winner Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra on the Miller Stage. The Sukiennice Marketplace is nearby, we listened to music the while looking at Bolesławiec pottery, amber jewelry, Polish linens, hand-carved wooden boxes and T-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, flags, CDs and more. We walked around, and when we got too warm, we walked to the lake where there is always a nice cool breeze.



The Cooking Demo tent smelled of dill when Roni and I met for the making of the cucumber dish *mizeria*. Later they made a blueberry soup. Basia and I learned about and listened to different Polish bagpipes! Folk Art demos were: wycinanki (paper cutting), pisanki (decorated eggs), wianki (floral head

wreaths), straw crafts and wood carvers. Milwaukee area Polish organizations told about their groups' activities, and the Genealogy area was busy. The Restore Kosciuszko Monument Project continues working toward their \$360,000 goal to repair the historic bronze sculpture on Milwaukee's south side.

At the Polish Forum, Neal Pease, UW-Milwaukee History Professor, spoke about "*Polish Help for Rescue of Jews in Nazi Occupied Poland During WWII: Righteous Gentiles of Poland.*" One-half of the world's Jews once lived in Poland. About ½ million survived, most from the assistance of non-Jews. Over 6,000 Polish men & women have been designated Righteous Among Nations. He spoke about Irena Sendler, Jan Karski, and others. When people were asked about how they did this, the answer is often "How could I not do it?" Other speakers Fri-Sun: Donald Pienkos "*Milwaukee Photographer Roman Kwasniewski and Community Activist Thaddeus Kosciuszko*," John Gurda "*South Side Yesterdays: A Look Back at Milwaukee's Largest Polonia*" and Scott Potopa "*Polish Military Regalia 17th-20th Century.*"

The Polish Center's Booth exhibits were:

- *"*Polish Heroes: Those Who Rescued Jews*" from the Galicia Jewish Museum. Photos and stories told about 21 people in the Kraków area named "Righteous Among the Nations"
- *Scott Potopa's military uniforms included a Winged Hussar.
- *The multimedia presentation "*Poles on the Front Lines of WWII*" used Harrison Forman's photo collection of Warsaw.

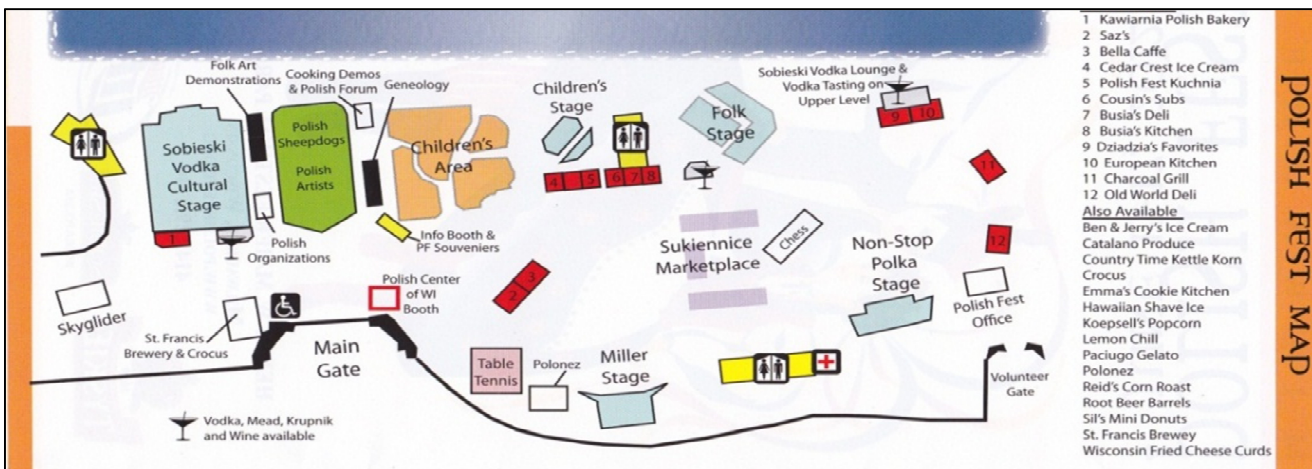


Keenan, Leah, Kevin, Rory, Kathleen & Aunt Basia Pulz

We visited with Kevin Pulz's family from Milwaukee - they viewed Polish Fest from the Skyglider, and with Madisonians - **the Zwadwich & Reale families**. MaryAnn Reale especially enjoyed the Mass, "one of the songs was my mother's favorites and was sung at her funeral."

Before the drive home we ate pączki & enjoyed the beautiful Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble. We missed the Chopin Youth Piano Competition. Madison finalists (winners noted) : Connie Cai, Christie Cheng, Laura Deneckere, Rebecca Jin 4th Place SENIOR DIVISION, Theodore Liu (Waunakee), Antonia Rohlfing, & Richard Zhou 1st Place SENIOR DIVISION.

There truly is something for everyone at Polish Fest!



IN THE NEWS from various sources

Madison's Willy Street Co-op Reader /July 2012 told about Poland's banning of Monsanto's MON810, a genetically modified maize (corn) that produces its own built-in Bt insecticide in every kernel. On Mar. 15 in Warsaw over 1,500 beekeepers and others deposited thousands of dead bees on the steps of Polish Minister of Agriculture Marek Sawicki.

Vilnius, Lithuania/June 18 The tomb containing the heart of Marshal Józef Piłsudski, one of the founders of Polish independence, was vandalized. Poland and Lithuania disagree over the status of the Polish language in Lithuanian schools.

Chicago/June 20 The FBI announced the return of ~ \$5 mil. worth of artifacts stolen from the Polish Museum of America in the 1970-80s. More than 120 artifacts were found in a NW Chicago home. They included "letters sent to and from Polish kings, American presidents, a French emperor, and prominent Revolutionary War figures. ...rare prints and sketches, Polish military medals and memorabilia and World War II artifacts.

Wimbledon, England/July 7 "Nervous American (Serena Williams) beat resilient Pole" (Agnieszka Radwanska 23, of Kraków). Agnieszka is Poland's 2012 Olympic flag carrier. Nominated: 1)-Poland's former Ambassador to Spain Ryszard Schnepf – to Polish Ambassador to the United States. 2)- former Ambassador of the U.S. to Lithuania Stephen D. Mull as the next Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Warsaw/July 14 Lech Walesa visited General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the former communist leader. The former Solidarity leader told the Polish daily newspaper *Gazeta Wyborcza* "Once we stood on opposite sides, but now we have a free Poland and I have closed that chapter." The General declared martial law and Polish tanks entered the streets Dec. 13, 1981.

Pomerania/July 14 A class 2 tornado (winds to 200 km/hr) flattened 500 hectares (1235 acres) in the Tuchola Forest, derailed trains, injured 10, & killed 1. "It carried everything away...birds, debris, sucked up water from the lake."

Warsaw's new National Stadium/July 15 The Gdynia Sea-hawks Defeated the Warsaw Eagles (the first American Football Polish team) 52 to 37 in the Polish Super Bowl. Former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski, the "Polish Rifle" was a guest. Winner of the half-time kicking competition gets a chance to win a ticket for the virgin flight of Poland's first Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

Tour de Pologne 2012/July 16 5 seconds separated the Italian winner from Pole Michal Kwiatkowski at the 1,234.7 km (767.2 mi) 7 day road bicycle race rainy finish line in Kraków. Gdańsk+Warsaw/July 30-1 candidate Mitt Romney visits. Santa Fe Opera/ thru Aug 14 Karol Szymanowski's KING ROGER *Król Roger* is sung in Polish by Mariusz Kwiecien.

Chicago/Aug 12 Polish Genealogical Soc. August Meeting - "Paderewski: Musician & Statesman" & tour of the 2009 renovated Paderewski Room. The Polish Museum of America has a collection of his most significant artifacts.

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