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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems as if those "long, hot" days of summer have passed us so we can now look forward to those cool evenings of fall. And speaking of fall, on Sept. 14-15, the club will be back in Stevens Point to celebrate the fall tradition of *dozynki*, the Polish celebration of harvest and thanksgiving. In the past, the event has drawn approx. 10,000 people. The PHCWI Madison will have a booth where we will be selling amber and cooking up kielbasa and kraut sandwiches. Come and join us in Stevens Point to help in the celebration, or if you are willing, to help at our booth. On Fri. the 14th, in the afternoon, there will be music and dancing, on Sat. the 15th, our booth will be open from 10 AM until 4PM. Hope to see you there!

Butch



Butch Luick, John Benninghouse, Mary & Tomasz Borowiecki had fun serving food at the May 2012 Portage Co. Cultural Festival. They'll return for the Harvest Fest.
Photo by Jane Dunn

Sept 7 Polish Club Breakfast Friends 9 am
Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Road,
Please call Barb if you need a ride 238-9189

Oct Polish American Heritage Month

Irene Swiggum is organizing some children's activities at Madison's Children's Museum. She needs 1 or 2 helpers to show wycinanki, etc. Please call if you would like to help
(608) 249-6436.

OWW staff and Irene Swiggum Choose flowers for a bouquet to place by the Wayside Cross.



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



The weather was perfect & there was much to see, do and learn! Thank you to Jennifer Van Haaften, Curator of Interpretation, and:

- Clausing Barn Restaurant - "Polish favorites:" Kielbasa, sauerkraut, cabbage, potatoes,
- Herb bouquet making - Marcia Carmichael & her flower bed & Kruza House garden helpers,
- Jezyk hedgehog star - Eleanor Jendrzeczak,
- Music - Ferd Buchel & Gary Frank,
- Pierogi & wycinanki making- staff interpreters,
- Pisanki (decorated eggs) -Bernie Jendrzeczak,
- "Poles in Wisconsin" author Susan Mikos,
- Polka lessons - Brad & Ashley Thull,
- Straw weaving, storytelling - Sidonka Wadina.

Next June Jennifer hopes to have more Polish events. "We are thinking of creating a "folk market" on the green behind our ticket building, where Polish vendors could set up, and have dance demos and music. If you know of vendors interested in demonstrating crafts or selling foods, let me know. I would be glad for their contact info. Jennifer Van Haaften, Old World WI PO Box 69 Eagle, WI 53119 (262) 594-6357 jennifer.vanhaaften@wisconsinhistory.org



Marcia Carmichael, Historic Gardens Coordinator, & Dolores Hurlburt discuss Polish tomato varieties: linquiso, and opalka, the most popular. Available by seed, sometimes plants.

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>
Sept 14-15 F-Sa 4:30-9 pm and 7 am – 7 pm **PHCWI at Dozynki Harvest Fest, Stevens Point**



Central European cities transformed

Continuing Studies UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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

October – Polish American Heritage Month – various events

Nov 3 Sat **PHCWI Christmas Bazaar West Side Club 437 S. Junction Road**
Nov 10 Sat Book Group & WI Book Festival for reading & reception for *Poles in Wisconsin* by Susan Gibson Mikos
Nov 14 Wed 7:30 pm Tyrone Greive, violin Faculty Concert Series FREE Mills Hall 455 N. Park St
Nov/Dec Polish Film Festival UW-Madison
Dec 1 Sat **PHCWI Wigilia – reservations needed**

The 2012-13 Go Big Read book is "Radioactive Marie & Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout."



The University of Wisconsin–Madison invites you to participate in its common book program, Go Big Read. Initiated by past Chancellor Carolyn “Biddy” Martin, the program will engage members of the campus community and beyond in a shared, academically focused reading experience. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to participate by reading the book, and taking part in classroom discussions and campus events.

Book Discussions at Madison Public Library

Sept 6 Thur 2 pm Alicia Ashman, 733 N. High Point Rd.
 Sept 19 Wed 6 pm Hawthorne, 2707 E. Washington Ave.
 Oct 4 Thur 6 pm Lakeview, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.
 Oct 9 Tue 7 pm Sequoya, 4340 Tokay Blvd.
 Oct 11 Thur 12 pm Lakeview, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

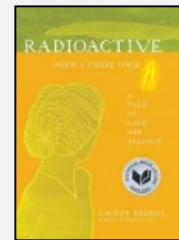
Oct 17 Wed 7 pm Central Library, 126 S. Hamilton St.
 Nov 14 Wed 6:30 Meadowridge, 5740 Raymond Rd.
 Nov 15 Thur 6 pm Monroe Street, 1705 Monroe St.
 Nov 17 Sat 1:30 Goodman S. Madison, 2222 S. Park St.
 Nov 27 Tue 7 pm Pinney Branch, 204 Cottage Grove Rd.

Presentations:

***Oct 15 M** 7-8:30 pm Author Lauren Redniss Public Presentation Varsity Hall, Union South

The event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

***Nov 14 W** 6:30 pm Meadowridge Library, 5740 Raymond Rd. *The Aesthetics of "Radioactive:" an Art and Design Discussion* Join Artist Trent Miller for a discussion of how Redniss' innovative book design and artwork gives the story additional dimensions and influences the meaning of the text.



Contact: emamunds@scls.lib.wi.us (608) 288-6160 gobigread@library.wisc.edu (608) 265-2755

Chicago:

Aug 31-Sept 3 *Taste of Polonia* Labor Day Weekend - music on 5 stages, Mass, arts & crafts Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence
 Nov 2 to 18 Polish Film Festival in America – various locations

Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel. (773) 384-3352 closed on Thursdays www.polishmuseumofamerica.org
 Sept 7-Oct 14 documentary photography by Zbigniew Bzdak, Sept. 7 Reception, Oct 14 Multimedia presentation and lecture
 October 5 Paderewski Lecture

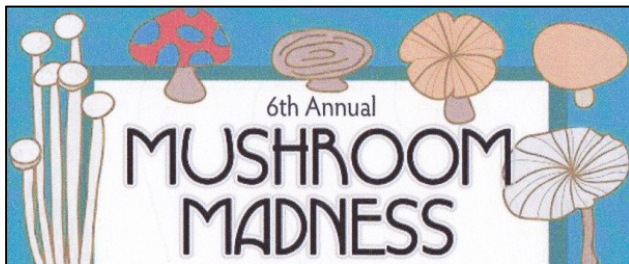
Milwaukee:

October Sun POLANKI'S Soup Festival Norway House (414) 321-2637 7507 West Oklahoma Avenue
"Irena's Vow" Oct 26-8/N2-4 Cardinal Stritch 6801 N. Yates Rd. Milw. Nov 9-18 Concordia 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr. Mequon
 Nov 16-18 Holiday Folk Fair WI State Fair Park 1.800.884.FAIR 640 South 84th Street, West Allis

Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140 <http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/>
 Sept 9 Sun 10 -4 pm *Mushroom Madness* with the WI Mycological Soc. - demonstrations, speakers, and mushroom items.
 Sept 20 Thur 7 pm *Hero of Two Hemispheres: Gaetano Trentanove* - talk and light refreshments

EVENTS

Franklin, WI - Sept 9 Polish Center 10- 4 pm



"Learn to identify edible mushrooms in the wild on an expert led foray into the woods. Enjoy an assortment of foods made with mushrooms available to purchase throughout the day. Browse businesses + organizations selling mushroom items...." OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Franklin, WI - Sept 20 Polish Center 7 pm
Hero of Two Hemispheres: Gaetano Trentanove



"...Barbara Brown Lee, Chief Educator at the Milwaukee Art Museum, discusses her favorite unsung hero of the Layton collection - Gaetano Trentanove. In his adopted home town of Milwaukee, the Italian-born Trentanove is best known for his monumental equestrian bronze statue of Tadeusz Kościuszko in Kosciuszko Park (9th and Lincoln) and his magnificent marble, "The Last of the Spartans."

Barbara will share her reflections on the Kosciuszko Monument & recount the fascinating story of .. "The Last of the Spartans"Free and open to the public. Light refreshments after the program."

Two Rivers, WI - Sept 15 Ethnic Festival 9-5 pm



"...Walk the streets of Two Rivers and smell the aroma of cultural food, feel the beat of diverse music and the friendliness of a small town in a

Midwest community and you have an experience you will not soon forget. Come for the music and dance, enjoy the food and shop the many vendors selling items from every continent..... beginning with the parade of flags down Washington Street to the Central Park Bandstand. Stay all day breathing in the refreshing sights and sounds."

"A number of Poles settled in the village of Two Rivers. In 1889 Poles established the parish of Sacred Heart and built a small brick church that served until 1899, when a larger church was constructed and the former church was converted to a school. The 1895 WI State Census recorded ...263 [Polish families] in Two Rivers..."

- quote from POLES IN WISCONSIN

NOTE: The Two Rivers Historical Museum has several books about the Felician Sisters and Blessed Mother Mary Angela Truskowska. Where Sacred Heart church once stood is now a Walgreens.

Stevens Point, WI - Sept 14-15 downtown



2012 DOZYNKI HARVEST FEST

9TH Annual-Downtown Stevens Point

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14th

Refreshments Available and Wooden Dance Floor under the Tent
Polish and Craft Brews served by O'so Brewing Co.

4:30pm-7:30pm Michele's Famous Polish Food

Served on the **RENEWED** Historic Market Square

5pm-9pm Roger Majewski's Harmony Kings + POLKA'S for \$'s
POLKA Dance OFF at (to be determined - Betty)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15th **THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN**

7am Farmer's Market on Crosby St.

10am-5pm (NEW) Polish Heritage Display - Library
Antique Farm Equipment Display
2 Teams - Horse Drawn Rides
Inflatable Rides
FREE Pumpkin Painting
Foods and Crafts
FREE Petting Zoo

10am-4pm ART in the PARK
at the Riverfront FREE Trolley
Rides to Riverfront and Main St.

2 pm Annual Ponczka Eating Contest

3:30 pm Dozynki Royalty March - Main St
Led by Pope John II Post No. 185,
Polonia Honor Guard

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15th **ON THE SQUARE**

3:45 pm Dozynki Royalty Coronation
(3 - \$1000 + 10 - \$500 Scholarships)
Application forms at: www.stevenspoint.biz or
www.polishheritageawareness.com

Noon-8pm Continuous Dance Music
Norm Dombrowski's Happy Notes
& Polish Connection
BANDS ALTERNATE ON THE HOUR

Noon-7pm Polish Food on the Square
By Michele's
POLKA Dance Competitions:
(Group age, time of dance off and \$ to be
determined by Betty)
Prize \$: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, 3rd-\$50 (each Group)

To Help Defray Event Expenses Donations Accepted:
\$5/PERSON; \$10/ FAMILY

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

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Polish Heritage Awareness Society
Y 106.5 (Polkafest, Sundays 7am-10am)
Altenburg's Country Gardens
Michele's Restaurant & Catering

ASSOCIATION OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau
WSPT 1010 (Listen to Polka's Sat. 9am-Noon)
KR Stables
Ligman & Wille CPA



A 1900 photo shows a crowded Market Square in Stevens Point- horses, wagons, and stacked produce.

"The most interesting spot in town is the public square at Main and Second streets. Originally an open-air market paved with red bricks and edged with taverns, grocery stores and harness shops, the market took on a new look early in this century when cars replaced horses... [in 1957] the city covered the old bricks with blacktop and installed parking meters....[Now] decorating the brown, red, green or gray exteriors of the many brick buildings on the square are vivid paintings of roosters, hex signs, flowers and other designs. The most eye-catching is 'Polskie Wesele' or Polish Wedding" which features dancers in a rainbow of colors. It is painted on the side of a surplus store, an example of Polish architecture with its bright yellow domes."

- from "A Tour of Portage County"

<http://www.pchswi.org/archives/townships/tour.html>

Now close to that site is "The Market on Strongs" (1332 Strongs Ave. at Main St. in the downtown). "You could make a meal out of the offerings from the Raikowski Farm alone." - J/F 2012 AAA LIVING Magazine.

CLUB & MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. ***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 Wacław Szybalski	9/29 Michael Lomperski	
9/20 Tony Ankowicz	9/30 Linda Kriz	9/20 Irene Swiggum

August BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: • Discussed the July picnic: good food, music, lots of conversation, and the adults enjoyed the games. • Voted to contribute to the conference fee for several Madison attendees at Quo Vadis Chicago (students & young pro-fessionals of Polish descent). We look forward to their report. • Continued preparing for the Sept 8 Stevens Point *Dożynki* Harvest Fest and the Nov 3 Christmas Bazaar. • Do you know a CPA or attorney who could assist with our 501(c)3 efforts? - *Patricia Brinkman*

Aug 2 - WI ST JOURNAL Club member **Kathy Borkowski** was featured in "Know Your Madsonian." She uses her two masters degrees (history and library science) as director of the WI Historical Society Press since 2004. "What we really excel at here is making history accessible. We do well-researched history but try to pick topics we think will be interesting to the general public, from the Green Bay Packers to histories of gas stations and sturgeon fishing." Kathy and her partner Chris Glad and daughter Gretchen have performed as "The Uppity Women" stilt walkers. Watch for a 10 ft. tall Kathy at the next Willy St. Fair 9/15-16! Author Susan Mikoś thanked Kathy and editor Sara Phillips "for skillfully shepherding this book through the development process."

Aug 13 – Theresa Tukiendorf passed away in Madison. Our sympathies to Bogdan, her husband of 53 years, and to their family. They attended past club events, and several years ago volunteered to a student interview about Polish culture. Memorials can be made to the Middleton Senior Center. Bogdan's book *The Long, Hard Road From Nazi-Occupied Poland to Freedom in America* is in the S. Cen. Library System.

Aug 22 - UW-Madison Wednesday Nite @ the Lab

Andrew Wacławik told about the history of neurology, and the fascinating life stories of neurologists from 19th century Paris to Madison, WI. His photos included the Babinski reflex hammer that has been passed down to the chairs of UW-Madison's Neurology Department, including Dr. Henry Schutta 1980-95, who was born in Poland. In conclusion, he showed a photo of his daughter Gabrielle in Warsaw visiting her 95 year old grandfather, a Neuropsychiatrist, who has seen so many of the changes in the history of Neurology. Dr. Wacławik is a UW-Madison professor of neurology who specializes in neuromuscular diseases, electrodiagnostic medicine and muscle and nerve pathology. He is also listed as one of UW Hospital's Polish Medical interpreters. To watch his informative and enjoyable lecture: <http://www.biotech.wisc.edu/lectures/search>



August - Friendship, Maryland **Toni and Florian Raichel** "had a tremendous amount of fun" at their son's wedding. Alan & Michelle Raichel were married in the yard, the minister's voice sometimes hard to hear due to the 72 chickens. The children fed corncocks to the huge pig, guests celebrated, ate chicken cooked over a wood fire, celebrated some more, and danced in the tent. Toni (Antoinette) grew up in Buffalo, NY. She taught elementary school in Sun Prairie WI, and has helped with past Polish Heritage Club RSVP school events.

Wycinanki (paper cutting) made by Toni:



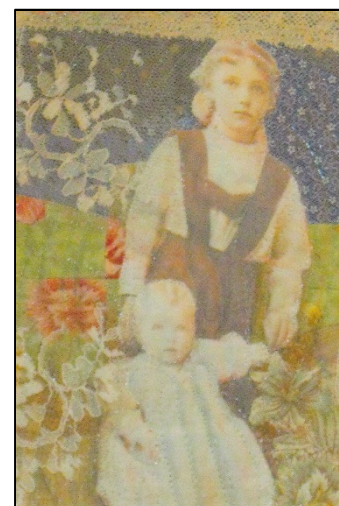
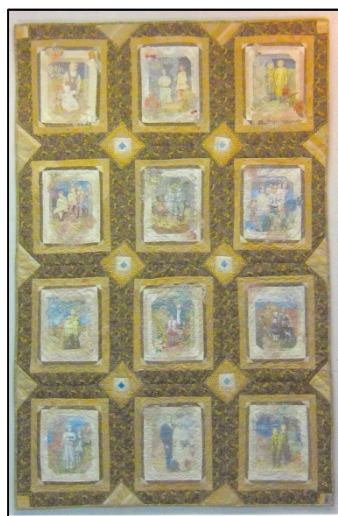
Sept 6- 8 Alliant Center Quilt Show See **Gloria Welniak's** juried wall quilt entitled, *'Portraits From My Polish Garden.'* We plan to show it at the club's Nov Bazaar/Genealogy area. "It is my original design using 19th and 20th century photos of my ancestors and family. The photos were scanned into the computer and the images enhanced and inkjet-printed on specially prepared cotton fabric. The figures were appliqued onto crazy quilt flowered backgrounds with lace and tulle, and quilted with log cabin frames. The photos were not arranged in any sequential order, but placed in aesthetic and emotionally meaningful ways.

This was a very intense and emotional experience for me, & brought me more deeply in touch with my Polish roots. I was gratified to be able to merge my art with my Polish heritage.

I hope this can inspire others interested in genealogy to try this 'family tree' technique, if even on a small scale – pillows, single or group portraits, tote bags, etc. There are other even easier techniques for transferring digital images to fabric.

If anyone wishes to have more technical information, I can be reached at: gwelniak@charter.net

'Portraits From My Polish Garden' ~45 x 60"



Gloria's mom (infant) and Aunt Helen ~1910

Nov 10 BOOK GROUP at WI Book Festival time 2:45-4 pm Polish Heritage Club and WI Historical Society nominated author Susan Gibson Mikoś will read from and discuss her book *Poles in Wisconsin* & the club will sponsor a reception.

FAMILY HISTORY - GENEALOGY

Is now the time to work on your family history?



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PLATO CLASSES volunteer led,
lifelong learners \$50 membership.

seniorlearning.wisc.edu/plato/course-schedule.htm#reminiscenceam

Reminiscence Writing Capitol Lakes

***Sept 24 Wed for 10 weeks 10 – 12 pm**

"What are your memories? Would you like to leave a legacy for your children or grandchildren? Or would you simply like the joy of remembering? We have found that it is fun to write and entertaining to listen to one another's remembrances. Write a memory each week and read it aloud. You will receive support and encouragement from your fellow writers. No class size limit. No need to pre-register." eamaurer@wisc.edu
Ellen Maurer 845-7164 333 W. Main St.



WEST MADISON SENIOR CENTER Reminiscence Writing Workshop

***Sept 25-Nov 13 (skip Oct 23)**

Tue 9:30 - 11:30 \$40

The stories of our lives connect generations and communities. That's a priceless gift that anyone can create, with guidance. The class will discuss and practice techniques for writing about life experiences. Each class includes time to share what you've written in a supportive environment. You may write on suggested topics or choose your own theme. (608) 238-0196



UW-MADISON MINI-COURSES -

Learning Experiences for a Lifetime!

***Sept 25, Oct 2 & 9 Tue 6-8 pm**

Genealogy Interested in discovering your family's history? We will look at how

to begin genealogy, what resources are available, how to keep track of your information and genealogy standards. You will learn how to find information on the Internet as well as the large amount of information available at your local libraries. Emphasis will be on using free computer programs and Internet sources. INSTRUCTOR: Sherry Lloyd over 25 years of experience #4740.201 \$44.50 (Student/U.Mem) \$54.50 Fac/Staff www.wisc.edu/minicourses 608-262-3156

WEBINAR - a seminar, a presentation, lecture, or workshop that is transmitted over the Web. You can receive, give and discuss information.

The ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGY SOCIETY

***2nd Tues of each month** ilgensoc.org/index.php

"offers topics relevant to Illinois & Midwest genealogy ... including vital records, research strategies & more. [They] feature some of the best-known speakers in the field of genealogy today... All ISGS webinars are FREE and open to the public when they are presented live. After the live broadcast, an archived on-demand copy of the webinar will be available to ISGS members via the Members Section." ***Tues Sept 11 8 pm Central**
Grandma did What!?: Researching your Famous and Infamous Relatives Gena Philibert-Ortega



HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY ARCHIVES CLASSES

Genealogy classes are offered in the spring and fall of each year. Register early – space is limited. These workshops are sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society. Society members and members of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society receive discounts on registration fees. 9:30-11:30

Sept 25 Writing Your Family History

Oct 11 Organizing and Preserving Photo Collections

Oct 20 & 27 Tracing Your German-American Roots,

Oct 13 Newspapers

Oct 22 Archives

Nov 10 Immigration Research Nov 12 Land Records

Dec 1 Ancestry.com

Dec 8 FamilySearch.org

Dec 11 Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org

Dec 15 Writing Your Family History

See the Wisconsin Genealogy Index

Nearly 3 million WI ancestors are waiting to be found in the Genealogy Index. Order paper copies of vital records, obituaries and biographical sketches.

www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/index.asp?nl=1

BOOKS & INTERNET RESOURCES

many in S. Central Library Sys. & see "Information about Genealogy"

Going Home by Jonathan D Shea 2008

Polish Roots by Rosemary A. Chorzempa 2000

Rodziny the Journal of the PGSA & printed resources

The Complete Guide to Online Genealogy R. McClure

Welcome to the Internet by Russel Stolins

Polish Genealogical Soc. of America pgsa.org

The Polish Genealogy Project polishgeno.com

RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees No. 27 -

ancestry.com/ (see Ancestry's Library Edition FREE)

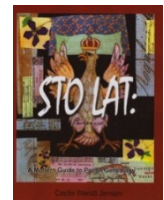
cyndislist.com/poland

FamilySearch.org.

onepagegenealogy.com

polishorigins.com

polishroots.org



Sto Lat by Cecil-Wendt Jensen 2009 from Polish Art Center...

"A lavishly illustrated workbook, *Sto Lat: A Quick Guide for Polish Genealogy* offers a plan for researching at least one hundred years of family records, and is a compilation of techniques developed over thirty years of research and teaching. These are tried and true techniques used for clients and with patrons at the Bloomfield Hills Family History Center. Both traditional and digital research techniques are presented. Common research questions are answered and suggestions are offered to help novice and advanced researchers find ancestors in N. America and Poland."

Madison archivist **SALLY JACOB'S** tips for genealogists and keepers of the family photo album:
<http://practicalarchivist.com/> (608) 616-0058
Email: practicalarchivist@gmail.com

GENEALOGY MEETINGS & CONFERENCES as of 8.15.2012

<p>1st Thur of each month 7 pm</p> 	<p>Dane Co. Area Genealogical Soc. "We welcome anyone and everyone interested in furthering their genealogy skills... We're proud to be an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. DCAGS is a proud member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies" Dane County Area Genealogical Society PO Box 5652 Madison, WI 53705-0652 Email: widcags@gmail.com www.dcags.org</p>	<p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4505 Regent St. Madison, WI Regent St. & Segoe Rd.</p>
<p>Sept 29 9-4 pm</p> 	<p>Fox Valley Genealogical Society Conference "Ancestry.com and Beyond" *Getting Started on Ancestry.com, *What's New at Ancestry.com, *Getting the Most from your Family History Finds, *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization and Ethnic Origins. http://www.ilfvgs.org/images/PdfFiles/2012registration-form.pdf (630) 978-8444 or (630) 527-8443 Email: ilfvgs@gmail.com</p>	<p>Grace United Methodist Church, 300 East Gartner Road Naperville, IL</p>
<p>Oct 19 – Oct 20</p> 	<p>Illinois State Genealogical Society 2012 Fall Conference "Family History in Profile" \$89 if res. by 10/1, \$30 membership *Belonging to a Writing Group—Good for Your Genealogy *Breaking Through Brick Walls: ...when you encounter...obstacles. *Facebook for Genealogist * Three immigrant case studies *National Archives *Naturalization records. *Passenger Ship Records *Searching for Living People *Self-Publishing for Genealogists *Youth Workshop *Fading Away—digital image restoration...working with photographs. *Google for Genealogists—most use only 10% or less of the resources *Timewarps and Curved Space Aren't Just for Physicists *RECEPTION & DINNER SPEAKER: Dr. John Phillip Colletta, "Is Any Body There?—Tracking Ancestral Remains" Illinois State Genealogical Society P. O. Box 10195 Springfield, IL 62791-0195 (217) 789-1968 Email: isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=251</p>	<p>Best Western Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center, 7801 East State Street Rockford, IL</p>
<p>Nov 11 2 pm</p> 	<p>PGSA Meeting "Cemetery Records - Search High & Low, Above & Below" Jeff Bockman, genealogy lecturer and writer, "will provide information [about] finding cemeteries, cemetery records, funeral home records & will show photographs of unique tombstones and monuments. . .He is the author of <i>Give Your Family A Gift That Money Can't Buy</i>, a book that encourages people to record and preserve their family's history." "The Polish Genealogical Society of America exists as a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization to collect, disseminate & preserve information on Polish and Polish-American family history and to help its members use that information in their own research. The Society is open to anyone doing research within the borders of the old Commonwealth of Poland. It [provides] books, newsletters, bulletins, printed information, regular Society meetings, and an annual workshop. With 2000 members in all of the United States and ten countries around the world, the Society also encourages its members to communicate with each other and share leads, research sources, and any other information that may prove mutually beneficial. PGSA 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60642-4101 E-mail: PGSAmerica@pgsa.org www.pgsa.org/</p>	<p>Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 South Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL 60193 INFO FROM THE PGSA: Calendar of Events Products & Services How to... Databases Other Resources Polish History Forms/Downloads Polish Culture Site Map</p>

2011 ANNUAL REPORT POLISH HERITAGE CLUB OF WISCONSIN, INC., MADISON

The Annual Report is prepared for the general membership to provide an overview of the organizational, educational, and financial activities during the year. The Board of Directors appreciates the support generously given by the officers & membership to accomplish these goals. The **mission and vision** of the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin - Madison is to encourage Americans of Polish ancestry and any other interested persons to learn more about Polish culture and customs, to enjoy social opportunities, to provide community and humanitarian services, give organized welcome in Wisconsin to artists, scholars, statesmen, writers, musicians and other proponents of Polish-American culture, & to promote understanding and unity among Americans of all ethnic backgrounds. This is exemplified in the program of work and activities accomplished and supported through the dedication and hard work of officers and members.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR: ANNUAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS The first activity took place on 23 January at the West Side Club for the Annual Meeting of Members. Program of work, financial report, and future direction was given by President Mary Schumacher. Ballots were cast, officers were installed, and outgoing BOD members were recognized. Also, the club thanked the Nominating Committee for their work on the 2011 election. Following elections, the 2011 Board was comprised of President John Benninghouse, Vice-President Butch Luick, Past President Mary Schumacher, Secretary Julie Brania, Treasurer Barbara Lomperski, Directors: Marcia Flannery, Janice Czyncon, Stan Graiewski, & Adam Grabski. Socializing followed.

OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL STATE A financial audit was completed by Butch Luick, Tomasz Borowiecki, and John Benninghouse. Crafts are insured by The Murphy Insurance Group. A debit card facilitates craft purchases by the Buying Committee. Monetary and in-kind donations from club members are deeply appreciated.

The BOD was busy with a number of important initiatives and activities:

•Non-Profit Status: the BOD worked with Midwest Accounting to attain 501(c)4 status in 2011. While the club had originally sought 501(c)3 status, it was denied due to a lack of educational activities sponsored by the club.

However, we do have an option to pursue 501(c)3 status and/or forming a separate entity such as a scholarship fund which could seek 501(c)3 status. 501(c)4 status exempts the club from state and federal income taxes until income reaches a threshold determined by the IRS. **•Scholarship:** for the first time the PHCWI has awarded scholarships. Originally a single \$500 scholarship, an anonymous donor gave \$400 and requested 2 additional scholarships of \$200 each be awarded with the money. David Talajkowski took first place and \$500 while Maura McManus and Jackie Freidel were each awarded \$200. **•New Storage Facility:** the club began renting a storage facility on Madison's east side in July after the old space became unavailable. **•Credit Card Processing:** the club purchased a second credit card processing machine to alleviate long lines at events. **•Donations:** \$200 to help bring the Polish band Klezmafour to Madison. Many thanks to member Syzmon Wozniczka for bringing the band to town.

•Social Media: Our Facebook page ended 2011 with 50 friends which included people from around Wisconsin (19 in Madison), the Chicago area, Poland, Latvia, and Nicaragua.

NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE Our newsletter editor Rose Meinholz has done a fabulous job of spreading the news

to members by writing, editing, and producing our club's newsletters. Filled with articles, correspondence, reports, photos, upcoming events, and items of interest to club members and other Polish Americans, it is the main source of communication with our membership. Rose initiated the club's first e-newsletter, available by email that provides vivid colorful photos of our events. In 2011 Tomasz Borowiecki became the club's webmaster and created an entirely new website. John Benninghouse continues to maintain our Facebook page.

BOOK CLUB Quarterly meetings coordinated by Kasia Kryzostaniak have been ongoing since 2002. Books/authors 2011:

- February: *A Long, Long Time Ago and Essentially True* by Brigid Pasulka.
- May: *An Altar of Sod* by Regina McIntyre
- August: various books relating to the Solidarity movement
- November: Milwaukee Katyn Panel Discussion & Exhibit (unable to attend due to weather)

FESTIVALS Our events are growing in attendance every year! All are open to the general public & members to enjoy.

- March 5: **International Festival** at Overture Center.
 - April 17: **Spring Festival** on Palm Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Hall.
 - May 7: **Portage County Festival:** Stan and Doris Graiewski represented the club with a variety of crafts
 - Nov 5: **The Christmas Bazaar** at the West Side Club again beat all records for attendance & revenue!
- All of our events promoted Polish culture. Some featured live entertainment performed by our talented musicians Tom Wosikowski and Pat Stone. Most provided delicious Polish food including bread, kielbasa, and desserts; demonstrated and taught ethnic art and craft skills; involved children in activities; and sold beautiful crafts made in Poland to interested buyers. They all offered a fun time to observe and preserve Polish traditions. Thank you again to the officers and members, their families and friends who generously gave of their time, energy, and skills to make the events a success.

CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Breakfast Club:** every first Friday at 9:00 AM at the Monona Garden Restaurant. Thanks to Barbara & Michael Lomperski.
- Summer Picnic:** the picnic was held on 17 July at Elver Park.
- 31st Annual Wigilia:** On 10 December, the club held its annual Wigilia at the Zor Shrine Temple, catered by Queen Anne's. The guests enjoyed the food and the entertainment provided by Tom Wosikowski.

CULTURAL EVENTS Our club also sponsored a number of cultural events, and encouraged participation in others.

- PHC at Emerson Elementary:** on 1 April PHCWI members Marie and Norm Revolinski represented Poland at Emerson Elementary School's "A Trip Around the World" program.
- Polish Music Concert:** on 1 May, the PHCWI sponsored a concert performed by the UW-Madison Educational and Performance Outreach program.
- WI Book Festival:** PHCWI sponsored Douglas Jacobson's appearance at the Wisconsin Book Festival on 22 October where he read from & spoke about his book *The Katyn Order*.

Additional non-sponsored events attended by

- members:**
- Opera in the Park:** some PHCWI members took in a night of opera at Garner Park on 16 July.
 - Trevor Stephenson recital:** Chopin (& Debussy) on Aug. 6.

- Mikrokoklektyw**: The Polish electro-jazz duo Mikrokoklektyw performed at Audio for the Arts on 18 September
- Dikanda/Megitza Quartet**: The Brink Lounge hosted the Polish band Dikanda on 21 September. Megitza Quartet, a Chicago group headed by Malgorzata Babiarez, opened
- UW Polish Film Festival**: held in Nov. and Dec. Films included *Joanna*, *Black Thursday*, & *The Officer's Wife*.

As is the case every year, there are many thanks to be given. Barb Lomperski worked tirelessly with our accountant to get the paperwork for our non-profit status in order. Butch Luick deserves the credit for finding the club's new storage facility & put in a lot of time getting the place organized. Many thanks to the club's first scholarship committee: Pat Brinkman, Julie Brania and Walter Chmielewski. Thank you Tomasz Borowiecki for taking over webmaster duties and for designing a new web-page from scratch. Thanks also to the Buying Committee. Their work allows facilitates club sales which keep the PHCWI going. Lastly, thank you to Rose Meinholz for her superb newsletters, seeking out and finding Polish events, & news items that no one else is aware of, her annual applications to the WI Book Festival, her help at events.

Farewell to members who are no longer with us. **Best wishes** to members who have moved, including board members Mary Schumacher and Julie Brania. **Get well** wishes to those who were ill. And here is a Polish blessing to send you on your way:
May your hand be outstretched to all you meet.
And may all people say 'Brother' (or 'Sister') when they speak of you.
May the land be fertile beneath your feet.
May your days be gentle as the sun-kissed dew.

2011 Executive Committee and Board of Directors:

President – John Benninghouse, Vice President – Butch Luick,
 Past President – Mary Schumacher, Secretary - Julie Brania,
 Treasurer - Barbara Lomperski, Board of Directors: Stan Graiewski,
 Marcia Flannery, Adam Grabski, Janice Czynscon. Newsletter –
 Rose Meinholz, Webmaster - Tomasz Borowiecki

Genealogy Corner by Joanna Pasowicz (608) 848-4892

This past week while talking with a friend, we touched on the subject of Genealogy and she told me someone was working on her genealogy in Florida, but can't find much information. Told her I bet I could find it, she told me the name with the correct spelling and we finished our conversation. I went on line to FamilySearch.org and following a hint from *The Ancestry Insider Newsletter*, I found 277 people with her name and a few variants. I printed many pages for my friend and mailed them to her. Used an * after a name so you get variations of the name - works wonders! Thanks to that newsletter writer for his hints. I am willing to help anyone who is having a problem. Next month I will provide you with addresses in Poland where you can do research on line. japaso@tds.net

Aug 25 WORT Radio 89.9FM on "Tropical Riddims" 12 - 2 pm
Szymon Wozniczka's archived show available ~ 2 weeks at archive.wort-fm.org/ Jafia Naumel, Habakuk, Erijev Massiv, Marika
Aug 26 WI STATE JOURNAL "Brooklyn neighborhood offers tastes, sounds of Poland" about Greenpoint's businesses.
Sept 10 Digital copies of more than 1,000 declassified Katyn Forest Massacre Documents available at www.archives.gov.

Sept 29 Washington, D.C. First Annual Conference of the new American Polish Advisory Council to increase the visibility of American Poles in public office. apacouncil.info/index.php
 *Please contact Patrick Peczerski facebook.com/peczerski who is organizing Polonoia Madison's comments to the group.

Sept 29 WPTV Channel 21 or 11 at 2 pm *European Home-made Sausage* Milwaukee's master sausage maker Frank Jakubczak "a true craftsman known for his smoked polish and other European flavors - tried to retire only to have his customers demand he return."

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2012 PHCWI MEMBERSHIP -for yourself &/or as a gift membership

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PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER _____

Membership for: SELF__ GIFT__

INDIVIDUAL \$10__ FAMILY \$20__

NEW__ RENEWAL__ SCHOLARSHIP__

Checks payable to: Polish Heritage Club of WI-Madison

I'm interested in: _____

Book Group__ Crafts__ Displays__ Events__

Genealogy__ Newsletter__ Publicity__ School Displays__

• __My name/address/phone # may be in the Directory

• __Please do not include me in the Directory. Board members may contact me for official business

If you like, please share your:

• Birthday(s)/Anniversary _____

• Where your family lived in Poland _____

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31