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Jan 26 Annual Meeting and Elections

After discussing election issues, new Board of Directors were selected, and members shared food and conversation. Thank you to nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee, & to those nominated at the meeting. Welcome to new Board members: Pamela Pasowicz, Marcia Flannery (returning), Marge Morgan, and Ralph Tyksinski. (Their stories in Jan. issue) Dziękuję to out-going Board members: Butch Luick, Patricia Brinkman and Linda Ganski.

Jerzy Brania, whose family hosted many past Annual Meetings and display their Szopka at every Wigilia, and Rose Meinholz, Newsletter Editor, received Honorary Memberships. The Annual Report will be in a future newsletter.

Thank you to all who volunteer to help promote knowledge and enjoyment of Polish culture!

Club Dates

Feb 7 and Mar 7 Monona Gardens 9 am
6501 Bridge Road 1st Fri Polish Club Breakfast
Call Barb for a ride 238-9189. CORRECTION:
Owner Nedzmi "Nick" Semovski (corrected spelling) was pictured in the Jan newsletter.

Feb 22 Polish Club at International Festival
Overture Center 201 State St 11-5 pm | Free
*NEW! Call Butch Luick (608) 219-9842 if you'd like to help serve kielbasa, kraut & rye bread.

Performances

International Café - includes Poland

Craft Bazaar - includes Poland

Additional Activities

"Experience a rich tapestry of cultures woven by Dane County artists. Featuring arts, crafts, food, and performances representing more than 25 cultures, International Festival is a delight of sights, sounds and flavors!"

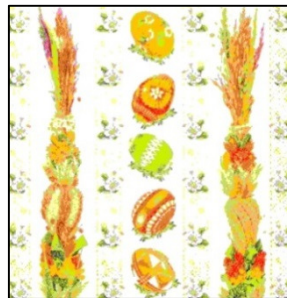


Mar 4 Pączki Day Scott's Bakery tel. 836-7333
6337 Univ. Ave, Middleton has the filled pastries available weekends before Mar 4 "and anytime you order them ahead of time." Fillings: prune, apple, strawberry, custard, cr. cheese, apricot.

Mar 4 Casimir Pulaski Day, 1987 WI, Act 11

Casimir Pulaski was born in Poland in 1747. He came to America in 1777, after fighting for Poland's independence, and joined forces with General Washington. After saving Washington's life, Pulaski was made brigadier general of the American Cavalry. Wounded in battle, Pulaski died on October 11, 1779. Enacted April 30, 1987, from the 1987 Laws of Wisconsin, Act 11.

March 15 Conf. Rm 1320 Mendota St 1 – 5 pm
WORKSHOP: Polish Easter Customs & Crafts



With the coming of the Lenten season and the PHCWI Palm Sunday Bazaar, our thoughts turn toward traditional Polish Easter customs and crafts. This season is characterized by a rich history of Polish customs surrounding

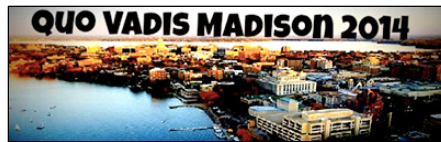
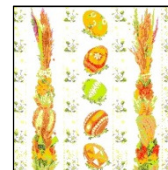
religious and ancient folkloric traditions. In this workshop, we shall explore many of the customs and create samples of *Nalepianki* (pasted paper) decorated eggs and Polish Palms. All materials supplied for a suggested \$10 donation. Pre-registration required a week before the class. Co-taught by Marie Revolinski & Gloria Welniak. For further information/ registration contact Gloria Welniak, (608) 217-5652 or EMAIL gwelniak@charter.net.

Apr 13 Polish Club Spring Festival

PHCWI Scholarship May 15 is the deadline for applicants to submit their essay for the club's Scholarship. Watch for the updated application on our website. Our scholarship is for post High School education applicants of Polish ancestry OR those studying Polish language, history, society, OR culture, OR significantly engaged with Polish culture. The required 750-1000 words essay is to be about a major event in Polish history, and why the topic interests you, or how it relates to you personally.'

Your dues are due if your label does not say 2014.
Dziękuję for your renewal! Membership forms are on last page of the newsletters and on our website.

- 1st Friday** 9 am **PHCWI 1st Friday Breakfast, (608) 238-9189, Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd**
1st Sunday 5 pm Mass in Polish, St. Cecelia's, (608) 254-8381, 603 Oak St, WI Dells
 UW-Madison Polish Student Assoc. Marta Studnicka, (262) 441-1452, polishbuckybadger@gmail.com
- Feb 13 Thur 10 am Eva Verhoven "Heritage Discovery - Poland Heart of Europe" Madison Senior Center, 330 West Mifflin St
 Feb 17 Mon 7 pm Tyrone Greive: Polish and other Composers Concert, Oakwood West, 6205 Mineral Point Rd
Feb 22 Sat 11-5 pm PHCWI Crafts and Kielbasa, International Festival, Overture Center
 Mar 4 Tue Casimir Pulaski Day, 1987 Laws of Wisconsin, Act 11
 Mar 4 Tue *Pączki Day*
 Mar 6 Thur 4 pm Nina Bandelj: "Democracy, Inequality ... Does EU Matter?" CREECA, 206 Ingraham, 1155 Observatory Dr
Mar 15 Sat 1-5 pm PHCWI Workshop: Easter Customs and Crafts, eggs/ palms. RES. (608)217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net
- Apr 2 Wed 7 pm PHCWI BOOK CLUB at Kasia's (608) 836-8632 "The Slave" by I.B. Singer**
 Apr 4-5 F-Sa WI State Genealogical Society: "Gene-A-Rama 2014" Holiday Inn, Manitowoc <http://wsgs.org/>
Apr 13 Sun PHCWI Palm Sun Spring Festival, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Monona
 Apr. 17 Thur 4 pm Halina Filipowicz: "Puzzle of...Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Play: Easter (1943)" CREECA
 Apr 19 Sat Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets (Q of Peace, St.Maria Goretti, St.Albert's) *Święconka*
 April 25-27 WI Dells Polka Fest: Lenny Gomulka, Eddie Biegaj, Jeff Mlecko and the DynaBrass, Maroszek Brothers, The Polish Connection
- May 3 Sat May 3rd Polish Constitution Day, *Trzeciego Maja*, 1999 WI SJR 11
 May 10 Sat Portage County Cultural Festival, Stevens Point
May 15 Thur PHCWI Scholarship applications due, see website
 May – June Icon replica of Our Lady of Czestochowa tours WI, MN, IL, ID for "Ocean to Ocean Campaign in Defense of Life"
 June 6-14 Madison Burkhalter Travel's "Jewels of Poland" 8 day tour, (800) 556-9286
- Aug 1-3 F-Su Quo Vadis 2014 in Madison: conference for Polonia students/ young professionals, Polish Student Assoc.
Summer PHCWI Annual Picnic
 Sept 20-21 Harvest Festival, *Dozynki*, Stevens Point
October Polish American Heritage Month Events
 October Sun Apple Fest, *Smaczne Jablka*, Winona, MN
 Nov 11 Tue Polish Independence Day, *Dzien Niepodleglosci*
 Nov/Dec UW-Madison Polish Film Festival
Nov 8 Sat PHCWI Christmas Bazaar
Dec 6 Sat PHCWI Wigilia



Milwaukee:

- June 13-15 Polish Fest, Summerfest Grounds
 Oct 12 Polanki's Soup Festival, Norway House
 Nov 21-23 Holiday Folk Fair, WI State Fair Park_
- Polish Center of Wisconsin** 6941 S 68th St. Franklin, WI) (414) 529-2140
- Feb 15 Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble's 27th Annual *Bal Maskowy*
 Mar 4 Annual Pączki Day Sale
 Mar 7-30 Lenten Fish Fries
 Mar 30 POLANKI'S Pierogi Festival BY RESERVATION www.polanki.org/



Chicago: SEE PolishBuzz.com

- Labor Day Weekend, Taste of Polonia, Copernicus Center
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The Follow Up



Feb 21-21 Basilica of St. Josaphat 7th and Lincoln

In the 1960s, freeway construction & urban urban renewal razed ethnic neighborhoods all over Milwaukee. Puerto Ricans, Poles, Irish, African Americans, and Italians lost their communities. 40 years later journalists interview those affected. Written by Dr. Jill Florence Lackey, author *American Ethnic Practices in the Twenty-first Century: Milwaukee* <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/547007>

2014 Anniversaries



- 500 Copernicus's Commentario about earth orbiting the sun, 1514
- 100 WWII began, there was no Poland, July 28, 1914
- 75 WWII began, Poland target of Nazism and Communism, Sept. 1, 1939
- 70 Warsaw Rising, Aug - Oct, 1944
- 25 Communism officially ended in Poland, June 4, 1989
- 15 Poland joined NATO, 1999
- 10 Poland joined the European Union, 2004

From Chicago's Polish Consulate General website: Screenings of Anna Ferens' A PLACE TO STAND will be part of the celebrations marking 10 years since Poland's accession to the EU and 25 years since the rebirth of Polish democracy. It documents the fight against the communist regime in the 1980s from the perspective of the East and the West. The European premiere of was held on Jan. 8th 2014, at the European Parliament. **The U.S. premiere will in in Chicago.**

CLUB and MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

2/1 Mary Borowiecki	3/7 Fred Janecek
2/6 Joanna Pasowicz	3/9 Monique Lomperski
2/8 Butch Luick	3/10 Sonja Hann
2/11 John Gaska	3/12 Susan Schroeder
2/12 Richard Gaska	3/14 Deb Ankowicz
2/14 Eleanore (Sue) Hall	3/17 Mary B Good
2/14 Karleen Tyksinski	3/21 Robert Kriz
2/15 Charley Rathsack	3/21 Joanna Zurko
2/18 Larry Hochman	3/22 Kasia Krzyczostaniak
3/3 John Hagen	3/26 Thomas Stolarczyk
3/4 Douglass Allen	3/31 Izabela Szlufarska Morgan
3/5 Joan Spindler	

April 2 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm

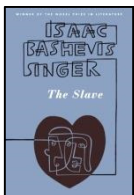


"The Slave" by Isaac Bashevis Singer

Kasia Krzyczostaniak is hostess at 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton (608) 836-8632. Please call ahead so she can set up chairs.

Our library System has 3 copies.

Between 1648-57, the Cossacks, Crimean Tartars, and Ukrainian peasants, fought against the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. After the Cossack Rebellion (commanded by Hetman Bohdan Khmelnytsky) the Polish *szlachta*, their Jewish intermediaries, and Latin Rite Catholics lost control of Rus/Ruthenia (Ukraine) to Tsarist Russia. SEE: The Cossack Rebellion 1648 - YouTube scenes from WITH FIRE AND SWORD / *Ogniem i mieczem*.



Isaac Bashevis Singer's story tells about Jacob, a scholar sold into slavery after the Khmelnytsky massacres. He falls in love with Wanda, a gentile woman, and the daughter of his Polish owner. *LibraryThing.com review*: ...This was a beautiful story which unfolded like a fable. The narrative flowed at a brisk enough pace to keep

most readers interested, and was quite suspenseful. I liked that nothing was left hanging at the end, and while sad, THE SLAVE was overall an optimistic book. ~Review by *cookie_lover*

I. B. Singer was awarded the 1978 Nobel Prize in Literature "for his impassioned narrative art which, with roots in a Polish-Jewish cultural tradition, brings universal human conditions to life".

Beth Holmgren, author of "Starring Madame Modjeska: On Tour in Poland and America" (Indiana University Press), was the 2013 winner of the Kulczycki Book Prize in Polish Studies. It is awarded annually for the best book in any discipline, on any aspect of Polish affairs, published in the previous calendar year. Neal Pease, UW- Milwaukee was Committee Chair. See UW-Madison Professor Halina Filipowicz's review of the book: www.wcwoonline.org/WRB-Issues/binational-stardom The PHCWI Book Club read the story of the famous Polish and American Shakespearean/tragic actress in May, 2013.

Peter Brinkman May 18, 1935 - Jan. 16, 2014



Our sympathies to Patricia Brinkman, 2012-14 club Secretary, and family. Her husband Peter passed away at home on Jan. 16. Peter attended many club events throughout the years, and was MC at several of events. He was an active member of many Madison groups, and served on the Board of many.

From the obituary:

"The Rev. F. Peter Brinkman, age 78, was a Lutheran pastor connected with virtually every interreligious movement locally, nationally and internationally. Brinkman was the quintessential cheerful advocate of interfaith dialogue and interfaith action of the religious scene. He had friends all over the world and maintained those friendships for a half-century or longer. ...He came to Madison in 1963 as associate director of the Bethel Bible Series...and was instrumental in its growth around the world, particularly in S. Korea...He was assistant pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Madison...[as] associate director of the International Committee for the Peace Council [he earned] the friendship and respect of religious luminaries including the Dalai Lama, among many others. He became a national Mission Advocate for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod...a job he held until his death.

Born in Milwaukee, Brinkman is a graduate of Concordia College, Milwaukee, and of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He was ordained in 1961, at Faith Lutheran Church, Milwaukee ...He and the former Patricia Ann Leszkiewicz were married on June 21, 1958, and they were parents of four children, Peter Buckley (Karen), Deborah Ann (David Mackey), Peter Anthony (Laura Nall), Peter Daniel (Amy). Remember that we have these five gifts: The Water, The Word, The Bread, The Wine and One Another!"

At the standing-room-only Memorial Service at Immanuel Lutheran Church, five pastors and a beautiful choir/music service recognized Peter's contributions. That day during his WORT Radio show, Szymon Wozniczka told of Madison's Polish community's loss of Peter, and dedicated to him Dream (Everly Bros) by Poland's DUBSKA reggae band.

Maxine Cuta sent word of her cousin Curt's trip to Poland last October. They traveled with PolishOrigins™. Zenon "Zen" Znamirowski is team leader for the tours. He has people throughout Poland who help him conduct genealogy searches and provide tours for individuals or groups. Curt sent this thank you to the company: "First of all, I want to thank both of you for a well planned trip to Poland. Your attention to detail and timing were perfect. A special thanks to Magda Smolka and Mateusz Gedbza who were both friendly and knowledgeable in their work. They made life easy as guides and interpreters. Without them, I'm sure our visit would have been a struggle, especially with the Polish language..." PolishOrigins offers *Galicia Tours 2014 May - October* and *Tailor-made trips to Poland & Ukraine*. polishorigins.com

Your contributions to the newsletter are welcome! Do you have stories to tell about your trips, family history, customs, or your family's place of origin? Would you like to write reports about events, club members, or Poland's history or geography?

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some 2014 TRIPS TO POLAND

Poland 120,726 sq. miles vs. WI's 65,503 sq. miles.

Population 2012: 38,544,513 vs. WI's 5.726 million

There are many tours to choose from, or use them for planning your own tour. Most/all of the Pope John Paul II Canonization Pilgrimage Trips required reservations before the end of January, but there are many "In the Footsteps of John Paul II" tours. The sign-up has passed for the PBS's *Genealogy Roadshow* "Return To Your Polish Roots Tour: Krakow and Zakopane - May, 2014" led by Ceil Wendt Jensen, Certified Genealogist. These two pages highlight Wisconsin trip and those leaving from Chicago.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER MAGAZINE: June/July 2013 Warsaw Memorable Experiences: the Neon Museum, the ghetto wall remnant between Ziota and Sienna streets, eating Polish specialties at Przekąski Zakąski, the weekend Koto Bazaar flea market. **Wild Nights...at Top Ecolodges by Costas Christ** "Eco-Frontiers Ranch in the Carpathian Mts, sleep in cabin-like rooms "surrounded by some of Europe's most spectacular wilderness..." after a guided nature walk in Bieszczady National Park, sip an award-winning microbrew in the Renewable Resources Bar. **Aug/Sept 2013 Unshackled ...Poland's Capital is Turning Heads by Thomas Swick**

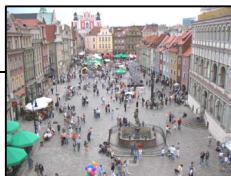


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1 Dec. of the prior year. "... exceptional study tour of Poland to include cities such as Warsaw, Gdansk, Malbork, Torun, etc. After the study-tour the group will settle down in Krakow. ...Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364, the unique opportunity not only to study Polish language, culture and society in Krakow but also to experience over a thousand years of history, magnificent architecture and art.

uwsp.edu/studyabroad/Pages/destinations/poland_krakow.aspx

June 25 to July 7 CARTHAGE COLLEGE, Kenosha, WI

Study Tour Jewish Faith and Culture Four April lectures, then in Krakow, the world class Jewish Cultural Festival. .. 350 events staged over 10 days for 25,000 international visitors and connect their live experience with their earlier literary/historical studies. www.carthage.edu/jterm/2014-study-tours/

July 6-19, July 28-Aug 10 JAGIELLONIAN UNIV, Kraków

For ages 14-17 www.plschool.uj.edu.pl or phone: +48 12 421 36 92

Feb 6 RECEPTION, UW HILLEL, 611 Langdon St 5 pm

Feb 6 - April 6 "Chernobyl: Behind the Back of Time" EXHIBIT



"Chernobyl: Behind the Back of Time" is an art project about Jewish traces in the region of Chernobyl, about historical layering, and about the questionable nature of language. The exhibition asks questions of history, both before and after Chernobyl, of

our use of language, and of our approach to diversity and ideology. In six chapters, the installation explores the region around Chernobyl from a Jewish perspective." Polesia ... of the largest forest areas in Europe, located mainly within Belarus and Ukraine but also partly within Poland and Russia. The swampy areas of Polesia are known as the Pripyat Marshes or Pinsk Marshes. Large parts of the region were contaminated after the Chernobyl disaster & the region now includes the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone....WIKIPEDIA

Feb 13 MADISON SENIOR CENTER 330 W. Mifflin St.

10 am "Heritage Discovery-Poland the Heart of Europe"

Eva Verhoven's presentation will capture "the essence of Polish history along with its current development that is



helping to shape the modern Europe. Traveling along the picturesque Vistula river running through the heart of Poland we pass through Krakow in the south, the cultural capital of Poland, continue north through the historic capital city of Warsaw. We end up in the port city of Gdansk on the Baltic Sea where the first shots of WWII were fired and years later nurtured the Solidarity movement. Solidarity, with 10 million members, became the first officially recognized free trade union in the communist bloc. The momentum of the dramatic events of 1980 in Poland would eventually lead to the fall of the Berlin Wall in Nov. of 1989, the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe - events that changed the world forever. The presentation includes documentary pictures and short films.

Open to the public.

4 pm UW-MADISON CREECA Rm 206, 1155 Observatory Dr

March 6 "Democracy, Inequality and Foreign Investment in Eastern Europe: Does EU Matter?"

Nina Bandelj, is Assoc. Professor of Sociology, Univ. of California, Irvine. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton University & was awarded the Lipset Prize for Best Dissertation from the Soc. for Comparative Research. She held fellowships at the European University Institute and Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies. Her research examines the social and cultural bases of economic phenomena, determinants and consequences of globalization, & social change in postsocialist Europe. Books: *From Communists to Foreign Capitalists: The Social Foundations of Foreign Direct Investment in Postsocialist Europe* (2008); and *Socialism Vanquished, Socialism Challenged...*



POLISH MUSIC, some past

Feb 17 Oakwood West 7 pm Tyrone Greive violin, Janet Greive, cello, Nancy Linder, piano This recital program explores how changing instrumental relationships help to create musical interest. Anticipated selections include a variety of beautiful music by Polish composers: Felix Janiewicz, Aleksander Zarzycki, Mieczysław Karłowicz as well as Vivaldi, Karl Stamitz, and others.

From Szymon Wozniczka Jan 27, 2014....The Jan/Feb 2014 issue of *Songlines* (#97) comes with a bonus CD, "**Wild Music from the Heart of Poland**". (No mention on the cover about the Polish music feature.) It's available at Barnes & Noble or www.songlines.co.uk/songlines/current-issue.php The CD "contains 25 very diverse songs (vocal, instrumental, dances and ballads) performed by young and new musicians exploring roots of Polish music. It also features extensive liner notes & a 3pg. article "The Mazurka strikes back" about the state of traditional music scene in Poland." This CD was produced/ compiled by the Janusz Prusinowski Trio. They were in Madison last Sept. "I think that the CD is a good introduction to traditional music of - primarily - central Poland, if you would like to have only one CD of that genre in your collection. Please help to spread the word about this special release promoting unique aspects of Polish culture." http://www.etno.serpent.pl/plyty/wild_music.php <https://soundcloud.com/wildmusicfrompoland>

Listen until Feb. 1 WORT Radio Archives wortfm.org/archives/ Szymon was DJ on "Tropical Riddims" Jan 18.

Polish reggae, ska, dub, dancehall Featured artists: Maleo Reggae Rockers, Vavamuffin, Ras Luta, Mesajah, The Bartenders, Dreadsquad, Cala Gora Barwinkow, Panna Marzena i Bizony, Earl Jacob, Kacezet i Fundamenty, Naaman, Bob One and more.

Jan 21 Morphy Hall Lecture-Recital Young Ju Yim, violin: "Style in Poldowski's Violin-Piano Compositions"

Poldowski is the pen name of composer Irena Wieniawska, (b. Belgian 1879, d. London 1932) the youngest daughter of the famous Polish violinist, Henryk Wieniawski.

27 Jan, Los Angeles Jazz composer/pianist **Wlodek Pawlik** won the Best Large Jazz Ensemble Grammy for 'Night in Calisia' It was commissioned by the town of Kalisz for its 1850th anniv.

20 Jan, London Popular singer **Basia** was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Reborn PL for promoting Polish culture.

9 Jan, Kalamazoo, MI - **Rafal Blechacz** b.Nakło nad Notecią,PL won the prestigious Gilmore Prize, which is given "to a concert pianist of outstanding calibre and development potential." He is a graduate of the Feliks Nowowiejski Music Academy in Bydgoszcz, & has studied the philosophy of music and aesthetics at the Nicolaus Copernicus Univ. in Toruń. PAST WINNERS: Ingrid Fliter and Piotr Anderszewski

23 Dec, Milwaukee's SHEPARD EXPRESS - NewYork Quartet's Wislawa...Kevin Lynch: "**Tomasz Stanko** is probably our greatest living lyrical jazz trumpeter, his style inspired by Miles Davis. Yet the Polish master speaks in his own almost uncannily disarming language. His sensibility -beautifully brooding, sly, witty-emits notes like snaking smoke. As they unfurl and ooze, the articulated effect is concentrated, like poetry. Stanko uses silence as an artist uses negative space.."

POLISH FILMS

Feb 7 U.S. opening date AND at Madison's Sundance George Clooney's THE MONUMENTS MEN. "Within months of invading Poland in 1939, Nazi troops seized selected pieces - including paintings by Raphael, Rembrandt, Vermeer - from churches, museums & private art collections. The artworks were then hidden in mines and remote castles for safekeeping until the war ended." The "Monuments Men" were a group of ~ 345 men and women from 13 nations, most of whom volunteered for service in the newly created MFAA section during World War II.



Many had expertise as museum directors, curators, art historians, artists, architects, and educators. Their job description: to protect cultural treasures so far as war allowed.

Gilbert Harry Doane (1897-1980) "began his career at the University of Wisconsin in 1937 as director of libraries. In 1943 Doane was granted leave from the University of Wisconsin when he was recruited for MFAA service during World War II. Capt. Doane was sent "overseas with the adjutant general's staff" to aid in the restoration and conservation of Nazi looted objects. After two years of recovery and restitution work, he retired a major in 1945. Following the war, Doane returned to the University of Wisconsin where he continued his position as director of libraries until 1956 when he became Archivist. Doane remained in that position until 1962 when he retired as Professor Emeritus...." Monuments Men Foundation www.monumentsmenfoundation.org/

8 Jan, 2014 Warsaw - Poland's foreign minister Radoslaw Sikorski showed 80 paintings and drawings that were stolen in 1944 from the National Museum. Included were works by Alfred Schouppé and Ignacy Lopienski, and an original 1617 illustration of Warsaw from the east side of the Vistula. Stolen by the Nazi's, they were stored in an Austrian castle. Polish authorities estimate ~ half a million works of art were stolen or destroyed. The 124 most sought stolen art pieces are worth ~ \$200mil.

2013 recovery of paintings by Marcello Bacciarelli, King Stanislaw August Poniatowski's court painter.

2012 'Madonna Under Fir Trees', a 16thcentury painting by Lucas Cranach, was returned to Wroclaw.

5 Feb, NY's Lincoln Center **Martin Scorsese's MASTERPIECES OF POLISH CINEMA** begins tour of 30 cities. mspresents.com/

3 Feb, Milwaukee Showing begins of Public TV's documentary **MEMORIALIZING KOSIUSZKO**. Watch for on WPTV statewide.

30 Dec, Katowice, PL Death of **Wojciech Kilar** (b.Lvov 1932), film composer and co-founder of Polish avant-garde music. In later years he "turned to tradition and looked for inspiration in folk music and religion. In many works he attempted to revive a nationalist style in Polish music. The folk music of the Tatras inspired him.." most popular orchestral piece *Krzesany*

16-26 Jan, Park City,UT Sundance Film Festival **Paweł Pawlikowski's IDA**, Warsaw Film Festival winner, is about a young novice in 1960s Poland who discovers a family secret dating back to the Nazi occupation.



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MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31

IN THE NEWS 2013-14 from various sources

Nov 17 Detroit, MI A storm took off shingles & twisted St. Josphat's 200' steeple, visible from I-75. Fundraising continues.

27 Dec POLAND - *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* had the most lucrative opening weekend in Poland's cinema history. It was seen by ~ 850,000. Andrzej Wajda's *Pan Tadeusz* in 1999 had the best opening weekend for a Polish film.

31 Dec

- Warsaw - The IPN investigation found no conspiracy evidence in Gen. Sikorski's 1943 death on his Gibraltar to London flight.

- The Rising Museum is Warsaw's Tripadvisor 2013 Top Sight.

1 Jan Kamien Pomorski, NW POLAND - Drunk driver's red BMW goes off road, kills 6 pedestrian. Poland's road safety one of EU's worst. ~ double the average. Tusk's govt. is working on. .

2 Jan

- LOT Airlines will receive \$30 mil. US for the 2013 grounding of two 787 Dreamliners due to safety concerns.

- Deir el-Bahari burial complex, near Luxor, EGYPT - Professor Andrzej Niwinski of Warsaw's Institute of Archaeology appealed for funds for this season's work to reach the tomb.

3 Jan

- Poland will end the sale of live carp. For their 2013 Christmas meals, Poles spent 200 mil. zloty (47.9 mil. €) on 200 tons of carp. Refrigerators are available, vs. during Communist times when putting in the bathtub was the only way to keep it fresh.

- NY TIMES's 2014 Great Expectations in Culture List: Paweł Pawlikowski's film *IDA* and Warsaw's Museum of Polish Jews.

7 Jan Afghanistan - By the end of April the Polish contingent should be relocated from its Ghazni province headquarters to America's Bagram Base. 1,500 Poles are in Afghanistan.

8 Jan One in four Poles does not have a bank account.

- Warsaw - The population is 1,619,633 - an increase of 5,000 in 2013. The most popular baby names are Zofia and Jan.

15 Jan

-Warsaw - 100th birthday of General Stefan Bałuk, one of last living members of the elite special-operations paratroopers of Poland's WWII Home Army. His memoirs: 'Byłem Cichociemnym' / 'Silent and Unseen: I was a WWII special ops commando'

20 Jan Actor Hugh Laurie (HOUSE) 'Drink Polish vodka not Russian' in protest of Russia's campaign against homosexuals.

22 Jan

- Bloomberg US business media group Poland is best E. Europe/ Cen. Asia country to do business with 70.8 pts to Czech 68.7.

- The Polish Senate declared 2014 JAN NOWAK YEAR. The former WWII "Courier from Warsaw" was director of Radio Free Europe and headed the Polish American Congress.

24 Jan

- The Washington Post and others Stories about the CIA 'black site' secret prison 2 story villa in Stare Kiejkuty, NE Poland.

- Melbourne, AUSTRALIA Łukasz Kubot is the 1st Polish tennis player to win a title at the Australian Open (men's doubles). After the match he did a cancan dance on center court.

27 Jan Poland - 34 people died from the cold so far this year, Around 190 people die from the cold every year in Poland.