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Letter from the President:

The Spring Festival was a success. We were featured in the newspaper on Sunday and I am sure most everyone had a good time. We always need volunteers for our events. The next one is May 10 at the Portage County Cultural Festival in Stevens Point. Please call me if you would like to help us. If you would like a copy of our Board of Directors Meeting reports, you are welcome to contact me. ~ Joanna

May 2 First Fri Polish Club Breakfast 9 am

Monona Gardens, 6501 Bridge Road, Monona + the Summer Parades are coming. Barbara Lomperski has a Polish Costume for a girl of about 6 or 8 years of age. Please call if a ride is needed or to participate in the parades. 608 238-9189 or Lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com

May 3 "Trzeciego Maja Day" in Wisconsin

**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT:
1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11**

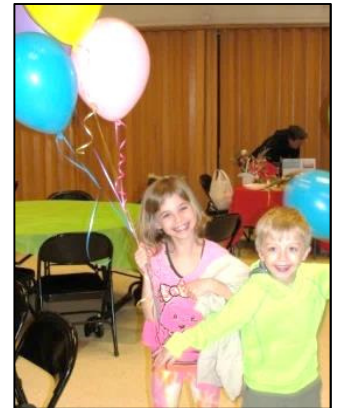
- 1 Relating to:proclaiming May 3rd of every year, Trzeciego Maja Day.
- 2 Whereas, "Trzeciego Maja", May 3, 1999, marks the 208th anniversary of the
- 3 signing of the Polish Constitution on May 3, 1791; and [lines 4-8]
- 9 Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of
- 10 the state of Wisconsin recognizes the contribution of the Polish Constitution to the advancement of democracy and freedom by proclaiming May 3rd of every year,
- 12 "Trzeciego Maja Day" in the state of Wisconsin and invites all citizens to join their
- 13 fellow Wisconsinites of Polish descent in celebrating Polish Constitution Day,
- 14 "Trzeciego Maja".

April 12 Holy Sat. - *Święconka* - Msrg.Fiedler blessed many food baskets, and then the children, at Madison's W.side Queen of Peace.



**HAVE FUN AT
A POLISH
EVENT!**

*Alia and Evan
Butor
photo by
Grandma
Linda Cagle*



May 10 Portage Co. Cultural Festival 10-5 pm in Stevens Pt. - food, entertainment, demos. **AND DRIVE THE: Portage Co. Historical Society's Polish Heritage Trail** : "Located on quiet, rural roads winding through the glacial terrain with its wooded countryside, lakes, and farm land are reminders of the Polish heritage of this area. The small communities, imposing churches, and several quaint roadside shrines and crucifixes create a pastoral & spiritual landscape not unlike the Kaszuby area in N. Poland from which the earliest Polish settlers came beginning in 1857." pchswi.org/archives/townships/heritagetrail.html

May - Trevor's Chopin events - see inside
June 15 RES.DUE for Gloria's Workshop:

June 21 Midsummer Wianki Festival
Aug 12 Book Club *The Auschwitz Volunteer*
Aug 24 PHCWI's Annual Picnic, Middleton

May 15 Polish Club Scholarship due

The Polish Heritage Club of WI-Madison will again award a scholarship to a student pursuing secondary education. The applicant must be of verifiable Polish ancestry OR studying Polish language, history, society, or culture, OR significantly engaged with Polish culture. Download the application from www.phcwi-madison.org

- 1st Friday 9 am** **PHCWI 1st Friday Breakfast, (608) 238-9189, Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd**
- 1st Sunday 5 pm Mass in Polish - Fr. Bruno Slodowski, St. Cecilia's, (608) 254-8381, 603 Oak St, WI Dells
- UW-Madison Polish Student Assoc. Natalia Chreptowicz, (262) 441-1452, polishbuckybadger@gmail.com
- alt. Wed/ Thu 7-9 pm Polish Table *Polski Stół* Memorial Union, Elliot Bartz, polishbuckybadger@gmail.com
- May 1 Thu Deadline to enroll *Schubert and Chopin at the 19th-century Piano*, trevor@trevorstephenson.com or (608) 238-6092
- May 3 Sat May 3rd *Polish Constitution Day, Trzeciego Maja in Wisconsin*, 1999 WI SJR 11

May 10 Sat 10-5 pm Portage County Cultural Festival, 1001 N. Point Dr, Stevens Point
 "Celebrates Central Wisconsin's rich cultural heritage through the sharing of food, entertainment, exhibits, sales of arts and crafts, and hands-on activities. It features 38 cultural groups offering 70+ food, arts and crafts, and exhibits booths, and has outstanding professional and semi-professional entertainment on 4 stages." www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org/entertainment.html



- May 15 Thu PHCWI Scholarship applications due, see website www.phcwi-madison.org/index.php/home/scholarship**
- May 23 Fri 7 pm *In the Name of*, 2012/Polish with English subtitles /102' SIGN UP AT: Ashman Library, 733 N High Pt. Rd.
- May 31 Sat 7:30 pm *Chopin and Schubert Concert*, RES. REQ. trevor@trevorstephenson.com or (608) 238-6092

In 2012 a Catholic - Orthodox group began a campaign in support of life and family. A Black Madonna icon was blessed by the Archbishop of Czestochowa. Then it traveled across Europe and America, it's in Wisconsin in June. This November the icon goes to Latin America. www.hli.org/hli_campaigns/ocean-ocean-pilgrimage/
 May 31-June 1 Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, LaCrosse
 June 14-15 Sacred Heart Church, Polonia
 June 17 Tue Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill, Hubertus
 June 18 Wed Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Champion



- June 1 - Aug 1 Mini Show *Traditional Papercrafts including Polish wycinanki and nalepianki*, Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd
- June 15 RES.DUE June 21 Sat. 1-4 pm, Workshop: Midsummer Wianki Festival, Gloria (608)217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net21**
- June 6-14 Madison Burkhalter Travel's *Jewels of Poland* (800) 556-9286
- Aug 1-3 *Quo Vadis 2014 in Madison*: conference for Polonia students/ young professionals, UW-Madison Polish Student Assoc.
- Aug 12 Tue 7 pm PHCWI Book Club at Kasia's (608) 836-8632, The Auschwitz Volunteer**
- Aug 24 Sun PHCWI Annual Picnic Lakeview Park, 6300 Mendota Ave, Middleton**
- Sept 20-21 Harvest Festival, *Dozynki*, Stevens Point



October Polish American Heritage Month Events

- Oct 5 Sun Apple Fest, *Smaczne Jablka*, Winona, MN
- Oct 13 RES.DUE Oct. 18 Sat. 1-4 pm, Workshop: Harvest Celebration Dozynki, Gloria (608)217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net**
- 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: www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/index.php/events/

- May 3, *Polonia Majowka Dance*, celebrating Constitution Day, Polonia Sport Club, Franklin (414) 810-8158
- June 13-15, Polish Fest, Summerfest Grounds www.polishfest.org
- 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 www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/
- May 4, 12-3 pm Pulaski Council of Milwaukee *Polish Constitution Day Event Observance and Award Luncheon*
- May 11, Mother's Day Champagne Brunch, RESERVE for 10am, Noon, & 2pm seatings. Call (414) 529-2140
- May 18, 7 pm *Cabaret & Roses* Polish retro-music and dance, Tickets \$12 / \$15



Chicago: <http://polishbuzz.com/>

May 3 *Polish Constitution Day Parade* 11:30 Columbus Dr. from Balbo to Monroe
 "...another massive parade...This 123st Chicago parade in honor of this historic document, the first democratic constitution in Europe, 2nd in the world only to the U.S. Constitution, is once again expected to draw 250,000 eager revelers to the lakefront & untold thousands more to the television coverage of the parade expected to once again be provided by ABC-7 and Polish stations."

- May 4, Sun 1:30-7pm *Polish Constitution Day & Cinco De Mayo Celebration*, Glendora House, (708) 594-5182 Chicago Ridge IL
- May 4 - July 3, *Martin Scorsese: Masterpieces of Polish Cinema* 164 N. State St. www.siskelfilmcenter.org/polish_cinema_2014
- Labor Day Weekend, *Taste of Polonia*, Copernicus Center
- Nov 5, Mazowsze 65th Anniversary North America Fall Tour
- Nov 7-23, Polish Film Festival in America

Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. (773) 384-3352



April 27: unveiling of the renovated/ redesigned Pope John Paul II display, April 25 - June 2: exhibit *Pope John Paul II Journeys*

CLUB and MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

5/2 Art Haralampopoulos 5/26 Carol Janecek
 5/3 Rob Hameister 5/26 Tony & Deb Ankowicz Anniv.
 5/7 Linda Cagle 5/27 Tomasz Borowiecki
 5/17 Rose Meinholz & Larry Hochman Anniv.
 5/22 Barry Dexter 5/28 Zach Zwadzich 5/30 Kasia Tomczak

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Jerry Halkoski Diane M Pillsbury
 Maria-Christina & Corina Rios Jackson
 Steven Klafka Mary Ann Preston
 Sharon Pasowicz Doug Wierzba & Beata Kalies

CORRECTION: In the April issue, at the International Festival, **Marie Revolinski** was with her daughter **Sue Fatupaito**, who helped all day. Both daughters Jo and Sue and their families have given much assistance at club events for many years.

Dziękuję to Diane Michalski Turner, who's volunteered to do club publicity, **Barbara Lomperski and Kay Cipperly** who wrote event reports, and to all who give news tips and updates. Your story ideas are welcome! Contact Rose Meinholz, Editor (608) 233-3828, meinhoch@hotmail.com

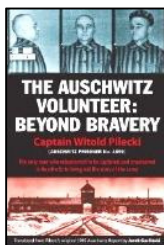
For six years Patricia Stone has played accordion at club events with **Tom Wosikowski**. Last fall she was also invited to play with the UW Russian Folk Orchestra (RFO) which includes two other accordion/bayan players. "I agreed mainly because of my interest in Polish music. And, anyway, it was an honor and I accepted. Since then, with the RFO, I've played at a number of wonderful venues including the Stoughton Opera House, Overture Center, and the River Arts Center in Sauk Prairie. CREECA (Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia) sponsors the RFO. The music is primarily E. European folk music with a few musical surprises included in the play list."



April 1 Milwaukee Brewers vs. Braves - John Zwadzich reports that many photos /videos show his daughter **Raina** and 14 men wearing golden yellow pants celebrating opening day!

Continued good recovery to Marcia Flannery & Butch Luick after their knee surgeries - and Spring Festival work.

Tom Serocki ate good pierogi at Belle Pizzelle, E. Towne Mall, by Dick's. The owners, sisters from Russia, opened their Bakery/Café in Feb. 2013. From YELP: "Everything baked from scratch on site. Their Russian pelmeni are a must try, as well as the potato filled Polish pierogies." Bucky Book #481



August 12 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm
The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery
 by Witold Pilecki

Kasia Krzyzostaniak is hostess at 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton (608) 836-8632. Please call ahead so she can set up chairs. The S. Central Library System has 3 copies.

IN MEMORY OF:

Thomas J. Urbanik (64) of Madison, Mar. 2 Clearwater, FL.



Tom and Annette attended many of the club's Wigilias. From <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com>: [Tom] "passed away peacefully... at Suncoast Hospice in Clearwater, FL after a year-long battle with brain cancer. He was born on May 13, 1949 in Waukegan, IL. He grew up in North Chicago, IL in the house his father built, and received a Catholic education from the nuns at

Holy Rosary. Tom was a graduate of Marquette University's School of Engineering and was employed for over 30 years as a mechanical engineer at Forest Products Laboratories in Madison, WI. Following his retirement in 2009, he and his wife spent their winters at their residence in Dunedin, FL. Tom enjoyed home remodeling, dancing, bocce ball, canoeing, traveling and bicycling. Over the years, he biked through Europe, Hawaii and New Zealand, putting on thousands of miles on his bicycle over the extent of his trips... Memorial donations may be made to Catholic Relief Services or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Dunedin., FLA."

Alexander Rolich, (90) of Middleton, Mar. 23 after an extended illness. *Alex and Andrea attended Wigilias and other club events. Andrea's many contributions to the club include egg decorating & paper-cutting demonstrations.* Madison.com:

"He was born to Belarusian and Ukrainian parents [&] felt close ties to both his Slavic heritage & his New England boyhood along the Connecticut R. A high achiever throughout his life, he was a man of many interests. In his youth he enjoyed playing in a fife and drum corps ... and during high school was twice the bugling champion of Connecticut.



He attended Teacher's College of CT & graduated from Columbia University with an undergraduate degree in Russian and Social Sciences, a certificate from ...and Master's Degrees in Russian Literature and Library Science. He also earned a Master's Degree in Russian Language from Middlebury College in Vermont. During World War II, he served in the Navy as Quartermaster on an amphibious assault ship in the South Pacific before returning to the US for officer training. He went on to use his Russian language skills as interpreter for touring artists, ... a performance that was taped for the Ed Sullivan Show. [He] applied for a new position ... at the UW-Madison Memorial Library. He thus spent the next 37 years enjoying his work building the Library's collections as Bibliographer for Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Studies. ... Those who wish, may donate to a fund set up for the purchase of Slavic print materials at UW-Madison Memorial Library (UW Foundation-Alexander Rolich Memorial Fund; US Bank Lockbox 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53278)."

George M. Verbeski, (89) April 18 at Heritage Memory Care in Middleton. *George attended club picnics and other events.* From Madison.com:



George "was born on Dec. 14, 1924, in Iowa, the son of George C. & Frances (Goscinski) Verbeski. [He] is survived by his wife of 43 years, Rose/Rosalie (Caravello), (two) step-children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. ... memorials may go to Agrace HospiceCare or St. Maria Goretti Parish."

SPRING FESTIVAL April 13, 2014 Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Monona



Over 40 volunteers made the Spring Festival happen! Saturday, while the set-up crew worked, **Ralph Tyksinski & Butch Luick** drove thru a bad storm to deliver our food supplies from Chicago and Milwaukee, and the kitchen crew started their preparations. On Sunday, helpers arrived at 7:30 for the 10 am start. Soon at the 16 tables guests were eating pierogi (until we ran out of them again), kielbasa, sauerkraut with bacon, rye bread and bakery treats. Children colored pictures, people gathered around Poland maps, listened and danced to the music and had a great time. Thank you to the Committee: **Linda Cagle, Jane Dunn, Marcia Flannery, Marge Morgan, Marie Revolinski, Irene Swiggum, Mary Ann Reale, Ralph Tyksinski, and Gloria Welniak**. Special thanks to Armella Sonn at Immaculate Heart who made and serves the coffee & oversees our event each year. If your name was inadvertently left out, please contact Linda C. 244-2788 for listing in the next newsletter. **Those pictured in BOLD.**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BROUGHT HOMEMADE BAKERY!



Bakery:
Mary Ann Reale,
Karen Backes,
Maxine Cuta,
L-Ronni Guski,
for **L Marge Morgan,**
& Angela Jakacki,
Carol Janecek,
Bev Priefer.



Silent Auction: **R-Gloria Welniak** (organizer) & **L-Sharon Pasowicz**.
Alison Koelsch - Wine Rack + Austrian/Hungarian wines
Sue Cuff - Euroline Hanger Rack
Bobbie Tessmann - *Wielkanoc* (Easter Basket) by Gloria Welniak
Jane Dunn - Polish Art Picture (donated by Pat Brinkman)
Mary Ann Lukesic - Swieconka Gift Basket
Ruth Hunter - Swieconka Gift Basket
Cora Lee Kluge - Polish Handblown Glass Vase
Don Wesolowski - Polish Handblown Glass Vase
Heather Hagen - Polish Mosaic Amber Necklace
Nick Sales - Polish Picnic Hamper,
Deb Ankowicz - Polish Smoked Ham

A special thank you to Michael Marshall, owner of The Silly Yak Bakery 7866 Mineral Point Rd. for his generous bread donations for the silent auction baskets.

"Everyone's Polish at Monona Spring Festival" was the title of reporter Samara Kalk Derby's story on Madison.com. The WI STATE JOURNAL'S 4/14/14 print version was titled "Steamin' kielbasa, cool polkas." Quoted in the story were: **Basia Pulz, Patricia Stone, Butch Luick, Ken Martin, Joanna Pasowicz and Marie Revolinski**, and there were pictures of colorful *pisanki* eggs, **Basia** making *wianki* and musicians **Patricia Stone and Tom Wosikowski**.

host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/around-town-everyone-s-polish-at-monona-spring-festival/article_fc0f841d-fd2f-5efc-ab50-b5b2ac2e9ab5.html

History Display/Members Info: Rose Meinholz, Tom Serocki
Lunch Ticket Sales: Ted Mianowski

Jewelry: Marie Revolinski, Deb Ankowicz, Marcia Flannery, Sue & Farrah Fatupaito. **Pottery:** Jane Dunn



Chefs/ Servers: L- R- **Tony Ankowicz, Phil Flannery, Skip Benninghouse, Butch Luick, Lori Chalecki, Ken Martin, Joanna Pasowicz, Ralph Tyksinski.**

Books & Children's Activity Table: Irene Swiggum

Bus Tables: Diane Pillsbury **Meat/pierogi sale:** John/ Zach Zwadzich, Art/Raina Haralampopoulos

Musicians: Tom Wosikowski, Patricia Stone **Photographers:** Linda Cagle, Jane Dunn, Kasia Tomczak, Don Wesolowski.

Posters: design/printing: Marcia Flannery **Hanging Posters:** Rose M, Linda C, Diane Turner, John Zwadzich & others.

Egg Demonstration: Pat Hall **Wyanki Demonstration:** Basia Pulz
Transporters: Jane Dunn, Butch/Dorie Luick, Sharon Pasowicz.
Set Up/Takedown: Linda Cagle, Jane Dunn, Butch/Dorie Luick, Rose Meinholz, Diane Pillsbury, Laurie Ross, Irene Swiggum, Gloria Welniak.

Wrapping/Check Out: L-R **John Hagen, Nancy Schlunz, Laurie Ross, Sandra Witte, Kasia Krzyzostaniak, Pam Pasowicz, Diane Turner, Karleen Tyksinski, Kasia Tomczak.**



FRIENDSHIP FORCE

CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD
Living under one roof for 5 to 7 days, sharing meals and exchanging ideas results in new friendships.

May 15 to June 1 Friendship Force's Outbound Exchange trip to Berlin, Germany & Poland was open to participants nationwide - it filled in 3 days. In Madison, Friendship Force Wisconsin www.ffwis.org sponsored several Polish events for their members, and publicized our club's events. Thank you to **Ryszard and Julita Zolnik**, recommended by the PHCWI, who gave a Poland Workshop to the group. In 2004 when the Friendship Force went to Olstyn, Poland, Ryszard also gave a talk about Poland to the group.

Thank you to the Friendship Force's Lise Skofronick for opening their cooking class to our club members. Several of our members attended. **Kay Cipperly** contributed this report:

March 29 Cooking Class for Friendship Force
Instructor: Lydia Critchley creativecook@sbcglobal.net

It turned out to be a larger group than Lydia at first thought. There were several people from Friendship International who are going to Germany and Poland in May, along with friends and other interested individuals. Lydia is very organized and has a great love of all things food, and I believe she has been teaching for more than 20 years. She started by sitting us all down and explaining that she prefers to teach with hands-on work, so we were divided into groups of twos and set to work on one or two items. Toward the end of the morning when everyone had finished, we ate our meal served buffet style. Delicious! We went home with leftovers and recipes for each part of the meal, as well as some sheets on various types of potatoes and mushrooms. And this was all accomplished in the time allotted. We had fun and enjoyed the new learning.

Lydia is a terrific source for anything in the kitchen. She was knowledgeable, extremely organized and low-key (which is a great asset when putting a dozen or so people into a kitchen they have never been in). She had all the needed ingredients, utensils and helpful advice. The class was held in her home on the far east side, but she also teaches at Stoughton Opera House and was going to Whole Foods after our class on Saturday. She seems to have boundless energy.

We prepared: Groszek Zielony lub Salata Duszona (Smothered green peas or Salad greens), Zupa Gzybowa (Mushroom Soup), Salatka Kartoflana z Winem (Potato Salad with Wine), Pomidory Faszerowane (Stuffed Tomatoes) and Polish Poppy Seed Cookies.

Friendship Force International is a non-profit organization founded in Atlanta, Georgia [by Wayne Smith, a Presbyterian minister] and introduced on March 1, 1977, by President Jimmy Carter at a White House gathering of state governors. First Lady Rosalynn Carter served as Honorary Chairperson until 2002. In 1992, Friendship Force International was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. ~ WIKIPEDIA

Customs & Crafts Workshops

Thank you to Gloria Welniak for these opportunities to learn about and enjoy our Polish heritage. Gloria and her sister Patty's quilt is available till May 12 at the Pinney Library fundraiser raffle. June 1 - August 1 is Gloria's Mini Show of Traditional Papercrafts at Pinney Branch Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road. See samples of papercutting and paperfolding styles from global cultures, including many samples of Polish wycinanki and nalepianki.



March 15 Polish Easter Customs & Crafts Workshop
by Barbara Lomperski

The workshop was attended by 15 ladies and one gentleman, 6 being members and 9 nonmembers. Thanks to Gloria, 3 joined the club!

Kraszanki are dyed eggs, often with natural dyes made from onions, beets, berries, coffee, or other natural resources as grown in the local area. Eggs are also made into miniature *Dzbanki z jajek*, (pitchers). The decorated eggs can be included in Święconka Baskets. Some people place a large branch in a vase and hang decorated eggs as a splendid Easter display.

Wycinanki (cut paper) designs were applied to colored eggs & it was fun, yet trying, to cut and affix the intricate patterns. Much creativity was shown in choices of color and pattern.

The last part of the presentation was on the making of the Polish Palms. Poland does not have palms easily available, therefore, branches of pussy willow, birch, boxwood, and other native trees are decorated and brought in procession to the church to be blessed on Palm Sunday. "Palms" are kept in the home throughout the year as a reminder of the sufferings and deprivations of Lent and the culmination of the resurrection on Easter Sunday (Wielka Niedziela). "Palms" are also used to decorate Swieconka baskets containing Easter foods.

Marie Revolinski and Gloria Welniak provided pussy willows that they had placed in water to force the buds to open. This assured that the class had plentiful supplies for making the Polish Palms. Marie also shared some of the art work that she has collected over the years which demonstrated other Polish folk art to the class. All were very colorful and interesting. Djekuje Gloria and Marie for dedicating your talents and time in such a caring manner as you shared Polish customs to the class.

June 15 reservations required for June 21 Sat. 1-4 pm
WORKSHOP: POLISH MIDSUMMER WIANKI FESTIVAL



at 1320 Mendota Street, Madison.

The days of solstices between seasons have been a time of celebration and festivities since ancient times in Poland. The summer solstice, the longest day of light of the year is especially important. Bonfires are built the night before to dispel the darkness of the winter season. Since the 19th century, the midsummer festival has been a symbol of patriotism. Today, large festivals are held with wianki contests, music, theater and fireworks. Wreaths (wianki) will be created of flowers and herbs in this workshop. Wianki can be worn on many special occasions. \$10 donation for materials suggested. Contact Gloria (608)217-5652 gwelniak@charter.net

October 13 reservations due for Oct 18 Sat. 1-4 pm
WORKSHOP: HARVEST CELEBRATION (DOZYNKI)



MUSIC



2 March Academy Awards winners on YouTube:

- *Let it go*, Best Original Song from Disney's FROZEN (Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen*)Listen in Polish.
- *The Lady In Number 6: Music Saved My Life* Best Short Subject Documentary...the story of Alice Herz-Sommer, 110-year-old pianist who survived the Holocaust by playing music, esp. the etudes of Frederic Chopin. Also NPR interviews.

14 April Royal Festival Hall, London - Henryk Gorecki's 'playful, dramatic and tender' *Fourth Symphony* was conducted by Russian-Polish conductor Andrey Boreyko. Music critic Adrian Thomas gave a pre-concert lecture, and was awarded the Gloria Artis gold medal by the Polish Minister of Culture for his contributions Polish music. He is the author of the only major study on Górecki, and has written about other Polish composers. His lists of likes about Poland: the Grotowski theatre, 'pączki' from the Blikle café in Warsaw, and Polish posters of the 70s and 80s. His website: onpolishmusic.com

15 May New Zealand opening of *In Search of Chopin*



by director Phil Grabsky. "His grave in Paris remains a place of pilgrimage and his music continues to sell out concert halls worldwide – but who exactly was this man who was terrified of public performance, who fled his Polish homeland for Paris never to return, took up with the most notorious transvestite in France, rarely gave public performances and, despite a life of ill-health, wrote some of the deepest and most powerful music ever written? How exactly did a young Polish boy rise to such heady heights?"

Music from Poland in our South Central Library System

www.scls.info Donated by the musicians and Mad-Pol K.A. For updates contact Szymon Wozniczka 608-577-3897 szymon2005@sbcglobal.net A partial list includes:

Folk:

- 1/ Various: Na rozstajnych drogach
- 2/ Tajno biav Secret marriage by Čači Vorba (Musical group)
- 3/ Tańce polskie by Kapela Brodów
- 4/ Pieśni i melodie na rozmaite święta by Kapela Brodów
- 5/ Strunami serca by Sestry Boczniewicz (Lemko folk)
- 6/ Serce [sound recording] by Janusz Prusinowski Trio
- 7/ Erotyki ludowe by Author: Makaruk
- 8/ Dos amantes Sephardic songs: by Riveiro, Anna & Maayan

Reggae:

- 9/ Eastwest.FM by EastWest Rockers
- 10/ Mo' better Rootz by Vavamuffin
- 11/ Dobre słowo by Jahoo

Pop/Rock:

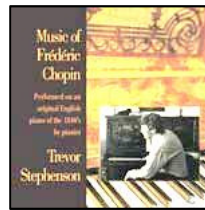
- 12/ Magnificent Muttley by Magnificent Muttley

Klezmer:

- 13/ The bats gallery by Lieberman, Jascha
- 14/ 5th element by Klezmafour
- 15/ Memories of the Stone Adamów, Stańczyk, Brzozowski
- 16/ Chanajki by Chanajki Klezmer Ban
- 17/ 8 p.m. by Quartet Klezmer Trio
- 18/ Pięć stron świata by Neoklez

Other genres, musical fusion:

Atom String Quartet, Janusz Prusinowski Trio, Karrot Kommando Records, Warszawa Kyiv Express .



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May 1 enrollment deadline Fee: \$160 Schubert and Chopin at the 19th-century Piano May 6, 13, 20, 27

A four-part course on the piano music of Schubert and Chopin on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm at Trevor Stephenson's home studio, 5729 Forsythia Place.

Reading knowledge of music and advanced beginner-or-higher keyboard skills suggested.

"We'll compare specific works by the two masters, and discuss their overall stylistic similarities and differences. We'll look at different ways to approach performance of their music: fingering, articulation, touch, tempo, pedaling, and rubato. I'll also talk about the pianos of their time and how the tonal aesthetics encapsulated by these instruments is integrated with both Chopin & Schubert's approach to composition. I'll demonstrate on the late 18th-century fortepiano, the mid-19th-century upright piano, and the mid-19th-century parlor grand piano."

Repertoire:



Schubert – Impromptus op. 90, Three Piano Pieces, "Wanderer" Fantasy, Sonata in B-flat major D. 960
Chopin – Nocturnes op. 9 nos. 1 & 2, Etudes op. 10 no. 1 and op. 25 no. 1, Waltz in A minor op. 34 no. 2, Mazurkas op. 24 nos. 1 & 2, Ballade in F minor op 52
Chopin 1849 photo by Bisson

May 31 House Concert Schubert & Chopin

Chopin's Nocturnes Op. 55 no.2, Selected Mazurkas, F minor Ballade op. 52, and

Schubert's last Piano Sonata, B-flat major D. 960.

7:30 pm at the home of Trevor and Rose Stephenson
5729 Forsythia Place, Madison 53705

Admission \$40 Light refreshments served.



Chopin performance and education videos

on *YouTube Trevor's Channel* are played on his English parlor grand piano, c. 1850, a piano much like those Chopin heard toward the end of his life.

Prelude in E minor, Op. 28 no.4
Prelude in D-flat major, Opus 28 No. 15, "Raindrop."

Overture Center, Madison

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2015: Feb.13, 14, 15 Ingrid Fliter, Argentinian pianist, and the Madison Symphony Orchestra will play Chopin's *Concerto No. 2 for Piano* with John DeMain, conductor.

EVENTS

March Madison Area Doll Club exhibit at Middleton Library included Polish dolls.



March 25 A Place To Stand, UW-Madison

PHCWI Director Ralph Tyksinski welcomed director Anna Ferens and 20 guests to dinner at Steenbock's. Then at Union South, an additional 40 or so attendees saw her documentary *A Place to Stand/Punkt Oparcia*, & a Q & A until almost 9 pm. Poland's June 4, 1989 elections paved the way for democracy in other nations. The film focuses on the next ten years, and the efforts of the European Parliament. She explained that Archimedes's "Give me a place to stand and I will move the world" applies to events common to E. European countries during the fight against communism. She interviewed available European Parliament members from the 1980s. The documentary premiered in Brussels at the European Parliament on Jan. 2014. Thank you to Chicago's Polish Consulate for bringing Anna Ferens to the Midwest - "nearly half a thousand saw the film." CREECA's Jennifer Tishler & PHCWI's Rose Meinholz & Jane Dunn organized Madison's events.



Irena Fraczek photos: W. Szybalski, A. Ferens, K. Zielinski-V.Consul

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- **WI Historical Society Classes, Workshops, Webinars**
[May 10](http://May10Ancestry.com) Ancestry.com [May 12](http://May12Webinar.com) Webinar: Fold3.com
- **MADISON Dane Co. Area Genealogical Soc.** www.dcags.org/
[May 1](http://May1DiscussionNight.com) Discussion Night...seek help on particular topics.
- **Salt Lake City, UT, United Polish Genealogy Soc. Conference**
[May 2-5](http://May2-5US/Polishancestors.com) US/Polish ancestors, classes, Family History Library

PUBLIC TELEVISION • Krakow, Auschwitz and Warsaw

- [May 12](http://May12M3pm.com) M 3 pm and 9:30 pm, [May 13](http://May13T1230am.com) T 12:30 am
Rick Steves: Old "east" the new heart of Europe.
- **Messenger of Truth** virtual simulcast on PBS stations
[June 1](http://June1.com) It was shown on Milwaukee PTV in early April, but is not yet scheduled in the Madison area on WPTV. Documents the story of human rights activist and Polish martyr, Father Jerzy Popieluszko (1947-1984). Narrated by actor Martin Sheen. Winner of the 2014 Christopher Award. DVD and book: <http://www.messengerofthetruth.com/>

Martin Scorsese Presents: Masters of Polish Cinema - Chicago

May 4-July Gene Siskel Film Center 3164 N. State St.

In Dec. 2011, Martin Scorsese was invited by director Andrzej Wajda to Łódź, where he was awarded an honorary degree from The Polish National Film, Television, & Theatre School. He and digital restoration expert Jędrzej Sabliński worked on a North American tour of restored Polish cinema classics.

In Chicago for Info. and the SUNDAY DOUBLE-BILL DISCOUNT see: siskelfilmcenter.org/polish_cinema_2014

*Many films are available at our South Central Library and at 4 STAR VIDEO, 449 State St. (which has 26 Polish videos).

May 4 Sun. 3 pm, May 5 M 6:30 pm

THE SARAGOSSA MANUSCRIPT (REKOPIS ZNALEZIONY W



SARAGOSSIE) 1964, Wojciech J. Has, 184 min. "Fans of this labyrinthine mind-boggler include Luis Buñuel, Francis Coppola, Martin Scorsese, and Jerry Garcia... A swashbuckling Napoleonic officer ... takes refuge in a Spanish inn..."

May 11 Sun. 3 pm, May 14 W 6 pm **ASHES AND DIAMONDS**



(POPIOL I DIAMENT) 1958, Andrzej Wajda, 104 min. "The film that put Polish cinema on the map, ...spoke for an entire generation of Poles who were coming of age amid the moral confusion of postwar Soviet domination."

May 11 Sun. 5 pm, May 12 M 7:45pm **JUMP (SALTO)**



1965, Tadeusz Konwicki, 105 min. "The title refers both to the hero's initial leap [off a moving train] and to a justly celebrated dance performed to composer Wojciech Kilar's ultra-cool jazz theme."

May 18 Sun. 3 pm, May 19 M 6 pm **A SHORT FILM ABOUT KILLING (KROTKI FILM O ZABIJANIU)**

1987, Krzysztof Kieslowski, 85 min.

"The most powerful movie about the death penalty ever made."



May 18 S 4:45pm, Thur. May 22 Th 6 pm

BLIND CHANCE (PRZYPADEK) 1981, Krzysztof Kieslowski, 122 min. "Medical student Witek ... is mysteriously energized by his father's cryptic dying words."



May 25 Su 3 pm, May 29 Thu 6 pm

PHARAOH (FARAON) 1965, Jerzy Kawalerowicz, 151 min. "One of the classics of Polish cinema... The story centers on Rameses, the headstrong heir to the current pharaoh..."



May 25th Sun. 5:45pm, W May 28 Wed. 8 pm

EROICA 1957, Andrzej Munk, 85 min. "The film's two contrasting episodes are united by their irreverent attitude toward the fabled Warsaw Uprising of 1944."

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2014 IN THE NEWS from various sources

17 March - Krakow unveiled its potential logo for the 2022 Winter Olympics. Winner is announced July 2015.

21 March

- Polish border - 32 Crimean Tartars (who make up over 10% of the Crimean pop.) arrived seeking asylum in Poland.

- Leżajsk, SE Poland - Several thousand Hasidic Jews gathered for the 228th anniversary of the death of Rebbi Elimelech of Lizensk (1717 - 1787), known for the theory of the Tzaddik

26 March

- Ząb, near Zakopane, Tatras Mts. - Olympic golds + World Cup winner/ski jumper Kamil Stoch, was honored by his home town with a huge layer-cake shaped like two ski-jumps.

- Szczecin, N. POLAND - Screening of new docudrama *The Great Escape to the North* about the two (of the 76) allied officers who escaped via tunnels from the Nazi German POW camp.

27 March

- After its successful sales in the Czech Republic last year, Grycan ice cream will be sold in China and Germany.

- Palace of Culture, Warsaw - The World Cup was displayed for 2 days, part of 90 city tour before going to Brazil this summer.

1 April

- Lower House of Parliament, Warsaw - 13 disabled families demanding a raise to their benefits, ended their sit-in.

- European Commission report - Poland's roads still 2nd deadliest in EU: 87 deaths/mil. (down from 102 /mil. in 2012.) Romania the worst last year with 92 deaths/mil. inhabitants.

5 April - Tomasz Adamek, 37 yr. old former N. Amer.Boxing Heavyweight champ, is 5/25 European Parliament candidate.

7 April - Lodz - "Polish tennis players have to train in sheds" said furious Jerzy Janowicz, 1st Polish man in Grand Slam.

9 April - Troy, MI - The Na. Polish-Amer. Sports Hall of Fame inductees: Baseball-Ryan Klesko, Boxing-Duane Bobick, All-American lineman-Walt Patulski, Bowling-Liz Johnson.

13 April

- Cieplicowka canal near Elbląg, NE Poland - 4 died after their yacht's mast hit a power line along the 7.5 km canal.

- UKRAINE - Caritas Polska charity and the Polish Post Office delivered over 9,000 parcels of food and clothing.

- Princeton, WI - St. John Catholic Church organized a flash "Mass Mob" to fill pews. Aug.17 is Polish Picnic/ Car Show.

15 April - Edinburgh - New Scots-Polish Lexicon for Scotland's largest minority translates confounding words & expressions.

17 April - Warsaw - The NY TIMES will reopened central and East European bureau will be run by journalist Rick Lyman.

24 April - Swidwin, NW POLAND - 150 (soon 450 more) U.S. 173rd Airborne Brigade soldiers arrived "to reassure Poland of our [NATO] security guarantee." - Stephen Mull, Ambassador.

- Wroclaw - Death of Tadeusz Rozewicz (92) 'Theatre of the Absurd' poet known for *The Card Index/Kartoteka* & others.

- Krakow banned e-cigarettes on public transport. ~ 1.2 mil. Poles use them. Warsaw, Poznan and Lodz also ban them.

- Lubusz, Warmia-Mazuria, W.Pomerania regions - have the most uninsured drivers. ~ 250000 cars in Poland are not insured.

27 April - Krakow and Wadowice - Crowds watched the canonization of Popes John Paul & John XXIII on giant screens.

- Rome - Pres. Bronislaw Komorowski led the Polish delegation that included Aleksander Kwasniewski & Lech Walesa.