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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jameston, VA, Polish people have been an important part of America's history and culture. In 2014, Polish Americans will mark the 33rd Anniversary of the founding of Polish American Heritage Month, an event which began in Philadelphia, PA, and became a national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride. During 2014, we will also mark the 235th Anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry.

You are asked to spread the word about Polish American Heritage Month events in your local community SEE LINKS AT: www.polishamericancenter.org/heritmo.htm

- First Polish Settlers in America
- · 235th Anniversary Death of General Pulaski
- 2014 Coloring Contest
- Things to Do During October
- Tracing Your Heritage
- · Recent Editions of the Polish American News
- Why Polish Amer. are Important to America

Dates to save...to volunteer for....
Oct 3 1st Friday Breakfast, Monona Gardens
Dec 6 Annual WIGILIA Bring family and friends.
Reservation Form in Nov. newsletter.
Dec 31 Sylwestra (New Years Eve) Do you
want to celebrate with dancing, foods & snacks,

want to celebrate with dancing, foods & snacks, or cook a dinner and have a band play great dancing music/songs? Watch fireworks? Contact Kasia Tomczak kasiacraig@yahoo.com

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requests nominees for the 2015 Board of Directors. Please call Butch Luick @ 219-9842.

Nov 8 Annual Polish Bazaar.....

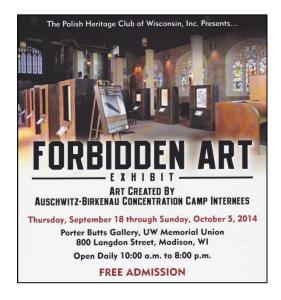
NEW LOCATION This year at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd, Fitchburg.

SILENT AUCTION by Gloria Welniak......
One of highlights of our festive Christmas
Bazaar is the Silent Auction table. This year we
are featuring several unique items which you
will not find in any commercial store and
certainly not at these affordable prices:

- original oil painting of an idyllic rural scene from Poland by Bonczyn,
- antique 40" diameter carved wooden gwiazda (star) from Poland,
- handmade quilted table topper with a home-baked *Keks Warsawa* / fruitcake,
- antique 1920's tremoloa, a zither-like stringed instrument with instructions & documentation,
 and several other exciting items. Don't miss your chance to bid on these wonderful gifts!

USED BOOKS ARE NEEDED for the Bazaar and other events. Esp. desired are: Polish-American dictionaries and children's books, *Poland* by James Michener, and books by Norman Davis.

Forbidden Art" is presented in North America by The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools in exclusive partnership with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum



2014 Polish Related Events Madison area & others:

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1st Friday, 9 am PHCWI 1st Friday Breakfast, (608) 238-9189, Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd, Monona

1st Sunday, 5 pm Mass in Polish, Fr. Bruno Slodowski, St. Cecilia's, (608) 254-8381, 603 Oak St, WI Dells

Sept 17-Oct 5, Forbidden Art Exhibit, UW Memorial Union, 2nd floor gallery, 800 Langdon St. 10 am - 8 pm

Sept 24, Oct 1, Oct 8: Eva Verhoven: *Survey of Polish Film,* Madison Senior Center, 330 West Mifflin St. FREE Registration recommended but not required. Call the front desk at (608) 266-6581

Oct 9 Thur, 7 pm, Poland: The Heart of Europe Public Library, 7425 Hubbard Ave, Middleton

Oct 10-11, American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages-AATSEEL- Conference, Pyle Center

Oct 11 Sat, Autumn Adventure in NE WI...Pulaski, WI and... Burkhalter Tours (608) 833-1525 kbrinkman@burkhaltertravel.com

Oct 11 MAKE RES. Oct. 25 Sat. 9:30-12:30 Workshop: Paper Cutting (Wycinanki), Pinney Library 244-7100

Oct 13 RES.DUE Oct. 18 Sat. 1-4 pm, Workshop: Harvest Celebration Dozynki (608) 217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net

Oct 21 or 22, Chicago Polish Churches Tour Joan R. 230-3300 jorube@msn.com, Rose M. 233-3828 meinhoch@hotmail.com

OCTOBER IS POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Nov 1 Sat, 7-9 pm, Grazyna Auguscik and Paulinho Garcia Concert, The Brink Lounge, 701 E Washington Ave.

Nov 8 MAKE RES. Nov 22 Sat. 9:30-12:30 Workshop: Polish Holiday Ornaments, Pinney Library

Nov 8 Sat, PHCWI Polish Bazaar, Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd, Fitchburg

Nov 11 Tue, 7 pm PHCWI Book Club Polish Independence Day with the author Piotr Puchalski at Kasia's (608) 836-8632

Nov 15/Dec 6, Sat, 1 & 3 pm, Madison Polish Film Festival, UW-Madison Polish Students Assoc. The Marquee, 1308 Dayton St.

Dec 6 Sat, PHCWI Wigilia. Reservations required - reservation form in Nov. newsletter.

Milwaukee:

Oct 12, POLANKI's *Soup Festival*, Norway House, 11 - 3 pm, TWO SEATINGS BY RESERVATION ONLY, http://www.polanki.org/ Oct 17-18, Marcus Center, 29 N.Water St. Milwaukee Symphony: Grażyna Bacewicz *Overture for Symphony Orchestra*, Christopher Taylor, piano: Witold Lutosławski *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra*,

Nov 21-23, Holiday Folk Fair, WI State Fair Park, www.folkfair.org/

Polish Center of Wisconsin 6941 S 68th St. Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140 www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/index.php/events/ Oct 5, A Soundtrack to Poland, featuring popular cinematic musical works by Polish composers, 7-10 pm Oct 19, Flute and Harp: A Musical Celebration of the Canonization of St. John Paul II, 7-10 pm

Winona, MN: http://polishmuseumwinona.org/ Polish Cultural Institute and Museum 102 Liberty St.

Oct 5, Annual Smaczne Jablka /Happy Apple Festival, 12 noon

Sept 17 - Jan 24, 2015 The World Knew: Jan Karski's Mission for Humanity Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Skokie, IL.

Sept. 2013 was the exhibit's opening ceremony in the State Capitol. Since traveling in the U.S. it was most recently shown at the Lake Geneva's library and at the UW Milwaukee's Golda Meir Library, sponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland and



co-presented by the UWM Libraries, the Chicago's Polish Consulate General, and the Polish American Congress-Wisconsin Division. It was created by Warsaw's Polish History Museum & supported by Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs & the Jan Karski Foundation.

Genealogy

Sept 27 Fox Valley 21st Conference, Lisa Louise Cooke: Solve Family History Mysteries, www.ilfvgs.org/ Naperville, IL
Oct 2 Dane Co. Area Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting, www.dcags.org/ 7 pm 4505 Regent St. Madison
Oct 18 WI Genealogy Society Fall Seminar 2014 Speaker: Jay Fonkert, CG. http://wsgs.org/ Wisconsin Rapids.
Oct 18 Family History Center REG. BEGAN Sept. 1 Workshop, includes Polish Research. www.FHC.Rworld.net Hales Corners
Nov 9 Polish Genealogical Society James S. Pula, WWII Kosciuszko Squadron Talk/Webinar Arlington Heights, IL
www.pgsa.org/index.php SEE: Compendium of Polish Digital Web Sites

Ancestry.com in August announced the release of new and updated records from Poland, including:

Germany, Pomerania Passenger Lists, 1869-1901 (in German) 6,519 Germany, West Prussia, Jewish Citizenship Register, 1812 2,382

UK, Selected Records Relating to Kindertransport, 1938-1939 (USHMM) (in German) 2,179

WI Historical Society Genealogy Workshops: Lori Bessler (608)264-6519 or lori.bessler@wisconsinhistory.org

http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/la/WHS-Genealogy-Classes-Registration-Fall-2014.pdf

Online Webinars:Sept 29 Genealogy for Beginners Computer Lab UW Memorial Library, Room 231:

Oct 7 Genealogy: Where Do I Go Next?

Oct. 4 FamilySearch.org

Oct 13 Organizing/Analyzing Genealogical Research Nov 1 Ancestry.com Webinar Nov 17 Family History Projects



CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! Stoneczny Kącik

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

10/4 Anniversary: Diane Pillsbury 10/6 Mel Pearlman10/7 Zygmunt Kosowscy and Christopher Buss10/21 Paul Morgan 10/29 Eva Verhoven

Aug 10 Black Earth Parade.....Dziękuję to Butch Luick



and Barbara Lomperski who organized the club's parade participation this summer, and to all who shared their enjoyment of Poland with parade goers!



Butch Luick, Basia Pulz, Nate Luick, red truck. Jane Dunn photos.



Basia, Butch Barb, Jane, Gloria, the red truck

Aug 20 Professor Waclaw Szybalski, club member, UW-Madison Geneticist, was featured in *Legend in genetics at forefront of book about heroism during 20th century's darkest hours.* www.news.wisc.edu/23054 In his hometown of Lwów (Lviv, Ukraine) the Professor worked in Rudolf Weigl's laboratory, helping to make typhus vaccine. The story's author David Tenenbaum wrote: "Referring to those perilous times, Szybalski says, 'My secret was good luck and an instinct not to be at the wrong place at the wrong time. I was a boy scout, and I learned to survive both in the forest and in the city."

Arthur Allen used Prof. S's memories to write his 2014 book: Fantastic Laboratory of Dr. Weigl. 4 copies S. Central Library.

Professor Szybalski's story: www.lwow.home.pl/Weigl.html Maintenance of Human-fed Live Lice in the Laboratory and Production of Weigl's Exanthematous Typhus Vaccine

Have you "liked" the club on facebook? Type in ... Polish... Madison... facebook...

Aug 24 PHCWI Annual Picnic at Middleton's Lakeview Park

Thank you to Marge Morgan, and Linda Cagle along with all the other helpers. A GIANT thank you goes to Sharon Pasowicz for helping load and haul the trailer! Middleton's Lakeview Park provided a great spot for our picnic. About two dozen members and friends shared lots of good food. Special thanks to Kasia Tomczak for bringing the delicious bigos. Tom Wosikowski led Polish Folk Song singing. He and Patricia Stone provided the festive music. It was a great day to catch up with old friends and new! ~ John Hagen, Picnic Chair.



Irena Fraczek, Rose M, Bozena/Zygmunt Kosowski, Linda Cagle



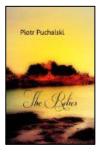


Paul/Marge Morgan, Tyrone/Janet Greive, P.Stone/T. Wosikowski Photos by Kasia Tomczak, posted on facebook during the picnic.



If you see this nice lady, wish her an early Happy Birthday - Sto lat!

Nov 11 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm Author Piotr Puchalski.



Kasia Krzyzostaniak is hostess at her home 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton. (608) 836-8632 krzmw@chorus.net Please call ahead so she can set up chairs. From Kasia: At our next book club we are going to have a guest speaker, a graduate student from Poland, Piotr Puchalski. This is Independence Day in Poland and his talk will be related to this holiday. He is the author of The Relics. From amazon.com:

"1924. A young Polish lieutenant wants to prevent a rapprochement between the Soviets & left-wing forces in Mexico. Yet the story of "The Relics" does not only revolve around the conflict between Capitalism and Bolshevism, but the purpose to which a regime can put a seemingly impossible skill (telepathy). The novel explores the ways in which humans react to dilemmas that pit personal interest against that of the nation. Puchalski takes the reader to such diverse places as Mexico, Poland, Brittany and the United States. The real playground in "The Relics," however, is a mysterious realm called Sarmatia, where the notion of love complicates the triumvirate of God, Honor and the Fatherland."



~ Kasia Tomczak photo

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Polish Heritage Club to host 'Forbidden Art' exhibit By Teresa Bryan Peneguy, Neighbors editor

"Life is suffering," said the Buddha. Throughout the centuries, many have found this to be true, especially those who happened to live at certain times and in certain places. For the victims of The Holocaust, life became immeasurable, unimaginable suffering. But the human spirit is a strong and amazing thing.

Even in the most dire of circumstances, many people retain the ability to imagine beauty and to escape their situation, if even only mentally. This is why, despite being constantly observed by SS guards, approximately 2,000 works of art were created by prisoners of all backgrounds in Auschwitz and other concentration camps.

Their actions were illegal, punishable by death. So the collection of their works has been named "Forbidden Art." Dr. Piotr M.A. Cywiński, director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, which is the permanent home of the collection, says, "When we examine the beauty that arose behind the barbed wire [it] is a profound anthropological reflection on the essence of humanity in the face of this worst of trials."

Starting on Sept. 17, the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin, Inc.-Madison Group, is proudly hosting the traveling exhibit. Why the Polish Heritage Club? Most people are aware that Jewish people were not the only ones persecuted in Nazi Germany. But they might be surprised by the numbers. Approximately 11 million died in the Holocaust, 6 million of them Jews. The other 5 million belonged to an impossibly long list of minorities including the disabled; Communists and Socialists; and Gypsies.

The Poles (most of them Roman Catholics) were hit especially brutally. It is estimated that 4.9 million Poles of all religions died in the Holocaust, while 50,000 Polish children were sent to the Reich for "Germanization" and 1.5 million adult Poles were sent to Germany for forced labor outside of the concentration camps. Polish citizens were deported to German territory for forced labor. Auschwitz, located in Poland, was originally built for Polish political prisoners.

For the Polish people, just as for the Jewish people, the Holocaust is an integral part of their cultural history. That's why the Forbidden Art exhibit first opened in Poland, and that's why Madison's Polish Heritage Club has worked so hard to bring the exhibit here. The exhibit has already gone to big cities like New York City, Los Angeles, Detroit, Las Vegas and Chicago. Now it's on its way to Madison.

Joanna Pasowicz, president of Madison's Polish Heritage Club, has dedicated more than a year to sharing the exhibit with Madisonians. "The Polish people have been oppressed for years and years," she says. "We were the second nation in the world to have a Constitution, yet we were invaded by Russia, Austria and Prussian Germany." Pasowicz sees the Forbidden Art exhibit as an opportunity to share the past of the Polish people, as well as many others.

"This exhibit is really something that needs to be seen by everybody," she says, "especially young people, and with everything going on in the Middle East. They don't know how sacred is the ground there. I am so proud of my heritage."

The exhibit's grand opening will be held Sept. 17 at the Porter Butts Gallery on the second floor of the UW-Memorial Union. The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 4. There is no cost to see the exhibit, but donations will be appreciated to offset the cost. More information is available at (608) 848-4892.

We hope you are able to attend this special event. Madison is its only showing in Wisconsin.

To learn more about the exhibit:

- Sept. 17 over 100 attendees visited during the reception, and listened to talks by UW-Madison Professor Rachel Brenner of the Center for Jewish Studies, UW-Madison, and Mr. JJ Przewozniak, Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools. Video/pictures: Polish Club Madison Facebook:
- The exhibit in 2013 at Park East Synagogue, NY City: http://en.auschwitz.org/m/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1147<emid=8
- Rachael Brenner interview on Sept. 21 11-11:30 "Her Turn" WORT 89.9 FM www.wortfm.org/archives/

The exhibition is hosted in Madison by the Wisconsin Union Directorate Art Committee and the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin, Inc. - Madison Group. "Forbidden Art" is presented in North America by The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools in exclusive partnership with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. After its showing at the Polish Museum in Chicago from October 19 to January 11, 2015, it goes to the United Nations in New York City.

Your financial support for this exhibition is gratefully accepted. Please write "Forbidden Art" in the memo line of your check. Mail to PHCWI, PO Box 45438, Madison, WI 53744-5438. The club is not a tax-deductible organization.

Travels and Movies



Oct 9, Middleton Library, 7425 Hubbard Ave, 7 pm Reg. required. www.midlibrary.org/ (608) 831-5564

"Poland: The Heart of Europe" captures the essence of Polish history and culture, from the earliest times to the 21st century, as Poland finds its place among the nations of 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, continuing N. 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, the Solidarity movement was born. Presenter Eva Verhoven was born and raised in Poland, where she worked with the Polish National Tourist Office arranging tours for English-speaking visitors. She has given numerous presentations and lectures on Polish history and culture and has taught classes on Polish film and theater at Madison College. She currently works as a Polish-language interpreter for Dane county hospitals and clinics.

Polish Film Survey presented by Eva Verhoven Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin 10-11:30 am

Cost: Free. Registration rec, not req. (608) 266-6581. The program includes excerpts from films.

- •Sept 24 changing political situations: *Teutonic Knights* by Alexander Ford, *Beads of One Rosary* by Kazimierz Kutz, and *Canal, Ashes and Diamonds, Man of Marble/ Hope* by Wajda.
- •Oct 1 18-1900s: Nights and Days, Land of Promise, Peasants.
- •Oct 8 history: With Fire and Sword by Jerzy Hoffman, Deluge and Colonel Wolodyjowski, Katyn, Battle of Warsaw 1920.







Oct 21 or 22 Chicago Churches Trip

We're planning a trip to NW Chicago along Milwaukee Ave. to visit a few churches such as: St. Hyacinth Basilica, Stanislaus Kostka, Holy Trinity Polish Mission, St. Josephat.... LAST CHANCE! If interested, contact us now, so we can decide transportation issues, where to eat, contact churches, etc. Joan Rubens (608) 230-3300 jorube@msn.com Rose Meinholz (608) 233-3828 meinhoch@hotmail.com

Sept 25 - Oct 9 Milwaukee Film Festival http://mkefilm.org/
The Vanquishing of the Witch Baba Yaga haunted woodlands,
Goose Trouble/ Tarapaty - groovy little goose on the loose,
The Supreme /Najwyższy - largest Pope John Paul II statue,
Vessel - female doctors empower women,
Life Feels Good - life of Mateusz, born with cerebral palsy.

Oct 11 Pulaski NE WI, Burkhalter Tours (608) 833-1525 www.burkhaltertravel.com/ Autumn Adventure in NE WI

"Spend an autumn day in Northeast Wisconsin, exploring back roads and colorful countryside to discover "off-thebeaten path" places of interest. Your adventure begins in Pulaski at Smurawa's Country Bakery, the Paczki capital of Wisconsin. Try one with a cup of coffee before you head over to the historic Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic church. Tour the grounds as a local guide talks about its rich history, including a link to the Peshtigo Fire. Afterwards, travel to the May-flower Greenhouse, awash with colorful fall plants and décor. Take part in a quick workshop on fall décorating, and you'll come away with a keepsake of your own creation! ... visit the Woodfire Lodge, a beautiful hunt club with huge stone fireplaces. Enjoy a terrific lunch while soaking in the lovely view from the lodge. After lunch, depart and head out to a local apple orchard to browse their freshlypicked produce and fun fall items. The day will wind down with a visit to Taylor Creek ... selection of beautiful autumnthemed décor. \$111 includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation with professional tour manager, all sightseeing and admissions per itinerary, lunch, and all taxes, fees, gratuities.

Nov 15 & Dec 6 The Marquee Union South 1308 Dayton St. UW Polish Student Association's Annual Polish Film Festival From Ewa Miernowska, Senior Lecturer/Undergraduate Advisor,

From Ewa Miernowska, Senior Lecturer/Undergraduate Advisor, UW Department of Slavic Languages and Literature...

JACK STRONG (2104) is about the most spectacular Polish spy of the Cold War era, Colonel Ryszard Kuklinski, who informed Americans about the communist block's top secrets.

WALESA (2013) Wajda's movie pays tribute to the trade union leader L.Wałęsa, founder of the Solidarity movement.

STONES ON THE BARRICADES (2013) describes the activities of the Polish underground scout movement during WW II.

LIFE FEELS GOOD (2013) Heartbreaking and humorous movie...
main character, a romantic, good-natured man with cerebral palsy yearns to be understood by his family and friends.

Pope Saint John Paul II

by Shelby Maruszczak

Shelby was one of two winners of our club's 2013 Scholarships. Since her 2013 graduation from Goodman Armstrong Creek High School (Forest Co.), she has attended UW- Eau Claire with a major in Criminal Justice. Best wishes for a good year ahead, Shelby!

The election of Pope John Paul II was a major event for not only Poland, but the entire Roman Catholic community. Pope John Paul II accomplished a multitude of affairs while elected to the papacy. He effectively spread the word of the Roman Catholic Church to the modern world, supported the traditional teachings and rules of the church, brought about the end of communism in Poland, and drew attention and assistance to poor areas around the worlds. In addition to his deeds, he was incredibly popular and drew large crowds to his audiences, or public appearances. Pope John Paul II was an enormously influential being throughout the Roman Catholic community as well as the rest of the world.

Pope John Paul II was born on May eighteenth of 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. His given name was Karol Jozef Wojtyla, which was also his family name. During his childhood, he encountered the death of his mother at the age of nine and the death of his older brother, Edmund, at twelve. At the age of eighteen, he studied philosophy and literature at Krakow's Jagiellonian University while he participated in theater and wrote poetry. After the Nazi invasion of Poland and the start of World War II, the University was closed. He began to study at a secret seminary in Krakow, with the intent to become a priest. He finished his studies and was ordained in 1946.

After being ordained, John Paul went to Rome to achieve his Ph.D. in philosophy at Pontifical Angelicum University. For the following ten years, he was a parish priest and chaplain for students in and around Krakow. In 1948, John Paul became the youngest Polish bishop of Krakow. His position quickly escalated to archbishop in 1963 and then a cardinal in 1967.

Eleven years later, in 1978, John Paul started his papacy as the 264th Pope. Pope John Paul II's papacy wasn't only a major event in Polish history, but the history of the papacy itself. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian Pope in over four hundred years. The most recent non-Italian Pope other than Pope John Paul II was a Dutchman by the name of Adrian VI in 1522. Other than his non-Italian heritage, John Paul presented certain differences from his predecessors. An example would be that he once performed a wedding ceremony for commoners. Another would be that he wore pants under his vestments, the first Pope to do so. To show his modern perspective, he even scheduled his coronation around a soccer game so it wouldn't interfere.

Throughout his papacy, Pope John Paul II effectively spread the word of the Catholic Church around the world. He traveled to more than one hundred countries and used television and media to extend his beliefs of faith and peace world-wide. He even came to the United States and visited the President at the White House. Moreover, Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Regan negotiated and established diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican in 1984.

Popularity can only be extended so far. Although Pope John Paul II was well-liked by most people, he also had people who disliked him. One such person would be Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish terrorist, who shot and seriously wounded him in May of 1981. While giving thanks for his recovery a year later, another assassination attempt took place in May of 1982 by a rebel Spanish priest. Pope John Paul II was not injured during this attack.

After his many years as Pope, Pope John Paul II's health seemed questionable. During his public appearances, he looked as if he was physically unstable. The Vatican never officially announced if he had an illness, but one of his doctors did state that he had Parkinson's disease. On April 2 of 2005, Pope John Paul II passed away at his Vatican home.

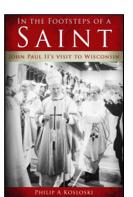
Being that I am Catholic and of Polish decent, the election of Pope John Paul II greatly interests me. Obviously I wasn't animate when he was elected, but the history that he made and the accomplishments he achieved throughout his life have influenced me in some way, shape, or form. When presented with the opportunity to write this essay, I was unclear of which of the major event in Polish history to write about. After consulting with a few intelligent and influential people in my life, I determined that this topic was the one to write about. Through writing this essay, I learned more about my religion and my heritage.

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Philip Kosloski is writing about the Pope in Wisconsin.

Sign up to receive his blog posts via e-mail and get a FREE audio of his presentation in Stevens Point at the Polish Heritage Awareness Society's June 2014 meeting.



Get a sneak preview of his upcoming book (April 2015) -In the Footsteps of a Saint: John Paul II's Visit to Wisconsin.

www.philipkosloski.com www.facebook.com/philipkosloski https://twitter.com/PhilipKosloski

New Online Course:

John Paul II's Vision for Theater and
the Arts | Philip Kosloski
http://buff.ly/1ui9OTj

October 22 is the Feast Day of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Traditionally a saint's feast day is on the day of their death, but the Pope died on April 2, which might occur during Lent. Oct. 22 is his day because he became Pope on Oct. 22, 1978. On his birthday, May 18, 2014, the bronze 'John Paul II' bell rang for the first time in Krakow's Wawel Cathedral

Fall 2014 Workshops



WIKIPEDIA: Dożynki painting, Alfred Wierusz-Kowalski 1910

Polish Harvest (Dozynki)

Oct 18 at 1320 Mendota St. 1 -4 pm. \$10 donation for materials suggested. Reservations required by Oct 13. (608) 217-5652 or gwelniak@charter.net

Wisconsin is one of the centers of the Polish diaspora in the U.S. and descendants of Polish immigrants preserve a rich heritage of customs and crafts. *Dozynki*, the harvest festival dating back to feudal times, is held in several Wisconsin towns. Wreaths and sheaves of grains are often presented to people on their name days and are hung outside the house to act as an inspiration of the virtues of a saint and as an amulet against harm. Help celebrate Polish Heritage Month by creating wreaths and sheaves of herbs and grains and learn about ancient customs revolving around the end of the growing season and celebration of a bountiful harvest.

The events below are held at the Pinney Branch Library 204 Cottage Grove Rd. Register on the library's website or call 244-7100. They are co-sponsored by the PHCWI and Friends of Pinney Library and facilitated by Gloria Welniak.

Oct 25 Paper Cutting (Wycinanki) 9:30-12:30 First registration date is 10/11/2014 at 9 am

This hands-on workshop will focus on the art of wycinanki, or Polish paper cutting led by instructor Gloria Welniak. Learn about the history and modern applications of this craft and view samples of wycinanki by Polish artists. Make your own greeting card and bookmark. Please bring small sharp manicure scissors if possible. No experience necessary & all supplies provided. Openings: 12. Adult, Teen.

Nov 22, Polish Holiday Ornaments 9:30-12:30 First registration date is 11/8 at 9 am

Winter solstice is a cold and dark time in Poland and color and ritual festivity brings a needed respite. Preparations begin in Advent, the four week period before Christmas. Hanging a spruce or fir bough in the house to decorate with handmade

ornaments, fruits, and nuts was as early custom. The evergreen was believed to be inhabited by the gods and would bring good luck to the household.

In this workshop, several types of traditional Polish ornaments will be made. All materials furnished but please bring a small sharp scissors if possible. Openings: 12. Adult, Teen.



Music Events

June 14 Milwaukee Polish Fest 16th CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION Congratulations to the Madison area finalists: JUNIOR DIVISION Audrianna Wu (Madison, WI) – Age 14 SENIOR DIVISION Theodore Liu (Waunakee, IL) – Age 15

Aug 27 Chopin, 25th Chamber Music Festival, Token Creek
From Jacob Stockinger's *The Well-Tempered Ear* August 29 post...
Pianist Judith Gordon "shed new light on old masterpieces"
with the "fascinating coupling of Chopin and Scarlatti."
Chopin "turned inward in the bustling artistic scene and intellectual ferment of Paris, and focused on smaller forms - none smaller than the Preludes played at Token Creek. They seem a kind of Rosetta stone for the rest of Chopin's output, outlines or preparatory sketches of so many other works." John Harbison "explained clearly, the two composers narrowed down their ambitions to achieve the kind of unique and idiosyncratic achievements or originality that many other composers can only dream of achieving. They were like poets who find freedom in the formal confines of the sonnet form."

Aug 31 Mills Hall, UW-Madison Howard Karp, UW-Madison Emeritus Professor of Music, passed away in June, 2014. His Memorial Concert included Chopin's *Sonata in B Minor, Op. 58 Howard Karp Concert Recordings 1962 to 2007, is* a six CD set of his solo piano music. soundcloud.com/uw-madisonsom/sets

Oct 4 Audubon Days Festival, Mayville, WI BY POPULAR DEMANDI 6 - 10 pm Chad Przybylski and His Polka Rhythms Chad, 47, from Pulaski, WI, has played since age 5....."If you like Concertina Music this group is a must see one of a kind concertina player and performer!!! Food and drink available."

Nov 1 The Brink Lounge, 701 E Washington Ave. 7-9 pm Grazyna Auguscik and Paulinho Garcia Concert

\$13 at door / \$10 Adv. PayPal at www.thebrinklounge.com/



Brink website photo

from Szymon Wozniczka......"Mad-Pol K.A. presents an evening of bossa-nova and acoustic Brazilian jazz, performed by a duet of Chicago- based Grazyna Auguscik and Paulinho Garcia. She is a Polish-born female accomplished jazz singer working with various groups. He is a Brazilian-born vocalist, guitarist and Brazilian music educator. They have been recording together since late 1990's. Their music is acoustic, intricate, delicate, soulful, smooth and sublime. They sing primarily in Portuguese, but also English, Polish and Spanish. They have released three CDs of their own compositions and covers of various Brazilian bossa-nova and composers like Tom Jobim, Boden Powel, Edu Lobo. One of their CDs is a collection of bossa-nova flavored covers of Beatles songs."

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IN THE NEWS from various sources

19 June MADISON - Last WI stops of the Our Lady of Czesto-chowa icon: Planned Parenthood & Immaculate Heart Church.

1 Aug SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Will rename Lech Walesa Street.

9 Aug KRAKOW - Rafał Majka won the Tour de Pologne '14.

10 Aug MONTREAL - Agnieszka Radwanska kissed the Rogers Cup trophy she won after beating Venus Williams.

11 Aug LISOWICE, Lower Silesia - 50 hectares of forest burned.

CABO DA RACA. W. Portugal - While taking a selfie, a Polish couple fell from a cliff and died while their children watched.

12 Aug W. POLAND 15 units fought the fire, but 4,000 turkeys died when they ran towards the flames, afraid of the people.

14 Aug SE of Kraków - Winds/rain closed roads, damaged homes.
15 Aug ZAKOPANE - The 'Watra' Restaurant caught fire. ~40 propane-butane cylinders were stored inside, 4 exploded.
WARSAW - U.S. & Canadian NATO troops joined more than 1,000 Polish soldiers during Polish Army Day events.

16 Aug CANCUN Underwater Museum - Polish crochet artist Agata Oleksiak "Olek" accused of damaging underwater sculptures 18 Aug GUMNISKA, near Tarnów - The King of Bahrain donated a stallion to the Podlaski stud farm's Pride of Poland auction.

19 Aug WARSAW - US taxi company Uber began operating.

N. CHINA - Polish satellite Hevelius was blasted into space.

18 - 30 Aug WARSAW to Angers, France - Polish Harley Davidson bikers followed WWII courier Jan Karski's 5000km route

21 Aug Pre Russia's embargo: Poland sent 7% of its ag/food.

Ecogrupa sent ~ 20 trucks/day (80,000 apples/truck). Slogans: An Apple a Day Keeps Putin Away! Drink More Cider!

22 Aug WARSAW - 15 Korean cyclists visit during their 15,000 km ride from Berlin to Seoul in support of Korean unification.

<u>24 Aug</u> GRABICE, Polish-German border - 8 km human chain of 7,500 protested plans to open new open-cast mining fields. <u>25 Aug</u> HIGH TATRAS - Temps plunged to zero. A sleeping drunken tourist and 3 flip-flop wearing tourists were rescued.

27 Aug GREEN BAY Lambeau Field - 22" "Horse Collar" kielbasa 29 Aug BRATISLAVA, Slovakia Russian Defense Minister's plane returned after Poland refused to its flight over Polish airspace. 31 Aug BERLIN, Track and Field competition - Hammer-thrower Anita Wlodarczyk broke the world record - 79.58 meters.

3 Sept WROCLAW White Stork Synagogue - 4 rabbis and three cantors were ordained, the first time in the city in 75 years.

4 Sept LIPNICA DOLNAL, near Jaslo, S.Poland - Archeologist find a pottery kiln and ~ 1000 objects in a 3-4th century settlement.

5 Sept NEWPORT, Wales - President Bronislaw Komorowski invited NATO attendees to the 2016 summit in Warsaw.

6 Sept POZNAN, New Zoo - Dentists treated 3 bears who ate lots of sweets at their former animal shelter in Korabiewice, PL.

8 Sept KRAKOW 20th Dachshund Parade - "Flamboyantly attired sausage dogs marched en masse through the Old Town.".

9 Sept near KRAKOW - US Ambassador Stephen Mull did his 1st ever parachute jump with Poland's 6th Airborne Brigade.

10 Sept GRUTA, N. of Warsaw - During poor visibility, 6 U.S. helicopters landed in a rapeseed field, 6 others landed nearby.

11Sept Ukrainian and Belarusian borders - 45% decline of natural gas from Russia, but increase from Czech & German borders.

12 Sept WARSAW Belvedere Palace - President Komorowski accepted the candidacy of Ewa Kopacz as Poland's new prime minister as former PM Tusk begins his presidency of the EU council. The new Polish government will be sworn in Sept. 22.

21 Sept KATOWICE - Poland is world volleyball champions!