

# The Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin – Madison



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### **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear members,

We are extremely excited for the Spring Festival. Also, Jane Dunn and her committee are working hard on the upcoming Anniversary celebration! Please stay tuned for more upcoming details. A big thanks goes out to Adam Zolnik for taking on the task of administering the club website. It will be wonderful having someone to keep up with new events and announcements for the club.



I wish everyone a  
happy spring and  
a very happy Easter!

Sincerely,  
John Hagen  
Your President

**October 24 SAVE THE DATE for the club's  
35th Anniversary Luncheon & Entertainment.**  
(This year instead of the annual summer picnic)

**April 3 & May 1 Polish Club Breakfast 9 am**  
1st Fridays Monona Gardens, 6501 Bridge Rd.

**Apr 3, 17, 24, and May 1 Scorsese's Cinema**

**Apr 4 Holy Saturday Święconka**

**May 3rd Polish Constitution Day**  
**Trzeciego Maja in Wisconsin 1999 WI SJR 11**

***Dziękuję to all who helped at and enjoyed  
another Palm Sunday Polish Spring Festival!***

### **April 29 Polish Genealogy**

**6:30 to 8:30 pm • Wed • Fitchburg Library**  
**5530 Lacy Rd at Research Park Dr.**  
**Take elevator to Community Room**

You are invited to an informal self-help get-together with genealogist Barb Glassel to start or restart your Polish genealogy. At past Nov. Polish Club Bazaars, Barb and her computer helped research family tree questions. She likes to help using local and online sources.

If you would like to attend, email (preferred) [bglassel@gmail.com](mailto:bglassel@gmail.com) or call (608) 819-0087.

List your full name, address, phone number(s), any questions, and \*\*\* your email address\*\*\* so she can send you a brief questionnaire to fill out prior to attending. How can you help? Bring 1 or 2 visual aids (such as a family tree chart, photo, old letter or map) to help others understand and remember what you know so far.

We can help each other decide how and what to research next. OK to bring laptops. Please label your stuff. The community room has a kitchenette, so if you would like to bring cookies etc., let Barb know. *Genealogists who share and help others have more fun, with better results!*

### **May 9 STEVENS POINT**

#### **Portage County Cultural Festival**

[www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org/#about](http://www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org/#about)  
Celebrate ethnic diversity in Portage County, WI. Sample food, music, folk dances, native crafts and children's games from around the world.. The PHCWI - Madison will again have a booth. Contact Butch Luick if you would like to help: (608) 219-9842. See the Portage County Historical Society's website for info. about the Polish Heritage Trail, immigration, churches.....



*Kasia Tomczak -  
Facebook photo*

**Madison area:**

**1st Friday Polish Club Breakfast 9 am Monona Gardens, 6501 Bridge Rd. Please call Barb if you need a ride 238-9189**

**Martin Scorsese's Masters of Polish Cinema** 821 University Ave. **cinematheque**  
 All at 7 pm Fridays [cinema.wisc.edu/series/2015/spring/masterpieces-polish-cinema](http://cinema.wisc.edu/series/2015/spring/masterpieces-polish-cinema)  
 Apr 3 BLIND CHANCE (PRZYPADK) Dir: K. Kieslowski  
 Apr 17 PROVINCIAL ACTORS (AKTORZY PROWINCJONALNI)  
 Apr 24 MAN OF IRON (CZŁOWIEK Z ŻELAZA) Dir. A. Wajda  
 May 1 THE SARAGOSSA MANUSCRIPT (REKOPIS ZNALEZIONY W SARAGOSSIE)



Apr 4 Holy Saturday Blessing of Baskets *Święconka*: Queen of Peace 10 AM, St. Maria Goretti 1 PM, St. Albert's 12 noon

**April 24-26, Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest**, Chula Vista Resort, 2501 River Rd, WI Dells [www.dellspolkafest.com/](http://www.dellspolkafest.com/)  
 Polka Country Musicians from Connecticut (Fri & Sat) Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze from Illinois (Fri)  
 Mollie "B" from the Mollie "B" Polka Party (Fri, 9pm) The Knewz from New York (Sat & Sun)  
 Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo from Minnesota (Sat) T-N-T: The Natural Talent from Pulaski, Wisconsin (Sat)  
 Benjamin Gaboda & Polka Pak, Stevens Point (Sat) Chad Przybylski & The Polka Rhythms from Pulaski, WI (Sun)  
 Polka legend Larry Trojak Jam Sessions!  
 Musicians Workshops for players of all levels on Accordion, Concertina, Trumpet and Clarinet

**Apr. 29 Polish Genealogy Get-together 6:30-8:30, Fitchburg Library, 5530 Lacy Rd, Barb Glassel [bglassel@gmail.com](mailto:bglassel@gmail.com)**  
 May 3rd of every year, Trzeciego Maja Day in Wisconsin: 1999 WI SJR 11. Poland: Constitution Day *Święto Konstytucji 3 Maja*.  
**May 12 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm Adam Mickiewicz, Kasia Krzyzostaniak (608) 836-8632 [krzmw@chorus.net](mailto:krzmw@chorus.net)**

**July 11-18 Madison Early Music Festival: Slavic Discoveries** .... as of this printing:

- Lectures by an expert precede the concerts. Free and open to the public. Some special events additional fee.
- Concerts...Polish:  
 July 11, The Rose Ensemble, *Slavic Wonders: Feast and Saints in Early Russia, Bohemia and Poland*  
 July 17, Ensemble Peregrina, *Music from Polish Clarissen Cloisters (13th & 14th c.)*
- Workshops...Polish:  
 Polish Chant: 13th-15th centuries (KELLY LANDERKIN & Agnieszka Budzińska-Bennett)  
 Great Polish Instrumental Sonatas and Canzoni (GREG INGLES)  
 Distinctly Polish: Instrumental Idioms (EMILY JANE KATAYAMA)  
 Polish Motets (TOM ZAJAC)



**Oct 24 Celebration of 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin, Inc. - Madison**  
**Nov 7 Polish Heritage Club Bazaar, K of C Hall, 5256 Verona Road, Fitchburg, WI**  
**Dec 5 Polish Heritage Club Wigilia RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**Milwaukee: June 12-14 Summerfest Grounds Polish Fest: America's largest Polish festival**

**Polish Center of Wisconsin** 6941 S 68th St. Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140

Apr 5 Easter Champagne Brunch, 10 - 3:30 pm. Seatings: 10 am, noon and 2 pm  
 May 10 Mother's Day Champagne Brunch 10 - 3:30 pm. Seatings: 10 am, noon and 2 pm  
 May 15 Kuba Stankiewicz, Polish jazz pianist 7 - 10 pm. Chopin, Kilar and Victor Young



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

**Polish Constitution Day Parade:** May 2 starts 11:30 am

**Polish Museum of America:** 984 N. Milwaukee Ave.

**Copernicus Center:** Sept 4-7 *Taste of Polonia*

**Genealogy and Poland Trips:**

**WI Historical Soc:** *Genealogy Research* (608) 253-3523

**April 9:** H.H. Bennett Studio, Wisconsin Dells

**PGSA:** Sept 25 - *Bus Tour of Chicago's Polish South Side*,  
 Sept 26 - Conference: *Research* .... [www.pgsa.org/index.php](http://www.pgsa.org/index.php)

**Matre Dei Trips to Poland:** [www.materdeitours.com/](http://www.materdeitours.com/)  
 P.O. Box 323 Waunakee, WI 53597-0323...

**OCT 04 -13: POLAND, LAND OF MERCY AND SAINTS** Visit Krakow, Wadowice, Czestochowa/Jasna Gora, Zakopane Mountains, Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Auschwitz, Warsaw...(Priest TBA)

**Golden Frontier** [www.goldenfrontier.org/home.cfm](http://www.goldenfrontier.org/home.cfm)  
**October Ten Day Tour:** shrines/ sites of Poland: Black Madonna of Czestochova, Mass at St. Stanislaus tomb, Tatras, Warsaw

**Personal Tours to Poland**

**By Ann Pienkos**

Wish to travel to Poland with a personal tour guide who is fluent in both English and Polish? Wish to travel with a tour guide who has a personal appreciation and knowledge of the beauty of Poland and its people?

Since arriving in America at age nine, Ann (Lesniewski) Pienkos has traveled to Poland twenty times – most recently in May 2014. Ann knows the “ins” and “outs” of travel in Poland. From cities to country-side, from museums to historic churches, from where to stay to where to dine, Ann will provide you with a trip of a lifetime.

Interested in itineraries to Gdańsk, Warsaw, Kraków, Zakopane & more? For more information, contact Ann at 262-765-6180 or [annpienkos@gmail.com](mailto:annpienkos@gmail.com).

**Testimonials from 2014 Tour:**

*“Not only was the trip to Poland a never to forget trip, it was fun, learning, prayerful trip.*

*I thank you from the bottom of my heart.” - Phyllis*

*“I had such a spectacular time, no money could pay for all the work you did. It will be one of my most memorable two weeks for all time.” - Linda*

## CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS



### SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

4/7 Ted Mianowski	5/2 Art Haralampopoulos
4/7 Diane Dillet	5/3 Rob Hameister
4/19 Michelle Michalak	5/7 Linda Cagle
4/22 Don Wesolowski	5/11 Dennis Jasiczek
4/25 Mary Fayyaz	5/22 Barry Dexter
4/28 Patricia Brinkman	5/26 Carol Janeczek
4/28 Mary Pearlman	5/28 Zach Zwadzich
	5/30 Kasia Tomczak
Happy Anniversary to: 5/26 Tony & Deb Ankowicz	
5/17 Rose Meinholz & Larry Hochman	
Welcome new members: Stephen Pienkos & Janice Zmrazek	

### Winter 2015 CREECA NEWS - *Alexander Rolich*

**(1923-2014): His Connections Built a Collection** tells of his 37 years at the UW-Memorial Library as Bibliographer for Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Studies. Collections will continue for our past long time club member due to the Memorial Fund established in his name.  
[www.creeca.wisc.edu/resources/newsletters/Winter%202015.pdf](http://www.creeca.wisc.edu/resources/newsletters/Winter%202015.pdf)

**Jan 31 Barbara M. Godlewski, the "egg lady"** passed away in Kenosha after having several strokes. The first happened while she was making pączki "and doing what she loved" said her daughter Margaret. Many people talked with and learned from Barbara's demonstrations of Pisanki making at Polish Fest, and other events. At the Pierogi Festival March 22, her grandchildren were carrying on the Pisanki tradition. Barbara was born in Netta Druga, Borsuka, Poland in 1939, was married in Czêstochowa, and moved to Racine, WI in 1966. She raised chickens and ducks, and kept honeybees - and used the beeswax and eggs for her artwork. Memorial Tributes are suggested to: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kenosha or Polanki ([www.polanki.org](http://www.polanki.org))

**May 15 is the Club's Scholarship deadline** for applicants to submit their essay and application. Our scholarship is for Wisconsin residents seeking an associate or bachelor's degree in any field of study. Applicant must be of verifiable Polish ancestry OR studying the Polish language, history, society or culture OR be significantly engaged with Polish culture. The 750-1000 words essay is to be "about a major event in Polish arts, culture, or history, and why the topic interests you, or how it relates to you personally." CONTACT: Patricia Brinkman [brinkpa@att.net](mailto:brinkpa@att.net) (608) 212-2413 or PHCWI-Madison Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 45438 Madison WI 53744.

**Milwaukee/Chicago Food Trip? DATE TBD** If you're interested in a one day food trip via Milwaukee to N. Chicago with stops including Kalinowski European Style Bakery in Mt Prospect, dining at The Red Apple Buffet, others. CONTACT: Michael Lomperski (608) 238-9189. No bus trip is planned, this is a modest gathering of those exploring food options.

### October is Polish American Heritage Month.

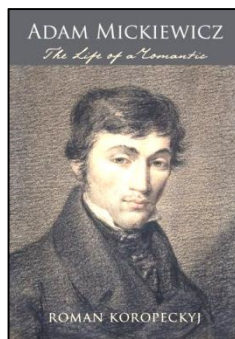
Do you have ideas of ways to celebrate Polish cultural heritage? .... lectures, concerts, displays of photos or crafts at libraries, schools, coffee shops, 1 West Wilson St. State Office Building, or other places?

**Would you like to write stories for this newsletter, and/or in local newspapers about Poland's geography and history?**

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, or club members' histories?

Your contributions are welcome! - Rose Meinholz, Editor.  
 (608) 233-3828 [meinhoch@hotmail.com](mailto:meinhoch@hotmail.com)

### May 12 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm Adam Mickiewicz



Kasia Krzyzostaniak is hostess. Please contact her so she can set up chairs: [krzmmw@chorus.net](mailto:krzmmw@chorus.net) (608) 836-8632  
 The South Central Library System has copies of *Pan Tadeusz* (book and DVD) and *Dziady*, and several books with stories about him. *Adam Mickiewicz: The Life of a Romantic* by Roman Robert Koropecyk (2008) is available from Amazon.com  
 ALSO SEE: websites, books of poems, *Pan Tadeusz* [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org)

from Cornell University Press: "Adam Mickiewicz (1798–1855), Poland's national poet, was one of the extraordinary personalities of the age. In chronicling the events of his life—his travels, numerous loves, a troubled marriage, years spent as a member of a heterodox religious sect, and friendships with such luminaries of the time as Aleksandr Pushkin, James Fenimore Cooper, George Sand, Giuseppe Mazzini, Margaret Fuller, and Aleksandr Herzen—Roman Koropecyk draws a portrait of the Polish poet as a quintessential European Romantic. Spanning five decades of one of the most turbulent periods in modern European history, Mickiewicz's life and works at once reflected and articulated the cultural and political upheavals marking post-Napoleonic Europe."

### SPRING FESTIVAL PRE ORDERS:

If you did not get all of what you ordered, please notify Butch Luick. He's making a trip to Chicago in May.

### HELP NEEDED:

Loading and unloading before and after our major events.

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## NW CHICAGO TRIP October 2014

Milwaukee Avenue along I 94/90

### Last October 7 Polish Heritage Club members toured Polish churches along Chicago's Milwaukee Ave.

Some of us grew up there, all of us know others who spent part of their life in this part of Chicago. Thank you to Joan Rubens for organizing the tours, and to drivers Doris & Linda.



L to R: Doris Gaiewski, Fr. Steven Bartczyszyn, Linda Cagle, Carol Janecek, Joan R, Rose M, Ronni G, Patricia Brinkman.

### Fourth Partition /Czwarta Dzielnica

"At the Dawn of the 20th century, Chicago was the second largest city in the United States with over 2,000,000 residents. It was also the center of Polish culture and political activism in America. With Poland partitioned between Russia, Austria and Germany, over 4,000,000 Poles immigrated to the United States between 1870 and 1920 in search of a better life. In Chicago, they worked in some of the most dangerous factories and mills in the United States. In their neighborhoods, they built communities, churches, and most of all, aided their beloved Poland in her fight for independence."



**Fourth Partition / Czwarta Dzielnica**  
75 Min. DVD \$14.99

**A Must See For Anyone Who's Interested in finding out about Polish American History**

By David Hines on June 3, 2014 amazon.com:

"I must say, I was quite impressed with this film. Through my research, there really isn't anything like this film out there, and generally there is little in video and film about Polish American history. The film, while mostly concentrating on Chicago's Polonia, starts with the arrival of the first Poles in America in 1608, and takes us on a quick historical journey until the late 19th Century, when Poles start to arrive in mass numbers. The film discusses different neighborhoods, South Chicago Steel, U.S. Steel. The Union Stock Yards, as well as other neighborhoods. It brings to life the daily lives of these immigrant workers, their communities, dangerous working conditions, and their hard work to establish unity in the midst of not having their own country in Europe. Overall, a very touching film that shines the light on the hard work and labor poor immigrants endured during America's Industrial Boom, as well as their hard fight and aid to Free Poland. This film is great for not just Poles, but anyone who has had immigrant ancestry in their family, it's a story any immigrant can relate to."

### West Town Neighborhood, Polish Triangle

Visible from the Kennedy Expressway/I 90/94, our first stop St. Stanislaus Kostka (1327 N. Noble St) is called the "mother church" of Chicago's Polish community. Lorenzo Smith welcomed us at the church's steps, and told detailed stories of the church's history, and of his many trips to Poland. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century it was the largest parish in the country with a congregation of more than 40,000 people. Now there are 700 families, 30% Polish. Perpetual Adoration is held in the Divine Mercy Sanctuary.



Across the street in Pulaski Park is the three-story brick field house "built to emulate Eastern European architecture familiar to the immigrant community." In 1912, to make space for the park, 1,200 people were displaced, and buildings were demolished or moved. Low sites were filled in, landscape architect Jens Jensen designed the 3.8 acre park.

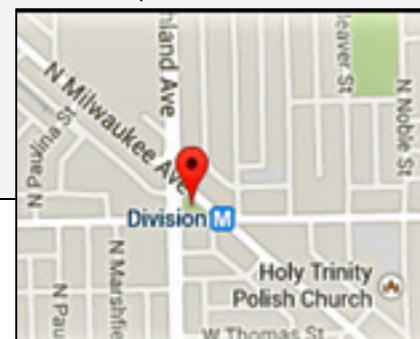
We walked the several blocks to Holy Trinity Polish Mission (1118 North Noble St). It's a 'Polish Cathedral style' of church, "both its opulence and grand scale." Sister Iwona from Poznan, PL welcomed us, and told about The Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia, at Holy Trinity since 1989.



**Ronni Guski** attended Holy Trinity's Grade School. Now it's a Montessori School.

### Polish Triangle: Division, Ashland & Milwaukee Ave.

**WIKIPEDIA:** "Polonia Triangle, Trójkąt Polonijny, is located in West Town, in what had been the historical Polish Downtown area of Chicago. A single-tiered fountain made of black iron with a bowl about nine feet in diameter is installed at its center. .... The site is still home to the Chopin Theatre and is used for processions during Corpus Christi by parishioners of..... St. Stanislaus Kostka and Holy Trinity Polish Mission."



## Avondale Neighborhood, "Jackowo"

After about a 10 minute drive north on Milwaukee Ave. we were at our lunch stop: Staropolska Polish Restaurant (3030 N. Milwaukee Ave.) Since there were 7 of us, we were able to be seated in the VIP section - it looks like a hunting lodge. Our *Polish Plates* were delicious, and most of us had leftovers for another meal at home.

St. Hyacinth Basilica (3636 W Wolfram St) in Chicago's



Polish Village "is one of the most celebrated cultural institutions in the city. For more than 120 years, visitors have been stunned by the enormous mural dome and Baroque-style influence of this architectural masterpiece."

Fr. Steven Bartzyszyn CR told of the church's history, and pointed out famous people in the dome.

The Basilica has the longest aisle in the diocese, daily Polish Masses, relics of 62 Saints, and a 'Garden of Memory'.

**PHCWI member Mary Loheide's family were some of the early members of St. Hyacinth's.** This picture is of a general store in Avondale around 1917. "It was owned by my great-grandparents and located on Kimball Avenue near Barry Avenue (between Belmont and Milwaukee Ave.)"

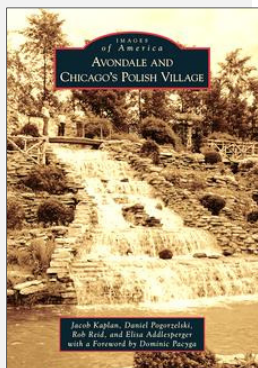
*Mary Loheide's family store in Avondale*



(L to R) Ed Murzyn, Marie Murzyn (my grandparents), Eleanor Murzyn (little girl-my mom) and Michael & Catherine Kurek, (my great-grandparents). ~ Mary Loheide

## Avondale and Chicago's Polish Village Arcadia Pub. 2014

"... impressive examples of sacred and industrial architecture, and the legendary Olson Waterfall "the neighborhood that built Chicago." ...sheds light on the little known history of the community, including its fascinating industrial past. From its beginnings as a sleepy subdivision started by a Michigan senator, it became a cultural mecca for Chicago's Polish community, playing a crucial role in Poland's struggles for independence."



## Jefferson Park Neighborhood



### Sweet World Pastry

(5450 N Milwaukee Ave.) offered us tastings of kolaczki and other sweets that we bought for home. They have two sizes of Sękacz "tree cakes" that are cooked on a rotating spit.

Next door is Andy's Deli & Mikolajczyk Sausage Shop Inc. (5442 N Milwaukee Ave.)

So many sausages choices! and other Polish products. Since it's a weekday, the lines weren't long, and we took our time looking and asking questions. We were soon out of time to explore any more, it was time to drive north back home to Madison.

### We missed visiting:

The Copernicus Foundation (5216 W. Lawrence Ave.) which hosts a variety of performances, and where thousands attend *Taste of Polonia* over Labor Day weekend..

St. Adalbert's Cemetery, founded in 1872 by a group from Slavic parishes, it includes a Katyn Memorial. Across the street in the White Eagle Restaurant (6839 N Milwaukee)

"Why wait to be invited to a special occasion to enjoy the White Eagle's famous cuisine?" ~ White Eagle Website

**We recommend exploring Chicago's Milwaukee Ave!**

- reported by Rose Meinholz

### Information from....

- St. Stanislaus Kostka, Holy Trinity Polish Mission and St. Hyacinth Basilica tour guides, publications and *WIKIPEDIA*

- *Polish Places along Chicago's Milwaukee Ave.*

[www.choosechicago.com/neighborhoods-and-communities](http://www.choosechicago.com/neighborhoods-and-communities)

- *Chicago/Far Northwest Side - Wikitravel*

[wikitravel.org/en/Chicago/Far\\_Northwest\\_Side](http://wikitravel.org/en/Chicago/Far_Northwest_Side)

- *Avondale and Chicago's Polish Village* Arcadia Pub. Jul 2014

## Sept. 25, 2015 Polish South Side Chicago

On Friday, September 25, 2015, the PGSA (Polish Genealogical Soc. of America) will be offering a bus tour of Chicago's Polish South Side "Historic Scenes Through Mobile Means" visiting a few of the oldest Polish parishes in the city along with commercial and industrial sites that drew our ancestors through employment opportunity and helped to place the City of Chicago on the world stage. Historic landmarks, thriving cozy neighborhoods, European cathedral architecture and drive-by highlights of South Chicago, Bridgeport, and Back of the Yards neighborhoods will be featured. [www.pgsa.org/](http://www.pgsa.org/)



## Polish Meble in Madison

**Zuzana Repka is Owner/Pres. of Room 2 Be in furniture,** the only Wisconsin distributor of Polish Black Red White furniture. She was a stay-at-home mom (of Nicole and Rene - now ages 8 and 6) who wanted to work with people and do interior design. After two years of research, her store opened in Madison about a year ago. It's located on Madison's West-side at 6798 Watts Rd, across from Woodman's. Enjoy a visit!



**Black Red White - Furniture for All Generations at Room 2 Be in 6798 Watts Rd Madison, WI 53719 (608) 276-4410 · room2bein.com**

[www.brw.com.pl](http://www.brw.com.pl)

"BRW is the largest furniture manufacturer in Poland and one of the biggest in Europe. Total production volume exceeding 180,000,000 sf of furniture panels a year, wholesale of over 7,000,000 cabinets annually and over 800 furniture models place BRW in the top ten plants of this kind in the world. BRW is a manufacturer of traditional and modern furniture systems. These furniture products are made of medium density fiber-board (MDF) and/or solid wood. BRW products have received several national and international awards for their quality and design. The company's high quality standards are demonstrated by holding certificates for quality and environment ISO 9001, and ISO 14001 respectively. Moreover, BRW products are CARBP2 certified and thus meet the most stringent formaldehyde emission levels." [www.room2bein.com/#!about/c1mxq](http://www.room2bein.com/#!about/c1mxq)

17 production plants employ over 6 000 people. The company has branches in Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine and USA, Canada. It is owned by Polish millionaire Tadeusz Chmiel." - WIKIPEDIA



*Black Red White headquarters in Biłgoraj, SE Poland - WIKIPEDIA*

**On March 7 the Slovakian Band Nothing But Swing Trio** and UW-GB jazz professor & trumpeter Adam Gaines played Krzysztof Komeda's music. Zuzanna invited her Slovakian friends, organizer Szymon Wozniczka his Polish friends - all enjoyed good food & music at Madison's Dobhan Restaurant!



*Szymon top L, Zuzana to his L*

*Irena Fraczek photo*

## Wisconsin in PAJ Mar. 2015 issue



**Staś Kmieć's full page "To Dance Again with Pani Ada"** is his story about attending this past February's *Bal Maskowy* at the Grand Ballroom of the Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee. Since 1988 *Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble* has presented the masquerade ball. "It was "a long overdue reunion with my dear friend Pani Ada Dziewanowska, the artistic director of Syrena." They had known each other since Boston where she directed *The Krakowiak Polish Dancers*, and they later met at Polish Folk Dance Festivals in Detroit, and at events in in Poland and Massachusetts. He assisted with the editing of her book *Polish Folk Dances and Songs: A Step-by-Step Guide*. Pani Ada did not know he was attending this year's ball. Staś arrived masked, wearing a long 17th century robe, a *Kontusz*. When he presented her a bouquet of roses, and spoke about not seeing her for many years, "She was delighted and astonished." They danced and talked - and she told about keeping his PAJ articles in a book under her bed. "At age 98, Pani Ada is astonishing for her energy, involvement and love of dance." The next *Bal Maskowy* is Feb. 6, 2016. For those of us who may never attend, read this story about a special evening!

**G. Witul in POLONIA PLACES wrote about Pulaski, WI's** Karcz Motor Co. "...when Poles from Hofa Park, Sobieski, or Krakow, WI needed to buy a car, they traveled to Pulaski to deal with one of their own, the Karcz family and their Ford dealership." The 62 year old Polish-American company closed its doors in 2008. A flower shop/library now at 162 Pulaski St.

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Among the PAJ editors, columnists and writers are some of American Polonia's most respected personalities. Since it's founding in 1911, Polish American political, religious, fraternal, social and entertainment leaders have staffed the newspaper.

On January 25, 1948, the paper, under the name of Polish American Journal, became the first Polish American weekly to be printed entirely in the English language.

MARTIN SCORSESE PRESENTS:

## MASTERPIECES OF POLISH CINEMA

**Fridays Mar. 6 - May 1 UW Cinematheque 4070 Vilas Hall  
821 University Ave. PARKING: Lake St. at State St. and at  
Johnson St, Fluno Center, and Grainger Hall.**

<http://cinema.wisc.edu/series/2015/spring/masterpieces-polish-cinema>

*\*The Polish Heritage Club - Madison contributed to the series.  
All Cinematheque screenings are free and open to the public.  
Donations are accepted at the door or through website.  
The series is co-presented with the UW's Department of Slavic  
Languages & Literature and CREECA. Polish/ English subtitles*



### Apr. 3 BLIND CHANCE (PRZYPADEK) 1987 | 123 min. |



Director: Krzysztof Kieslowski | Using an exciting and experimental narrative device, Kieslowski explores three possible outcomes of Witek (Linda), a young man racing to catch a train. In each of the three different lives, politics, friendships, sex, alliances, and betrayals all play a part, in their own unique ways. Kieslowski shows how any one of those elements can alter the fate of his hero.

### Apr. 17 PROVINCIAL ACTORS (AKTORZY PROWINCJONALNI)



1979 | 121 min. | Dir: Agnieszka Holland | Krzysztof, a leading actor in a provincial theater troupe, locks horns with the director of a politically charged play. At

home, he faces a crumbling marriage as his puppeteer wife, Anka, grows impatient with his ego and need to become a star. For her first feature as sole director, Holland (*Europa Europa*) convincingly and humorously depicts the pressures felt by artists living under a communist regime.

### Apr. 24 MAN OF IRON (CZLOWIEK Z ZELAZA) 1981 | 153 min.



| Director: Andrzej Wajda traces the history of the solidarity movement in Poland by following the fictional rise of a labor leader through the eyes of an

alcoholic radio journalist. Providing the story with great authenticity, Wajda weaves in actual footage of strikes and demonstrations led by Lech Walesa, who also appears as himself at the wedding of the hero.

### May 1 THE SARAGOSSA MANUSCRIPT



(RĘKOPIS ZNALEZIONY W SARAGOŚCIE)

1964 | 183 min. | Dir: Wojciech Has | The moral testing of an officer in the Napoleonic Wars (Polish film idol

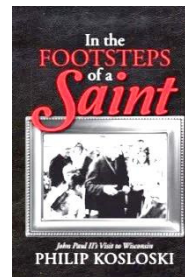
Zbigniew Cybulski) serves as the center of a Scheherazade-type plot that incorporates nine interconnected tales told by various colorful narrators. The spellbinding and surreal narrative, with its multiple flashbacks-within-flashbacks, is accentuated by gorgeous black-and-white widescreen cinematography and Krzysztof Penderecki's eclectic score. A favorite movie of the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia.

## Cardinal Karol Wojtyla in Wisconsin

b: May 18, 1920, Wadowice, PL d: April 2, 2005, Vatican City  
*Did you know?... To get the highest point of view, the future Pope climbed a silo when he visited Wisconsin in 1976.*

April 2, 2015 is the 10 year anniversary of John Paul II's death. In 1976 the future Pope visited Polish communities in central Wisconsin. For several years Philip Kosloski gathered stories and photos about the visit. The 110 page book is available in hardcover or paperback on Amazon.com, and will be in local bookstores in about a month.

April 2 is a book signing in Stevens Point at By the Cross Religious Store from 4 pm - 5:30pm. Thank you to Philip for his work to provide this historical record.



***In the Footsteps of a Saint:  
John Paul II's Visit to Wisconsin***  
by Philip Kosloski

110 pages  
Westbow Press  
March 12, 2015

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from April 2014 PHCWI-Madison newsletter:

In 1976 UW-Stevens Point's Dr. Wacław Soroka invited Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński to speak at the Annual Lectures on Poland. He could not come, but suggested inviting the "other Polish Cardinal." That summer Cardinal Wojtyła was attending the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. On Aug. 23 and 24, 1976 he visited Portage County.

A Sentry Insurance jet brought him to the Stevens Point Municipal Airport. He was welcomed to the area with a loaf of bread and some salt, a Polish custom *Chleb i Sól*. He visited the Rosholt potato farm of Maynard and Mary Jane (Buss) Zdroik, the Felician sisters in Polonia, the Portage County Home and other locations. Due to large crowds, Mass was moved to Stevens Point's SPLASH Field House, which was packed. The newspaper reported: "He shook so many hands he could have been the President of the United States or the Pope...And wherever he went people wanted to touch him. If they weren't shaking his hands they were trying to touch his arm his elbow or his shoulder. It seemed as if some of the man's aura could be transmitted by the touch." Two years later on Oct. 16, 1978 he became the 264th pope of the Catholic Church, the first Polish Pope ever.

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1.00 USD = 3.78 PLN **IN THE NEWS** various sources

24 Feb TATRAS, Valley of 5 Lakes - 2 more avalanche casualties.

26 Feb WARSAW, Praga - Picked by Award-winning lifestyle website theculturetrip.com as among Europe's hippest districts.

27 Feb BORKI-KOSIORKI, SE of Warsaw - Protesting farmers blockaded a Warsaw-Moscow railroad over pork/milk prices.  
- EDINBURGH, Scotland - Parliament discussing a monument to WWII General Stanisław Maczek, who died there at age 104.

28 Feb KRAKOW - 90 yr. old Sir Neville Marriner received honorary doctorate. March 1 conducts Krakow's Symphony.

1 Mar BYDGOSZCZ - 37-year old man arrested for bomb threat at headquarters of former Foreign Minister Radosław Sikorski.  
- FALUN, Sweden - Poland's ski-jumping team won bronze.

2 Mar SEN. BARBARA MIKULSKI will retire after 38 years. She's a grocer's daughter from a Baltimore Polish neighborhood.

3 Mar POLAND'S CATHOLIC CHURCH asked for rejection of the Council of Europe's antidomestic-violence convention.  
- MEASLES VIRUS is spreading in Poland. Parents who do not vaccinate their children can be fined 1,500 złoty.  
- 5 POLES on Forbes' billionaires list. Jan Kulczyk, worth USD 4 billion, made his fortune in the telecoms and oil industries.  
- POZNAN - EU grant of > EUR 82 million for waste mgt. sys.

6 Mar GLIWICE, S. Poland, Teatr Muzyczny - *The Addams Family*

8 Mar WARSAW, Stare Powązki Cemetery - Burial of beloved sports commentator Bohdan Tomaszewski, age 93.

- WARSAW - The 2nd Metro line opened. It runs west to east, passes below the River Vistula, and has seven stops.

9 Mar WARSAW Metro 3 wk. project '*Poems on the Underground*' - SZCZODRE, NE of Wrocław - Children's Ombudsman investigating Kindergarten teacher who sellotaped pupils' mouths.

- BIALYSTOK, NE Poland - 2 sisters sentenced for forcing young unemployed women from small towns into prostitution.

12 Mar WARSAW, Wilanów Palace - PLN19.62 mil. renovation begun on the Baroque palace built for King Jan III Sobieski.

13 Mar WARSAW, illegal cigarette factory - Police confiscated 57 tons tobacco & 2 machines from bankrupt Ukrainian factories.  
- Assoc. of Polish Bookmakers - Illegal internet bookmakers (91% of the market) don't pay taxes, so Poland losing millions.  
- TERESPOL, E. Poland - Russian wife found in a massive suitcase. No need to smuggle: EU allows families to stay together.  
- RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT - Pres. Komorowski signed & the Parliament passed target of 15% renewable energy by 2020.

14 Mar KRAKOW, St. Mary Church - For first time, women may apply to play the hourly signal bugle call *Hejnal Mariacki*.

16 Mar BERUIT, Lebanon, Polish Embassy - Photo contest to stop shooting storks. Winner gets trip to tag some of 40,000 pairs.

17 Mar WARSAW, Wilanów - King, Jan Sobieski's palace closed due to "an unbearable stench from the polluted lake."

- NOWY WIEŚ WROCŁAWSKA, SW Poland - Nestlé Purina opened a cat food factory. Poland's cat pop. is ~ 5.8 million.

18 Mar Podlasie Region, E. Poland - Vets say culling 500 more wild boars (of ~15,000) won't help to contain ASF.

- TUNIS, Tunisia, Bardo Museum - At least 3 Poles were among the 22 killed when gunmen attacked tour buses.

10 May Polish presidential election. Candidates are required to obtain 100,000 signatures before 26 March deadline.