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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As summer rushed by, I was not exactly ready to face the expected reality of the colder weather. Thank goodness for the sharp snow shovels (and tuned up snow blowers) because those will make our preparations for all seasonal festivities easier.

At the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, we saw and heard music, dances and plenty of treasures exhibited by the club members. Hopefully you had a chance to be a part of all the joyful activities. Our Christmas Bazaar provided Madisonians lots of Polish food, jewelry, pottery and music cherished by children and grown-ups alike. All participants were enriched by their exposure to Polish culture and traditions. The upcoming events will definitely provide additional enrichment and food for thought. Do not miss on participating in the ongoing Polish Film Festival and our Wigilia.

The Club has been very active. The Board of Directors along with committees are working hard to enhance the Club's presence in the Madison area. Your involvement will enrich you and all that will come across cultures and events.

As the season unwinds, I wish you well filled Santa Claus stocking along with good spirits, health and the blessings for you and your family.

Z poważaniem,  
Ryszard Zolnik



**OCT. 24. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT OLBRICH GARDENS - pictures inside....**

*you are invited to:*

**Dec 4: First Friday Polish Club Breakfast**

**Dec 6. Polish Film Festival 1 pm 3 pm**

**Jan 9. International Festival Overture Center**

**Jan 24. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**

Details in January newsletter.

**The Nominating Committee** requests nominees

CONTACT: Joanna Pasowicz (608) 848-4892

**Memberships are from Jan 1 to Dec 31.**

(Except if you joined since Sept. 2015 - then it's counted for 2016). A Membership Blank is included with the enclosed Wigilia Reservation.

We appreciate your prompt renewal!

Family \$25, Individual \$15. Give a gift!

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDIES**

**Polish Heritage Club Scholarship due May 15**

For WI residents post High School education.

CONTACT: Patrica Brinkman [brinkpa@att.net](mailto:brinkpa@att.net)

**Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship**

For undergrads at Jagiellonian Univ. 4 or 6 wks.

SEE: Kosciuszko Found. website in Jan. 2016

CONTACT: David Rydzewski (414) 964-2447

**July-Aug. UW-Milwaukee Summer Study**

Open to students and the general public.

At the John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin.

*5 weeks:* 5 credits, 100 hours of Polish language

instruction at beginning, intermediate or

advanced levels, plus lectures of Polish culture

and sightseeing. *Also 2-8 week courses.*

CONTACT: Professor Michael J. Mikoś

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University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 53201

(414) 229-4151 or 4949 [mikos@uwm.edu](mailto:mikos@uwm.edu)

<https://uwm.edu/cie/summer-2016-faculty-led-programs/>.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR**

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Wigilia**

**Saturday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Madison Turners Banquet Hall**

**3001 S. Stoughton Rd**

**(on the service road)**

**Reservation & payment due Nov...**

**If you have not sent in your Reservation (enclosed) please send it soon, space is available currently.**

**We'll soon need to notify our caterer Ron Dombroski, (SmokeHaus Catering) He's again serving traditional Cod, and his family receipe Gołąbki.**

**We look forward to a special evening! 5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Sharing of Oplatek, The program includes the Turon and Star, Wigilia stories, and the Polish Choir.**

**Oplateki & Straw are available for a donation at the Wigilia or call Marie (608) 222-2857**



**Madison area:**

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Breakfast. 9 am Call Barb if ? if need a ride. (608) 238-9189. Monona Gardens, 6501 Bridge Rd. Monona  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of month. Eucharist in Polish: St Cecelia's. [www.dellscatholic.com/](http://www.dellscatholic.com/) (608) 254-8381 603 Oak St, WI Dells  
 Mondays 7 - 8 pm. Polish Student Association meets. UW-Memorial Union. Check TITU Board. [psa.madison.wi@gmail.com](mailto:psa.madison.wi@gmail.com)  
 Saturdays 10 am. Polish Kids Club: <https://www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison> email: [witamymkids@gmail.com](mailto:witamymkids@gmail.com)

**Dec 5. Polish Heritage Club Wigilia NEED RESERVATIONS**

Dec 6. 1 pm *GODS*. 3 pm *WARSAW 44*. UW-Madison Union South, The Marquee, 1308 W. Dayton St.

**Jan 9. 10:30 - 5 pm Polish Club at International Festival. Overture Center, 201 State St.****Jan 19-May 6. UW Madison class: The Culture of Dissent in Czechoslovakia and Poland (1960s-1980s)****Jan 24. Polish Club Annual Meeting and Elections. Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Rd**

Jan 25-Feb 22. Trevor Stephenson: *Beethoven & Chopin: Five-part course*. [trevor@trevorstephenson.com](mailto:trevor@trevorstephenson.com) (608) 238-6092

**Feb 16. 7 pm Polish Club BOOK CLUB Pianist Arthur Rubinstein. Kasia (608) 836-8632 Middleton, WI****Mar 20. Polish Club Palm Sunday Spring Festival: bakery, crafts, food, jewelry, music, pottery.****Milwaukee:**

**Polish Center of Wisconsin** 6941 S 68th St. Franklin, WI Dec 6. 10 am-2 pm *Holiday Bazaar & Champagne Brunch*

**Basilica of St. Josaphat 2333 S. 6th St.**

Dec 12-13. Bel Canto Chorus with Stain Glass Brass and Bel Canto Boy Choir: *Christmas in the Basilica*

Dec. 17-20. Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: *Handel's Messiah* <https://www.mso.org/>

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

**Polish Museum of America** 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Oct 23 - Jan 17. Lemko folk and naïve painter Nikifor Krynicki

**Basilica of St. Hyacinth** 3636 W Wolfram St. Dec 12. Concert of Christmas Carols performed by "Slask" from Wroclaw

**St Mary of the Angels** 1850 N Hermitage St. Dec 13. The Lira Ensemble + jazz singer Grazyna Auguscik: *Polish Carols*

**Copernicus Center:** FIRST TIME TOGETHER! Michal Urbaniak & Grazyna Auguscik *Nie graj muzyki! Pozwól muzyce grać!*

**Genealogy Events: Nov. 27 NATIONAL DAY OF LISTENING <http://nationaldayoflistening.org/downloads/DIY-Instruction-Guide.pdf>**

**WI Historical Society** Research Your Family History

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Content.aspx?dsNav=N:1220>

Free recorded Webinars and Videos

**Dane Co. Area Genealogical Soc.** [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~widcags](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~widcags)

**Polish Genealogical Soc. of America** [www.pgsa.org/index.php](http://www.pgsa.org/index.php)

past conferences - some materials available:

Nov 13-14. Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference: The Poles Conference Syllabus – Research Before and Beyond the Internet \$15  
 Chicago's South Side Polonia Bus Tour Guidebook \$20

**Wisconsin State Genealogical Society** [wsgs.org/](http://wsgs.org/)

Dec 15. 7-8 pm. *Railroad Records Across America* (WSGS Webinar)

Presenter: Patricia Walls Stamm "During the 1800s, railroads quickly grew. The railroad network was plentiful in Wisconsin. Besides lines like Union Pacific RR, Wisconsin Northern Railroad, and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, other defunct lines were Northern Pacific, Chicago & North Western Railway, and Green Bay & Western Railroad, crisscrossed Wisconsin. As the railroads expanded, they transported people, raw materials, and manufactured products from city to city. The railroads created jobs, spurred area growth, and produced records. This session will discuss the various records, railroad libraries, and methods to access their info." Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9221689051076091650>

**Steve Szabados**, genealogy speaker, author and columnist:

Jan 9. *Steps to Successful Research* Public Library, Appleton, WI

*My Polish Grandmother: from Tragedy in Poland to her Rose Garden in America*

guidebook available:

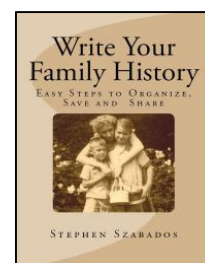
TWO great activities presented by POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA® –

Friday, September 25, 2015  
**Chicago's South Side Polonia Bus Tour**

Saturday, September 26, 2015  
**Research Before and Beyond the Internet**  
 Conference

Complete information and registration form will be posted on this website soon!  
 Registration now open  
 Bus tour capacity is limited  
 40-page color guidebook & lunch included

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*Write Your Family History: Easy Steps to Organize, Save and Share* by Steve Szabados

## CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS



### SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

12/8 Marian Krzyczostaniak      12/13 Mabel Kuharski  
12/13 Art/Raina Haralampopoulos Anniv.  
12/15 Jane Dunn & Jean Wroblewski  
12/17 Robert & Linda Kriz Anniv.    12/18 Pam Pasowicz  
12/21 Leonard & Mary Ellen Sosnowski Anniv.  
12/24 Lori Chalecki & Lauri Ross    12/21 Ann Perry  
12/30 Sharon Pasowicz  
12/28 Marcia Flannery and Ann Schachtner

### Sept 10-12. Members at WI Public TV's Quilt Expo:

**Jane Dunn** again volunteered for our Polish Club for the Expo -Thank you! **Gloria Welniak's** entry "Oak Savanna" (yellow+ golden brown fall colors+ blue) is part of a special *Fall Leaves Quilt Challenge* exhibit now traveling the country. AND **Patricia Brinkman** was staffing the parking booth when **Basia Pulz** came to enjoy the Expo.

### Request from club members - Part Time Nanny:

Dates and Hours: 1/20/16-4/30/16 approximately 7 am-12 noon (5 days/week on weekdays). All times and dates are potentially flexible. We are two professionals (professors at UW Madison) and soon to be parents of twins (expected ~1/20/2016). We are looking for a nanny who is warm, organized, and preferably has experience with babies (but this is not required) to help us with our new family. This will be a part time job for spring of 2016 while our extended family is also helping. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with skills and experience. Hours and dates are negotiable as well. Activities would include feeding and playing with the new twins, as well as baby food preparation, light house cleaning, and laundry as time permits. A drivers license is preferred but not essential and a car is not needed (house is in Middleton and just a few minutes walk from a bus stop). If you are interested please contact Dane Morgan [ddmorgan@wisc.edu](mailto:ddmorgan@wisc.edu) We will perform background & reference checks before hiring.

### Nov 3. Our club's Facebook page, from Kasia Virgell:

"Since Friday, October 30 (over a weekend) we went up 319 likes!! We have now total of 732 LIKES on our page... and engaging conversations continues among Facebook users around the world. Number 1 post was the story about *All Saint's Day / Wszystkich Swietych*- as of now, this post generated total of 3,379 shares, 1,700 likes, 96 personal comments and was reached by 433,562 people!!!!...and the number still keep changing! ... People comment on this post, and almost all are very thoughtful and beautiful comments about Polish cemeteries during this special holiday. Our number 2 post was the story about a little skull chapel near Kudowa Zdroj, only one in Poland and one of three in Europe. This post generated 36 shares, and was reached by 4,417!!"

FYI: You don't have to join Facebook to view our FB page.  
Google: POLISH MADISON FACEBOOK.

### Do you want your newsletter emailed? (it's in color)

Check *Please email my 10x/Year Newsletter* when you renew, or contact Jane Dunn, membership (608) 831-8827.

### Nov 8. Independence / Veterans Day Lunch sponsored by The Polish American Congress - WI Division Franklin, WI.

After lunch, and a delicious cheesecake courtesy of Polonez Restaurant, veterans were recognized, and attendees sang the Polish and US National Anthems and *Sto lat!*, Club members



**Butch Luick, Jane Dunn and Jean Wroblewski** were among the Silent Auction Fundraiser winners. **Professor Szybalski** was one of five Congressman Clement Zablocki" Civic Achievement Awardees"

**Mark Pienkos, President of the PAC-Wisconsin Division, presenting the award.**  
(J.Dunn photo).

**Dr. Wacław Szybalski** is Professor Emeritus of Oncology and an eminent scholar in the fields of molecular genetics at the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. Dr. Szybalski's contributions to medical science over the past sixty years have been extraordinary and his scientific achievements have merited at least one Nobel Prize in the view of his colleagues, some of whom have been Nobel Prize winners themselves. Among his many honors over the years, Dr. Szybalski has received Honorary Doctoral Degrees from five Polish universities... the UW Hilldale Award and the Grand Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta from President Komorowski in 2011 for his "extraordinary and distinguished service." Dr. Szybalski was born in 1921 and educated as Ch.E. in Lwów. He lived through six years of the inhumane Soviet-Russian and Nazi-German WWII occupations of his homeland and found his way to the United States in 1950. His research in molecular biology commenced soon after at the Genetics Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor, New York. One of his primary research collaborators was his late wife, Elizabeth Hunter Szybalska. **Teresa Jankowski** - District Commissioner Polish National Alliance fraternal for WI and MN and Director of PAC-WI, **Jose Perez** - Alderman for District 12 in Milwaukee, **Gloria and Jim Shire** - dedicated volunteers, **University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries** - Roman Kwasniewski Photographic Collection, and the American Geographic Society (AGS) collection historic maps of Poland.

### Polish Postage Stamps Needed Hello Friends -

You may have noticed at the past few PHCWI bazaars and festivals the popular and colorful bookmarks made with Polish postage stamps. I have enjoyed making these with donated stamps given generously by Larry Hochman & Marie Revolin-ski. Alas, my supply of stamps is almost gone and I would appreciate receiving Polish stamps from anyone who can spare them - they can be old, new, cancelled, whatever - and I will turn them into bookmarks for club fundraising. *Djiekuję.*  
~ **Gloria Welniak** [gwelniak@charter.net](mailto:gwelniak@charter.net) (608)271-5652

### Feb 16. 7 pm Polish BOOK CLUB Pianist Arthur Rubinstein

b. 1887, Łódź, d. 1982, Geneva, Switzerland. "The greatest Chopin interpreter of his time." We'll start with a focus on his early years. The Central Library System has copies of his biography, and other books, music. Please contact Kasia (608) 836-8632 [krzmmw@chorus.net](mailto:krzmmw@chorus.net) about your coming.

**35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION the Twenty-fourth of October, Two Thousand and Fifteen**



*most- not all - of the attendees*

**Dziękuję bardzo** to all the organizers and attendees for a most enjoyable celebration of the Polish Heritage Club's 35 years! Seventy-two members and guests enjoyed beautiful Olbrich Gardens, and the time visiting with old and new acquaintances. *"It was fun" -Adam Zolnik, age 16. Special thanks to the Committee: Jane Dunn-Chair, Barb Lomperski and Patricia Brinkman. Advisors: Past Presidents. Slide Show: Rose M & Larry Hochman Polish Treasures: Jane Dunn, Jean Wroblewski, Basia Pulz (Watch for stories about the treasures in future newsletters.)*



*Tyrone Greive, violin & Michael Keller, piano:  
Kuiawiak - Henryk Wieniawski (1835-1880)  
Nocturne, op. 62, no.1 - Frédéric Chopin-Paul Kochański  
Slavic Dance - Grażyna Bacewicz (1909-1969)*



*Linda Cagle welcomed visitors. Father Brian Dulli led the prayers. He is leading a group of students to WYD 2016 Krakow. Several of the students and a parent served as our helpful wait staff.*



*TOP: Tom & Jackie Serocki R.Zolnik & Butch Luick  
Kasia K, Basia P, Kasia V-photos Joan Dros Allen  
The Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble were enjoyed by all!*

MONTY'S CATERS provided 3 delicious Entrées: Quinoa Stuffed ACORN SQUASH  
Apple Sage Stuffed PORK TENDERLOIN  
Polish Village Style ROASTED CHICKEN



*After dinner speaker Justice Shirley Abrahamson told of her family's Polish connections.*



**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**PROGRAM**  
 10:00AM Walk through the Conservatory  
 11:00AM Social Hour  
 Treasures of Poland Member Exhibit and Continuous Slide Show  
 12:15PM Luncheon in Eyjue Commons  
 Prayer by Father Brian Dulli  
 1:45PM Celebration Proclamations  
 Recognition of Charter Members  
 Justice Shirley Abrahamson  
 Correspondence and Welcome to Participating Organizations  
 Recognition of Past Presidents  
 2:00PM Violin-Piano Concert by Tyrone Greive and Michael Keller  
 2:30PM Live Performance by Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble of Milwaukee  
 —A Polish Prayer—  
 3:00PM Stroll through Olbrich Outdoor Gardens  
 PHCWI BOD and Anniversary Committee thanks everyone for coming to share in our celebration.  
**STO LAT!**



# POLISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Nov 7 - Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bazaar was held again at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fitchburg. Thank you to all who helped make it an enjoyable event. (Please tell us if your name was inadvertently left off our list!) ~ *The 2015 Bazaar Committee:* Linda Cagle, Gloria Welniak, Jane Dunn, Andrea Rolich and Ted Ceplina. **Names in BOLD are on the picture.**

**Bakery:** Ronni Guski, Pam Pasowicz, Bev Priefer, Alice Kvalheim, Marge Morgan. **Books:** Irene Swiggum, Karleen Tyksinski **Buyers:** Marie Revolinski, Jane Dunn, Marcia Flannery.



**Cashiers:** Doug Kurzeja, Elaine Schenborn, Julita Zolnik, Kathy Dayton (in back) Anne Evans, Doris Graiewski, Diane Turner, John Petty (Edgewood Student Volunteer), Allan Patek Ken Martin Phyllis Noble



**Floaters:** Linda Cagle, Gloria Welniak, John Hagen, M. Morgan  
**Genealogy/History:** John Hagen, Mary Loheide, Rose Meinholz  
**Genealogist:** Barb Glassel **Greeters/Info./Membership/ Guest Registration:** Joanna Pasowicz and Tom Serocki  
**Jewelry:** Marie Revolinski, Marcia Flannery, Laurie Ross, Sue & Farah Fatupaito & Josh Schultz.  
**Kielbasa/pierogi pre-orders:** Linda Cagle, Andrea Rolich

**Loading /set-up:** Butch Luick, Jane Dunn, Linda Cagle, Adam, Ryszard & Julita Zolnik, Gloria Welniak, Andrea Rolich, Marie Revolinski, Sue Fatupaito, Anne Evans, **Laurie Ross**, Pat Brinkman, Doris Graiewski, Alice Kvalheim, Norine Vedeges, Rose Meinholz, Marge & Paul Morgan, Marcia Flannery, John Petty (Edgewood Student ) Irene Swiggum.  
**Laurie Ross Family - four generations**



**Chef** Ron Dombroski, (SmokeHaus Catering, Fall River, WI) his family and helpers, prepared a delicious lunch - this year more food was prepared - and more people came and ate too!  
**Lunch Servers:** Butch Luick, Lori Chalecki, Shelle Michalak  
**Lunch Tickets:** Tedd Mianowski and Ralph Tyksinski

**Music:** Tom Wosikowski, Patricia Stone "The Blue Accordion"



**Oplatek/straw ornaments:** Gloria Welniak, Mary Good, Linda Rose. **Ornament/egg area:** Sharon Pasowicz  
**NEW Business Card Exchange. NEW a much enjoyed Photo Booth:** Jane Dunn, Irena Fraczek, Kasia Virgell - **Photographer.**  
**BAZAAR PHOTOS on CLUB'S FACEBOOK**

**Poster Design/Printing:** Marcia Flannery  
**Posters:** Pat Brinkman, Linda Cagle, Bob Dornek, Barbara Lomperski, Rose Meinholz, Tedd Mianowski, Marge Morgan, Joanna & Pam Pasowicz, Basia Pulz, Donna Smith, Norine Vedeges, Kasia Virgell, Gloria Welniak, John Zwadzich.

**Pottery/Misc/Toys:** Jane Dunn, Jean Wroblewski  
**Publicity:** Gloria Welniak, Linda Cagle, Michelle Michalak  
**Road Sign Posting:** John Hagen **Shopping:** Butch Luick, Michael Lomperski, Jane Dunn, Jean Wroblewski.

**SILENT AUCTION Organizer:** Gloria Welniak  
**Wall hanging made/donated by:** Nancy Wisniewski  
**Winner:** Joanne Krause

**Szopka:** Jerzy & Michael Brania  
**Wianki:** Basia Pulz  
**Wrapping:** Norine Vedeges, Kathy Dayton, Kasia Krzyzostaniak  
**Wycinanki:** Andrea Rolich & Sharon Brown



*This was such a cool event! This was mine & my sister's first year attending. We are 2nd generation Americans on my dad's side, 50% Polish & so excited to learn more about our heritage. We will be back next year. Thank-you!!!*

- Amy Marie Skicki on Facebook

## 25<sup>th</sup> Madison Polish Film Festival

Dec 6 (final movies) The Marquee, 1308 W. Dayton

PARKING: Union South Garage, Lot 16, Lot 17

FREE EVENT! ENGLISH SUBTITLES WEBSITE WITH TRAILERS:

<http://www.polishfilmfest.com/index.html>

Organized by: The Polish Student Association UW-Madison

Sponsors:



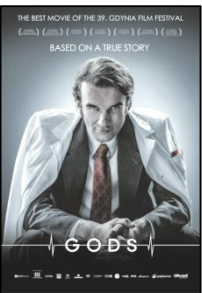
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Wisconsin Union Directorate



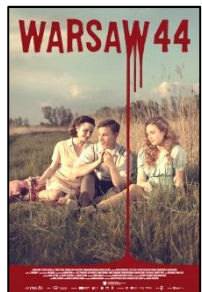
NOV 15. Call me Marianna *Mów mi Marianna* (2015, dir. Karolina Bielawska) documentary, Q&A with the Director

NOV 22. These Daughters of Mine *Moje córki, krowy* (2015) The Photographer *Fotograf* (2014, dir. Wlademar Krzystek)

Dec 6



1pm **GODS / Bogowie** (2014, dir. Lukasz Palkowski, 112 minutes) A story of Zbigniew Religa, a cardiac surgeon who, despite the harsh reality of the 1980s communist Poland, realizes his professional dream, successfully leads a team of doctors to the country's first human heart transplant. *2014 Best Polish Movie* [youtube.com/watch?v=AL43LvnYQsE](http://youtube.com/watch?v=AL43LvnYQsE)



3pm **WARSAW 44 / Miasto 44** (2104, dir. Jan Komasa, 130 minutes) A story of love, friendship and the pursuit of adventure during the bloody and brutal reality of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising. [youtube.com/watch?v=jHYxZ1847Gc](http://youtube.com/watch?v=jHYxZ1847Gc) "In only sixty-three days, the Germans razed Warsaw to the ground and 200,000 people, mostly civilians, lost their lives.

The result—a heroic and historically pivotal turning point—meant that the Poles would lose both their capital & an entire generation." - *The Warsaw Uprising of 1944* by Włodzimierz Borodziej (jacket cover) pub. UW Press 2006

### 25th Anniversary of the Madison Polish Film Festival

Madison is fortunate to have had a Polish Film Festival these years, thanks to the efforts of the UW Polish Students Association, and the financial support of a variety of organizations, including the Polish Heritage Club. Ewa Miernowska, UW Faculty Advisor wrote, "This year we have more costs because we have three days of the Festival and we have invited the director of *Call me Marianna* to Madison. The Polish Student Association will be grateful for even very small donations."

WRITE CHECKS TO: The Polish Student Association.

MAIL TO: 134 Nautilus Dr. Madison, WI 53705

## Classes, Events

Jan 19-May 6. **Culture of Dissent Czechoslovakia & Poland** UW-Madison Interdisciplinary course for undergraduates sponsored by CREECA. Cross-listed as Geography/History/Political Science/Slavic 254...One focus will be the "faces of dissent" — the stories of individuals involved in these movements. We will learn to view the pre-1989 culture of dissent not so much as an object of historical investigation, but as something relevant to our own lives that teaches us about ourselves.... (guest speakers, literature and film). CONTACT: Professor David Danaher [dsdanaher@wisc.edu](mailto:dsdanaher@wisc.edu)

Jan 25-Feb 22. **Trevor Stephenson - Beethoven & Chopin:**

Five-part course. Reading knowledge of music is suggested. Enrollment \$135. Class size limited to 20 students.

[email: trevor@trevorstephenson.com](mailto:trevor@trevorstephenson.com) (608) 238-6092

Jan 25 Beethoven; Chopin, Mazurkas

Feb 1 Nocturnes in D major op. 27 #2 & C minor op. 48 #2

Feb 8 Beethoven; Sonata in C major op. 53 (Waldstein);

Chopin, Etude in C major op. 10 #1, Waltz in A minor op. 34 #2

Feb 15 Beethoven; Chopin Ballade, Ab major, op. 47

Feb 22 Beethoven; Chopin, Scherzo in C# minor, op. 39.

Nov 2. **Szymon Wozniczka Polish music on WORT-FM**

To be on his notification list: [szymon2005@sbcglobal.net](mailto:szymon2005@sbcglobal.net)

Krzysztof Jakowicz and Tangata Quintet Złociste Chryzantemy from Tango Moja Miłość CD Album (Art Zone 2005)

Kapela Jazgodki "Tango Przestał" composed by K. Jackowska from W Miedzyczasie CD Album (Self-Released 2015)

Marcin Wyrstek "El Tango Roxanne" from Tango Corazon Kapela Maliszow "Furtok" trad. from Pogorze region, and

"Ballada o Sierotce" composed by nieznanym from Mazurki Niepojete (Karrot Kommando [www.karrot.pl](http://www.karrot.pl))

Chłopcy kontra Basia "O tym jak zmarły Bieda z niedzą" (2015)

Volosi "Dance tany" and "Crawler / Pełzacz" composed by J. Kaczmarzyk from nomadism CD (Unzipped Fly Records

[www.fonografika.pl](http://www.fonografika.pl) 2015)

Aug 31. **Swampscott, MA - Death Tom Zajac, 53**, multiinstrumentalist and music educator - he performed and taught at the Madison Early Music Festival for 15 years. *from: "tribute to Tom Zajac, beloved Madison Early Music Festival faculty"*

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"Being of Polish descent, the music of his ancestors was particularly dear to Tom. In the mid-80's, during a tour with the Ensemble for Early Music, the group was scheduled to perform in a festival in Poland. Tom [traveled] on his own, and arrived in Poland only to find out that the performance had been cancelled. He was stranded, but the local community adopted him, inviting him to perform a solo concert and to play with local musicians, raising enough money to get him back to the US. In August 2011, he was invited to return by the Polish government to hear and meet Polish early music ensembles. These exchanges and his own research led to his amassing a unique collection of early Polish and Eastern European music, the riches of which were only beginning to be experienced within the early music community at the time of his illness and death...."

## 2014 Wigilia Story: A Christmas to Remember

Story shared at our club's 2014 Wigilia by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski. He served on our Board of Directors, regularly helps at club events with his wife Karleen, and they wrote about their Poland trip in the M/A 2012 newsletter.

It was a snowy December, and Christmas (December 25th) came during midweek, (1947 or 1948). The public schools in Chicago let out for the holidays just a day before Christmas Eve and our family's Wigilia celebration. I had two older brothers, Billy and Terry, and a younger sister, Dawn. Our mother had given all of us assigned chores to complete. Floors had to be scrubbed, bedrooms and bath room spotlessly cleaned, and dining room table and chairs dusted and waxed - all done to make ready for the setting up the Christmas tree in the living room, and completing the preparations for the Christmas Eve customs done in our bungalow home on Chicago's Northwest side.

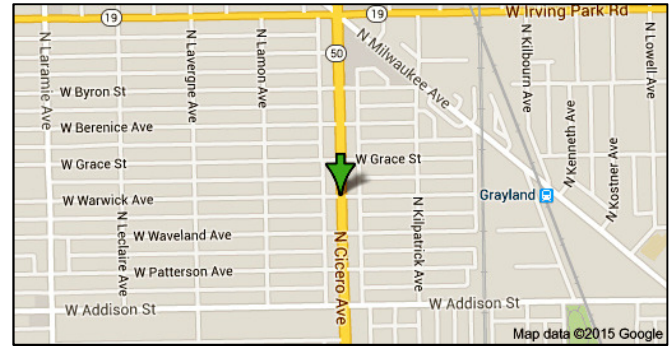
The telephone rang around 5:30 pm and it was Dad calling Mom. After she hung up, she called everyone into the dining room. "Dad can't get a Christmas tree home because he's still working on a refrigeration repair job in the Loop. He probably won't be home until after 8:00 pm." She turned to Billy and said, "Would you take Terry and Ralph and go down to Cicero Ave. and pick out a nice tree for us at one of those Christmas tree lots?"

It was dark and cold outside. There was still snow on the streets from a mid-December snowstorm. We put on our winter coats and pulled on our galoshes. As we left Mom gave Bill money to buy a tree. The streets had very few cars running on them as Billy, Terry and I took off pulling a sled to find a tree lot still open on Christmas Eve. "I saw a lot on Cicero and Addison when I came home on the bus from school yesterday," Billy said. That's where we headed.

Three blocks latter we arrived to find a dark and empty lot. Billy said, "Let's go down Cicero toward Waveland. I saw a small lot there when I was delivering groceries last week." In a few minutes we arrived to find another dark and empty lot. Just a bunch of branches piled up in mound with a lot of needles on the snow covered ground. "Let's go down to Warwick", Billy said. Off we went. When we arrived we saw a similar scene. A dark and what seemed an empty lot.



NW Chicago - Cicero Ave at Addison and Warwick



But as we surveyed the darkness there seemed to be a mound piled at the far back end of the empty lot. We went back to discover three trees piled on each other. We each picked one up and stood them straight in the dim light from a nearby street lamp. Billy said, "Let's take them back to the house. I think we can make one nice one out of these three scrawny ones."

When we got back to our home, Billy went to our Dad's tool shop in our garage and came back carrying a large drill, a good sized drill bit, a saw, and a sharp cutting knife. Terry held up the tallest tree. I held up the two smaller trees. Billy went to work. In short order he cut branches from the two shorter trees and drilled holes in the tallest tree held up by Terry. Soon it became a fuller and nicely shaped tree. We carefully inserted it into the metal tree stand. There it stood, straight and almost 8 ft. tall. Mom came out to the back porch and exclaimed, "Oh my, that's beautiful!! Take it around to the front door and let's put it in the living room."

Soon we had the tree decorated with lights, ornaments, and tinsel. A toy village was set up under the tree and our Lionel train was set up on tracks that encircled the tree. When Dad got home after 8:30 pm we sat down around our dining room table to partake of our Wigilia meal that Mom had been preparing all day. Later in the evening my Uncle Jack, who lived next door, came by to wish us a *Wesolych Swiat*.

I burst out and told him our story of how we found three scraggly trees on an empty tree lot on Cicero and Warwick, and how Billy cut and drilled holes in the tallest and made one beautiful tree out three. Uncle Jack was very quick witted. He chuckled and said, "You might want to call that your Trinity tree, out of three came one." We all laughed a joyful laugh. A Merry Christmas was had by all that year.

*Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia!*  
Rev. Ralph Tyksinski



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MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31 Dziękuję!

1.00 USD = 3.98 PLN **IN THE NEWS** various sources

1 in 3 Poles surf the web < once a week.

¾ of Polish cars are older than 10 years.

Past 15 yrs. potato consumption down by 50%, and flour by 40%.

Unemployment: October 9.6% vs. Sept. 9.7%

25<sup>th</sup> (all-time high) in World Bank's *Doing Business Index*.

Over 36,000 homeless in Poland, ~ 2,000 children.

91% of Poles use mobile phones, among highest in Europe.

The first half of 2015, Polish immigrants sent back to Poland ~ EUR

1.9 billion (~EUR 5 million less than in the first six months of 2014.)

2 Oct WASHINGTON, D.C. St. John Paul National Shrine - New altar dedicated by Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz and other clergy.

7 Oct LVIV, Ukraine - Device in a bin explosion, no injuries.

13 Oct S. POLAND - 1<sup>st</sup> snow broke trees. 9,000 without power.

15 Oct NEGEV DESERT, Israel --80 soldiers multinational training.

WARSAW- Libel probe filed against historian Jan T. Gross re.

his explanation of Poland's response to Syrian migrants.

22 Oct URSUS TRACTOR FIRM - Signed contract to provide

Tanzania with 2400 tractors, tools and spare parts, and more.

ANTI-SMOG LAW -Signed by President Duda. Over 40,000 die

from air pollution/year, 10 x higher than from road accidents.

WARSAW, Prime Minister's Office ~500 trade unionists protested.

25 Oct Right-wing Law & Justice won 235 seats in the 460

member Sejm - centrist Civic Platform won 138 seats.

28 Oct Dębica, SE Poland - New Guinness record: 749 colorful

chalk drawings beat the previous Japanese record of 441.

WARSAW, Al. Jerozolimskie - 2 trams traveling in same way

collided when the 1<sup>st</sup> braked for a pedestrian. ~ 14 injured.

30-31 Oct CAMBRIDGE, England - *Science: Polish Perspectives*

Confence for young Polish researchers.

30 Oct KRAKÓW - Judge ruled not admissible U.S. request to extradite R. Polanski. (Wants film *An Officer and a Spy*).

Royal residences free in Nov: Kraków-Wawel Castle. Warsaw:

Royal Castle, Wilanów Palace, and Łazienkowski Park.

KRAKÓW, St Mary's Church - Jazz trumpeter Chris Botti

performed the bugle call after climbing the 271 steps.

1 Nov IVF TREATMENT - Available now for infertile couples.

1 - 2 Nov Millions of Poles visit their family graves. Fund-raising in many places for the renovation of historic tombs.

2 Nov WARSAW, Piłsudski Square, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier -

Ceremony at tomb of defender who perished in Lwów battle.

4 Nov WORLD TENNIS ASSOC - 25 yr. old tennis star Agnieszka Radwańska ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the WTA Tour singles standings.

5 Nov ICE KRAKOW - Premiere of Górecki's *Sanctus Adalbertus*,

honors 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary death of St Adalbert of Prague.

WARSAW, 29 Narbutta Street - Plaque commemorated 90

years of Polish Radio (a few dozen subscribers in 1925).

6 Nov GDANSK, National Museum - Marble bust of Adolf Hitler with inscription 'Thorak 1942', found buried in garden.

WASHINGTON D.C. Georgetown University - U.S. premiere partially animated doc. *Karski and the Lords of Humanity*.

7 Nov EDINBURGH, Scotland - Unveiling of bronze statue of

Wojtek the WWII beer-drinking, cigarette-chomping bear.

BOSTON, Harvard Center for European Studies - Former Polish

foreign minister R.Sikorski a non-resident Senior Fellow.

8 Nov SOPOT - Woman walking killed by falling tree during

gale force winds. Over 3,000 without power.

14 Nov WARSAW, French Embassy - Political leaders and residents lit candles in honor of those killed in Paris. Palace of Culture - illuminated in colors of French flag: blue, white, red.