# The Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin – Madison



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## **COME JOIN THE SUMMER FUN!**

You're invited, please save the dates

1 Aug 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB:
 Joseph Conrad - life and books/movies
 4 Aug 9am 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Bkf. at Monona Gardens

## POLISH HERITAGE CLUB AT PARADES <u>Aug 27</u> Middleton's Good Neighbor Festival

The big parade marches down University Ave. Our members hand out candy at the curbs as The Luick's Red Truck drives the parade route. Members who have costumes and are willing to let another member use them for the parades would be most welcome. Come join the parade! Please contact: Barbara Lomperski (608) 238-9189 lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com

# 17 Sept 40<sup>th</sup> Willy Street Fair Visit and/or help at the club's booth

If you'd like to help, please contact Linda Cagle (608) 244-2788 <a href="mailto:lindacagle@att.net">lindacagle@att.net</a>
11 am parade - it's live-streamed
11-5 pm Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off
Food Music Fun

"There is something marvelous and dreamlike about the Willy Street Fair—for the make-believe seems real." - Isthmus



Evansville July 4th Parade: Kathy Dayton, Paul Morgan, Butch Luick, Marge Morgan, Gloria Welniak with flags

Be sure to invite family, friends, new members. Share & promote Polish traditions!

# ANNUAL PICNIC FOR PHCWI MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS



## Lakeview Park, 6300 Mendota Ave.

west of Allen Blvd - NOT by lake West Shelter (behind lg. one)

## August 13, Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

10 am Setup starts: volunteers welcome!11 am Start activities: music, cont. setup, grill

**12 pm** Potluck lunch - please bring a dish to pass according to your last name:

A-F Potato salads, baked beans, cooked veg.

G-L Casseroles, hot dishes

M-R Cold salads, raw veggies, fruits, dips

**S-Z** Desserts

**After lunch:** Music, games, Polish Folk Songs **3 pm** End of picnic and clean up

Your club provides: kielbasa, dishes, utensils, buns, condiments, beer, soda and water

\*We appreciate help with the setup, serving and cleanup. Let us know how you can help, show up early or stay to help clean up. Dziękuję!

For info. and to offer your help! contact: Stephen Pienkos stevepienkos@gmail.com

## August 15 in Poland is a Public Holiday

(a non-working day). Since 1992 the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary / Wniebowzięcie Najświętszej Maryi Panny (Święto Wojska Polskiego or Święto Matki Boskiej Zielnej) has been combined with Polish Armed Forces Day (Święto Wojska Polskiego), which celebrates the Battle of Warsaw in 1920.

August 26 is the feast day of Our Lady of Częstochowa "Since 1711, a pilgrimage has left Warsaw and 32 other towns and walked in procession to Częstochowa for up to 21 days."

- Sacred Destinations.com Poland

#### Madison area:

1<sup>st</sup> Fri Breakfast 9am Monona Garden Family Restaurant Barb L. (608) 238-9189 lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com Polish Kids Club www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison UW-Madison Polish Students win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA 1 Aug 7pm Polish Club Book Club Joseph Conrad 12 Aug 12-2pm WORT Szymon Wozniczka call-in report 13 Aug POLISH CLUB PICNIC Lakeview Park, Middleton 27 Aug POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Middleton Good Neighbor Parade 17 Sept POLISH HERITAGE CLUB at Willy St Festival October Polish American Heritage Month 4 Nov POLISH CLUB BAZAAR Asbury United Methodist, Univ. Ave. 19 Nov and 3 Dec Madison Polish Film Festival, UW-Madison 2 Dec POLISH CLUB WIGILIA Goodman Center RESERVATIONS REQ.

#### Milwaukee:

22 Oct Polanki Soup Festival 17-18 Nov Holiday Folk Fair

### POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN, Franklin, WI

17 Sept 10am -4pm Mushroom Madness 25 Sept 7pm Dr. James Pula, Kosciuszko Lecture 12 Oct 7pm John Gurda, Milwaukee Lecture 5 Nov Polish Independence and Veteran's Day Observance 16 Nov 7pm Dr. Anna Mazurkiewicz, Emigres Efforts Lecture

#### POLONIA SPORT CLUB. INC. Franklin. WI

Everyone is welcome. For info. (414) 810-8158 or Facebook. 8/13 SummerFestival - roasted chicken dinner, youth & adult soccer games, tug-of-war, Marcus Band of Chicago and more 9/10 Harvest/Doyźnki - 1 pm Mass, pig roast, bouncehouse, soccer games, raffle drawing, Gwiazda Band of Chicago "Polonia's facilities are found on 23 acres of beautiful land ... Athletic fields include up to 4 adult-sized soccer fields or a variety of smaller youth-sized fields. Nestled toward the rear of the property is a building with a hall, bar, kitchen, and rest-rooms... Outside guests will find an out-door pavilion & children's recreation area in a park-like atmosphere. Unique to Wisconsin is a charming traditional Polish mountaineer-style chapel built by 'gorale' from the Zakopane area."

#### Portage County, WI

INFO. FROM:

Stevens Pt C&VB www.stevenspointarea.com/ www.polishconnection.com "Dance News"

Ruth Lietz (TO RECEIVE EMAILS: polkaruth@hotmail.com)

Aug 6 St. Adalbert's, Rosholt - Cynor Classics

Aug 13 St. Bartholomew's, Mill Creek - Polka Mass, Chix Dinner 2-7pm Chad Przybylski alt/w Box On

Aug 20 Sacred Heart, Polonia/Custer - Chicken & Roast Beef 12-7pm Ampol Aires alt/w Rich Raclawski -Keepers of Honky Aug 27 St. Mary's, Arnott -

12-3:30 Chad Przybylski alt/w Box On

Sept 1-4 Portage County Fair, Rosholt

Sept 8-10 Pacelli High School Panacea, Stevens Pt

Sept 17 Doźynki Harvest Fest, Stevens Point -

food, polka dancing, crafts and heritage information

#### Chicago:

XX Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine 12-13 Aug Chicago to Merrillville, Indiana - 42 miles

**TASTE OF POLONIA FESTIAVL - Copernicus Center** 1 - 4 Sept non-stop LIVE MUSIC (tribute, pop/rock, polka), food, and fun! "Thaddeus Kosciuszko – a hero of Poland and America" concerts, movie, art exhibition, Poland travel movie, Paderewski Orchestra Sing-A-Long

#### **POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA exhibits:**

until Sept 5 Zdzisław Beksiński b.1929 Sanok, d.2005 Warsaw The first U.S. showing of his dystopian surrealistic paintings/ photographs, and of his VR *De Profundis* de-profundis.pl/en/ 2 Oct - 30 Jan Kosciuszko 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Twin Cities Polish Festival: http://www.tcpolishfestival.org/ 11 - 13 Aug "Bring a blanket, take a seat on the lawn along the Old Main Street in Minneapolis, visit with friends, watch outstanding musical and dance entertainment, enjoy traditional foods and beverages, and just simply have fun!... You'll see for yourself why Poland has earned itself the reputation as one of the World's most hospitable cultures."

#### Genealogy:

Dane County Genealogical Society www.dcags.org 12 Aug 11am Webinars and On Line Genealogy Websites 4505 Regent St., Madison (chapel at junction with Segoe Rd)

#### WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

27 - 28 Oct WSGS Fall Seminar - Best Western Eau Claire WEBINARS at 7 pm: "Those that log in first will be admitted" 15 Aug 7 pm How Advertising Brought Our Ancestors to the Midwest: "Motivation is one of the hardest factors to identify when we're trying to reconstruct our ancestors' stories. Business owners, land speculators, and communities wishing to grow all turned to various forms of advertising to entice people to migrate to the Midwestern territories and states. Examining some of the messages aimed at getting people to settle in sparsely-populated places can give us a window into what may have motivated our ancestors to move west." REGISTER:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7811156382466636803 19 Sept Third Coast: How the Great Lakes Shaped America 17 Oct The Aliens Are Coming: USCIS Record Sets 21 Nov Midwest Historical Genealogy for Genealogists 19 Dec Taming Transcription

## Family History Center, 755 Woelfel Rd, Brookfield WI

8 Sept 9-noon Family History Festival - no registration required. Register for monthly workshops at: mnsfhcworkshops@gmail.com tel.262 641-7408

## The Polish Genealogical Society of America pgsa.org 20 Aug 2-4pm WEBINAR:

Gems of Polish Genealogy at the Newberry Library

## **CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS**



### SUNSHINE CORNER! Stoneczny Kącik

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

8/1 Roberta Schloss 8/10 Marge Morgan 8/26 Robert Doornek 8/11 Dane Morgan

8/12 Irena Fraczek

8/14 Frank Urbanowicz / Karen Majkrzak

8/24 Tomek Krzyzostaniak 8/27 Kuba Krzyzostaniak 8/28 Doug Wierzba 8/30 Stephen Gauger

Happy Anniversary to: 8/20 Jean Wroblewski 8/7 Frank & Pearl Urbanowicz 8/15 Ann Perry

8/8 Jerry & Debbie Halkoski 8/15 Kasia & David Virgell

**Wish List** Our Polish Heritage Club is growing steadily and with growth, we have increasing needs. If you can help, we would appreciate donations of new or gently used equipment and supplies to help our club function more efficiently. Please contact any of the Board of Directors (pg. 1). *Thank you!* 

- Portable microphone/simple sound system (Karaoke?)
- Apple laptops or tablets for cashiers
   Office supplies:
   bond copy paper (white & colors), card stock, poster board,
   felt markers, file folders, binders, duct+clear strapping tape
- Artificial flowers (not plastic) for wianki and Polish Palms
- Polish memorabilia, art or crafts for silent auctions
- LED Christmas light strings CD player and Polish music CDs
- Polish/English dictionaries File cabinet approx. 2'-3' height

#### CAN YOU HELP WITH:

- Inventory Committee computer data entry -CONTACT: Tadziu (Tedd) Mianowski (608) 335-3503
- Publicity to get the word out about our club, and special events, especially the Spring Festival and Bazaar -CONTACT: Diane Turner 294-048 dmturner643@gmail.com
- Would you like to write stories for this newsletter, and/or in local newspapers about Poland and Polish Americans?
   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, lectures, or members' stories? Your contributions are welcome!
- Newsletter mailing 10x/year, it takes about 2 hours
- Do you want your newsletter emailed? (it's in color)
- Need a new display: 2017 is the 200th anniversary of Gen. Thaddeus Kościuszko's death. It'd be great to have a display for the Bazaar about him. If you know of anyone who's looking for a project...

CONTACT: Rose M (608) 233-3828 phcwiNEWS@gmail.com

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR CLUB!

Recipe Corner Anyone have hints for easy Polish recipes?
What shortcuts have you used - like crescent rolls or frozen
puff pastry? Do you have a recipe for Kiszka with sauerkraut?
- Mary B Good sunnygood6970@gmail.com (715) 614-1111

## Dr. Wojciech Bogdanowicz

b. June 12, 1936 Warsaw, PL; d. July 10, 2017. We want to recognize the life and contributions of Dr. Bogdanowicz who practiced Neurosurgery at St. Mary's Hospital for over 35 years. His father, a captain in the Polish army, died in the Katyn Forest Massacre (1940). Dr. Bogdanowicz studied medicine in Poland and came to the United States in 1962. He worked to establish trauma care and the first CT scanner at St. Mary's. He was a caring doctor, a great (single) father of 3 and patron of the arts. Donations in his name can be made to Edgewood Campus School, 829 Edgewood College Drive, Madison, WI 53711. To see his obituary and send Online condolences: www.gundersonfh.com

## Congratulations to Stan Graiewski!



He is a past PHCWI President and Director. Stan completed parliamentary study and is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. He is currently President of the Madison Unit of Parliamentarians and Vice President of the WI Association of Parliamentarians.

Doris and Stan G. at 1st Friday Breakfast (same day as Doris's Red Hat Soc. meeting.)

NAP's goals are to: encourage its members and the general public to learn the principles and practice of democratic decision-making; help teachers instruct people of all ages—from public and private school students to active professionals to retirees involved in their communities—in parliamentary procedure; promote collaboration and professional development among parliamentarians; and provide widely recognized, authoritative accreditation of parliamentarians.

**Nanny Needed - Chicago** If you know anyone looking for a nanny position for a mid-August newborn, please contact Basia Pulz <a href="mailto:basiapulz222@gmail.com">basiapulz222@gmail.com</a>

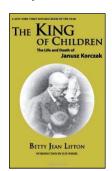
Channel 21 Volunteering Thank you to club President Marge Morgan who volunteered in the club's name at Channel 21's June Auction. This helps more people know there is a Polish Club in Madison - and helps our Public TV station.

WPT's Auction is their biggest volunteer event of the year - more than 800 volunteers auction 4,000 items. There are a variety of seated & non-seated jobs (get your 10,000+ steps!). from WPTV website: "Whether you enjoy the excitement and energy of being on camera or prefer to help out behind the scenes, we have the perfect job waiting for you!"

In the past, our club regularly volunteered at the Auction, Quilt Show and Membership Drives. The pledge breaks are a nice time to get acquainted with other members - and eat the donated food! Would you like to be a Polish Heritage Club volunteer for WPTV in the future? Membership Drives are held several times a year, the next one is Aug 5-14. The Quilt Show is Sept 7 - 9 at the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall

## August Anniversaries and Feast Days by Rose Meinholz

## 75 years: Janusz Korczak d. August 6, 1942



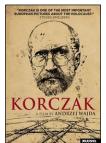
## The King of Children: Life and Death of Janusz Korczak by Betty Jean Lifton 2006

"The life of a moral exemplar comes alive in this acclaimed biography of the first known advocate of children's rights in Poland—the man known as a savior of hundreds of orphans in the Warsaw ghetto. A pediatrician, educator, and Polish Jew, Janusz Korczak introduced

progressive orphanages serving both Jewish and Catholic children in Warsaw. Determined to shield children from the injustices of the adult world, he built orphanages into "just communities" complete with parliaments and courts. Korczak also founded the first national children's newspaper, testified on behalf of children in juvenile courts, and through his works How to Love a Child and How to Respect a Child provided teachers and parents with a moral education. Known throughout Europe as a Pied Piper of destitute children prior to the onslaught of World War II, he assumed legendary status when on August 6, 1942, after refusing offers for his own safety, he defiantly led the orphans under

his care in the Warsaw Ghetto to the trains that would take them to Treblinka."

Janusz Korczak wrote over twenty books, and many articles. Madison Public Library has a variety of his books, and books about him, including the DVD of KORCZAK dir. by Andrzej Wajda and written by Agnieszka Holland. It was Poland's entry Best Foreign Film 1990 - 63rd Academy Awards.



### 2017 Korczak Events:

- •The Zookeeper's Wife movie: Fact vs.Fiction | Article | Culture.pl "Janusz Korczak...was, of course, a real person, and a Polish-Jewish hero...Although he doesn't seem to have been a friend of Jan Żabiński's (most likely they never met) introducing him into the story seems to be a fantastic idea-people should know of him, his acts of bravery and devotion were truly exceptional."
- April 6 UW-MADISON CREECA lecture "What We Talk About When We Talk About Janusz Korczak" by Halina Filipowicz, Professor of Slavic. "How does a new, corrected edition (and a new reading) of Korczak's last, unfinished book... expand our understanding of his biography?"
- Sept 7-16 WARSAW, Maria Grzegorzewska University -UNESCO Korczak Chair 11<sup>th</sup> International Summer School: "International experiences in the area of refugee and migrant children's adaptation - theory, research, praxis". With: • Sept 13 - 16 WARSAW, POLIN Museum - 8<sup>th</sup> Interna. Korczak Conference "The Open Window - A sense of freedom" to celebrate the activities for children and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary death of Janusz Korczak and the children. Theme: The Child,

The Subject, The Agent, The Citizen, The Person.

## St. Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day August 14

Maksymilian Maria Kolbe was born SW of Łódź in 1894. He entered the Conventual Franciscan Order and became a priest in 1918. While imprisoned in Auschwitz, he volunteered to take the place of a stranger, and died on August 14, 1941. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1982, and declared him "The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century". He is the patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. The Museum of St. Maximilian Kolbe is in Niepokalanów, west of Warsaw, where Fr. Kolbe opened a monastery.



Libertyville, Illinois was designated the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe. It includes the Adoration Chapel, an educational Holocaust exhibit, relics of St. Maximilian and retreat/conference facilities.

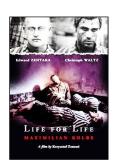
Wisconsin St. Kolbe parishes are in Almond (SE Portage Co.), Sobieski (N of Green Bay) and Milwaukee's SS. Cyril and Methodius /St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 2427 S. 15th St.

St. Maximilian Kolbe website Biography, Articles, Books..... https://saintmaximiliankolbe.com/

#### Films about St. Maximillian include:

- •MAX AND ME (2017) is a 3D animation by Dos Corazones Film, a Mexico City Faith based Film Company. "A grumpy old man mentors a rebellious and love lorn teenager by telling him about Polish priest Maxamillian Kolbe."
- •LIFE FOR LIFE / ZYCIE ZA ZYCIE Dir: Krzystof Zanussi 1991 Stars Christoph Waltz and Edward Zentara. In Polish, with English & Spanish subtitles. The DVD includes a 16 pg. Collector's Booklet and Study Guide.

"Auschwitz 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Thanks to the help of good-hearted people he finds shelter. There Jan hears tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced to death by starvation by the Nazis as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.



Now Jan is not just fleeing the Nazis, but also from his guilt for his involvement in Kolbe's death. He goes to visit Niepokalanów, a very large Franciscan monastery where Fr. Kolbe had been the founder and superior. There Jan wants to learn what were the motives behind his decision to die for another prisoner, a complete stranger. Though free from Auschwitz, Jan will continue to be confronted by the life and death of Maximilian Kolbe wherever he goes."

Janusz Korczak and Maximillian Kolbe: Shared Ethical Legacy of Two Martyrs of the Death Camps of World War II by Jacek Mostwin, M.D., DPhil, Professor of Urology, Johns Hopkins http://www.medicineandreligion.com/janusz-korczak.html

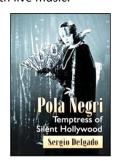
## Pola Negri d.August 1, 1987 in San Antonio, TX

Apolonia Chalupec was born in 1897 in Lipno, SE of Toruń. Her first dance performance was with Warsaw's Imperial Ballet Academy in Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* in the baby swan chorus. During the silent and golden eras of Hollywood and European film she was known for her tragedienne and femme fatale roles. She was one of the most popular and richest Hollywood actresses of her time. Some of the fashion trends she started are still familiar - red painted toenails, fur boots, and turbans. She has stars on the Hollywood and Polish (Łódź) Walks of Fame, a 1996 Polish postage stamp and several bios. In 2015 the UW-Madison Cinematheque showed her movie THE YELLOW TICKET / DER GELBE SCHEIN with live music.



Pola Negri: Hollywood's First Femme Fatale by Mariusz Kotowski 2014 University Press of Kentucky

> Pola Negri: Temptress of Silent Hollywood by Sergio Delgado 2016 McFarland & Co.



#### Polish Film Festival of LA Pola Negri Award winners:

- Andy Garcia for collaboration with Jan A.P. Kaczmarek and Waldemar Kalinowski CITY ISLAND and THE LOST CITY
- Emmanuelle Seigner for collaboration with Jerzy Skolimowski and Roman Polanski ESSENTIAL KILLING and VENUS IN FUR
- Michael York for collaboration with Filmmaker Lech Majewski THE MILL AND THE CROSS
- Jon Voight in recognition for portraying Pope John Paul II in POPE JOHN PAUL II
- Anna Paquin in recognition for portraying Irena Sender in THE COURAGEOUS HEART OF IRENA SENDLER
- Scott Wilson for collaboration with Filmmaker Krzysztof Zanussi THE YEAR OF THE QUIET SUN and OUR GOD'S BROTHER
- Hugh Grant in recognition for portraying Frederic Chopin in IMPROMPTU
- Ed Harris for collaboration with Filmmaker Agnieszka Holland COPYING BEETHOVEN.

#### Pola Negri | Artist | Culture.pl | culture.pl/en/artist/pola-negri

The Pola Negri Appreciation site <a href="www.polanegri.com/">www.polanegri.com/</a>
"Born in Poland, 'made' in Germany, stolen by Hollywood.
A celebrity in America, an artist in Europe. Lover to Rudolph Valentino, Charlie Chaplin and Rod La Roque; wife to a count and a prince. A high-grossing Nazi film star who would not bow to the idol of fascism. A 'vamp' by reputation, a trage-dienne in practice, but a stunningly gifted actress in truth."

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"The whole Polish film archives from before the war will be digitized and available on the Internet."

- Minister of Culture Bogdan Zdrojewski (2007-2014) Free of charge. Watch Pola Negri, Eugeniusz Bodo, Adolf Dymsza and many other famous actors in their best roles.

## Adam Chmielowski/St. Brother Albert b.August 20

b. 1845 Igołomia, Poland; d. 1916 Kraków
The sainthood process started in 1966 under Pope Paul VI
who declared him Venerable in 1977. Pope John Paul II
beatified him (1983) and canonized him as a Roman Catholic
Church saint (1989). Chmielowski was born into an aristocratic Polish family, fought in the January Uprising (1863),
studied engineering in Belgium and became a well-known
painter (after studies in Paris and Munich). Later he joined
the Third Order of Saint Francis (1887), devoted his life to the
poor and home-less, and founded the Albertine

Brothers (1888) and Albertine Sisters (1891) congregations of the same order. He is hero of the play written by Pope John Paul II, which became a base for the movie OUR GOD'S BROTHER directed by Krzysztof Zanussi and starring Christoph Waltz and Scott Wilson.



Portrait of Saint Albert by Leon Wyczółkowski



## 700th Anniversary of Lublin 1317 - 2017



15 Aug 1317 Duke Ladislaus Łokietek's Magdeburg Charter gave residents trade and self-government privileges. Historically it was a center of trade, halfway between Kraków, the capital of the Kingdom of Poland, and Vilnius, the capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Poland's 9<sup>th</sup> largest city, and the largest east of the Vistula, celebrates the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city's charter. Its 2017 population: 360,044

Lublin, Taylor Co. WI is a Sister City. 2015 was its centennial. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~witaylor/histories/lublinhistory.html

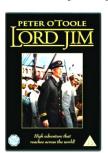
2017 population: 116. There are 3 churches: St Stanislaus Catholic Church

St Mary's National Catholic Church Holy Assumption Orthodox Church July 28-30 Fri-Sun Lublin Days 2017 "Good Old Days"

Lublin, PL - UW-Milwaukee: Polish Language & Culture 2017 was Professor Michael Mikos's 35<sup>th</sup> year of taking students to Lublin. "Polish culture is embedded in this exciting study abroad opportunity in the form of films, cultural performances and lectures given by faculty and guest speakers at the Catholic University of Lublin, where Pope John Paul II was a professor. You will live in one of the oldest towns in Poland dating back to the 10th century, an important cultural and academic center." For credit. Scholarships available.

## 160 Years: b.3 Dec 1857 Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski d.3 Aug 1924

The Year of Joseph Conrad began with a concert in



Warsaw's Teatr Polski - the first Polish recital of Bronisław Kaper's score of the 1965 film Lord Jim. Conrad's book tells about a steamer taking pilgrims to a Red Sea port. The ship was abandoned by its crew, including a young British seaman named Jim (Peter O'Toole). Many 2017 events celebrate Polish born author who is regarded as one of the greatest novelists to write in the English language.

#### Timeline:

1857 Born to Polish aristocratic parents in Russian Ukraine

1861 Father arrested for patriotic conspiracy and exiled

1865 Mother dies from tuberculosis

1869 Father dies of TB, Conrad lives with his uncle Tadeusz

1874 Leaves Poland, becomes a trainee seaman in Marseilles

1877 Involved with smuggling arms to the Spanish rebels

1878 Attempts suicide, his uncle clears his gambling debts

1878 First visit to England

1880 Began career in the British merchant service

1886 Became a naturalized British citizen

1886 Passed exam British merchant Navy Master's certificate

1887 Made 5-6 voyages, used in his future novels

1889 Commanded a Congo River steamboat for four months

1896 Marries 22-year-old Jessie George (they have 2 sons)

1914 Visits Poland, nearly trapped when World War I begins

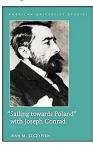
1923 Visits America

1924 Declines knighthood, dies of a heart attack

http://ryan290707.tripod.com/id11.html

http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/conrad/chron.html

## "Sailing Towards Poland" with Joseph Conrad by Jean M. Szczypien Published Jan 2017 Press release:



"Joseph Conrad ingeniously buried images from Polish literature and culture into his works. Once recognized, these references alter the accepted meanings of the texts. In an interview that was published in Kuryer Polski (in the then Polish city of Ostrawa, now in the Czech Republic) on 26 August 1915, Conrad himself declared about the nineteenth-century Polish poets: "Krasinski,

Mickiewicz and Slowacki. Their words are everything for me. I was raised and formed by them." Yet, the Polish sources deeply rooted in Conrad's works have been scantily acknowledged and hardly explored, although notable intertextual theorists have argued that the ultimate understanding of the text comes from the intertext(s).

The first part of this book analyzes Conrad's first novel, Almayer's Folly, and four of his greatest works: Lord Jim, Nostromo, The Secret Agent and Under Western Eyes. Unearthing the cache of Polish references in these works enhances our intellectual and aesthetic appreciation of Conrad as an artist par excellence."

## 11 Reasons to Think of Joseph Conrad as a Polish

Writer, After All read at culture.pl/en/news 2017/03/27

- 1. Konrad Polishness (His family called him Konrad, the name of Adam Mickiewicz's protagonist.)
- 2. First memories
- 3. Did Conrad speak English?
- 4. The reader of Polish Romantic literature
- 5. Conrad's Polish works: stories of exile and deportation
- 6. Is Conrad's idea of honor 'Polish'?
- 7. Conrad's National Betrayal, or is Patna Poland?
- 8. ...and how about 'home'?
- 9. The son of his father
- 10. Conrad and the Polish national cause
- 11. Conrad in the Warsaw Uprising and beyond

<u>1 Aug</u> 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB Joseph Conrad Please contact Ralph & Karleen Tyksinski about your coming to their east Madison home: <u>revralph341@yahoo.com</u> 608 873-6041

Madison Public Library has many books by and about Conrad, and there are on-line books and topics. Examples:

- A New Dispute Over Conrad
- Joseph Conrad's Tragic Predicament
- http://www.online-literature.com/conrad/
- Food in the Novels of Joseph Conrad Eating as Narrative
- The Secret Agent: Herald of Contemporary Terrorism?

**The Secret Agent** In July Wisconsin Public TV showed the BBC's three part series about the owner of a seedy shop in Victorian Soho who plays a dangerous game - spying. (See on-line, watch for repeats)

Sept 11, 2005 "The True Classic of Terrorism" NY TIMES by Tom Reiss: "*The Secret Agent* is essentially a satire of British and European attitudes toward terrorism and counterterrorism."



# July 2017 WARSAW, Wilanów district: premieres of contemporary music inspired by Conrad's works

### Kraków Conrad Festival 2017 - 23-29 October

#### Unrest

"This year's edition of the Conrad Festival is named after Joseph Conrad's volume titled *Tales of Unrest*. It has been translated [as] *Opowieści niepokojące*, but the title seems not quite satisfactory. It should rather be something like *doniesienia z krainy niepokoju* (reports from the land of unrest), because the tales do not convey the feeling of unrest as such but rather try to diagnose, describe, explain and interpret unrest, to orient us in the growing chaos of information.

#### The threat comes from everywhere

It's just like us: we want to talk about unrest in the modern world, about the unrest we can see in the movement of individuals and communities, about passionate emotions that need to be vented and anxieties about the uncertain future, which like a hundred years ago, in Conrad's times, begins to cast a black shadow over us. The feeling that, as Conrad once put it, the threat comes from everywhere, over-comes us more and more often, so our mission—of artists, intellectuals, teachers, students and journalists is to understand what is coming, but only few of us can grasp. Widely understood literature has the privilege to be a probe inserted into the future, trying to tame the future." <a href="http://en.conradfestival.pl/p/70.unrest">http://en.conradfestival.pl/p/70.unrest</a>



## Bicycles ~ Rowery

Our member Jerry Halkowski sent this info. from their friend's grandson:

## **Cycle Poland 2017 Raises Money for Hospices**

FROM PHIL BUSKA: Hey! I'm riding again with the Alina Foundation, which is a British non-profit that provides medical supplies to rural and underfunded hospices in Poland. It's actually a really good cause that I believe in, which is why I've decided to partake a third time.

This year, we're riding ~1100km from Warsaw to Gdansk and supporting 9 hospices along the way. The funds you donate are used entirely to purchase needed medical supplies, which includes everything from bandages to powered beds. All riders pay their own way. Last year, I had over 30 families support me, and I'm hoping to increase that number this year! You all helped me raise ~\$2500 last year, and I really need your support again because it's going to be a tough ride this year! DONATE HERE: http://www.tinyurl.com/cp2017phil Thanks for your support!

Cycle Poland 2017: 24 June - 2 July 1000 km across Poland 8 hospices with new equipment \*Donations accepted until 30-09-2017\*

THE ALINA FOUNDATION: "We are a small charity that provides vital equipment for hospices throughout Poland. Our mission is to ensure that anyone suffering from a terminal illness and their families and friends can have access to the support that they need. We target our help where it will have the greatest impact, by supporting new and developing organizations, particularly those in poorer areas."

#### 2017 Tour de France

<u>9 July</u> Stage to Chambery (SE France) - After a crash, Poland's Rafał Majka crossed the finish line - no fractures were found. But he had heavy bruising and trouble breathing, and withdrew from the race. In the past he's won 3 mountain stages in the Tour and a bronze medal for Poland in the 2016 Olympics. <u>22 July</u> Stage 20 Time Trials in Marseilles won by 2 Poles: #1 Maciej Bodnar (Team Bora-Hansgrohe) #2 Michal Kwiatkowski (Team Sky)





## 29 July-4 Aug Tour de Pologne route:

Stage 1: Krakow - Krakow (137 km)

Stage 2: Tarnowskie Gory - Katowice (146 km)

Stage 3: Jaworzno – Szczyrk (161 km)

Stage 4: Zawiercie – Zabrze (238 km)

Stage 5: Olimp Nagawczyna – Rzeszow (130 km)

Stage 6: Wieliczka – Zakopane (199 km)

Stage 7: Bukovina Resort – Bukowina Tatrzanska (132.5 km)

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

www.cyclingnews.com/news/tour-de-pologne-2017-route-unveiled/



## Music



**Szymon Wozniczka:** Aug 12 WORT 89.9 FM 12-2 pm on the Tropical Riddims Show plans a call-in report from the Ostroda Reggae Festival, one the biggest reggae festivals in Poland. On WORT Archives ~ 2 wks archive.wortfm.org/ His July 3 WORT show included reggae music form:

- 13. Damian Syjonfam feat Pablopavo "Etykiety" (feat. Pablopavo), CD To Co Było, To Będzie, 2016 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGH6HyT5FIY
- 14. Vavamuffin "Sztany Katana", CD V ,2016 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdWZcsF1CqY
- 15. Chonabibe -"Duze Dzieci", CD Panoramy, UrbanRec, 2015 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INcopAO93H4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INcopAO93H4</a>
  Other groups played on the July 3 *Global Revolutions*:
  Sautari, Maniucha i Ksawery, Warsaw Afrobeat Orchestra, Marek Dyjak, Maja Kleszcz, Maria Pomianowska and more.
  To be on Syzmon's notification list: <a href="mailto:szymon2005@sbcglobal.net">szymon2005@sbcglobal.net</a>

#### Other Festivals in Poland

14 July KAJETANY, SW of Warsaw, World Hearing Center - "Cochlear Rythms Concert" of musically-talented hearing impaired to mark 25 years of cochlear implants in Poland. <a href="https://docs.org/length/tru/html/">https://docs.org///docs.org/length/html/</a> WARSAW, Old Town - 23<sup>rd</sup> International Open Air Jazz Festival - Performances by Nicholas Payton-trumpet, James Carter-saxophone, John Pizzarelli- guitar. until 26 Aug Sat. KRAKÓW, Arcaded and Batory courtyards:



"Wawel at Dusk" Chamber Music Festival - Chopin, Zarębski, Szymanowski, Wieniawski, Czajkowski, Ogiński . A Grand Piano Marathon, and a special piano recital by Alexander Gavrylyuk.

## Henryk Wieniawski - Rural Musicians Forum

<u>26 June</u> SPRING GREEN, WI Taliesin's Hillside Theater - Julian Rhee's violin performance included Henryk Wieniawski's *Fantasia on Themes from 'Faust' Op. 20.* The 16 year old Brookfield High School student has played violin since age 5, and won competitions ever since. See youtube recordings. Wieniawski (b.1835 Lublin, d.1880 Moscow) wrote a version for violin with piano, and another for violin with orchestra.

## Release of SOULMATES CD by Delos Records

14 July UW-Madison cellist Uri Vardi, his son Amitai and pianist Arnon Erez recording includes a "splendid readings of contemporary composer Jan Radzynski's fascinating 'Concert Duos." *Uri Vardi in Jacob Stockinger's The Well-Tempered Ear:* "Jan Radzynski [Professor Ohio State] began his association with me in Israel, where the Vardi family from Hungary and Radzynski family from Poland first overlapped. Meeting again during studies at Yale School of Music, our friendship has been enriched by Jan's project as an esteemed composer with multiple cultural valences to Poland, Israel, the US and Jewish tradition, and by my commitment as celebrated teacher and performer to collaborations across musical boundaries. Jointly, we found ways to embrace the complexities of their origins and diaspora."

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**POLAND:** June unemployment 7.1%, the lowest June level in 26 years. 1.15 million people unemployed at end of June.

- DEPORTATIONS FROM U.S. 2016: Romania 176, Poland 160. So far 2017: Romania 193, Poland 74.
- CRIMES AGAINST ANIMALS steadily growing 990 in 2014 vs.1,859 in 2015. 3-5 years in prison is proposed.
- NEW CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT will invest PLN 500 mil. to improve the quality of life in Poland, to deal with its demographic crisis: low birth rate, aging population.
- Lung cancer is 24% of all cancer deaths in Poland.

May 2017 Survey of 1,034 Poles: 6% admitted they paid bribes in the last 3-4 years, 10% know someone who accepts bribes. 26 June Health Minister Radziwiłł wants preventative health clinics in schools again. Nine in ten 18-year-olds have tooth decay. The average 18-yr-old in has cavities in seven teeth.

<u>8-11 June</u> KRAKÓW, Czesław Miłosz Festival 2017 motto: "Zaczynając od moich ulic (Beginning with my streets)". <u>12 June</u> NIAGRA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. - Pilgrimage to commemorate the 20,000 volunteers who joined Haller's "Blue Army".

15 June BERLIN - Wrocław's Mayor Dutkiewicz awarded the German National Prize for promoting good relations between Poland and Germany. He quoted Cardinal Kominek "Europe is the future – nationalisms belong to the past".

23 June YAMAL PIPELINE - Reopened after the 4,000 km Siberia to Germany gas supply was shut down without forewarning.
24 June WARSAW - The EU + hundreds of marchers protested the government's logging in the UNESCO Białowieża Forest.
30 June -1 July TATRA MTS. NA. PARK - Clean Tatra Campaign volunteers removed litter from ~200 km of trails.

2 July MID-ATLANTIC OCEAN - "Olek" Doba back in his kayak after the rudder was repaired by the ship Baltic Light. 3 July LONDON - Col. Kwiatkowski 100, awarded Order of the White Eagle for his part in WWII's 301 Bomber Squadron. KRAKÓW, Balice Airport - LOT's maiden 9 hr. flight to Chicago. 5-6 July PRESIDENT TRUMP - Is the first visiting President not to visit the Ghetto Heroes Monument. (Ivanka visited.) Protestors holding "Dumb Trump" signs and dressed as characters from The Handmaid's Tale, ripped their white bonnets in unison. "We will never become handmaids!" President Duda says it's "fake news" that his wife walked past President Trump's hand and shook Melania's hand. 9 July BIAŁYSTOK, NE Poland -10,000 evacuated from danger zone while unexploded WWII bomb removed. 10 July WARSAW - The new Restitution Commission repealed an earlier decision re. property owners descendants' rights. 13 July ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI, national football captain, and thousands - Were victims of a "sick child" con artist. 14 July GOULDSBORO, PA - Death of Julia Hartwig 95, essayist, translator, 'Grand lady of Polish poetry' (b.Lublin 1921). 15 July BATTLE OF GRUNWALD 1410 RE-ENACTMENT ~3,000 actors and crowd of 60,000 at concerts, medieval sports... 15 July LONDON, WimbledonTournament - Łukasz Kubot, the 1st Pole to win Wimbledon (doubles), did his "cancan" routine. 17-18 July PRINCE WILLIAM AND FAMILY - Visited Warsaw Uprising Museum, met Holocaust survivors, President Duda and Lech Wałęsa. Given a gift of Baltic amber jewelry. 20 - 30 July WROCŁAW, Stadion Miejski, TWG The World Games -3,500 athletes, 112 countries, >30 non-Olympic sports. 24 July PRESIDENT DUDA - Vetoed 2, signed 1 judicial reform bills the Senate had passed. Huge crowds protest.