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## **Polanki Meeting May 11**

On Friday, May 11, Polanki's regular meeting will be held at Villa St. Francis at 7:30pm in the dining room.

**SPEAKERS:** Author, Leonard Kniffel who is a resident of Chicago will present his book, Busia: Seasons on the Farm with my Polish Grandmother.

### **HOSTESSES:**

Susan Konecny  
Jennifer Konecny  
Louise Cieslak  
Lynn Adams  
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### ***From the President's Desk***

As I write this letter, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and fresh air is streaming in my windows—spring is definitely here!

Polanki had a busy April with the College Achievement Awards Tea and the Pierogi Dinner. The Awards Tea on April 8 was a beautiful event. Many thanks to Nadine Flemming, Denna Flemming and Theresa Frankowski for making arrangements for the tea, to the College Achievement Awards Committee (Joanne Barndt (Chair), Ewa Barczyk-Pease, Susan Mikos, Marjorie Piechowski, Carol Sobanski Powers and Urszula Tempska) for reviewing resumes and essays from applicants and for putting together the awards program, and to Polanki members who prepared pastries and canapes for the tea. Polanki received many compliments from award recipients and their guests.

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## From the President's Desk continued...

The pierogi dinner was held on April 29. Having to leave at 11 a.m. to attend a baby shower, all the signs of a successful event were in place: the tables were set, the coffee/tea was made, desserts were cut, salads were in beautiful pottery bowls, the pierogi were boiling away on the stove, pottery and folk art were set up for sale, and diners were in line. Wonderful!! Many thanks to all Polanki members who contributed to the success of the pierogi dinner, and a big thank you to Jessica Ullstrup (the first Polanki event she chaired) and her committee Susan Cieslak, Camille Shaw and Jean Wroblewski for planning the dinner.

With Peg Cieslak's lead, Polanki will have a table at the Multicultural Fair at Lane Intermediate School on May 18—a great opportunity to share Polish culture with 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you, Peg, for agreeing to chair this new project.

Polish Fest is on June 15-17, 2018, at the Summerfest grounds. Volunteers are still needed for the various areas of the Cultural Village, including the Sales Booth. Updates about the sales booth and the Cultural Village will be given at the membership meeting on May 11.

I continue to be awed and inspired by Polanki and its members, and I wish you all a Happy Spring!

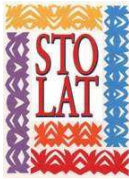
*Anne Wal*

## In honor of Polanki's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!



**Did you know...**

Polanki's first fundraising effort was an Easter Tea, featuring homemade pastries and traditional Polish decorations. Financed with borrowed money, it was a resounding success. The second major event of Polanki's inaugural year involved recreating a traditional St. John's Eve celebration on the lagoon in Mitchell Park, which Polanki organized with the cooperation of several other Polish organizations. Attending by over 6,000 persons, this festive event included an orchestra concert, a performance by the Mazur Polish dancers, and the floating of floral wreaths with lighted candles. Polanki launched the wreaths from boats decorated with Christmas tree lights, ingeniously – if not exactly traditional –powered by car batteries. The third major event of Polanki's first year was the club's participation in a community effort to showcase Milwaukee's ethnic heritage- Holiday Folk Fair. Although the Easter Teas came to an end several years later, when expenses outpaced revenues, Polanki's participation in Folk Fair has continued to be a major focus. In addition to raising funds through our sales booth, and formerly our food booth, we have produced approximately sixty cultural exhibits, and earned awards for a number of them. Since 1982, Polanki has added Polish Fest – the Milwaukee area's premier Polish event – to its calendar. AT this outdoor celebration of Polish entertainment, food, and culture, Polanki operates a profitable sales booth, coordinates the Cultural Area, and often participates in other capacities.



## May

5/05 Jackie Mielczarski  
 5/06 Krystyna Matusiak  
 5/08 Julie Lenkiewicz  
 5/09 Dorothy Broihier  
 5/10 Deborah Tysza  
 5/11 Lucille Trebatoski  
 Karen Zakowski  
 5/20 Nadine Murawski Flemming  
 5/25 Marcia Korducki  
 5/26 Valerie Lukaszewicz  
 5/27 Claire Anderson  
 5/28 Lynn Adams  
 5/28 Jennifer Konecny  
 5/30 Shirley Rydell

## Deepest Sympathy

Sustaining member, Joyce Hryniewicki, husband Ronald died

## Get Well Soon

Lifetime member, Geraldine Reszel, was hospitalized with flu-like symptoms. She is back at Decora and we are wishing her well.

Active member, Margie Hess is having therapy to follow-up her prior surgery

## Community Corner

### Cultural Festival- SPASH

Saturday, May 12, in Stevens Point

### Spring Fling Polka Pow Wow

Sunday, May 27, 1-5pm at the Moose Family Center in Stevens Point, Dancing and Polish refreshments available, suggested donation \$10



## Upcoming Events

May 18 – Multicultural Fair from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lane Intermediate School (1300 South 109<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis, in its Auxiliary Gym) [Chaired by Peg Cieslak]

June 15-17 – Polish Fest, Summerfest Grounds [Co-chaired by Peg Cieslak, Camille Shaw, Laurie Ufnowski and Anne Wal]

September 15 – Day in Poland at the Cudahy Family Library (3500 Library Drive, Cudahy). [Co-chaired by Ewa Barczyk-Pease and Tamara Johnston]

September 23 – Polanki 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Polish Center [Chaired by Diane Holytz]

December 16 – Polanki Christmas Party at the Polish Center [Chaired by Nadine and Denna Flemming]

# College Achievement Awards Tea

(Held on April 8, 2018)

Thank you so much to all of the Polanki members who donated delicious sweet and savory items for the Awards Tea. Everything was wonderful. The Award recipients and their families very much enjoyed the fantastic treats. We wouldn't have had a successful Tea without your generosity. Thanks to all who helped out in any way at the Tea, it was much appreciated. Adam Chiastawa, pianist, provided the musical entertainment consisting of music by Chopin and Paderewski. Until next year!

Teresa Frankowski, Nadine Flemming, and Denna Flemming

Tea Committee Chairs



Pictured: Julia Skorb, Phillip Kuszel, Anna Adamiec, Joel Balicki, Lauren Nitka, Joanna Adamski, Kinga Postolowicz, Laura Anderson, Anna Fons

*Not pictured: Katherine Hayes, Elizabeth Kazmierczak, and Samuel Wojcinski*



# Pierogi Dinner and Folk Art Sale

Polanki's Pierogi Dinner and Folk Art Sale was on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Polish Center. It was a wonderful event on a beautiful spring day. We received numerous compliments on the Polish salads and desserts. The cooks did a fantastic job cooking the pierogi in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone for coming and volunteering or supporting the event.

-Jessica Ullstrup, Susan Cieslak, Jean Wroblewski, and Camille Shaw





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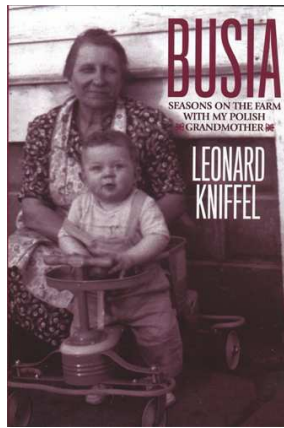


## Polish Fest Volunteers for Sales Booth and Cultural Village

Reminder that we need all volunteer sign ups to be completed at our May 11 Polanki meeting for those who want entry wristbands and parking passes. We will be sending those names and numbers on Monday morning.

## Update on Polanki Table at Lane Intermediate School

Polanki is participating in the Multicultural Fair at Lane Intermediate School on May 18 from 1:00-3:00p.m. Polanki has a 12-16 foot table space at the Fair. Peg Cieslak is chairing this event and is looking for 1 or 2 more people to cover the table. Also, if Polanki members have items they would like to share with students, please contact Peg at (414) 418-1196.



Busia: Seasons on the Farm with my Polish Grandmother is described as a “charming life of a young boy living on a farm in rural Michigan in the early 1950’s at a time when telephones and televisions have not entered their lives. Instead, they cook and garden and work together to keep the stoves supplied with wood and coal and the cupboards filled with homemade goodies. They prepare for holidays while they fear that the landlord will ask them to move and give up the farm and all the seasonal delights it holds—in the attic, the barn, and down the lane to the creek. A simple and poignant tale of the bonds between an only child and his loving “Busia”, his Polish grandmother.” Author, Leonard Kniffel who is a resident of Chicago will present this book at the Polanki General Membership meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2018. Mr. Kniffel will bring books for sale.



## Polanki = Generosity!

The loose change collection from the April meeting resulted in a total of \$77.50. This is being saved to send to Laski with our annual donation. There will be another collection in May to add to the total. Please bring collections of change from pockets, purses, mugs, etc. It really adds up and is a painless way to give. Paper cash or checks with Laski in the memo will also be welcomed in case your waitressing or bartending experiences are a thing of the past!

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