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Polish Women's Cultural Club Newsletter

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Polanki Meeting October 12

On Friday, October 12, Polanki's regular meeting will be held at Villa St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room.

SPEAKER: Claire Anderson will be speaking about her recent walking pilgrimage to Czestochowa.

HOSTESSES:

Diane Ufnowski
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From the President's Desk

Welcome to Fall! Polanki had a busy September. On September 15, Polanki hosted the first "Day in Poland" at the Cudahy Family Library. On a warm, sunny day, nearly 500 persons attended to learn dance steps from the Syrena dancers, watch demonstrations by Bernie Jendrzeczak (*wycinanki*) and Margaret Wadzinski (*pisanki*), purchase Bolesławiec pottery and other folk art and look at beautiful Polish artifacts and folk art. There was also an activity table for children. Margie Hess and her committee organized a wonderful event—many thanks!

On September 23, Polanki's 65th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner at the Polish Center. The celebration was attended by over 100 members and friends. At the dinner, Polanki's life members were honored and guests were entertained by musicians Kinga Vnuk, Roman Pikula, Tatiana Migliaccio and Ingrid Tihtcheva. The celebration—from start to finish—was exquisite. Thank you to Diane Holytz and her committee for organizing the 65th anniversary celebration.

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From the President's desk, continued...

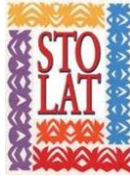
In November, two of Polanki's signature events are scheduled. November 4 is the 20th Annual Polish Soup Festival in a new location at Blessed Sacrament Church (41st & Oklahoma). November 16-18 is the Holiday Folk Fair where, once again, Polanki will have a sales booth in the International Bazaar and a cultural exhibit in Heritage Lane. The Soup Festival and the sales booth at Holiday Folk Fair are major fundraisers for Polanki and help will be needed from Polanki members. More details are in this newsletter and volunteer sign-up sheets will be circulated at the membership meeting on October 12.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to be a member of an amazing group of women where we share the same mission: Preserve Polish traditions and promote Polish heritage!

-Anne Wal

Polanki's 65th Anniversary Celebration





September

9/02 Nancy Rydell
Joanna Fraćzek
9/04 Mirosław Rogalski
9/07 Judy Chattin
9/12 Diane Ullstrup
9/13 Barbara Mueller
9/16 Joanne Barndt
9/17 Susan Mullikin
9/21 Teresa Frankowski
9/29 Heddy Moskaluk
9/30 Dana Michaels

October

10/01 Joyce Broderick
10/03 Darla Flemming
10/08 Wanda Kosmalski
10/14 Grace Janusz
10/17 Colette VanDe Boom
10/21 Joyce Hryniewicki
10/22 Patricia Koronkowski
10/24 Anne Gurnack
10/25 Anne Heinrich
10/26 Ann Pienkos
10/30 Mary Wasielewski

**Happy belated birthday to Ana Kozlowski
who celebrated her 91st birthday!**

Get Well Soon

Active member, Judy Chattin, who is home and recovering from thyroid surgery.

With Deepest Sympathy

James Sorenson, the father of new sustaining member Jane Sorenson, passed away on September 16, 2018. He was 81 years old. Private family services were held. Please keep Jane and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Shout-Out to Michael Krass—Polish American of the Year

Michael Krass was honored as Polish American of the Year at the 72nd Annual Pulaski Day Banquet on October 7, 2018, at the Polish Center of Wisconsin. The banquet is sponsored by the Polish National Alliance. Polanki supported the dinner by placing an ad in the program booklet to thank Michael for his many contributions to the Chopin Youth Piano Competition. The Chopin Youth Piano Competition, created by sustaining members Monika Sobierajski and Lidia Sobierajski, this year celebrated 20 years at Polish Fest; Michael has graciously provided engraved crystal trophies for the competition.

Upcoming Events

- October 11 Lecture: "Poland's Central Place in Five Critical Twentieth Century Events" presented by Don Pienkos, Professor Emeritus (Political Science) UW-Milwaukee, Polish Center of Wisconsin, 7 – 8 p.m., Free (Sponsored by the WI State Division of the Polish American Congress and Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.)
- October 12 Exhibition Opening: “Polonia Goes to War: 100 Years of Poland’s Independence” – 7 p.m. at Polish Museum of America, Chicago
- October 13 Bonfire “Ognisko” at 6 p.m. at Polonia Sport Club
Good old-fashioned Polish bonfire sponsored by Polonia Sport Club. Club will provide kielbasa, baked potatoes and bread with smalec. You bring a lawn chair, flashlight, and a stick for grilling. Dessert to share is welcome.
- October 13 Basilica of St. Josaphat 18th Annual Loaves and Fishes Gala at the Historic Pritzlaff Building in downtown Milwaukee, free valet parking.
- October 13 Next session for preserving the Kosciuszko statue area; see Susan Mikos for more information
- October 21 Craft Fair - Polish Center of Wisconsin from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- October 25 Lecture: "100 Years of United States- Poland Relations" presented by Neal Pease, Professor of History, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; Polish Center of Wisconsin, 7 – 8 p.m., Free (Sponsored by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress and Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.)
- November 3 2018 Gala benefitting Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.
Polish Center of Wisconsin, 5-10 p.m. Call 414-529-2140 for an invitation
- November 4 Polanki’s 20th Annual Soup Festival at Blessed Sacrament Church
- November 16-18 Holiday Folk Fair at the State Fair Park Exposition Center, West Allis
Check www.folkfair.org for times
- December 2 Holiday Bazaar – Polish Center of Wisconsin from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Milwaukee Film Festival Showings of Polish Movies

Submitted by Ewa Barczyk

Two films from Poland, both by well known directors, are being shown at the Oriental Theatre on the East Side during the Milwaukee Film Festival.

Two showings of “Spoor” by acclaimed producer Agnieszka Holland: October 22 and 27
One showing only of “Cold War” by Paweł Pawlikowski, Sunday, October 28, 1:00

Ada's Costumes

Submitted by Ewa Barczyk



Milwaukee's beloved 101 year old Ada Dziewanowska has moved to California to live with her son Jaś. Over the years, she was actively engaged in Polonia activities as the artistic director of the amazing Syrena Dance Troupe. Polanki has often borrowed from Ada's extensive collection of authentic Polish folk costumes for displays at PolishFest, Folk Fair and other exhibits. They always added color and generated much interest from the participants. Ada wanted her collection of costumes to stay intact and reside in Milwaukee so Polanki is the new proud owner of Ada's collection. We purchased the entire collection, which includes over 20 complete costumes for men and women, along with hats, aprons, shoes and belts. Tamara Johnston and I spent the day with Ada and her daughter Basia going over each costume detail and marking them so that we will know what belongs together. And thanks to Boston Store clearance, Tamara Johnston and Jean Wroblewski were able to purchase some rolling clothes racks and mannequins for future storage and display. We will do a short presentation at a future Polanki meeting highlighting the costumes and share some of the pictures and maps that came with this unique collection.

Polanki should be proud to continue Ada's traditions of sharing Polish heritage throughout Milwaukee. It truly is a one of a kind collection.



The Warmia costume on one of the dress forms purchased for displaying the costumes

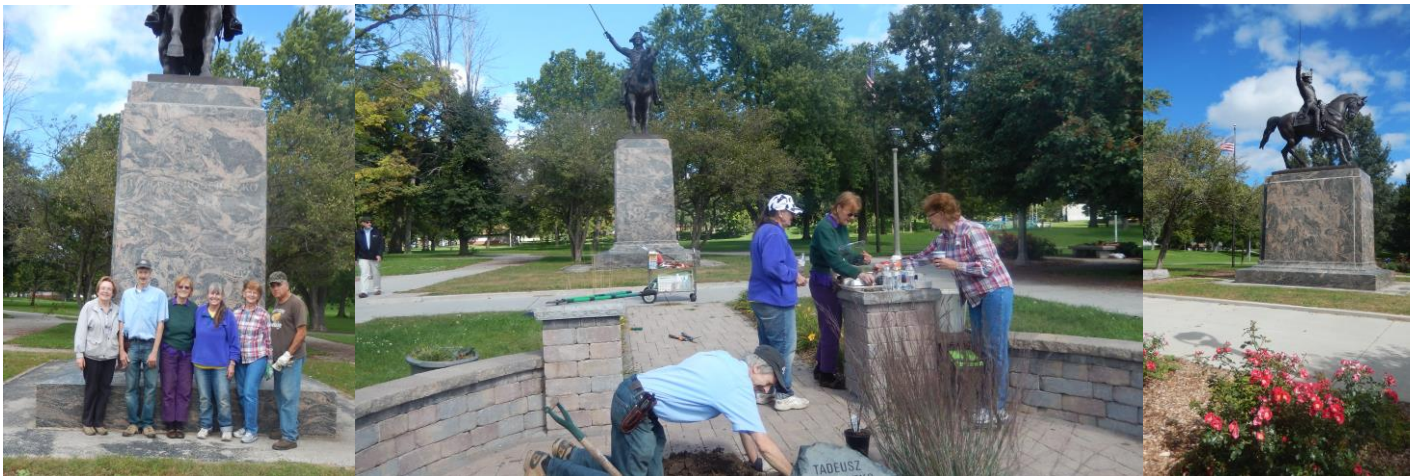
Kościuszko Gardens

Submitted by Susan Mikoś

As you remember, Milwaukee's Kościuszko Monument in Kościuszko Park underwent extensive conservation in 2013. The work included cleaning, repair, and upgrading the landscaping around the monument, which was rededicated on a snowy Veterans Day. Polanki played a leading role in raising the necessary funds and continues to oversee the endowment funds that have been set aside for future maintenance.

For the past four years, the Kościuszko Monument Committee has hired landscaping firms to maintain the garden areas around the monument. This year, however, we decided that the work required a more hands-on approach, and we have been doing it ourselves, with help from several Polanki members and their spouses. The results have not disappointed: the gardens look better than they have in several years, and we are planning additional improvements.

Our next work session is set for Saturday, October 13 at 10 a.m. Feel free to join us if you are available. We will be weeding, applying mulch, and planting some new items. We provide beverages and snacks. You can bring your own tools or use ours. Call or email Susan if you have any questions.



Polanki 2018 Recognition for Years of Membership

Submitted by Marjorie Piechowski

Each year Polanki recognizes active and sustaining members for their years of membership. This year the following will be honored at the October 12 membership meeting:

10 Years:

Sybil Grandeck
Teresa Jankowski
Barbara Januchowski
Tamara Johnston
Dana Michaels
Roma Numrych
Katherine Ociepa

15 Years

Janine Adamczyk
Ewa Melenchuk
Urszula Tempska

25 Years

Jane Dunn
Jean Wroblewski

35 Years

Rita Rose Mauermann

40 Years

Dorothy Fennig
Ann Lalasz
Heddy Moskaluk

Please congratulate these women for their commitment and service to Polanki over many years.

20th Annual Polish Soup Festival

Chair: Anne Wal

We need soup makers! Bernie Jendrzczak, Anna Rogalski and Anne Wal are seeking at least 6 Polanki members to assist in making Dill Pickle Soup, *Czarnina* and Mushroom Soup. Prep and cooking will be in a commercial space (to be determined) on a day during the week of October 29 (the week leading up to the Soup Festival). It will likely be 3-4 hours during mid-day. This is a great way for Polanki members to learn how to make soup (and to see firsthand that it is not too hard to make 10 gallons of soup!). Please let Anne Wal know if you can join the team (awal@vonbriesen.com, 414-212-8807).

Other volunteers will be needed for set-up, heating soup, serving soup, bussing tables, washing dishes, serving dessert and tear-down. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be circulated by Terri Cieslak at the October 12 meeting.

There will also be a bake sale featuring Polish cookies and other desserts. Polanki members are needed to sign up to bake and bring some traditional Polish items for the bake sale. The bakery sign-up sheet will be circulated by Camille Shaw on October 12.

Finally, there will be tables set up to sell Bolesławiec pottery, Christmas ornaments and other folk art. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, sale and tear-down; Jean Wroblewski will have sign-up sheets at the meeting on October 12.

Holiday Folk Fair

The 75th anniversary of Holiday Folk Fair is November 16-18 at the Exposition Center at State Fair Park. The theme is “celebrate the culture of diversity.” Polanki will have a sales booth in the International Bazaar and many volunteers are needed for set-up, sale and teardown. This is one of the major fundraisers for Polanki. Ewa Melenchuk and Wanda Kosmalski circulated sign-up sheets at the September membership meeting and will have them available again on October 12.

Polanki will also have a cultural exhibit in Heritage Lane at Holiday Folk Fair. Although many spots have been filled for the various shifts, volunteers are still needed. Terri Cieslak will have sign-up sheets at the October meeting.

Polanki 2019 College Achievement Awards

It is time to spread the word. For 50 years, Polanki has been presenting awards to college juniors, seniors and graduate students who are of Polish ancestry and/or have engaged in Polish study or culture. Last year, Polanki gave 12 awards in amounts from \$750 to \$2000. The committee is now accepting applications for the 2019 awards and we are looking forward to having a good group of students from which to choose. Application forms are available on the POLANKI website www.polanki.org. The form contains the details regarding award eligibility. The deadline for submitting an application is January 14, 2019. For questions or further information, please contact Joanne Barndt, Awards Committee Chair, at joanne.barndt@gmail.com or at (414) 962-5634.

Upcoming Lectures at the Polish Center

November 11, 1918 is Poland's 'Fourth of July'. This year is particularly special since it marks the 100th Anniversary of the proclamation of Poland's independence. That day is also important in America and elsewhere because it marks the end of the First World War on the western front in Europe. Today November 11 is observed in the United States as Veterans' Day. The Wisconsin Polish American Congress in cooperation with the Polish Center of Wisconsin is proud to sponsor a series of presentations that deal with Poland's rebirth. These presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Room of the Polish Center of Wisconsin and are free and open to the public.

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. "Poland's Central Place in Five Critical Twentieth Century Events"
Don Pienkos, Professor Emeritus (Political Science) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m. "100 Years of United States-Poland Relations"
Neal Pease, Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Polish Center of Wisconsin
This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress and Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.

Day in Poland at the Cudahy Family Library on September 15



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