

# Polanki, Inc.

Polish Women's Cultural Club Newsletter

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## **Polanki Meeting November 8**

On Friday, November 8, Polanki's regular membership meeting will be held at Villa St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room.

**PROGRAM/HOSTESSES:** The Syrena Dancers will provide our program, including an update on their trip to Poland, a dance demonstration and the treat table.



## **Upcoming Events**

November 22-24- Folk Fair at State Fair Park  
(sign up to volunteer on Sign-up Genius or at the November membership meeting)

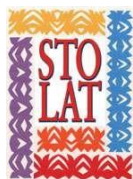
December 1- Holiday Bazaar at the Polish Center  
(sign up to volunteer on Sign-up Genius or at the November membership meeting)

December 15- Polanki Christmas Party, Pulaski Inn, Cudahy

April 19, 2020- Awards Tea at the Polish Center

May 10, 2020 Portage County Cultural Festival

June 12-14, 2020- Polish Fest at the Summerfest Grounds



## With Sympathy...

The mother of active member Diane Holytz, Dorothy Holytz, passed away on Monday, October 21, 2019, at the age of 93.

Sustaining member Eleanore Jendrzeczak passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the age of almost 90.

## November

11/04 Margaret Cieslak-Etlicher  
11/07 Monika Sobierajski  
11/08 Susan Konecny  
11/10 Janet Rydlewicz  
11/15 Bette Dulka  
Anne Wal  
11/18 Dorothy Fennig  
11/21 Helen Miller  
11/29 Camille Shaw  
11/30 Lorraine Grzechowiak  
Joan Shrout

## Community Corner

Major movie theaters in the US will be screening the movie about Polish nun and saint, Faustina Kowalska, and spreading her message of Divine Mercy. An additional screening is scheduled for December 2, 2019.

Here is the link to buy tickets in Milwaukee area; please see the trailer for more information.

[https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=faustina:+love+and+mercy&utm\\_term=fathom&fbclid=IwAR3LUCbn9vFeYHuGLOHoJwA4K29NZsAmFtJlnIYitY77rFmo\\_SIG1VYFri4](https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=faustina:+love+and+mercy&utm_term=fathom&fbclid=IwAR3LUCbn9vFeYHuGLOHoJwA4K29NZsAmFtJlnIYitY77rFmo_SIG1VYFri4)

December 7, Polish Genealogy Workshop at 10:15 a.m. at Tippecanoe Public Library

December 31, Polonia's Gala New Year's Eve Ball

February 2, 2020- Pączki Tasting at the Polish Center sponsored by the Wisconsin Bakers Association. Polanki will be selling pottery and folk art in the Brides' room during the tasting event.

## St. Jadwiga, Queen of Poland

[https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/st-jadwiga\\_74306f](https://www.inyourpocket.com/krakow/st-jadwiga_74306f)



The most influential woman in Polish history, bar none, Queen Jadwiga of Poland reigned as the country's first female monarch (formally holding the title of 'King') between 1384 and 1399. She took the throne at only ten years of age following the death of her father, Louis the Great - King of Hungary and Poland, who failed to sire any sons. Her reign brought the restoration of the Kraków Academy (now Jagiellonian University), which had stalled upon the death of its founder - King Kazimierz III the Great, and a tightening of Polish-Lithuanian relations with Jadwiga's reluctant marriage to the much-older Władysław-Jogaila at only twelve years of age, which necessitated her to break off a long-standing engagement to William of Habsburg - a decision deemed by the collective conscience as a sacrifice for the Polish nation. Perhaps most significantly, the Queen was also highly devout, lending much of her time and resources to charity work, founding new churches, sponsoring hospitals, promoting the use of the Polish language in church services and hymns, and opening a faculty of theology at the Kraków Academy. Privately, the monarch practised mortification of the flesh and attended daily mass. Her life was cut short at just 25 due to complications from the birth of her first child - a daughter - who died only three weeks after being born; within a week Jadwiga was also dead, most likely due to a postpartum infection. Both the Queen and her infant daughter were laid to rest in Wawel Cathedral, where they remain to this day.

Though she was venerated soon after her death, it wasn't until the papacy of Pope John Paul II that the idea to canonize the "most Christian queen" (as proclaimed in a homily given at her funeral) emerged. Her claims to sainthood were largely based on legend and impossible to verify 600 years down the line, but the appeal of having a saint among the Polish rulers was large. The proof included a single instance of hearing Christ speak while praying in front of a large crucifix, bringing a drowned boy back to life by covering him with a mantle, and a curious case of leaving a footprint in already-set plaster while giving a poor stonemason a golden buckle from her shoe (no, the Queen did not weigh 300 pounds, good guess though). The "100% authentic" footprint in question is still visible and lovingly preserved on the facade of the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at ul. Karmelicka 19 - find it on the corner of the building to the right of the entrance, just above ground-level. The Church decided on the sufficiency of these claims and Queen Jadwiga added another title to her name in 1997.

## Award Recipients for Years of Polanki Membership

The following Polanki members were recognized at the October membership meeting for reaching anniversary years of Polanki membership. Note that A = Active; S = Sustaining. The amazing number of five-year members is a tribute to our continuing vitality and the long-time members represent many years of loyalty and commitment to Polanki's mission. Please congratulate these members for their service.

### **5 Years**

Devon Flemming-A  
Suzanne Holcomb-A  
Joyce Hryniewicki-S  
Sharon Kearns-S  
Jennifer Konecny-A  
Helen Miller-A  
Carol Powers-A  
Janet Protasiewicz-S  
Lucy Reasoner-A  
Lucille Trebatowski-S  
Diane Ufnowski-A  
Laurie Ufnowski-A  
Jessica Ullstrup-A  
Anne Wal-A  
Karen Zakowski-S

### **25 Years**

Char Dzimiel-S  
Grace Janusz-S  
Victor Podlaski-S  
Camille Shaw-A  
Kathleen Wieczorek-A

### **10 Years**

Margie Hess-A  
Loretta Nyland-A  
Halina Sosnowski-A

### **15 Years**

MaryEllen DeVito-S  
Lorraine Grechowiak-S

### **20 Years**

Joyce Broderick-A  
Krystyna Matusiak-S  
Audrey Skwierawski-S  
Gloria Skwierawski-S

### **30 Years**

Eleanor Jendrzejjczak-S

### **60 Years**

Elizabeth Wagner-S



# Soup Festival

Polanki's annual Soup Festival took place on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Church.





**Like us on Facebook**

Please **like us** on Facebook. Then **share** Polanki events and posts to help spread the word on all the amazing events Polanki is involved in throughout the year. This is an easy way to spread Polish culture on social media.



**The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin**  
**Serving God and Country for 100 Years**



**A Special Exhibition at the Basilica of St. Josaphat**

South 6<sup>th</sup> St. & West Lincoln Ave.  
Lower Level

**Opening Reception – Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.**

Presentation by Sławomir Nowosad  
Professor and Dean of the Department of Theology  
The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

The Catholic University of Lublin (*Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski* -- KUL) was established soon after Poland regained its independence in 1918. It was also the first Polish university to re-open after the Second World War. During Communist times KUL was the only independent university in the Eastern Bloc. Despite government repression, the University maintained its identity and became an oasis of free thought. One of its professors was Karol Wojtyła, who became Pope John Paul II. Since the fall of Communism, KUL has diversified its academic programs, expanded its campus, and increased its student body. After the death of Pope John Paul II, the University's name was changed to the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. This exhibition tells the story of the Catholic University from 1918 until the present day.

Sponsored by the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation and Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee.



# College Achievement Awards

Polanki's annual College Achievement Awards recognize students who have demonstrated high achievement and who are committed to understanding, preserving, or disseminating Polish culture and or language.

Award criteria:

U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident

Junior, senior or graduate status during the applicable academic year in an accredited degree program

Wisconsin resident OR attending a Wisconsin college or university

Of Polish ancestry OR have studied Polish language, history, society, or culture OR significantly engaged in Polish culture

Minimum 3.0 GPA on a four-point scale preferred

Applicants are limited to no more than two awards in their academic career.

Past recipients may reapply:

As a graduate student if they previously received an award as an undergraduate

If they completed the course of study for which they previously received an award and are pursuing a new degree in another accredited degree program

Awards:

The following awards may be offered in amounts ranging from \$750 to \$2000:

**Vera Buczkowski Memorial Award** for an outstanding student in any field

**Copernicus Award** for an outstanding student in a science field

**David E. Fons, Sr. and Alice R. Fons Memorial Award** for a student engaged in music

**Robert J. Leonard Memorial Award** for a student engaged in dance or theater

**Victor Podlaski/UWM Polish Studies Award** for a UW-Milwaukee student

**Stanley F. and Helen Balcerzak Award and other specially-funded memorial awards** for students in any field

NOTE: All applicants are automatically considered for all awards for which they meet the qualifications.

# **I Sing to Myself and the Muses!**

## **A Concert of Polish Renaissance Poetry and Folk Music**

This concert was performed by the Modern Minstrels (Kinga Vnuk, Roman Pikula, Tatiana Migliaccio, Ingrid Tihtcheva) and presented by Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, on Sunday, October 13, 2:00 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church in Oak Creek, WI.



The concert program included both instrumental and vocal pieces. Joining the group for several selections were children of the performers, including Julia Vnuk playing the violin and Kaylee Pikula playing the recorder. A number of Polanki members were included in the 70 attendees. Following the concert there was a reception sponsored by the church members.



# General Polanki News

Feel free to contact Edith Malson to use our two Milwaukee Art Museum passes. Polanki is a member of the Milwaukee Art Museum and gets two free passes to distribute to our members each year.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

Polanki Library and Gift Shop are located on the second floor at the Polish Center of Wisconsin.

**Polanki Library:**

Tuesdays 12-2

Wednesdays 6-8

**Polanki Gift Shop:**

Monday-Friday 9-4

## Membership Directory Additions and Corrections

Please make the following additions and corrections to the 2019-2020 Membership Directory. We apologize for omitting Joyce Hryniewicki and Elena Shebelski from the directory and are pleased to add new active member Helen Waliszewski. Also, please correct the email for Halina Sosnowski. Her correct email is [Lindahensos@gmail.com](mailto:Lindahensos@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Membership and Board Meetings

**Membership Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at  
Villa St. Francis

November 8  
December 15 (Christmas Party)  
January 10

**Board Meetings**

Last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at  
Villa St. Francis

November 25

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