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Polish Women's Cultural Club Newsletter

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Polanki Meeting January 10

On Friday, January 10, Polanki's regular membership meeting will be held at Villa St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room.

SPEAKER: A Brief Overview of Chicago's Polonia by Ewa Barczyk-Pease

HOSTESSES:

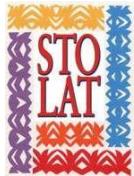
Ewa Melenchuk
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Polanki Board members

Upcoming Events

April 19, 2020- Awards Tea at the Polish Center

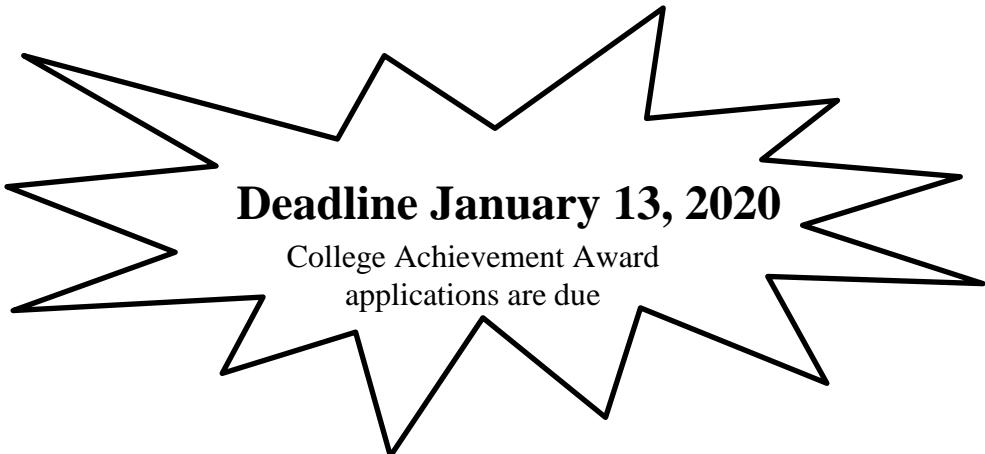
May 10, 2020 Portage County Cultural Festival

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



January

01/01 Beth Gavin
01/06 Sybil Grandeck
01/09 Sandy JeT'aime
01/19 Diane Ufnowski
01/27 Terry Markowski
01/31 Roma Numrych



Community Corner

January 27, 2020, Dr. Shay Pilnik has agreed to give a lecture regarding the Holocaust at the Polish Center at 7:00p.m. Meet Shay <http://holocaustcentermilwaukee.org/about/staff/>

February 9, 2020- Wisconsin Bakers Association Pączki Preview Party (gift shop will be open)

Kulig (Sleigh Rides)

From love Poland Facebook page and thanks to poland.pl, December 29, 2019

Kulig (sleigh rides) is an old Polish winter tradition dating back to the days of the szlachta (nobility). One of the colorful customs of the Poles is a festivity called Kulig. To the Pole, life is divided into the calendar year according to the generous sprinkling of saints' days, holy days, and church festivals. The gayest, and most enthusiastically participated in, is the carnival season which precedes Lent with its somber quiet days of meditation, prayers and self-denial. These are the days of penitence that lead up to the glorious festival of Easter. In the rural areas the carnival is punctuated with days of merrymaking, tricks, parades, music and folk dancing, but the most loved social event is the winter sleigh party or Kulig. The time for Kulig is anytime from Christmas to Ash Wednesday, depending mainly on the occasion when the snow is very deep. Kulig originated with the gentry, but has been practiced to different degrees, and with variations, by most of the population. In the past, the preparations for Kulig were very extensive and festive, and the celebration involved several days, depending on the geographic area and willingness of the planners. The following describes a typical Polish kulig. Families get together and may visit a neighbor who they mutually agree will be willing to be the first host, and treat the guests with customary Polish hospitality. If possible, the householder who has a birthday or namesday during these days is considered the obvious choice for host. Everyone in the families, young and old, becomes an actor and eagerly joins in the fun-filled days of merrymaking.

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Polanki Christmas Party

The Polanki Christmas Party was on December 15 at the Pulaski Inn in Cudahy. A big thank you to Denna and Nadine Flemming for organizing the event. It was a wonderful event including food, fellowship and great raffle prizes with proceeds benefiting Laski School for the Blind in Poland.

Polanki collected \$1,073 for Laski at the Christmas Party which puts our grand total donation for 2019 at \$1,835. What an amazing and generous donation! Laski will be so grateful.

(Pictures taken by Joanne Barndt and Jessica Ullstrup)



General Polanki News

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:

Through January 31, 2020, the gift shop will be closed for cleaning, re-stocking and re-imagination. We are in the process of creating an updated schedule with set times when the gift shop will be open.

Upcoming Membership and Board Meetings

Membership Meetings

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

January 10

February 14 (Board Elections)

March 13

April 10

Board Meetings

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

January 27

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