



Polanki, Inc.

The Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee Newsletter

October (październik) 2020

OCTOBER 9, 2020 MEMBERSHIP ZOOM MEETING TO BE HELD AT 7:30 P.M.

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86889537052?pwd=ZWwyRkZ5dGExYk5BQ1pUK1lDUDJyQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 8953 7052 Passcode: 566076

If you have internet access, please click on the link above to log into Zoom. Your computer will connect you and you will be able to see and listen to other participants.

For telephone access only, please call the meeting number and then enter the meeting ID when asked to do so. Then you will be able to listen to the meeting on your phone. This will work on a cell phone or a land line. Dial in: 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 868 8953 7052 Passcode: 566076

For members joining by phone, the codes are *6 to mute or unmute and *9 to raise your hand. Polanki members who want to become more familiar with Zoom are encouraged to view the tutorials at www.zoom.com.

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From the President's Desk



(Photo courtesy of Joanne Barndt)

As a show of appreciation for all of the support, loyalty, enthusiasm, and hard work that Polanki members have shown to the Polanki mission, we have a Polish American Heritage Month thank you.

Kathy Wieczorek has shown her usual creativity and hard work by sewing masks for all of our Polanki members. These are Polish Heritage Pandemic Facemasks to help keep members safe and healthy. They are made of imported fabric fashioned after various re-cultured folk art designs. You can pick up your masks at the Polanki Library at the Polish Center: Tuesdays October 6, 2020 and October 13, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays October 7, 2020 and October 14, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Make the trip really worthwhile and take out a library book and/or buy a Polish meal from The Polish Center's Piwo Patio Party when you pick up your mask. Masks that are not picked up will be mailed or delivered to members. In the meantime, stand by for the usual fall activities and events, but in a different way. Mainly, stay safe, healthy and happy so we can enjoy our mutual interests and friendships in the future.

Camille Shaw, 2020 President



October Birthdays

10/01 Joyce Broderick
10/08 Wanda Kosmalski
10/10 Rachel Finger
10/14 Grace Janusz
Nancy Purtell
10/16 Barbara Milner
Margaret Wadzinske
10/22 Patricia Koronkowski
10/26 Ann Pienkos
10/30 Mary Wasielewski



Thanks to Susan Cieslak and Dana Michaels for keeping us up to date on the Polanki Facebook page and the Polanki web page about new activities and opportunities. Please like us on Facebook. Then **share** Polanki events and posts to help spread the word on all the amazing things Polanki is involved in throughout the year. This is an easy way to spread Polish culture on social media.



Be sure to visit these sites for frequent updates. In the meantime, please stay healthy and keep in touch with other Polanki members until we meet again in person.



Polanki sends best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following Active Members:

***Jean Wroblewski** had day surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome on her left hand. She is doing well with recovery.

***Donna Weller** had a total left knee replacement. The surgery went well; she is currently doing physical therapy and has returned home.

***Joyce Broderick** was in a serious car accident about 4 weeks ago that totaled her car. She was hospitalized and then spent several weeks in rehab. Her right leg was seriously involved. She is home now but has good and bad days. It was very traumatizing. She had to change phone service and has a new number, 262-794-3264. She would enjoy cards, calls and visits but please call before you visit because her door bell is out of order.

We also encourage all Polanki members to keep in touch with those who are confined in their homes. Please remember them in your thoughts and with a card or a telephone call, especially in this time when visiting is difficult.

If you know of any other Polanki members who are sick, please contact Judy Chattin, who is serving as Sunshine Co-Chair this year with Edith Malson.

Edith Malson (414) 744-9412

Judy Chattin (414) 425-7965

General Polanki and Community News and Information

The Polish Center of Wisconsin is hosting a Piwo Patio Party and Café on Wednesdays throughout October from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Polanki: Several holiday events are scheduled in the near future. Details are shown below.

3 Day December 2020 Holiday Vendor Event – Mayfair Mall

Dates of Event: December 4th, 5th and 6th 2020

Times: Friday 10 am-9 pm; Saturday 10 am-9 pm Sunday 11 am-6 pm

Location of Event: Mayfair Mall, 2500 N. Mayfair Rd, Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Polanki will have a sales table of Bolesławiec Pottery, Books and Folk Art. Come out and Shop. Bring Friends and Family or Just Get the Message Out

Polanki volunteers will be needed to help out with sales during all three days. The link for Sign-Up Genius is the following: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AD2CA0FD0-holiday>

Polanki members also received an email from Anne Wal with event information and the sign-up link. Since our regular fund-raising events have been cancelled this year, this is a good chance to promote Polanki and sell some of our wonderful merchandise for the holidays.

Pre-Thanksgiving Ronald McDonald Fundraiser Direct Sales And Craft Vendor Fair

Date: Saturday November 21st 2020 9 am -11am Set up

Time: Show 11am -9 pm

Location of Event: Masonic Lodge 4450 Pilgrim Road Brookfield WI 53005



<http://www.polanki.org>

POLANKI

**POLISH WOMEN'S CULTURAL CLUB
OF MILWAUKEE**

RECIPE BOOK

**PUBLISHED 2017, Milwaukee, WI
3RD EDITION**

A great way to spread Polish culture and support Polanki at the same time is by purchasing the Polanki Recipe Book for yourself or for gifts to family and friends. Cookbooks can be ordered by mail for \$16, which includes the cost of the book and shipping.

To order cookbooks in time for the holidays, send your check made out to Polanki, Inc. to the Polanki mailbox P.O. Box 341458 Milwaukee, WI 53234 by November 1. Books will arrive before Thanksgiving in plenty of time for holiday cooking, entertaining and gift giving.

Polanki Library

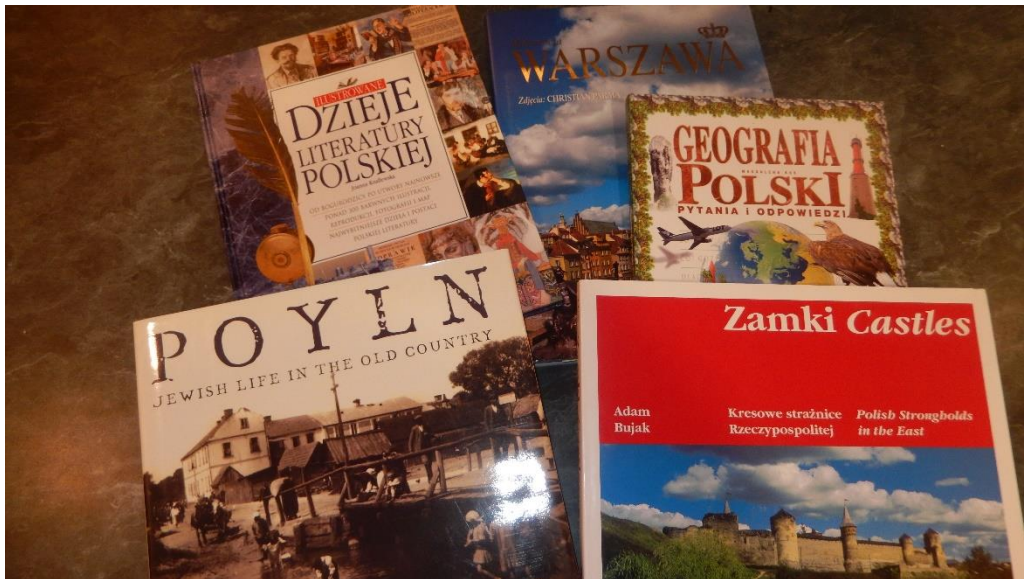
By Susan Mikoś

The Polanki Library at the Polish Center of Wisconsin has a wealth of books and other media in both Polish and English. Most items can be borrowed for one month. We also assist patrons with genealogical research and short translations. If you would like to help out, we would love to have you. Hours are Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or by appointment. Email sgmikos@yahoo.com for more information.

(Photos courtesy of Susan Mikoś)



Library Volunteers Roma Numrych (left) and Kathy Camacho (right)



A few of the books from Polanki's late Sustaining Member Jerry Martynski

Kościuszko Monument in Great Shape

by Susan Mikoś

The Kosciuszko Monument was recently cleaned and waxed by Vanguard Sculpture Services. Restored and rededicated in 2013, the monument needs regular attention to maintain the original brown finish. Vanguard also inspected the statue's condition and took some close-up photos.

The gardens have never looked better. The final gardening session of the season is scheduled for October 17 from 10 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. All are welcome. Contact Susan Mikos (sgmikos@yahoo.com/414-628-1937) with questions. *Follow Kosciuszko Milwaukee Monument on Facebook.*



(Photos courtesy of Vanguard Sculpture Services and Susan Mikoś)



Congratulations on Polanki Membership Anniversaries

Each year in October Polanki recognizes anniversaries of membership, in person, with presentations of flowers to those being celebrated. This year we can only present virtual flowers and cake to the following:

5 years:

Kathy Camacho
Margaret Wadzinske

10 years:

Dorothy Broihier
Christine Ostrowski

15 years:

Wanda Kosmalski
Katherine Ott

20 years:

Judy Chattin
Barbara Rutkowski

25 years:

Susan Konecny
Elżbieta Walentynowicz

30 years:

Anna Rogalski

40 years:

Valerie Lukaszewicz
Susan Mikos
Geraldine Reszel
Shirley Rydell



If you get the chance, please congratulate these loyal Polanki members in person—or by an email, phone call or card. (*Pictures retrieved from the internet on September 28, 2020*)

Polanki Christmas Party—Covid-19 Version

Denna and I have been doing a lot of soul searching and with the ever increasing rate of COVID plus the plethora of co-morbidities of Polanki's membership, we do not feel it is prudent hosting an in-person Christmas party this year. We ran this past President Camille and she also agreed.

We have spent considerable time coming up with an alternative plan. We thought perhaps we could have a few Zoom activities over a couple of weeks in December.

For example:

- carol sing-a-long (Polish and English)
- demonstration of a tasty Polish holiday treat by a member
- demonstration of a Polish holiday folk art by a member
- a Polish Christmas cookbook-Polish holiday dish recipes submitted by members. Initially, we'd compile and give a copy to each member. If we get good results, we could consider printing for a future fundraiser.
- a slide show of our members' Polish Christmas decorations in their homes



We realize this is nowhere near our annual festivities but we are very concerned about our ladies' safety.

At this time we are looking for someone who would like to do a food demonstration and/or demonstrate a craft activity. If anyone is interested, please contact either Nadine at 414-282-1872 or Denna at 414-4301482 or if you prefer email Nadine at Fleminski@aol.com or Denna at daflemming@msn.com. Please get in touch with us ASAP, as we would like to begin scheduling everything and still have time to notify our membership.

Nadine and Denna Flemming

(Photo retrieved from internet on September 28, 2020)

Polanki Member Receives Pius XI Alumni Award



The very first Pius XI High School Alumni of the Year Award was presented earlier this year to Polanki member Judge Audrey Skwierawski. Audrey currently presides as a Circuit Court Judge in Children's Court in Milwaukee County. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Audrey's career focused primarily on protecting abused children and advocating for victims of domestic violence. She served as a dedicated and energetic prosecutor in Milwaukee County's District Attorney's Office, coordinated the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and served as the statewide Deputy Director of Victim Services in Wisconsin's Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

After Audrey graduated from Pius XI in 1985, she applied for and received an Academic Achievement Award from Polanki. She went on to undergraduate school at Northwestern University in Chicago and Law School at Georgetown University in Washington D. C.

(Photo courtesy of Gloria Skwierawski)

Because of the current Covid19 situation, a dinner party originally planned had to be cancelled and, instead, an online celebration, *Stand By Me* was held. Jack Herbert, President, and Angela Reilly, chief Development Officer, presented Audrey with the award after introductions by Milwaukee Circuit Judge Jean DiMotto and Audrey's brother, Attorney M. Andrew Skwierawski, Pius XI, 1992.

Audrey spoke about how formative her Catholic education had been and recalled the important role her teachers, particularly her debate coaches, played in her development.

She also thanked her parents for all their love and efforts. Audrey is the daughter of Judge Michael Skwierawski, a leader in Milwaukee's Polish community and Gloria Skwierawski, Pius XI 1960, and sustaining member of Polanki for many years.



(Photo retrieved from internet September 29, 2020)

Polanki Polish Book Club will meet again but via Zoom

DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020

TIME: 3:00 p.m. (remember to move your clocks one hour back as it's the end of daylight savings time)

BOOK: *“Drive your Plow over the Bones of the Dead”* by Olga Tokarczuk



Olga Tokarczuk, writer and activist in Poland, won the 2018 Nobel Prize in Literature among many other international awards for her writing. This book was originally published in Polish in 2009 and translated into English in 2018 by Antonia Lloyd-Jones. It was made into a movie titled “Spoor” that was shown at the Milwaukee Film Festival and can be viewed online. The setting is a remote wooded region in contemporary Poland and deals with murder, astrology, and environmental issues, among other topics. It is a bit quirky with droll humor at times and very well written.

Photo retrieved from Wikipedia

You can borrow the book from your local library, buy it from local bookstores or Amazon. There is a paperback edition available for \$12 with free shipping.

If you have any questions, contact Ewa Barczyk (414-412-6456) who will moderate the discussion via Zoom. We will send out the Zoom link shortly.

The Polanki Polish Pottery Store is now online and open for business!



With the holidays fast approaching, why not add something new to your collection and décor with numerous choices of traditional and signature Polish pottery in stock – including great new patterns and colors! Go to the website [Polanki.org](https://polanki.org). At the top hit “Shop” and then “Bolesławiec Pottery” or use this link:

<https://polanki.org/boleslawiec-pottery/>

Save 20% on all purchases with coupon code. **You MUST Use Coupon Code – POLANKI20** - at checkout! (Coupon code is reusable with no expiration date). Free Shipping over \$99 and all orders are shipped within 3 business days.

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A Note from the Editor

During our stay at home restrictions because of the corona virus, the Newsletter and frequent updates have kept all of us aware of rapidly changing events, including cancelled Polanki and other Polish gatherings. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this unsettled time and look forward to meeting again in person later this year.

If you have ideas for future stories or potential meeting programs, please submit these to me at marjorie.piechowski@sbcglobal.net or 414-963-9055.

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2020 Polanki Newsletter Editor



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