



Polanki, Inc.

The Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee Newsletter

March (marszec) 2021

Polanki Membership Meeting Friday March 13, 2021 at 7:30 on Zoom

The program will feature Rick Rabiega, president of the Polonia Sports Club.

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96782354458?pwd=ajlYUGh0MWxLTxcvUUVXQWVldElJdz09>

Meeting ID: 967 8235 4458

Passcode: 233332

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From the President's Desk



(Photo courtesy of Camille Shaw)

Spring in the air (at least temporarily), Easter is on its way, Polanki Award Recipients have been chosen, and coronavirus vaccine in our arms gives me a real sense of hope. Despite the challenges of the last year, Polanki continues its core mission in so many ways.

Though our Christmas party was not possible in person, we had many successful and enjoyable Christmas events on Zoom through Nadine and Denna Flemmings' creative organizational skills. The raffle for Laski School for the Blind was so successful that we will be able to send \$1500.00.

In 2020 we had a successful Zoom book club, organized by Ewa Barczyk-Pease. If you haven't joined a Polanki book club, the next meeting is on March 28. Details are on page 5 of this newsletter. This spring also should allow us to view the new Polanki sign that will greet visitors at The Conservancy for Healing and Heritage.

I especially want to express appreciation to the Polanki Board. They have been stalwart representatives working to maintain Polanki's success.

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President's Message, continued

Sadly, we lost more members than usual this year, which gave us pause. These members will be honored when students receive college achievement awards in those members' names in April. Of course, my husband Joe is one of the members that we recently lost. The harshness of this experience was made so much softer by the support, love and generosity of Polanki members.

Judy Chattin and Edith Malson, as the Sunshine Committee, are sterling representatives of these qualities as they respond to Polanki members in need. The By-laws and Development Committees have been working hard to ensure Polanki's future. It was so good to stay virtually together through Zoom and our newsletter. Thank you to Marjorie Piechowski who works tirelessly to keep us connected and informed and our technologically savvy members who connect us through Zoom.

I look forward to working with the board this coming year. Thankful for all the support and effort of last year's board, there will be an unexpected change since Anne Wal has resigned and Ewa Barczyk-Pease has agreed to serve as the First Vice President. I wish Anne success and good wishes in her future endeavors. Kathy Camacho faithfully accomplished the duties of corresponding secretary and did not run for another year due to the need for medical procedures. Welcome to new corresponding secretary Kathy Murkowski. We look forward to working with her. Susan Cieslak also decided not to run again after she worked hard on publicity. Susan Mikoś has taken her place.

The board needs members to work collaboratively to accomplish Polanki's mission. Hopefully this will be done in person rather than on Zoom as the year continues. Good health for the year is certainly my wish for all Polanki members and their families.

Camille Shaw
2021 Polanki President



We are happy that Active Member Kathy Camacho and Sustaining Member Kathleen Johnston are recovering well from recent surgery and that we received no other reports of illness from Polanki members during the last month.

We continue to encourage all Polanki members to keep in touch with those who are confined in their homes. Please remember them with a card, an email or a phone call, especially as this long pandemic continues to limit in-person socializing.

If you know of any members who are sick or who would appreciate sunshine greetings, please contact Judy Chattin, who is serving as Sunshine Co-Chair this year with Edith Malson. Their contact information is:

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March Birthdays

3/09 Kristine Chmielewski
3/16 Marilyn Zuehlke
3/17 Helen Waliszewski
3/19 Joanna Nowakowski
3/27 Jane Sorenson
3/28 Marjorie Piechowski
3/31 Edith Malson

A Reminder: Annual Membership Dues

Please note that your annual active or sustaining membership renewal is due. To renew, fill out the membership form (included with this mailing) and send it with your payment to Maria Adamiec, Membership Chair, at the Polanki mail box. You can also send the form and payment directly to Maria at her home address.

It is important to renew as soon as possible so we have accurate contact information to enter into the Polanki membership database, used for the membership directory and available to committee chairs to identify volunteers for Polanki events.

Note that members who have not renewed by May 15 will no longer receive the newsletter and will not be included in the 2021 member directory.

Thank you in advance for your prompt renewals. Your continued support is important for Polanki's future success and planned activities.

2021/22 POLANKI BOARD

The following slate of candidates was presented for election at the February Polanki annual meeting; all were elected for a one-year term. The Nominating Committee included Ewa Barczyk-Pease as chair, Cynthia Lepkowski and Edith Malson.

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Camille Shaw

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“Living With Polish Pottery”

by Kathy Wieczorek

In the February 2021 Polanki Newsletter, I invited Polanki members to share photos on how they use their Bolesławiec pottery to promote "Living With Polish Pottery." The photos will be used on Polanki's Facebook page and newsletter to stimulate more online pottery buying at Polanki's website. I encourage you to take more snapshots of your pottery collections and email them to me at kwieczorek@sbcglobal.net and advise if your name can be used on Polanki's website and/or Facebook. For questions, you can also call me at 262-785-1196 or 414-587-9554.

Through the camera lenses of our active and sustaining members, they presented a boutique viewpoint on preparing food, dining, entertaining, and displaying Bolesławiec pottery. Many thanks to members who were inspired to personalize their pottery photo collections. In honor of Lent, we are pleased to share two pictures of fish attractively served on Bolesławiec pottery.



(Photos courtesy of Sustaining Member Ann Pienkos, left, and Active Member Kathy Wieczorek, right)

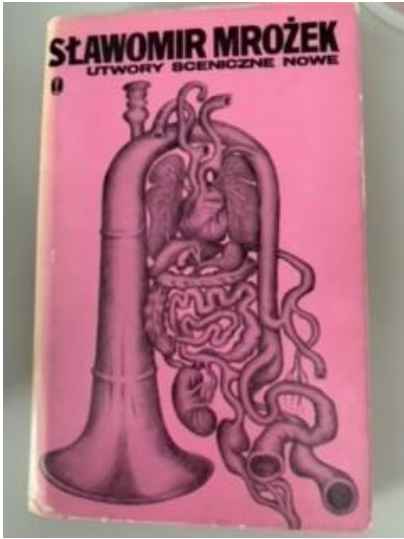
Polanki Facebook followers will have opportunities to view "Living With Polish Pottery" photos that will showcase a wide array of shapes, sizes and patterns, including the "unikat" (unique) designs by exclusive Polish pottery artisans. Currently, there is a "shop" tab on Polanki's website that links potential buyers to a third-party vendor selling Bolesławiec pottery on Polanki's behalf. Polanki receives a portion of sale proceeds. A 20% non-expiring discount promotion (POLANKI20) is available along with free shipping on purchases over \$99.

Please stay tuned to the Polanki Newsletter, emails and its Facebook page for virtual store announcements. Polanki volunteers will be needed for this successful fund-raising effort. In the meantime, enjoy some pottery photos from Polanki members and have a pleasant time pottery shopping at Polanki's website too.

Kathy Wieczorek, an Active Member of Polanki for 25 years, a folk artisan for Polanki since 1999 and an active fund raiser since 2003, is retired from We Energies and from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She graduated from Bryant and Stratton College, studied at Carroll College and later studied quilting at Waukesha County Technical College. Sewing has been a lifelong hobby, and for the past 25 years her focus has been on quilting. She has exhibited her quilts at Alverno College and the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts. In 2020 she also used her sewing skills to make masks for Polanki members.

Polanki Book Club Meets on March 28 by Zoom

By Ewa Barczyk-Pease



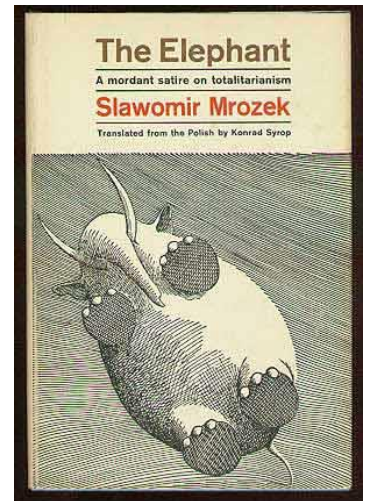
The next Polanki Book Club will focus on Sławomir Mrożek. We are collaborating with the Cultural Committee at the Polish Center to provide a double feature! Our local poet, Dr. Peter Burzynski, grandson of our Polanki Life Member Jadwiga Korasz, will be giving an online lecture about Mrożek, via YouTube. The announcement and link will be sent out March 11 to Polish Center members, which we will share and which can be watched at any time after that.

The Polanki book club will meet via Zoom on March 28th and Dr. Burzynski will join us for our discussion. Login details are shown below and will be emailed again before the meeting.

We will be reading three very short stories and one play. The short stories are “The Elephant,” “Spring in Poland,” and “The Chronicles of a Besieged City.” The play is *Emigrants*.

The totality of our readings will be shorter than one of the books we usually read. Because it may be more challenging to find these selections, we will be sending scanned copies of the readings. There are only a few copies available for purchase, which is why we are providing electronic access to the readings for your convenience.

If you choose to purchase *The Mrożek Reader*, Amazon has a number of used copies. Locally, Woodland Pattern has new copies. There is only one copy of *The Emigrants* in the Milwaukee Public Library.



Zoom log-in information:

Time: March 28, 2021 1:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94995277846?pwd=WGJCL1ZtZXhsbTZBMWJSZmxXTWRtQT09>

Meeting ID: 949 9527 7846

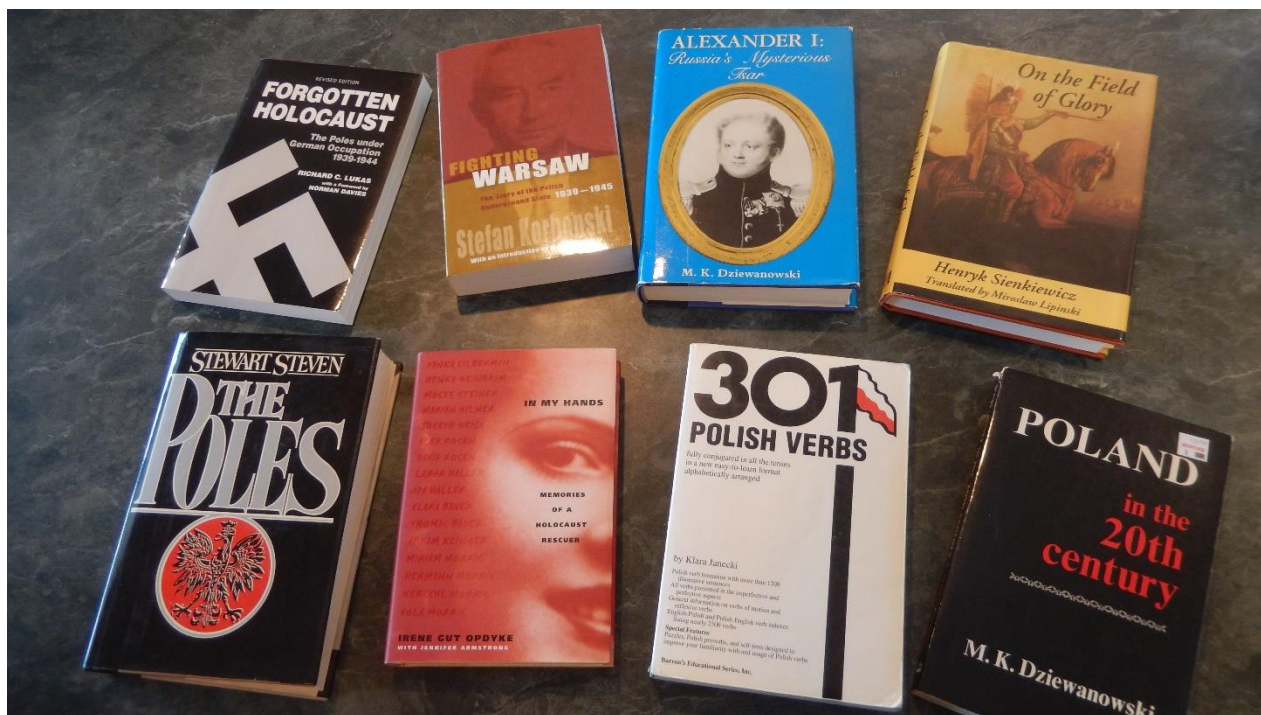
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Duplicate Books in the Polanki Library for Sale



(Photo courtesy of Susan Mikoś)

<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Dziewanowski, M.K.	Poland in the 20th Century	\$2.00
Dziewanowski, M.K.	Alexander I: Russia's Mysterious Tsar	\$5.00
Janecki, Klara	301 Polish Verbs	\$3.00
Korbonski, Stefan	Fighting Warsaw	\$3.00
Lukas, Richard	Forgotten Holocaust - The Poles Under German Occupation	\$4.00
Opdyke, Irene Gut	In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer	\$5.00
Sienkiewicz, Henryk	On the Field of Glory	\$5.00
Steven, Stewart	The Poles	\$3.00

If interested, please contact Susan Mikoś at sgmikos@yahoo.com or at (414) 628-1937, to arrange for pick-up or delivery.

Z Bibliotecznej Półki

Roma Numrych

[This article is about Polish language books in the Polanki Library.]

Z prawdziwą przyjemnością zapraszamy Panie czytające po polsku do Biblioteki Polanek. Otrzymaliśmy ostatnio wiele nowych książek wydanych w Polsce i na pewno łatwo będzie wśród nich znaleźć jakąś pozycję dla siebie. Są one różne, od zbioru opowiadań współczesnych pisarzy, poprzez felietony popularnych dziennikarek, aż po poradnik dla rodziców znanej z TV "Superniani," czyli Doroty Zawadzkiej.



Oprócz wyżej wymienionych pozycji, biblioteka wzbogaciła się o wiele thrillerów i powieści sensacyjnych. Ten rodzaj literatury, od czasów ogromnego sukcesu pisarzy skandynawskich również w Polsce, stał się bardzo popularny. W odróżnieniu od książek, które hołdowały przemocy, dzisiejsze "sensacje" są świetnie osadzone we współczesnych realiach gospodarczych, politycznych i mogą stanowić dobre źródło wiadomości o życiu w Polsce w różnych jego aspektach. Wśród autorów znanych już szerokiej publiczności, znajdują się Remigiusz Mróz, Katarzyna Bonda, Piotr Wroński i Janusz Wiśniewski.

(Photo courtesy of Susan Mikoś)

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Roma Numrych, a Polanki Active Member, was born and grew up in Brzesko, near Kraków. She studied at the Jagiellonian University, majoring in Polish language and literature, as well as cultural and educational organizations, which became her life's work.

Roma worked for many years at the "Dom Kultury" (Cultural Center) in Nowy Targ, the historical capital of the Podhale region. She says that contact with the vibrant Highlander culture and language, together with the nearness of her beloved mountains, changed her life. Roma came to the United States in 1995 and settled in Massachusetts. She moved to Wisconsin in 2006 and joined Polanki soon after. She has two sons and five grandsons, who are the joy of her life.

(Photo courtesy of Roma Numrych)



Wooden Churches of Southern Lesser Poland

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Saints Philip and James Church in Sękowa, photo: Roman Pach / Forum

“They disappear from our landscapes so quickly, because they burn down year after year.” The playwright and painter Stanisław Wyspiański wrote this about Poland’s wooden churches in a letter to a friend. Unfortunately, due to their delicate nature, Poland has lost many of its wooden prayer houses – churches, synagogues, *tserkvas* and mosques alike.

The Wooden Churches of Southern Lesser Poland are located in the towns of Binarowa, Blizne, Dębno, Haczów, Lipnica Murowana and Sękowa. The wooden church style of the region originated in the late 16th century, beginning with Gothic ornamentation and polychrome detail. Later construction shows rococo and baroque influences. The wooden churches represent outstanding examples of the different aspects of medieval church-building traditions in Roman Catholic culture. Built using the horizontal log technique, common in eastern and northern Europe since the Middle Ages, these unique constructions were inscribed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage List in 2003.

Wooden Tserkvas of Carpathian Region in Poland & Ukraine

Domes – hemispherical, onion-shaped, sharpened, oval, resting on a drum or on pendentives, adorned with a roof lantern, made of stone, brick, steel or reinforced concrete. Here is an overview of Polish domes, for which it is worth “lifting up your eyes and looking to the heavens.”



Tserkva of St Paraskevia in Kwiatoń, photo: National Heritage Institute

In 2013, wooden tserkvas— ancient Greek Catholic churches — in the Carpathian Region of Poland and Ukraine were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. In south-astern Poland, where the Carpathian Mountains rise at the border with Ukraine, 16 wooden tserkvas embody the legacy of Eastern Orthodox and Greek Catholic communities, representing the cultural expression of four ethnographic groups. Built in the typical horizontal-log construction technique, mostly from coniferous wood, they have stone foundations with wooden-shingle roofs and three-section interiors covered with domes. The buildings selected for the UNESCO World Heritage List have been performing their religious functions for centuries. The oldest of these tserkvas were built in the 16th century – and structures like them don’t exist in any other region in the world.



Editor’s note: The Healing Chapel, located on the grounds of the Conservancy for Healing and Heritage, is the centerpiece of the future Healing Garden. With its soaring window, it peeks over the tree tops, reminiscent of chapels scattered across Poland. The Conservancy is located at South 74th Street and Rawson Avenue in Franklin, and includes a chapel, walking trails, and Kopmeier Lake.

Polanki has committed to sponsoring the East Entry Garden next to the Healing Chapel. There will be a sign with a short poem in Polish and English, along with Polanki’s logo and name.

(Photo courtesy of The Conservancy for Healing and Heritage)

Community Events at the Polish Center of Wisconsin

Lenten Fish Fries: March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2021

Lectures by Professor Neal Pease on Polish History: *Poland Through the Centuries: Who, What, Where, When?*—ongoing on YouTube presentations

You Tube Log-In: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah4hKS4HH4Y>

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The POLANKI unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6068373>

Polanki Apparel Available Until March 12

A reminder that Polanki apparel is available to order from Jessica (Ullstrup) Condit until March 12. An order form and a flyer describing the available apparel are included with this mailing.



For questions, please contact Jessica directly at jullstrup@hotmail.com or at (414) 706-6121. Orders and payment should be mailed to her at 8148 S. 57th Street, Franklin, WI 53132.

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A Note from the Editor

I appreciate the opportunity to serve for another year as the editor of this newsletter. Thank you also to all Polanki members who provided ideas, pictures and stories during the last year. The Polanki Board appreciates your patience and cooperation during this unsettled time and looks forward to meeting again in person in 2021.

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

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2020 Polanki Newsletter Editor



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