



Polanki, Inc.

The Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee Newsletter

September (wrzesień) 2022

Polanki Membership Meeting Wednesday September 21, 2022 6:30 p.m. Polish Center of Wisconsin

**Program: Rummage Sale of Polish Items to
benefit Laski Home for the Blind in Poland**

To join the meeting by Zoom:
<https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j96403758692>

To join the meeting by telephone:

312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 964 0375 8692 Passcode: 165776

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Laski: Our Polish Commitment

For many years Polanki members have contributed to Laski, the school and home for blind children in Poland. Our donations come from the annual raffle at the Christmas party, from members' loose coins, and from the September sale of Polish items donated by Polanki members, such as folk art, jewelry, pottery, costumes, home decorations, etc. In recent years Polanki has been able to send more than \$2,000 annually to Laski. Please help support this commitment by bringing Polish items to share with other members at the September meeting.

From the President's Desk



(Photo courtesy of Laurie Ufnowski)

Welcome, September...

My dear Polanki members, first of all I want to thank everyone who volunteered for Polish Fest and our other events this summer. We had a very successful Polish Fest and other sales events, including at Polonia Sport Club, that really helped our treasury. We could not have done it without all of you.

For me this summer absolutely flew by. I hope you all enjoyed it. I know I did. The board held several summer meetings to discuss a donation to the Polish Center for their capital campaign. I urge everyone to come to the September meeting as we will be voting on a recommended donation to the Polish Center and announcing events and fundraising planned for this coming year.

Again, I am asking for members to volunteer. It really benefits our organization. If you cannot stand for long periods consider volunteering in the Library – we can always use help there. This year Holiday Folk Fair will take place in person and many hands will be needed for both the cultural exhibit and sales booth.

President's Message, continued...

Please continue to support the Café nights at the Polish Center – it really does benefit all of us. Also watch the Polish Center's newsletter for other upcoming activities. Both Ewa Barczyk and Denna Fleming are on the Polish Center Cultural Committee that plans future cultural events.

Finally, I just want to say "Thank You" to all our wonderful members for your support. We have such a great organization and it is because all of you. I want to thank our Kosciuszko Monument Volunteers too for keeping the monument and grounds in beautiful condition. We do make a positive impact on our community. I look forward to seeing all of you at the September Meeting. Stay healthy and safe! Warmest regards.

Laurie Ufnowski
2022 Polanki President



September Birthdays

- 9/02 Nancy Rydell Joanna Frańczek
- 9/04 Mirosław Rogalski
- 9/05 Jenny Skwierawski
- 9/07 Judy Chattin
- 9/12 Diane Ullstrup
- 9/13 Barbara Mueller
- 9/16 Joanne Barndt
- 9/21 Teresa Frankowski
- 9/27 Juliane Gaseor
- 9/29 Heddy Moskaluk
- 9/30 Dana Michaels

October Birthdays

- 10/01 Joyce Broderick
- 10/03 Darla Flemming
- 10/08 Wanda Kosmalski
- 10/14 Grace Janusz Nancy Purtell
- 10/16 Margaret Wadzinske
- 10/22 Patricia Koronkowski
- 10/26 Ann Pienkos
- 10/30 Mary Wasielewski



Polanki sends best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to the following: Active Member Diane Holytz, who is recovering from foot surgery and Sustaining Member Rita Rose Mauermann, who is recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Please remember these Polanki members and those who are confined to their homes and greet them with a card, an email, a phone call or a visit.

If you know of other members who are sick or who would appreciate sunshine greetings, please contact Judy Chattin or Edith Malson:

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(414) 744-9412-home

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Our deepest sympathy to

Sustaining Member Rita Rose Mauermann, whose husband, Thomas, passed away on July 17, 2022. His obituary can be found at [Thomas A. Mauermann Obituary - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel \(jsonline.com\)](https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/obituaries/2022/07/17/thomas-a-mauermann-obituary/7048112002/).

Chloe Hooten Update

By Rachel Hooten

Polanki Sustaining Member

There are many words I have told myself throughout the summer in order to keep going and stay strong while Chloe heals from her wounds and trauma surviving from falling into a fire pit over Memorial Day weekend.

Some days were harder than others and as I look back on all that we've been through up until now, that road we traveled was rough. However, looking at her today, it's hard to see that journey because a child's resilience is fierce. They are able to take all the pain, fears and trauma, better than any adult and move on with a smile on their face and a giggle in their belly.



As adults and parents we shoulder so much of that for them and it's a difficult weight to hold. But that weight was made so much lighter with the all-encompassing support we have received during these challenging days. Without your constant prayers, well wishes, and monetary support, that burden would have been impossible most days.

*Chloe at Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth in August
Photo courtesy of Rachel Hooten*

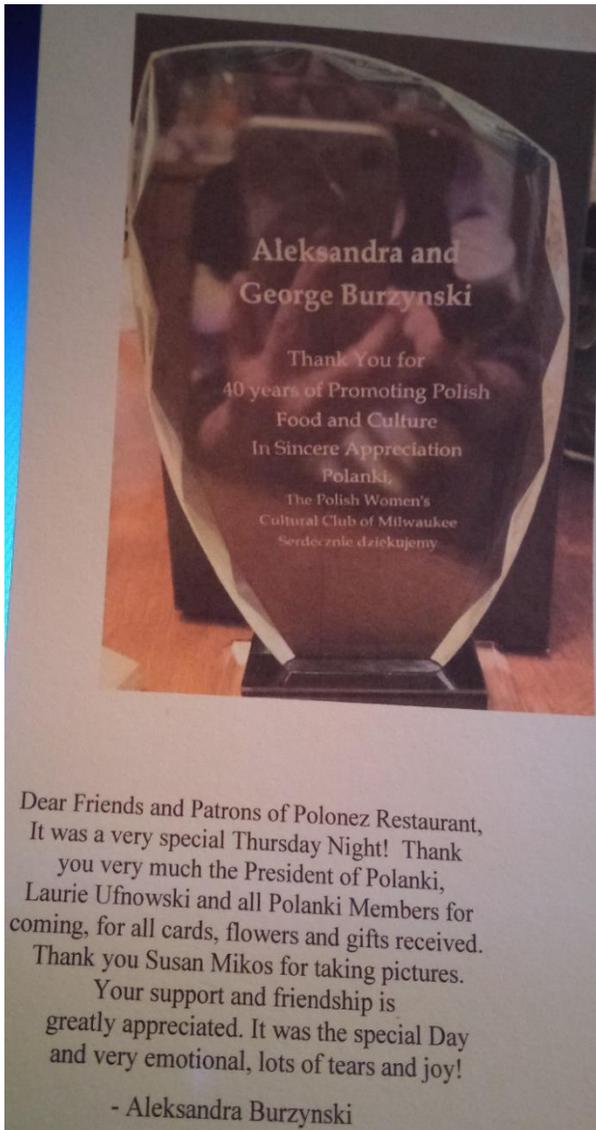
From Chloe, myself, my family and my parents, I thank you with all that I am for the love and support you have shown us all. Thank you for being the support my mother, Jean Wroblewski, needed through phone calls and as her sounding board. Giving her your strength helped me lean on her in those challenging hours.

Our journey has not come to an end but thankfully reached a crossroad to a long sustaining healing path forward. She has transformed into an inspiration of determination. We have a new motto in our family that could be used if you need a reminder to push through and keep going in life as Chloe has: Beautiful Girl, YOU can do hard things ♡

Reminder: Polish Harvest Celebration

Polonia Sport Club will sponsor a Dożynki (Traditional Polish Harvest Celebration) on Sunday September 18, at the club grounds, 10200 West Loomis Road, Franklin WI. A Polish Mass will be held at the Chapel in the Park at 1:00. In addition to the Mass, Polish food will be available, along with soccer games, the Syrenka Polish Dancers, a beer garden and a raffle. Polanki will have a sales booth featuring Bolesławiec pottery and other Polish items. The Polanki library also will sponsor a book sale.

Farewell to Polonez Restaurant



Aleksandra and George Burzynski

On September 8 about forty Polanki members gathered at Polonez Restaurant to thank Aleksandra and George Burzynski for their many years of providing Polish food and supporting Polish culture. They will be closing the restaurant permanently on September 28 and retiring.

Polanki president Laurie Ufnowski thanked the couple with flowers and an engraved crystal sculpture from Polanki, thanking them for their contributions to the Milwaukee Polish community over the years.

Photos courtesy of Aleksandra Burzynski, Polonez Restaurant



Photos courtesy of Susan Mikos



Photos courtesy of Joanne Barndt and Susan Mikoś



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Ewa Barczyk-Pease Honored as Polish American of the Year

On Sunday October 16 the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance is honoring Ewa Barczyk-Pease as the Polish American of the Year. The Annual Pulaski Day Banquet will be held at the Polish Center of Wisconsin. A long-time active Polanki member, Ewa has served in multiple positions on the Polanki Board, including several terms as President, and currently is the First Vice President, responsible for organizing speakers and programs at Polanki membership meetings. She also has organized and developed exhibits at the Cultural Village at Polish Fest and at the International Folk Fair for many years. In addition to her many accomplishments in Polanki and other Polish organizations, Ewa is active in the Polish American Historical Association and has recently completed a book about Polish American historical sites.



St. John's Eve Celebration, June 2022, photo courtesy of Ewa Barczyk-Pease

The Polish American Historical Association (PAHA) issued the following announcement about Ewa's new book. "PAHA's guide to Polish American historical sites in North America is coming in October, a Polish Heritage Month! *Footprints of Polonia*, edited by Ewa Barczyk, is a unique publication, which catalogues the available information about the most important historical sites connected to the history of Polonia in the Western Hemisphere, and at the same time provides interesting and entertaining stories of places and people worth remembering. The guide is filled with color illustrations, and includes informative prologues by Stanislaus A. Blejwas and Anna D. Jaroszynska-Kirchmann.

"PAHA is proud that this publication came about with the support and collaboration from many individuals and organizations active in local Polonia. Editor Ewa Barczyk managed to create a network of field editors, who provided relevant information and pictures, checked existing sites, and contributed new angles. Hopefully, *Footprints* will find its way to all Polish homes, Polish schools and libraries, and Polonia organizations. We need to not only know our history, but also promote it and protect its physical sites.

Congratulations to Ewa Barczyk on a tremendous job well-done! We are all looking forward to holding this handsome book in our hands soon."

Polanki also adds our praise and congratulations to Ewa on her book and her recognition as the Polish American of the Year.

Polanki Library News

By Susan Mikoś

The Polanki Library is open and serving patrons on Tuesdays 11-2 and during Wednesday night dinners at the Polish Center of Wisconsin. Members of Polanki and of the Polish Heritage Alliance can borrow books and videos for a period of one month. We often help with simple translations and genealogical information, and we are always ready to help with a variety of research projects. Additional Polanki volunteers are always welcome to join us.



Photos courtesy of Susan Mikoś

Polish Genealogy Interest Group

By Susan Mikoś



After a long break due to Covid, the Polish Genealogy Interest Group will meet again on Saturday, October 1 at 10 a.m. We will be in the Community Room of the Milwaukee Public Library Central Branch, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. The agenda will be a discussion of what our members would like to see in the group's future.

Everyone is welcome, whether you have attended before or not. If you haven't yet signed up for our Google Group – Polska MKE Genealogy – email Cindy Lepkowski (clepkowski@hotmail.com) or Susan Mikoś (sgmikos@yahoo.com) and we will send you an invitation.

2022 Polish Fest in Pictures



Remembering Ukraine



Sales Booth

Exhibit on Poland Regions

Photos courtesy of Ewa Barczyk-Pease and Susan Mikoś

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A Note from the Editor

Thank you to all Polanki members who generously provided ideas, pictures and stories for this issue.

Please note that birthdays now will be listed for the upcoming month because of the change in our meeting date. Several members have requested this change to allow cards to be sent on time. If you have ideas for future stories or potential meeting programs, please submit them to me at 414-963-9055 or marjorie.piechowsk@sbcglobal.net

Marjorie Piechowski
2022 Polanki Newsletter Editor



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