



Polanki, Inc.

The Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee Newsletter

March (marszec) 2023

Polanki Membership Meeting Wednesday March 15, 2023 at 6:30

Hostesses: Darla, Denna and Nadine Flemming, Teresa Jankowski, Wanda Kosmalski, Joy Kuharske, Helen Miller, Kathy Wieczorek

Program: UW Parkside Professor Emerita Laura Gellott speaking about Helen Perry Curtis's travels through Poland and Eastern Europe on the eve of World War II.

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://wisconsin-edu.zoom.us/j/94637263548?pwd=YVVuMzBJL1ZxR0lPVEFyM1B2VjNCQT09>

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From the President's Desk



(Photo courtesy of Laurie Ufnowski)

Dear Polanki Members:

I cannot believe it is already March and spring is on the way. I want to thank everyone who attended the last meeting and participated in our small group sessions. There were many great ideas and they will be shared at our next meeting.

We will begin to implement many of these ideas as we move on as an organization. Our goal is to continue to thrive and grow and be a vital part of sharing the Polish culture in our community.

I also want to mention that the Polish Center is hosting a concert with Emily Fons, vocalist, and Janna Ernst, pianist, on Saturday night March 11. The concert is at 7:00 and doors will open at 6:30. They will be performing theater favorites, jazz classics, Great American Songbook hits, and other popular tunes.

President's Message, continued

I know it will be well worth your while to attend this fun event. I plan on going as I know it will be a nice way to spend a Saturday evening with two outstanding performers.

The Lenten Fish Fries have also begun at the Polish Center and we are selling our Polish pottery and folk art during the event. The response has been very positive and I would really appreciate if you could help out for just an hour or two. It really helps if we all share in the volunteering for these events. You can see pictures of some volunteers on page 7.

Please also plan to enjoy a fish fry when you come to volunteer. The fish, both fried and baked, is really good, with nice size portions for the price.

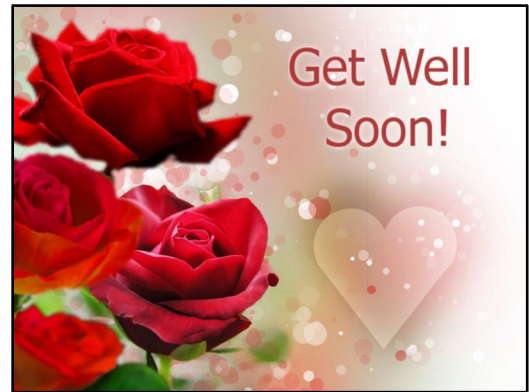
The Polanki library also is open during the fish fries so if you have not visited it recently or if you would like to volunteer to greet our visitors, please consider signing up with Susan Mikoś to schedule your time.

Finally I want to thank all of you for putting your trust in me as your president for another year. I am very honored to serve all of you in this position. I will always do my best for Polanki and I am so proud to be a member of this wonderful organization.

Wishing all of you only the best as we move Polanki forward in the years ahead.

Warm regards,

Laurie Ufnowski
2023 Polanki President



We continue to encourage all Polanki members to keep Jenny Konecny in your thoughts and prayers as she undergoes chemotherapy for uterine cancer. Please remember her and other Polanki members who are confined to their homes with a card, an email or a phone call.

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

3/05 Elizabeth Emer
3/09 Kristine Chmielewski
3/15 Helen Waliszewski
3/16 Marilyn Zuehlke
3/19 Joanna Nowakowski
3/27 Jane Sorenson
3/28 Marjorie Piechowski
3/31 Edith Malson

April Birthdays

4/01 Carol Sobanski Powers
4/05 Julia Chom
4/09 Barbara Sadowski
4/10 Kathy Wiczorek
4/11 Sue Zblewski
4/21 Elena Shebelski

Polanki Welcomes New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members who joined during the last several months:

Julia Chom—Sustaining
Marcia Gabriel—Active
Marilou Jasinski—Active
Therese Kurszewski—Active
Joy Ellen Kucharske—Active
Norman Knox—Sustaining



2023/24 POLANKI BOARD

The following slate of candidates was presented for election at the February Polanki annual meeting; all were re-elected for a one-year term. The Nominating Committee included Judy Chattin, Edith Malson and Maria Adamiec.

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A Reminder: Annual Membership Dues

Please note that your annual active or sustaining membership renewal is now due, at the new rate approved during the January 2023 meeting. To renew, fill out the membership form (included with this mailing) and send it with your payment to **Lynn Adams, Membership Chair**, at the Polanki mail box. You can also send the form and payment to Lynn 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 2023 member directory.

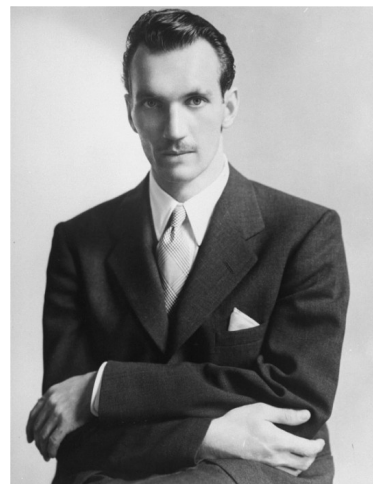
Thank you in advance for your prompt renewals. Your continued support is important for Polanki's future success and planned activities.

PBS to Show Jan Karski Story

By Marjorie Piechowski

Milwaukee's public television station Channel 10 will be showing a story about Jan Karski, who helped let the world know what horrors the Nazis were imposing in Poland. The story is scheduled for Monday March 13 as part of the Great Performances Series, shown at 8:00 p.m. Titled "Remember This," the piece stars David Strathairn as Jan Karski.

Jan Karski, who lived from June 24, 1914 to July 13, 2000, was an underground courier for the Polish government-in-exile. He was one of the first to deliver to the western Allies testimony and evidence of Nazi atrocities in the Warsaw ghetto and of the deportation of Jews to killing centers.



Emigrating to the United States after the war, Karski completed a doctorate and taught for decades at Georgetown University in international relations and Polish history. He lived in Washington, D.C., until the end of his life.



Karski did not speak publicly about his wartime missions until 1981 when he was invited as a speaker to a conference on the liberation of the camps. Karski was featured in Claude Lanzmann's nine-hour film *Shoah* (1985), about the Holocaust, based on oral interviews with Jewish and Polish survivors. After the fall of the Soviet Union, Karski was honored by the new Polish government, as well as honored by the US and European nations for his wartime role.

Jan Karski with General Colin Powell at the 1993 opening of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Information retrieved from Fine Tuning Membership Magazine March 2023 and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Recipes Needed!

By Julie Lenkiewicz

Ladies, it is time to submit your favorite Polish recipes for the next revision of the Polanki Cookbook. While we are looking for traditional Polish recipes, more modern recipes with a Polish twist are acceptable.



Please know, our current cookbook has a wide variety of recipes already and while we may publish a few versions of the same recipe, we cannot have too many repeats. We are looking for appetizers, soups, entrees, salads, desserts, cocktails, etc.! If you have a treasured memory or story behind your recipe, feel free to submit that as well.

Each recipe should have all ingredients required, in Imperial measurements (not metric please), as well as explicit cooking/baking instructions, and all other information to make your recipe come alive!

We would love our newest version to be ready by Polish Fest. Please submit your recipes to me by **Friday, March 31st!** Please email your recipe to me at: Tahnyets@gmail.com OR send via mail:

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March Speaker

By Susan Mikoś

Our March 15 speaker will be UW Parkside Professor Emerita Laura Gellott. She will tell the story of author Helen Perry Curtis's travels through Poland and Eastern Europe on the eve of World War II.

Helen Perry Curtis was a freelance writer, interior designer, museum curator, tour guide, and mother. In 1937 she published *Jean & Company, Unlimited*, a charming childhood book about a young American girl's first European journey.

In 2020, Laura Gellott published *Helen Perry Curtis and the European Trip of a Lifetime*, which traces Curtis's life from her birthplace in Nebraska to New York, New Jersey, and across Europe.

Professor Gellott will relate how she came to be interested in Helen Perry Curtis and will show photographs from Curtis's 1937 trip, in which she visited Poland. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and the author will be happy to sign them.



Newly Discovered Photos of Kosciuszko Monument's 1905 Dedication

By Susan Mikoś



Recently the Kosciuszko Monument Facebook page heard from a Vermont resident who was going through a tote bag of inherited family photos and found six snapshots taken at the unveiling of the Kosciuszko Monument in 1905. After she sent the pictures to us, we scanned and posted them on *Kosciuszko Milwaukee Monument* [Facebook page].

We can't help thinking how fortunate it is that someone saved these photos for posterity, more than a century ago. We are grateful to Elaine McDevitt for recognizing their significance and taking the trouble to track us down and send them.





Polanki Volunteers at March 3 Fish Fry at the Polish Center of Wisconsin



Photos courtesy of Susan Mikoś

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<i>Sunshine Co-Chairs</i>	Edith Malson Judy Chattin
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A Note from the Editor

Thank you to all Polanki members who provided ideas, pictures and stories during this last year. Please note that there are several other volunteer opportunities for the newsletter in addition to writing.

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

Marjorie Piechowski
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