



FALL 2010

## Polish Fest 2010

By Sarah Vitale

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Polish Fest 2010 has come to a close, and it was once again a wonderful celebration of Polish culture in Wisconsin. A little rain on Friday night couldn't keep festival goers away, as thousands of people attended this year's festivities over three days.

Guests to Polish Fest were greeted by our beautiful Cultural Village, organized by Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee. New to the village this year was the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Polish-born composer, Chopin, and the 150th anniversary of Polish composer, Paderewski. Festival attendees also enjoyed Polish folk artists demonstrating traditional crafts and watched as local Polish artists created art works en plein air. Live presentations, genealogy, Polish speakers and cooking demonstrations in the Taste of Polonia tent rounded out Polish Fest's cultural experience.

Also new to Polish Fest this year was the arrival of Tyskie Beer. A special shipment of the Polish brew was brought in for our festival, and quickly proved to be the popular choice for festival goers. The sponsorship of Sobieski Vodka helped to further the success of our bars, and great attendance at the scheduled Vodka Tastings created buzz about the Polish liquor. A plethora of Polish and American food vendors also provided this year's festival with a variety of authentic, creative and down-right tasty fare.

The Sukiennice Marketplace was overflowing with a variety of vendors featuring Polish Fest souvenirs, Polish goods and crafts, and the popular amber jewelry. Maty Sklep, Polish Fest's "little store," featured a variety of Polish grocery goods for those attendees wanting to take a taste of the festival home with them. The 12th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition showcased many outstanding young pianists from around the United States. Catholic Mass on Sunday morning, presided over by Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listewski, was a great community-building event and drew an energetic crowd to the festival.

I would like to thank all of those involved with the festival for helping make it a success. This was my first festival as Festival Director, and I could not have



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**President's Message**

Greetings,

Where did the summer go? It seems like we were just getting ready for Polish Fest and it's been and gone! Although we had a little bit of rough weather to open the festival on Friday, it was overall a wonderful festival weekend with fabulous weather, a spectacular cultural exhibit and village, great entertainment, delicious food and friendly people to enjoy it all! Congratulations to our Festival Director Sarah Vitale who hit the ground running and did a great job in a short amount of time. Congratulations to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy to make the festival successful and fun! Without each of you it wouldn't have come together!

As you know from our May membership meeting, we were approached by a cell phone company to put a tower on our property. We had a very informative discussion regarding the viability of a cell tower on our property. The vote was to move forward with negotiations. The negotiations for the cell tower are moving forward and should be finalized very soon. The tower will be located in the woods so only the top will be visible through the trees.

Our dedicated Cultural Committee has again given us great events over the summer to enjoy. Mushroom Madness was a very well attended event that included everything there is to know about mushrooms and more: forays for mushrooms; informational talks about mushrooms and great mushroom food to enjoy! It doesn't get any better than that! The art exhibit by Kasia Szczesniewska was simply magnificent. Great art pieces at great prices. In addition, we had the sensational Cabaret & Roses concert at the end of August featuring Krystyna Krystecki, Danuta Lupina and friends! Thank you Cultural Committee for your commitment all year long. We really appreciate your time and effort!

We can't forget the Polish Beer Tasting that broke the attendance record with over 300 happy people enjoying 15 Polish beers and a sumptuous buffet at a bargain price of \$22! Many of those attending had never been to the Center before but after the great time they had were asking about other events we would be having! Another great event showcasing the Polish Center.

On Sunday, August 29, we had our annual Volunteer Thank You Party for all volunteers. Hopefully you were one of the almost 300 that did attend, as it was a great event. The food was delicious and there were over 100 door prizes given away. We can't begin to thank our volunteers enough for their time and dedication to the all the committees, the Center, Bingo, and Festival. We don't say it often enough but without each and every one of you we would not be able to put on the many events that we do. Your participation helps us in so many ways, and we truly appreciate your commitment to the Polish Heritage Alliance.

Janine Adamczyk  
President, Polish Heritage Alliance

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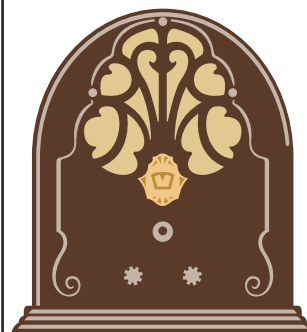
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WITH JERRY HALKOSKI**



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WJYI  
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## Cooking, Polish Style

Monday Evenings

September 27-October 25, 2010  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn to make a variety of traditional Polish dishes. Our special "chefs" will demonstrate cooking techniques, share recipes, and provide samples for you to taste. Classes are \$10 per class or \$45 for all five classes. Registration is limited, so sign up early.

### September 27

Learn to make Polish kanapki and hors d'oeuvres

### October 4

Danuta Kurczewski shows you how to make potato pancakes and naleśniki (Polish crêpes).

### October 11

Gene & Mary Jo Swider share their special recipe for gołąbki (stuffed cabbage rolls).

### October 18

Making kielbasa, or Polish sausage is easier than you might think. Tom Radoszewski shows you how.

### October 25

Danuta Kurczewski demonstrates the art of making pierogi - half moon-shaped dumplings wrapped around a variety of savory and sweet fillings.



# Polish Center Family Day

Sunday, October 24, 2010, 12-4 pm

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

- Hands-on Activities include Wycinanki, Easter eggs, and Christmas ornaments (taught by local folk artists)
- Polish School – learn basic Polish words
- Storytelling – Polish legends told in Polish & English
- Polish Games
- Food available for purchase
- Performance by the Syrenka Polish Children's Folk Dance Ensemble
- Polish store – shop for children's items from Poland
- Bonfire (weather permitting)

For more information,  
call 414-529-2140

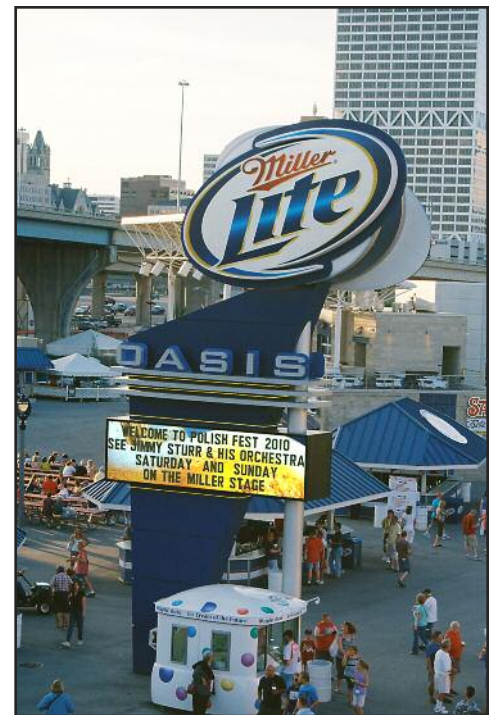
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done it without the dedicated volunteers who work behind the scenes to make it possible. The sacrifice and hard work of our volunteers is what creates this wonderful three day celebration of our culture. It is the goal of the Polish Heritage Alliance to share our Polish and Polish-American culture with the community, and our 2010 Polish Fest surely did that while also providing a lot of fun!

Thank you to our sponsors for their financial support of our mission. Without their financial and in-kind support, we would not be able to bring such an exciting event to the community. I want to personally thank our very dedicated group of volunteers, the Polish Heritage Alliance Board of Directors, the Polish Fest Managing Committee, the Polish Fest Chair-people and Polish Center of Wisconsin staff that help make our festival a true celebration.

We look forward to our 30th Anniversary, which is scheduled to take place on June 24-26, 2011! Visit [www.polishfest.org](http://www.polishfest.org) for festival information as it approaches.



# From the Executive Director's Desk...

by Cindy Lemek

Now that fall is upon us, we are looking ahead to some exciting events at the Polish Center.

Our very popular cooking demonstrations are starting again at the end of September. The sessions this fall will include Polish kanapki and hors d'oeuvres, potato pancakes, naleśniki (Polish crêpes), gołąbki (stuffed cabbage rolls), kielbasa and pierogi. Information on registering for these classes can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also this fall we will be having a Polish Center Family Day which will have fun activities for the entire family. There will be arts and crafts, storytelling, folk dancing, games, food and shopping for children's items from Poland. Activities are open to the public and will take place from 12 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Our thanks to the Cultural Committee for putting together the cooking demonstrations and the Family Day event. Both are sure to be fun and educational.

On November 28 we will be decorating the Polish Center for Christmas. Christmas trees will be decorated, pine swags will be hung, lights will be put on trees outside the Center and other decorations will be put out for the holidays. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call the Polish Center to sign up. Coffee, hot cocoa and cookies will be provided for the volunteers.

Our annual holiday brunch and bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 5. Our popular Sunday brunch, prepared by Jack Norman Catering, will be served from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. I'd like to thank the Polish Center volunteers who work at our brunches. The holiday brunch is a fund-raiser for the Polish Center, and the event wouldn't be possible without our volunteers. Whether they are running the cash register, staffing the hostess station, serving coffee, bussing tables, or handling any of the other jobs that need to be done, they are all very generously giving their time and energy to make this and all of our events a success.

In addition to the brunch, we will be hosting our annual holiday bazaar. Shop for Polish blown glass ornaments, Bolesławiec pottery, amber jewelry, books, imported Polish food, liquors, gifts and more. Admission to the bazaar is free and open to the public.

Finally, in November and December we will be sending out renewal letters to our members. I hope all of our members will take the opportunity to renew their support for the Polish Heritage Alliance. We will also be posting a membership form on our website, [www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org](http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org). Whether you would like to join as a new member or you are renewing your membership, you can print off the form and mail it in with your donation.



## Tom Rasmussen Named New Banquet Manager

The Polish Center would like to introduce you, our members and supporters, to Tom Rasmussen, our new Banquet and Facilities Manager.

Tom comes to us from the Oak Creek Community Center where he was the Beverage Manager for the past thirteen years. He has extensive experience in bar management and working with clients to make all of the details for an event – whether it's a wedding or a corporate event – come together to make the occasion perfect.

Tom started work here on September 1st, and he has dived right in working events and meeting with customers for upcoming events and with people who are interested in booking the Polish Center for their events and meetings. Tom will be behind the bar at some of our upcoming events such as the gala and our holiday brunch, so please stop by and say "hello" to him.

 **Smoke-Free BINGO**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
Polish Center of Wisconsin  
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 **MONTHLY CARD GAMES**  
at the Polish Center

**First and Third Thursday of the Month**  
Starts at noon

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Optional \$8 lunch on first Thursday  
Cash bar

Card clubs and bridge groups welcome!  
Individuals may join a table upon arrival.  
Play sheephead, poker and more.

For more information, call 414-529-2140.

**Are you looking for a place to hold your holiday party?**  
**Need a room for a meeting or seminar?**

Give us a call at the Polish Center. We can accommodate groups of 10 to 250 for meetings, parties, weddings, banquets, showers and much more. Contact us today for details on how we can accommodate you for your event.



POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN

# Champagne Brunch and Holiday Bazaar

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010**

**Shop from 10 am until 2 pm**

**Champagne Brunch served from 10 am until 1:30 pm**

## All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Includes

Made-to-order Omelets • Carved Ham • Polish Sausage  
Smoked Salmon • Pierogi • Breakfast Potatoes  
Creamed Cucumber w/ Dill (Mizeria) • Assorted Rolls & Bread  
Fresh Fruit • Assorted Pastries • Coffee • Tea • Milk  
Assorted Juices • A Glass of Champagne  
And Much More!

PHA Members: \$15.50    Children 6-12: \$7.50  
Non-members: \$17.50    Children 5 & under eat free

RESERVATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR GROUPS OF 6 OR MORE.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 414-529-2140.

## Holiday Bazaar

ADMISSION IS FREE AND  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

- Polish Blown Glass Ornaments
- Bolesławiec Pottery • Amber Jewelry
- Books • Imported Polish Food
- Gift Items • And Much More!



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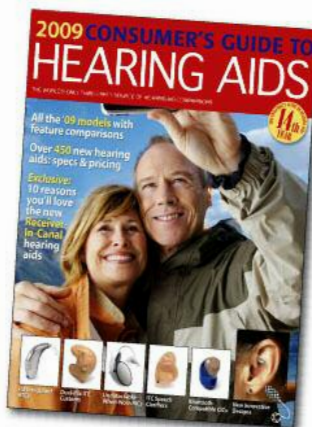


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Practices are held Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. at the  
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For more information, call Annette Kuligowski at  
**414-383-7177**

# POLISH BULLETIN BOARD

Here are some upcoming events being hosted by Polish organizations this fall:

## Polanki 11th Annual POLISH SOUP FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 10, 2010  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AT THE NORWAY HOUSE  
7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee

**7 different soups will be offered**

THERE WILL BE 2 SEATINGS AVAILABLE:  
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Seating is limited and by reservation only

Adults: \$11  
(includes 4 soups of your choice)  
Children (10 & under): \$5.50  
(includes 2 soups of your choice)

For more information,  
call 414-541-2433 or visit  
[www.polanki.org](http://www.polanki.org)



## Polish American Heritage Award Luncheon

Sunday, October 17, 2010  
At the Polish Center of Wisconsin  
\$30 per person

For more information or  
to make reservations,  
please contact  
Rosemarie Ewald at  
414-645-4210.



Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance

## Annual Pulaski Day Banquet

Sunday, October 10, 2010

At the Polish Center of Wisconsin  
\$30 per person

For more information or to make reservations,  
please contact Janine Adamczyk at 414-550-3098.

## SYRENA POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE

*35th Anniversary Concert*

Saturday, October 16th, 2010

DOORS OPEN AT 1PM  
PERFORMANCE STARTS AT 2PM  
Greendale High School Auditorium

Adults \$10  
Seniors \$8  
Students \$6

For more  
information,  
please call  
414-803-5264



POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

## Polish Independence Day Observance and Awards Luncheon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Cash Bar 12:30 p.m./Luncheon 1:30 p.m.  
At the Polish Center of Wisconsin  
\$30 per person

For details, contact Sharon Haberski  
at 414-282-2473

## POLONIA SPORTS CLUB 60th Anniversary Event

Saturday, November 13, 2010

Oak Creek Community Center  
8580 South Howell Avenue  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

*(Because the Polish Center was booked, we had  
to choose another venue for our event)*

**Featuring the Silver Orkiestra  
from Chicago**

For more information, contact  
Rick Rabiega at 414-810-8158

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