

# President's Message

Greetings,

I am happy to report that attendance at Polish Center events is steadily increasing. Our Friday Fish Fries had several weeks where attendance approached 400 and two other weeks with more than 500 persons in attendance. A final report has not been submitted to the Board, but it appears certain that we will exceed the \$23,000 budgeted revenue for these events. Attendance at our holiday Sunday brunches (Easter and Mother's Day) was also up. Kudos to our Executive Director Cindy Lemek and her staff, our caterer Jack Norman and a thank you to our Fish Fry volunteers!

There is a new addition to our staff at the PCW. Tony Jacobs has recently started as our Banquet Manager. Tony is familiar with our operation at the Center and has experience in the hospitality industry. Welcome Tony and say hello to him at the Center. We look forward to a long relationship.

The Polish Center has been truly blessed by the generosity of its members. In our last issue, I reported a gift of stock from Al Gyzinski. Al has now made a second stock donation. Under PHA policy, this stock has been sold. Also, Casey Janiszewski has delivered a check which completes his pledge. Personally, and on behalf of the Board, I thank these gentlemen for their kindness and support for our mission.

The Board has authorized creation of a Committee Governance Task Force. Committees do the "detail work" and report their recommendations to the Board for its consideration and any necessary action. The Task Force has identified several areas where additional committees may be of assistance to the Board. It is charged with reviewing the present committee structure of the PHA (both the active and inactive standing committees authorized in the bylaws) and reporting its recommendations to the Board. Recommendations shall include any necessary bylaw changes. The end product of this process will be an improved governance process for the Board.

See you at the Beer Tasting on July 13.

Fran Wasielewski  
President, Polish Heritage Alliance

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## Hours

OFFICE:  
Monday-Friday,  
9 AM-5 PM  
or by appointment

LIBRARY:  
Tuesday, noon-2 PM  
during Center events  
or by appointment

## Tony Jacobs named New Banquet Manager

The Polish Center would like to introduce our members and supporters to Tony Jacobs, who has taken over the position of Banquet and Facility Manager here at the Center. Pattea Tacuba, our previous Banquet Manager, was offered a position at a country club close to her home in mid-March, and Tony has been serving as the Interim Banquet Manager since that time.

A full search was conducted to fill the position, and Tony's extensive background in the food service industry, including banquet operations, combined with his work experience here at the Center as a bartender made him a perfect fit for the position. He has already tackled a number of maintenance projects in our banquet facilities and is busy meeting with clients who have already booked events as well as with new clients to add more events to our busy calendar.

## Polish Beer Tasting

Na zdrowie!



**FRIDAY, JULY 13 • 7-10 P.M.**

Polish Center of Wisconsin • 6941 S. 68th St., Franklin

- ◆ Sample a variety of imported Polish beers
- ◆ Free commemorative glass\*
- ◆ Food and live entertainment

\$20 At the Door

\$10 Designated Driver

**Patrons  
must be age  
21 or over**

For more information, call

**414-529-2140**

\*While supplies last

**BINGO VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m.**

*No experience needed. Call Heidi Dietrich at 414-529-2140 if you can help.*

I am pleased to report that our 2007 membership campaign has been very successful. The Polish Center of Wisconsin has added almost 100 new members this year, and with about 90% of our members renewing from 2006, our membership has increased by 15% to 582 members. I would like to give an enthusiastic welcome to all new members, to thank all renewing members for their continued support, and to invite all of you to join us for

some of the wonderful upcoming events at the Center.

We have also had very generous support this year from donors to our Family Foundation, donations of stock, and donations from individuals who are completing pledges that were made when construction of the Polish Center was underway. Most of these payments are directed to reducing the mortgage principal, which is \$828,597 as of May 31, 2007. On behalf of the Board of

Directors and staff, I'd like to thank all of our generous donors for their support of the Polish Center and its mission.

The Polish Center's booth at Polish Fest will be in a new location this year. We will be in the booth to the immediate right of the main gate where some of the other festivals have their souvenir sales. Please take a few minutes to say hello to the volunteers at the Polish Center booth and pick up fliers for our upcoming events.

**UWMILWAUKEE**

**Polish Classes**

*Fall 2007 Sessions:*

**POLISH I**  
Sept. 5-Oct. 24, 2007  
Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$175  
Professor Michael Mikoś, Ph.D.

**POLISH III**  
Sept. 4-Oct. 23, 2007  
Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$185  
Professor Michael Mikoś, Ph.D.

All classes will be held at the  
**Polish Center of Wisconsin**  
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For more information,  
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## Garden & Landscape News

Garden Committee members have been busy planting flowers and beautifying the grounds of the Polish Center. Wood from some of the trimmed trees has been recycled and will be used for mulch on the hill behind the building and on the parking lot berm. Garlic mustard removal is a must! More volunteers are needed to continue this project. If you can help, please call Valerie at 414-421-2406.

We would like to extend thanks to Judy Free, Krystyna Gajewski, Irene Kuba, Valerie Lukaszewicz, Norine Trewyn, and Eric & Roberta Zillgitt for their donations. We are still in need of flower or monetary donations, so that we can start on the south entrance. Please bring donations to the Polish Center or call Valerie if you need it picked up.



*Cabaret & Roses*

Call 414-529-2140 for more information

**Sunday, August 5, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Polish Center of Wisconsin • 6941 S. 68th St., Franklin

Treat yourself to a colorful evening of Continental cabaret songs and Argentine tangos as you sip coffee, tea, or a glass of wine ...

**Tickets:**



*featuring...*

FROM VANCOUVER, BC...  
**Krystyna Krystecki**  
Pianist & Cabaret Singer

**Danuta Lupina-Karnicka**  
Soprano

**Roman Piłkuła** - Guitar

**Jeff Jeziorski** - Clarinet

**Krzysztof Nocoń**  
Accordion

**Monthly Card Games**

**AT THE POLISH CENTER**

First Thursday of the Month  
**STARTS AT NOON**

Free and Open to the Public  
**\$8 LUNCH • 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**



**Mushroom Madness**  
at the  
**Polish Center**  
co-sponsored by the  
WISCONSIN MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
**AUGUST 18, 2007**  
**10 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

**Learn to identify edible mushrooms** in the wild and cultivate mushrooms at home. Speakers will discuss techniques and experts will lead a foray into the woods outside of the Polish Center to identify mushrooms.

**Watch cooking demonstrations** and enjoy an assortment of foods made with mushrooms and available for purchase throughout the day. Concessions also include Polish sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages.

**The Polish Center's Gallery** will have a display of mushroom-related photographs and sculptures available for purchase, and offer a hands-on craft project to make mushroom-related gift items.

**Plus...**The Great Hall will showcase businesses and organizations selling mushroom-related items and providing information on their activities.

**ADMISSION: Adults - \$3 • Children 12 & under - Free**  
**Seniors, PHA members & Mycological society members - \$2**

# AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

## With Fran Wasielewski

featuring Hilary Mercer, violin

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 • 7 P.M.**

Polish Center of Wisconsin  
6941 S. 68th St. • Franklin, WI

Phone 414-529-2140 for more information

**Enjoy a potpourri of music by Polish and other classical composers.**

### TICKETS:

Advance: \$ 8 PHA members \$10 non-members  
At the door: \$10 PHA members \$12 non-members

**EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE POLISH CENTER**

## Smoke-Free Bingo

**DOORS OPEN AT 4 P.M. • ALL SOFT CARDS**

**Early Bird Bingo for \$1,300 at 6 p.m.**

**Regular Session Bingo for \$1,300 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Sponsored by Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc.*

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN

Call 414-529-2140 for more information

## A Spirited Polish Auction



SAVE  
THE DATE

**Saturday, September 29, 2007**

The Polish Heritage Alliance will hold its premier fall benefit event on September 29, 2007. Planning is currently underway for the event, which is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. All proceeds will support our mission to promote the understanding and appreciation of Polish heritage and culture as embodied in its traditions, history, language, current affairs and the arts.

This year's event will not be a formal gala as in prior years. It will be more casual, with business casual as the suggested attire. Guests can enjoy tastings of Polish vodkas and liqueurs, hors d'oeuvres, and a lower ticket price of \$50 per person. We will still have a silent and voice auction, and include a raffle and some other fun ways to win prizes.

We currently are seeking donations of items for our silent and voice auction. Our "Wish List" of items includes Polish items (traditional and contemporary); Packers, Brewers or other sports team tickets, gear, or memorabilia; hotel/travel packages or out-of-town getaways; theater tickets; jewelry (especially amber); artwork (Polish artisans); gift certificates for dining, spas, etc.; golf/sports packages; and children's items.

All auction donors will be recognized in the auction program book. Please send your contributions to the attention of Heidi Dietrich, Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S. 68th St., Franklin, WI 53132, or call Heidi at 414-529-2140 to make arrangements for item pick-up.