

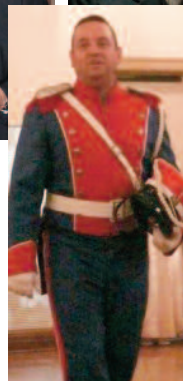
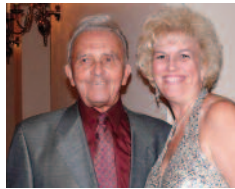


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Polish Center celebrates 10th Anniversary

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On Friday, September 24, 2010, the Polish Center was decked out in red and white for our 10th Anniversary Gala. There were 114 people in attendance, and they enjoyed the fabulous food prepared by Jack Norman Catering, a vodka bar sponsored by Sobieski Vodka, music by Matthew Byczynski and a performance by the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble.

The silent and voice auctions had a great range of items including AirTran Airways tickets, a Wii console, jewelry, gift certificates for many different goods and services, and children's toys.

We appreciate the support of all the sponsors, auction donors, and the attendees. It was a fabulous night to celebrate the Polish Center's 10th Anniversary.

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President's Message

Greetings,

As a result of our recent election in September, we welcome new faces on our Board of Directors: Andy Wasielewski and Dave Borowski. Re-elected to the board for another 2-year term was Keith Triebenbach and Michele St. Marie-Boelkow.

With the addition of this new blood, we look forward to another exciting and productive year at the Polish Center. We also acknowledge the departing Board members Mike Bartels and Joe Kopinski for their faithful service. You leave with our sincere thanks for your support and dedication. I know that you will remain active in the PHA.

Good news to report on Polish Fest!! Congratulations to Festival Director Sarah Vitale, Festival Managing Committee Co-Chairs Mary Jo Swider and Danuta Kurczewski and the Managing Committee and all the volunteers for a successful year. With virtually all of the bills paid, we show a profit of approximately \$34,000! We had a great festival with increased attendance, food sales and bar revenue.

The Facilities Committee has developed a maintenance and replacement schedule for the building and grounds, and budgeted accordingly. Repairs are already being done in accordance with the committee's schedule to keep our property looking good. The parking lot has been sealed. Repair of window trim is approximately 30% completed with the balance scheduled for completion in spring 2011. The compressor has been replaced. Exterior front doors have been repaired and painted.

After five years as Executive Director of the Polish Heritage Alliance, Cindy Lemek has decided to move on to another position with an association in the Milwaukee area. Cindy has been a tireless leader and champion of our organization working long hours and giving her expertise and dedication to our mission. We will miss her. We wish Cindy the best of luck in her future endeavors and hope to see her at Polish Center events and at the Festival.

On behalf of the Polish Heritage Alliance Board of Directors and staff, I would like to extend season greetings to all of our members and friends and their families. We wish you happiness and success in 2011.

Szczesliwego Nowego Roku

Janine Adamczyk

President

Polish Heritage Alliance



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Thank You

Calling all Polish Chefs!

The Polish Center's cooking demonstrations have been very popular with members and the general public. So far, we have featured homemade Polish sausage, pierogi, bigos, beef rollups, hors d'oeuvres, several varieties of soups, potato pancakes, naleśniki (crepes), gołąbki (cabbage rolls), and more. We suspect there are more talented chefs out there. If you would like to show others how to make your special Polish dish, we want to hear from you. Please call or e-mail Heidi at the Polish Center if you are interested in joining our team of chefs. If you are new to doing cooking demonstrations, mentoring from our current chefs will be available.



Polanki announces College Achievement Awards Competition



Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, announces its annual College Achievement Awards

competition. The competition is open to students of Polish ancestry and to students who have no such ancestry, but who study, preserve, support, or disseminate Polish language and/or culture. Applicants must be college juniors, seniors or graduate students enrolled in an accredited college degree program during the 2010-2011 academic year, be United States citizens or legal permanent residents, and be Wisconsin residents or be enrolled in colleges or universities located in Wisconsin. Successful applicants demonstrate familiarity with aspects of Poland's culture and tend to have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four point scale. Award amounts usually range between \$750.00 and \$1500.00. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2011. Please go to www.polanki.org for more information and to download an application.



IN THE GALLERY...

Winter Scenes

An exhibit by various artists in multiple media, celebrating the beauty of winter.

**ON DISPLAY
THROUGH JANUARY 15**

Admission is free and open to the public.

▶ Calling all Polish Artists

We are currently seeking artists for the Polish Artists Exhibition in spring. Interested candidates should contact Danuta Zarek at 414-483-1208

The Polish Center presents LEGENDARY JAZZ PIANO VIRTUOSO

adam makowicz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011 7 P.M.

Voted the Number One Jazz Pianist by Jazz Forum Magazine six years in a row, Adam Makowicz has appeared in the world's leading music venues and is a major attraction at jazz festivals all over the world. He has recorded over 50 albums and has performed with Poland's top jazz musicians, including Tomasz Stanko and Leszek Mozdzer, as well as with American jazz greats Benny Goodman, Herbie Hancock, Earl Hines, Freddie Hubbard, Sarah Vaughan, and others.



**Tickets: \$23 in advance/\$25 at the door (\$2 discount for Polish Center members)
\$15 for students with valid student I.D.**





Election Report

On September 23, 2010, the annual meeting of the Polish Heritage Alliance was held to elect members of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Newly elected Directors or Directors re-elected for a two-year term:

David Borowski

Michele St. Marie-Boelkow

Keith Triebenbach

Andy Wasielewski

The following officers were elected or re-elected for a two-year term:

President – Janine Adamczyk

Vice President – Clark Wantoch

Secretary – Mary Jo Swider

Treasurer – Dennis Cimpl

Continuing Directors serving the second year of two-year term:

Julie Brzezinski

Joe Dudzik

Diane Holytz

Michael Krass

Our thanks to retiring Directors Mike Bartels and Joe Kopinski. We thank them for their support and commitment.



MEMORIALS

We appreciate the generous contributions received in memory of

Helen Plewa

Irene Spyhalski

Elizabeth Supercynski

Raymond Trzesniewski, Jr.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Bidding a Fond Farewell

by Cindy Lemek

As much as I have enjoyed my work here at the Polish Heritage Alliance, I have decided it is time to move on to a new position and new challenges. Over the past five years I have learned a great deal about my Polish heritage and made many new friends while working here.

I have left the Polish Center to take a position with a trade association based in Milwaukee. It will give me the opportunity to travel and learn about a different part of the non-profit community.

I wish everyone at the Polish Center the best of luck in the future.

Have you renewed your membership?

Polish Heritage Alliance membership renewal letters went out in mid-November. If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, please return it to us right away. Renewing your membership is the quickest way to ensure that you will continue to receive up-to-date information on all of our events and activities. Misplaced your renewal form? You can visit our website www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org to download a form. If you didn't receive a renewal letter or you are interested in becoming a member, please download a form from our website or call our office to request that we send one to you.



Poland Under Glass

Celebrate Milwaukee's rich Polish heritage at The Domes

Saturday, January 22, 2011 • 9am-3pm

- ◆ Authentic Polish cuisine
- ◆ Folk art demonstrations
- ◆ Ethnic dancing
- ◆ Polish music
- ◆ Games for children
- ◆ Cooking demonstrations
- ◆ Polish imports available for purchase

Mitchell Park Conservatory (The Domes)
524 S. Layton Blvd. • Milwaukee, WI

ADMISSION:

18+: \$6.50; Milwaukee County Seniors with residency proof 60+: \$5;
6-17 years: \$5; Person with disability: \$5; Student with ID: \$5

Thanks to Our Vodka Tasting Donors

We'd like to thank all of the donors who supported our Polish Vodka Tasting on November 5. More than 150 people sampled 19 different Polish vodkas, participated in our raffle, enjoyed a performance by the Syrena dancers, and dined on a delicious buffet by Jack Norman Catering. Without the businesses and individuals who donated to the event, it would not have been such a success.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DONORS

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Colleen Triebenbach

Ultimat Vodka

POLISH CENTER FAMILY DAY

On Sunday October 24, the Polish Center's Cultural Committee put on our first Family Day, and it was a fun and educational event for everyone who attended. More than 100 people attended, including a Boy Scout Troop and members of Syrenka Polish Children's Folk Dance Ensemble who performed twice during the event.

The Folk Art area offered the opportunity to try making wycinanki paper cutting, pisanki Easter egg decorating, wianki head wreaths, and Polish Christmas ornaments. Members of our Garden Committee gave lessons on making greeting cards with leaves and flowers. There were also areas set up for playing games, coloring, and some basic Polish language lessons. There were also Polish cartoons playing on the large screen TV, and a concession stand selling a variety of Polish foods.

The Family Day offered a great variety of activities and was a huge success. Our thanks to all the volunteers who put the event together and who worked in the various areas throughout the day.



SMOKE-FREE BINGO

Every Wednesday Night

POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN
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*Doors open at 4 p.m.
Early Bird Bingo for \$1,200
at 6 p.m.*

*Regular Session Bingo
for \$1,200
at 7:30 p.m.*

– All Soft Cards –

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Call 414-529-2140 for more information.

Garden Committee News

Snow is coming, but our garden committee keeps working. At least Eric Zillgitt does. He likes to work in the cold by trimming trees and killing buckthorn. The rest of us are waiting for spring to work.

This summer Garden Committee member Judith Free helped us weed by putting vinegar on some of them. Yes, this environmentally friendly killer works on most weeds. Valerie Lukaszewicz, Camille Shaw and Ben Shaw along with the South East Wisconsin Master Gardeners did planting, weeding and mulching. Committee Member and South East Wisconsin Master Gardener Sandy Je T'aime recruited the following Master Gardeners to help us: Rosemary Carpenter, Michele Dambeck, Janet Gadzilinski, Sharon Marifke, Jane Schneider, Riana Sweet, Jan Wilzius and Paul Zidonowitz. Every Monday morning two to four of these Master Gardeners would work about three hours with me on the grounds.

Special thanks to Gloria Shire for her huge assortment of lilies. Can't wait to see them bloom! Judith Free along with some of the South East Master Gardeners also contributed flowers for our gardens. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year successful!

Valerie Lukaszewicz



Monthly Card Games at the Polish Center

1st & 3rd Thursday
of the Month
Starts at Noon

Free and Open to the Public
Optional \$8 Lunch
on 1st Thursday
Cash Bar

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

For more information,
call 414-529-2140

Celebrate with an elegant Champagne Brunch at the Polish Center of Wisconsin

*Easter Sunday, April 24
and Mother's Day, May 8*

Seatings at 10 a.m, Noon, and 2 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET INCLUDES:

Chef-carved beef tenderloin and pork loin • Spiral ham
Made-to-order omelets • Polish sausage • Potatoes
Chicken supreme • Beef burgundy • Pierogi
Smoked fish • Fresh fruit platter • Assorted Salads
Assorted Pastries & More!
Juice, milk, coffee, tea, glass of champagne

CASH BAR WILL BE OPEN

Adults \$23.95
Children 6-12 years \$10.00
Children 5 and under free

Reservations required
Advance payment accepted
Call 414-529-2140



UW-Milwaukee Annual Summer Study-Tour at Catholic University – Lublin, Poland

JULY 2-AUGUST 8, 2011

Estimate cost \$2,686 plus round-trip airfare (Chicago-Warsaw)

- Accommodations and all meals in Poland
- 5 UWM credits
- Five weeks in historic Lublin, with a course of Polish language (100 hours), at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels
- Lectures, films and cultural performances
- Excursions to Warsaw, Kazimierz, and other places of interest
- Optional trips to Cracow (\$250) and Białowieża Forest (\$200)
- Also available: two, three, four-week as well as intensive and highly intensive two, three, four and five-week language courses



This study tour is led by Dr. Michael Mikoś, Professor of Polish language and literature and leader of 29 study tours to Poland.

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**Study Polish
at the Polish Center**

Polish II

**Thursdays, February 24 through
April 28, 2011 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
(10 weeks)**

Instructor:

Professor Bozena Tieszen
Senior Lecturer in the
Department of Foreign Language
and Literature at UWM.

Fee: \$140

This program, a continuation of Polish I, is also recommended for those who have studied Polish before and would like a review.

The instructor will emphasize conversational skills based on grammatical structures, with reading and writing as well as an introduction to Polish culture.

The textbook for the course is *Władysław Miodunka, Czesc, jak sie masz? Part I.*



**SAVE THE
DATES**

**Lenten
Fish Fries**

**March 11 – April 22
4:30-8 p.m.**

BUFFET STYLE MEAL INCLUDES

Fried And Baked Fish
Coleslaw
Potato Pancakes
Pierogi
Coffee, Tea or Milk
and more!

CASH BAR

Carry outs available
Reservations accepted.

POLISH NIGHT AT THE ADMIRALS

**Sunday, March 13, 2011
5:00 p.m.**

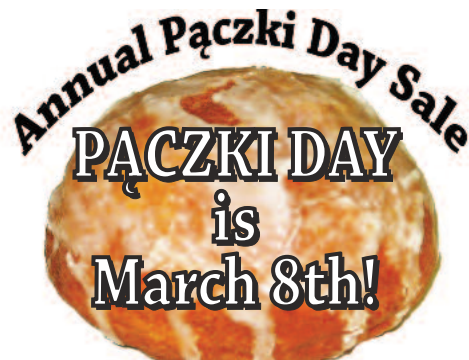
**The Milwaukee Admirals
take on the Peoria Rivermen**

**Tickets available at the Polish Center
for \$16. Makes a great gift!**

**Call 414-529-2140 for more information
or visit www.milwaukeeadmirals.com**



**The Polish Center will be holding our
Annual Pączki Day Sale on March 8, 2011
from 7:00 to 11:30 a.m.**



We will be taking advance orders for pączki until **Monday, February 28, 2011**. Why not treat your workplace, club or family to this delicious Polish pastry? We'll deliver boxes of pączki to homes and businesses within Milwaukee County, or you can stop in at the Polish Center of Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 8th and enjoy a pączek and coffee for \$3.00.

BOXES OF 1 DOZEN EACH *Minimum order is 1 dozen (one box)*

- Prune # of boxes ____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____
- Raspberry # of boxes ____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____
- Mixed # of boxes ____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____
(½ doz. each)

BOXES OF 3 DOZEN EACH

- Prune # of boxes ____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____
- Raspberry # of boxes ____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____
- Delivery Charge(s) @ \$5 Each Address = \$ _____
- TOTAL = \$ _____

All orders must be pre-paid

Please make checks payable to "Polish Heritage Alliance."

___ MasterCard ___ Visa

Name on Card: _____

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Ordered by: _____

Phone: _____

___ I will pick up my order from the Polish Center between 7-11:30 a.m.

___ Please deliver my order on Tues., March 8, 2011. (Delivery is \$5)

Name _____

Company (if applicable) _____

Street/City _____

Phone _____

Closest Cross Streets _____

Delivery times cannot be guaranteed, but you may request a preferred time: _____ (between 8:00-10:30 a.m.)

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