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There's Something for Everyone at The Polish Center



This fall was a busy time at The Polish Center. With cooking demonstrations, a Polish Vodka Tasting, Mushroom Madness, Family Day, two concerts and an art exhibit opening, there was something for everyone to enjoy!



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President's Message

Greetings,

As a result of our recent election in September, we welcome new faces to our Board of Directors: Steve Chybowski, Ted Gurzynski, and Ken Skowronski. Re-elected to the board for another 2-year term was Joe Dudzik, Michael Krass and Michele St. Marie-Boelkow as Treasurer. 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 for their faithful service: Dennis Cimpl, Julie Brzezinski, and Diane Holytz. You leave with our sincere thanks for your support and dedication. I know that you all will remain active in the PHA.

We have signed an option extension for the cell tower with U.S. Cellular as of October. The option is good for six months and we received \$2500. Should U.S. Cellular require a second option we will receive another \$2500. U.S. Cellular anticipates they will be moving forward with the tower this year.

We have had many great events this fall such as Mushroom Madness on September 11th; the Concert of Polish Music by Philomusica String Quartet on October 3rd; and the Concert of Mostly Polish Music by Tom Gapinski, Dr. Filmanowicz and Friends on November 13th were all very well attended. In addition, our Holiday brunch and bazaar on December 4th was another successful event with delicious food and many wonderful items to purchase for gifts or for yourself. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of the many fabulous events held at The Polish Center, you need to make time. You will truly enjoy the experience.

After two years as Festival Director, Sarah Vitale has decided to move on to another position in marketing in the Milwaukee area. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors and hope to see her at the Festival. We have begun a search for a new Festival Director.

Our Team of Tom Rasmussen, Heidi Dietrich, Stacy Mallak, Dave Hart, and Cris Hauck are doing a wonderful job working together to ensure that our Center operations flow seamlessly as our search continues for an Executive Director.

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 a merry, healthy, and blessed Christmas season and every happiness and success in 2012.

Janine Adamczyk
President, Polish Heritage Alliance



Family Day



Philomusica String Quartet



Mostly Polish Music Concert



Mushroom Madness



Election Report

On September 22, 2011, 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:

Joe Dudzik
Michael Krass
Ted Gurzynski
Kenneth Skowronski

The following Director has been elected for a one-year term:

Steve Chybowski

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 – Michele St. Marie-Boelkow

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

David Borowski
Keith Triebenbach
Andy Wasielewski

Our thanks to retiring Directors Julie Brzezinski and Diane Holytz and Treasurer Dennis Cimpl. We thank them for their support and commitment.



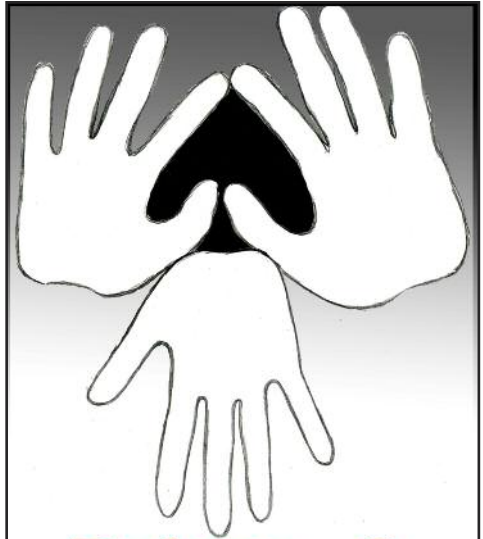
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Through January 31, 2012

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We appreciate the generous contributions received in memory of

Lt. Col. Antoni Rogozinski
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

Have you renewed your membership?

Polish Heritage Alliance membership renewal letters went out at the second week of December. 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 one.

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

Easter, April 8, 2012 and
Mother's Day, May 13, 2012

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, chicken supreme, potatoes,
beef burgundy, pierogi, smoked fish,
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assorted pastries and much more.

Juice, coffee, milk, tea, glass of champagne
CASH BAR WILL BE OPEN

Adults \$24.95
Children 6-12 years \$10.00
Children 5 and under are free

Reservations Required
Advance Payment Recommended
Call 414-529-2140 for Reservations

- SAVE THE DATE -

An Afternoon of
Polish Classical Music

Sunday, March 18, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

Presented by the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee

Philomusica Concert



More than 70 people attended the Philomusica String Quartet concert organized by the Cultural Committee on October 3. As part of The Polish Center's celebration of Polish Heritage Month in October, the concert commemorated the life of the late Polish composer Henryk Górecki. Violinists Jeanyi Kim and Alexander Mandl, cellist Adrien Zitoun, and violist Nathan Hackett were joined by guest pianist Winston Choi in performing music by Górecki, Karol Szymanowski, and Fryderyk Chopin.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors:

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Polish Center Family Day



On Sunday, October 23, the Cultural Committee held our second annual Family Day event. It was fun and educational for all. The Syrenka Children's Polish Folk Dance Ensemble performed and engaged the audience by teaching easy dance steps to children of all ages.

In the Folk Art area, children and adults had the opportunity to try Polish paper cutting (*wycinanki*), egg decorating, and making Polish Christmas ornaments. Members of the Garden Committee helped the children decorate flower pots and plant them with herbs or flowers to take home. There were areas for playing games, listening to stories, coloring, and learning basic Polish words. Polish cartoons were shown on the large-screen TV, and the Center's banquet staff prepared a variety of Polish foods for purchase.

Family Day helps to fulfill The Polish Center's mission by exposing children and adults alike to basic elements of Polish culture in an enjoyable way. Our thanks go out to the organizers and the many volunteers who made it possible.

Concert of Mostly Polish Music

On November 13, the Cultural Committee hosted "An Exciting Evening of Mostly Polish Music." More than 180 people attended the concert, which featured compositions by Grażyna Bacewicz, Fryderyk Chopin, Dmitri Shostakovich and Tom Gapinski. The music was performed by Shannon O'Leary, Erin Dupré Jakubowski, Tom Gapinski, Dr. Ed Filmanowicz, Father Mike Zeps, Harriet Briski and Jane Anello.



Afterwards, the musicians joined the audience in the Great Hall for a wine and cheese reception sponsored by PHA president Janine Adamczyk. We extend a big thank you to Janine, and to all of the performers for their beautiful music. Special thanks to Tom Gapinski for organizing the program and to the volunteers who helped make it a success.

Thanks to Our Vodka Tasting Donors

We'd like to thank all of the donors who supported our Polish Vodka Tasting on November 4. More than 120 people sampled 23 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.



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January 26 – March 29
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Pre-registration required.
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A Polish Christmas Celebration & Open House



THREE KINGS' DAY
Święto Trzech Króli

Saturday,
January 7, 2012
1:30 p.m.

The Polish Center celebrates the end of the Polish Christmas season, which begins with Christmas Eve and continues through Three Kings' Day on January 6.

- 1:30 p.m. Gather for light holiday refreshments.
- 1:45 p.m. Join in the blessing of our Polish home, traditionally performed on Three Kings' Day.
- 2:00 p.m. The Syrenka Children's Polish Folk Dance Ensemble presents a traditional Christmas play, called *Jasełka*. Besides a cast of Biblical characters, including the Holy Family, angels, shepherds and wise men, Syrenka's performance features Polish folk dances and carols (*kolędy*) sung by the Milwaukee Circle Choir.

Admission is free and open to the public
RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED BY JANUARY 4, 2012



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

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Individuals may join a table upon
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and more.

For more information, call 414-529-2140



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February 24
through April 6
4:30-8 p.m.

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at 6 p.m.

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for \$1,050
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Plus round-trip airfare (Chicago-Warsaw)

- Accommodations and all meals in Poland
- Lectures, language classes, cultural performances
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Polish Night with the Milwaukee Admirals

Sunday, March 25, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

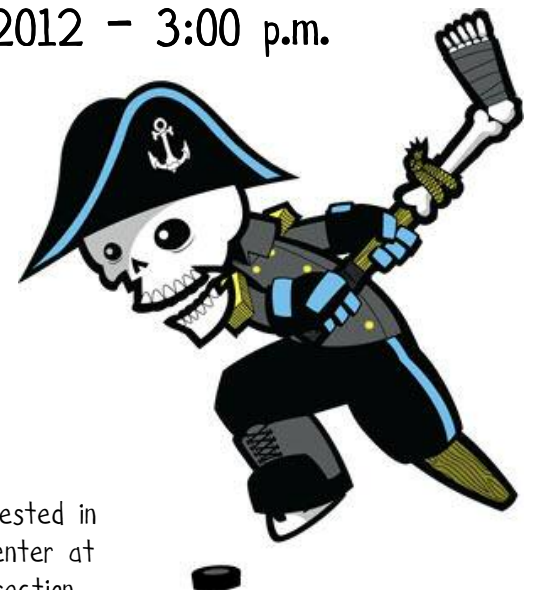
Help support Polish Fest by watching the Milwaukee Admirals take on the Rockford Ice Hogs at The Bradley Center

Tickets are available at The Polish Center for \$16

Call 414-529-2140 for more information

March 25 is also "Dog Day" at the Admirals game. If you are interested in bringing your furry friend to the game, please contact The Polish Center at 414-529-2140 so we can get you a ticket in the "dog friendly" section.

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**The Polish Center will be holding our
Annual Pączki Day Sale on February 21, 2012
from 7:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

We will be taking advance orders for pączki until **Monday, February 13, 2012**. 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, February 21st and enjoy a pączek and coffee for \$3.00.



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