



POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

NEWS

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Dear Friends:

As we begin the fourth year of our reestablished Society, we would like to take the time to reflect upon our accomplishments. Recently we met at our annual Christmas Eve dinner, where we shared traditions, *oplatek* and Christmas wishes, indulged in special holiday foods, and enjoyed the Nativity play performed by the Polonia youth. We all feel inclined to cultivate our wonderful traditions within our community, pass them on to the younger generation and emphasize all that is Polish. Our School of Polish Language and Culture still meets every Saturday, and is now in its fifth academic year. We continue weekly sports activities, monthly bridge gatherings and the PAS Band still practices and performs regularly. We organize parties for special occasions such as *Ostatki/End-of-Carnival* dance and New Year's Eve, as well as coordinate nature walks, table-tennis tournaments, picnics, youth camping trips, and Easter egg painting. We added the Polish Independence Day to our list of annually celebrated events. We established a strong presence in the Memphis community by participating in large-scale events such as the Germantown International Festival and Oktoberfest. For the first time ever, PAS received a visit by a representative of the Polish diplomatic delegation in the U.S., which initiated an alliance between PAS and Poland's Embassy in Washington DC. Our strength lies within the framework of our operations, devotion, hard work and the personal achievements of our Members. We'd like to thank all of the active Members and Sponsors for the help and support we receive in achieving our goals. We encourage all our Compatriots and Friends to contact the Excom and take initiative in becoming actively involved in the work for the good of our Polish community. We wish all PAS Members and Supporters a very Happy New Year 2011.

The Executive Committee

CURRENT NEWS

MARCH 5 – END-OF-CARNIVAL DANCE “OSTATKI”

According to our Polish tradition, we will end the Carnival at the "Ostatki" party on Saturday, March 5, from 7 pm to midnight, at the Country Hills Clubhouse, 1610 Oaken Bucket, in Cordova. As we did last year, we will all wear costumes, so dress up in your favorite Mardi Gras attire. We will have prizes for best costumes. This is a potluck event so please bring a dish to share with others. Witek Kaziow, ph. 752-9010, is in charge of the event and the menu, so please contact him about the dish or a dessert you plan to bring. We also appreciate offers of help with event preparations. Tickets are \$15 per person for PAS members and \$20 per person for non-members. Please contact Witek to sign-up for the dance and send your check to PAS Treasurer, Polish-American Society, P. O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-092 by February 15, 2011. **We need a certain number of people to sign up for the event by February 15, 2011, so if we do not reach this number, the dance will be cancelled.**

Before the adult dance, kids from the Polish School will have their own End-of-Carnival party organized by the School and the parents.

• **APRIL 2 – SPRING HIKE AT THE MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK**

It has become our tradition to welcome spring by going on a nature walk at the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. This year we invite you to tour the park with us on Saturday, April 2, at 9 am. We will be walking a new trail. Please contact the hike organizer, Ania Kaziow, ph. 752-9010, for details. The Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park is located north of Memphis. The park contains two lakes and many miles of hiking trails. More information about the park attractions can be found on the Park's web site <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/MeemanShelby>.

- **APRIL 15 – EASTER EGG PAINTING**

As we have done in previous years, we will meet before Easter to decorate traditional "pisanki" - colored and painted eggs. The egg painting event will take place on Friday, April 15, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8457 Trinity Rd., Cordova, TN. See you there!

- **MAY 2011 - GERMANTOWN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

We do not know the exact date of the event at this time. Based on preliminary information received from the festival organizers, we think it will be held in the second part of May. We will publish the details in the next edition of our newsletter as well as on our Internet website.

- **OPOLE PHILHARMONIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA US TOUR 2011**

In the Winter/Spring of 2011, January 13 – March 21, 2011, the Opole Philharmonic Orchestra, under the Direction of Maestro Bogusław Dawidow, undertakes for the first time a transcontinental tour in the United States of America. The U.S. tour reaches 19 states from west to east coast and it is going to be the longest tournée, in which any of European symphony orchestras ever took part. In the space of 3 months, the orchestra will perform 46 concerts. To see the concert schedule and program, please see the visit the cultural page of the Embassy of Poland Website <http://www.washington.polemb.net/index.php?document=1041>.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **FINANCES**

Those of us who were members of the PAS in 2010 will receive a PAS financial statement for the past year in the second half of February.

PAS membership dues are as follows:

- \$25 per person or \$50 per family (children up to 18 years old are exempt)
- \$12 per student (full time student age 18 to 24)

Please send the membership dues along with the attached coupons in the enclosed envelope to PAS, P. O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927. Please remember - the by-laws of the Polish American Society describes all the rights and obligations of its members and is available on our Internet site.

- **CPR TRAINING**

If you are interested in attending a CPR training class by the American Red Cross, please contact Zbyszek Stroinski, ph. 761-5147. PAS will cover class fees for the first four people who sign up.

- **PAS WEBSITE**

It's been almost a year since we launched our new website, with a new address and a new look. The old address will still work until our old domain expires. Please visit our Website for the latest news about planned events and schedule changes. We also publish pictures from our past events and celebrations. Please visit us often at this address: <http://www.pasofmemphis.com>.

- **SALE!!! - T-SHIRTS WITH PAS LOGO - \$5 OFF**

We are still having a sale of PAS T-shirts and long-sleeve shirts with the logo of the Polish-American Society. All T-shirts are \$5 off the regular prices listed below. If interested, please contact Zbyszek Stroński, ph. 761-5147. Pictures of the shirts are available on our website.

Pricing:

- T-shirts – blue, red, and ice grey, sizes M, L & XL - Regular price \$12/each for PAS members, \$16 for others, **SALE price \$7/each for PAS members, \$11 for others**
- Long-sleeve shirts in white, sizes M, L & XL – Regular price \$18/each for PAS members, \$22 for others, **SALE price \$13/each for PAS members, \$17 for others**

- **EQUIPMENT FOR RENT**

PAS members can rent our audio equipment for use at family gatherings, weddings, and other events.

Also available for rent is a rotisserie big enough to cook a piglet or a lamb. The rotisserie picture is posted on our website.

SCHOOL LIFE

Classes for children at the Mikołaj Kopernik School of Polish Language and Culture are held at the Bert Ferguson Center, Cordova every Saturday from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Contact School Coordinator Halinka Dutkiewicz, ph. 385-7333, if you need more information.

The End-of-School Year 2010/2011 ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

HOBBY CORNER

- **VOLLEYBALL FOR ADULTS**

All interested in getting some cardio exercise are encouraged to join the volleyball team on Wednesdays, at 7 pm, at the gym of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 2534 Hale Ave., Memphis, TN. Please contact Zbyszek Mustwillo, ph. 937-5329, for details.

- **BRIDGE CLUB**

The PAS Bridge Club meets once a month on Saturdays. If interested in participating please contact Ania or Mirek Wozniak at 385-2881, email awozniak@bellsouth.net. All levels of playing abilities are welcome; this will be a great opportunity to learn and practice this “mental exercise”. See our website for the next meeting date.

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PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2011

(Our calendar is regularly updated on our Internet website)

January	February	March
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 5 at 7 pm – - „Ostatki” – End-of-Carnival dance • March 7 – Spring Hike – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park • March 26 - - Easter egg painting (for adults)
April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2 – Spring Hike – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park • April 15 – Easter Egg Painting for Adults • April 16 – Easter Egg Painting for Kids during the Saturday class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7 – End-of-School year at Polish School • Germantown International Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 11 – Picnic – Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington, Germantown, TN
July	August	September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 27 – Farewell to Summer – for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 10 – School year start at Polish School • September 10 – Picnic - Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington, Germantown, TN • September 23-24 – Campout
October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 30 - October 1 – Campout (alternate date) • Fall Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 12 – Bonfire gathering – celebration of Polish Independence Day • November 26 – „Andrzejki” Party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 10 – Polish „Wigilia” dinner • December 17 - Christmas Party for Kids • December 31 – New Year’s Party