



# POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

## NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Spring is here and we enter this season with new energy and new plans. Our May schedule is busy and our newsletter will tell you all about it. In a few days we will participate in the International Germantown Festival, where we will join fourteen other ethnic groups presenting their cuisine, folklore, and traditions to the public. We hope our Polish community will show us their support, visit us at our booth and applaud the PAS team when they present the Polish program.

It's been three years since we held first classes at the newly established Polish school. On May 9, the Nicolaus Copernic School of Polish Language and Culture in Memphis will celebrate the end of another successful school year. Students and teachers count on your support so please join us to show appreciation for their efforts.

Members of our community have various skills, knowledge, and achievements and we appreciate their willingness to share their gifts with us. Recently, we had a pleasure to attend a seminar by Prof. Anna Kaminska on Polish mathematical schools in the period between the wars.

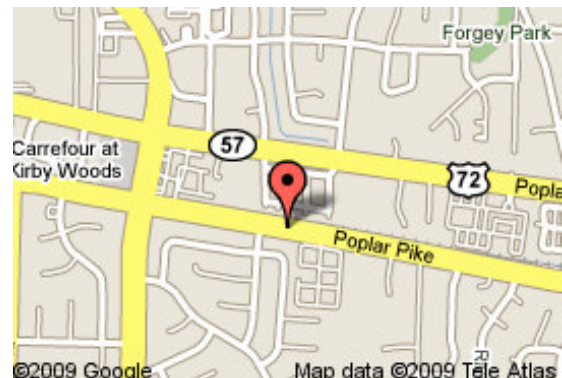
We invite you to join our music band, the bridge club and the volleyball club, as well as participate in other activities we strive to organize for the community. Please visit our Internet page for news, schedule changes, and pictures from actions and events.

The Executive Committee

## CURRENT NEWS

- **MAY 2, 2009 - GERMANTOWN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

The Polish-American Society, as an ethnic club, will participate in the Germantown International Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the City of Germantown. It will be held from 12 noon to 6 pm at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 6865 Poplar Pike. Fourteen ethnic groups will present their folklore, food, and crafts. Contact Ania Kaziow, ph. 752-9010, if you can help with preparations and to service the event. Please come see us at the Polish booth.



- **MAY 9, 2009 – END OF SCHOOL YEAR AT THE POLISH SCHOOL**

May is a very busy month, full of religious and family events. In order to give the parents, students, and sympathizers of our school an opportunity to attend family celebrations as well as the end-of-school year event, the

event has been rescheduled. The end-of-school year ceremony will be held May 9, at 10:30 pm, at the Bert Ferguson Community Center in Cordova. The event will honor the efforts of our students, parents, and teachers. We invite all sympathizers of the Polish school to attend. At the event, we will also celebrate the Mother's Day, the Father's Day, and the Anniversary of the Polish Constitution of May 3rd.

- **MAY 23, 2009 – PICNIC – CAMERON-BROWN PARK**

We invite you to our traditional spring picnic on Saturday, May 23, 2009, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Blvd., Germantown, TN. As usual, this is a “potluck” event so please bring a dish or dessert to share with others. The Polish-American Society will provide grilled sausage and soft drinks. We will have music from CDs and some “live” music when we sing together. Please contact Edek Kozlowski, ph. 680-0194 for more information.

- **JUNE 13, 2009 – GARAGE SALE**

Our garage sale has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13. The goal is to raise funds for PAS general activities. Isn't it time that you cleared out all of these unwanted items from your life? Your surplus items will be a great contribution to our Garage Sale. Please contact Grazyna Mustwillo, ph. 937-5329, if you can donate clothing, dishes, linen, small electronics.

- **JUNE 27, 2009 – SUMMER HIKE – MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK**

Our spring hike was a great fun and great exercise. We loved the park and the trail so we plan to do it again on Saturday, June 27. Please contact the tour organizer Ania Kaziow, ph. 752-9010, for details. More information about the park attractions can be found on the Park's website <http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/MeemanShelby/>.

- **2009 MEMBER FEES**

According to the By-Laws approved by the Members-Founders of the Polish-American Society, membership in our organization is acquired by registering and paying membership dues. Anyone interested in becoming a member can register by completing the registration form available on our website and mailing it together with membership dues to the Polish-American Society, P.O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927. Please mail your membership dues to the above address.

2009 membership dues:

- Regular members - \$25 per person or \$50 per family (children younger than 18 are included in the family fee)
- Student members - \$12 per person (a person is considered a student member if he/she is between 18 and 24 years-old and attends a 2-year or 4-year college full-time).

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **BALLROOM DANCING CLASS**

The ballroom dancing class started in April and will continue for 6 weeks. We meet at the gym of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Hale Ave. It is fun and we burning a lot of calories while learning ballroom dance styles.

- **SEMINAR BY PROF. ANNA KAMINSKA**

On Tuesday, March 31 at the Poplar-White Station Branch Library, we attended a seminar by Prof. Anna Kaminska about the Polish mathematical school in the period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> world wars. As part of the lecture we saw a documentary “Spaces” (Polish version with English translation) illustrating life and work of Wladyslaw Orlicz, one of the founding members of the Lwow Mathematical School. Impressive attendance has shown that history of Polish science and achievement is still close to our hearts.

- The latest news about planned events and schedule changes are published on the PAS website. We also publish picture from our events and celebrations. The website can be accessed using these links:  
<http://www.polishamericansociety.org> or <http://www.stowarzyszeniepolskoamerykanske.org>.

- We encourage all of you to participate in activities of our new organization. We need you to help organize cultural events and other affairs important to our Polish community. Please contact any member of the Executive Committee to offer your ideas, initiatives, and/or assistance.

## 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. Classes for adults are held at the Bert Ferguson Center every Thursday at 7 pm. Contact School Coordinator Halinka Dutkiewicz, ph. 385-7333, if you need more information.

We will celebrate the end of school year 2008/2009 on May 9 at 10:30 am at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8457 Trinity Road, Cordova, TN 38018. We are very happy and proud of what our school has accomplished since it was founded three years ago. We understand that it is a duty of the older generation to guide influence our youth, give them moral examples and enrich their experience with knowledge about their Polish heritage. Our goal is to help parents to teach Polish language, history, and traditions to the younger generation. If you identify with our goal, please join us May 9 to show appreciation of the efforts of our students and their volunteer teachers. The students prepared a program to celebrate the Anniversary of the Polish Constitution of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They also have a special treat for Mothers and Fathers.

The classes will resume in September after the summer break.

## 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 373-3114 or 379-0046, email [awozniak@bellsouth.net](mailto: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.

### **Executive Committee of the Polish-American Society of Memphis:**

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## PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2009

*(Our calendar is regularly updated on our Internet website)*

January	February	March
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February 7 at 3 pm</b> – Film showing – “Katyn” by Andrzej Wajda</li> <li>• <b>February 21 at 7 pm</b> - „Ostatki” – End-of-Carnival dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>March 15</b> – Spring Hike – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park</li> <li>• <b>March 27</b> - – Easter egg painting (for adults)</li> <li>• <b>March 31</b> - Lecture by Prof. Anna Kaminska</li> </ul>
April	May	June
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>May 2</b> – Germantown International Festival</li> <li>• <b>May 9</b> – End-of-School year at Polish School</li> <li>• <b>May 23</b> – Picnic – <i>Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Road, Germantown, TN</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>June 13</b> –Garage Sale – fundraiser for PAS</li> <li>• <b>June 27</b> – Summer Hike – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park</li> </ul>
July	August	September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>August 22</b> – Farewell to Summer – for children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 19</b> – Picnic</li> <li>• <b>September 26-27</b> – Campout for children</li> </ul>
October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October 23</b> – Election meeting – voting for the new PAS Executive Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 7</b> – Bonfire gathering – celebration of Polish Independence Day</li> <li>• <b>November 28</b> – „Andrzejki” Party</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>December 12</b> – Polish „Wigilia” dinner</li> <li>• <b>December 31</b> – New Year’s Party</li> </ul>