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- **MAY 7 – END OF SCHOOL YEAR AT POLISH SCHOOL**
Traditionally, we invite all the School sponsors and friends to take part in the event and help us celebrate the End of School Year ceremony. The event will take place **on May 7th at 10:30 am at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8505 Trinity Rd. in Cordova.** Please see the “School Life” section for more details.
- **MAY 13 – PROF. JORDAN ZJAWIONY’S SEMINAR ON PSYCHOACTIVE MUSHROOMS & PLANTS**
Our cycle of seminars on topics of interest continues this year. This time we have the pleasure to invite you for a seminar by Prof. Jordan Zjawiony **on Friday, May 13, 2011, at 6:30 pm, at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8505 Trinity Road, Cordova, TN 38018 – look for the Artistic Room.** The subject of the seminar will be “Psychoactive Mushrooms and Plants - Beneficial or Harmful?” Everyone is welcome!
- **JUNE 11 – PICNIC AT THE CAMERON-BROWN PARK**
Our June picnic will be held **at the Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Blvd, Germantown, TN, from 4 pm to 8 pm.** As usual, PAS will have Polish kielbasa for the grill as well as soft drinks. Please bring an entrée or a dessert to share with others. We will also have two guitar players and song-books for those of us who will want to sing Polish songs together. Witek Kaziow, ph. 752-9010, will coordinate the event. We need volunteers to man the grill so if you are willing to help, please give Witek a call.
- **JUNE 18 – PAS SPONSORS MISSISSIPPI RIVERBOAT CRUISE FOR MEMBERS**
We invite PAS members for a riverboat cruise on our mighty Mississippi **on Saturday, June 18, 2011.** PAS will pay for members’ tickets so remember to pay your 2011 membership fees. **We meet at the landing at 45 Riverside Drive, Memphis, TN 38103 at 2:00 pm. The boat leaves at 2:30 pm.** You can find more information about the riverboat cruises at this link: <http://www.mississippiriverboats.net>. If you have questions about the cruise, please contact any PAS officer.
- **AUGUST 20 - GERMANTOWN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**
The Rotary Club of Germantown and the International Baccalaureate program at the Germantown High School proudly announce that third annual Germantown International Festival will take place **on Saturday, August 20, 2011, from 11 am to 5 pm, at the Germantown Baptist Church, 9450 Poplar Ave., Germantown, TN 38139** (the corner of Poplar Ave. and Jonson Road.) Admission is free. As in years past we plan to participate and show our Polish folklore, customs and traditions, and remind Memphians that we Poles do live here. We will need volunteers to help prepare for the event. All who want to help please come to the meeting on Friday, May 20, 2011, at 7 pm at Milano Pizza, 1740 N. Germantown Parkway. PAS pays for pizza ;-). We will discuss the needs and task assignment. If you cannot attend but want to help, please call Grazyna Mustwillo, ph. 937-5329 or Zbyszek Stroinski, ph. 761-5147. We appreciate your help.
- **REFLECTIONS FROM OUR LAST SPRING HIKE**
Our last Spring Hike was on Sunday April 2, at the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park. This year we could boast about a major accomplishment: we hiked 7 miles and scouted a new trail. The weather could not have been better: mild, no rain, no mud. We admired nature waking after such a long winter – please see the pictures on our website. More info about the park can be found on the park web page

<http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/MeemanShelby>. Please join us for the hike next year – it’s really worth it! We will publish the date in our newsletter and on PAS website – just check the Calendar section.

- **II “INTERNATIONAL” TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

The Tournament was held on March 20, 2011. There were 9 competitors. The winners were as follows: Pawel Nemeć - 1st place, Cezary Lemanski - 2nd place, Piotr Koch - 3rd place, Marcel Skulina - 4th place. The first 6 competitors received prizes funded by the event sponsor - the Polish-American Society. Congratulations for the winners and big thanks to all who helped organize the event. See you next year!

MISCELLANEOUS

- **FINANCES**

PROF. BRONISLAW WOJTUN BEQUEST OF \$1,000 TO POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

In his last will, Professor Bronislaw Wojtun made a generous gift of \$1,000 to the Polish-American Society. We accept with gratitude and promise to use the funds to continue our work to cultivate Polish traditions, culture and language, and promote native Polish values in the American society.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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 that describes all the rights and obligations of its members is available on our Internet site.

- **PAS WEBSITE**

Please visit our Website at <http://www.pasofmemphis.com> for latest news about planned events and schedule changes. We also publish pictures from PAS events and celebrations.

- **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.

- **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PRE-WAR KONSTANCIN**

Ms. Helga Merits contacted us via our website. She is working on a documentary about pre-war Konstancin near Warsaw and she is looking for Konstancin families who emigrated to America, or their descendants. Ms. Merits’s request is below:

I’m working on a film documentary about prewar Konstancin, a small town near Warsaw. Before the war the cultural elite of Warsaw would live there during the summermonths. Unfortunately I have not yet been able to find much material, like pictures or film, of prewar Konstancin.

As I read some families have emigrated to America before the war, I would like to trace these families: not only to see if they perhaps still have some pictures, but also to get to know their stories.

In case you could help me with information about prewar Konstancin, please contact me. My e-mail address is hmerits@xs4all.nl

SCHOOL LIFE

- **MAY 7 – END OF SCHOOL YEAR**

The current school year will end on May 7, 2011. This is the 5th year since classes started at the Nicolaus Copernicus School of Polish Culture and Language in Memphis. The end-of-school year celebration will take place at the Bert Ferguson Center at 10:30 am. As we do every year, the event will also commemorate the Polish Constitution of May 3rd and the students will celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day. Please join us and be proud of the achievements of our students – they will receive rewards for their hard work and show us their accomplishments. Refreshments will be served.

- **FAREWELL TO SUMMER**

The “Farewell to Summer” event has already become our tradition. It is usually held on the last Saturday of August. This time around we plan to bid farewell to summer vacation **at the “Kidz Kountry Petting Zoo” on August 27th. We will meet at 11 am sharp at 5960 Tchulahoma Road, Southaven, MS 38671.** Each student will receive a ticket before entering the farm. There are multiple attractions awaiting at the farm: farm animals like sheep, lambs, goats, piglets, calves, rabbits, roosters, but also hay rides, horse and pony riding and lunch for all. Please contact the School Coordinator, Halina Dutkiewicz, tel. 901/385-7333, for more information.

- **NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2011/2012**

Classes for children at the Nicolaus Copernicus 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 or want to enroll your child.

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. They need to replace balls often and have other equipment needs so this year PAS is helping the volleyball group with a \$100 donation.

- **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. Also check out the pictures from the April bridge club meeting.

Executive Committee of the Polish-American Society of Memphis:

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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 • May 13 – Seminar by Prof. Jordan Zjawiony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 11 – Picnic – Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington, Germantown, TN • June 18 – Mississippi Riverboat Cruise from the Riverside Drive Landing
July	August	September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 20 – Germantown International Festival • 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) • PAS Executive Committee Election 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 5 - SCHEDULE CHANGE – 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