

# POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

## NEWS

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### CURRENT NEWS

- **GARAGE SALES –HUGE SUCCESS**

Both garage sales, one on April 19 and the second one on May 16, 2008, were very successful. We raised 762 dollars. The funds are earmarked for audio equipment to use at cultural events and parties organized by PAS.

Audio equipment specification:

**System “Audiopipe”**

- DVD Player Model ZDX 400
- Sound System Model # APA 7200, including:
  - 2 speakers 12” 200 Watts RMS
  - PA system (6 microphones)
- 2 speaker stands

We appreciate the efforts of volunteers who organized the garage sales and we thank all who contributed clothes, furniture, and miscellaneous household items for sale.

- **JUNE 28, 2008 – “JUNE DANCE” – PARTY AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Please attend our “June Dance” on June 28, 2008, at the Country Hills Club, 1610 Oaken Bucket, Cordova, from 7:30 pm until midnight. We will enjoy an evening of good food, fine music, and just plain fun. You will have an opportunity to see and evaluate our new audio equipment. As usual, this is a “potluck” event so please bring a dish to share with others. Viola Kozlowski, ph. 880-0194, will coordinate the menu.

The tickets are \$15 per person for PAS members and \$20 per person for non-members. PAS will provide music, entertainment, coffee and soft drinks. See the map at the end of the newsletter for the Country Hills Club location. The location map is also available on the PAS web page.

- **FALL CAMPING FOR CHILDREN – VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK, ARKANSAS**

It has become our tradition that each fall young enthusiasts of fresh air and nature go camping at the Village Creek State Park in Arkansas. The Park is located in a very attractive area of Crowley’s Ridge with unique geology, about 60 miles from Memphis. The camp is planned for September 27 and 28, 2008, or October 4 and 5, depending on weather. Please call Zbyszek and Gosia Stroinski, ph. 761-5147 to sign up for the trip at least a month in advance. Help will be needed to organize the trip so your assistance will be greatly appreciated. When you sign up, you will get a camping plan as well as a map and driving directions. More information about this beautiful place is available on the Internet at <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/villagecreek/>.

- **APRIL PICNIC AT CAMERON-BROWN PARK**

First picnic organized by the Polish-American Society was a huge success. We met at the beautiful Cameron-Brown Park and all participants, big and small, had lots of fun. You can see for yourself on the pictures that are published on our website.

The picnic cost was \$188 paid by PAS plus \$51 graciously donated by some members.

- **LOGO DESIGN SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Several PAS members asked us to extend the logo design submission deadline. They wanted more time to work on their designs. The PAS logo submission deadline has been extended until June 30, 2008.

Contest rules:

- Logo design must be submitted in an electronic format – eps, svg, bmp, jpg, png, gif.
- Logo drawings/pictures must be submitted as an attachment to an email sent to the following Internet address: [logo@polishamericansociety.org](mailto:logo@polishamericansociety.org).
- Submission deadline is June 30, 2008.

Submitted designs will be published on our Internet site July 1, 2008. Each design will be identified with the author's name. Authors can request to stay anonymous. In such cases, their submissions will be identified by an author number.

PAS members will have a chance to vote for the best logo design from July 1 to July 15, 2008, using a voting form available on our Internet site. Voting results will be announced on the PAS website and in the next edition of our newsletter.

- **PROFILES OF MEMPHIS “POLONIA”**

On April 5, 2008, the AM 560 Sports 56 WHBQ radio station in Memphis interviewed Ryszard Bute. The interview is available on our website – please visit and listen to it.

- **UPDATE ON DIVISION OF FUNDS AND ASSETS OF THE ORIGINAL PCM**

- Decorations and miscellaneous items from the storage area at the Blessed Sacrament Church were divided between PAS and PCM on April 12, 2008, according to the “Memorandum of Understanding”. Party decorations and frames used for Xmas plays were retained by PCM.
- Monetary assets in the amount of \$4,295 were transferred by PCM to the PAS bank account on March 26, 2008, in accordance with the “Memorandum of Understanding”.
- Documents re: federal and state registration of PCM, IRS status, as well as copies of the financial statements and PCM year-end statements (including an electronic copy of the above documents on a CD) were delivered to PCM, c/o Fr. Rusin, on May 5, 2008.
- The remaining PCM documentation was transferred to PCM, c/o Martin Regan, Esq., on June 4, 2008. Included were financial statements, check books, receipts – backup for reimbursement checks, as well as correspondence and notes documenting work of two terms of Executive Committees: term 2004 - 2005 and term 2006 – 2007.
- Remaining PCM assets that are still in care of PAS members will be delivered to Martin Regan, Esq. in the near future, as Mr. Regan schedule allows. These assets include audio equipment, music stands, a painting, tapes/records/record player, printer/copier/scanner device, other miscellaneous items.

- Our Internet website has been available since the middle of February. It can be accessed using these links: [www.polishamericansociety.org](http://www.polishamericansociety.org) or [www.stowarzyszeniepolskoamerykanskie.org](http://www.stowarzyszeniepolskoamerykanskie.org) . The website is frequently updated so please visit to find the latest information.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The latest news about planned events and changes to our calendar are published on the PAS website. It can be accessed using these links: <http://www.polishamericansociety.org> or <http://www.stowarzyszeniepolskoamerykanskie.org>.
- In previous editions of the PAS newsletter we encouraged all of you to actively participate in activities of our new organization. We are seeing results. We express our gratitude to all who offered their time, talents, and direct monetary donations. We need more of 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.

- Our By-Laws state that 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 PAS Treasurer. According to our budget presented in the first edition of “News”, membership dues for 2008 are \$25 per person. Children younger than 18 do not pay membership dues. Please send your membership dues with the attached coupon to the PAS treasurer.
- **DISTRIBUTION OF OUR NEWSLETTER „NEWS”**  
We encourage you to sign up for the newsletter delivery via email. You can do this by sending an email to [nlist@polishamericansociety.org](mailto:nlist@polishamericansociety.org). We would like to start distributing our newsletter in the electronic format using email and publishing it on our website. This way the money currently being spent on newsletter distribution can be used for other purposes (we are paying for stamps, paper, copies, envelopes, etc.) In addition, we will protect the environment by saving paper and energy. Members who do not have access to the Internet can contact the PAS Secretary, ph. 937-5329, to arrange an alternate method of delivery. Starting with the next newsletter, we hope to send it to you via email. Also, please check our website for the latest edition.

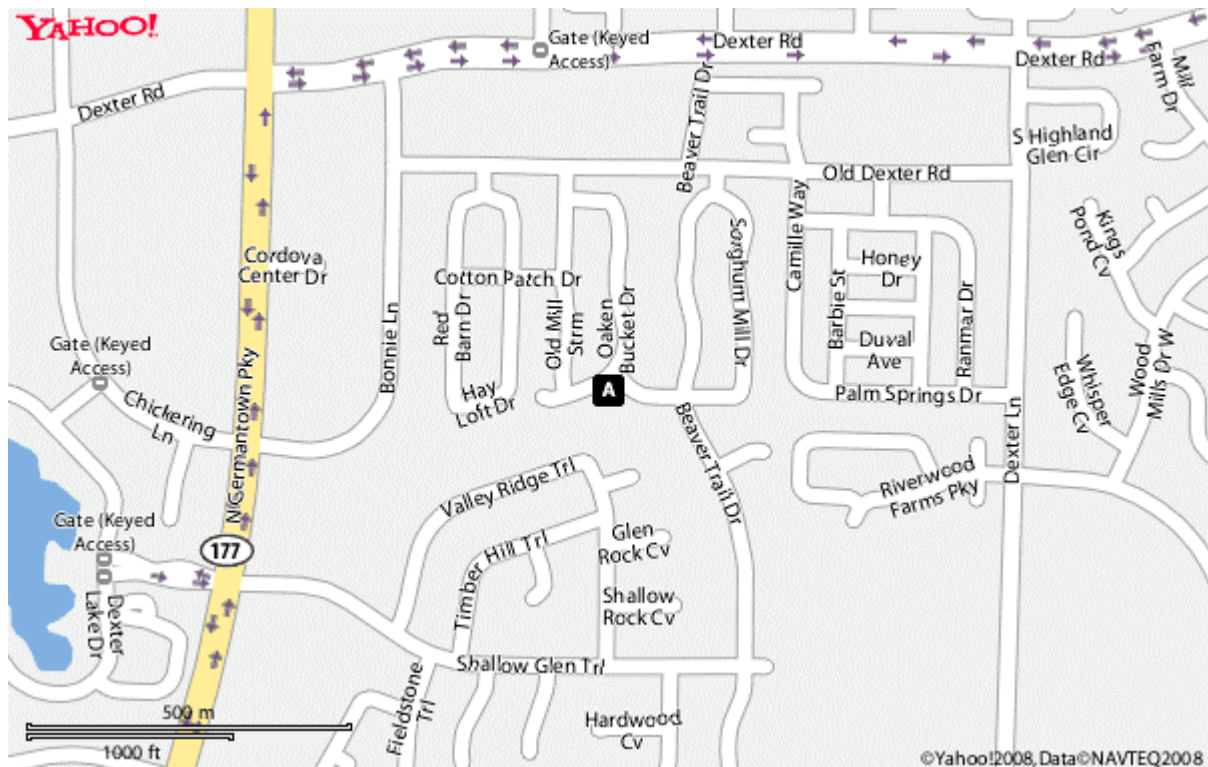
## SCHOOL LIFE

- Big thanks to all who attended the End-of-School-Year gathering at the Mikołaj Kopernik School of Polish Language and Culture on May 3, 2008. We were impressed with the progress the young generation of Memphis Polonia has made. On May 3rd Poland commemorated an anniversary of the Constitution of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and students told us why that event was so important in the history of Poland. The gathering was also an opportunity for children to give thanks and gifts to mothers and fathers. To our students: Congratulations and Have a Great Summer. Pictures from the event are published on our website.
- Classes at the Polish school will start again in September.

## 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**  
Ania and Mirek Woźniak cordially invite to the opening meeting of the PAS Bridge Club. The meeting will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at 7 pm. Please call Alex, ph. 379-0046 or Ania, ph. 373-3114, for more information and to confirm your attendance.

„Country Hills” Club, 1610 Oaken Bucket, Cordova



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

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| Jacek Dutkiewicz  | President<br>9570 Grove Rd., Cordova, TN 38016, ph. 385-7333                            |
| Zbigniew Stroński | Treasurer<br>5285 Brantford Rd., Memphis, TN 38120, ph. 761-5147                        |
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## PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2008

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

January	February	March
	<p><b>February 2, 7 pm</b> – „Ostatki” – End-of-Carnival dance</p>	<p><b>March 18</b> – Easter egg painting (for adults)</p> <p><b>March 19</b> – Easter egg painting (for children)</p>
April	May	June
<p><b>April 19</b> – Garage Sale – collection of funds to buy audio equipment</p> <p><b>April 26, 4 to 8 pm</b> – Picnic/Open Air Party and Games; during the afternoon, the logo contest results will be announced - <i>Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Blvd., Germantown, TN</i></p>	<p><b>May 3, 10:30 am</b> – End-of-School gathering, anniversary of Constitution of May 3rd, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day - <i>Bert Ferguson Center, Cordova, 8505 Trinity Rd.</i></p>	<p><b>June 28</b> – 7:30 pm - June Dance <i>at the Country Hills Club, 1610 Oaken Bucket, Cordova</i></p> <p><b>June 30</b> – PAS logo competition – submission deadline</p>
July	August	September
<p><b>July 1 thru 15</b> – Voting for the best logo design</p> <p><b>July 16</b> – PAS logo competition results published</p>	<p><b>August 23</b> – Farewell to summer – for children</p>	<p><b>September 6</b> – An event organized together with another ethnic/national organization/group.</p> <p><b>September 27-28</b> – Camping trip for children</p>
October	November	December
<p><b>October 4-5</b> – Camping trip for children – alternate date</p> <p><b>October 18</b> - Oktoberfest</p>	<p><b>November 15</b> – Gathering at a campfire – Polish Independence Day</p> <p><b>November 29</b> – „Andrzejki” Party</p>	<p><b>December 13</b> – Polish „Wigilia” dinner</p> <p><b>December 31</b> – New Year’s Party</p>