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- **AUGUST 21 – SECOND CONSULAR VISIT IN MEMPHIS**

We are pleased to announce that at the invitation of the Polish-American Society, Consul Michal Sikorski from the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C., will visit Memphis again in August to provide consular services to the Polish community of the Mid-South region.

Here is the agenda of the Consul's visit:

Saturday, August 20, 2011

11 am - 5 pm - Germantown International Festival.

-- Consul Sikorski will join our team to represent the Memphis Polonia at the Festival. This will be our third time at the Festival - please see below for more information about the event.

After 7 pm Polish Mass - Family Life Center at St. Ann Catholic Church, 6529 Stage Road, Bartlett, TN 38134 Meeting with Consul (it is important that all those who made their appointments with the Consul attend this meeting)

-- Information about the schedule of individual visits with the Consul, Q&A regarding passport and other consular matters

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Family Life Center at St. Ann Catholic Church, 6529 Stage Road, Bartlett, TN 38134 – hours to be announced, please check our Internet site <http://pasofmemphis.com> for the updates

-- Individual meetings with the Consul according to schedule

Please remember that the requests for a meeting with the Consul must be made in advance by contacting the Consulate via email to washington.consular@msz.gov.pl or by calling (202) 234-3800 (ext. 2201). Full consular services will be provided. The Consular Division asks all applicants to ensure they bring all documents in support of your application - originals and copies. Also, please review all passport-related information available on the embassy's website - special attention should be paid to requirements for passport pictures. If you have any questions or require assistance, please use the contact information above to get clarification from the consulate. You need your PESEL number to apply for the Polish passport. If you don't have a PESEL number, you need to advise the consulate when making an appointment.

Our thanks go to Father Jacek Kowal who made the Family Life Center facility available for the consular services. We also thank Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bute for opening their home to Consul Sikorski and his wife during their stay in Memphis.

Consul Sikorski visited Memphis at our invitation in September 2010. The first part of the visit was dedicated to consular services and the second part included transfer of the Paderewski memorabilia to the Embassy of Poland. One of PAS members received the memorabilia from the descendants of Paderewskis' friends. Some of the

memorabilia were presented to the public at the event commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Ignacy Padereski's death, held by the Embassy in March 2011.

- **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 Johnson Road.) Admission is free. The following countries will participate: Brazil, China, Colombia, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Turkey, Venezuela, and the Au Paires organization. As in years past, we plan to participate and show our Polish folklore, customs and traditions, and remind Memphians that Poles live here. Our Polish kielbasa, straight from Chicago and grilled to perfection, will represent the traditional Polish Cuisine. Please take your Polish folk costumes out of your closets and use the opportunity to “air” them out at the Festival. The costumes will make us Poles much more visible at the event. We will need volunteers to help prepare for the event. If you can help, please call Grazyna Mustwillo, ph. 937-5329 or Zbyszek Stroinski, ph. 761-5147.

- **SEPTEMBER 10 – PICNIC AT THE CAMERON-BROWN PARK**

Our fall picnic will be held on **Saturday, September 10, 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.

- **SEPTEMBER 23-24 - FALL CAMPOUT AT THE VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK IN ARKANSAS**

As we do every year, we invite children as well as the adults for a camping trip to the picturesque Village Creek State Park in Arkansas. We plan to hike, play games, cook and grill, and sing at the camp fire. If you take a bike with you, there will be plenty of bike trails to explore. The park is located at the geologically diversified Crowley's Ridge, about 60 miles from Memphis. More information about this beautiful place is available on the Internet at <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/villagecreek/>.

Please call Zbyszek or Gosia Stroinski, ph. 761-5147 for more information. If weather does not cooperate on the first planned weekend, the campout will be rescheduled for September 30 - October 1.

- **NOVEMBER 5 – CAMPFIRE – POLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Polish Independence Day commemorates when Poland regained its sovereignty after World War I on November 11, 1918. We will celebrate this important anniversary at a campfire singing patriotic and campfire songs, listening to stories from the past. The army-style pea soup will help us stay warm if the evening is chilly. Information about time and location of the event will be provided in the next edition of our newsletter.

- **PAS SPONSORED MISSISSIPPI RIVERBOAT CRUISE FOR MEMBERS**

On Saturday June 18 a group of 23 PAS members and their families enjoyed a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River, sponsored by PAS. We had beautiful weather and we learned a lot about our city's past and the history of the Mississippi river. You can see the pictures on our website.

- **PROF. JORDAN ZJAWIONY'S SEMINAR ON PSYCHOACTIVE MUSHROOMS & PLANTS**

On Friday, May 13, 2011, we had the pleasure to attend a seminar by Prof. Jordan Zjawiony on the subject of psychoactive mushrooms and plants. The seminar was a great success. The information presented was very valuable and it was shown in such a light and humorous way that we all had great time learning about familiar and not so familiar plants. Please see the pictures from the seminar on our website. Also, Prof. Zjawiony graciously agreed to publish his presentation on our website for those who missed the seminar. Prof. Zjawiony works at the Ole Miss and we have a link to his scientific profile on our website.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **70th ANNIVERSARY OF IGNACY PADEREWSKI'S DEATH**

On Wednesday, March 29, 2011, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland hosted an event in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the death of Ignacy Jan Paderewski. At the event, in addition to speeches and a piano concert, the guests had an opportunity to view Paderewski memorabilia, including some of the historical documents gifted to the Embassy by the Polish-American Society. Please see pictures from the event and the event program on our website.

- **INFORMATION ABOUT TAX IMPLICATIONS OF FOREIGN ACCOUNTS**

A Chicago newspaper Nowy Dziennik published an interesting article about tax implications of foreign accounts. The article is in Polish and can be reached at this Internet address: <http://www.dziennik.com/articles/finanse/21384>.

- **ELECTION**

The current PAS Executive Committee's term will end in December. The officer election for the next 2-year term will be held in mid-October 2011. We will provide the election date, time, venue, and format in the next edition of our newsletter. Please think about possible candidates or volunteer your time and skills as a future Executive Committee member to benefit our Polish community. The outgoing officers will transfer knowledge and documentation, and will provide help to facilitate the transition.

- **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.

SCHOOL LIFE

- **FAREWELL TO SUMMER**

We invite all kids of Memphis Polonia (with parents and chaperones) to our traditional Farewell to Summer event, organized by the Nicolaus Copernicus School of Polish Language and Culture. 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, ph. 662-349-2902.** The map and directions are available at the farm website at <http://www.kidzkountrypettingzoo.com>. There are multiple attractions awaiting at the 65-acre farm: farm animals like sheep, lambs, goats, piglets, calves, rabbits, roosters, but also hay rides, train rides, horse and pony riding and lunch for all. Each student will receive a ticket and a lunch bag before entering the farm. Ice cream will be provided with lunch. Since the School is providing lunch, please contact the School Coordinator, Halina Dutkiewicz, ph. 901/385-7333, and sign-up for the outing by August 15, 2011, so we have lunch for all kids.

- **NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2011/2012**

The new school year 2011/2012 starts on Saturday September 10, 2011. 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.

- **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.

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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 21 – Consular Visit • 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