



POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

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Dear Friends,

The first annual Germantown International Festival took place on May 2nd. Under the patronage of Germantown mayor Sharon Goldsworthy, it was organized by the Germantown Rotary Club and the Germantown High School. In spite of the heavy rain, nearly one thousand people visited the event. The festival was a cultural hotspot, with over ten ethnic groups participating in the event. There was a vast range of artistic performances, including traditional dances and sports shows, exhibits, national dishes, all very interesting. The Polish-American Society represented Polish culture, heritage, and cuisine. Our choir, dressed in Polish folk outfits, sang traditional folk songs. Our booth was beautifully decorated and we had a "snack area" where we sold grilled Polish kielbasa, fresh bread, and Polish candy. To see pictures from the festival please visit our website <http://www.polishamericansociety.org>.

The Executive Committee

CURRENT NEWS

• **AUGUST 22, 2009 – FAREWELL TO SUMMER**

The traditional "Farewell to Summer" event, organized by N. Copernicus School of Polish Language and Culture, will take place on Saturday, August 22, 2009. This year the event will be combined with the Native American "Pow Wow" festivities at the USA Baseball Stadium in Millington (see the map on the right).

For more details, please call the School Coordinator, Halina Dutkiewicz, ph. 385-7333.



• **SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 – MASS FOR SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010**

September 12, 2009, at 6:30 pm, at the St. John Catholic Church, 2718 Lamar, Father Kazimierz Abrahamczyk will celebrate a Mass for students and teachers of N. Copernicus School of Polish Language and Culture and for a successful school year 2009/2010.

• **SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 – PICNIC – CAMERON-BROWN PARK**

Our fall picnic will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Blvd., Germantown, TN. As always, 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. See you there!!!

- **SEPTEMBER 25-27 - FALL CAMPING AT THE VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK IN ARKANSAS**

This 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. Please call Zbyszek or Gosia Stroinski, ph. 761-5147 for more information. 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/>.

- **OCTOBER 3, 2009 - OKTOBERFEST**

The Polish-American Society and The Germania Club of Memphis will again join forces to organize the Oktoberfest. This year the event will take place on October 3, 2009. The details will be posted later on the PAS web site.

- **OCTOBER 23, 2009 – ELECTION MEETING**

The current Executive Committee has been elected for a 2-year term. On October 23, members of the Polish-American Society will elect the organization Officers for the next term. Information about the meeting time and location will be provided in the next newsletter.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **FINANCES**

- Our participation in the Germantown International Festival resulted in a net profit of \$954. Part of the income came from selling Polish food outside of the Festival and from a significant individual donation.
- June Garage Sale added \$229 to our bank account
- PAS received \$72+ \$21 from individual donors.

The money will be used to fund activities of our organization, issue the PAS informational/address book as well as design and purchase t-shirts promoting our Society.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all who support our organization with their time and talents. We hope that your work brings you great satisfaction and much enjoyment.

- **BALLROOM DANCING CLASS**

Our April ballroom dancing class was such a hit that we are doing it again. The new class started in July. This time we work on perfecting foxtrot, swing, and waltz and learning rumba and cha-cha. We meet at the gym of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Hale Ave. We are having great fun as you can see on the pictures if you visit our website.

- **BOWLING AT ALL STAR LANES**

We meet on Friday, August 28, at 7 pm at All Star Lanes, on White Station at Quince (1576 S. White Station Rd.). This is a great bowling alley so come and have some fun.

- **EQUIPMENT FOR RENT**

PAS members can rent our audio equipment to service family gatherings, weddings, and other events. There is a very reasonable rental fee.

Recently we have added to our inventory a rotisserie big enough to cook a piglet or a lamb. PAS members can rent it for \$25; our rental fee for non-members is \$50. The rotisserie picture is available on our website.

- **PAS ADDRESS BOOK**

A few weeks ago we sent out a form/questionnaire asking you to provide the current address and phone number and your consent to publish this information in our planned address book. We thank all who already responded. We appreciate comments and feedback. If you have not sent the questionnaire back to us, you can still do so. We plan to issue the address book in the near future.

- The latest news about planned events and schedule changes are published on the PAS website. We also publish pictures from our events and celebrations. Recently, we have added an online dictionary – you can use it for quick

and easy translations. The website can be accessed using these links: <http://www.polishamericansociety.org> or <http://www.stowarzyszeniepolskoamerykanskie.org>.

SCHOOL LIFE

- **SEPTEMBER 12 – CLASSES START AT THE POLISH SCHOOL**

The school year 2009/2010 starts on Saturday, September 12th, at 10:30 am at the Bert Ferguson Center, 8505 Trinity Rd. Cordova.

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.

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. 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 2009

(Our calendar is regularly updated on our Internet website)

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