



# POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

## NEWS

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### CURRENT NEWS

- **OCTOBER 30, 2011 - NEW PAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION**

Elections to the Executive Committee of the Polish-American Society for the next 2-year term will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at 5 pm. We invite all members of our organization to the restaurant Butcher Shop Steakhouse, 107 S. Germantown Parkway, Cordova, TN 38018 for the General Meeting of the PAS membership. Our meeting will start with dinner. After dinner, the outgoing Executive Committee will present a financial report and a summary of activities and achievements of the last two years, after which the present PAS members will elect the new Executive Committee. The General Meeting Agenda and election materials will be mailed to PAS members in the next few days. For election purposes, a person will be considered a PAS member if his/her membership fees for 2011 are paid by October 30, 2011.

Please think about possible candidates or offer your time and abilities to work as a Committee member to benefit our Polish community. The outgoing officers will transfer knowledge and documentation, and provide help to facilitate the transition of duties.

- **OCTOBER 9, 2011 – POLISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2011**

A parliamentary election to both the Sejm and the Senate will be held in Poland on 9 October 2011. Information about voting eligibility and voting procedures, dates, and times is available on the website of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland at <http://www.washington.polemb.net/index.php?document=1202>.

- **NOVEMBER 5, 2011 – BONFIRE GATHERING – 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 with a campfire, singing patriotic and campfire songs, and listening to stories from the past. The army-style pea soup will help us stay warm if the evening is chilly. We will meet on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 5 pm at the Korean House, 10569 Collierville Road, Collierville TN 38017. This is a "potluck" event, so please bring a dish or a dessert to help us make this day a special one.

- **NOVEMBER 26, 2011 – "ANDRZEJKI" DANCE**

The "Andrzejki" party will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2011, from 7:30 pm till midnight, at the Country Hills Club, 1610 Oaken Bucket, Cordova, TN. As usual, this is a "potluck" event so please plan to bring a dish to share with others. Coffee and soft drinks are included in the ticket price.

Tickets are \$15 per person for PAS members and \$20 per person for non-members. Contact the event coordinator Witek Kaziow, ph. 752-9010, for more information or to sign up for the dance. Please send a check with your payment to PAS Treasurer, Polish-American Society, P. O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927 by October 25, 2011 so we can cancel the Club reservation in case not enough people sign up. **We need a certain number of people to sign up for the event so if we do not reach this number, the dance will be cancelled.**

- **DECEMBER 3, 2011 - POLISH "WIGILIA" DINNER – SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The annual Polish "Wigilia" dinner will be held December 3, 2011, from 5 pm to 9 pm, at the reception hall of St. Ann Catholic Church, 6529 Stage Rd., Bartlett, TN 38134. The event program includes a Christmas play presented by Polish School students, breaking of the 'oplatek' blessed wafer while sharing holiday wishes, and our

"Wigilia" feast that will include many traditional Polish dishes. After dinner we will sing Polish and American Christmas carols. Traditionally, Santa Claus will pay us a visit and will bring children small gifts and sweet rewards.

Ticket prices are as follows:

PAS members:

Adults - \$5

Children and teens younger than 18 - free admission

Children younger than 13 will receive Christmas gifts and sweets paid for by PAS.

Non-members:

Adults - \$20

Children and teens from 9 to 18 years old - \$10

Children younger than 9 - free admission

Gifts and sweets from Santa Claus - \$15

***Please make a reservation and send your payment to: Attn: PAS Treasurer, Polish-American Society, P. O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927, by November 30, 2011.***

We will need volunteers to help decorate and set up the hall on Friday evening. Please contact Witek Kaziow, ph. 752-9010 to offer your help. We will be busy with the event setup and decorations on Friday night but we will also offer you an opportunity to learn how to make pierogi, the most famous Polish traditional dish. All pierogi made during the cooking show will be eaten when the show is over ;-)

- **DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE – “SYLVESTER” PARTY**

The planned Sylwester party will happen only if enough people commit to participate and send their payment by the deadline to sign up.

The Club rental fee is high ***so we need to have your commitment and your checks by November 29, 2011, in order to leave us enough time to cancel the event in case we do not have the minimum number of participants.***

**The party will be held at the Country Hills Club, 1610 Oaken Bucket, Cordova, TN, from 8 pm to 1:30 am.** For all who pay by November 29, 2011, tickets are \$25 per person for PAS members, \$30 per person for non-members. After November 29, ticket prices increase by \$5 per person. PAS will provide party decorations, coffee, soft drinks, and champagne to greet the New Year 2012 at midnight. This is a "potluck" event so please plan to bring an entrée or a dessert to share with others.

Viola Bute, ph. 756-0085, will coordinate the party and the menu. Please contact Viola with information about the dish or dessert you will prepare or any questions you may have. Also, if you can help with the event preparations, please let Viola know. We appreciate all the help we can get. **Please make a reservation by calling Viola Bute and send your payment to: Attn: PAS Treasurer, Polish-American Society, P. O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927, by November 29, 2011.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **GERMANTOWN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

This year's Germantown International Festival had a special meaning for the Memphis Polish community. We had the pleasure to host Consul Michal Sikorski, who together with the Germantown Mayor, Sharon Goldsworthy, greeted the visitors at the Festival opening. Presence of a representative of Embassy of the Republic of Poland increased the event's prestige and added visibility to the Polish exhibition and artistic presentation of the Polish ethnic group. In accordance with the tradition of the past two Festivals, the third Festival was opened with the promenade of the 24 attending ethnic groups in their folk costumes, waving their countries' flags. Visitors browsed around, getting acquainted with culture, traditions, art, travel opportunities, and to try dishes from different parts of the world.

Our Polish booth attracted many visitors with wood carvings, embroidery, amber jewelry, folk cut-outs, and Polish music. The slide show “Poland – the Travelogue” and multiple flyers and brochures presented Polish tourist attractions. Visitors could also try grilled Polish kielbasa and Polish candy and sweets. Please see pictures from the event on our website and admire members of our community in their Polish regional folk costumes. Our artistic performance which included songs and dances received loud applause. Some Americans with Polish ancestors in their family tree approached our booth and congratulated us for the job well done. More than five thousand visitors attended the Festival this year.

- **CAMPOUT AT THE VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK**

The campout was a smashing success. Weather was beautiful and campsites filled up by early evening on Friday. Our experienced campers had some adventures on the way to the park and the last of them arrived late at night. We got up late on Saturday since nobody ordered a wake-up call but we quickly got up to speed after a vigorous morning exercise. Saturday was another beautiful day and we hiked the park trails, we watched a documentary about Crowley’s Ridge, and we had crepes with sweet syrup when we got back to the camp. What a treat.... The night was a little chilly but starry and we were warm at the camp fire. It’s good to get out of the city just to see the stars and the moon, and the big sky. Please see pictures from the campout on our website. See you there next year!

- **SEMINAR/TRAVELOGUE OF POLAND AT THE J. K. LEWIS SENIOR CENTER**

Dr. Mark Scarbecz, PAS Treasurer presented a Travelogue of Poland to senior citizens at the J.K. Lewis Senior Center in Memphis on August 24, 2011. Mark showed many of the same slides which were shown by PAS at the International Festival in Germantown and talked about all the great tourist destinations in Poland. The audience was very appreciative and afterwards, Mark and Mr. Jerry Milczek (who arranged the presentation) enjoyed a wonderful lunch of kielbasa and kapusta, courtesy of the Senior Center.

- **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.

- Please visit our Website for the latest news about planned events and schedule changes. We also publish pictures from our events and celebrations. The website can be accessed using this link: <http://www.pasofmemphis.com>.

## SCHOOL LIFE

- **FAREWELL TO SUMMER**

Children and youths of our Polonia as well as parents and chaperones attended the annual “Farewell to Summer” event at the Klidz Kountry Petting ZOO, 5960 Tchulahoma Road, Southaven, MS 38671. Everybody had great fun with hay rides, train rides, horse and pony riding and also petting farm sheep, goats, and other animals – please see pictures on the PAS website.

- **NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2011/2012**

The new School 2011/2012 started on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Classes are held on Saturdays at 10:30 am at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8505 Trinity Rd., Cordova, TN 38018. All interested please contact the School Coordinator Halinka Dutkiewicz, ph. (901) 385-7333.

## 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](mailto:awozniak@bellsouth.net). 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 2011

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

January	February	March
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>March 5 at 7 pm</b> – - „Ostatki” – End-of-Carnival dance</li> <li>• <b>March 7</b> – Spring Hike – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park</li> <li>• <b>March 26</b> - - Easter egg painting (for adults)</li> </ul>
April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April 2</b> – Spring Hike – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park</li> <li>• <b>April 15</b> – Easter Egg Painting for Adults</li> <li>• <b>April 16</b> – Easter Egg Painting for Kids during the Saturday class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>May 7</b> – End-of-School year at Polish School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>June 11</b> – Picnic – Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington, Germantown, TN</li> </ul>
July	August	September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>August 20</b> – Germantown International Festival</li> <li>• <b>August 20</b> – Consular Visit</li> <li>• <b>August 27</b> – Farewell to Summer – for children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 10</b> – School year start at Polish School</li> <li>• <b>September 10</b> – Picnic - Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington, Germantown, TN</li> <li>• <b>September 23-24</b> – Campout</li> </ul>
October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>September 30 - October 1</b> – Campout (alternate date)</li> <li>• <b>October 30</b> – PAS Executive Committee Elections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>November 5</b> – Bonfire gathering – celebration of Polish Independence Day</li> <li>• <b>November 26</b> – „Andrzejki” Party</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>December 3</b> – Polish „Wigilia” dinner – <b>SCHEDULE CHANGE</b></li> <li>• <b>December 17</b> - Christmas Party for Kids</li> <li>• <b>December 31</b> – New Year’s Party</li> </ul>