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Dear Friends,

On Friday, October 23, the PAS membership will elect the PAS Executive Committee for the next two-year term. The election meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 2300 Hickory Crest Drive, at 6:30 pm. We count on participation of all PAS members but if you cannot attend for any reason, please authorize another person in writing to vote in your name.

The Executive Committee

CURRENT NEWS

• **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. The election meeting will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 2300 Hickory Crest Drive, Memphis, TN 38119, at 6:30 pm. Election informational materials were sent to PAS members last week. Members who have not yet sent their candidate list will have an opportunity to submit it in person to the Election Commission before the meeting.

• **NOVEMBER 7, 2009 – 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 keep us warm. We will meet 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 28, 2009 - "ANDRZEJKI" PARTY**

This year the "Andrzejki" party will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2009, from 7:30 pm to midnight, at the gym of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 2540 Hale Ave., Memphis, TN. The gym is very big so we will have plenty of room to dance. Some of us will have an opportunity to show their newly acquired dance moves. As usual, this is a "potluck" event so please plan to bring a dish to share with others. Contact the event coordinator Edek Kozlowski, ph. 680-0194, for more information. A security officer will patrol the church parking lot from 8 pm to midnight.

Tickets are \$15 per person for PAS members and \$20 per person for non-members. Please send your check to PAS Treasurer, Polish-American Society, P. O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927.

• **DECEMBER 12, 2009 – TRADITIONAL POLISH "WIGILIA" DINNER**

The annual Polish "Wigilia" dinner will be held December 12, 2009, 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 and sharing holiday wishes, and our "Wigilia" feast that will include many traditional Polish dishes. After dinner we will sing Polish and American Christmas carols. Santa Claus will pay us a visit and will bring children small gifts and sweet rewards.

Ticket prices:

PAS members:

Adults - \$10

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 - \$15

Children and teens from 6 to 18 years old - \$5

Children younger than 6 - 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 December 5, 2009.

We will need volunteers to help decorate and set up the hall on Friday evening. While some of us will be busy with the event setup, others will have an opportunity to learn how to make pierogi, the most famous traditional Polish dish.

- **DECEMBER 31, 2008 – NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

We did not organize a New Year's Eve party last year since not enough people signed up. Also this year, the Sylwester party will happen only if enough people commit to participate. The party will be held at the Country Hill Club, 1610 Oaken Bucket, Cordova, TN, from 8 pm to 3 am. PAS will provide party decorations, coffee, soft drinks, and champagne to greet the New Year at midnight. This is a "potluck" event so please plan to bring a dish to share with others. Ania Kaziow, ph. 752-9010 and Edek Kozlowski, ph. 680-0194, will coordinate the party and the menu. Please contact them with information about the dish or dessert you will prepare or any questions you may have.

Tickets are \$15 per person for PAS members, \$20 per person for non-members. 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 15, 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **"POLONIA" IN MEMPHIS - HIGHLIGHTS**

We are proud to announce that in September a member of our Polish community in Memphis Andrzej Slominski received the prestigious Commander Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta from the president of Poland, Lech Kaczynski. This award was established in 1921 and is one of the three top awards granted by the president for extraordinary achievements in service to the country and to society. Andrzej Slominski received the award for his pro-independence and pro-democracy activities in the communist Poland during 1970's and 1980's. Please visit our website for pictures and more information.

- **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.

- Please visit our Website for latest news about planned events and schedule changes. We also publish pictures from our events and celebrations. The website can be accessed using these links:
<http://www.polishamericansociety.org> or <http://www.stowarzyszeniepolskoamerykanskie.org>.

SCHOOL LIFE

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.

- **OCTOBER 31 - FALL FESTIVAL**

Bert Ferguson Community Center invites all children and teens for the Fall Festival, which will take place on October 31, 2009, between 10 am and 12 noon. Each ethnic group associated with the Bert Ferguson Center facility will prepare information and sweets typical for their country of origin. All, regardless of age, who would like to help with setup of our booth, please contact Halinka Dutkiewicz, ph. 385-7333.

- **TEEN & CHILDREN POLISH CHRISTMAS TALENT SHOW**

Every year the children and teens help us celebrate Polish Wigilia by putting on a performance. This year the Polish School of Language and Culture is preparing a poetic and musical talent show. We invite **all children and teens** to participate in the program by preparing their own poem, song or musical performance. In order to participate we ask that you notify Magda Dutkiewicz by contacting her at (901) 857-0731 no later than November 15, 2009.

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.

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PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2009

(Our calendar is regularly updated on our Internet website)

October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 3 – Oktoberfest• October 23 – Election meeting – voting for the new PAS Executive Committee• October 31 – Fall Festival for Children – Bert Ferguson Community Center	<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