

Official Newsletter of the

# POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

WELCOME TO THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND.

WELCOME TO THE PREMIER ISSUE OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER DATED: JANUARY 1992.

THOUGH OUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER IS UNNAMED AND ITS SCHEDULE OF PUBLICATION AND FINAL FORMAT UNSET... THE NEED FOR IT IS REAL.

THE FOUNDING MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS IN SETTING UP A NEW ORGANIZATION HAVE A NEED FOR COMMUNICATION AND CONSISTENT RECORDING OF PROGRESS FOR OUR MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN OUR GOALS.

AS OUR NEW ORGANIZATION SETS UP ITS GUIDELINES FOR OPERATING INCLUDING ADOPTING BY-LAWS, DRAWING UP APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK, DESIGNING LOGOS AND LETTERHEADS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER WILL HELP THE PROCESS ALONG BY COMMUNICATING PROGRESS TO ITS MEMBERS.

THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS WILL USE THE NEWSLETTER AS A TOOL TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT COMES TO US FROM BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER GENEALOGICAL GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. YOUR WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME. TELL US ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES IN YOUR QUEST TO TRACE YOUR GENEALOGY. OTHERS SEEKING THE SAME WILL ENJOY YOUR LARGE AND SMALL BREAKTHROUGHS. IT MAY EVEN BE THE ENCOURAGEMENT THEY NEED TO CARRY ON THEIR OWN STUDIES.

STATUS REPORT ON THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND: JANUARY 1992.

OFFICIAL NAME OF ORGANIZATION: POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

MAILING ADDRESS: 906 COLLEGE AVE.  
CLEVELAND, OH 44113

ANNUAL DUES: NOT YET SET

MEETINGS: FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 P.  
SAINT JOHN CANTIUS MEETING ROOM  
2357 TREMONT ROAD, CLEVELAND, OH

## 1992 OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## APPOINTMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:  
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PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF OUR GROUP SHALL BE THE STUDY OF OUR POLISH ANCESTRY, ITS CULTURE AND OUR HERITAGE.

OBJECTIVES: TO BECOME BETTER AMERICAN CITIZENS, HEIGHTEN OUR AWARENESS OF OUR "POLISHNESS" (NOT TO THE POINT OF BIGOTRY, HOWEVER), ENDEAVOR TO PASS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION OUR PRIDE IN OUR HERITAGE AND ANCESTRY, AND TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP AND A SPIRIT OF COMRADERIE AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

NOTE: OUR GROUP IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION. WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT, SELF-HELP GROUP AND OUR PURPOSE IS EDUCATIONAL IN NATURE.

1992 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

JAN. 7:

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JAN. 7. 7:30

GUEST SPEAKER: JAMES WALTON

MR. WALTON IS LECTURER IN GENEALOGY IN THE ELDER'S PROGRAM AT CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

TOPIC: DEATH AND CEMETARY RECORDS, A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR BEGINNING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

FEB. 4:

GUEST SPEAKERS: MARJORIE & DON KERN

THIS HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMPUTER USERS GROUP FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

TOPIC: WHY USE A COMPUTER FOR GENEALOGY?

MARCH 3: SHOW & TELL - TELL & SHOW

INCLUDING MEMBERS PROBLEMS--"BRAINSTORMING" AND PROBLEM SOLVING.

APRIL 7:

GUEST SPEAKER: ANN K. SINDELAR

MS. SINDELAR IS THE REFERENCE SUPERVISOR AT THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY.

TOPIC: PREPARING FOR A TRIP TO THE WRHS LIBRARY; GENEALOGICAL SOURCES AVAILABLE THERE.

MAY 5:

PHOTOGRAPH OF GROUP; BUSINESS MEETING; REMAINDER OF TIME, IF ANY, PROBLEM SOLVING.

JUNE 2:

SHOW & TELL - TELL & SHOW MEMBERS PROBLEMS---"BRAINSTORMING" AND PROBLEM SOLVING.

ALL MEETING DATES FOR 1992 ARE SET, PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

REPORT FROM SECRETARY, JOYCE HILLSON  
HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 3, 1991 MEETING

- THIRD MEETING WAS CONVENED, BOTH RETURNING MEMBERS AND NEW ATTENDEES WELCOMED.
- ANNOUNCEMENT CARD, PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, AND TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1992 WERE DISTRIBUTED WITH STUDY AIDS PACKET TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE.
- DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR OUR ORGANIZATION INCLUDED TOPICS OF DUES AND FUNDRAISING. ED MENDYKA RECOMMENDED A BOOK OF MEMORIES COMPILED BY GROUP MEMBERS BE SOLD AT THE POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL HELD AT ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH.
- ELECTIONS WERE HELD. RESULTS LISTED ABOVE. ALL OFFICERS WERE ELECTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.
- THANKS TO NICKY PAUL, WANDA SLUSARSKI, STEPHANIE KASICKI FOR THEIR HELP WITH THE PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING AND TO FATHER RALPH BODZIONY FOR HIS HOSPITALITY AND USE OF MEETING ROOM.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 6, 1991

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ATTENDED BY FOUNDING OFFICERS OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND.  
PRESIDENT, ED MENDYKA  
VICE-PRESIDENT, RALPH LYSYK  
SECRETARY, JOYCE HILLSON  
TREASURER, FRANK KOWALSKI

1. MAJOR TASK FOR THE MEETING WAS PREPARATION OF BY-LAWS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ADOPTION. A COPY OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL HAVE THEIR FIRST READING AT THE JANUARY 7, 1992 MEETING. COPIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS BEFORE A FORMAL VOTE TO ADOPT BY-LAWS IS TAKEN.

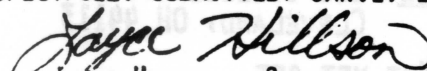
THANKS TO THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (CHICAGO) AND POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF TEXAS FOR THEIR INPUT IN THIS IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING OF OUR ORGANIZATION, OUR BY-LAWS.

2. AN INVENTORY OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS MADE TO SEE HOW RESOURCES OF EACH CAN BEST BENEFIT THE ORGANIZATION.  
THE GROUP HAS MUCH TO OFFER!
3. THE TEMPORARY ROLE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT DURING ED'S ABSENCE WAS DISCUSSED.
4. PLANNING FOR OFFICE MATERIALS AND DUPLICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND MAILINGS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION, CURRENTLY WITHOUT FUNDING, WAS DISCUSSED AND DELEGATED.
5. MONTHLY COST ASSESSMENTS FOR OPERATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION WERE DISCUSSED AS WERE SETTING UP OF PERMANENT CHECKING ACCOUNT AND DUES STRUCTURE PROPOSAL.
6. NEWSLETTER FORMAT AND SCHEDULE DISCUSSED. RELATED PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS ALSO DISCUSSED.

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES YOU TO ATTEND REGULAR MEETINGS.

- GUEST SPEAKERS, WORK SESSIONS AND FIELD TRIPS WILL BE ARRANGED FOR YOUR BENEFIT.
- YOUR OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER WILL BE A MAJOR SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION AND WILL ASSIST YOU IN YOUR STUDIES AND IN KEEPING ABREAST OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BUSINESS.
- BOOK LENDING LIBRARY WILL BE ACTIVATED IN APRIL.
- A SUGGESTED PRESS KIT/MEDIA KIT IN THE OFFING.
- THE OFFICERS ARE HERE TO HELP, TO LISTEN AND TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THIS NEW ORGANIZATION. CALL ON US.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, JAN. 1, 1992

  
JOYCE HILLSON SECRETARY