

Official Newsletter of the

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Greetings to all our members, fellow genealogists and friends:

I've noticed that other societies' newsletters have a "President's Corner", so I'm taking the liberty to establish one for myself and the other presidents to come. It's a good idea. It will keep everyone abreast of what we're doing and where we're going.

First of all, let me remind you all that we're to have our picture taken at our next meeting, May 5th. It will be our very first group photo. Hopefully, fifty years from now the members of the PGS of GC will look at our photograph and remark "My ___ what a handsome group of people. But look how funny they dressed" or "Look at the women's hairstyle." etc. etc. etc. Come and be included in this historic club event.

Many folks have written and asked if we have a surname file. It is imperative that we begin one and maintain it. In the not too distant future, say August 1st, we shall endeavor to put out a list of members names, addresses and the surnames that they are researching. This list will be mailed along with a future newsletter to our members and to other Polish Genealogical groups around the country. In this way, others who may be researching the same surnames will be able to contact one another. Please make out the 3x5 surname index cards according to the directions of the enclosed flyer. To those of you attending the meetings, please bring

the cards with you. To those of you unable to attend our meetings, please send them through the mail that they may be placed in our index.

Enough for now---but rest assured there will be more in the future."

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THE FLYER INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS COURTESY OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN.

SUBJECT: ANCESTOR INDEX CARD FILE

MAINTAINING A UNIFORM SURNAME FILE ACCESSIBLE TO MANY GROUPS OF GENEALOGISTS IS IMPERATIVE.

PLEASE FORMAT YOUR INDEX CARDS AS INDICATED.

ACCESS TO THIS SURNAME FILE IS A MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT OF BELONGING TO THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND; CONTRIBUTING TO THE SURNAME FILE IS NECESSARY FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS RESEARCH TOOL.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH TOOLS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PGS OF GC...

...PGS OF GC LENDING LIBRARY

TITLES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BOOKS RECENTLY PLACED INTO OUR SOCIETY'S LENDING LIBRARY.

POLISH PARISH RECORDS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: THEIR USE AND UNDERSTANDING IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

THE 1920 FEDERAL POPULATION CENSUS CATALOG OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM

THE STRUGGLES FOR POLAND (HARD COVER)

-NEAL ASCHERSON

McKAY'S ENGLISH/POLISH /
POLISH/ENGLISH DICTIONARY
1988 RANDOM HOUSE (2 COPIES)

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

4 VOLUME SET:

SELECTED MORMON CHURCH FILMS VIEWED
FROM MIESCISKO, POZNAN POLAND AND
WITKOWO, POZNAN, POLAND

JARZABKOWO POZNAN POLAND
ZYDOWO, POZNAN, POLAND

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CATHOLIC
ARCHIVES: POZNAN POLAND

SELECTED MORMON CHURCH FILMS VIEWED
FROM WAGROWIEC, POZNAN, POLAND

NOTE: *"These 4 volumes are the result of a donation from Thomas Martin Swatloski of New Iberia, Louisiana. In his search of microfilms on Poland, he has collected and indexed selected names in some locations in the vicinity of GNIEZNO & POZNAN for roughly the period of 1820 to 1877. These are mainly Catholic Church sacramental records. They are collected in these four volumes and are a fine example of what genealogical research should look like. A hearty "THANK YOU" to you, Thomas Martin Swatloski."* ED

...YOUR PERSONAL REFERENCE PACKET

WHICH INCLUDES MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SOCIETY'S MONTHLY MEETINGS. TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES NOW EXCEEDS 80 PAGES!

NOTE: IT HAS BEEN DECIDED, DUE TO COSTS OF PRINTING, COMPLETE SETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AS PART OF A NEW MEMBER WELCOME PACKAGE AFTER DUES ARE PAID.

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND RESEARCH TOOLS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU

- ANCESTOR INDEX CARD FILE
- PGS OF GC LENDING LIBRARY
- PGS OF GC PERSONAL REFERENCE PACKET
- PGS OF GC MONTHLY MEETINGS
- PGS OF GC INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTERS
- NETWORK OF FELLOW SOCIETY MEMBERS

UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE PGS OF GC:

MAY 5: PHOTOGRAPH TO BE TAKEN OF GROUP; BUSINESS MEETING; REMAINDER OF TIME, IF ANY, PROBLEM SOLVING.

JUNE 2: SHOW & TELL - TELL & SHOW MEMBERS' PROBLEMS/SOLUTIONS--- "BRAINSTORMING".

...CONTINUING LONG TERM PROJECTS

"BOOK OF MEMORIES" TENTATIVE DEADLINE SET FOR JULY: VOLUME 1. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THIS COLLECTION OF 10 PERSONAL MEMORIES/STORIES WRITTEN BY OUR MEMBERS BE ASSEMBLED FOR DISTRIBUTION/SALES AT LABOR DAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL.

MEMORABILIA FILE: ONCE AGAIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE MATTER OF ARTIFACTS AND OTHER MEMORABILIA. MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO DONATE ITEMS INCLUDING: POLISH BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, SCRAPBOOKS, PARISH OR ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES, ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS, OLD LETTERS, PASSPORTS, PERSONAL PAPERS, PHOTOGRAPHS OF POLISH FAMILIES, EVENTS, NEIGHBORHOODS, OLD PRAYERBOOKS, AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS. OUR GROUP CAN TURN THESE ITEMS WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED OR WANTED INTO AN INTERESTING DISPLAY OR OTHER MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION FOR FUTURE USE. YOUR "THROWAWAYS" CAN BE OUR SOCIETY'S "TREASURES".

NOTE: *"We do not expect you to part with any family heirlooms or any other treasured family possessions. Where the possibility exists that you might want to "get rid of" or "throw out" something that you no longer want, please consider donating such materials to our Society.*

These items will be kept for the enjoyment and edification of the members and for posterity. They will not be sold and no monetary profit will accrue to anyone in the Society because of their possession." ED

...MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR SOCIETY CONTINUES...

INVITE FRIENDS, RELATIVES TO ATTEND A MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PGS OF GC. IT IS EASY TO REMIND THEM OF THE REGULAR MEETING DATE: FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT SAINT JOHN CANTIUS MEETING ROOM 2357 TREMONT AVE., CLEVELAND, OH 44113.

NOTE: "We'd like to inform those members who attend our meetings that we have made arrangements to have an attendant in the parking lot during our meeting." ED

REPORT FROM SECRETARY, JOYCE HILLSON

PAST EVENTS OF THE SOCIETY INCLUDING HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS MEETINGS OF MARCH 3, 1992 AND APRIL 7, 1992.

AT THE MARCH 3, 1992 MEETING, BY-LAWS AS RECOMMENDED TO THE MEMBERSHIP BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE ACCEPTED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

SHOW & TELL - TELL & SHOW FOLLOWED WITH SHARING OF INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONAL GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH WITH ONE ANOTHER. RALPH LYSYK GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF HOW HE PERSONALLY USES PAF SOFTWARE. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE 1920 CENSUS INFORMATION WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

PGS OF GC MEMBERSHIP AS OF 3/3/92: 22

AT THE APRIL 7, 1992 MEETING PRESIDENT ED MENDYKA RETURNED TO LEAD THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS MEETING AND TO INTRODUCE GUEST SPEAKER ANN SINDELAR OF THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ANN SINDELAR'S PRESENTATION GAVE US A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS IT SAFEGUARDS THE HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND MAINTAINS ITS VITAL RECORDS, AND POINTED OUT THE ROLE OF W.R.H.S. AS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR GENEALOGISTS LIVING IN GREATER CLEVELAND.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO RESEARCHERS AT THE W.R.H.S. WERE OUTLINED FOR US AND MISS SINDELAR EVEN SPECIFIED OTHER TYPES OF RESEARCH INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT OTHER RESEARCH LOCATIONS IN GREATER CLEVELAND.

A PORTION OF HER PRESENTATION WAS DEVOTED TO THE W.R.H.S. ACQUISITION OF THE 1920 CENSUS, EXPLANATION OF HOW GENEALOGISTS CAN BENEFIT FROM ITS CONTENTS. MOST IMPORTANTLY SHE OUTLINED THE PROCEDURE WE NEED TO FOLLOW TO ACCESS INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO EACH OF OUR RESEARCH NEEDS.

THE PGS OF GC WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR WARMEST THANKS TO MISS SINDELAR.

LATER, ED GAVE THE SOCIETY A REVIEW OF NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR "HONOR SYSTEM" LENDING LIBRARY. HE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOUR VOLUMES DONATED BY THOMAS MARTIN SWATLOSKI OF LOUISIANA.

THE ISSUE OF BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS WAS ADDRESSED. DISTRIBUTION OF PACKETS OF INFORMATION, WHICH NOW TOTALS MORE THAN 80 PAGES, IS NOW LIMITED TO DUES PAYING NEW MEMBERS.

TREASURY ISSUES INCLUDING FUNDRAISING WERE DISCUSSED.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP AS OF 4-7-92: 28

THE SOCIETY APPROVED THE SELECTION OF THE OFFICIAL CLUB LOGO. WATCH FOR THE OFFICIAL "UNVEILING" AT A LATER DATE.

CONTENT OF MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED TO 4-7 MEETING ATTENDEES WAS REVIEWED, INCLUDING:

- SEVEN PAGES OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE USE OF THE 1920 SOUNDSEX CENSUS INDEX AND GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE W.R.H.S. THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE W.R.H.S. GENEALOGY INSTITUTE FOR 1992 WAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE. THESE SEVEN PAGES ARE AN EXCELLENT FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRESENTATION BY ANN SINDELAR OF THE W.R.H.S. AT THE SOCIETY'S 4-7-92 MEETING.
- TEN PAGES RELATIVE TO THE ANCESTOR INDEX CARD FILE WITH CONCENTRATION ON TRANSLATIONS OF WORDS AND NAMES COMMON TO POLISH GENEALOGICAL RECORDS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED.

MEMBERS WERE ALERTED OF POSSIBLE "RIPOFFS" WHEN DEALING WITH PAID RESEARCHERS IN POLAND. A REPRINT FROM PATHWAYS & PASSAGES, THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE PGS OF CONN./PGS OF THE NORTHEAST. (VOLUME 8, NO. 1- WINTER ISSUE) WAS DISTRIBUTED TO REINFORCE THE PRESIDENT'S VERBAL WARNING.

NOTE: IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE 4-7-92 MEETING AND WISH COPIES OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS SEND A S.A.S.E. (52¢) TO SECRETARY JOYCE HILLSON OR PICK UP A SET AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

JOYCE HILLSON, 7046 CAMP RD.,
HOMERVILLE, OH 44235.

...IN MEMORIAM

WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND.

FR. JOSEPH JARZYNSKI DIED FEB. 1, 1992. HE WAS THE PASTOR FOR MANY YEARS AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH WHICH SERVED THE POLES AND POLISH-AMERICANS IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD OF CLEVELAND.

FR. ANTHONY S. GAWLIK DIED MAR. 22, 1992. HE WAS THE FOUNDING PASTOR AT ST. VICTOR'S PARISH IN RICHFIELD AFTER A NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS IN POLISH PARISHES IN THE GREATER CLEVELAND AREA.

OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND PARISHIONERS OF THEIR PARISHES.

...NEWS FROM OTHER GENEALOGICAL GROUPS

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT OTHER GROUPS OF GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHERS MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS THROUGHOUT OUR AREA.



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Ed Wendyka
Vice President
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THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CLEVELAND DISTRICT CHAPTERS & COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP (CIG)

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CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER P. O. Box 26196 Fairview Park, OH 44126-0196	3rd Wed. of month 7:30 am* Porter Public Library 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH *Research help avail. 3rd Tue. 1-4 pm
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...FINAL NOTE

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND IS TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1992. DON'T FORGET THE GROUP PHOTO!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, APRIL 27, 1992

Joyce Hillson
JOYCE HILLSON, SECRETARY