

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER FOR THIS MONTH READS LIKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT LIST OF THE MANY OFFERINGS THROUGHOUT OUR GREATER CLEVELAND COMMUNITY WHICH MEMBERS MAY NOT BE AWARE OF. ED WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT...

"Anyone interested in things Polish; such as literature, history, culture, will find plenty of reading materials at the Alliance of Poles Library. The address is 6966 Broadway Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44105. Their telephone number is 216-883-3131. They are open Sunday from 12:00-2:00 and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. One need not be a member to take out books. Books are in English and Polish.

There are also plenty of books available in English and Polish, through the Cleveland Public Library system. The Main Library downtown on Superior Ave. also has a fine collection of genealogy books.

A Polish language class for beginners is being set up at St. John Cantius in the meeting room off the bowling alley entrance. It will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. ...And what's most gratifying is our own **Sister Rosette** is the instructor. All are welcome.

There is also a Polish language class that meets on the east side of Cleveland at the Alliance of Poles of America building (Broadway & Forman Ave.) on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. A fine lady, Pani **Janina Ptak**, teaches this class. Again, all are welcome.

It was brought to the attention of our society by Ms. Armela Hammes, that Polish lessons are also offered at Kent State University.

Lessons are also offered at Cuyahoga Community College. Consult the catalogs of the schools for time and place if you are interested.

Mention should be made of the Polish radio programs announced by **Eugenia Stolarczyk**. She is on every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on station WERE (1300 on the radio dial). She is also on Sunday evening from 9:06 to 10:00 P.M. on station WCPN (90.3 FM).

In Memoriam. Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of Monsignor Edmund J. Mondzelewski who died on Sunday, May 3rd. Father Mondzelewski was a long-time pastor of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Garfield Hts. and a promoter of his Polish heritage."

ED ADDS A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE LAST MEETING OF OUR SOCIETY ON MAY 5...

"A great big **"Witamy"** to "first-timers" who were present at our last meeting. They were Virginia Luty, Joan Uniatowski, Donothy Hudson, Pat Kuczumski and Ray Tindira. Mr. Tindira is a member of St. Leo's Genealogical group which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St Leo's at 7:30 P.M. Their interest is primarily in Slovak genealogy.

To one and all, you-all come back now, ya hear!

"Dziekuje" to all the members who acted as hosts and hostesses at our last meeting. They included Wanda Slusarski, Lottie Gembus, Ralph Lysyk, Christine Mata and Joyce Hillson.

You too can come early and take a "first-timer" under your wing. Make them feel welcome, show them where the refreshments are, introduce them to other members and generally, be an "angel"."

ED

REPORT FROM SECRETARY, JOYCE HILLSON

PAST EVENTS OF THE SOCIETY INCLUDING HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 5 BUSINESS MEETING AND MAY 14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

PRESIDENT ED MENDYKA CALLED THE 5-5-92 MEETING TO ORDER AND WELCOMED GUESTS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING INCLUDED:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS OF STUDY GROUP TOURS TO POLAND AND SALT LAKE CITY OFFERED BY OTHER GENEALOGY GROUPS.
- A SUNSHINE COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY DOROTHY HUDSON. DOROTHY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN THE EVENT THAT A CARD/GOOD WISHES FROM OUR SOCIETY NEEDS TO BE SENT. DOROTHY 216-883-6294.
- DISCUSSION OF WELCOMING OF FIRST-TIMERS TO OUR GROUP. A POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED AND COMMITTEE WAS NOT FINALIZED.
- DISCUSSION ON DEFAMATORY MATERIALS CIRCULATING ON THE TOPIC OF POLISH PEOPLE. POLICY OF OUR SOCIETY ON SUCH MATTERS: RESPONSE WILL BE LEFT UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.
- A QUARTER PAGE ADVERTISING IN THE PLAV CONVENTION PROGRAM (AUGUST IN CLEVELAND) FOR \$30. WAS APPROVED. THE AD WILL PROMOTE OUR SOCIETY AND ITS GOALS.
- JOHN SZUCH WAS REINTRODUCED TO THE GROUP AS SURNAME FILE CHAIRMAN. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAKE OUT YOUR 3x5 CARDS AS DIRECTED AND GIVE THEM TO JOHN.
- CORRESPONDENCE IS PLANNED FROM OUR SOCIETY TO THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN OHIO. IT WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFERINGS OF POLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS MADE:
- UNDER **NEW BUSINESS** THE POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN CANTIUS AND POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY OUR SOCIETY WAS DISCUSSED; BOOTH LOCATION, DESIGN & CONTENTS AS WELL AS MANNING BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY. FUNDRAISING AS WELL AS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WERE CITED AS GOOD REASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.
- THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1992 WAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED. A QUESTIONNAIRE WAS SUGGESTED.
- THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SOCIETY WAS TAKEN. COST TO MEMBERS WILL BE \$6.00.
- PGS OF GC MEMBERSHIP AS OF 5/5/92: 37

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 5-14-92

ATTENDED BY ED, RALPH, JOYCE & FRANK.

- FIRST DONATION TO SOCIETY'S MEMORABILIA FILE PLACED INTO COLLECTION. DONATION OF VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH FROM LEON BADZINSKI-CHOLEWA ACKNOWLEDGED.
- OFFICERS PROVIDED INPUT FOR UPCOMING QUESTIONNAIRE.
- ADDRESS LIST UPDATED WITH A MAJOR TRIMMING OF OUR COMPLIMENTARY MAILING LIST.
- PLAV AD WAS DESIGNED AND SCRIPTED.
- HERITAGE FESTIVAL DISCUSSED AND OFFICERS WILL GATHER SPECIFICS ON THE EVENT SO DISCUSSION CAN PROCEED ON OUR PARTICIPATION.
- OFFICERS REQUEST FULL PARTICIPATION OF SOCIETY MEMBERS IN OUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO HELP US DETERMINE YOUR NEEDS AND ALLOW US TO SET UP A PLAN TO BEST MEET THEM.
- COME TO THE 6-2 MEETING A LITTLE EARLY, RECEIVE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AND TAKE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS TO COMPLETE IT. YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED AND APPRECIATED AS WE SET THE COURSE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1992 IN ADDITION TO THE **TENTATIVE PROGRAM** LISTED BELOW:

- JULY 7**—GUEST SPEAKER---JUDITH CETINA
Ms. CETINA IS THE MANAGER OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARCHIVES TOPIC: "TRACING AN IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR"
- AUG. 4**—SHOW AND TELL - TELL & SHOW
MEMBERS PROBLEMS/PROBLEM SOLVING
- SEPT. 1**—GUEST SPEAKER---LEON BADZINSKI-CHOLEWA
MR. BADZINSKI-CHOLEWA IS ASSOCIATED WITH A PROMINENT CLEVELAND LAW FIRM AND IS A MEMBER OF OUR GROUP.
- OCT. 6**—SHOW AND TELL - TELL AND SHOW
MEMBERS PROBLEMS/PROBLEM SOLVING
- NOV. 3**—FIELD TRIP. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE FAIRVIEW PARK CUYAHOGA COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY. 4449 W. 213TH ST., FAIRVIEW PARK, OHIO 44126. OUR SPEAKER WILL BE BARBARA MUSSELMAN, WHO IS THE REGIONAL SUBJECT SPECIALIST AT THE LIBRARY. TIME WILL BE AS ALWAYS, 7:30 P.M.
TOPIC: "GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY"
SOME TIME WILL BE ALLOTTED TO USING THE LIBRARY FACILITIES IN SOLVING OUR OWN GENEALOGICAL PROBLEMS.
- DEC. 1**—SHOW AND TELL-TELL AND SHOW
MEMBERS PROBLEMS/PROBLEM SOLVING
ELECTION OF 1993 OFFICERS

THANK YOU TO: JOE & GLORIA HABAVNY AND DOROTHY HUDSON FOR INPUT TO THE NEWSLETTER WHICH WERE NOT PRINTED DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, MAY 26, 1992.

Joyce Hillson
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