

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND



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WELCOME BACK TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER CLEVELAND AFTER AN ABSENCE OF A FEW MONTHS.

HIGH ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND COSTS OF PUBLISHING A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER GAVE A COUPLE OF REASONS TO DELAY PUBLISHING OUR POPULAR VOICE OF THE PGS OF GC.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO TELL YOU ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. EVEN WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF MEETINGS IN THE NEWSLETTER, IT IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR ATTENDANCE. COME AND VISIT US ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:30 P.M. ST. JOHN CANTIUS MEETING ROOM, 2357 TREMONT AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44113. THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THROUGH 1992 INDICATES THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTERACTION BETWEEN MEMBERS/FELLOW GENEALOGISTS AND THE DEDICATION OF THE SOCIETY IN BRINGING IN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPEAKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SOCIETY. WHAT A BALANCE WE HAVE FOR A SOCIETY, SO YOUNG! COME & SEE US.

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

*** AN EVENT... A VERY SPECIAL EVENT... AN ANNUAL EVENT...A VERY SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENT IN OUR LOCAL POLISH COMMUNITY IS COMING...AND THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WILL BE THERE!

WILL YOU? MEMBERS OF THE PGS OF GC WILL BE TAKING A SMALL BLOCK OF TIME DURING THEIR PERSONAL VISIT TO **THE 9TH ANNUAL POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 4TH, 5TH, 6TH 1992** AT ST. JOHN KANTY (CANTIUS) CHURCH TO... (THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE AND THE GRACIOUS PASTOR OF ST. JOHN KANTY PARISH, AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF OUR PGS OF GC, FATHER RALPH BODZIONY HAVE ALLOWED US SPACE) ...SPREAD THE NEWS OF OUR LOCAL POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, WHICH MEETS RIGHT HERE AT ST. JOHN KANTY.

IN **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**, ED MENDYKA HAS INFORMATION ON THIS UPCOMING EVENT AND MORE...

The first weekend in September, St. John Cantius parish will be celebrating its 9th annual Polish Heritage Festival. This is where our group meets and it behooves us to support them as they have supported us. Moreover, we will have a table set up on the festival grounds where we will have a few items for sale and genealogical materials to distribute. Please sign up, if you haven't done so already, to help us man the table so that there will be somebody there at all times to greet those interested in genealogy and help to promote our group. Bring some of your own genealogical materials (pedigree chart, ancestor's birth certificate, old marriage licenses, etc., etc., etc.) and "flavor" your discussion with a prospective member with a personal account of how you came by them. Mention how fascinating it is to "track down" an ancestor's place of birth. Kindly omit the frustrations involved.

"Youns truly" will once again be in the Heritage Room this year for the three days of the festival. Drop by and say "Hello".

"In upcoming publications, we'd like to print a few of your favorite recipes, Polish or otherwise. Sarah Evanko has volunteered to be the coordinator for this project. Please direct your recipes to her:

Sarah Evanko
1422 Wyandotte Ave.
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

So, let's hear it from all you guys: your favorite way to make *studzielina*, *kiska*, *bigos*, and all that good stuff! Outstanding chef, EDZIU SMATCZNY, will from time to time contribute to the project. Once we have enough recipes, we might combine them into a little recipe book and sell it at a nominal fee to raise some funds."

Until next time, Ed

PEOPLE NEWS...

(MEMBERS! PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!)

...V. I. P. NEWS

A GREAT BIG "WITAMY" TO THE LATEST NEW MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. WELCOME TO THESE MEMBERS RESIDING IN OUR GREATER CLEVELAND COMMUNITY: PATRICIA KUCZMARSKI OF SEVEN HILLS, JAMES KRYSIAK OF N. RIDGEVILLE, DOROTHY HUDSON OF CLEVELAND, MARGARET SONDEY OF MENTOR, VIRGINIA LUTY OF HINCKLEY, JOSEPH & JOAN UNIATOWSKI AND NORMAN & EDNA BRAUN OF GARFIELD HTS. THESE MEMBERS SHARE THE BOND OF GENEALOGY STUDIES FROM OUTSIDE OUR AREA INCLUDING: EDWARD & FLORENCE BOURGEOIS OF CONROE TEXAS, BARBARA CLARK OF COLUMBUS, CHARLES & JOYCE BIVENS OF DILLONVALE, JOHN & SOPHIA TALKOWSKI OF WARREN, JEAN TOCICKI OF YOUNGSTOWN AND BERNARD & IRENE CELEK OF FREMONT.

YOUR "PERSONAL REFERENCE PACKET" WHICH INCLUDES MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SOCIETY'S MONTHLY MEETINGS SHOULD REACH YOU SHORTLY.

NOTE: IF YOU MISS A MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND WOULD LIKE THE MATERIALS WE "OVERVIEW" IN OUR NEWSLETTER, JOT DOWN THE TOPIC OF THE MATERIALS, THE DATE DISTRIBUTED AND A SASE WITH 52¢ AFFIXED (PER EACH 10 PAGES REQUESTED) AND THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

...MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

OUR RESIDENT PULASKI SCHOLAR, JOHN SZUCH, HAS BEEN SPREADING THE GOOD WORD ABOUT HIS HERO, COUNT PULASKI. EARLIER THIS YEAR, JOHN WAS IN SOMERSET, KENTUCKY WHERE HE WAS FEATURED IN A STORY IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. JOHN CONTINUES TO BE A ONE-MAN PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM TO SPREAD THE NAME AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR POLISH AMERICAN HERO. GOOD FOR YOU, JOHN! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

ANOTHER ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, GENEVIEVE SZUBA, WILL BE RETURNING SHORTLY FROM AN EXTENDED TRIP TO POLAND & RUSSIA. GENEVIEVE WILL BE SPENDING THREE WEEKS OF HER TIME IN POLAND TEACHING ENGLISH TO A SELECT GROUP OF POLES. SHE WILL ALSO CRUISE IN RUSSIA, AND AFTER THAT, IT WILL BE BACK HOME TO NORTH ROYALTON. MAYBE WE CAN PREVAIL ON GENEVIEVE TO WRITE ABOUT HER TRIP AND SHARE HER ADVENTURE WITH US.

AND A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO OUR OWN SISTER LORETTA WHO THIS MONTH CELEBRATES HER 50TH YEAR AS A NUN. THE VERY BEST OF EVERYTHING, SISTER LORETTA, AND "STO LAT". GOD BLESS!

PGS LENDING LIBRARY ADDITIONS...

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE ADDITIONAL VOLUMES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS, AS A RESEARCH TOOL, UPON REQUEST AT MONTHLY MEETINGS.

BIRTHS FROM THE BAPTISMAL RECORD OF ST. STANISLAW KOSTKA CHURCH 1879-1889

NOTE: THIS BOOK WAS COMPILED BY THOMAS L. HOLLOWAK. THE CHURCH WAS THE FIRST POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC CONGREGATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE. SO, IF ANY OF YOU OUT THERE HAVE ANCESTORS WHO FIT THE TIME FRAME AND LOCATION, THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU. IF YOU WANT ANY MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PURCHASING THE VOLUME, PLEASE WRITE.

SPIS POCZTOWYCH NUMEROW ADRESOWYCH

NOTE: THIS BOOK LISTING THE POLISH POSTAL CODES FOR THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN POLAND HAS ALREADY PROVEN TO BE USEFUL TO A MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY. WE THANK STAN SCHMIDT OF THE PGS GROUP IN CHICAGO (AND HIS GROUP) FOR THEIR GENEROSITY, HELPFULNESS AND CONSIDERATION.

POLISH EMIGRANTS TO TEXAS THE SECOND WAVE BY VIRGINIA FELCHAK HILL

NOTE: THE PGS OF TEXAS HAS SENT THIS FINE RESEARCH WORK ABOUT THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE POLISH COMMUNITIES IN TEXAS. ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE WRITE, OR "CHECK IT OUT" AT A MEETING. THANKS TO RESEARCHERS FROM "THE LONE STAR STATE" FOR THIS FINE VOLUME.

COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING PGS PUBLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE:

- PGST News (PGS OF TEXAS)
- PGS OF MICHIGAN **EAGLET**
- PGS OF CALIFORNIA BULLETIN
- PGS OF MILWAUKEE

IN ADDITION:

- POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL
- NATIONAL PLAV News

REPORT FROM SECRETARY, JOYCE HILLSON

PAST EVENTS OF THE SOCIETY INCLUDING HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS MEETINGS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST AND JULY 24, 1992 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. JUNE 2, 1992

- MEETING CALLED BY PRESIDENT FOR 22 MEMBERS AND 8 GUESTS.
- MAIN ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS THE UPCOMING POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND FUNDRAISING.
- SARAH EVANKO LED DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTED "CHAIR" OF A RECIPE BOOK/FUNDRAISING PROJECT.
- SISTER ROSETTE WILL PROVIDE POLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICES ON A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL BASIS IF REQUESTED.
- JOHN SZUCH EXPRESSED NEED FOR FURTHER ACTIVITY IN SURNAME FILE.
- PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT 5-5-92 MEETING AVAILABLE AT COST OF \$6.00. SEE FRANK KOWALSKI.
- PGS OF GC QUESTIONNAIRE RELEASED TO MEMBERS AS PER INTENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SET DIRECTION OF GROUP AND SURVEY LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILLING TO GIVE.
- PROBLEM SOLVING SESSION FOLLOWING BUSINESS MEETING.

HANDOUTS: POLISH SURNAME NETWORK (FEE SERVICE) APPLICATION, ITEMS FOR SALE BY PGS OF MICHIGAN (ORDER FORM), INCLUDING THEIR FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP, PGS OF GC MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE AND ADDENDUM, CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 2 PG. LIST OF LOCAL GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND RECORDS.
NOTE: FOLLOW ORDERING PROCEDURE.

JULY 7, 1992

• VICE-PRESIDENT PRESIDED OVER MEETING. 18 MEMBERS AND 4 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE.

• SPEAKER JUDITH CETINA OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARCHIVES SPOKE BEFORE BUSINESS MEETING. SHE GAVE US A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT WHAT NATURALIZATION IS, BY DEFINITION, AND BY ITS EVOLUTION SINCE THE EARLY YEARS OF OUR REPUBLIC. HOLDINGS OF THE ARCHIVES WAS DEFINED AND PROCEDURES FOR RESEARCH STUDY AT THE ARCHIVES EXPLAINED. FURTHER RESEARCH EXPANDING FROM RESOURCES FOUND AT ARCHIVES TO USE OF COURT RECORDS FOR NATURALIZATION RESEARCH SUGGESTED.

• BUSINESS MEETING INCLUDED: TREASURER'S REPORT: \$105.76 IN TREASURY. ACCOUNTING GIVEN.

• NOTICE MADE THAT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP HAS DOUBLED SINCE FEBRUARY.

• ANNOUNCEMENT OF 7-18-92 GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE IN KIRTLAND MADE.

HANDOUTS: 3 PAGE ARCHIVE OVERVIEW, OUTLINE OF TERMS USED IN NATURALIZATION DISCUSSION, BIBLIOGRAPHY ON TOPIC, SOUNDSEX SAMPLE FOR NATURALIZATION RECORDS, INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORD SERVICES FOR SHIP PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS. **NOTE: USE ORDERING PROCEDURE.**

AUGUST 4, 1992

• PRESIDENT PRESIDED OVER BUSINESS MEETING OF 19 MEMBERS AND 7 GUESTS.

• POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL DISCUSSED. DATES 9-4, 9-5, 9-6. MANNING OF PGS OF GC TABLE/DISPLAY ADDRESSED. SHIFTS NEED TO BE FILLED FOR ALL THREE DAYS.

• MATERIALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED (FREE DISTRIBUTION) TO THOSE STOPPING BY TO INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP FORMS, PAST NEWSLETTERS, PGS OF GC CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AND OTHERS.

• MATERIALS TO BE SOLD (AS FUNDRAISERS) DISPLAYED BY VIRGINIA LUTY FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

• TREASURER'S REPORT DISTRIBUTED.

• A PUBLICATION SERVING AS A 1ST YEAR COMMEMORATIVE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PGS OF GC DISCUSSED. THERE IS A NEED TO PUBLISH SOMETHING TO SERVE THE MORE SPECIFIC REQUESTS COMING IN TO US FROM OTHER PGS AND INDIVIDUALS.

• THE STATUS OF "BOOK OF MEMORIES" AND RECIPE BOOK UPDATED.

• THE RESEARCH BOOK BY URBANA TECHNOLOGIES (A FEE SERVICE) AS ENDORSED BY THE PGS OF CHICAGO DISCUSSED.

POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL SEPT 4th, 5th, 6th 1992



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1992

FISH FRY AND PIEROGI DINNERS served from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Stands and Boutiques open from 3:00 to 10:30 p.m.

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Westpark Button Box Band

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

FREE POLKA DANCE

MIKE TUREK'S MAJESTIC SOUND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1992

CHICKEN, STUFFED CABBAGE (GOLABKI), SAUERKRAUT and KIELBASI
DINNERS served from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Stands and Boutiques open from 3:00 to 10:30 p.m.

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Northern Ohio Button Box Band

4:00 p.m.

ENGLISH MASS in St. John Kanty Church

5:15 p.m.

Tatra Highlanders-Polish Folk Dancers
from Lorain, Ohio

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

FREE POLKA DANCE

BRUNO MIKOS and THE HARMONY STARS
from Youngstown, Ohio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1992

CHICKEN, STUFFED CABBAGE (GOLABKI), SAUERKRAUT and KIELBASI
DINNERS served from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Stands and Boutiques open from 1:00 to 11:00 p.m.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Maple Heights Button Box Band

4:00 p.m.

POLISH MASS in St. John Kanty Church
with St. John Kanty Polish Choir

5:00 p.m.

Syrena, Inc., Polish Folk Dance Ensemble
St. John Kanty Polish Choir-Polish Folk
Songs

6:00 p.m.

7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

FREE POLKA DANCE

TOM MROCZKA ORCHESTRA

DON'T FORGET OUR PGS OF GC TABLE!

- ADDITIONS TO PGS OF GC LENDING LIBRARY REVIEWED.
- INSTITUTING A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE DISCUSSED.
- DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS TYPE MAILINGS TO WEEKLY AND DAILY NEWSPAPERS DISCUSSED.
- INITIAL INFORMATION GIVEN ON UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS INCLUDES:
 - UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURG EVENT NOV.18. INTEREST HIGH WHEN MEMBERS SURVEYED FOR A POSSIBLE BUS TRIP TO THIS ONE DAY EVENT.
 - TRIP TO POLAND IN 1992 OR 1993. INTEREST HIGH, WILL LOOK INTO GROUP TOUR.
 - FESTIVAL IN BUFFALO, NY. AREA OCT 10. 4TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP.
 - WORKSHOP IN MICHIGAN. PGS OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL WORKSHOP OCT. 17. (OFFICERS HAVE COMPLETE DETAILS)
- HANDOUTS:** HERITAGE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE, STATIONERY SAMPLE, POLSKI ALPHABET, GENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIP GUIDE.

SURNAME RESEARCH FORM (EXPANDED FORM FOR SURNAME FILE), GENEVIEVE SZUBA ARTICLE REPRINT. **NOTE:** FOLLOW ORDERING PROCEDURE.

JULY 24, 1992 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ATTENDED BY E. MENDYKA, J. HILLSON, F. KOWALSKI.

- HERITAGE FESTIVAL DETAILS DISCUSSED.
- FISCAL STATUS OF SOCIETY DISCUSSED. START-UP COSTS, FIXED OPERATING COSTS, AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES DEFINED. FUTURE BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES PLAN DEFINED.
- VALUE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAN DISCUSSED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, AUGUST 24, 1992

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