

*Dear PAS members,*

*Welcome to the first edition of News 2021. We hope that soon we will return to more normal life and that close contacts will no longer be a threat to our health. Planning in such a situation is not easy, but we are full of optimism for the future. Therefore, we invite you to read the proposed events for this year and find something for yourself.*

*- The PAS Board*

## NEWS

- **CAROLING IN SHELBY FARMS AND STARRY NIGHTS**

It was great to see everyone who managed to join our event on a cold day. Thank you for letting us know that you all had a wonderful time singing Christmas carols, sharing sweet treats, and each other's company. The best Santa Claus in the world poured the true spirit of Christmas into our hearts. Shelby Farms Park had a lot of visitors and passers-by responded to our meeting with a smile. There were also many smiles on the faces of our youngest members, who really enjoyed the gifts sponsored by PAS. We did not leave out the adults: Each family attending Christmas carols received tickets to Starry Nights. We hope that the songbooks we distributed during the event were also useful during holidays and family caroling.

- **THE ENCHANTED FOREST FESTIVAL OF TREES**

The Enchanted Forest Festival of Trees has been a Memphis Christmas tradition for more than 70 years. The Enchanted Forest is hosted annually at the Pink Palace Museum and all proceeds from it are donated to LeBonheur Children's Hospital. The Enchanted Forest includes Christmas Trees decorated by sponsors, local organizations, businesses and individuals, gingerbread houses made by Memphians, Christmas Village, Penguin Pond, big model train set up, and photo opportunities with Santa. The Polish-American Society has had a tree decorated at the Enchanted Forest for a few years now, we hope to keep that tradition going in the future.

Mark and Basia Scarbecz have been responsible for the beautifully decorated Polish Christmas trees over the past few years. We would like to thank them for faithfully representing us at this festival and encourage other members to join them in that tradition for a worthy cause.

- **GARDEN TOURS**

The garden visit events, organized for the first time last year, were very popular. Therefore, we would like to continue them this year. The organization of the events is planned for the end of April and beginning of May. Anyone interested in sharing and visiting the gardens, please contact Viola Bute, tel. 901 756-008, by mid-April of this year.

- **SPRING HIKES**

Due to the restrictions related to the current pandemic, we invite you to a series of safer events such as hiking in the open air. Please look at the following dates, hiking locations and contact the persons responsible for them.

- **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28 – Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park**  
The first of the spring hiking series will take place on Sunday, February 21. We meet at 9:00 AM in front of the Visitor Center in Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park located north of Memphis and rich in interesting hiking trails. Additional information about the park and its attractions can be found on the website. If you are interested, please contact Gosia Stroinski, tel. 901 761-5147  
<http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/MeemanShelby>
- **SUNDAY MARCH 7 – OVERTON PARK TRAIL**  
We will meet at 1:30pm at Overton Park. Park and meet near the playground and walk on the trail. Tyrel McMahan (901) 833-7119. <https://overtonpark.org/map/>
- **SUNDAY MARCH 21 – WOLF RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL**  
This time we will meet at the parking lot at Gastro One (8000 Wolf River Blvd # 200, Germantown at 10:00 am and we will set off for the Wolf River Greenway Trail. The person who can provide more information is Agnieszka Siarkiewicz, she can be contacted at ph. (901) 610-6304.
- **SATURDAY APRIL 10 - HERB PARSONS LAKE TRAIL**  
The trip around Herb Parsons Lake will be led by Milka Mitchell (901) 361-7008. This is a 6.5 mile trail in Fayette County, not far from Collierville. We will meet in the parking lot of this park at 11:00. More information about this place can be found at:  
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/herb-parsons-lake-trail>
- **MAY 22 – PICNIC IN CAMERON-BROWN PARK**  
We hope to be able to meet in May at the traditional PAS Spring Picnic, scheduled for May 22 at Cameron-Brown Park, 8628 Farmington Blvd, Germantown, TN, from 4pm to 8pm. We invite you for a grilled Polish Kielbasa and drinks. Participants are asked to bring a food dish or dessert to share. The picnic and dishes, etc. - is coordinated by Magda Mazur, tel. (901) 258-6504. Volunteers to grill sausages before and during the picnic are asked to report to Magda. We encourage all participants of the picnic to invite friends and acquaintances, not only Poles, to this event. We want it to be a time to share our culture and make new contacts.
- **JUNE 12 – FAMILY GATHERING AT THE RIVER**  
This riverside gathering is an event for members of the organization. The event will be held at Tom Lee Park on the Mississippi River. A week before the event, we will send you an email asking for confirmation of participation so that we can buy the right amount of pizzas, drinks and kites for the kids.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **CONDOLENCES**  
We express our deepest sympathy to our members who have recently lost their loved ones: Justyna Żyłka-O'Brien for the death of her mother  
Bruno Jaromirski for the death of his daughter  
Haysam Sakaan for the death of his brother.

- **EASTER**

Those interested in celebrating Easter in the Catholic Church can obtain information on this subject on the website of the Polish Catholic Mission at a later date.

<http://www.polskamisjakatolicka.org/web/home-pol.htm>

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- **DONATIONS**

- **PAS THANKS**

The board would like to recognize Prof. Jacek Dutkiewicz, Grażyna and Zbyszek Mustwiłło for their many years of contribution to the work for the Polish community in Memphis, with the best wishes for health and prosperity, which is expressed on the commemorative plaques with the PAS Logo. We hope this will remind them of our gratitude, for their many years of devotion and enthusiasm with PAS Memphis.

## SCHOOL LIFE AND SOMETHING FOR CHILDREN

- **MESSAGE FROM HALINKA DUTKIEWICZ**

It has been almost a year since the pandemic kept us isolated from our surroundings. Not succumbing to the sad moods caused by the current situation, the School organized many outdoor events in the most responsible manner at that time. We are satisfied that the joint meetings, attractions and games brought a lot of joy to all participants. The break in Saturday school activities changed the rhythm of days in our families. The result is that some teachers and students have made new commitments and have made their lives different. However, in the hope that the School will start operating again in autumn, we are looking for a new headmaster, teachers and we ask students of various age groups to apply to learn Polish. As the current school coordinator, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the existence of the school, teaching the Polish language, tradition, culture, co-organized meetings and attractions, and contributed to the school community for 15 years of my activity. I wish it would continue, but I felt it was time to hand over the leadership of the School to my successor. In preparation for this change, I managed to gather a lot of learning materials, which will help me take over the work organization responsibilities. In all the presented cases, please contact us by phone: 901 / 385-7333.

- **„SMYK” LIBRARY (message from Magda Vaughan)**

Biblioteka Smyka is OPEN! Please sign up at [bibliotekasmykamemphis@gmail.com](mailto:bibliotekasmykamemphis@gmail.com)) to receive a newsletter where you will get a list of books that are available to all young readers. As a reminder, you can reserve and pick up your books at Biblioteka Smyka's headquarters which is at the home of Magda Dutkiewicz Vaughan. Book pick up and drop off time/date is established during book reservation. In January, the first three books from the Harry Potter series were added for the older children. We encourage them to take advantage of the library. At this time, we are not accepting any book donations for younger children, however, still collecting book donations for children age 10 and up.

- **„SMYK” CINEMA**

We are happy to announce the start of Kino Smyka! Every other month starting April through October we will be showing Disney movies in Polish. This will be an outdoor style movie enjoyed while lying on a blanket. The premiere will be April 10<sup>th</sup> and will feature will be “Toy Story”. Those interested should contact Magda Dutkiewicz Vaughan by sending her an email at [vcv2mdv@gmail.com](mailto:vcv2mdv@gmail.com). Please note that due to COVID, space may be limited to ensure social distancing.

## **HUMOR FOR HEALTH!**

A computer programmer says to his wife, “Honey, I am going to the store to get a gallon of milk.”

“Great, if they have any bananas, get six.”

A programmer returns with six gallons of milk,

“Why did you get six gallons of milk,” asked the wife.

“Because they had bananas!”

## **CULINARY CORNER**

- **HOMEMADE SAUERKRAUT – A RICH SOURCE OF VITAMIN C & B**

Ingredients: - two medium heads of cabbage, two medium carrots, salt, two tablespoons of cumin (for those who like)

- a closed jar with a capacity of about 2 liters, preferably with a wide opening, so that you can put your hand into it

1. Cut the strips of cabbage, weigh and shred the cabbage, grate the carrots on a coarse grater
2. Mix the cabbage + carrot + cumin (2 tbsp)+ salt (2 dkg (3/4 oz) of salt per 1kg (2.2 lbs) of cabbage)

After about 1/2 hour when the cabbage softens, put it into a jar, whisking it with your hand. Put the cabbage in an open jar (e.g. with a smaller jar filled with water) and leave it at room temperature. The pickling / fermentation process takes 5-8 days depending on the temperature and individual flavors. When the cabbage is acidic enough, close the jar and refrigerate.

Smacznego! Enjoy!

## HOBBY CORNER

- **BRIDGE CLUB**

Every third Saturday of the month, Grażyna and Zbyszek Mustwiłło invite you to bridge meetings. If you are interested, please confirm your participation and date with Grażyna.

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### **PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2021**

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 28 – Meeman Shelby Forest Hike</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 7 –Hike</li> <li>• March 21 –Hike</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 4 Easter</li> <li>• April 10 - Hike</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maja 22 – Spring Picnic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 12 - Mississippi River gathering</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germantown International Festival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Picnic</li> <li>• Jackson, TN International Food &amp; Art Festival</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Election meeting</li> </ul>	Bonfire gathering – celebration of Polish Independence Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polish „Wigilia” dinner</li> </ul>