



POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

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Dear PAS Members,

Due to the COVID threats we are not able to accurately predict the impact of this on our events. As such, we continue to plan events with the caveat that plans may change. We ask for your help and understanding during this time. We will keep you updated about changes via email.

PAS Board

UPDATES

- **SEPTEMBER 18 – PICNIC AT GERMANTOWN MUNICIPAL PARK**

Our traditional fall picnic will be on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 4pm to 8pm in the Municipal Park in Germantown (entry from Exeter Road). Our organization invites families, friends and supporters of PAS to attend. As is our tradition, we will provide authentic grilled Polish sausage and drinks. The rest is up to you. We ask that you bring a delicious side dish or a desert. Magda Mazur is the coordinator for this event. In case of questions, call her at 901-258-6504. Be there, or be square!

- **OCTOBER 1-3 – PAS FAMILY CAMPING**

This is our annual family camping event for families with children and those interested in getting outdoors. We will camp in Village Creek State Park in Wynne Arkansas, www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/village-creek-state-park . Space is limited, so be sure to quickly contact Iwona Gaye at 901-864-5251 or Tyrel McMahan at 901-833-7119 if you have any questions. We want to remind parents that PAS is not responsible for your kids during this event. It is your responsibility to make sure your child is under the supervision of a parent or guardian during this entire event.

- **OCTOBER 16 – INTERNATIONAL FOOD & ART FESTIVAL, Jackson TN**

This open-air street event is held on Saturday October 16th in Jackson Tennessee. Here they celebrate the food of many cultures and you are able to buy and taste it all. For those interested, immediately contact Magda Mazur as she is putting together a group to travel together and represent PAS as well as enjoy the festival. RSVP by October 6. For further info on the festival, visit their site at www.jifaf.com

- **OCTOBER 24 – POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY BOARD ELECTION DINNER**

PAS Members only! On Sunday, October 24, 2021 all official PAS members are asked to gather at The Butcher Shop Steakhouse on 107 South Germantown Pkwy in Cordova, to enjoy a nice meal together and to elect the next board of the Polish Society of Memphis. This meeting and election happens every 2 years and is open only to members of the society. The outgoing board will present a summary of the finances over the previous term and will help facilitate the election of the next board.

If you want to participate and have not yet paid dues, it is important to do so immediately. Election information will be mailed via post to each PAS member regarding the upcoming election.

- **NOVEMBER 13 – POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY CAMPFIRE**

We will gather around the fire on Saturday, November 13 at 5pm to 9pm at the Korean House, located in Collierville at 10569 Collierville Road 38107 (not far off 385 near the Carriage Crossing Mall). If you are not familiar with the location, be on the lookout for a Polish flag on the mailbox. Along with PAS tradition, we will provide the drinks, pea soup, and mulled wine. Then we will gather around the bonfire and together we will sing patriotic songs and other Polish hits.

- **DECEMBER 11 – POLISH “WIGILIA” (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

As in years before the pandemic, we would like to celebrate Polish Wigilia together. We are making preparations for this event to take place, however, due to a growing concern over COVID cases, the final decision will be made in November. We will keep everyone posted with developments concerning this event.

PAST EVENT REVIEW

- **GARDEN VISITS**

We thank those homeowners who shared their beautiful gardens with us on a Saturday morning in June. The time was spent with the Polish community admiring three gardens as the hosts shared info about their plants and shared ideas on how to arrange them into interesting flower beds. The weather was perfect and all enjoyed the company. The event hosts each received a gift card worth \$25 to Home Depot as a THANKS for participating.

- **SPRING TRAILS**

We are happy to report that these mini events were well received and attended. In some cases the walks had to be canceled due to inclement weather, however, they were switched to alternate dates. Thanks to everyone who participated for being flexible and providing great company.

- **FAMILY DAY**

In June the first time we held a FAMILY DAY for the families of our organization. We originally chose Tom Lee Park on the river and to fly kites, but due to renovations in the park, we changed the location to Shelby Farms. Despite being one of the hottest days this past summer, families met beneath a large oak tree to play games and have fun. We shared pizza bought by PAS, and had a lot of fun despite the fact that there wasn't enough wind to fly the kites! We hope this event will return next summer.

OTHER INFORMATION

- **CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate Monika and Wojciech on the birth of their son. We wish them health and happiness in the new adventure with the new baby and also we wish them as many good nights' sleep as possible over the next few months.

- **“WSZYSTKICH SWIETYCH” (ALL SAINTS DAY)**

Information regarding the upcoming holiday may be found online at the Polish Catholic Missions website as well as the ability to sign up for email announcements in Polish or English. It is online at: www.polskamisjakatolicka.org.

- **„SMYK” LIBRARY**

The library is open! For anyone interested in using the library, email bibliotekasmykamemphis@gmail.com and you can receive a list of the books in Polish available for young readers. As a reminder, books may be ordered, picked up, and returned to Magda at home upon appointment via email.

- **„SMYK” CINEMA**

Everyone has been pleasantly surprised with the success of the “Kina Smyka” (Children’s Polish Cinema). This year, there were 3 movie screenings. There is one remaining showing to which we invite you. It will be show October 15th. The next season of “Kina Smyka” will start April 2022. To get on the email list, please contact Magda Dutkiewicz Vaughan at vcv2mdv@gmail.com

- **MEMBERSHIP FEE**

We would like to remind you to pay the membership fee & send it to the following address:

Polish-American Society, PO Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927

\$25 per person or \$50 per family (children under 18 - exempt from contributions)

\$12 per student (full time students 18-24 years old)

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- If you are interested in buying delicious traditional Polish dishes, please contact [Iwona Gaye, tel. 901-864-5251](tel:901-864-5251). Enjoy.
- Ala Denkiewicz invites you to try unusual nutritious micro plants: pea sprouts, sunflower, red cabbage, broccoli, mustard, radish. They contain from 4 to 40 times more vitamins and minerals compared to large counterparts. They grow about 14 days.
There are different packages to choose from at the customer's discretion. Those interested in discovering new taste sensations can contact Ala via [text, 901-340-8218](tel:901-340-8218), or email gigamicrogreens@gmail.com

SCHOOL

- **CHANGES IN TEACHING POLISH LANGUAGE**

In April 2021 the PAS Board received the resignation of Halina Dutkiewicz as the director of the Polish school. Unfortunately, despite many efforts, it was not possible to find a successor to lead

and coordinate the work of the school. As such, the PAS board decided to suspend the school’s activities, hoping to reactivate it someday in the future.

We would like to thank Mrs. Halina Dutkiewicz because it was under her leadership with help from many in the Polish community that this Polish school was established and operated for a decade and a half. We know that Saturday Polish classes will remain in the memories of the students. Mrs. Dutkiewicz along with those involved teaching Polish language and culture should be proud and have enormous satisfaction from this great accomplishment.

The good news is that there will still be opportunities for learning Polish. Mrs. Magda Teodorowicz will conduct private Polish lessons for children. Anyone interested should contact her via email, magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com .

Even though PAS is sad that the Polish school has suspended activities, we are glad that a private initiative to teach Polish has begun. We are all glad the opportunity still exists for children to study the Polish language. As an organization promoting Polish culture we agree with this approach and support this activity.

HOBBY CORNER

- **BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB**

"If you like to read books ..., If you like to talk about them ..., If you want to get acquainted with new authors and get to know contemporary literature"

We invite all book lovers to join us for the newly established Book Discussion Club. Each meeting will feature a different book. Club members will meet once a month or every six weeks to discuss a previously selected and read book or literary work. There is something interesting for everyone.

For more information about DKK, please call [Joanna Hofman, 901-680-0124](tel:901-680-0124), hofmanj@bellsouth.net

- **BRIDGE CLUB**

This group regularly meets in the evenings to play Bridge.

For more information, contact Grazyna Mustwillo at 901-619-7009.

HUMOR FOR HEALTH

Man (to a woman): I don’t know what kind of gift to get you.

Woman: Then maybe you should ask what I want?

Man: Ok, what do you want?

Woman: A surprise!

CULINARY CORNER

Low Salt Cucumbers (ogorki malosolone)

Ingredients:

Cucumbers - small and firm
Boiled and cooled water
Salt - two tablespoons per 1.5 liters of water
One Garlic bulb per large jar
Horseradish - for centimeters of root
Dill - one bunch

Preparing the cucumbers:

1. Wash cucumbers and place in a large jar. Also place the dill, garlic, and long strips of horseradish root around the cucumbers in the jar
2. Dissolve the salt in water and pour in jar to cover contents completely and close the lid
3. Put the jars aside in a cool dark place where they are not exposed to sunlight. After 3 days the cucumbers will turn yellowish. They should be perfect.
4. Each additional day, they become more pickled and sour

Polish-American Society of Memphis – Board

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EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2021

Lipiec	Sierpień	Wrzesień
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 18th Fall Picnic
Październik	Listopad	Grudzień
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-3 Camping• Saturday 16th Jackson, TN International Food and Art Festival• Sunday 24th PAS Board Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 13th Polish Independence Day celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 11th Polish Wigilia