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 The objectives of the Polish American Society of Memphis are to promote family unity through pride and understanding of Polish tradition and heritage and to promote their understanding in the community.

The Polish American Society of Memphis is growing with a number of new memberships. A good number of last year's members have not yet renewed for 1982. The Society needs your support for continued growth. Please send your renewal with a check to Frank Duma, 5673 Ashley Square South, Memphis, 38119.

We hope you noticed a number of articles in the local newspapers and TV interviews with members of the Polish American Society. The most recent publicity deals with a committee formed with Society members called Memphians for Polish Relief. The committee is chaired by Billie Svadlenka who is doing an excellent job in getting things moving along. Others on the committee include Frank Bielicki, Jerry and Ruth Jurand, Ted Martens, Paul and Ewa Reiter, Zophia Januszewska, and Walt and Rae Podgorski. Donations for the relief effort may be sent to Commerce Union Bank, P.O. Box 1503, Memphis, 38101. Checks should be made payable to Polish American Congress (PAC) Charitable Foundation. Donations are tax deductible and will be used to buy food, medicine, and clothing. Items are distributed through churches throughout Poland with no government involvement. You may wish to offset some of the administrative costs in connection with the fund drive rather than contribute directly to the fund. If this is the case send your check to our treasurer Frank Duma. Note on your check "Admin Support".

You are encouraged to write your Congressman with your thoughts on American action in response to the military takeover and implementation of martial law in Poland.

Sen. Howard Baker Jr.	Sen. Ralph Sasser	Rep. Robin Beard JR.	Rep. Harold Ford
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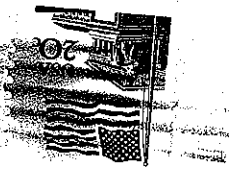
The Wigilia Dinner was held on December 12, 1982. It was quite a success with the Folk Dancers opening the evening followed by an explanation of the tradition by Mrs Dee Dybeck. The pastry table was absolutely magnificent!! We express our gratitude to Helen Lapinski for her work and marvelous creativity. Just Super. More thanks are order to so many more members who pitched in with their help----to Madaline Jankowski who coordinated the affair. Everyone should know that Madaline was the one who really got the Polish American Society of Memphis out of a "dream" into a reality. We netted \$150 from the dinner which will go toward the Memphians for Polish Relief.

POLKA DANCE POLKA DANCE POLKA DANCE POLKA DANCE POLKA DANCE POLKA DANCE POLKA
 The Polka Dance will be held on February 13th at the St. Louis School Cafeteria, corner of Shady Grove and White Station. It will be from 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM. The rental of the hall has been increased from \$60 to \$175 therefore it is necessary to raise the cost of the tickets to \$6 per person. This still includes set ups and pop corn BYOB. Spread the word around and set this date aside for a most pleasant evening. Let's really make a good showing. Send your checks to Donna Micheel, 8919 Hertford Place W., Cordova, 38018 phone 382 3298. The profit will be donated toward Memphians for Polish Relief.



February marks one year that Zophia Januszevska has been in Memphis. We are grateful we had the opportunity to know her. We express a very special recognition to Curt and Eva Eldred who have been a very special help to Zophia. Hospitality still abounds. Thank you Curt and Eva!!!

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The situation in Poland is deteriorating rapidly. Starvation, lack of medical supplies and lack of heating are the main ingredients in the developing tragedy.

US-Polish trade relations are suspended but voluntary aid is still permitted. Therefore a fund-raising committee, MEMPHIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF, has been set up by the Polish-American Society of Memphis. The Commerce Union Bank of Memphis has agreed to act as collector and will transfer all donations to the Polish American Congress (PAC) Charitable Foundation.

The PAC Charitable Foundation exists to channel basic food and medical supplies directly to the Polish people by way of the Church authorities in that country and independently of the government. No administrative expenses are charged. All donations are fully tax-deductable.

Achievements to date:

(1) The Memphis Americans professional soccer team has pledged \$1.00 from each ticket sold for their match with Kansas City (Sunday, January 17).

(2) The PBS (WKNO/FM91 and Channel 10 TV) are broadcasting information about MEMPHIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF on their Community Bulletin Board.

(3) Graves Communication Systems Inc are operating an answering service Tel (901) 320-4058 giving details of MEMPHIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF.

IF YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP THEM IN THEIR HOUR OF DESPERATE NEED, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

P A C Charitable Foundation

AND MAIL THEM TO:

MEMPHIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF
c/o Commerce Union Bank of Memphis
Attention Mail Teller
P.O. Box 1503
MEMPHIS TN 38101

We welcome any suggestions which you may wish to offer: please contact the answering service and leave your telephone number.

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The objectives of the Polish American Society of Memphis are to promote family unity through pride and understanding of Polish tradition and heritage and to promote their understanding in the community.

Three very important activities are planned for participation by all Memphians of Polish heritage as well as others equally interested in the plight of Poland. The first is an interdenominational prayer service for the intention of freedom for the Polish nation. We need your presence at the service to be held on February 7th to show your support and to ask God to bless our efforts. See the enclosed sheet for details. (Reverse)

The second is the Polka Dance on February 13th at St. Louis School Cafeteria from 7:30-11:30 PM. The last dance was something less than a success. We need your attendance if we are to continue to have two dances a year. Bring your friends and enjoy the evening while supporting the Society. Remember the proceeds go to Memphians for Polish Relief. Tickets are \$6 per person. Send your check, made out to "Polish American Society", to Donna Micheel, 8919 Hertford Place West, Cordova, TN 38018.

The third activity is a special presentation at Memphis State by Professor Robert L. King. The topic of Professor King's talk is "Some Insights Into the Problems of Consumer Goods Shortages in Poland". Professor King comes to Memphis from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, Virginia where he is Professor of Marketing. Professor King has made four research visits to Poland under a faculty exchange program established by Virginia Tech and two Polish institutions. He has developed a number of professional papers and conference presentations as a result of his experiences. Professor King has spoken to groups of academicians, students, and business and community leaders on ten campuses during the past year. His talk focusses on the general problem of consumer goods shortages in Poland, distribution structures and practices in automobile and food retailing, and advertising and marketing research practices. Professor King has a BBA in Marketing from the University of Georgia, MA in General Business and PhD in Business Administration from Michigan State University. The presentation will be at 7 PM in Room 118 of the Business College Building at the corner of Central and DeLoach. This promises to be a most informative evening!!! If you should have any further need for information please call Len Jankowski at 683-0440.

Remember those dates and times: FEBRUARY 7th--Prayer Service Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. FEBRUARY 13th--7:30-11:30PM Polka Dance St. Louis School Cafeteria. FEBRUARY 17th--7PM "Some Insights into the Problems of Consumer Goods Shortages in Poland" at Memphis State. MARCH 14th--7 PM Polish American Society General Membership Meeting St. Louis Youth Building.

Take the time to write WKNO TV and let them know how you feel about the station not carrying the international program "Let Poland be Poland". Program Director is Fred Willis.

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MEMPHIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF

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Prayer Intentions

- That private relief efforts will continue and increase in the months to come.
- Government leaders in Poland and throughout the world will unite for just and lasting political reforms.
- Family and friends who are separated because of the crisis will persevere through faith and prayer.
- God will comfort the elderly who remember the horrors of war while giving all young Poles the wisdom to endure in brotherly love.

Participation

- Special prayers and/or liturgy in all Memphis churches and synagogues during the weekend of February 6th and 7th.
- Participation with Bishop Carroll Dozier in a prayer service at 3:00 p.m., February 7th in the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue.

 On February 2nd WMQM's "Christian Talk Show" had Rae Podgorski, Ruth Jurand, and Ewa Reiter on the air from 3 PM to 4 PM talking about the efforts of Memphians for Polish Relief
 On February 5th Ewa Reiter will be interviewed on Channel 5's "Dick Williams Show" which starts at 12 Noon.
 On February 5th WVEE's "Afternoon Talk Show" will feature Rae Podgorski and Ewa Reiter talking about the efforts of Memphians for Polish Relief from 1 PM to 2 PM.

If you would like to contribute to the Polish Relief Fund, send a check payable to "FAC Charitable Foundation" and send it to:

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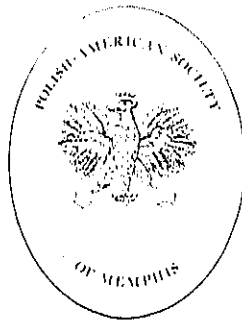
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The Polish-American Society of Memphis will sponsor an interdenominational prayer service hosted by the Catholic Diocese on behalf of the people of Poland.

The service will take place at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 1695 Central Avenue, Memphis, commencing at 3 p.m., Sunday, February 7, 1982. Bishop Carroll T. Dozier will be presiding at this service to which representatives of Memphis Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish congregations have been invited.

You are all cordially invited to support this service with your presence.

Respectfully yours,

Frank Bielicki

Frank Bielicki,
Chairman, Memphians for Polish Relief

participating at this service

Bishop Carroll T. Dozier , Catholic Diocese
Dr. Harry E. Moore, Tennessee Regional Director for the
National Conference of Christians and Jews
Rabbi Edmund Winter , Beth Sholom Synagogue

Nothing is impossible with God. We must pray to God and do not lose hope that peace will come to the Polish people.

1982 March 1982



The objectives of the Polish American Society of Memphis are to promote family unity through pride and understanding of Polish tradition and heritage and to promote their understanding in the community.

The response to the Prayer Vigil sponsored by the Polish American Society's Memphians for Polish Relief Committee was outstanding! Over 350 people attended representing all denominations. The hard work put forth by the Polish Relief Committee really paid off. Thanks to all who participated for their support. The Memphians for Polish Relief Committee continues to function. Over \$5,000 has been raised toward reaching the goal of \$25,000 to purchase medicine and food. You'll be seeing more publicity on the activity. Please call Frank Bielicki 761-5536 or Billie Svedlenka 377-8002 to offer your assistance for this effort.

The Benefit Polka Dance was also a huge success! Over 150 people attended and really enjoyed an evening of fun, dancing and visiting with old friends and making new ones. Again your support came through. The Polish American Society is made up of people--US!!! It's going and it's growing with all our help. The dance netted over \$300 in support of the Memphians for Polish Relief Committee.

A few members of the Polish American Society attended an evening with Professor Robert King at Memphis State on February 17th. Professor King presented a number of slides taken in Poland recently. He explained his thoughts on how food shortages and distribution of goods are such a problem in Poland. The presentation was most interesting and brought an insight to a most delicate situation.

Our next Society get together is the traditional blessing of food on Holy Saturday--swieconka. Prepare your basket of food to be blessed at Our Lady of Sorrows Cafeteria, 3686 Thomas. Bring some pastry to share after the blessing. Holy Saturday is April 10 and the blessing will take place at ~~12:00 p.m.~~ ^{10:00 a.m.}. This function falls directly in line with our objective--family unity through tradition. Try to make this an annual event with your family.

May 1st and 2nd is International Weekend at Tom Lee Park to kick off Memphis in May's annual salute to a specific country. This year Memphis is saluting The Netherlands. But on May 1st and 2nd there is an international theme saluting various nationalities in the community. The Polish American Museum of Chicago will bring an exhibit for display at our request. The Society is sponsoring the Allegrezza International Folk Dancers to perform Polish Folk Dances. More information in the next newsletter.

The next general membership meeting of the Polish American Society will be held on March 14th at 7 PM in the Pastoral Room of the St. Louis Youth Building. The agenda includes: Report by the Memphians for Polish Relief, Financial report, Swieconka, Memphis in May. Hope to see you there!!!

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April is upon us and with it the end of the Lenten season and the tradition of the blessing of foods of Easter on Holy Saturday---święconka. This season marks the second year anniversary of the initial gathering of the Polish American Society of Memphis. This year's activity will take place on April 10th at 2 PM at Our lady of Sorrows Cafeteria located at 3686 Thomas. Bring the family and a basket of food to be blessed. Bring a pastry along for some fellowship after the blessing. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

The Memphis in May International Weekend will be held at Tom Lee Park on May 1st and 2nd. The Polish American Society will participate with a number of activities. The Polish American Museum of Chicago, at our request, will have an interestingly revealing exhibit on prominent leaders having Polish heritage. The exhibit is planned to be on display on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The Polish American Society will be selling Polish sausage sandwiches and soft drinks. We need much assistance during this week-end and will be calling you to ask for your help for a four hour shift. On Sunday afternoon we are sponsoring the Allegrezza International Folk Dancers and during a separate activity, Mr. Dennis Wujcik will present Polish folk tunes and Polkas during a short accordion concert.

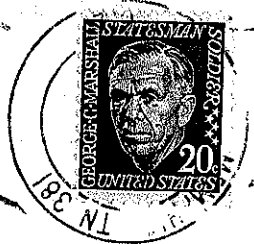
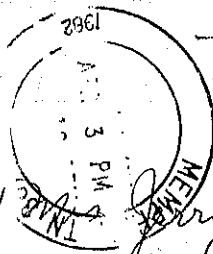
The next general meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 7 PM in the Pastoral Room of the St. Louis Youth Building.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Election of new officers takes place during the month of November. More and more members are participating in Society activities as our Society continues to grow. The present slate of officers has been in office for two years. It's not too early to think about becoming a more active Society member. Keep it in mind and let's continue GOING and GROWING!!!

President; Len Jankowski 683 0440
 Vice Pres: Frank Bielicki 761 5536
 Treasurer: Frank Duma 682 7323
 Secretary: Victoria Wilson 274 8863

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Vice Prs: Frank Bielicki
Secy: Victoria Wilson Treas: Frank Duma

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 6 - Fall Polka Dance
- November 14 - Regular Meeting
Election of Officers
- December 12 - Wigilia Dinner

FALL POLKA DANCE - November 6 is our third annual Fall Polka Dance with more to follow. We have set-ups and pop corn. Also available is our great Polish sausage plate. Beer is available. The Mel Madeksho Band is with us to provide that unbeatable Polka tempo. \$6 per adult and \$2 under 16. Get your friends and have a lot of fun!! Call Donna Micheel at 382-3298.

REGULAR MEETING November 14 is the Society's regular meeting. We are voting for a new slate of officers for the coming year. The slate is: Pres-Dave Kaczmarek; VP-Helen Lipinski; Secy- Judy Barthol; Treas- Reg Sharley. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

WIGILIA DINNER December 12 is our traditional Wigilia Dinner. We have had a lot of enjoyment during past Christmas dinners and this year will be no different !!! Make your plans now for your family to attend. To better facilitate everyone, we must ask for reservations in advance. The cost is \$5 per adult over 16; \$2.50 for youngsters 4 years through 16 yrs; and free for children 3 years and younger. Send your check for reservation, payable to Polish American Society to the Chairperson: Ruth Jurand, 500 Berkley Squar, Memphis, 38119. The place is the St. Louis School Cafeteria; the time is 7:30 PM. If you need mor information, call Ruth at 685-2112 or call L.v Rutkowski 278-3498; Helen Lipinski 388-5097.

PULASKI DINNER We had 26 people attend the Pulaski Dinner at The Knickerbocker Restaurant. Helen Karpinski's speech was most informative and enjoyable. We only wish more Society members could have attended.

SOCIETY DUES are payable for 1983 now. Use the enclosed envelope to send your dues to the treasurer. Please include the completed form in order for us to keep our records up to date. Thank you very much for your continued support!!! All of us working together will win, but half-hearted efforts and half-baked ideas will produce less than a half-a-loaf of rewards.....

FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMPIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF:
"I want to take a moment to commend everyone who participated in the Memphians For Polish Relief. Since January approximately \$8,000 has been raised to purchase needed supplies for our brothers and sisters in Poland. My sincere appreciation and thanks goes to everyone who made this drive a success. For special recognition, I call your attention to the following persons. They turned a desire to help into a reality.

- Billie & Joe Svadlenka
- Rae & Walt Podgorski
- Ruth & Jerry Jurand
- Zofia Lukasiewicz
- Dee & Duke Dybeck
- Ewa & Paul Reiter
- Chuck Pinkowski
- Jerry Murray
- Ted Martens (deceased)
- Reg Sharley

Sincerely Yours,
Frank Bielicki
Chairman, Memphians
For Polish Relief"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 11 Wigilia Dinner
January 9 Installation Potluck

FALL POLKA DANCE was enjoyed by 90 people. It was a very great evening! However, we need at least 125 people to break even so we went in the red almost \$200 for the evening. We'll try the polka dance one more time in possibly a different format. Let us know of any ideas you may have.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS A new slate of officers was elected to office at our November 14th meeting. The President is Dave Kaczmarek; Vice President is Helen Lipinski; Secretary is Judy Barthol; Treasurer is Reg Sharley.

WIGILIA DINNER is all set and ready to go!!! You've received the menu and the Committee is humming along to prepare the goods. If you haven't made your reservation, we need to have your call now so we can be assured of handling everyone. Call Ruth Jurand 685-2112; Liv Rutkowski 278-3498; Helen Lipinski 388-5097 or Rae Podgorski 754-1829. The dinner is set for Saturday, December 11, 7:30 PM at the St. Louis School Cafeteria. Bring the Family and carry this Christmas tradition. \$5 - Adult \$2.50 - 16 yrs thru 4 yrs; free- 3 and under.

SOCIETY DUES for 1983 are payable now for those who have not yet renewed. Complete the enclosed form and send it and your dues to: Frank Duma, 5673 Ashley Square So., Memphis 38119.

INSTALLATION POTLUCK DINNER - We will have the installation of officers on Sunday, January 9th at 2:00 PM at St. Ann's Bartlett. The Society will provide the meat. Please bring a dish to pass and by all means bring the family. We ask that you call Madaline Jankowski, 683-0440 so we know how much sausage to prepare.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN MEMPHIANS FOR POLISH RELIEF: "By way of the enclosed newsletter I want to call your attention to the need for shoes in Poland. Please be as generous as you can and send your donation of shoes (new or like new) or other aid to:

PAC Charitable Foundation National Office
1200 No. Ashland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Poland gave us the custom of the Wigilia Dinner and the joy it adds to each Christmas Season. Let us return a gift this year and share our blessings with the needy of Poland."

Sincerely Yours,
Frank Bielicki
Chairman, Memphians
for Polish Relief

SEASONS GREETINGS The officers of The Polish American Society of Memphis extend their best wishes to each family and to each member of the family, for a holy and blessed Christmas Season. May the blessing of the Christ child be felt in all of our homes. Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!!!!