



POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

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CURRENT NEWS

OCTOBER 1– JACKSON INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND ART FESTIVAL

The International Food and Art Festival will take place on Saturday, October 1 in Jackson, TN. It is a very popular event in that city and last year, some members of our organization took part in it. They wore our regional Polish outfits which drew attention of other participants, spectators and media. Due to lack of interest of PAS members and past deadline for registration of the groups for the Festival, we will not have our official Polish representation this year. However, if anyone has a change of plans and free time for entertainment, Jackson International Food and Art Festival is a great place to spend a day with a friend or the whole family. Please, find more information about the event on: <https://www.jifaf.com>

OCTOBER 14-16- CAMPING

This year our annual Camping trip for kids and interested adults will be held in mid-October at Village Creek, Arkansas state park. If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions related to this event, please contact the organizer, Iwona Gaye. We also remind everyone that coming to the camping is solely at your own risk and that each child must have a legal guardian.

VillageCreek@arkansas.com

NOVEMBER 12, SATURDAY – CELEBRATION OF POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our traditional Independence Day bonfire will take place on Saturday, November 12, from 5 pm to 9 pm, at the Korean House picnic area, 10569 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017. The Polish flag will be visible at the entrance and we will begin with our Polish anthem. The Polish-American Society provides drinks, traditional pea soup and warm mulled wine. We invite participants to bring a dish or dessert to the common table. The program of the meeting includes a traditional bonfire and joint singing of patriotic songs from the old days and other famous Polish hits. The event is financed from the PAS budget.

DECEMBER 10 - POLISH WIGILIA

This year we are returning to the tradition of organizing a joint Christmas Eve dinner. It will be held on Saturday, December 10 at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, Cordova. Admission will be free for members of the organization, for non-members it will be \$ 40. As before, the organization will provide basic Christmas Eve dishes. We will ask all participants for other traditional dishes for the Christmas Eve table and help in preparing the Christmas Eve (as was the case in 2019). Traditionally, children of members will receive gift bags. We will inform you by email about the date of applications for participation in the Christmas Eve, the conditions and details of its organization, one month before the date of Christmas Eve.

REPORTS FROM PAST EVENTS

THE JURANDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

This year the Polish American Society held the inaugural competition for the Jurands Scholarship, a program made possible by a grant donated to the Polish American Society by the Jurands, who were among the founders of the Society in 1978 and longtime members. The PAS Board finished evaluation of the scholarship applications in August, and we are pleased to announce the inaugural awardees of the Jurands scholarship: Elizabeth Zabielski Hurlbut, a student at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis. Christian Zabielski, at University of Tennessee Knoxville.

By unanimous decision the PAS Board allocated a part of the grant to support the education of young members of our Memphis Polish community. The Board also unanimously named the award The Jurand Scholarship, in honor of the benefactors. The Board appointed the Scholarship Council, which determines essay topics for the scholarship competition and evaluates scholarship applications and essays and awards the scholarships to the applicant whose essay receives the most Council votes.

PAS announced the first scholarship competition in May. After the announcement and during the application and adjudication of this year's scholarship, Mr. and Mrs. Jurand made an additional donation to the scholarship fund, enabling PAS to increase the scholarship award.

The PAS Board expresses their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed time and effort helping to organize the scholarship program, to members of the Scholarship Council, and especially to the Sponsors.

We look forward to participation by PAS members and students in next year's scholarship competition. Essay topics will be announced in May 2023. Best of luck to all who apply!

FAMILY CELEBRATION

On June 11, 2022, a large group of PAS members came to Shelby Farms to celebrate "Family Day" for the second time. This time our group was joined by several families from Ukraine, whose children are under the care of St. Jude. Pizza and drinks were served at this party. It became our tradition to celebrate this day by engaging everyone in various family games like races, kite flying, tug of war, etc. We would like to thank all participants for cheering for each other and having a lot of fun. Special thanks to those who made this special event happen. See you next year.

GERMANTOWN MUNICIPAL PARK PICNIC

The autumn Polish picnic took place on Saturday, September 10. Despite the morning rain, a brave group of Poles and an even more courageous group of our Ukrainian friends gathered there in order to spend some time together. We were happy to meet and to be able to give spiritual support to a group of those who are sojourners here and far from their close families. We know that some of them try to support their children in Ukraine and the separation is not easy for them not only emotionally but also financially.

MISCELLANEOUS

MEMBERSHIP FEE

\$25 per person or \$50 per family (children under 18 are exempt from membership fee)

\$12 per undergraduate (this is for 18–24-year-old full-time students)

The dues should be sent to the following address:

Polish-American Society, P.O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927

Please complete the Membership Draft Coupon for 2022 and submit it along with the membership fee. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

On Mondays and Tuesdays, Magda Teodorowicz offers private Polish lessons for children at Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8457 Trinity Road, Cordova, TN 38018.

Classes are held in 3 groups:

- for beginners
- basic level
- intermediate level

All interested parents are asked to contact her directly by e-mail at magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com

WEB PAGE

Please visit the website of our organization www.pasofmemphis.com. The information is updated on a regular basis. Recently, the history of the organization with archival photos has been refreshed.

POLISH BOOKS

If anyone would like to read books in Polish, please contact Magda Dutkiewicz Vaughan by email vcv2mdv@gmail.com

“SMYK” CINEMA

The last “Smyk” Cinema meeting this year will be held on November 7th at 6pm. Please, bring chairs and blankets if you are planning to participate and let us know that you are coming by sending an email to vcv2mdv@gmail.com. We can't wait to see you.

HOBBY CORNER

DISCUSSION BOOK CLUB

Club meetings are held regularly everyone and a half month. Discussions at meetings are lively, interesting, and sometimes very interesting. If you like reading and discussing it - the club is a great place to do it. If you are interested, please contact the club's founder, Joanna Hofman, hofmanj@bellsouth.net

BRIDGE CLUB

Members of the organization meet regularly for bridge evenings. For more information, please contact Grazyna Mustwiłło.

The Board of the Polish-American Society of Memphis:

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2022 CALENDAR OF PAS EVENTS

October	November	December
•October 14-16 Camping	• November 12 - Polish Independence Day	• December 10 -Polish Christmas Eve