



POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

NEWS

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45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAS

This year our Society celebrates the 45th anniversary including 15 years from January 2008 when it was reactivated. This period of time passed very quickly and it was full of happenings and various gatherings of the members. Our Polish-American Society is active, promotes traditional and social events as well as unites Polish people in Memphis and its surroundings. Since the reactivation, our Society doubled its membership and surpassed the magical number of a hundred members. We are going to celebrate the 45th anniversary of our organization on the 10th of June at Shelby Farms in a combined event with Family Day, which is a relatively new yet very popular event among members of our organization. More details about the event will be included in the second issue of the News in May, which will be emailed to the members. We hope everyone can plan to participate and we are looking forward to seeing you all at this special celebration.

CURRENT NEWS

THE JURANDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

In May we are going to announce the next opportunity for the scholarship for university students who are PAS members and meet certain requirements. The information about the competition will be mailed to the members at the beginning of May. It will include the rules, deadlines, and the topic of this year's competition. The Scholarship Committee will announce the winner and in August the Board will award the scholarship. Considering positive feedback about the Jurand's Scholarship we encourage you to support this fund. Each donation extends the duration of the scholarship and is an investment in our young men and women.

REFLECTIONS FROM WIGILIA

We are very glad that after a 2 year break caused by the Covid-19 pandemic we were able to return to our tradition of organizing Polish Wigilia. Thanks to the input of all participants, it turned out to be a very successful evening. The event brought many smiles and happiness to youngsters and adults. Of course, Santa paid us a visit and we are grateful for the time spent with him. Evidently, he likes when Poles get together and cultivate Polish traditions.

Thanks to Magda and children for the performances. Thanks to the music group and everyone else who worked hard to make this event joyful and memorable. See you again next time.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

In May, our Association transferred to the account of the Polish Red Cross "Help for Ukraine" financial aid of \$5,500. Thank you very much for this and many other forms of help both in Poland and here in the US.

Thank you for not remaining indifferent to human tragedy. Living far from the country, we can be proud of our relatives in the country, Poles, who so selflessly help people affected by the nightmare of war.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - HERB PARSONS LAKE TRAIL

Mila Mitchell invites you to participate in the hike around Herb Parsons Lake. This is a 6.5-mile trail in Fayette County, not far from Collierville. We will meet in the parking lot of the park at 10:00am. More information about this place can be found at:

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/herb-parsons-lake-trail>

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – EASTER

All interested in celebrating Easter in Polish, in the Catholic Church can get more information on the website of the Polish Catholic Mission. <http://www.polskamisjakatolicka.org/web/home-pol.htm>

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - SPRING PICNIC

The traditional Polish spring picnic will take place on Saturday, May 13, from 4 PM to 8 PM, at the Cameron Brown Park Germantown (enter from Farmington Blvd). Our organization Polish American Society invites all compatriots, supporters, and friends to the picnic. The event is open to all interested parties. The organization traditionally provides Polish grilled sausage and drinks and encourages participants to bring a dish to share. The event is coordinated by Magda Mazur.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 - FAMILY DAY AT SHELBY FARMS AND CELEBRATION OF 45 ANNIVERSARY

This year during Family Day, which is an event for members of PAS, we will celebrate the 45th anniversary. We will meet at Shelby Farms in Pavilion #3 which is located close to the stables. A week before the event, we will send you an email asking to confirm your participation in order to buy the right number of pizzas and drinks.

MISCELLANEOUS

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The PAS financial year ends on the last day of January. The members of the organization will receive the financial statements for the year 2022. The organization's financial and other documents are always available for review by members.

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 2023 and submit it along with the membership fee.

Thank you.

MEMBERS

In 2022, there were 101 members in the organization (including 5 honorary members and 4 students). 24 new people with families joined our organization.

WEB PAGE

Please visit our PAS website www.pasofmemphi.com where current news can be found. Also, you can use it to contact the Board if you have any questions or suggestions.

„SMYK” CINEMEA

We are kicking off our third year with Kino Smyka and invite any Polish American Society affiliated youth over to our home. The first movie showing will take place Friday, March 31st. We will start at 6:30pm. All interested should contact Magda Dutkiewicz Vaughan via email vcv2mdv@gmail.com. As always, we will provide popcorn and water to enjoy during the show. Please reach out by March 27th to reserve your spots so we know how many are coming. Space is limited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARNING POLISH

In January, the second semester of Polish language classes began, which will end on May 22, 2023, with a ceremonial awarding of diplomas for participation and prizes for diligent students. Classes are held at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8505 Trinity Rd in Cordova, for 3 age and level-appropriate groups on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, please contact Magda Teodorowicz at magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com

HOBBY CORNER

DISCUSSION BOOK CLUB

"Reading books is the greatest pastime mankind has ever invented." Wiesława Szymborska.

Hello. In December 2021, the Book Discussion Club was founded. Our inaugural meeting took place in January 2022. After a year of operation of the Book Club we held 9 meetings (we meet every 6-8 weeks). It has 10 readers. In February we will be discussing the 9th book. We read literary works on various topics. We get to know books by authors that we would not have chosen. And that's the "charm" of the Book Club. Book lovers are invited to attend the meetings. Participation in the club does not require registration. You don't have to be a literary scholar or a literary critic to talk about books. This is the Book Friends Club. I would also like to thank the current readers of DBC for their perseverance and participation. Without you the Club would not exist. Joanna Hofman - moderator, email: hofmanj@bellsouth.net

BRIDGE CLUB

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

HUMOR

ANNA

This time, at your request, we present “Anna” - the name is derived from the Hebrew "hannah" meaning "grace". If you know any Annas, let's see if their description matches what proposes Marek Urbański in his book "The Book of Names". Let's take it with a grain of salt. So, I quote: Anna is usually a self-confessed realist and only exceptionally allows emotions to take over common sense in her life. She is responsible, level-headed, and firm, which sometimes makes her seem cold, haughty and unapproachable. It's hard to get a more wrong assessment because Anna is very emotional, although really closed in herself. She approaches the pleasures of social life with a distance, but rarely avoids it completely. Anna is a good mother, faithful wife, and thrifty housewife. In her professional work, she reaches a compromise through the ability to push her own arguments without conflict. She is curious about the world and sensitive to all forms of beauty. Did you know that Tina Turner is also Anna? Yes, her name at birth was Anna Mae Bullock.

If you are interested in the "hidden" characteristics of another person, please enter the name in the online form: <https://forms.gle/nztt7yoUMy1ZdAzH9>

The Board of the Polish American Society of Memphis:

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2023 CALENDAR OF PAS EVENTS

January	February	March
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 25 - Herb Parsons Lake Trail hike
April	May	June
April 9, Easter	May 13 - Spring Picnic Cameron Brown Park, Germantown	June 10- Family Day and Anniversary Celebration - in Shelby Farms
July	August	September
		16 September Autumn picnic 29-1 Camping
October	November	December
October 29 - Board Election Meeting	November 11 - Polish Independence Day	December 9 -Polish Christmas Eve