

Polish-American Society

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CURRENT NEWS

SEPTEMBER 29 - 1 OCTOBER 29 CAMPING

This year our annual Camping for kids and interested adults will be held in Chickasaw State Park. It will begin on the 29th of September 29 and end on Sunday, October 1st.

If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions related to this event, please contact the organizer, Justyna Zylka-O'Brien

We also remind everyone that coming to the camping is solely at your own risk and that each child must have a legal guardian.

OCTOBER 29, SUNDAY- PAS ELECTION

The elections to the next Board of the Polish-American Society will take place on Sunday, October 29, 2023. The election meeting will traditionally be combined with a gala dinner, this time at the Coletta's Italian restaurant at 2850 Appling Rd, Memphis, TN 38133 in Bartlett.

During lunch, the outgoing management board will summarize its activities and familiarize members with the organization's finances. The election committee will summarize the results of the election and announce the association's new board for the next two years.

Detailed information about the election along with the electoral list will be provided to those entitled to vote two weeks before the general meeting. We would like to remind you that to take part in the election you must be a member of the organization, i.e. have paid the membership fee for 2023.

NOVEMBER 11, SATURDAY – CELEBRATION OF POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

The traditional bonfire will take place on Saturday, November 11, from 5 pm to 9 pm, at the Korean House picnic area, 10569 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017. So far, we have not received confirmation about the place and will let you know by email if there are any changes. The Polish flag will be visible at the entrance. 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 2 - POLISH WIGILIA

The Polish Christmas Eve organized by our organization will take place **on Saturday, December 2, 2023.** The previously given date in the electronic edition of the News is out of date - we apologize for the misunderstanding. The Wigilia will take place at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, Cordova. **This year, due to organizational changes at Bert Ferguson Center, Christmas Eve will be held from 4pm to 7:30.**

Admission to the Christmas Eve party is free for members of the organization, and for non-members it will be \$45. As before, the organization will provide basic Christmas Eve dishes. We will ask registered participants for other traditional dishes and help in preparing the evening meal (as was the case in previous years). Members' children will traditionally receive gifts. One month before the date of Christmas Eve, we will inform you by email about the deadline for registering for participation in the Christmas Eve, the conditions and further details of its organization.

THE JURANDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS

Just like last year, two students took part in this year's scholarship competition. They were Daria Andriienko and Zuzanna Glover. They wrote papers on two different topics:

"What are your connections with Poland, ..." "What is your favorite Polish national or religious holiday, ..."

The scholarship committee, by a majority vote, recognized Zuzia Glover's essay, and the organization's Management Board awarded Zuzia.

We would like to remind you that the condition for participation in the competition is membership in the Polish American Society for at least one year.

We wish founders of the program, Mr. and Mrs. Jurand, every success. We would like to thank the members of the Scholarship Council for their work on the committee.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

The Polish language classes officially started in September, every Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Bert Ferguson Community Center in Cordova, TN. The classes have been divided into 3 different levels to accommodate students with varying degrees of proficiency: beginner, basic level, and intermediate level. Children of all levels are welcome to join the classes and learn the Polish language. Please contact directly at magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN POLAND

We recommend that people looking for a representative before all administrative authorities and courts throughout Poland contact Legal Advisor Dariusz Miksiewicz, tel. +48 663-892-274; mail: dariusz.miksiewicz@gmail.com, or via WhatsApp, Messenger: www.facebook.com/darek.miksiewicz

INVENTORY

Recently, the Board of the organization conducted an inventory of the organization's assets. If you are in possession of the organization's property, please report it to the board members.

HOBBY CORNER

DISCUSSION BOOK CLUB

Club meetings are held regularly every month and a half. Discussions at meetings are lively, interesting, and very interesting. If you like to read and discuss things, the club is a great place for that. The club is run by Joanna Hofman, <u>hofmanj@bellsouth.net</u>

The Board of the Polish-American Society of Memphis:

Zbigniew Mark Stroinski	President
Beata Gaye	Vice President
Danuta Zabielski	Treasurer
Ludmila Mitchell	Secretary
Magdalena Mazur	Coordinator, Cultural Events

2023 CALENDAR OF PAS EVENTS

July	August	September
		September 29 Camping
October	November	December
•October 1 Camping	 November 11 - Polish Independence Day 	• December 2 -Polish Christmas Eve