



POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

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ZARZĄD PAS 2024 - 2025

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*Following the resignation of Magda Dutkiewicz Vaughan in early January of this year from her role on the board, the board decided that this position would not be filled until the elections this fall, and the duties associated with it would be distributed among the remaining board members.

PAS Board

PAS CONTACT INFORMATION:

To contact the board, please send a message to pasofmem@gmail.com or leave a message at 901-646-1164. This number is currently the official phone number of our organization.

WAIVER AND PAS SURVEY

We invite everyone to actively participate in the organization of PAS. A very important element of this is to fill out the survey attached to these messages. The survey can also be found on our website pasofmemphis.com or use the QR code provided next to it. We also ask families who have not yet done so to sign the waiver` .

WEBSITE AND VIRTUAL NEWS

We would like to encourage everyone to use the virtual form of communication, without the need to print and send the newsletter by mail. This would bring us significant savings, however, we will respect your individual preferences in this regard. People who do not declare receiving the newsletter electronically will receive the newsletter as in previous years.

The virtual form will be available at all times on the website pasofmemphis.com . We will update this page regularly, informing you about events related to the activities of our organization.

REFLECTIONS FROM CHRISTMAS EVE

Our Polish Christmas Eve is a very important annual event of PAS. The evening was graced by memories from previous years (slide show) and a performance by children under the wings of Magda Teodorowicz.

The contribution of each of you made the event a great success. We thank you all very much!

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS NAMED AFTER THE JURANDS

In May, another competition for a scholarship for students - the announcement will be sent to Members of the Association. The coordinator for the Scholarship is Zbyszek Stroiński, who acts as an intermediary between the PAS board and the scholarship committee.

Information about the rules and theme of this year's competition will be sent to members of the organization by e-mail in the first days of May. The Scholarship Council will anonymously distinguish one work, and the Association Board will give the author a check in August of this year.

In connection with the positive opinions regarding the scholarship, the PAS board encourages financial support for the fund. Every, even the smallest contribution, beyond the membership fee, is a wonderful gift that extends the scholarship program and invests in our Polish youth.

POLISH SCHOOL NAMED AFTER MIKOLAJ KOPERNIK

The school operates independently of our organization. Nevertheless, it is an integral part of our community and we support it as much as we can.

The second semester of Polish language classes began in January, which will end on May 6, 2025 with a ceremonial presentation of diplomas for participation and prizes for diligent students. Classes are held at the Bert Ferguson Community Center, 8505 Trinity Rd in Cordova, for four groups of appropriate age and level of Polish language proficiency on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the 2024/2025 school year. More information can be obtained by contacting the school principal, Magda Teodorowicz, at magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com.

RECORDS AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM OUR FOUNDER, MR. JANKOWSKI

The children of the Jankowski family have given our organization documents, numerous records and recordings of Polish programs that Len Jankowski hosted on a local radio station. These materials will be reviewed by a group of our members led by Edek Kozłowski. We will provide information on how we have used these materials after the group has completed its work.

SENATE COMPETITION

Rebecca and Marcin Arendt, Halinka and Jacek Dutkiewicz, and Magda Teodorowicz, together with the group in Poland, are working to obtain funds from the Senate for the local Polish community. If these funds are made available to us, we will provide more information on the details of the project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each of our events is updated on the pasofmemphis.com website and on Facebook. We kindly ask our members and supporters to follow current events!

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - MEEMAN- SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK HIKE

The first hike of the year will be led by Gosia Stroińska (901-761-5147) on Sunday, March 3. Meet in front of the Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/MeemanShelby

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - HERB PARSONS LAKE HIKE

The Herb Parsons Lake hike will be led by Miłka Mitchell (phone 901-361-7008).

The 6.5-mile trail is located in Fayette County, near Collierville. We met at the park parking lot at 10:30 a.m. More at: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/tennessee/herb-parsons-lake-trail>

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER EGG PAINTING

We cordially invite children and adults to participate. The Easter egg painting will take place at the Bert Ferguson Center at 11:00 a.m. The organization will provide paints for painting. Please bring boiled eggs for Easter eggs. Please RSVP to ensure sufficient supplies. Magda Mazur is available for questions (901) 258-6504.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - SPRING PICNIC

The traditional spring Polish picnic will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cameron Brown Park Germantown (entrance from Farmington Blvd). We invite all compatriots, supporters and friends to the picnic. The organization traditionally provides grilled Polish sausage and drinks, and participants are encouraged to bring a dish for the common table. The event coordinator is Magda Mazur (901) 258-6504. See you soon!

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - STRAWBERRY PICKING

We invite members and fans of PAS to a joint strawberry picking, which will take place at Jones Orchard 7170 Hwy 51 in Millington, TN at 10:00 a.m. The organization will provide drinks for all participants and will fund one basket per family for PAS members present during the picking.

SATURDAY JUNE 1 - FAMILY DAY AND CHILDREN'S DAY

This year, during Family Day, which is a meeting exclusively for PAS members, we will celebrate CHILDREN'S DAY. The ceremony will take place in Shelby Forest at 11 am.

JULY 21 - AUGUST 1 - DANCE WORKSHOPS: FOLK AND NATIONAL DANCES

The workshops will be a great opportunity to learn traditional Polish dances, learn about their history and meaning, and celebrate Polish cultural heritage together. The meetings will be led by the dance group from Poland and will be offered to PAS members in various age groups. We invite children, youth, and adults to learn Polish folk and national dances. The workshops will be free of charge, but we ask for donations to support the student dance group that comes to us.

The program and additional information about the workshops can be found on our website:

<https://pasofmemphis.com/polish-dances-workshop/>

Interested parties - please fill out the form on the pasofmemphis.com website, and please direct any questions to the workshop coordinator Magdalena Teodorowicz (901) 601-9762. Don't miss the opportunity to become part of this extraordinary adventure with Polish culture! We cordially invite you!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAS's fiscal year ends on the last day of January. All members of the organization receive a financial report for 2024 attached to this bulletin. The organization's financial documents remain available for viewing by interested members.

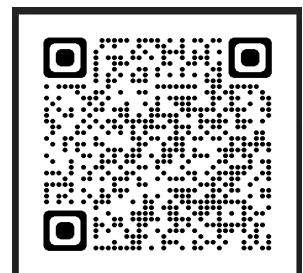
ORGANIZATIONAL EXPENSES

PAS operating costs in 2024 were: \$320 to print and mail the newsletter, \$250 to maintain the PO box, \$1,100 PAS website fees (PAS portal paid for 2025-2027), \$400 spring and fall picnics, \$100 Family Day, \$210 Children's Campout, \$240 Pumpkin Patch, \$150 Independence Day, and \$1,200 Christmas Eve.

MEMBERSHIP DUE

To remain a member of the Polish-American Society, you must pay an annual dues of \$25 for an individual or \$50 for a family (children under 18 are exempt from dues). The dues for full-time adults are \$12. Members who have paid their dues may receive free or reduced admission to PAS events.

Please send checks or money orders with a completed and signed form to: Polish American Society, P.O. Box 770927, Memphis, TN 38177-0927. The form can be found at the end of this issue or on the PAS website. For those who prefer to complete the form and pay electronically, please log in to our website at pasofmemphis.com.



PAS MEMBERS

In 2024, our organization had 126 members (including 5 honorary members and 5 students). We welcomed 27 new people and their families. The new people are Becky and Marcin Arendt, Ewelina Boczkowska, Rachel Byrd, Ali and Aneta Chambers, Gretchen and Andrew Dupree, Rafał Dziedziniewicz, Aneta Dziemiańczyk, Sylwia Feibelman, Shirley Governor, Daria and Daniel Harriman, Mary McCool, Milena Marshall, Fathers Carl Hood and Lorenz Horst, and students Joseph Dupree, Malick Gaye and Leo Denkwicz. We warmly welcome you to our Polish community!

CONGRATULATIONS

Asia and Mac Kamiński and Paulina and Jason Poux received a visa gift card from the association this year on the occasion of the birth of their children. We wish the little ones health and the parents strength and all the best!

SAD GOODBYES

In 2024, we said goodbye to several long-time members of our organization: Marie Stroinski (mother of Gosia and Zbyszek Stroinski), Madeline Jankowski (wife of the founder of PAS), Abdoul Gaye (husband of Iwona Gaye), Seth Feibelman (husband of Sylwia Feibelman). Each of these people will leave a gap in our community, but at the same time, the memories we all have remain. Once again, we express our deepest condolences to the families.

LIBRARY

We would like to remind you that the organization has a large collection of Polish books. The list of books can be found at pasofmemphis.com, and the library is run by Edek Kozłowski. (901) 262-5854.

ADVERTISEMENTS

POLISH DISHES

If you are interested in purchasing delicious traditional Polish dishes, please contact Iwona Gaye, tel. 901-864-5251. Enjoy your meal!

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Janusz Hofman 901 289-6986 (Janusz is a licensed electrician)

PRESSURE CLEANING

Andrzej Kamiński 901 859-1122 (Andrzej offers cleaning of terraces, sidewalks, driveways, etc.)

LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN POLAND

For those looking for a representative before all administrative bodies and courts throughout Poland, we recommend contacting Legal Counsel Dariusz Miksiewicz, tel. +48 663-892-274; email: dariusz.miksiewicz@gmail.com, via WhatsApp, Messenger: www.facebook.com/darek.miksiewicz)

PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2025

We cordially invite PAS members and supporters to participate in the events we have planned for this year.

Styczeń	Luty	Marzec
		March 3rd - Meeman Park Hike March 29th - Herb Parsons Lake Hike
Kwiecień	Maj	Czerwiec
April 12 - Easter Egg Painting at Bert Ferguson (A)	May 3 - Spring Picnic at Cameron Brown Park Germantown (B) May 10 - Strawberry Picking at Jones Orchard (C) May 30 - Scholarship Competition	June 1 - Family Day and Children's Day in Shelby Forrest (D)
Lipiec	Sierpień	Wrzesień
July 21 - August 1 - Dance Workshop at the Bert Ferguson Center	August 16th - Germantown International Festival	September 13 - Fall Picnic (A) September 19 - 21 - Family Camp at Chickasaw State Park (E)
Październik	Listopad	Grudzień
October 18 - Pumpkin Patch at Menagerie Farms (F) October 26 - PAS Board Elections	November 8 - Polish Independence Day at Municipal Park in Germantown (G) November 15 - Preparing Christmas tree decorations (H)	December 13 - Polish Christmas Eve

- (A) We provide materials for painting Easter eggs. Please bring boiled eggs for the Easter eggs.
- (B) Potluck type event. The organization will provide sausage for the grill, bread and drinks.
- (C) PAS will provide drinks and provide a basket of strawberries for one member family.
- (D) A celebration only for PAS members. The organization will provide pizza, drinks and attractions.
- (E) A trip only for PAS members. We will cover campsite reservations from the budget.
- (F) PAS will pay for admission for a child - a PAS member. Non-members use group tickets.
- (G) Potluck type event. Pea soup and bread will be purchased from the PAS budget.
- (H) The organization will provide materials.