



# POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

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### PAS BOARD 2024 - 2026

President	
Vice President	Beata Gaye
Treasurer	Dana Zabielski
Secretary	Justyna Żyłka O'Brien
Event Coordinator	Magdalena Mazur

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **SEPTEMBER 19–21 – CAMPING**

This year's camping trip for children and interested adults will take place at Pickwick Landing Campground. It will begin on Friday, September 19, and end on Sunday, September 21. For questions and formalities, please contact Justyna Zylka-O'Brien at 901-281-1535. Please note that parents, not the organization, are responsible for the safety of their children during the camping trip, and each family is required to sign a one-time waiver (available on the PAS website). We wish everyone a great time!

#### **SEPTEMBER 27, SATURDAY – JACKSON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

The festival will take place in Jackson, TN, at 800 S. Highland Ave, on Saturday, September 27, from 10 AM to 4PM. Please arrive on time, as the Parade of Nations begins at 11 AM and all participants need to be there at 10:30 AM. As an organization, we have received a promise of financial support from the Polish Embassy. We will be offering samples of Polish food to the public and plan to sell various Polish products. The involvement of all our members is essential for the preparation of this event. Please contact Magda M (901) 258 6504 or Danka (901) 216 7963. Please remember that this festival is our organization's primary source of income. Proceeds help us reduce the cost of Christmas Eve and fund events throughout the year.

#### **OCTOBER 4, SATURDAY – FALL PICNIC**

Our traditional Polish-American Fall Picnic will take place on Saturday, October 4, from 4 PM to 8 PM, at Cameron Brown Park in Germantown (entrance from Farmington Blvd). The Polish-American Society invites all fellow Poles, friends, and supporters. The event is open to everyone interested. The organization will provide traditional Polish sausage from the grill and drinks. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Event coordinator: Magda Mazur. See you soon!

**OCTOBER 18, SATURDAY – PUMPKIN PATCH**

We invite all children, youth, and adults on Saturday, October 18, from 12 PM to 2 PM to Menagerie Farms for a fall festival and pumpkin patch. PAS will cover admission for children who are PAS members. Parents/guardians who are PAS members are also free of charge. Non-members may use group tickets. A \$5 parking fee in cash will be collected directly by Menagerie Farms staff.

**OCTOBER 26, SUNDAY – PAS ELECTIONS**

Elections for the new Board of our association will take place on Sunday, October 26, 2025. The election meeting will be traditionally combined with a festive dinner. We are still looking for an affordable venue. If anyone can recommend one, please contact the Board. During the dinner, the outgoing Board will summarize its activities, present the organization’s finances, and propose options for increasing annual membership dues. The Election Committee will conduct the vote for the new Board for the next two years. Detailed election information, along with the list of eligible voters, will be sent two weeks before the general meeting. Please remember that in order to participate in the elections, you must be a member of the organization, i.e., have paid your 2025 membership dues. Those who have not yet paid are kindly asked to do so as soon as possible in order to participate actively in this year’s elections.

**NOVEMBER 8, SATURDAY – POLAND’S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

The event is planned from 5 PM to 8 PM at the picnic grounds of Korean House, 10569 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017. We have not yet received confirmation of the reservation, so any changes will be announced by email. A Polish flag will be visible at the entrance to the property. The organization will provide traditional pea soup, mulled wine, and other beverages. We also invite participants to bring a dish or dessert to share. The program will include a bonfire and singing of patriotic songs and popular Polish hits.

**NOVEMBER 15, SATURDAY – HOLIDAY DECORATION WORKSHOP**

We will meet at Ferguson Center (Cordova) at 10 AM to prepare for the busy holiday season. Basic materials for Christmas decorations will be provided. These will be used to decorate the tables and stage for our Christmas Eve celebration.

**DECEMBER 13 – POLISH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE (WIGILIA)**

Our annual Polish Community Christmas Eve will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at the Catholic church hall, 8151 Poplar Ave, Germantown, TN 38138. Admission is free for PAS members; for non-members, the fee is \$45. The organization will provide basic Christmas Eve dishes. Additional traditional dishes and preparation help will be requested from participating members, as in previous years. Children of PAS members will traditionally receive gifts. Details regarding registration, requirements, and logistics will be shared by email one month before the event.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE JURAND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

This year’s edition of the Jurand Family Scholarship Contest has come to an end. On the topic “How Polish Traditions Have Influenced Me,” three essays were submitted, and the Scholarship Council awarded Katherine Zabielski’s work. Katherine will receive a \$1,000 check from the PAS Scholarship Fund. Congratulations to Katherine on this recognition, and we wish her continued success! We sincerely thank everyone involved in the program, especially the Scholarship Council members for their time and dedication. We also send warm greetings and best wishes for health to the program’s founder, Dr. Jerzy Jurand.

### **POLISH DANCE WORKSHOPS – FOLK AND NATIONAL DANCES**

We enjoyed 10 days filled with dance, music, creativity, joy, and tradition! From the first steps of the polonaise and krakowiak, to making flower wreaths, beads, brooches, and bookmarks, to the meeting with the unique Lajkonik – each day was unforgettable. The grand finale included awarding diplomas and a joint dance in beautiful folk costumes. We would like to thank the Consular Section and the Polish Embassy in Washington, DC, for financial support; Rafał Dyrda, M.A., choreographer of the “Połoniny” ensemble, for his guidance; and all participants, instructors, and parents for their dedication and wonderful atmosphere. These were unforgettable moments that will stay in our memory for a long time!

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025**



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

\$12 for students (ages 18–26, full-time students)

Payments should be sent to:

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

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES 2026**

The Board has decided to increase membership fees for next year due to inflation and a higher number of events.

\$35 per person or \$70 per family (children under 18 are exempt)

\$20 for students (ages 18–26, full-time students)

### **POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES**

Polish language classes officially began in September and take place every Tuesday and Wednesday at Bert Ferguson Community Centre in Cordova, TN. Classes are divided into three levels: beginner, basic, and intermediate, to accommodate different skill levels. Children and adults of all levels are welcome.

Contact: [magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com](mailto:magdalenateodorowicz@yahoo.com)

### **LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN POLAND**

For those seeking representation before administrative authorities and courts in Poland, we recommend attorney Dariusz Miksiewicz, tel. +48 663-892-274, email: [dariusz.miksiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:dariusz.miksiewicz@gmail.com), or via

WhatsApp/Messenger: [www.facebook.com/darek.miksiewicz](https://www.facebook.com/darek.miksiewicz)

**POLISH CUISINE**

For those interested in purchasing traditional Polish dishes, please contact Iwona Gaye at 901-864-5251. Enjoy!

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

Janusz Hofman, tel. 901-289-6986 (licensed electrician)

**WEBSITE**

Please visit our organization’s website: [www.pasofmemphis.com](http://www.pasofmemphis.com). Information is updated regularly.

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**PAS EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2024**

July	August	September
		<b>September 19-21</b> - Kemping (A) <b>September 27</b> -Jackson International Festival
October	November	December
<b>October 4</b> - Fall Picnic <b>October 18</b> - Pumpkin Patch at Menagerie Farms (B) <b>October 26</b> – PAS Election	<b>November 8</b> – Independence Day (D) <b>November 15</b> – Preparing Christmas Decorations (C)	<b>December 13</b> – Polish Christmas Dinner

- (A) Trip only for PAS members. We cover camping site reservations from our budget.
- (B) PAS will pay the admission fee for a child - a PAS member. Non-members benefit from group tickets.
- (C) The organization provides materials and drinks.
- (D) Potluck type party. Pea soup and bread will be purchased from the PAS budget.