



NEWSLETTER

POLISH CULTURAL CLUB OF GREATER HARTFORD, INC.

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TWO UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



GENERAL MEETING / LECTURE

Thursday, April 25, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Polish National Home
60 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Topic: **"SLEEP HYGIENE"**



Christine Waszynski, DNP, APRN, GNP-BC

Why not plan to have an early dinner at the PNH before the event. The Kitchen is open!



A Taste of Polonia — Food and Drink

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019

Time: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Polish National Home

60 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford

Tickets: \$35 per person (Reservations Please)

Enjoy recipe selections from our new cookbook, "FAVORITE RECIPES," prepared by Chef Jeff, beer and Polish liquor tastings, music, entertainment, and socializing.



PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYERS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Questions/information: 860.841.3477 (Lilia)



A Gentle Reminder . . .

JENNIE MARCONI-JAVORSKI SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE — May 1, 2019

The application can be downloaded from our Club's website: www.polishculturalclub.org. This year's essay topic relates to the 400th anniversary of the first labor strike in America initiated in 1619 by the Poles in Jamestown. These Polish craftsmen, who had established profitable industries for the colony, caused a civil rights action in the form of a work stoppage demanding the right to vote—and they won. Please encourage students of Polish heritage to apply.



A Warm Welcome to New Member

Maureen Sylvester of Plantsville

We welcome new members at any time. Please share this information with family and friends who wish to support our mission:

Annual Dues: \$25 per member
\$40 dual or household
\$10 student

Mail to: Mrs. Anna-Mae Maglaty, Membership Chair
35 Fernridge Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-1425

NOTE: Membership cards have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact Anna-Mae at 860.521.7621.



to update us when you have a change of name, address, phone number, or e-mail address by notifying Carol Phelan by E-mail: hopsotch77@sbcglobal.net or phone: 860.646.3114.

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Shipping/Handling: \$4.00 per book

300
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Including
Easter



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Spring Greetings!

The Club is picking up speed as the calendar turns toward warmer weather. Two members of our Board and I attended the Spring Board Meeting of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) a couple weeks ago in the DC area. It was my first experience participating in a meeting at a regional level, and it did not disappoint. There is so much talent and ambition in our national organization. I met dedicated people who share our interest in advancing Polish culture. There are successful initiatives in progress to bring Polish history to the elementary grades and also a deep commitment to promoting the appreciation of Polish art and music. I returned to CT with lots of ideas and a hope to add to the buzz with our own Club offerings. Within the newsletter, you will see information about our upcoming speaker this month and also our Cookbook Tasting event in May. Please consider attending and make mention of this to everyone you know. We are aiming high to bring in new members and new ideas!



Lilia Kieltyka, PCCGH President



L to R: Justine Kieltyka, Caroline Kieltyka, Lilia Kieltyka, Fran Pudlo, and Florence Langridge at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. (Caroline works in Washington, Justine was visiting her sister during spring break.)



Lilia Kieltyka, Fran Pudlo, and Florence Langridge at the ACPC Board Meeting Welcome Reception.

2019-2020 CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD

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Feel free to contact any of us at any time.

POLAND'S ROLE IN NATO



Poland and its contributions to world history are well known, but it is equally important to acknowledge Poland's role as a dedicated participant in today's global arena.

Poland is a reliable ally of NATO and has played an active part in NATO **Training Missions:** Iraq (2005-2011), Afghanistan (2009-2014), Iraq (2018); **Humanitarian Missions:** AFOR (Albania 1999); Swift Relief (Pakistan 2015); and **Other NATO missions:** Baltic Air Policing (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia)—where Polish pilots have been deployed 8 times and, along with Belgium, is the second-most active NATO member after Germany; engagement in Active Endeavour/Sea Guardian in the Mediterranean (2005-2011 periodically); **Areas of Europe:** leading standing NATO groups (2010-2011, 2013, 2017).

Poland has also been a NATO participant in out-of-area **Stability Missions** since 1995 (IFOR): Bosnia and Herzegovina (1995-2004), Kosovo (since 1999) and FYROM (Macedonia) (2001-2003). Poland was also involved in rebuilding Afghanistan: ISAF (2004-2014) and Resolute Support (since 2014).

(Source: www.facebook.com/EmbassyofPolandWashingtonDC.)

HERE'S A FUN PROJECT TO TRY!

Starting Seeds in Egg Cartons or Eggshells

Spring is the perfect time to plant seedlings. Here's how. Take a cardboard egg carton and cut off the top half. Place remaining section on a tray to minimize mess and punch 2 or 3 small holes in the bottom of each egg cavity for drainage. Fill the egg receptacles with potting soil, and then place 2 to 3 flower or herb seeds in each of the egg compartments. Cover lightly with soil, water every day with a spray bottle to keep evenly moist, and watch the greens grow! When the seedlings are 1 to 2 inches tall, replant them in your outside garden. You can also gently place the potting soil and seeds into empty egg shells and later transfer the egg shells directly into the soil of your garden.



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DO YOU KNOW . . . THE TRADITIONS OF A POLISH EASTER?

ORIGIN: Easter is the springtime Christian celebration commemorating the resurrection of Christ following His death on the cross. It first appeared in Poland after 966 A.D. when Christianity was officially adopted, but it took two centuries or more to take root across the nation.

NAMES: The Polish word for Easter is *Wielkanoc* (Greatnight), and similar forms are found in other west Slavic languages such as *Velkionoc* in Czech. Among the Eastern Slavs, the Ukrainians call it *Velykiden* (Greatday). Most European languages have derived the name from the Latin *Pascha*, while the English and Germans have named it after the pagan Germanic goddess of spring, *Eostre*.



WHEN: Since the 4th century, Easter has been celebrated on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox (April 21). The earliest is March 22; the latest is April 25.

EASTER SEASON: It starts on Easter Sunday and lasts 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost was derived from the Greek word for fifty. In Polish folk culture, it is called *Zielone Świątki* (Green Holidays).

PRELUDE: Easter is preceded by Lent or *Wielki Post* (the Great Fast), a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and penance in preparation for the joyous feast of the Resurrection.

SYMBOLS: The traditional Polish paschal symbol is the Easter Lamb with Banner of Resurrection (*Baranek Wielkanocny*). Another prime symbol is the word "Alleluja" (*Alleluia*), from the Hebrew meaning "Praise God."

EASTER CRAFTS AND DECORATIVE ELEMENTS: Easter-themed folk handicrafts include Easter eggs of various kinds (*pisanki*), Polish Easter "palms," hand-carved butter-lamb mold, Easter lambs made of different materials, and paper cut-outs (*wycynianki*). Pussy willows, hyacinths, daffodils, forsythia, boxwood, ferns, and Polish Easter palms are among the best-known Polish Easter decorations.

GREETINGS: Happy Easter is translated into Polish as either "*Wesołego Alleluja!*" or "*Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych,*" often abbreviated to just "*Wesołych Świąt.*" The humorous version is "*Wesołego jajka i mokrego Dyngusa!*" (Happy Egg and Wet Easter Monday).

LORD'S TOMB: Known in Polish as "*Grób Pański,*" this traditional tableau is set up at a side altar and shows Christ lying in His tomb. It is visited on Holy Saturday by the faithful bringing their hallowfare to be blessed.

HALLOWFARE: This is the Easter fare blessed at church on Holy Saturday, the eve of Easter Sunday. Typical baskets contain eggs, sausage, horseradish, bread, butter lamb, cakes, etc. which are served at Easter Breakfast.

RESURRECTION MASS: Easter Sunday sunrise Mass begins with the congregation, all decked out in their holiday best, thrice encircling the church. Only a grave cloth is seen in the empty Lord's Tomb as the scent of flowers, candles, incense, and the strains of joyous hymns fill the church.

EASTER HYMNS: Favorite Polish Easter hymns include: "*Wesoły nam dzień dziś nastał,*" "*Zwycięzca śmierci,*" "*Nie zna śmierci Pan żywota,*" "*Chrystus zmartwychwstał jest*" and "*Otrzyście już łzy płaczący.*"

EASTER FARE: The day's feasting begins with Easter Breakfast, served after the family returns from Easter morning Mass. It includes a tart, creamy soup (*żurek* or *biały barszcz*), hard-cooked eggs in various forms, ham, sausage, roast meats, paté, salads, etc. Similar foods are served throughout the day.

EASTER CAKES: Yeast-raised egg breads (*babka*, *placek*, *kołacz*, *chwałka*), *mazurek* (flat cake), *sernik* (cheesecake), and *sękacz* (log cake) typically grace the Polish Easter table. In Polonia, *pączki* and *chruściki* are also served.


EASTER GAMES: The best-known games of the season are the egg tap (the winner is the one whose egg remains intact) and the egg roll (the egg that rolls the farthest wins). Easter egg hunts occurred under German influence mainly in western and northern Poland.

WET EASTER MONDAY AND DYNGUS DAY: On Easter Monday (*Lany Poniedziałek*), boys drench girls with water in a tradition known as *Śmigus-Dyngus*. American Polonia, especially in and around Buffalo, has turned Easter Monday into a major celebration known as Dyngus Day. It features food, drink, music, polka dancing, and the Old Country drenching custom.

ŚWIĘCONKA (PARTY): Another Polonian innovation is the *Święconka*, which in Poland refers chiefly to the Easter food basket. In Polonia, it is also a community Easter party usually held during the first post-Easter weekend. It is similar to Dyngus Day, except that no drenching occurs.

Co? What? Gdzie? Where? Kiedy? When?


THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 6:00 p.m.
PCCGH GENERAL MEETING & LECTURE —“Sleep Hygiene”
 Speaker: Christine Waszynski, DNP, APRN, GNP-BC
 (See enclosed flyer for further details)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 7:00 p.m.
LADIES GUILD MONTE CARLO WHIST

 SS. Cyril & Methodius Church Lower Hall
 Enjoy some laughs, a giant raffle, and refreshments.
 Bring a friend. Public welcome. Admission: \$5.00

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
“EASTER POLISH DINNER” — St. John the Baptist Parish,
 Polish National Catholic Church, 23 Golway Street, Manchester
 Tickets: \$20 preordered and \$25 at the door. Take out available.
 Information: Tel.: 860.643.5906

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 11:00 a.m.
“Polish Day at the Capitol” Information: 860.240.8387 **FREE**

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 5:00—8:00 p.m.
PCCGH Event: “A Taste of Polonia — Food and Drink”
 Polish National Home — Dining Room
 Buffet, beer & Polish liquor tastings, music, and more
 (See enclosed flyer for details and reservation form) \$35.00 p.p.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 11 & 12, 2019

“Mother’s Day Plant Sale” sponsored by the Ladies Guild
 SS. Cyril & Methodius Church—before and after all Masses

DAY TRIP — CELEBRATION OF PEONIES AT HILDENE



MANCHESTER, VT

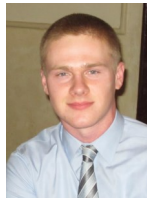
Thursday, June 6, 2019



Club members are invited to join the Ladies Guilds of Sacred Heart and Holy Cross Churches on a trip to Hildene, the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln (son of Abraham Lincoln). In addition to visiting the interior of the residence, there is a garden promontory overlooking Battenkill Valley with a spectacular view of the mountains of VT. The main attraction, however, will be an array of more than 1,000 peonies in full bloom. Prior to visiting Hildene, lunch will be enjoyed at the Wilburton Inn. Menu: Seasonal Greens with Maple Vinaigrette, choice of Beef Stroganoff OR Chicken Breast with a Citrus Wine Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Roasted Vegetables, Apple Oatmeal Crisp & Wilcox Ice Cream, Coffee & Tea. Stop at the Chocolatorium, a permanent exhibit exploring the world of chocolate. **Depart Holy Cross Church Parking Lot on 31 Biruta Street at 8:00 a.m. Estimated return is 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$102. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Ladies Guild. Payment is due by May 2, 2019. For Reservations: Maryann at 860.223.4090 or Debbie at 860.357.3437.**

NEWSFLASH — CLUB MEMBERS

If you have any “Newsy Tidbits” about family or friends that you would like to share with the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, all you need to do is e-mail or mail a few lines to Anna-Mae Maglaty at either annamael1@comcast.net or 35 Fernridge Road, West Hartford, CT 06107. We look forward to hearing from you.



Congratulations to **Nathan Zlotnick**, grandson of member **Nancy Yiznitsky**, who graduated Cum Laude from Northeastern University in Boston with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering on December 15, 2018. Nathan is a 2014 recipient of our Club’s Jennie Marconi-Javorski Scholarship.



Catching up with the Kordowski family at Pączki na Karnawał — **Jadwiga Kordowska** shown with son, **Michael**, and his new bride, **Beata**. Congratulations and Sto Lat to everyone on this joyous news. Michael is also a former Club scholarship recipient. (2006)

Kudos to **Adrian Sylveen**, Conductor of the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, who received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to help sponsor the co-presentation with the Connecticut Lyric Opera of the Holocaust opera, “Der Kaiser Von Atlantis,” composed by Victor Ullman to the libretto by Peter Kien. The opera was performed on March 28 and 31, 2019. For information on all upcoming performances of the Orchestra, visit website: info@thevirtuosi.org



Club Members Enjoying Wine Tasting at Sacred Heart Parish on Feb. 23



Another Successful Pączki na Karnawał
 March 3, 2019



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