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## Twin Cities Polish Festival is Almost Here



Experience "All Things Polish" at the Second Annual Twin Cities Polish Festival on August 14 & 15 along the Mississippi river on Old Main Street across from Riverplace and St. Anthony Main. Hours will be 10 am to 10 pm on Saturday and 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday. Free Admission.

Polish Culture in all of its Glory....see for yourself why Poland has earned the reputation as the world's most hospitable and welcoming culture. There will be traditional folk music and dance, educational and historical exhibits, Polka bands, MN State Amateur Polka Dance Championship, Na Zdrowie 5-K run, Polish FilmFest and classical piano concerts celebrating the 150th anniversary of Frederyk Chopin. And of course, all the authentic Polish food and beer you expect.

The Twin Cities Polish Festival speaks in the voice of traditional and contemporary Poland. Stroll along Old Main street and visit with your friends and family—all in the atmosphere of Polish culture and entertainment.

And new this year is a raffle to Poland donated by Book It! Travel and Kramarczuk's Sausage Co. in appreciation for the Polish community's support over the years. Details on the raffle will be available at the Festival.

For complete list of activities, times and schedules go to www.TCPolishFestival.org where you can also sign up to volunteer a few hours to help make the Festival a success and meet new friends or register to run in the 5K Run.

# Conducting Business in Poland for the Foreigner

Compiled and edited by Jerzy Hornik

Interfacing:

Greetings are generally reserved yet courteous. Shake hands firmly with other men. Do not extend your hand to greet a woman. Wait for your female counterpart to extend her invitation to shake hands. Shake hands with everyone upon arriving and leaving. Note: some older businessmen may kiss a woman's hand upon meeting. Do not imitate this behavior as it may be seen as 'mocking.'

When greeting someone, direct eye contact, a smile and the appropriate greeting for that time of day will be in order. Note: use direct eye contact with men when greeting; however, do not be surprised if women, at first do not look straight in your eyes.

Generally speaking, Poles judge others by their personal qualities. Therefore they like to spend time getting to know people as individuals. This allows them to size people up. Honesty is highly valued in Poland since trust is the cornerstone of business relationships. Building personal relationships is essential for successful business dealings, especially if you are looking for a long-term business relationship.

Poles are known for being non-direct communicators. They are also very sensitive to other's feelings and let that

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# Thoughts

Dear Readers.

By the time you read this issue of Pol-Am, summer will be already here. With it



comes a couple of great events -PACIM Volunteer Appreciation which was held on July 18 and the Twin Cities Polish Festival in August. The Volunteer

Appreciation event is held each year as a way to thank our volunteers for their efforts. Every year PACIM organizes a variety of events and each year many of you offer your talents and help. For that, we are very grateful. We would not be able to do what we do without your help.

August will usher in the 2nd annual Twin Cities Polish Festival along the Mississippi River on Old Main Street in Minneapolis. Music, dancing, cultural exhibits, and good food are just a few examples of what awaits you during the weekend of August 14 & 15, 2010. Be sure to stop by our PACIM booth there!

Have a wonderful summer!

Ania Scanlan - President, PACIM

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## **News From Poland**

by Mietek Konczyk

More than 140,000 Poles crowded the Piłsudskiego Square in Warsaw on June 6 for the beatification of Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, a popular priest tortured and killed in 1984 by communist Poland's secret police for supporting Solidarity freedom movement. The feast day commemorating the life of Popieluszko will be held on October 19, the anniversary of his death.

The Interior Ministry released the 40page transcript of cockpit conversations during the last minutes before the April 10 plane crash that killed Polish President Lech Kaczyński. The content of the recording does not answer a question what caused the crash, however it strongly suggests a human error of the pilots, who seem to be fully aware of the poor weather conditions and navigational shortcomings of the airport in Smoleńsk.

The Polish Parliament appointed a former leftist prime minister and until recently a director of IMF's European Department, Marek Belka, as the president of Poland's central bank (NBP).

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development predicts Poland's GDP growth will reach 3.1% in 2010 and 3.9% in 2011 and inflation 2.7% and 2.8% respectively. The number of companies filing bankruptcy in the first quarter of 2010 was 38% higher than in the same period the year prior. The unemployment rate dropped below 12% in May and will drop below 11% in July, while at end-year it should not exceed 12%.

Lady with an Ermine by Leonardo da Vinci, Landscape with the Good Samaritan by Rembrandt van Rijn and other masterpieces from the Czartoryski Museum in Kraków are being shown at the Royal Castle in Warsaw.

"Big Four of Thrash," the best heavy metal bands - Metallica, Anthrax, Megadeth, and Slayer - played together at a concert in Warsaw.

#### **Conducting Business continues**

determine how and what they say. There is also emphasis on finessing what is said in order to deliver information in a diplomatic way.

For newly established and more formal relationships, a great deal of emphasis is placed on diplomacy. Once a relationship has passed through the initial phases, people feel more comfortable speaking frankly with each other and animated exchanges become more common.

To read the complete article please go to our website: www.pacim.org.

# Bronisław Komorowski Wins Polish Presidential Election

Bronisław Komorowski received 53.01% of votes to Jarosław Kaczyński's 46.99%



in Poland's
Presidential runoff
election held July
4th. Komorowski is
from the ruling Civic
Platform party and
his election should
mean a period of
political stability for

Poland since both the Prime Minister and President are from the same Party. The President in Poland is the Head of State, has veto power of the Sejm and is Supreme Commander of the Armed Services.

Komorowski was born in 1952 in Oborniki Śląskie in southwest Poland to an aristocratic family and took an active part in resisting the Communist government during the Solidarity era. He was arrested during the Martial Law crackdown that followed

He was elected as Speaker of the Sejm in 2007 and became acting president on April 10, 2010 following the death of President Lech Kaczyński in the Smoleńsk plane crash tragedy. As a result early elections were held for President on June 20th and since no candidate received the necessary 50% threshold a runoff election was held July 4th.

## **Record Floods in Poland**

Two waves of record floods in the second half of May and the first half of June caused wide spread damage in many parts of Poland and killed over 20 people. The Polish government estimates that the flooding caused damages totaling \$4.5 billion. Thousands of homes, hundreds of miles of highways and railroads, bridges and other infrastructure have been devastated by the swollen rivers. Tens thousand of people had to be evacuated, schools and factories closed for weeks. The Vistula reached levels not recorded in the last hundred years and caused the evacuation of some parts of Warsaw and closing bridges in Kraków. An invasion of mosquitos followed the receding water raising fears of an epidemic.

The Polish government created a special fund to help people affected by the floods. The European Union offered financial help from its Solidarity Found. However, those resources may cover only a fraction of rebuilding costs, lost harvest and livestock, especially in that many flood victims did not have flood or crop insurance. People in the country and abroad united to contribute to special relief funds. If you can help, send your donation to:

Polish Red Cross Mokotowska 14, 00-561 Warsaw Bank Millennium SA ul. Stanisława Żaryna 2a, 02-593 Warszawa IBAN PL93 1160 2202 0000 0001 6233 5614

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## Columbia Heights Sister Cities International

Gloria and Tom Bergstrom traveled to Poland in June and personally delivered a donation of \$6,500 to the Children's Hospital in Łomianki. The Columbia Heights Sister Cities' organization raised the money at their fundraiser in April. Gloria is the Co-chair of the Columbia Heights Sister Cities For more information: Gloria at 651-633-0506 or Dolores Strand at 763-571-1709.

# Twin Cities Polish FilmFest

August 13th - 19th

By Marcia Novak, TCPF Board Director

TCPF and Minnesota Film Arts have joined forces to present the Twin Cities Polish FilmFest which will run concurrently with the Twin Cities Polish Festival August 14th & 15th as part of the Festival's celebration of Polish culture and heritage.

FilmFest is a unique opportunity for the community to see award-winning Polish language films (with subtitles) from a variety of genres: contemporary feature films, dramas, comedies, anime, children's films and documentaries. A partial list of FilmFest screenings includes:

#### The Reverse (Rewers)

Director: Borys Lankosz, 2009

#### The Offsiders (Boisko Bezdomnych)

Director: Kasia Adam, 2008

#### Revisited (Rewizyta)

Director Krysztof Zanussi, 2009

#### The Man Who Would be Polka King

Directors: Joshua Brown and John Mikulak, 2009

#### 60 Years of Polish Animation

Coming from the International Young Audience Film Festival Ale Kino

All films will play at the St. Anthony Main Theater. Tickets can be pre-purchased online or at the theater box office. A complete list of titles with film summaries, as well as ticket prices and screening schedules, will be posted online at www.tcpolishfestival.org and www.mnfilmarts.org. Check the websites frequently for updates.

Minnesota Film Arts is dedicated to presenting the best of new and historical independent and international cinema to the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota audiences.

#### www.mnfilmarts.org

The Twin Cities Polish Festival is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization created to bring Minnesotans of all nationalities together to experience a world-class celebration of Polish culture and heritage in the Twin Cities.

www.tcpolishfestival.org

# Did God Look the Other Way?

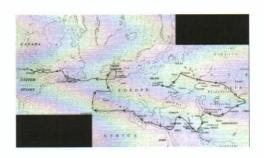
By Jane Flanders



World War II's hell arrived early to eastern Poland. Two weeks after Hitler invaded from the west, Joseph Stalin's troops marched in destroying homes, lives, the past and future of nearly two million Poles. Men, women and children were exiled and deported to slave labor camps in the Soviet Union. Most died from malnutrition, exposure, freezing and disease. Others were worked to death.

These inhabitants of the Kresy or eastern borderlands of Poland were forced east to Far Asia, Kazakhstan and Siberia, Some escaped and returned to fight with the Polish forces against Nazi Germany in Italy and western Europe. Others survived the war in the Soviet Union or refugee camps in distant places like Africa, India, Mexico and New Zealand.

To honor these brave Poles, the Kresy-Siberia virtual museum was established. Although not housed in a building, the Kresy-Siberia Virtual Museum (www.kresy-siberia.org/) has all the feel of brick and mortar. There is a reception desk, a museum shop, galleries and special exhibits. And, like any museum, it solicits materials for its collections and hosts live receptions.



Stefan Wisnowski, the Kresy-Siberia Foundation President, and Witold J. Lukaszewski, Museum Program Director, worked hard to put together an "A list" of powerful friends for this effort. Notables like Zbigniew Brzezinski, who served as National Security Advisor under President Jimmy Carter; author and speaker Norman Davies; and the famous biographer of Winston Churchill, Sir Martin Gilbert top the list.

In a painfully ironic turn of events, two of Kresy-Siberia's honorary patrons and supporters were killed on April 10, 2010 in Smoleńsk. The plane crash that killed much of Poland's top leadership also claimed the lives of Ryszard Kaczorowski (Former President of Poland in Exile) and Janusz Krupski (Director of Veterans and Repressed Office).

In August 2009, the virtual museum began hosting a special exhibit. "Polish Children in Exile: Identity and Culture," contains excerpts and drawings from the books and diaries of Polish children deported by the Soviet Union. The curator of the exhibit is Wesley (Wiesław) Adamczyk who may be best known for his autobiographical look at that deportation. His novel, When God



Looked the Other Way, tells of his two year enslavement in sub-human conditions and escape to Persia in 1942. Mr. Adamczyk is devoted to telling the stories of the Kresv Poles and to the massacre in Katyn, of which his father was a victim.

Only since 1989 has the truth about this painful period in Polish history become public. As Mr. Lukaszewski says in his outline of the museum, "This large chunk of history was repressed, ignored or simply not told during the Cold War because it would have revealed the Soviet Union's brutality and disregard for human life." He further explains the importance of making the truth known today, "Only through uncensored history can we teach lessons which may help us avoid such horrors in the future."

The Polish government supports Kresy-Siberia's mission. In a clip available on the website, Poland's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rodasław Sikorski, congratulates the founders of the museum and states how he personally instructed Polish consulates and embassies to gather documents and artifacts relating to this important period in Poland's history. He adds, "I hope this museum becomes an impor-



tant source for knowledge of history for young people worldwide, and becomes a partnership between Poland and its Diaspora across the world.

At last check the virtual museum has approximately 1000 members worldwide; however, it is a work in progress. As Stephan Wisnowski says in his introduction to the website, "We need your stories, the stories of your families and neighbors, photographs and documents." After hundreds of years of invasions and partitions, Poland needs places like Kresy-Siberia to keep her history and culture alive.

Come visit the Kresy-Siberia exhibit at the Twin Cities Polish Festival on August 14 & 15 for more information and to speak with representatives from the group. They are very interested in establishing contact with local families who have had personal experience in this tragic exile.



This map shows the regions of Poland prior to the outbreak of World War II.

The Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent limited by law. Please consider including us in your tax and estate planning. We appreciate your generous support.

The Board of Directors of PACIM holds their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Institute: 2514 Central Ave NE. All are invited.

#### Przyslowia Polskie

Puść świnie w grzędy, a ona się pcha wszędy.

Let the pig in the garden and she'll push herself everywhere.

("Give him an inch and he'll take a mile")

#### Kalendarz

AUG 14-15 Polish Festival OCT 3 Annual Meeting OCT 24 Soup Fest

# **PACIM Library**

PACIM Library 2514 Central Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN 55418 Hours: Sundays from 1 to 3:30 PM or by appointment

Thanks to Ania Antus, Marian Rejman, the Institute of National Remembrance and Ursula Klingenberg for donations this last month. Remember, if you go to Poland this summer, bring back a book for the Library. Any new piece of fiction will do real fine.

#### Happy Hour

Thanks to our co-hosts of PACIM's first Happy Hour, Irene Colston and Charlene Delaney. The second Happy Hour was on July 15 at The Bedlam Theater/Restaurant located at 1501 S 6th St, Minneapolis. No Happy Hour in August since we'll all be at the Twin Cities Polish Festival.

#### Twin Cities Polish Festival

Lastly, I would like to tell you more about the Twin Cities Polish Festival (for

#### Polish American **Cultural Institute of Minnesota** 2010 Annual Meeting Official Notice

PACIM will be holding its annual meeting on Sunday, October 3 at the PACIM Library located at 2514 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis at 1:30 pm with a half hour social time at 1 pm.

Order of Business: Election of Board Directors, President's Annual Report, Treasurer's Report and Update on Future Events.

Eight Board Director positions are up for election. Any PACIM member who is interested in running for one of these positions must notify the PACIM Secretary (Judith Blanchard) in writing by August 31, 2010: Judith Blanchard, c/o PACIM, PO Box 18403, Minneapolis, MN 55418-0403 or PACIM email: info@pacim.org.

details see page 1). PACIM is one of the sponsors of the Festival. There will be a beer garden with Polish beer. The polka bands signed so far are: Polish Connection from Wausau, Wisconsin, Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo., Chmielewski Funtime Family Band, and The Dobosenski Brothers and the Cavaliers. Free polka lessons are available for those who want to learn the Polka. A celebration of Chopin's music (artists playing Chopin music throughout the event) and Polish FilmFest will be running concurrently. Na Zdrowie 5K Run will wind along the Mississippi, will be held on Sunday morning. See

There will be all sorts of exhibits from Polish dogs to Polish paper cutting. Food booths will be serving foods you remember from your childhood. All sorts of Polish t-shirts, mugs, flags, pins, etc. will be available for purchase along with Polish craft items.

www.tcpolishfestival.org to sign up.

PACIM will once again have our Dessert Booth as well as our Information booth. Please stop by and say hello and learn more about the Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota.

- Judith Blanchard, Librarian 763-571-9602

## **Echos from the North**

News from Little Falls, Minnesota

The Polish Echos entered the Dam Festival parade in Little Falls with our float, "Kluski Kids" and their Kitchen Band. No prize this year, but twelve of our members were able to participate and all had great fun.

Gary Block Tours will be taking a motor coach to this year's Twin Cities Polish Festival on Saturday, August 14th. The bus will leave Little Falls at 9 am and return about 6 pm. This will be a pleasant way to attend the festival. They will also pick up in Royalton, Rice and St. Cloud and anywhere else along the way. This sounds like a wonderful day trip. Anyone interested should call Gary Block Tours at 320-632-8632. We'd love to have you join us.

At the June meeting we decided to investigate bringing the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers to Little Falls for a performance. A decision will be made at the next meeting. Our monthly Mass and Dinner will take a break for summer. We are planning a Polish potluck for later.

We have had some really interesting movies about Poland and its history at our meetings. We invite everyone to our meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of every month in the dining area of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Little Falls.

And you are always welcome to stop by the church and visit. I am at the Rectory during office hours. I would be delighted to meet you and show you the church.

- Phinee Zak, President, Polish Echos 320-632-2652

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Contact them at info@pacim.org

# **Events**

By Judith Blanchard

# July 31, 2010 Midwest Polka Association Dance

Pan Franek, Zosia & The Polka Towners from Muskegon, Michigan will play for a dance on Saturday, July 31 at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Boulevard West, Bloomington from 7:00 – 11:00 PM. For more information, email Jim Carlson at k.carlson55110@yahoo.com or call 651-426-1079. For location directions, call 952-888-1492.

#### August 1, 2010 Polka Daze Festival

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 813 Main Street NE, Minneapolis from 12:00 0 5:00 PM. Polka mass 11:30 AM.

#### August 7, 2010 Annual Polish Fest

Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish Catholic Church will host it's Annual Polish Festival on Saturday, August 7 from 11:00AM to 6:00 PM on the church grounds, 22nd Avenue and Fifth Street NE, Minneapolis. Great Games, Silent Auction, Wonderful Gift Baskets Polish Food and Family Fun. Music will be provided by "JOE GLOWACKI." Polish food and beverages will be sold.

# August 11, 2010 Duquesne Tamburitzans

World famous Tamburitzans will again appear at Moundsview High School, 1900 Lake Valentine Road, Arden Hills at 7:00 PM on August 11. Ticket prices are \$19 general admission/\$16 seniors. To purchase tickets, print form available at moundsviewschools.org, Community Education, Special, fill out and mail in. Or, call 651-621-7400 to request a form. A dinner of kraut, scalloped potatoes, and tortellini salad will be served at 5:30 PM at the School for an additional \$10. For more information, call 651-621-7400.



#### August 14 & 15, 2010

Twin Cities Polish Fest Saturday, August 14 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM and Sunday, August 15 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Along the Mississippi River on Old Main Street across from Riverplace & St. Anthony Main

# August 22, 2010 Midwest Polka Association Dance

Gennie O & The Next Step, a popular band from Chicago, will play for a Sunday afternoon dance on August 22 from 2:00 – 6:00 PM at the Coon Rapids American Legion, 11640 Crooked Lake Boulevard NW in Coon Rapids. For more information, email Jim Carlson at k.carlson55110@yahoo.com or call 651-426-1079. For location directions, call 763-421-6260.

#### September 11, 2010 Polish Genealogical Society Program

"Breakthroughs and Unsolved Mysteries: Genealogy of Poland and Polonia" This session will be presented by Anne Klejment of the University of St. Thomas. It will be in the MGS library Board room, 1185 N. Concord Street, South St. Paul starting at 10:00 AM. Questions to Terry Kita at 612-927-0719.

# September 18-19, 2010 Fall Festival

Holy Cross Church parking lot 18th & 4th Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Saturday from 5:30 – 9:00 PM. Sunday 11:00 – 5:00 PM. Polka mass Sunday at 10:00 AM with chicken dinner after.

# October 1, 2010 Lunch and Festival Concert

Benefit for The Rev Lewytzkyj Seminarian Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition, room and board each year for 30 financially needy young men to attend seminary in Ukraine will be held at St. Katherine Ukrainian Orthodox Church Auditorium, 1600 Hwy 96, Arden Hills, MN (1 exit north of 694 on 35W) from 1:00 -3:30 PM. So far,, the Ukrainians, EDT, Romanians, Russians, Latvians, Greeks and the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers will entertain.

# November 6, 2010 Polish Genealogical Society Meeting

A joint meeting with Pommern Group will be held on November 6 at 10:00 AM in the auditorium, 1185 N. Concord Street, South St. Paul with a number of speakers from PGS-MN. There will be an optional noon lunch (approximately \$9). In the afternoon Jim Nuenfeldt will talk about his experiences in teaching English in Poland and show slides. Questions to Terry Kita at 612-927-0719.

#### November 29, 2010 Mazowsze Dance Troupe

The world renowned Mazowsze Folk Song and Dance Ensemble will be at The O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University in St. Paul on Monday, November 29. For more information: www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49294

# St. Agnes Men's Club

Bring joy to the Polish children in Poland's orphanages and the Children's Home and School for the Blind in Laski/Warsaw. The Men's Club of St. Agnes Church in St. Paul continues to ship care packages to Poland. Funds are needed to ship these Holiday packages. Please send your contribution to:

St. Agnes Men's Club c/o Bernard Koalska

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King Canute the Great King of England, Denmark & Norway

His father was Swevn Forkbeard and his mother was the daughter of Mieszko I, the first ruler of Poland: her name is thought to have been Świetosława which would explain the presence of Polish troops in England at

that time. Canute became king of England in 1016, Denmark in 1018 and Norway in 1028. He ruled this combined realm until his death in 1035. He was one the major rulers of that time in Medieval Europe. His not inconsiderable accomplishments were later eclipsed by the tides of time and the Norman conqust of England in 1066.



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# **Polish Word Tips**

Ależ kiepska pogoda w tym roku. Deszcz pada i pada.

What bad weather this year. It rains and rains.

Mówią, że to przez ten wulkan w Islandii.

People say, it is because of the volcano in Iceland.

Ten wulkan tak daleko od Polski, a tyle problemów.. Samoloty nie latały przez dwa tygodnie.

The volcano is so far away from Poland and yet causes problems here. There were no flights for two weeks.

Nawet Obama na pogrzeb Kaczyńskiego nie przylecial z tego powodu.

Even Obama did not come for Kaczynski's funeral because of it.

Słyszałem, że zamiast tego poszedł grać w

I heard that he went to play golf instead.



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