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## **A visit to Dom Dziecka (Children's home) Tuchola Poland 2015**

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A visit to a Dom Dziecka in Poland never gets old. It is always rewarding, refreshing and so good for the soul. Such was a recent visit for us to Dom Dziecka Tuchola, September 10th. We were greeted with warmth, generosity and we were unmistakably guests of honor. The directors and staff, along with the children awaited our arrival with great anticipation. Immediately coffee, tea and pastries are served and we mutually introduce ourselves and the conversation in Polish began in earnest. Present was Anna the director of Dom Dziecka and also the president of the district (Powiat) who led the conversation.

There was great curiosity about who PACIM is and how did we discovered the Dom Dziecka in obscure Tuchola in Northwestern Poland 232 miles from Warsaw, approximately 4700 miles from the USA. The population is approximately 21,000. We were expecting to visit about 2 hours. As we were ready to transfer \$1600 to Anna and depart, the directors immediately laid out their prepared plans for us. They wanted us to tour around Tuchola for the day and they planned for us to attend a full session of the Powiat meeting the following morning to honor us. Also attending were 3 children from the Dom Dziecka.



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## Wigilia Benefit Dinner for Disadvantaged Polish Children

**Sunday, December 6**

**Jax Café,**

**1938 University Ave. NE,**

**Minneapolis**

**Social Hour: 5:15 p.m.**

**Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**

The Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota invites you to PACIM's annual Wigilia dinner on December 6, 2015. This traditional Christmas Eve celebration features the sharing of the opłatki, eating traditional foods, and singing Christmas carols (kolędy) in Polish and English. The 2015 Wigilia will benefit a Dom Dziecka (Children's Home) in Bychawa, Poland, a small town (pop. 12,000) in eastern Poland, 20 miles south of Lublin.

\$42.00 per person

**Registration can be made by  
calling PACIM at 612-378-9821.**

**Send checks payable to PACIM  
to: PACIM, 43 Main Street SE,  
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received by December 1.**

## PACIM MEMBERS

If you did NOT receive an email on November 19, 2015, concerning PACIM's Soup Sale, it means we do NOT have your email address.

We utilize email to alert members to events of interest. We can only contact you by email if we have your email address. To send us your email address, send an email to: [office@pacim.org](mailto:office@pacim.org)

### The 2015 Annual Soup Fest

turned another page in its transformation. This year we were so thankful for all the volunteers that came days before for the first Soup Making Day. We really didn't know what to expect but the two days preparing over 100 gallons of soup turned out to be something special. After taking a year off from Kolbe, we returned this year to what we feel works best for the festival and our members. Lead by a new young energy within the organization we successfully took a giant step in providing our members with delicious soups, rye breads and desserts. We can't thank enough for our sponsors Kowalski's, Kramarczuks, East Side Coop, Patisserie 46, and Sikora's for the beautiful ingredients. Please check out our Facebook page for our two videos of the two days, and last but not least to the over 20 volunteers that worked tirelessly without serving one cold soup!!! Make sure you don't miss our sign up sheet to come help make next year's Soup Fest! Till next year!!



# News & Events

## **New Books at the Library:**

### **in Polish:**

Sylvia Chutnik  
Jolanta  
Michel Houellebecq  
Uległość  
Szczepan Twardoch  
Drach  
Andrzej Stasiuk  
Dojczland (audiobook)  
Magdalena Kordel  
Tajemnica bzów  
David Schickler  
Pocalunki na Manhattanie  
Łukasz Orbitowski  
Inna Dusza  
Wojciech Tochman  
Bóg zapłać

Lejdis (DVD)

### **Dla dzieci:**

Reksio  
Księga pierwszych słów

### **Library Hours:**

**Sundays, 1pm - 4pm  
or by appointment**

Zapraszamy!

We are still looking for volunteers at the library, you must be a PACIM member. Let us know if you are interested, [office@pacim.org](mailto:office@pacim.org)

The Polish Museum of America in Chicago proudly announces its fall/winter exhibition, the **Art of Nikifor Krynicki: Watercolors** from the collection of Alfons Karny.

**October 23 - January 17, 2016**

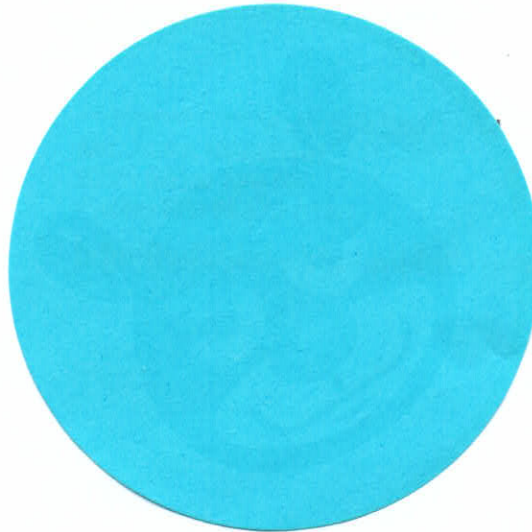
Originally from the Polish Lemko region, Nikifor (also known as Epifaniusz Drowniak, 1895-1968) is considered one of the most outstanding naïve artists of his time, painting landscapes, cityscapes, churches, and building interiors with a bold and simplistic approach. The exhibition features 50 original watercolors collected by Alfons Karny, owned by the Jacek Fraczak Family, and held on deposit by the Alfons Karny Museum of Sculpture in Białystok, Poland. The PMA exhibition is the second of a limited three-city tour in the United States.

The year 2015 was declared by the Polish parliament "The Year of Public Theater" in order to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the National Theater in Warsaw.

On 19 November 1765, the first stage performance was delivered by a theater troupe founded at the initiative of King Stanisław August Poniatowski. This was beginning of the oldest public, national theater in Poland, which would eventually come to be known as Teatr Narodowy - The National Theater. It is not the only theater-related anniversary that Poland is commemorating this year; it is also celebrating the 130th anniversary of the birth of Stanisław Ignacy Witkiewicz, and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Tadeusz Kantor. as part of the Year of Polish Theater project. Various educational events, exhibitions, competitions, and performances in urban spaces took place throughout the year.

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The Powiat consisted of approximately 20 directors, the press and photographers were there, the room was packed. We were formally introduced and I was asked to share a few words and the funds were transferred. I expressed that we simply wanted the children of the Dom Dziecka's to have a chance in life as the rest of have. The funds will be used for playground structures, for indoor refurbishing and painting. Needless to say we were stunned by all the attention.

A year ago when we visited Tuchola, I expressed that the people who work the love and development of children are truly angels of God. Tuchola and Dom Dziecka returned the compliment to us all, expressing that we are all angels who are helping with raising funds to help children. The children gifted us with their own angelic creation, which will be displayed at our December 6th Wigilia. We are presently searching for a Dom Dziecka in eastern Poland for the 2016 donation as the past donations went to western Poland.