



NEWSLETTER

POLISH CULTURAL CLUB OF GREATER HARTFORD, INC.

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An Affiliate of the American Council for Polish Culture

The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

presents

“INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGENDS AND TALES OF POLAND”

Narrated by Staś Radosz

**Executive Director of the Polish Center of
Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, MA**

This is a program of well-known Polish legends and tales which endeavor to introduce people to the history and culture of the Polish people. It is suited for children as well as adults.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

2:00 p.m.

**Polish National Home
60 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford**

**Free Members and Guests
Information: (860) 289-8583**



Staś Radosz (The Republican newspaper file photo)

“Popiel and Piast”

(the first rulers of the Polish people)

“Pan Twardowski”

(the mysterious 16th century Alchemist of Kraków)

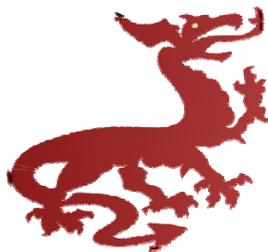
“Czech, Lech, and Rus”

(legends of the founding of the Slavic nations)

“Wojtek and His Unusual Pet”

“The Devil’s Last Gift to Mankind”

(two lessons in good behavior)



“The Wawel Dragon”

CHILDREN’S COLORING CONTEST !!!!

Color in The Wawel Dragon picture enclosed with this newsletter (or go to www.polishculturalclub.org) and bring the completed page to the September 27 event — PRIZES awarded.



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Greetings! We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and now are ready to help us gear up for our fall and winter events. There is an active program schedule in place and ample opportunity to get involved with old and new friends.

Please note that our first fall event with Staś Radosz, "Introduction to Legends and Tales of Poland," will be held on Saturday, September 27 at the Polish National Home. Staś is a premier storyteller and performer and all who attend will learn from and enjoy his presentation. Bring a young guest or two with you.

At our Annual Meeting in November, elections will take place for various Officer positions — President, 1st Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Historian. The Nominating Committee is open to candidate suggestions. Please share your ideas with Pat Archie (860) 289-8583 or Anna-Mae Maglaty (860) 521-7621. Our Club will reach a milestone in 2016 with the celebration of its 40th anniversary. Ideas for a gala event are already being discussed.

Please begin thinking about the Szopka Festival, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 30. Set aside any unused items for the Unique Boutique and look for sale items valued at \$20 or more that might be donated to the Raffle Table. Szopka is a major Club effort and we need as many volunteers as possible. If you are asked to participate in any way, please say YES. The Club is honored and proud to be able to continue to host this fixture in Polonia's holiday calendar. It is an event that brings Poles and non-Poles together, and it should be supported and encouraged by those who cherish their heritage and culture. Please see the letter of introduction, which is enclosed, to be used by anyone who would like to solicit raffle donations from community establishments. Also, if you know of vendors who might like to rent a table and sell their wares at Szopka, please contact Gini Pudlo at (860) 659-0356 or e-mail at ginipudlo@att.net.

We wish to thank everyone on our Board, as well as all members, who contribute their time and/or financial support for the benefit of the Club. There would be no Club without this continued involvement, and that would result in a major loss to the community of Greater Hartford Polonia.

In closing, we would like to extend a warm welcome to new members **Jacek and Jackie Borkowski** of Rocky Hill.

Clifford Archie and Anna-Mae Maglaty

Co-Presidents, Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE RECEPTION

It is with immense pride that the Club congratulates the five recipients of the 2014 PCCGH Jennie Marconi-Javorski Scholarship. They were honored at a ceremony held at the Polish National Home on June 19. Each scholar received a check for \$1,000.



L to R: Tara Kowalski, Colchester; Hannah Milewski, Bolton; Kamila Orzechowski, Wethersfield; Nathan Zlotnick, Glastonbury, and Peter Zujko, West Hartford

Co-Presidents Anna-Mae Maglaty and Cliff Archie extend a huge "thank you" to the five ladies who prepared the tasty strawberry shortcake desserts that more than 55 attendees enjoyed: Pat Archie, Gen Bednarz, Jen Jaronczyk, Ann Oleasz, and Elizabeth Sikorsky. Special recognition goes to Ann Oleasz who personally baked all the delicious shortcakes. Dziękuję bardzo.

Congratulations to Board member, Ursula Brodowicz, whose paintings are currently being showcased in the Dining Room of the Polish National Home. Stop in and enjoy the work of an especially talented artist, and one of our own.



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DID YOU KNOW . . . that Kevlar was invented by a Polish female chemist?

Stephanie L. Kwolek, the inventor of Kevlar, a virtually bulletproof fiber that has saved thousand of lives, died on June 16, 2014 in Wilmington, DE at the age of 90. Ellen Kullman, the chief executive of DuPont Company called Ms. Kwolek “a true pioneer for women in science.” Kevlar is probably best known for use in body armor, particularly bulletproof vests. The product has found its way into all corners of the modern world, being used in car tires, boots for firefighters, hockey sticks, tennis rackets, cut-resistant gloves, fiber-optic cables, fire-resistant mattresses, armored limousines, and even canoes. It is used in building materials, making them bomb-resistant, and also to reinforce overtaxed bridges. Since the 1990s, Kevlar vests have been further reinforced with ceramic plates to withstand rifle fire. Military helmets have been lined with up to 24 layers to make them less vulnerable to penetration by shrapnel.



Stephanie L. Kwolek, Inventor of Kevlar

The research that led to Kevlar began in the early 1960s, when women were a rarity in industrial chemistry. Ms. Kwolek was part of a team at DuPont’s research laboratory in Wilmington that was trying to develop a lightweight fiber that would be strong enough to replace the steel used in radial tires. At one point in 1964, Ms. Kwolek was struggling to convert a solid polymer into a clear, syrupy mixture but instead ended up with a thin and opaque liquid. This sort of cloudy solution was usually thrown away, but Ms. Kwolek persuaded a technician to test her solution in a laboratory spinneret, a machine used to remove liquid solvent and leave behind fibers. In “a case of serendipity,” as she put it, it produced fibers of unusual stiffness. When tested in 1965, they were found to be five times as strong as steel of equal weight and resistant to fire. On the day she died, DuPont announced that the one-millionth vest made with Kevlar technology had been sold.



Kevlar Vest

Stephanie Kwolek was born to Polish immigrant parents in the Pittsburgh suburb of New Kensington, PA. Her father, John Kwolek, died when she was ten years old. He was a naturalist by avocation, and she attributed her interest in science to him, while acquiring an interest in fashion from her mother, Nellie Zajdel Kwolek. She earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry from what is now Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh in 1946. She had aspirations of becoming a physician but could not afford the tuition to medical school. Instead she joined DuPont’s textile chemistry facility in Buffalo before moving to the Wilmington lab in 1950. She led polymer research at DuPont until she retired in 1986. Following her retirement, Ms. Kwolek tutored high school students in chemistry, paying particular attention to grooming young women for work in the sciences. She received numerous awards for her achievements, among which was becoming the fourth woman to be added to the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1995 and being added to the National Women’s Hall of Fame in 2003.

Excerpted from The New York Times, June 21, 2014

ATTENTION PIEROGI MAKERS

We are happy to announce that the kitchen at SS. Cyril and Methodius School on Groton Street in Hartford will be available to us for making our Szopka Festival pierogi on **Saturday, October 4** and **Saturday, October 11 starting at 9:00 a.m.** All members and friends are invited to help with this important money-making effort. Please call Pat Archie at 860-289-8583 if you can help on one or both days. The congeniality and desserts are wonderful and contribute toward making this an enjoyable and memorable morning. We look forward to seeing you.



Friends of the New Britain Public Library Book Sale

October 15—18, 2014

Community Room

20 High Street, New Britain, CT 06051

Books in Polish will be available and sell quickly.

October 15: 3-6 p.m. (\$5.00 admission)

October 16: 3-6 p.m. (free)

October 17: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (free)

October 18: 9 a.m.—2 p.m. (free)

Information: www.nbpl.info

Co? What? Gdzie? Where? Kiedy? When?**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014** 5:15 p.m.**Concert: Vivaldi— The Four Seasons—Adrian Sylveen and Virtuosi**
SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Hartford **Donation****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014** 2:00 p.m.**PCCGH Program: "Introduction to the Legends and Tales of Poland" — Narrated by Staś Radosz, Executive Director of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, MA****Dining Room of the Polish National Home****Information: (860) 289-8583** **Members and Guests** **FREE****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014** 5:15 p.m.**Vocal Recital: Heather O'Connor (Soprano) & Daniel Juarez (Tenor)****SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Hartford** **Donation****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014** 2:30 p.m.**An Afternoon with Author, Radio Host, and former FOX and MSNBC News Correspondent, Rita Cosby presenting her book "Quiet Hero" about her father's experience as a member of the Polish Resistance Army fighting during the Warsaw Uprising****Polish National Home — Ballroom** **\$15.00 (incl. copy of book)****Information: (860) 247-1784 or info@polishhomect.org****THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014** 7:00 p.m.**Lecture: "The 70th Anniversary of the End of Warsaw Uprising"****Speaker: Dr. Michael Peszke****CCSU, Elihu Burritt Library, 2nd Floor** **FREE****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014** 9:00 a.m.**Pierogi Making — SS. Cyril and Methodius School****35 Groton Street, Hartford, CT** **Need Volunteers****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014** 2:00 p.m.**"Teatr Wyobraźni" will put on a play memorializing the Warsaw Uprising in words and song****Polish National Home — Ballroom** **\$15.00****Ticket Reservations: (860) 247-1784 or info@polishhomect.org****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014** 9:00 a.m.**Pierogi Making — SS. Cyril and Methodius School****35 Groton Street, Hartford, CT** **Need Volunteers****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014****"Pulaski / Kosciuszko Day Celebration" (Sponsored by Centrala)****10:00 a.m. Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church****11:15 a.m. Ceremony at the Pulaski Monument on Main Street****Luncheon available for purchase at the Polish National Home****Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising — August 1, 1944**

Press release from Washington DC on July 29, 2014: U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Maryland) and Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Co-Chairs of the Senate Caucus on Poland, along with Senator Ben Cardin (D-Maryland), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced bi-partisan passage by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of a resolution they introduced honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

Senator Mikulski said "My Polish heritage has given me an identity and a set of beliefs that make me the Senator I am with a belief in freedom, a belief in people, and a belief that we must always speak truth to power. When the Polish people rose against the Nazis in 1944, they took a great risk to try and take back their capital and end the occupation. Their resistance will forever serve as a symbol of heroism in the face of great adversity, and of the power of the human spirit. Senator Cardin stated that "The Warsaw Uprising is a reminder to us all that tyranny cannot go unchallenged."

On August 1, 1944, the Polish Home Army (Armia Krajowa) rose against the Nazi occupation of Warsaw although they were outnumbered and equipped with makeshift weapons. The resistance fought against German occupation for 63 days with little support from the outside world and was quelled by German forces by October 2, 1944. In response to the uprising, Nazi Leader Adolf Hitler ordered the destruction of Warsaw as punishment, which resulted in 85 percent of the city of Warsaw being demolished by the end of the war, including many historical buildings and monuments. Over 250,000 Poles were killed, wounded, or missing.

Excerpted from: The Post Eagle, August 6, 2014

The Warsaw Uprising Museum: Opened in 2004, the Warsaw Uprising Museum remains one of Poland's important and must-see sites. Packed with interactive displays, photographs, video footage, and miscellaneous exhibits, it leads visitors through the chronological story of the Uprising. Included is learning about life under Nazi rule, replicas of a radio station, covert printing press, and mock sewer, as well as a hall of remembrance and a poignant display about the destruction of the city. Our Club has a special connection to the Museum in that as part of a Wadsworth Atheneum Festival of Trees event, Maria Brodowicz and Anna Psutka decorated a tree on behalf of the Club using Warsaw Uprising-themed ornaments. Mrs. Brodowicz subsequently purchased the tree and donated it to the Warsaw Uprising Museum. For anyone interested in visiting the Museum on line, go to www.1944.pl. Although in the Polish language, there is a button which translates the information into English.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you know of anyone who appreciates Polish culture and heritage and who might like to join our Club, please extend an invitation.

Dues are as noted below:

\$25 Single (\$5 goes to the national ACPC)

\$10 Student

\$35 Married Couple

Checks should be made payable to PCCGH and mailed to:

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