

Happy New Year from the Polish Heritage Society Board Members.....

We hope that you and your families experience a year of health and happiness. We look forward to another year of keeping our culture alive.

From the Desk of President Andy Budnick...

There is a correction to make to last months newsletter. In the article about the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, the name of Valeria's great, great grand daughter should have read as Michelle Tysse. We apologize for the error.

Witamy! New Members

***Mary E. Husar
Lorna Powell***

Remember, 2012 memberships are due this month. You should have received a membership envelope in last month's newsletter. If you are a lifetime member, please pass your envelope on to someone that may be interested in joining.

***\$125.00 Lifetime
\$30.00 Family, Business or Organization
\$15.00 Individual
\$5.00 Student; including college***

2013 will be our 50th anniversary. We would like to make it a special year. If everyone were to find one person interested in joining, we could really increase our memberships

2011 Scholarship news....

The Polish Heritage Society will be awarding the following scholarships for the 2012 Fall Semester.

*Grand Valley State University - \$300.00
Aquinas College - \$300.00
Grand Rapids Community College - \$250.00*

All recipients of the Polish Heritage Society scholarships must be of Polish descent and must be a full-time student with a minimum 2.75 GPA. Financial need will be taken into consideration.

All applications must be received by the Financial Aid Office by March 15, 2012. Applications can be obtained at area high schools, or at the above colleges.

For further information, contact Mary Ann Bergevin at 616-455-4334

DTE Energy Foundation Ethnic Heritage Festival

Join us for a FREE day-long celebration of music, dance, crafts and food representing our Polish Heritage with various ethnic groups that call West Michigan Home.

Saturday, February 4, 2012. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wigilia 2011

Wigilia was a huge success and the evening was shared by many new guests. This included the Polish Club from Grand Valley State University! We look forward to seeing them at more of our events and they have even expressed an interest in working at Dozynki in August. Dozynki 2012 will be held August 24th, 25th, And 26th at Rosa Park Circle in downtown Grand Rapids.

Speaking of Dozynki...

The Polish Heritage Society is looking for someone with some woodworking talents. The base to our bust of General Pulaski that we use at Dozynki has been damaged and is in need of refinishing. If anyone is able to donate their time and talent, please contact us at 616-791-2110. The society will pay for any supplies.

The Board of Directors of the Lira Ensemble invites you to join

Lira's Fabulous Tour of Southern Poland.

Thursday, July 12, through Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

*See Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa, Zakopane, John Paul II's
And Chopin's Birthplaces, Wroclaw, Lodz and much more!*

Personally escorted by Lucyna Migalq; co-founder and artistic director of the Lira Ensemble and recognized expert on Polish Culture.

For more information call 773-508-7040 or 1-800-547-5473.

A recipe for the "Well Seasoned Table" will return in February.