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We are planning to hold future activities and hoping to reschedule some of our canceled activities. This will depend on the guidelines issued from the Governors office and the Sarpy County Department of Health.

Our concern is for the health and safety of our members and guests.

For the month of May, the social distancing requirements are still in effect. We are unable to hold a dance or dinner under these guidelines. Hopefully restrictions will be relaxed in June.

Luncheon Card Party

Sunday June 14 

\$5 Donation 1-3pm

Doors open at Noon - Lunch 1pm
Join Us! Get a group together to play cards or a table game, or just stop by for lunch! Prize raffles are held.

Polish Film

Sunday June 14 3:30pm -
After the Card Party
(Film to be decided)

A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

As a consequence of the continuing restrictions placed on the community by the CDC and Governor Ricketts
the following activities have been cancelled:

Sunday May 3 - Scholarship Awards Presentation
and Members Luncheon

Friday May 8 - Mothers Day Dance with Barry Boyce

Sunday May 10 - Mother's Day - A Card Party
was NOT scheduled this month.

Monday May 18 - Bus Tour

Rentals - for the month have canceled

We pray that our activities will resume in June!

June Activities - Tentative

**Papillion Days Polka Dance
Outside Under the Stars
Friday, June 19**

Polka Dance 7-11pm - Bobby Z & Polka Joy
Food on Sale 6-9pm

Papillion City Fireworks Show

Saturday June 20 - 2:00pm

Papillion Days Parade "150 Years"

The Papillion Community Foundation will make a decision in early May if this event will be held.

Check our web page, Facebook page, email us
or call for updates and questions.

PRAY FOR AN END TO THIS CRISIS!

Polish Home Activities

MAY - 2020

ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED!
We look forward to June!

Newsletter Committee will meet
Thursday May 28 at 12:30pm

MAY 18 would be the 100th birthday
of St. Pope John Paul II.

JUNE - 2020

Thu 4 - Meeting Rental, 6:30pm
Sun 14 - Luncheon Card Party, 1-3pm
Fri 19 - Papillion Days Dance
* Bobby Z & Polka Joy
Sat 20 - Papillion Parade, 2pm

COMING SOON

Sun Aug 16 - St. Stan's Festival
Fri Oct 2 - Harvest Dance
Fri Nov 6 - Annual Beer Tasting

RESCHEDULED EVENTS

Heritage Society Scholarship judging
and awards ceremony to be decided.

Canceled Dances & Dinners may be
rescheduled for a later time if the
schedule and social distancing
requirements allow.

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BURGERS For those who have
responded - if the need arises you will
be contacted as to the date/time. Call or
email if you are interested in learning!

FROM THE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board DID NOT meet as scheduled on Monday April 13 due to
the self quarantine restrictions

- * The board is scheduled to meet on Monday May 11, 6:30pm.
However, the meeting may be rescheduled. If you have an item
that you would like brought up, please contact us. Members may
attend and are asked to come as observers.

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Donations to the museum are put on display in the glass cases and on tables
for many events. If you have items of interest that you would like to donate:
photo's, pictures, papers, clippings, souvenirs, folk items, costumes, music
albums etc. contact the Polish Home.

Recent Donations received from Gerry Boyce, Tom Jodlowski

Again this year, the Polish Heritage Society is participating in the
city-wide **Omaha Gives!** online fundraising effort on **May 20**.
Show off your spirit of giving and support the work of the Society
by going to <https://www.omahagives.org/nonprofits> and making
a \$10 minimum donation; there is no maximum donation.
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Polish Vocabulary for May

Maj (Mahy) - April

Dzien Matki (jane maht kee) -



Mother's Day

wiosna (vee ohs nah) - Spring

kwiat (kvee aht) - flower

kwiaty (kvee ah tih) - flowers

ogród (oh grood) - garden

trawa (trah vah) - grass

drzewo (geh voh) - tree

nasiona (nah shee oh nah) - seed

roślina (roh shlee nah) - plant

ptak (ptahk) - bird

robak (roh bahk) - worm

POLISH PROVERBS

Gość w dom, Bóg w dom

(gohsch v dohm boog v dohm)

A guest in the home God in the home

Miłuj bliźniego, jak siebie samego

(me wooy bleezh nyeh goh

jak shyeh byeh sah meh goh

Love thy neighbor as thy self

Omaha Polish History

Polish immigrants began arriving in Omaha around 1868. Families and individuals came, some stopping here before continuing west. Their numbers grew quite fast as conditions in Poland were very difficult mainly due to a failed insurrection against their foreign oppressors in 1863. Many had to leave Poland and ended up in Omaha as jobs were plentiful.

Several Poles became quite prominent in the young Omaha community. In 1884 **Wojciech Boruch** settled in Omaha and in 1905 started the only Polish language newspaper published in Omaha - the **Gwiazda Zachodu**, Western Star. It was published until 1945.

Ralph Modjeski arrived in Omaha in 1886. He was the son of the world renowned Shakespearean actress, **Helena Modjeska**. Modjeski, an engineer, helped in the building of the first Union Pacific bridge over the Missouri River and later the Douglas Street bridge.

As the number of Polish immigrants continued to grow, they began a Polish Club called "**St. Paul Society**". This group met at St. Joseph's Catholic Church where the majority of the Poles worshipped as the Catholic faith was very important to them and several of the Franciscan priests at the parish could speak Polish. By 1888, plans were made to found a Polish Parish. A frame church, dedicated to **St. Paul** was erected on 29th & Elm St. There were around 100 families registered.

The beginnings were very difficult financially. On the east coast an new independent church was starting, the **Polish National Catholic Church**. In 1895 a dispute arose between those who wanted to join this new "Polish" church **The Goats**, and those who wanted to remain Roman Catholic, **The Lambs**. The self-proclaimed priest of the Goats eventually shot two of the Lambs while in the church. The dispute ended up in court. The judge ruled in favor of the Lambs and the Goats burned the church down.

Eventually with the growth of the Polish population, three churches were established: **Immaculate Conception** in 1897, **St. Francis Assisi** in 1899, and **St. Stanislaus**, 1919.

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