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Polish Film

Sunday January 13



3:30pm



Zemsta (The Revenge)

Polish with English Subtitles

2002 comedy about two families claiming rights to the same castle, with both living in separate quarters of the castle. A romance develops between the niece of one and the son of the other, and the plans of the elders to upend their potential marriage begins!
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Snacks Provided

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Luncheon Card Party will resume in the spring

We will wait until the COVID19 virus restrictions are completely lifted before resuming this monthly activity. Thanks for your consideration and patience!

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Szczęśliwego

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Nowego Roku

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najlepszego!

nye lehp sheh goh



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021



To our members, families and friends.

We begin our 87th year promoting Polish culture and heritage with best wishes for a successful and safe year for all of our members! We hope to resume our regular activities as soon as possible and thank all who have supported us during the past year. The old year is behind us and we look forward to a new year of happiness, health & good fortune!

**Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku
a wszystkiego najlepszego!**

Happy New Year and best wishes to everyone!

The Board of Directors

Renae Kurlmel, President

Martha Miller, Financial Secretary

Maggie Moeschler, Recording Secretary

Roberta Opperman, Membership

Jim Rapczynski, Cultural Director

Mary Jo Parys, Artistic Director

Leo Florick, Vice President

Alan Pacholski, Treasurer

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Candy Borman, Hall Manager Tom Jodlowski, Activities Manager



Annual Membership Meeting



Sunday January 24

1pm - Complimentary Lunch

Potato Soup, Sandwiches, Salad & Dessert

2pm - Membership Meeting

With election of 2021 Board of Directors

3pm - Heritage Society Meeting

According to our bylaws, we must have 10% of our members present or with a proxy vote in order to conduct an official meeting. **If you are unable to attend due to concerns about safety, please consider sending us a proxy vote, by US Mail, Email, or drop it off at the Polish Home** (a mail slot is in the kitchen door at the east side of the building). This is an important meeting and we request your attendance or proxy vote. Thanks!

Polish Home Activities

JANUARY - 2021

Thu 7 - Meeting Rental

Sat 9 - Rental, Family Party

Sun 10 - Polish Film, 3:30pm

Mon 11 - Board of Directors, 6:30pm

Thu 21 - Newsletter, 12:30pm

Sun 24 - Annual Members Meeting

DIGGING YOUR POLISH ROOTS

Begins Saturday January 9, 11am

The Polish American Foundation of Connecticut (PAF) invites Polish Home Omaha/Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska members to participate in a free Zoom genealogy lecture series. The series normally is \$40, but is free for PAF members, and the PAF is offering a \$20 discounted annual membership to current Polish Home/Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska members. If you join PAF for \$20, you get the 12 Zoom lectures free. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Polish genealogy without leaving home. If you are interested, click on the following link for information and details. <https://www.paf-welcomehome.org/2021-genealogy-lecture-series>

Questions? Email Nancy Schlesiger at polishheritagesocietyne@gmail.com

(Zoom is free secure conferencing video service like Skype & Face Time)



A 2021 Wish

**Na szczęście, na zdrowie
Na ten Nowy Rok!**

For Happiness, For Health,
For a Happy New Year!

FROM THE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board met on Monday December 14.

- * Financial, Treasurer, Membership & Activities reports discussed.
- * A new Ice machine has been installed in the kitchen.
- * Activities calendar for 2021 was discussed. Many January & February events are canceled. However, the annual membership meeting will be held on January 24 with a free lunch. We need 11 board members - **Members interested in standing for election are encouraged to contact us via phone, email or letter.**
- * We plan on another take out dinner on February 14.
- * Leo Florick & Tom Jodkowski were thanked for all of their efforts during the past year with building maintenance, clean-up projects!
- * **The final meeting of the 2020 board is Monday Jan. 11, 6:30pm.** If you have an item that you would like brought up, please contact us. Members may attend and are asked to come as observers.

Newsletter Advertisements

Renewal letters have been sent to our current advertisers. New advertisers are welcome! Ads will begin with the February 2021 Newsletter. The ads help to defray the cost of printing & postage, so please visit them and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter.

Membership Renewals

Renewal cards were sent out to those members needing to renew. Please return your renewal form soon so we do not have to send a second notice.



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To Polish Home ★ Marvin Olson

★ Anonymous, for donation of lunch for 11/29 workers

★ Bard & Mark Maneman in memory of Bert & Mary Ellen, for new stage stairs

To Heritage Society ★ Leonard & Esther Nowak Foundation

Special Thanks to ★ All Members & friends who helped make pierogi, gołabki & soup for our sale!

★ The members who installed the new ice machine and got it working properly.

*** Polish Vocabulary ***

January - Styczeń (stih chen) snow - śnieg (shnyehg)

Winter - zima (zhee mah)

snowy - śnieżny (sh nyehzh nih)

snowstorm - zawieja (zah vyeh yah)

snowball - śnieżka (sh nyehzh kah)

Sleigh ride - Kulig (koo leeg) Sleigh - sanie (sah nyeh)

fireplace - kominek (koh mee nehk)

bonfire - ognisko (ohg nyees koh)

JANUARY CUSTOMS IN POLAND (Covid restrictions permitting)

✱ **New Years Eve is called Sylwester** (sihl vehs tehr), as in the Catholic calendar, Dec. 31 is the feast of St. Sylvester. Celebrations include dances, concerts, fireworks at midnight and special meals featuring traditional Polish foods. Formal balls and outdoor concerts are also held in the larger cities. This also marks the start of the **Carniwal** (kahr nee wahw) season lasting until the beginning of Lent.

✱ **New Year's Day** is a national public holiday, and a holy day of obligation for Catholics.

✱ **Epiphany, Trzech Króli** (tch eh kroo lee) or Three Kings is celebrated **January 6**. This is a national public holiday and a Catholic holyday as well. In the larger cities there are street parades escorting the three kings to the manger scene. It is also a tradition to write the following in chalk blessed in church above the entrance of your home: **20 K+M+B 21**. This signifies the year, 2021 and the names of the three kings, Kacper, Melchior, Baltazar (Casper, Melchior, Baltazar). It is also the abbreviation of the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

✱ On **January 10** the biggest charity event in Poland is held, **Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity** (Wielka Orkiestra świątecznej pomocy). Volunteers collect money on the streets and give to all donors a red sticker in the shape of a heart. Funds are used to support pediatric patients and research.

✱ **Grandmother's & Grandfather's Day, Dzień Babci & Dzień Dziadka** (jane bahb chee, jane jee ahd kah) is celebrated **January 21 & 22**. Grandparents are honored, in school events and with visits and gifts.

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***Happy New Year Wishes to All Our
Members and Friends!***



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