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Let's Look Forward to May!

## Scholarship Awards & Members Luncheon

🎓 **1-4pm SUNDAY MAY 3** 🇵🇱

**Membership Dinner & Scholarship Awards**



**Pre-Mother's Day Polka Dance** with the **Barry Boyce Band**

**Friday May 8** 🎵🎵

**7-11pm** Doors open 6pm

**\$6 Admission**

16 & Under no charge

Kitchen Open 6-8pm: Sausage, Gołąbki Burgers, Pierogi

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**Polish Home 2020 Poland Vacation HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Due to the uncertainty about traveling this summer, we have cancelled the 2020 tour and will reschedule in 2021

We will hold an informational meeting in the summer to discuss our plans for 2021. Travel will take place sometime in late July to late September.

## A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to escalate, we find ourselves in extraordinary times. Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our membership, our volunteers, and our community. Therefore, in accordance with the gathering restrictions set forth by the CDC and Governor Ricketts, all events in March and April have been cancelled. We continue to monitor the news reports and the Board is in daily contact via email. We will make additional schedule changes as required and we will post additional updates on Facebook and via email. During this down time, we are planning to undertake some deep cleaning at the hall.

Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone impacted by the virus. God bless our caregivers and first responders on the front lines. We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible - we can't wait to share a meal and a polka with you. STO LAT - stay safe and healthy!

Renae Kurmel, President

2020 Polish Home Board of Directors

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

**Sunday March 15** - St. Joseph's Day Celebration

**Monday March 23** - Bus Tour Visitors

**Sunday March 29** - Easter Workshop

**Monday March 30** - Bus Tour Visitors

**Thursday April 2** - Meeting Rental

**Sunday April 5** - Luncheon Card Party and Polish Film

**Tuesday April 7** - Meeting Rental

**Saturday April 18** - Flea Market (Will be re-scheduled)

**Thursday April 22** - Dinner Rental (May be re-scheduled)

**We pray that our activities will resume in May!**

## Polish Home Activities

### APRIL - 2020

**ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED!**

**We look forward to May!**

### MAY - 2020

Sat May 2 - Rental, Graduation Party

**Sun May 3 - Scholarship Awards**

Thu May 7 - Meeting Rental

**Fri May 8 - Mother's Day Dance with**

\* **Barry Boyce Band**

**Sun May 10 - Happy Mother's Day**

\* **No Card Party or Film Today**

**Mon May 18 - Bus Tour, 11:30am**

**Thu 28 - Newsletter, 12:30pm**

### COMING SOON

**Sun June 14 - Card Party**

**Fri June 19 - Papillion Days Dance**

\* **Bobby Z & Polka Joy**

**Sat June 20 - Papillion Parade, 2pm**

**Sat June 27 - Polonairs/Sheelytown**

\* **Summer Dance**

**Sun Aug 16 - St. Stan's Festival**

**Fri Oct 2 - Harvest Dance**

**Fri Nov 6 - Annual Beer Tasting**

### LEARN HOW TO MAKE GOŁABKI

**BURGERS** We will be making them for the May/June events. If you are interested in helping and learning, call or email us for the date/time.

**VISITING BUS TOUR May 18** - Help needed! Serving food and clean up.

Set up is one hour before their 11:30am arrival. Afterwards, clean-up and volunteers eat lunch!

## FROM THE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**The board met on Monday March 9 at 6:30pm**

- \* Reports from Rentals, Treasurer, Financial & Membership
- \* Discussed upcoming March activities.
- \* Theme for Papillion Days - "A Party 150 years in the making" celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Papillion. We will again participate in the parade.
- \* Downtown Business Association will hold its next meeting at the Polish Home.
- \* Discussed the possibility of cancelling activities due to the virus.
- \* **The board is scheduled to meet on Monday April 13, 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.

### Polish Heritage Society

**polishheritagesocietyne@gmail.com**

**\*\*Facebook\*\*Friend Us at Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska**

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 and tapes, etc. contact the Polish Home.

**Our current display is of famous Polish people in history.**



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## † Memorials †

Marilyn Stoysich Anton Lawry  
James Overfelt Paul Pelletier

Please remember our recently departed members and their families in your prayers.

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## Donations - Dziękujemy Card Party Donations

Mary Neutsch Martha Miller Ron Mcek  
Margaret Mary Novak Sue Bednarz  
Julie Bosak Susan Szalewski

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## Polish Vocabulary for April

**Kwiecień** (kfyeh chehn) - April  
**Wielkanoc** (Vee ehl kah nohts) - Easter  
**pisanki** (pee sahn kee) - Easter eggs  
**koszyk** (kohsh ihk) - Easter basket  
**baranek** (bah rah nehk) - Lamb  
**królik** (krool eek) - Bunny  
**lilia** (lee leeah) - Lilly  
**tulipan** (too leep ahn) - tulip

**święconka** (shvee ehn tsohn kah) -  
Blessed Food - Easter brunch

The food eaten at this meal is taken to the church in a decorated basket and blessed by the priest on Holy Saturday. It consists of ham, sausage, eggs, horseradish, salt, butter, bread, something sweet, and other foods that might be eaten by the family.

## Polish Holy Week & Easter Traditions

The Polish people are very devout in their observance of Holy Week. Palm Sunday, **Niedzela Palmowa** (nee ed zehla pahl moh vah) begins this most solemn week. Palms, willow branches or decorated sprigs of dried flowers and straw are taken to church to be blessed. They are then displayed in homes, often behind a holy picture as a prayer for health and prosperity. Holy Week, **Wielki Tydzień** (vee ehl kee tih djane) includes special devotions at church and in the home. Food is prepared, **pisanki** - eggs, are decorated, and the house is made ready for the holiday. On Holy Thursday, **Wielki Czwartek** (vee ehl kee chvahr tehk), church services are held in the evening, starting the three day remembrance of the Passion. Good Friday, **Wielki Piątek** (vee ehl kee pee ohn tek) commemorates the death of Jesus. A tomb **Grób Pański** (groob pahn skee) is set up in each church with a statue of Jesus lying on the stone or being taken down from the cross. Parishoners stand guard at the tomb all night as people come and pray. Many travel from church to church to pray. Holy Saturday **Wielka Sobota** (Vee ehl kah soh boh tah), will find families taking their food baskets to church for a blessing and later in the evening attending the Easter vigil services. At the first meal of Easter, **Wielkanoc**, the blessed food is eaten after attending Mass. The meal begins with the sharing of a blessed egg; everyone takes a piece of the egg from the head of the household as they exchange best wishes with each other. The day is spent visiting with family and friends. Easter Monday, **Dyngus** (dihn goose) or Wet Monday is a day of sprinkling or dousing each other with water. This commemorates the day in 966AD when Poland became a Christian country due to the baptism of Prince Mieszko I.

**With all the cancellations due to the COVID 19 virus please check to see if the following Easter activities will be held.**

St. Stanislaus Facebook page: 1pm Holy Saturday blessing of food, 8am Easter Mass with Polish Hymns, 5pm Divine Mercy Mass Saturday April 18  
\* Donohues bar for the annual Dyngus Day party 6-9pm.

Also check with the Polish Home Facebook or web page for updates.

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## ***Wesołego Alleluja***

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