

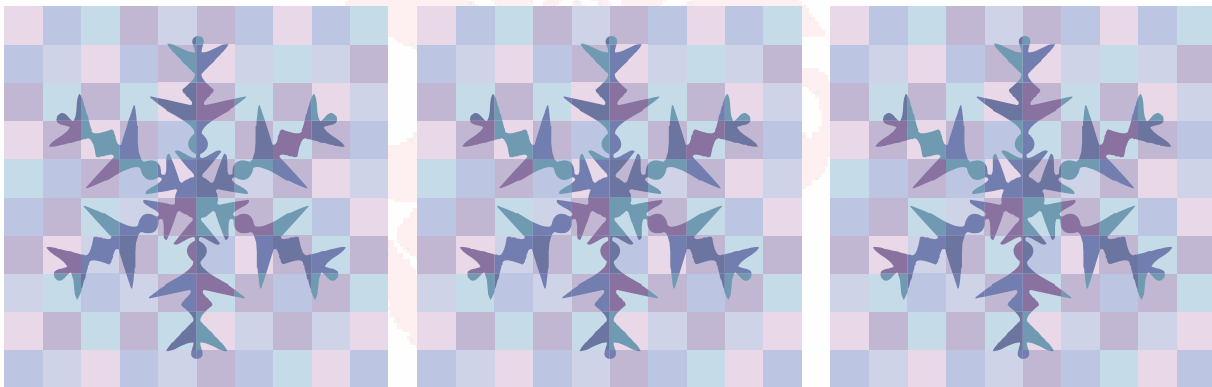


The Newsletter of the
Polish-American Club of Columbus, OH

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HAVE A BEAUTIFUL AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS SEASON



OUR JOYOUS WIGILIA

Every year, amidst all the bustle of the holiday season, the PAC takes the time to celebrate together at our Wigilia. If you are attending for your first time, know that it is a gathering for all ages. You will find a feeling of warmth and happiness in the community of Polonia that is so very special, and we enjoy that many will bring traditional Polish foods for our potluck meal.

We will begin with a prayer and the symbolic lighting of the candles and Christmas tree lights. Next, as is our tradition, we will be provided oplatek (Christmas wafer) to break with each other as we exchange our warm wishes for the coming year. Our meal will follow, after which we'll sing some Christmas carols and wait for Santa to arrive, bringing gifts for the children. An agenda with all the prayers and songs is on the poloniaohio.com website. You might like to print and bring a copy with you to help you follow along.

Your **admission** to the party is a **meatless dish to share**. Everything else will be provided. We ask that you please bring generous portions and have all guests know to bring a dish to share, as well, unless you want to bring one for them, too. It is an idea that will help us assure that everyone gets enough to eat. We are a very large group and it was unfortunate to see that, last year, we actually ran out of food before everyone reached the buffet table.

A suggested donation of \$3 for each adult who is not a dues-paying PAC member may be placed in the donation box. It is used to help offset our costs (children's gifts, hall rental, party supplies, etc.). Additional oplatki will be available for purchase, if you wish to take some home.

This year, Wigilia will be held from 5-8 P.M. on December 12th at the Eagles Hall (F.O.E.) 3800 Westerville Rd., in Columbus. This is south of Morse Rd. at Ferris (Walnut Creek).

All who are willing to help decorate the hall for Wigilia should please come at 10 A.M.

PAC DISPLAY AT TUTTLE MALL

The Columbus International Program has organized a multinational holiday display at Tuttle Mall and the PAC would like to give a very sincere thank you to Grzegorz Kucharski and his daughter Kasia who put together a beautiful photo exhibit of the Christmas festival in Cracow, Poland. Be sure to look for it when you shop. It is located on the lower floor, between Panera Bread and Macy's. CIP is a nonprofit group that organizes exchange program opportunities throughout central Ohio for international professionals. Their website is CIPCOLUMBUS.ORG.

A SPECIAL TRIP FOR OUR COLUMBUS CREW COACH

Major League Soccer and Adidas have announced that Columbus Crew head coach Robert Warzycha has been selected to lead 18 MLS 'Generation Adidas' players to South Africa, site of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, for a two-week tour that will include a trio of friendly matches. The group will also enjoy sightseeing and take part in several appearances while in South Africa, including visits to Soweto "Nelson Mandela House", the Apartheid Museum, the World Cup 2010 Draw and the opening of the first FIFA Football for Hope Centre. It has come to my attention that some of you did not know that Robert and his wife Eliza are PAC members. Now you have one more reason to cheer for the Crew!

DAYTON POLISH CLUB DANCE

On Sunday, December 13th from 3-7 PM the Dayton Polish Club is having a Christmas dance, with proceeds and donations to benefit two of their local food pantries. A \$13 admission per person will include beer, soft drinks and snacks with other food available for purchase. All who attend are asked to please bring donations of nonperishable food items. The address at the Polish club hall is 1470 Valley St. in Dayton and you may call Ray or Joyce Grillmeier at 937-256-4424 to make reservations. Children under 17 are admitted free with a paying adult.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW

Sometimes, emailed newsletters as well as paper copies are returned to me, undelivered. If you have changed your email address, if you have moved, or if you are moving, please remember to put me on your list of people to inform, so that you still can receive our PAC information. Thank you to the many members who have shared your email addresses, enabling us to keep down on the work and cost of mailing paper newsletters.

OPLATKI AVAILABLE BY MAIL

If you wish to purchase traditional Polish Christmas wafers (oplatki), you may order it by sending a check made out to The Polish American Club at the price of \$5 per package of wafers. Send it to: The Polish American Club/OPLATKI 6200 Home Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Your order will be sent to you by mail. If you have any questions, you may call Jan at 614-750-9122.

OUR OCTOBER DANCE

I wanted to take a look back and mention what a nice dance it was that we had in October. It seemed we had a unanimous opinion that the hall was a very nice venue, with carpeting and a lowered ceiling creating a cozy feeling. The band did a great job, the food was really good, and the little children were just adorable, dancing up a storm! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this event happen. It's a lot of work!

DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE FOR DECEMBER PAC MEETING

For this meeting only, we are meeting at Barb and Ted Young's house, 739 Island Ct. in Columbus at 7:30 on Thursday, December 10th. We'll be having our budget vote and would very much like your input, so please join us there.

IF YOUR PRINTED ADDRESS LABEL HAS *** ON IT

Paying your dues on time helps us pay for all our activities. If you see a *** on your printed address label, it means my records show that your membership has lapsed. We don't want to lose you! Please follow the renewal instructions found later in this newsletter.

POLISH FOOD AT NORTH MARKET

Though I have not yet tried it, I have heard that there is a new Polish and Central European kitchen and deli business at the North Market in Columbus's Short North. They have specialty groceries as well as prepared foods including pierogies, kielbasa and borscht.

PACANOW

The PAC children's club, PACANOW, meets on Saturday morning at the Upper Arlington Library. For information you may contact Marzenna at 614-596-3282.

INFO ON WEBSITE

Remember that there is information of interest to our Polish community on the website Poloniaohio.com. A PAC membership application is available there and information is added regularly that you can access between newsletter mailings.

OTHER POLISH CLUBS IN OHIO

The Polish American Society of Greater Cincinnati will hold Polka/European/American dances from 6-10 pm on the first Saturday of the month. For information and to see their annual newsletter go to WWW.POLISH-AMERICAN-CINCINNATI.ORG

Polka dances are held every other week in Dayton at the Polish American Club or the American Czechoslovakian Club. Get information by calling Frank Orehowsky at 937-879-0940.

For info from the Toledo Polish club visit www.PolishToledo.com,



DECEMBER CALENDAR



DECEMBER/ GRUDZIEN 2009

Sat, Dec. 12th. WIGILIA - PAC PARTY 5-8 PM

Sun. Dec. 20th. POLISH MASS 3 PM St. Mary's Wigilia/Christmas Eve

PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

TO RENEW OR TO JOIN, make your check payable to: The Polish American Club and send it to our return address.

Individual membership	\$15 yearly	Senior individual (over 60 or retired)	\$10 yearly
Family membership	\$25 yearly	Senior family	\$15 yearly

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

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