



# TRUMPETER

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POLISH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND

## From the President

Welcome to the first Trumpeter of 2026!

This issue begins with details about our 2026-2027 scholarship program, followed by a photo gallery from our January Opłatek dinner. You'll also find articles featuring community history, as well as current journeys and fresh viewpoints. Check out upcoming events further in or online at [phaofmd.org/events](http://phaofmd.org/events).

As we transition to calendar-year membership, we've seen a great number of renewals as well as new sign-ups. With memberships arriving right up to publication, we apologize if your name isn't listed this time—we'll catch up in our next issue. Thank you for showing your enthusiasm and commitment to PHAM's mission; to take it further, we invite you to join or renew today and, most importantly, reach out to volunteer for one



of our committees. Many hands make light work and with more input, we can better serve YOU and the community.

In community news, we are sorry to report that the Polish National Alliance Building in Baltimore suffered considerable water damage after city pipes burst during January's severe freeze following the snow and ice storm. Assessments are underway for repairs. The Polish Home Club has

kindly offered space for costume storage, language classes, and events. This demonstrates the strength of Maryland Polonia when we unite. More updates and ways to support will be shared as PNA Council 21 organizes the necessary restoration efforts.

For now, pour a hot beverage, have a seat, and enjoy your latest *Trumpeter* with us.

~ Adam Mazurek

## ANNOUNCING...

**Applications for The Polish Heritage Association of Maryland undergraduate scholarships are now open.**



The Polish Heritage Association of Maryland will be providing several scholarship grants to undergraduate students for the academic year 2026-2027. To qualify, applicants must have at least two Polish ancestors, be a legal resident of Maryland, and be a full-time student at a Maryland High School or an accredited post-secondary institution in the USA during the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters.

Selection will be based on financial need, with additional evaluation focusing on academic standing, leadership potential, and pride and participation in their Polish heritage.

**Complete information on how to apply is posted on our website at [www.phaofmd.org/scholarship](http://www.phaofmd.org/scholarship)**

## Dziękujemy!

*The Executive Committee of PHAM extends its heartfelt thanks to Joseph Solinsky and Andrew Fury, who resigned their respective positions as President and Treasurer in November.*

*Their commitment was especially important in the wake of then-President Jean Puła's untimely death just as PHAM was regaining its footing post-pandemic. We wish them well in their ongoing contributions to Polonia and look forward with gratitude to seeing them at our upcoming events.*

# Annual Oplatek Dinner

Over 60 guests enjoyed dining, conviviality, live music, and hearty singing at the annual Oplatek Dinner, held January 11 at the Great Hall of Polish National Alliance Council 21 in Baltimore.

Delicious Polish fare presented by caterer extraordinaire, Polonia's own Krystyna Osowska, sparkling conversation during pre-dinner cocktail hour, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, delightful live music, heartily sung Polish kolędy, and, of course, heartfelt sharing of the oplatek - we are overjoyed at having such a wonderful ending to our holiday season and the beginning of another New Year.

The event opened with a social hour, during which attendees were treated to an expansive appetizer buffet while holiday music was played on mandolins by the brothers Kostek and Leo Schiavone.

After remarks by President Adam Mazurek, and a blessing given by Rev. Andrzej T. Bieganski, all were invited to share their pieces of oplatek wafer with their tablemates.



The sumptuous dinner served included a first course of red barszcz with mushroom-filled uszka dumplings, followed by a dish of pork roulade in mushroom sauce, with sides of hearty buckwheat kasza and onions, and sour cabbage with white beans and mushrooms, all catered by Krystyna Osowska.



After dinner, the dessert buffet opened with makowiec, szarlotka, tiramisu and chruściki, along with several kinds of specialty cookies.

The event wrapped up with a spirited session of kolędy and pastorki singing, joined in by dozens of happy and well-fed guests. Accompaniment was by Dan Schiavone playing on the lovely baby grand piano donated to PNA Council 21 by longtime PHAM member Dr. Dorothy Strohecker.

We thank the many volunteers who made this event possible, and we invite all attendees who are not already members, to join us in strengthening the bonds of Maryland Polonia by joining PHAM today at <https://www.phaofmd.org/membership>.



# Making a Difference- EUGENE J. "UTZ" TWARDOWICZ

by Claire Puła

Visitors to Baltimore's Patterson Park, especially the athletes, are sure to notice the bustling playing fields of Utz Twardowicz Field – known simply as "Utz Field." While the name may bring to mind a favorite local snack brand, the field actually honors a man who profoundly influenced the lives of countless neighborhood boys by coaching and guiding them as they grew into adulthood.

On October 1, 1908, a son named Eugene was born to Piotr and Walerya Tomala Twardowicz of Highlandtown. This was several years before the family would host Ignacy Jan Padrewski during one of the Baltimore concerts given by the "Lion of Poland". (See page 3, The Trumpeter issue August 2024) Eugene grew up in a large family that was very involved in the community, particularly the thriving group of Polish emigrés in Southeast Baltimore. Along the way, he attained the nickname of "Utz" --pronounced like the double "o" in 'looks'.

Early-on, Utz showed an aptitude for athletics. As the star forward for the Loyola High School basketball team, he helped them to win the 1927 Maryland state championship. At 5'7" and 125 pounds, he played at a time when speed rather than size mattered. Moving on to Loyola College, he captained it to a championship in 1931. In 2008, Utz was one of twenty-one of the greatest players in the 98-year history of Loyola basketball to be honored with the highest achievement ever recognized by the College -- inclusion as member of their All-Century Team.

Upon graduation, he returned briefly to the high school to coach. He also coached at Johns Hopkins University before becoming a foreman at Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point facility, while staying involved with amateur sports as coach and referee.



From 1948 until his death, Utz was athletic director at the Highlandtown branch of the Salvation Army's Red Shield Club. Sadly, it is now closed, though a few other branches still survive in Baltimore. The Club's goal is to "cultivate a thriving community where young people are empowered to reach their full potential, supported by strong families, and guided by spiritual and moral values...in a supportive and fun environment", a mission that Utz personified. Former members well remember him not only as a great person who taught them sports (especially

baseball), but also many life skills.

During his tenure, Utz was responsible for a diverse program of wrestling, badminton, football, soccer, basketball, and baseball. His Highlandtown teams won many city-wide amateur championships. According to several sources, thousands of boys benefitted from the Red Shield Club, and Utz was a mentor to many of them. He once said, "It's amazing how good boys can really be when you give them a chance to have fun and learn at the same time."

The Sun interviewed him in 1953, when the Red Shield team won two more trophies after winning an armful at the previous year's Sunpapers Rally. Utz jokingly described the toting of trophies back to the Club as his only current personal athletic activity.

A family man as well, Utz married Dorothy Gilliece. They raised two daughters and a son, Eugene "Pete" Twardowicz, who became an indefatigable investigative reporter of renown. Many of their descendants still live in Maryland.

Utz died at Bons Secours Hospital on November 2, 1969, of an apparent heart attack. He was sixty-one years old. A few days later, a glowing tribute was read

into the United States Senate Congressional Record:

*The youth of Baltimore were fortunate to have had a devoted man who labored outside the limelight but who put many a hard-nosed youngster on the right path to a useful life...he will be remembered...as a devoted teacher and kind counselor...he taught boys to be humble in victory and resolute in defeat.*

It then goes on to quote a News-American article that describes Utz as "popular, revered, dedicated". He was "continually giving the plaudits to others and never set himself up as any kind of a bow-taker."

The following year, a new \$150,000 facility was named for him, close to the Pulaski Monument in Baltimore's Patterson Park. At that time primarily for softball and football, the fields were opened with a grand parade. Starting at Fleet and Clinton, the parade wended its way, with such dignitaries as Governor Marvin Mandel, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III, and Senator Joseph Tydings. At the site, the ribbon was cut by Utz's widow, Dorothy. Fittingly, two inaugural softball games followed.

Today the site boasts a new heat-reducing turf, and adult and youth sports bring folks from all over the area. As an immediate neighbor, I can attest how busy the fields are in spring, summer, and autumn. Good luck parking on a Wednesday or Thursday evening! It's wonderful to see adult kickball, youth soccer, and all manner of activity contributing to the physical and emotional well-being of so many people.

One person can, indeed, influence others for good, without fanfare and with humility. One person can make a positive difference-- during a lifetime and well beyond.

**Sources:**  
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*The Eugene "Utz" Twardowicz original green-turfed athletic field located in Patterson Park, East Baltimore. Multipurpose Sports Field for Youth and Adults*



*In May, 2025, Baltimore City Rec & Parks installed the new golden-turf upgrade at Utz Field in Patterson Park.*



*Baltimore City Recreation & Parks co-ed soccer champs*

# A PAINTING'S INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

by Carla Hazard Tomaszewski

The first Polish immigrants who came to Baltimore in the late 19th century (among them, the artist's grandparents) settled in the waterfront neighborhoods of Fell's Point and Locust Point. It was in Fell's Point that they worked hard and saved money to build their own church (one of three) in 1889, St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, seen in the background with its distinctive steeple with a large white cross. The priests who ministered to the parishioners were Conventual Franciscan Friars.

This painting began its life in 1977 when artist Stella Dernoga Hazard was commissioned to paint it by Ms. Marie Giza. Marie wanted to donate the painting to her home parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka on Ann Street in Baltimore's Fell's Point. The painting was made to a specified size to fit in a niche in the rectory's dining area. Marie requested that Christ be the central figure and that a Franciscan be a part of the picture, along with other figures representing the Polish immigrants and others from the community.

Over the decades there was a shift in the demographics of the neighborhood, with the Polish families achieving the American dream of a better life with good jobs, education, and newer, larger homes. They dispersed farther outward, away from the inner city. With the ensuing drop of the traditional attendance, St. Stan's (affectionately called by its parishioners) was closed by the Franciscans in 2000 after one hundred eleven years of faithful service to the local Polonia. A dispute arose between the remaining parishioners and the Franciscan Order who claimed ownership of the property. The Franciscans wanted to sell the entire property and replace the church and all its other buildings with upscale condos. The parishioners, both past and present were horrified at this development, Marie Giza among them. The bitter dispute pushed Marie to take back the painting away from the Franciscans' possession and try to find another home for it. Luckily, she did this, because the rectory where it rested for almost 25 years was eventually torn down. After that, the painting mysteriously disappeared from view. At one point, an associate of the Giza family communicated with our Polish Heritage Association via email asking if anyone would be interested in buying it, but that connection went dry, and the painting slipped into obscurity for the next 11 years.

Then late in 2014 we received an excited email from our PHAM president, Vickie Leshinskie, exclaiming, "It's a miracle"! She received an email from the church secretary at



'Christ's Presence in Fell's Point' by Stella Dernoga Hazard

St. Anthony of Padua church in northeast Baltimore saying that some man dropped off a large painting of Christ in Fell's Point, wanting to donate it to the church. The man was a member of the Seafarers' International Union, located on Essex Street in Fell's Point. Originally, the painting had somehow made its home at the "Seafarers' Church" which then gave it to the Seafarers' Union, who had it for about two years. They wouldn't hang it up anymore because they didn't want to offend anyone of another religion, so they ended up giving it to him in 2014.

He held onto the painting but had to move away and could not take it with him. He offered it to one of his neighbors (a couple who were both pastors of nearby Lutheran churches) but they said they couldn't take it. His wife told him to try bringing it to the local Catholic church up the street – St. Anthony of Padua. He said he should have thought about it since he had gone by so many times. He was afraid that someone might think that he had done something wrong and the church told him, no, he had done well by bringing it to them. He only wanted a receipt that stated he brought them the painting. The receipt stated that they had received a "large oil painting of Christ in Fell's Point." He said that if the church hadn't taken it he was going to throw it in the dumpster!

How did the church secretary track us down about the painting? In 2014, the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland celebrated its 40th anniversary with a party where Stella was honored for her 99th birthday as the club's oldest living member. Photos of her and a small article about the event were published in the PolAm Journal newspaper which also has an on-line edition. St. Anthony's church secretary Googled the artist's signature which she found on the bottom of the painting, and up popped the recent article about Stella's 99th birthday, which also had an email address for our PHAM president.

Most of us familiar with Fell's Point and its history know about the SIU (Seafarers' International Union) union hall



Celebrating PHAM's 40th Anniversary and artist Stella D. Hazard's 99th birthday - l-r Carla Hazard Tomaszewski, Tom Hollowak, Alfreda Jamrosz and Charles Rdger Hazard



Artist Stella Dernoga Hazard (red vest), seeing her painting for the first time in almost 40 years – on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration and retrospective exhibition at Maryvale Preparatory School's Errin McCarthy Humanities Hall, November 1, 2015

and the Seafarers' Church. These American merchant mariners manned the tugboats in the harbor which used to tie up alongside the old recreation pier in Fell's Point. The odd part about it in this story is that Stella's daughter lives right next to the SIU's training facility way down on the Potomac River at Piney Point in southern Maryland, and she worked for them for seven years! We can only assume that the Giza family eventually had given the painting over to the Seafarer's Church (now the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center) at some point in time.

What an incredible journey for this painting – just like the oft -times perilous journeys of those immigrants portrayed in the painting-- a survivor, miraculously it has finally made its way home to its resting place, back into the hands of its creator.

## PHAM LOVES HISTORY!

Every December, the National Council of Social Studies holds a huge conference for all social studies educators and publishers from around the nation. This year, in honor of America's 250th, the conference was held at the Washington, D.C. convention center. Also, every year for the past 30 years, the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) has manned a double booth on the convention center's 'International Alley' in an effort to provide a wide variety of publications and educational materials to these same educators - raising their awareness of the rich cultural and historical heritage of Poland which they can then integrate into their social studies curriculum. This effort has been spearheaded for all these many years by Cecilia and Raymond Glembocki of the Polish American Arts Association (PAAA) of Washington DC.

This year the theme was 'Because Democracy Depends on It'. Polish Heritage Association of Maryland, as an affiliate club of the ACPC, was represented by member Carla Hazard Tomaszewski, volunteering for the entire weekend along side Mrs. Glembocki, Debbie Majka -Honorary Polish Consul from Philadelphia, Ken Lemanski from Connecticut, Peter Obst who gave a Powerpoint presentation about Poland's governments in the twentieth century, Ed Krolkowski dressed in authentic costume, posing as Gen.Kazimierz Pułaski, Celia



l to r: Cecilia Glembocki, Ed Krolkowski, Carla Tomaszewski

Larkin, president of the ACPC and Rose Kobylinski of the PAAA . Carla designed the Democracy presentation panels and accompanying brochure, and also promoted her children's book about POLAND, as a great resource for families and teachers to pass on knowledge of our Polish heritage.

# MAKING FAMILY MEMORIES IN MODERN POLAND, PART 2

by Liz Lipinski

[Editor's Note: This is the second in a series about the Lipinski/Schiavone extended family trip to Poland in Summer 2025. In this article, Liz Lipinski offers valuable tips for traveling in today's very modern Poland.]

Ahead of our extended visit to Poland last year, we had to make some decisions about the best way to travel. We knew where we wanted to go and what we wanted to do, but the how wasn't yet clear.

Thanks to my fellow Polish Heritage members and a couple of cousins, I learned that driving in Poland is definitely for me. I was told what a pleasure it is to drive in Poland (and it was for us). I was told that it's intuitive and easy.. We would be visiting different relatives for several weeks so a car would give us flexibility and independence. I also realized that for our specific trip, it wasn't worth having a car in any major city and certainly not worth getting stuck in that crazy traffic between Kraków and Zakopane when a train was easy, convenient and cost-effective.

So it was settled: we would rent a car for the first couple legs of the trip and then switch to trains, trams, and uber/bolt/taxis once we were in major cities.

## The Setup

We have cell service with an International data plan. This is key - in order to use a smartphone with GPS, a data plan is necessary. I signed up for service with the service Orange for a month but the kids used our normal T-mobile account and it was fine for basic use. Having a local number was helpful when calling businesses and parishes for genealogy research. Otherwise, WhatsApp was our friend - almost all our relatives use that app.

We rented a hybrid car with an automatic transmission. The hybrid was great because we didn't have to fill up the gas tank very often and hey, as much as I love leaning into my Polish heritage, I don't love manual transmissions as much as some. In case you're wondering, we went with the extra car insurance - I literally had no stress driving through all those sandy roads 'na wsi', and I didn't worry for a second when we drove over krzaki getting to our AirBNB chatka in the woods next to Biebrza National Forest. We also had roadside assistance, though we didn't use it - check for these things if you're renting a car. [Editor's note: some travel insurance policies, like with Allianz, include ample car insurance. Manual transmissions are more available and typically cheaper than renting automatics in Europe but that is gradually changing.]

## The Play-by-Play

Whoever was in the passenger seat navigated along with the GPS - it was their job to look up online what the traffic signs meant as we needed them. As for paying to park? I

thought it was just me not able to figure out when to pay or not, but my cousins weren't always sure either. We would park, look more closely at the signs (and look them up if we didn't know) and then look for a machine to pay for parking. If there wasn't one, we'd risk it - after all, what's the worst case scenario? We'd get a ticket. We'll pay it - no stress - at least we tried. We never got a ticket but we were diligent in looking for parking meters.

## Things We Love

Something I love about driving are those off-the-beaten-track places we found. One of our favorites was the first stop we made: Modelina restaurant in a section of Nowy Dwór originally built to protect from the Swedes back in the 1600s, eventually called Garnizon Nowogrodzki. We were in the old carskie bloki (tsarist army barracks built between 1899-1901). If you're looking now, it'll come up as Twierdzy Modlin. Why is this important? Well, we're history buffs, but Modlin was also important during WWII - it was the site of one of the last campaigns to surrender during September 1939, and in which we learned my paternal grandfather fought! We also learned that my maternal grandfather used to stop there when taking his warzywa for sale in Warszawa after the war, because it was a good



stopping point: close to the city, but on the way home. (Yes, Dziadek, we couldn't agree more - it was the perfect spot for us too, because it wasn't far from the airport on the way to your family.) The old barracks reminded us of the adaptive reuse projects we adore here in Baltimore City - a place for artists, restaurants, businesses, and housing. We could also park and still see the car (since all our things were in it) while enjoying some excellent atmosphere and sustenance. From the beginning, we saw history along with traditional eats and a modern twist. What a great way to start our adventure!



## Plan, But Be Ready for the Unexpected

As you might imagine, and though it's not official in any way, it's pretty obvious that Poland's beloved storks have right of way - be careful of them slowly crossing the road. Rather unexpected and entertaining! Heed elk/moose crossing signs. Jackrabbits might jump in front of your car - they're taller than you think!

Having the car made it possible to visit as much family as possible while still being able to entertain some of our personal interests, like bird watching and hiking at Biebrza or Leo playing the organ at our ancestral church in Wizna. We looked things up ahead of time, trying to schedule visits around festivals/odpusty, but it didn't work out. I'd followed places, events, and organizations on social media months ahead of time



Why did the bocian cross the road?

so I could see what was possible. I also learned not to assume that family and friends know what's going on around town or in the county - not everyone is tuned in or their interests lie elsewhere. We made time where we could for curiosities - if we saw people walking into the woods and cars parked along the road, we stopped. Once we happened upon a parade, and once we happened upon a beautiful religious service for fallen heroes. Respect.



...To catch up with the cows on the ferry!!

## Trains, etc.

For trains, we used the Koleo app. The culture on trains is to be relatively quiet, which we liked. I used that time to sew, do more trip planning, and to read. This worked like it does here - very intuitive, but also easy to find people to ask questions if we had them.

Sometimes we travelled by other means... Like crossing a river by way of ręczny prom (manually operated ferry). The one we crossed on the Biebrza river came with an obligatory cow trying to hitch a ride across. Be open to possibilities! You never know where they may lead or what laughter may ensue.

## Disclaimer

I know our experience might not be everyone's experience, so take this all with a grain of salt and remember you know yourself best.

Bear in mind that things can happen anywhere, anytime. You might have trouble with a rental car company that you've had no trouble with in the past. Accidents can happen anywhere, as well and not everyone follows the rules. Be diligent. Do your best. Things happen. Anyone can have a bad day - even in the US. My recommendation is to roll with those punches. Have questions? Feel free to contact me at lizard@highlandtown.com. I am happy to share.

## PAGES/STRONGY:

### PHAM BOOK CLUB NOTES

The Polish Heritage book Club will meet via Zoom at 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of the next three months: March 14, April 11, and May 9, 2026. Please join us!

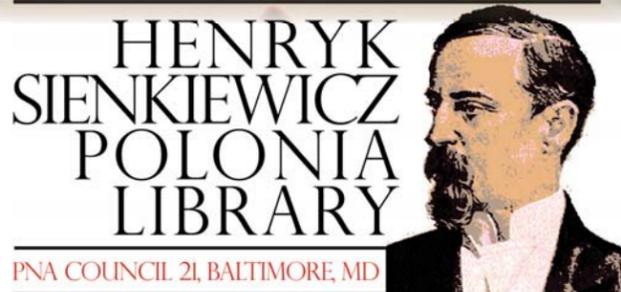
#### The line-up of readings for the Spring has changed.

On **March 14**, we will read a scanned literary criticism excerpt by philosopher Stanisław Brzozowski. (Short stories by Stefan Żeromski will be placed on hold until next year.) In **April**, we will discuss a fantasy story not formerly in the line-up: The Fair Folk and Little Orphan Mary, by Maria Konopnicka. Then the title for **May** will be the first modern Polish novel, Malvina, or the Heart's Intuition, by Maria Wirtemberska. We will round out the year on **June 6** with a reading of the scanned play Mazeppa, by Juliusz Słowacki. (The absurdist play called Tango, by Sławomir Mrożek, will be placed on hold.) All of these selections will be read in English translation.

Since November, there have been three meetings. In December, we discussed an essay by Joseph Conrad called "Christmas Day at Sea."



Then in January we covered Maria Konopnicka's poem "Rota" as well as three other selections by her. Finally, for February, we considered a biography of Blessed Hanna Chrzanowska, RN. An added feature was a discussion of a lecture by Dr. Jean Baker called "Polish Immigration in Fell's Point 1870-1930." You can listen to this talk at the following weblink. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMDB6J9U4Vg>



For on-line participation in any of these meetings, email Dot Tassone for the Zoom link during the week prior, at [dstassone@gmail.com](mailto:dstassone@gmail.com). Please remember that attendees usually supply their own copies of the selections, and that our readings are always in the English language.

In-person meetings will resume in Spring 2026 at the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polonia Library on the second floor of the PNA Building, at 1627 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21231, where your host is librarian Adam Mazurek, First Vice President of PHAM.

We hope to see you soon!



The founder and moderator of the Book Club, Dr. Dorothy Puła Strohecker, is a Conrad scholar, having both written her dissertation on this author and presented at many conferences about him. Book Club members read a wide variety of works related to Poland and Polonia.

## ~MEMBERSHIP~

Interested in Poland? Love your Polish Heritage? PHAM welcomes all people, from all backgrounds, young and old, who wish to share in this cultural legacy and to learn more about Polish culture, history and traditions.

### Witamy!

Polish Heritage Association of Maryland is pleased to welcome new members. We also welcome back many folks who have recently renewed their memberships.

Mary L Biletnikoff  
Paul Binkowski  
Ewa D. Carlton  
Gordon Creamer  
Iwona Fijalkowska  
Michelle Hastings  
Lewis Hubbard  
Jason Korczynski  
Jeffrey Koubek

Anthony Monczewski  
Kyle Nicholson  
Jake Nicholson  
Krystyna Osowska  
Edith Puła  
Irena & Zbigniew Rybak  
Mary & Tom Rybczynski  
Maryanna Sieracki  
Louis Sitnik

Pam & Frank Stanitski  
Leszek Strzelecki  
Kristin Strohecker  
Melissa Techetin  
Carla & Stan Tomaszewski  
Cecilia & Tom Trentowski  
Allison Wielobob  
Kirsten Wielobob  
Cecilia Wolyniak

### Uncle STAN Wants YOU!



...to Join the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland

### Zapraszamy!

Please, Come Join us!

Enjoy ...

- ~ Cultural & educational programs in history, music, art & film
- ~ Learning about Polish Americans' contributions to America
- ~ Meetings followed by good food & fellowship where you can hear and speak the Polish language
- ~ Monthly Book Club get-togethers
- ~ Receiving the Association's newsletter, *The Trumpeter*

Your membership is a vote for our mission to promote Polish culture, arts, music, literature, traditions, and more. It's called "Polskość" ("Polishness") - all the things that make us proud to be Polish and Polish-American.

#### Membership type:

- Individual - \$35
- Couple - \$60
- Family (includes children under 21) - \$75
- Full Time Student - \$20
- Emerita/Emeritus (over 80) - Free!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 ~ PHAM Scholarship Applications open

March 14 ~ Pisanki Workshop co-hosting with Polish National Alliance

March 15 ~ Scholarship applications close

April 19 ~ Annual Katyń Remembrance

May 2 ~ Majówka weekend! Wycinanki workshop planned

May 3 ~ PHAM Scholarship Award Luncheon

July ~ Genealogy workshop planned

Please check the Events page on our website for updates at <https://www.phaofmd.org/>

*Belated Greetings...*



*Happy to All!  
Święty Walenty*

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!..

The Polish Heritage Association of Maryland is on track to expand our programming while growing our membership in 2026, reviving awareness of the Polish Diaspora in Baltimore and throughout Maryland, with events that are accessible and appealing to the public. In order to expand the scope of existing events, and add in new ones, **we need your help!**



**If you can spare some time to help out in the months ahead, it would be greatly appreciated. Even just a few**

**hours can make a big difference.**

**Please email [phaofmd@gmail.com](mailto:phaofmd@gmail.com) with the subject VOLUNTEERS.**

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