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P O L I S H S O C I E T Y

## APS Newsletter Issue 2/2023

Dear Friends,

We are excited to share information about the upcoming Spring events and hope many of you will find time to attend and enjoy! We are always open to suggestions and new ideas. If you can volunteer a few hours, drop us a line by filling this [FORM!](#) Any questions or comments can be sent by email to [austinpolishsociety@gmail.com](mailto:austinpolishsociety@gmail.com)

### ~ UPCOMING APS EVENTS ~

(For more information click on each event title)

#### **THE APS CAMPFIRE "OGNISKO "**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 4 at 4 pm

**WHERE:** Camp Ben McCullough; 18301 Farm to Market Rd 1826, Driftwood, TX 78619

**COST:** \$10 per plate (sausage and fixings) Please, bring CASH if possible.

**CONTACT:** text Furio @ 540-845-4978

Bring roasting sticks, folding chairs or blankets. This event is BYOB.



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#### **HIKE**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 am

**WHERE:** Barton Creek 360 Trail Access

Wear comfortable shoes and take plenty of water. The hike is weather permitting. Please check the website or Facebook for weather-related changes.

**CONTACT:** text Agnieszka @ 512-413-0189



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#### **THE 17th ANNUAL BIGOS COOK-OFF and HIKE**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Woodland Park at River Place, 8820 Big View Dr., Austin, TX 78730

***WE NEED CHEFS TO COMPETE IN THIS CONTEST!***

**CONTACT:** text Angelika 830-385-5389 or email: [aps.angelika@gmail.com](mailto:aps.angelika@gmail.com)



## ~ UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ~

(For more information click on each event title)

### TRUE LIFE: A CELEBRATION OF POET ADAM ZAGAJEWSKI

You are invited for an evening of music & poetry. Readers will include celebrated poet Edward Hirsh, president of the Guggenheim Foundation, Rich Levy, and others.

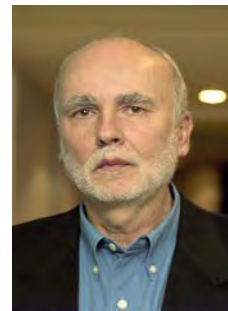
**WHEN:** Monday, February 27 at 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross, HOUSTON

**TICKETS:** On sale at [inprint.org](http://inprint.org)

**FREE STREAMING:** Monday, March 6

Pre-register [HERE](#) and receive the link to watch on March 6.



### POLISH CLUB at UT presents MR. JONATHAN ORNSTEIN

**WHEN:** Friday, March 3rd at 9 am CT

**WHERE:** Virtual meeting. Register at this link: [www.texaspolishclub.org](http://www.texaspolishclub.org)

Polish Club at UT invites you to a zoom meeting with CEO of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Krakow, Mr. Jonathan Ornstein. The title of his presentation is "The Rebirth of Jewish Life in Poland".

Please see an event [FLYER](#)



### THE POLISH HERITAGE CENTER virtual program:

#### ***THE NEXT GENERATION OF POLISH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP***

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 9 at 6 pm

**WHERE:** Zoom [LINK](#)

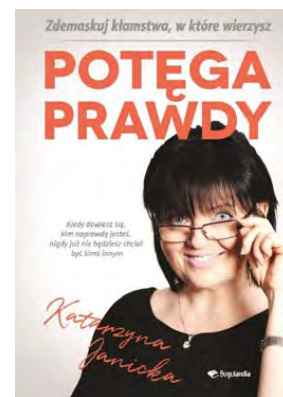
Leaders of Texas A&M Polish Association and President of Polish Club at UT will discuss how they, as Polish American youth leaders, are striking a balance between preserving Polish culture and tradition while also addressing the evolving issues of today's day and age.

### SPOTKANIE Z AUTORKĄ KSIĄŻKI "POTĘGA PRAWDY", KATARZYNA JANICKĄ (in Polish only)

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 19th, 4:00 pm

**WHERE:** 7317 Lakewood Dr., Austin, TX, 78750

Lektura tej książki pomoże ci zrozumieć, że wszyscy wierzymy w kłamstwa o nas samych i że wpływają one na naszą samoocenę i poczucie własnej wartości. Janicka uważa, że pośród wielu kryzysów, z którymi boryka się ludzkość, najbardziej bolesny to kryzys tożsamości.

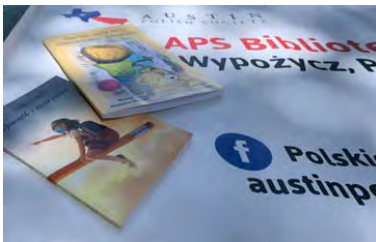


~ INSIDE APS ~

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS** take place on the first Monday of each month. Anybody interested is invited. If you would like to participate, please email us at [austinpolsishsociety@gmail.com](mailto:austinpolsishsociety@gmail.com)

**APS MOBILE LIBRARY** is running for the entire year. We bring books to different APS events, but if you would like to borrow or return books, you don't have to wait. Please, email us with your request or questions at [aps.angelika@gmail.com](mailto:aps.angelika@gmail.com)  
For the list of books and other information click on the link: [POLSKIE KSIĄZKI](#).

**APS offers POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS** during the school year. For more information, please click on the link: [Polish Language Classes](#).



~ POLISH TRADITION ~

**POLISH CARNIVAL TRADITIONS**

Carnival celebrations in Polish tradition last from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday, which opens the Christian period of Lent. In folk tradition, this period was also called "zapusty" because it is a farewell to eating meat before a period of fasting.

The most popular part of the carnival in Poland is the last week, known as "ostatki."

During this time the delicious "faworki" (crunchy bow-shaped cookies) and "pączki" (ball shape with fruit filling donuts) are most popular on the table.

"Tłusty Czwartek" (Fat Thursday is the last Thursday before Lent) is when you can witness a real pączki madness - people queue up in front of bakeries since early morning. This time-old tradition is believed to ensure happiness and prosperity throughout the year!



~ !EXCITING NEWS FOR POLISH FOOD LOVERS! ~

**GRAND OPENING of a new POLISH FOOD STORE**

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 25 at 11:30 am

**WHERE:** 304 South Main Street, Bremond, TX 76629

**WEBSITE:** <http://bremondpolishfoodstore.com/>



**GRAND OPENING of ZIGGY'S KIELBASA HOUSE food trailer**

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 2 at 5 pm - 8:30 pm

**WHERE:** 2301 Brushy Creek Rd, Cedar Park, TX 78613

**Grand Opening** includes live music by Nathan Harlan, special Pierogi, games, cotton candy for kids and giveaways!

Regular hours are 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.ziggyskielbasa.com>



~ FEATURE POLISH ORGANIZATION IN TEXAS ~

**POLISH CLUB AT UT** was established in January 2021 to provide a Polish community for UT students on campus. The club is a group of undergraduate and graduate UT students.

**Nathan Silverstein**, founder and president, has led the Club in becoming a leading Polish student organization with hundreds of members. He is a junior majoring in Government and minoring in Polish Language. His mother was born and raised in Gliwice, Poland. He is the grandson of a Polish partisan and Solidarity leader. Nathan is responsible for overseeing all club activities, fundraising, and inviting guest speakers.

*So far, the invited guests were:*

Consul General Robert Rusiecki, Dr. Norman Davies, Mr. Adam Michnik, Mr. Władysław Frasnyniuk, Minister Radosław Sikorski, President Bronisław Komorowski, President Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Ambassador Mark Brzezinski, President Lech Wałęsa, and local speakers: Dr. Teresa Silverstain, Dr. Witold Lukaszewski, MR. Paweł Hardej, Ms. Margaret Meub, Mr. Eric Opiela, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ms. Shana Penn.

You can find previous virtual speeches at <https://www.texaspolishclub.org/events>





## ~ POPULAR PAST EVENTS ~

The first 2023 APS **Hike** took place on February 4th. Thank you, Agnieszka, for organizing . It was fun!



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**Austin Classical Guitar**, the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to classical guitar in the United States, hosted a Polish composer and classical guitarist, Marek Pasieczny, as its Artist-in-Residence since November last year. A grand finale of his residency featured Pasieczny's compositions and performances with percussionist Thomas Burritt, cellist Bion Tsang, and 80 guitar orchestra. The concert brought many Polish audience members to the AISD Performing Arts Center concert hall filled by music admirers.



## ~ SUPPORT POLISH CULTURE IN AUSTIN ~

By becoming an Austin Polish Society member you help spread knowledge of Polish culture, traditions, history, and art, in central Texas.

Renew your **2023 MEMBERSHIP** here.

If you know of any events that could be of interest to the Polish community

**CONTACT US**