

POLISH LIBRARY BUILDING ASSOCIATION

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WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE MONTHLY PLBA NEWSLETTER

Some important Events to put in your calendars for April and the end of March include:

March 27th, Youth Trip to Sky High Trampoline Center for all youth who volunteered at the 2010 Polish Festival.

April 2nd, Senior Appreciation, PLBA sponsored trip to Lincoln City for all seniors in the Polish Community who volunteered at the 2010 Polish Festival.

April 3rd, Scholarship Application Extended Deadline for both scholarships, more information below.

Don't forget the monthly PLBA meeting Sunday April 10th, at 12:15 p.m.

Hope to see you all there.



Upcoming Events

- ✦ 20 March Bid Deadline
- ✦ 27 March - Youth @ SkyHighSports
- ✦ 2 - Senior Lincoln City Trip
- ✦ 3 - Scholarship Application Deadline
- ✦ 8 - Board of Directors Meeting
- ✦ 10 - Monthly PLBA Meeting 12:15 p.m.
- ✦ 30 - Scholarship DUE

For any information about the newsletter or if you would like to see your events posted in the newsletter please feel free to contact the Editor: Liliana Tiley at lilianatiley@comcast.net

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Letter from the President - Donata Tiley

I am very thankful to all Polish Library Association members and our guest Fr. Piotr from St. Stanislaus Parish for their attendance at the February meeting. The meeting was very successful and we all accomplished a lot. Together, PLBA and St. Stanislaus Parish, will be working on the City of Portland application to create a John Paul II Polish Square at the portion of N. Falling Street between N Interstate and I-5.

The idea of creating the Polish Square has been a thought for a long time ago. We hope to make it a reality. Ewa Malachowska dreamed about recreating part of Poland, between our church and our Polish Hall. Dorota Zukowska dreamed about installing old looking lamps in the landscaping which will create a warm feeling to that portion of the street.

Back in 2004 and 2005, while getting the approvals for remodel of both entries, Ewa and I talked with City of Portland Zoning Department, Design and Historical Review Team, Transportation Department about creating Polish/European look at our portion of N Falling Street. We discussed the future landscaping, street benches, street lights, etc. It was our big dream, which could not be fulfilled because of finances. PLBA Members talked about special Signature bricks in the sidewalk near our hall, but the reality of your financial state told us that we need to make small steps in order to achieve things for the Polish Hall.

When the Spanish community wanted to change the name of N Interstate Avenue to Chavez, some of us wanted to change it to John Paul II Avenue and we expressed that in our letters to the City of Portland. Watching all the politics of the city and the costs associated with renaming the avenue or street we knew that during the weak economy we need to make small steps and create John Paul II square only on part of the N Falling Street, between the N Interstate and Interstate I-5. In the future we can create a plaque on one of the buildings, European Park and maybe have a statue of John Paul II.

In my proposed plan for this year, I talked about creating the square, which was on my mind for a long time and I wanted to create unity within the Polish Community.

This project is in commemoration of the Pope, John Paul II beatification, which will take place in Rome on Sunday, May 1, 2011. In the January meeting of the PLBA, we created a committee to run this proposal. When we presented this idea to Father Piotr of the St. Stanislaus Church, he welcomed the idea and the cooperation started. He will help us with gathering the information, signatures and the city's application costs.

We need volunteers to help us with this project and possibly create an exhibition for the Polish Festival. Please contact Donata Tiley or Edward Kolinski, if you would like to help.

Sincerely,
Donata Tiley
PLBA President

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. We can do no great things, only small things with great love.” --*Mother Teresa*

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Youth Trip to Sky High Sports

On **March 27th, 2011** the PLBA is sponsoring a trip to Sky High Sports for all the youth in the Polish Community that volunteered their time at the 2010 Polish Festival. There will be pizza in the Polish Hall, at around 1:00 p.m., before going to Sky High.

For any child under the age of 18, a waiver must be signed by the parents to participate.

For anyone who wants to jump ID is necessary, school ID's, drivers license etc.



This is Sky High Sports, a place covered in Trampolines.

Waiver for Sky High Sports can be printed from their website at jumpskyhigh.com

For any questions or concerns feel free to email us at lilianatiley@comcast.net

Interstate Corridor URA,

Community Livability Grant Program (CLG)

<http://www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/community-livability.asp>

Per the Portland Development Commission (PDC), the Polish Library Building is a center for cultural events for Polish communities of Portland and Vancouver. It is used for multi-cultural activities such as dance and language classes, for exhibits, concerts and community meetings.

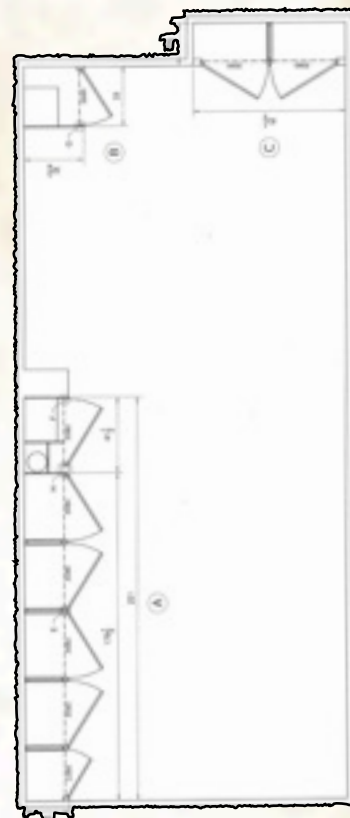
The building received a CLG of \$45,960 in FY 2008-09 exterior building improvements.

Our current grant **of \$31,340 (partial award)** is for the New Heating and Air Conditioning System. The project will soon be completed. Please ask Mateusz Kowalski or Roman Sobolewski, if you want to learn more.

The Back Room has been insulated, the walls redone and painted. Aluminum Stairway attic door was ordered last month and soon will be installed.

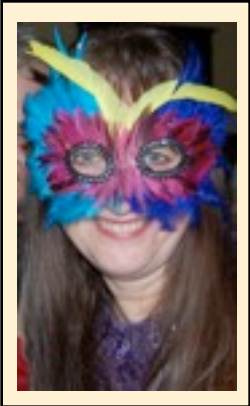
Roman Sobolewski revised the plans of the back room cabinet, so we can meet the budget approved by the Board of Directors.

The invitation to bid was sent to minimum five contractors on March 6th with due date of March 20th. We are hoping to have the cabinets completed in May.



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Fat Saturday Party Success!



On Saturday, March 5th, 2011 PLBA organized a fund raising party/ surprise appreciation party for Dorota Zukowska, our past president for the last three years. For the price of the \$10, ticket everybody got great food including paczki and tort prepared by Alicja i Jarek Fiszer. ***“Kto nie byl niech zaluje i na drugi rok sie szykuje!”***



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POLISH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

The PLBA society was created in the beginning of the twenty century. We do not know exactly when, however, on July 8th 1911 PLBA was registered under the State of Oregon. During the registration, the total funds of the society were \$500.00 in cash, which is comparable to \$45,000.00 today.

PLBA purchased a lot on April 30th, 1912 and started to build the Polish Hall on it. The building was completed in 1914.

The Centennial celebration of the Polish Library Association will be on **Saturday, June 11, 2011** and the committee is working hard to gather the information about the history of our Polish Hall and its members.

Tickets are to go on sale, April 15th, at Grandpa's Cafe.

Please contact Donata Tiley or Dorota Zukowska, if you would like to share with us your family's polish heritage in Portland.

This month we are featuring "Dom Polski Story" about Mr. Lambo, who dedicated his time to our Polish community. The story is on the next page.



Become a Member of
the Polish Library
Association Today.

Membership is easy.
Simply print out an
application.

Application is on our
Website.

Fill out the appropriate fields
Mail with a check to:

PLBA
3832 N. Interstate
Avenue, Portland,
Oregon 97227.

Senior Appreciation Trip to Lincoln City

On April 2nd, the PLBA is sponsoring an appreciation trip to Lincoln City for all the seniors who volunteered their time and effort to make the 2010 Polish Festival a reality. We really appreciate all you have done for the Polish Community.

On April 2nd, you will meet at the Polish Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Transportation and lunch are provided.

Please contact **Krystyna Grzelak at 503-761-0105, with your RSVP** as soon as possible.

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DOM POLSKI STORIES: MR. LAMBO

Leopold Lambo was born on May 3, 1905, in Bojan, Romania, then a part of Austria-Hungary. His wife Helena was also born there the same year. They arrived with their son, Zbigniew, in Portland on May 20, 1950 from France, where they lived after he served in the Polish army and was a prisoner of war in France in World War II, and she served with the Red Cross.

They were among the first of the post-WWII Polish immigrants to come to Portland in the early 1950's. Shortly after coming to Portland the Lambo family learned of the Polish community here, which consisted of earlier immigrants and their families you had come here beginning in the late 1800's and the earlier part of the 20th century.

Leopold and Helena joined the Polish Library Association and became active in the various activities sponsored by the Polski Dom and the Polish National Alliance. Mr. Lambo's musical and artistic skills were put to good use in organizing a children's Polish folk dance group in 1953 or 1954. This group continued to perform together until about 1960.

Mr. Lambo was active in organizing and putting on many events at the Polish Hall ranging from dances, plays, and banquets, to May 3rd celebrations and New Year's parties. Between the 1950's through the early 1980's he also designed and made many of the decorations for these events, some of which are probably still in storage in the Polish Hall attic.

Mr. Lambo was instrumental in organizing the 1973 Nicholas Copernicus (Kopernik) 500th anniversary celebration for which he made a large bronze sculpture which was first exhibited at the Polish Hall and later donated to OMSI where it was displayed for many years above the entrance to the Planetarium near the Portland Zoo.

Mr. Lambo was also active in the St. Stanislaus Church community where he organized and did much of the early restoration work on the interior of the Church in the late 1950's and early 1960's. He made a large relief sculpture of St. Stanislaus for the 1979 celebration commemorating the 900th anniversary of his death in 1079. This still hangs in the church hall.

In 1979 Mr. Lambo visited Rome and presented his hand-carved sculpture of the Black Madonna of Poland to Pope John Paul II, where it is still in the Vatican Collection.

During the late 1970's until Poland's liberation from Communist rule, Mr. Lambo was an active member of the Portland group of Polish veterans supporting KOR (Komitet Obrony Robotnikow) the Polish Workers' Defense Committee which was fighting for freedom in Poland. Over the years the Portland group contributed thousands of dollars to KOR through their London office.

In 1996 Mr. Lambo and several other WWII Polish veterans received the Military Cross of the Polish Armed Forces in the West (Krzyż Czynu Bojowego Polskich Sił Zbrojnych na Zachodzie) from Lech Walesa at St. Stanislaus Church for their efforts as members during the war.

Helena Lambo was also very active in both Polish Hall and St. Stanislaus Church activities until her death in November, 1984.

Leopold Lambo continued to be a valuable and respected member of the Portland Polish community well into his 90's. He was specially honored on his 90th birthday on May 3, 1995 at the Polish Hall celebration for Polish Independence Day where he was still happy to dance with the ladies who liked him so much.

Mr. Lambo passed away on June 10, 1999 at the age of 94, but his accomplishments and legacy still live on in his work and in the memories of those who knew and loved him.

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2011 Calendar of Events

January:

- 29 - Carnival Ball Supporting Polish School

February:

- 18 - Film Festival "Wszystko Co Kocham"

March:

- 5 - Fat Saturday PLBA Fundraising Party
- 13 - PLBA Meeting
- 27 - Youth Appreciation Trip SkyHighSports

April:

- 2 - Senior Appreciation Trip
- 10 - PLBA Meeting
- 30 - Deadline for Scholarship

May:

- 8 - Mother's Day - Polish School
- 15 - PLBA Meeting

June:

- 11 - 100 Year PLBA Anniversary Celebration
- 13-14 - Polish Consular in Polish Hall accepting passport applications

July:

August:

- 7-14 - Kolonia
- 20 - Tennis Tournament for PLBA

September:

- 24-25 - Polish Festival

October:

- TBA - Showing of Polish Films in Polish Hall

November:

- 11 - Celebration of Polish Independence
- 24 - Thanksgiving at Grandpa's Cafe
- 30 - Ball Andrzejki at the Polish Hall

December:

- 31 - New Year's Eve Party

Scholarship Information:

Research Project:

1. **Jan Heweliusz**
2. **Maria Sklodowska Curie**
3. **Czeslaw Milosz**

Research one of the people listed above and create a presentation of the information in one or more of the following formats:

- Written Research Paper, 5-7 pages
- Oral Presentation
- Visual Presentation
- Multimedia Presentation
- Combination of above

This scholarship is open to middle and high school students.

Research Project:

Research information about the **100 year anniversary of the Polish Library Association.**

You will need to interview people who have been involved from the very start.

This scholarship is open to high school and college students.

The Information can be presented in one or more of the following formats:

- Written Research Paper, 5-7 pages
- Oral Presentation
- Visual Presentation
- Multimedia Presentation
- Combination of above

To get more information please email us at: donata-plba@comcast.net

Or Contact:

Renata Dajnowska - (503) 649-1197
Jadwiga Witkowska - (503) 643-9097

Applications for both scholarships can be given on request at either the email provided above or by calling.