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### Upcoming Events

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Meeting at White Eagle

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April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday Luncheon  
at Avalon Banquets

May 9, 2011

Annual Meeting at  
White Eagle

## Brigid Pasulka at our Meeting on March 7!

PWCC's next meeting will be held on **Pulaski Day, March 7th**, at the **White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

The meeting agenda:

**12:15p.m.**— Guest speaker **Brigid Pasulka**, lunch, and general meeting.

**This meeting is an exception to our normally-scheduled meetings, but we wanted to accommodate Brigid's very busy schedule.**

Brigid is the descendant of Polish immigrants and a native of Illinois. She spent a year in Krakow from 1994-1995 and has returned nearly every year since then. A

*Long, Long Time Ago and Essentially True* is her first novel. It was the winner of the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award 2010, and was also chosen as a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection. Brigid currently teaches English at Whitney Young Magnet High School in Chicago.

**This meeting is open to members, prospective members, and guests. The price per person is \$17.**

**Please RSVP before March 3rd to:**

Karen Kozlow  
773.467.1504  
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## You Are What You Eat!

Kathy Curran, MSM,RD,LDN a Clinical Nutrition Manager at Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago, is our guest speaker for the next meeting **Monday, April 11th** at the **White Eagle**.

She will speak on the topic "You Are What You Eat: How to Keep Your Heart

Healthy". Kathy is being sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, Heartland Region.

**This meeting will start at 11:30 am** to accommodate Kathy Curran presentation and a question period. The guest speaker will be first, followed by lunch and a short general meeting.

## Palm Sunday's Just a Hop, Skip, and a Jump Away!

The Palm Sunday Luncheon is taking place **April 17** at the **Avalon Banquets, 1905 East Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village**. This is a large-scale event for the PWCC that raises a big portion of funds for our scholarships. This year, our focus is again on children and grandchildren, so those attending can count on exceptional baskets, children's entertainment, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Our 2010 scholarship recipients will be

selling raffle tickets and distributing both the children's and adults' baskets. This is a great opportunity for you to meet these smart and talented students!

Remember to invite your family, friends, and anyone else to celebrate Palm Sunday with the PWCC. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$20 for children.

For more information, please call Barbara Marquart at 847.640.9910.

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## **Bobby Vinton Coming to the Drury Lane**

We have an opportunity as an organization to purchase group tickets to see Bobby Vinton at the Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook, IL on Monday, May 16, 2011. The cost for lunch and performance is \$59.75 per person. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. and the performance is at 1:30 pm. We would have seats in the center with a very good view. For those wishing to see the afternoon show only, the tickets are \$45 per person. We can purchase tickets for the Tuesday, May 17 evening performance (8:00 p.m.) if there are at least 20 members and friends interested in this performance. The prices for the evening performance are \$50 for the show and \$69 for the show and dinner. Email Ann Burzycki at [pwcci@msn.com](mailto:pwcci@msn.com) or call Karen Kozlow at 773.467.1504.

If there are members in need of a ride let us know. We can try to arrange a car pool. Otherwise we might look into a limo or a bus for the members who can't drive.

Bobby Vinton has been called "the most successful love singer of the 'Rock-Era'" . (BILLBOARD MAGAZINE) Starting with his first hit release "Roses Are Red" in 1962 through 1972 (10 years) he had more #1 records than any other solo male artist. (BILLBOARD MAGAZINE)

A multi-talented musician as well as a singer and actor, Bobby was born in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania (a suburb of Pittsburgh), the son of a locally popular

band leader, Stan Vinton. When he was a young boy, his parents encouraged him to study music, and at the age of sixteen formed his first band. The band played clubs around the Pittsburgh area and with the money he earned, Bobby helped finance his college education at Duquesne University. There he studied music and graduated with a degree in Musical Composition. While at Duquesne, he became proficient on all of the instruments in the band (piano, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, drums and the oboe) -- a talent which he displays in his shows today. He recently received an honorary doctoral degree in music from his alma mater.

He has established himself as one of America's top concert performers and versatile entertainers. The hit songs Bobby has given us over the years have become classics. His impressive list of hits includes renowned love songs such as: ROSES ARE RED, BLUE VELVET, MR. LONELY and many more. His songs are recognized as standards throughout the world and his music has retained its vitality and relevance through our changing times. Bobby's hit-making capability was again evidenced with the release of MY MELODY OF LOVE, when it became the #1 song in the nation and was embraced by Polish Americans around the country as their new national anthem. Not long after, his best selling autobiography THE POLISH PRINCE was published. The phenomenal success Bobby experienced in the recording industry carried over to other

## **Annual Casimir Pulaski Day Ceremony**

The Polish Museum of America is inviting everyone to attend the annual Casimir Pulaski Day Ceremony for the Polish American Community and the State of Illinois held on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Polish

Museum of America's Sabina Logisz Great Hall, located at 984 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 am.

## **Polish-American Day with the Chicago Wolves!**

PNA, PRCUA, and PWA are a few of the Polish organizations that are sponsoring the Polish-American day with the Chicago Wolves on Sunday, March 20, at 3:00 pm. The Wolves will be playing the Oklahoma City Barons.

for each ticket purchased. There will be several promotions at the hockey game.

For more information and ticket purchase call Julie Seyller at 847.832.1941 and mention POLISH. Deadline is Friday, March 19, 2011.

Enjoy great seats and special group savings of \$5 off

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**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

PWCC's Board had another Board Meeting at a different locale, Pine grove Restaurant in Rosemont, IL, with a wonderful brunch followed by a board meeting. The participants really enjoy the change of pace. The Board is meeting at different restaurants in March.

Sophia Romano has graciously volunteered to be PWCC's Fundraising Chair.

At February's meeting Karen Kozlow, Program Chair, did a wonderful job calling the bingo game. There were prizes for the winners that were donated by Karen Kozlow and Diane Faubl. Jacky Smalstig brought candy for the everyone and Karen Kozlow gave a green bag to the attendees. **A huge thank you** to the ladies for their generosity.

The Palm Sunday Luncheon is our major fund raiser. It is an event that requires a lot of work and Barbara Marquart is the only Chair. We need everyone's help to make this event a success. We need the members to solicit gift cards and baskets from local retailers, as well as generate items for the gold and regular raffles. Our raffles have a reputation for being high quality. **We need your help!** If you need a solicitation letter please let Barb know and we will be email or send the letter to you.

Brigid Pasulka will be the speaker at our March meeting. PWCC's Board voted on moving the meeting to Monday, March 7th to accommodate Brigid's busy schedule. If we want interesting speakers we have to be more accommodating and flexible. Our April speaker comes very highly recommended by the Arthritis Foundation and she works at the Resurrection Medical Center.

Bobby Vinton will be at the Drury Lane in May. Some of the members expressed interest in going to the concert. We have contacted Drury Lane for group rates. The details are included on page 2 of this newsletter. **If you are interested in attending please contact us promptly.** Our contract for the group rates will expire in 10 days and the tickets are selling out fast.

We are currently in the process of preparing and printing our 2011-2012 Membership Directory. In order to save on postage it would be very beneficial for PWCC if the members would be able to pick up their directories at the general meeting in March or April. We will also have them available at the Palm Sunday Luncheon. Any remaining directories will be mailed after these events.

Oświęcim has been in the news lately. The many years and tourists have caused the Museum to deteriorate. The European Union, Germany, and Israel have pledged money for the restoration and upkeep of the camp. Information on the Museum is on page 4.

**We need new members** to continue our cause and good work. One of the goals for the 2010-2011 PWCC year is to get at least 10 new members. The Board has approved an incentive for signing up new members. **Any member who recommends a new member that joins PWCC will receive a free lunch at a future regular meeting of their choice.** We hope that this incentive brings new members into the PWCC as well as encourages regular members to attend.

Visit PWCC on the web—we are accessible at "pwcci.org" or "polishwomenscivicclub.org." This website includes information about our club, a list of our upcoming events, event photos, and current (and previous) newsletters.

**I look forward to 2011, which promises to be full of change that will help make the PWCC a stronger organization !**

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## Auschwitz Death Camp in Oświęcim

This is great trip suggestion for those of you who like Spanish. history and visiting historical places. For some of you it could be very interesting, for others it could be traumatic and it is definitely not appropriate for children under 12.



The site of the noto-

rious *German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp* of Auschwitz and Birkenau is located seventy kilometers west of Krakow which makes an hour's drive. Between June 1941 and January 1945 about one million men, women and children perished in the three Auschwitz concentration camps – i.e. Auschwitz, Birkenau and Monowitz – and their more than forty sub-camps. At its peak the whole complex of the Auschwitz death camp was a deadly prison to some 150,000 inmates that were being either murdered outright or starved and worked to death.

Currently every year some 1,300,000 visitors come to Oswiecim, an industrial town of 45,000, to see Auschwitz. Half of them are Poles, and the rest are mostly from the USA, Germany, the UK, France, Italy, and Israel. Nearly 30 million people have already visited the place.

It takes a minimum an hour (if you want to see everything you may need 3-4 hours) to see Auschwitz properly, and another to visit the nearby Birkenau site called Auschwitz II. They are open to visitors (except January 1, December 25, and Easter Sunday) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. June through August, till 6 p.m. in September, till 5 p.m. in October, till 4 p.m. in November, till 3 p.m. in December through February, till 4 p.m. in March, till 5 p.m. in April, till 6 p.m. in May. Archives, library, collections, management, etc. work on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2 pm.

Independent visitors may and groups should employ an authorized guide. Over 150 of them provide tours in Croatian, Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Serbian, and



Admission to Auschwitz and Birkenau is free. Unfortunately, huge numbers of visitors have prompted the management to restrict access to Auschwitz proper to guided tours only between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. from May 1st through October 31st. Individual tourists may join an English tour, which lasts about four hours, and it costs 38 zloty per person.

Web site [www.auschwitz.org.pl](http://www.auschwitz.org.pl)

Individual visitors are free to see the Birkenau site (Auschwitz II) anytime during opening hours. Auschwitz proper and Birkenau are situated about three kilometers apart, a forty minutes' walk. A free bus links the two sites from April 15th through October 31st.

Oswiecim is easily accessible owing to the region's extensive railroad and bus networks and the ample road system. When in Krakow, motorists may reach Oswiecim fastest via the paid four-lane expressway to Katowice.

Every day frequent buses and trains leave for Oswiecim from Krakow.

A number of travel agencies in Krakow offer day trips to the Auschwitz.

It is amazing and scary at the same time. People don't realize what really happened there until they see all the evidence. It is one of these places that you will visit probably once and you will not want to go back. Not because it was not interesting, but because it is so sad that impossible to go through it again...

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