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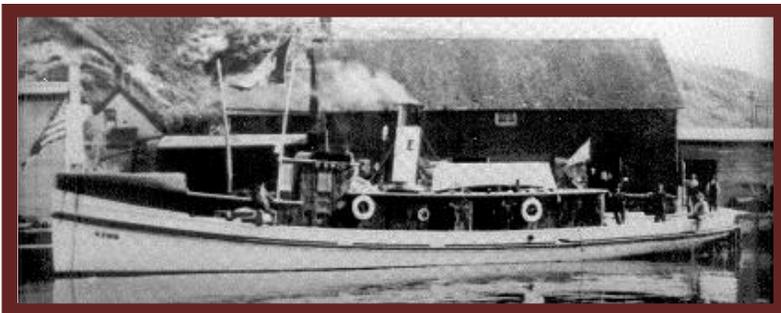
## Hispanics now Wisconsin's largest minority group

### *About Milwaukee Ethnic News*

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## The Kaszubs of Jones Island



The Kaszubs are descendents of a Slavic tribe that settled on the Baltic seacoast. Most Kaszubs lived in small egalitarian villages in their coastal region with limited contact with the wider society. Many began

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## *Population increased by 53,653 in three years*

The US Census Bureau recently released statistics that show the Wisconsin Hispanic population has passed the Wisconsin African American population in size. Hispanics now make up 6.34 percent of the state's population.

### **Younger population**

Between 2010 and 2013, the median age of non-Hispanics increased by about one-half a year, to 40.5. However, the median age of

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## *Hispanic population*

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Hispanics is 24. This is good news for the workforce, as Hispanics will be available to fill jobs in the future. It's also good news for future retirees, as it increases the potential for a large enough workforce paying into social security to keep the system viable. Statewide, the population of people 65 and older increased by 9 percent from 2010 to 2013 and that increase is projected to continue. Forty-three states saw their median ages increase during this period. Only the states of Alaska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Montana, and Hawaii saw their median ages decrease.



## *Kaszubs*

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emigrating in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century—some to the United States.

### **Milwaukee Kaszubs**

One of the settlement areas discovered by early Kashubian arrivals was Jones Island off the coast of Milwaukee. The news of a vacant coastal area spread fast and soon the earliest immigrants were joined by hundreds of other Kaszubs.

The new arrivals organized a fishing village on the island, although few residents ever held titles to the land. By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the population of the island village was between 1200 and 1600 people. The island society was less complex than on the Milwaukee mainland. Even well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the villagers had few modern facilities on the island. Most relied on kerosene lamps and out-houses, and drew their water from barrels sunk in the sandy soil. As non-tax-paying squatters, the islanders received few municipal services such as law-enforcement patrols. They generally policed themselves.

Some art students, including Carl Sandburg, came to the island on sketching trips. Other mainlanders were known to boat across the river just to gaze at the islanders.

### **Eviction of the Kaszubs**

The city condemned the fishing village in 1914 to build a sewage plant. One-by-one the Kaszubs and others began to move off the island. By 1920, only 25 families remained. Felix Struck, his family, and tavern stayed into the 1940s. All were gone by 1945.

### **Kashube Park and annual picnic**

In 1974 the City of Milwaukee constructed a tiny park on the island to commemorate the fishing village, on the very site of the Felix Struck tavern. An annual picnic, attended each year by 70 to 80 descendents of the islanders, has helped the Kaszubs develop linkages and foster pride in their ancestry.

The 2014 picnic is tentatively set for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11-3, at Kaszub Park on Jones Island and is open to the public.



### *Invitation to join*

**The KRAKOW POLISH DANCERS of MILWAUKEE COUNTY invite guys and gals age 9 and up to join our award winning company. We rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:30pm on the Southside of Milwaukee. Contact for more information: Annette M. Kuligowski at 414-521-5750.**

## Polish Heritage Award goes to Mark Pienkos

On Sunday, May 4th, Mark Pienkos was honored by the Pulaski Council of Milwaukee as the recipient of this organization's Polish Heritage Award. Currently, Pienkos serves as President of the Polish American Congress-Wisconsin Division.

Some of the reasons he was recognized were the following. This past September, Pienkos was asked by the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Paulina Kapuścińska, to organize the Jan Karski exhibit in the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. In addition, Pienkos worked with state assemblyman and state senators to have a Joint Resolution proclaiming the month of October "Polish American Heritage Month" in the state of Wisconsin.



*(L-R) Mark Pienkos (President, Polish American Congress-Wisconsin Division), Anne Wal (President, Pulaski Council of Milwaukee), and Sharon Haberski (Pulaski Council Event Coordinator).*

## Commemorating anniversaries related to Poland

The Polish American Congress-Wisconsin Division, along with many co-sponsoring Polish organizations, is organizing a very special program on Sunday, July 13th at the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin. The purpose of the program is to commemorate and celebrate the many anniversaries in 2014 related to Poland. These include: 100th Anniversary of the birth of Jan Karski-1914; 100th Anniversary of the start of World War I-1914; 75th Anniversary of the start of World War II-1939; 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino-1944; 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising-1944; 25th Anniversary of the first free elections in Poland-1989; 15th Anniversary of Poland's admission into NATO-1989; 10th Anniversary of Poland's inclusion into the European Union-2004.

### Performance

Concert pianist Igor Lipinski will perform several Chopin pieces at the event. Professor of History Neal Pease from the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee will also speak on the importance of these anniversaries. The program begins at 3:00 p.m., is open to the public, and is free.

## Polish Beer Tasting Returns to Polish Center

The Polish Center of Wisconsin is hosting its annual Polish Beer Tasting on Friday, July 11, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



This popular event features samples of at least 20 imported Polish beers and appetizers including Polish sausage. Beer tasting patrons will receive a free commemorative glass (while supplies last). Beers, or *piwo*, will include but not be limited to Żywiec, Boss, Tatra, Tyskie, Warka and Okocim OK. Beer styles will range from classic pilsners and pale ales to bocks and porters.

### Poland and brewing

Poland enjoys a long brewing history, and the tasting will be a prime opportunity to learn about the many different brands that comprise the country's contribution to the international beer industry. The tasting will include a printed program with beer descriptions and information on where Polish beer can be purchased in the greater Milwaukee area. Attendees may raise their glass and proclaim, "*Na zdrowie!*" (nah zdrowyeh), or, "Cheers!"

Patrons must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door and \$15 for designated drivers. All proceeds from this event will benefit The Polish Center of Wisconsin in its mission to strengthen and promote an understanding of Polish culture as embodied in its traditions, history, language, music and art.

The Polish Center is located at 6941 S. 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Franklin between Rawson Avenue and Loomis Road. For more information, call 414-529-2140 or visit [www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org](http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org).

# Arts & Architecture Exchange

Hosted by Friendship Force Clubs of Northern Illinois, Milwaukee, and Madison

In August, twenty ambassadors from the French and English-speaking provinces of Canada, Brazil, and various U.S. states will visit for an Arts & Architecture exchange.

## This is your chance to interact with the ambassadors

1. Wednesday, Aug. 20 -All-day bus tour to the SC Johnson buildings in Racine, lunch and a boat tour on Lake Geneva and visits to several art studios. Thanks to the board approved disbursement from the FFGM restricted fund for transportation, there is no charge to the ambassadors or FFGM members for bus transportation to Racine and Lake Geneva
2. Thursday, Aug. 21 -A cabaret by Kurt Ollmann, Grammy-Award winning baritone, and Jack Forbes Wilson, pianist (i.e., Liberace, a role he portrayed at the Stackner Cafe). 7 p.m. at Carroll Univ., Waukesha. This is a fundraiser for our club. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.
3. Friday, Aug. 22 -Narrated boat tour that presents a unique perspective of Milwaukee history and architecture on the Vista King on the Milwaukee River and into the harbor. 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Purchase your own tickets at 414-294-9450.
4. Friday, Aug. 22 Splash, a fun social activity creating a painting with the direction of an artist. No previous experience necessary. 2:30-4:30 pm
5. Friday, Aug. 22 at 8 p.m. -The play *Master Class* at the Sky-light Theater Building. Maria Callas teaches a master class for opera singers. Buy your own ticket to the event at Milwaukee Chamber Theater box office 414-291-7800.

Please contact Co-EDs Sara Harmelink (hlinkds@gmail.com) or Doris Small (dorissmall3269@sbglobal.net for more details and prices



Please note this photo has been distorted to allow viewing of the entire theater. It does not portray the actual layout of the theater.

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## Tour the Old South Side Settlement Museum



Learn about the families and ethnic groups that settled this neighborhood by touring an historic house and its settlement rooms.

To reserve a group tour, call (414) 271-9417. The museum is located at 707 W. Lincoln Avenue.

## Jams on Tap Concert Series

presented by *GermanFest*

### German Fest, July 25, 26, 27

German Fest, *Milwaukee's Original HAUS Party*, introduces *Jams on Tap* as part of its 2014 festival lineup. The concert series, hosted at the BMO Harris Pavilion Stage during German Fest, offers big stage acts amid traditional festival activities.

Opening acts include *5 Card Studs*, *I'm Not a Pilot*, and *Vic & Gab*. Afternoon performances include music from The Wisconsin Philharmonic and The Ultimate Legends Show, which highlights the hits of Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, and the Blues Brothers.

## Polish Heritage day at Miller Park

On Friday, August 22nd at Miller Park, the Polish American Congress—Wisconsin Division is working with the Milwaukee Brewers to sponsor a Polish American Heritage baseball game at Miller Park. The Friday night game has the Brewers hosting the Pittsburgh Pirates with the first pitch at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for Terrace reserved seating.

### Honoring Schramka

Mr. Paul Schramka is the individual of Polish descent who will be honored at the game. Paul was a notable baseball talent in the 1940s and 50s eventually playing for a brief time with the Chicago Cubs at the Major League level. When Paul left the Cubs to return to Milwaukee and the family funeral home business, he passed his uniform number 14 onto none other than "Mr. Cub" Ernie Banks!

Summer events by ...

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## BASTILLE DAYS HIGHLIGHTS

July 10 - 13, 2014



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July 10-13, 2014

Milwaukee's Bastille Days is the largest celebration in the United States, with over 200 volunteer opportunities! Help us run our ever-popular BEIGNET STAND! Join our CULTURAL TENT and share your passion for French language and culture!



## BE REWARDED FOR YOUR HELP!

Earn a \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE toward a session-long French class for every 6-hour shift you volunteer! We count on your wonderful energy each year, and look forward to seeing you again around the corner! For questions and more details about volunteering, please contact [JulietteH@afmilwaukee.org](mailto:JulietteH@afmilwaukee.org).

## CULTURETHÈQUE ONLINE MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY

We are proud to announce an amazing new membership benefit for our Alliance Française de Milwaukee members: Culturethèque USA - an online multimedia library!!!

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For more information, visit [www.afmilwaukee.org](http://www.afmilwaukee.org).

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In July we will highlight books on France and bicycling.

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[AnneL@AFmilwaukee.org](mailto:AnneL@AFmilwaukee.org)

## African World Festival Cancelled



The Board of Directors of Afro World Enterprises has decided to forego the 2014 African World Festival. The reason given was to streamline operations and prepare for 2015.



**A new touring exhibit, *JEWS WHO ROCK: 60 Years of Rock-N-Roll*, opened on Sunday, April 27, 2014 at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee, 1360 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee. The exhibit will be on view through August 10, 2014. Gallery hours are Monday-Thurs 10am-4pm, Friday 10am-2pm, and Sunday 12pm-4pm.**

*To plan your visit and view special events visit [www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org](http://www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org)*

How many personalities throughout popular music history are of Jewish heritage or strongly influenced by those who are? The answer is, almost too many to count.

Storytelling and songwriting is a musical tradition that has always been strong amongst Jewish musicians. America's popular music history was practically written by the Jews, beginning with Irving Berlin and continuing with George S. Kaufman, George Gershwin and hundreds of others.

Most of us, when asked to name them, usually respond with the bigger-than-life entertainers such as Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, Gene Simmons and Bette Midler. But, more surprising, is the diversity and range of musical styles expressed within the genres of rock and pop by Jewish musicians.

*JEWS WHO ROCK: 60 Years of Rock-N-Roll* examines the Jewish influences in rock and roll and popular music through photographs, artifacts and biographical panels that represent a sampling of the countless singers, songwriters, musicians, concert promoters and record company executives influential both in front and behind the scenes through today's up and coming musicians such as hip-hop artist Drake and singer/songwriter Pink.

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## Subscriptions

The newsletter is emailed to anyone wishing to receive it. People subscribing themselves and their friends went from 48 in June, 2012 to over 1,000 currently. If you wish your email or that of a friend to be added to the subscriber list, send the email addresses to [JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net).

## Submitting stories

*Milwaukee Ethnic News* is interested in stories from individuals, businesses, and organizations that have an ethnic appeal. These can be stories about an immigrant family, special ethnic events, or ethnic issues that need to be aired as guest editorials. Stories that show interethnic cooperation are most welcome.

Stories must be between 100 and 400 words. Some editing will be done to match our style guidelines and spatial constraints. We will write the stories for you if you simply send us a list of the information that you want included. A photo of less than 2 MBs is always required for a story to be published. Please do not refer us to websites to collect information or photos. If we write your story from the general information you send, we do not send proofs for approval.

Stories are always due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding a publication month. At times later submissions may be allowed (ask first). Publication months are July, September, November, January, March, and May. Please send your stories to [JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net).

## Editorials

*Milwaukee Ethnic News* occasionally prints editorials that deal with controversial topics on ethnic topics. Guest editorials are also welcome, but need prior approval to be published.



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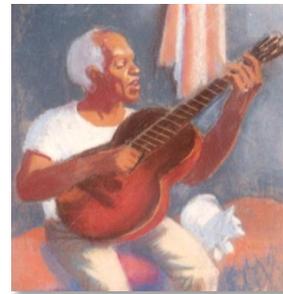
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