



MILWAUKEE ETHNIC NEWS

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Warm weather marks start of ethnic festivals

Milwaukee Inter-ethnic Forum

In June 2012 a Yahoo Groups forum was organized to connect ethnic leaders and active participants in ethnic activities to each other. Currently representatives of Latino, Polish, Jewish, African American, Arab, Slovenian, German, American Indian, Welsh, and pan-African groups are participating.

Anyone wishing to join can contact Yahoo Groups and search for the Milwaukee Ethnic list, and then sign on.



Arab World Fest put on hold

The Board of Directors of Arab World Fest has made the decision to put off hosting Arab World Fest once again for the 2013 season. Arab World Fest was put on hold during the 2011 and 2012 season because it fell during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

This year, the board discovered that the closeness of the dates would actually complicate matters once again because it would still require many of board members, vendors, and entertainment to prepare during the last week of Ramadan, the most important time of the holy month for those observing. For many, preparation includes

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Polish Fest, 2013

Polish Fest, June 14-16, celebrates 32 years of arts, history, culture, and entertainment. It is an exciting time to be of Polish heritage or to be curious about it. It is also a monumen-

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travel that would entail time away from family during the cherished holy month and holiday that follows immediately after.



New plans for 2014

The Arab Fest Board of Directors will continue to operate as an entity with the plans to resume the festival in 2014. Along with the festival, the Arab Fest Board will be hosting the Midwest World Cup & Music Festival, a soccer tournament comprised of teams from various countries, along with bands from the teams' respective countries.

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tal endeavor that takes over 500 dedicated volunteers to put on the three-day festival.

Cultural Village

Featured in the Cultural Village is the Chopin Youth Piano Competition, Miss Polish Fest Pageant, and ethnic music, dance performances and of course the food stands. The 15th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition will take place on Sunday, and the morning Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Listdecki.

Polish beer and vodka

The favored Tyskie beer has been ordered and will be arriving on a slow boat from Tychy. Beer has been produced in Tychy continuously for almost 400 years. Currently, Tyskie is one of the best selling brands of beer in Poland and has a worldwide distribution.

Polish Fest will also be offering the educational Vodka Tastings where the history of Polish made vodka will be explored. This includes the Celebrity Host on Friday evening (hint: a radio host with Polish roots!)

For schedules, see www.polishfest.org.

Visions of March's Germany Under Glass

*Mitchell Park Domes and others
partner for amazing day*



Speak a little German?

You're invited to attend a German Stammtisch!



There's an interesting and lively group here in Milwaukee that meets regularly to talk German. Called a "Stammtisch," it honors the old German tradition of reserving a table at a Gasthaus or café for a group of local people. They get together regularly to visit, talk, play cards and have social and political discussions . . . and drink beer!

Here in Milwaukee, this modern version of the Stammtisch meets at the Über Tap Room downtown on Old World 3rd Street. It's informal—anyone can attend with no official membership necessary. There's no group leader and there isn't an official program. And it's "Dutch treat." Attendees pay for what they drink and eat. The only "rule" is that everyone speaks German. It doesn't matter the skill level is—just come and have fun!

Enjoy food and drink while you're there

The Über Tap Room is a great place that has a large reserved table to accommodate the group with additional seating areas and a large bar. There's a light German-style buffet, a German-speaking server and occasional German music. The menu offers a selection of 175 cheeses made only in Wisconsin, along with an extensive list of

Wisconsin-made beers and a highly recommended list of wines, all at reasonable prices. There is parking on the surrounding streets.

Who attends?

The people attending represent a mix of bilingual Germans, university students, foreign nationals and Americans who want to improve their German conversation skills. It's an informal atmosphere where conversations cover travel, books, movies, news, politics—you name it. Come and meet new people, practice your German and have fun at a gathering place here in Milwaukee.

Where and when?

The Stammtisch meets at the Über Tap Room, 1048 N. Old World 3rd Street, every 1st Tuesday of the month, 6 to 8 pm, with host Ken McNulty. The group organizers are Sabine Schwark and Petra Theurich. For more information on the event or venue, contact sabine.schwark@sbcglobal.net, thurich@ameritech.net, or go to www.wisconsincheesemart.com.

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

Pizza fundraiser for the Danube Cultural Society



May 5, 4pm to 9pm

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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.

ICC Courtyard Music Series schedule ready to roll

By Thomas Hemman, Times Editor



For the 13th consecutive summer, the Italian Community Center's spacious and beautiful courtyard will be the setting for a variety of free live music performances four nights a week through August, then consolidating into two weeknights in September.

Sponsored by International Autos Group

The 2013 Courtyard Music Series, sponsored by the International Autos Group, officially begins on Monday, June 3 and conclude Thursday, Sept. 26.

Coordinators Joe Campagna, Jr. and Sal Quarino expressed their gratitude to International Autos Group. "The generosity of this Italian family-run business allows us to continue to offer this exceptional music series with neither a cover charge nor drink minimum," Campagna said.

"We're honored to have the Ralph Mauro family and International Autos Group joining us this summer," Quarino said. "We invited everyone to come to enjoy the music in our courtyard and, the next time you're in the market for a new or used cars, we encourage you to visit International Autos Group, which has 11 dealerships in the Milwaukee and Chicagoland area."

"The International Autos Group is proud to sponsor the Italian Community Center's Courtyard Music Series. We sell some of the most luxurious European automobiles, including Maserati, so this partnership is the perfect union," said Crystal A. Mirr, the dealership's Internet Sales Manager. "Our

owner, Ralph Mauro, understands and appreciates how important it is to preserve and honor Italian customs. Southeast Wisconsin is rich in Italian traditions and many local businesses have deep Italian roots. So we are proud to support the Italian Community Center and their mission to educate, promote and celebrate all that their heritage has to offer.”



Enjoy food and drink

The staff of Cafe La Scala, the ICC’s public restaurant, will be on hand each night of the series to take food and drink orders. Due to the popularity of the series, reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling Cafe La Scala at 414/223-2185.

Through August, the series will showcase jazz artists on Monday nights, blues groups on Tuesday nights, opera and classical artists on Wednesday nights, and good-time rock and roll bands on Thursday nights. In September, the series continues with jazz and blues performances on Tuesday nights and rock and roll on Thursday nights. The shows are presented *rain or shine*. When the weather becomes inclement, the shows are brought indoors to the Festa Ballroom, adjacent to Cafe La Scala.

The series will be suspended during Summerfest at nearby Maier Festival Park (June 26 - July 7).

Entertainment lineup

Tom Sorce, a noted musician and producer of quality music for over 40 years, put together the entertainment lineup for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Kay Sparling, a Metropolitan Opera soprano and owner of a Jefferson, Wisconsin conservatory for young performing artists, enlisted the talent for the Wednesday night series. Complete information on the schedule and all the acts will be reported in the next issue (June 2013 edition, appearing both in print and online at www.iccmilwaukee.com .

Free parking for the series is available in the lot south of the building. The ICC does not allow people to carry in their own food and beverages.

61st National Sangerfest



The Wisconsin Sangerbezirk (Wisconsin Singers District), made up of eight choral groups from Wisconsin is hosting the 61st National Sangerfest, of the *Nord Amerikanische Sangerbund* (North American Singers Federation) in 2013. The Festival will take place in Milwaukee from June 20 to 23. Singers and guests from the United States will converge on Milwaukee for this event, which has the theme “*Milwaukee - Where Tradition Sings.*”

At one time there were more than 60 German choral groups in Milwaukee and over 70 in Wisconsin.

Complimentary tickets available

There will be an opening concert at the Milwaukee Theater on Friday at 7 pm followed by a dance at the Theater. Each singing district from the USA will sing three songs. Complimentary tickets are available at 2013Saengerfest@nasaengerbund.org.

We will be celebrating the tradition of Milwaukee choral groups at the main concert, which will take place in the US Cellular Arena on Saturday. Get complimentary tickets at 2013Saengerfest@nasaengerbund.org. The mass chorus of more than 1,000 singers will sing a song from each of the German states in honor of the immigrants to Wisconsin from those states at 8 P.M. Saturday at the US Cellular Arena.

Members of the Wisconsin *Sangerbezirk* and the *Nord Amerikanische Sangerbund* are honored to host this significant gathering, which is taking place in Milwaukee for the first time since 1973.

Bronzeville/Grafton connection?

Wisconsin Blues Tour: The sound of another time

By Shannon Freire



The Milwaukee River ran high and swift as I watched the rushing water at Bridge Street in Grafton, Wisconsin. I had come to visit the remains of the old Paramount factory and was contemplating a rumor about the fate of those long-forgotten records. Divers had tried on more than one occasion to raise them from the river bottom. Despite the probable loss of one of the most comprehensive early Blues catalogues in American history, it is still possible to bring back many of the sights and sounds of Wisconsin's musical past. This is the mission of Urban Anthropology's newest tour, *Wisconsin Blues*.

Study tour to Wales

Plans are underway for the 38th medieval study tour. Next fall's study tour focuses on the rich historical landscape, art, and architecture of Wales and its Borderlands. The tentative itinerary includes visits to Chepstow, Tintern, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Kidwelly, St. David's, Harlech, Caernarfon, Beaumaris, Conwy, St. Winifred's Well, Valle Crucis, Abergavenny, Tretower, Ludlow, Stokesay, Great Chalfield, Hereford, Worcester, Tewkesbury, Shrewsbury, Malmesbury, Berkeley, Lacock, Bradford-on-Avon, Ewelme, and Oxford. The tour is sponsored by Gymanfa Gana.

Interested? Contact Professor Jane T. Schulenburg at (608) 262-8663 or jschulenburg@dcs.wisc.edu.

Tour now offered

The tour is a journey back in time to the blues heyday at the Paramount Studios in Grafton. We'll explore the site of the former studio and factory, followed by a visit to the Paramount Walk of Fame in the heart of Grafton. The stories of well-known artists that recorded with Paramount, such as Skip James and Blind Lemon Jefferson, will transport tour goers to a time when musicians were brought to Grafton under cover of night, and those mysterious records were produced.

This musical precedent was followed by an explosive and dynamic jazz scene in Milwaukee, attested to by historic clubs in Bronzeville and thriving small clubs today. After a visit to Five Points to view a new art installation tribute to Bronzeville's jazz scene, our tour will conclude at an intimate jazz club to bring Wisconsin's musical legacy up to the present.

The tour will be available in August and September, 2013 and in 2014. To book this tour, call (414) 271-9417 or email UrbAn at JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net.

New ethnic study begins



Between 2000 and 2012, Urban Anthropology Inc. studied over 60 Milwaukee ethnic groups. This resulted in the book, *American Ethnicity in the Early Twentieth Century: The Milwaukee Study* (in press, Lexington). One finding in the study that called for further research was the topic of work ethics. According to the majority of the 434 informants discussing this topic, first generation Americans hold a stronger work ethic than later generations of the same ethnic group. A follow-up study is now being implemented by Urban Anthropology to compare generations of ethnic groups on the work ethic variable.

American Sokol XXIII Slet

June 25 thru June 30, 2013

The sokol sports festival will be held at various locations in June, including State Fair Park, Nathan Hale High School, the Hyatt Hotel, Discovery World, and Miller Park. Events include parties, rehearsals, rhythmic, volleyball, marching, gymnastics, golf, basketball, and field games.



For information specific events, times, and locations, consult the Sokol website at sportsfestival@American-Sokol.org.

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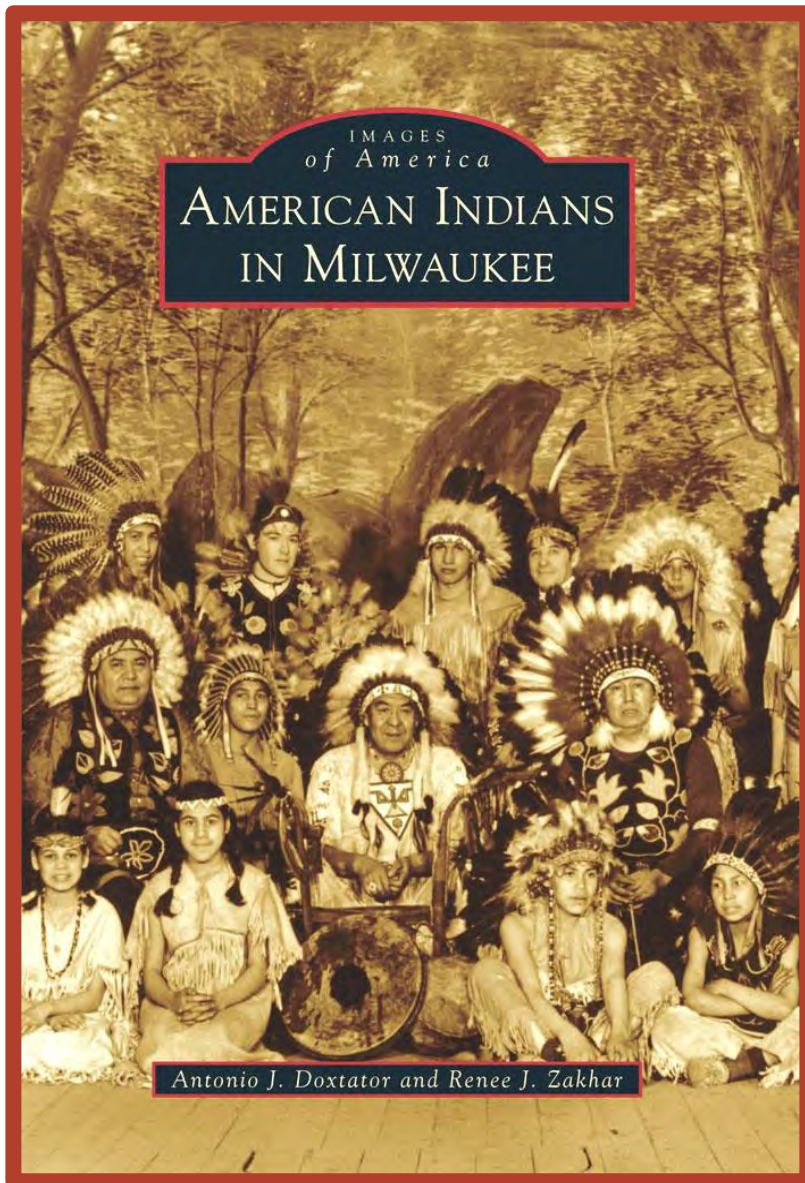


The Cultural Roots of Milwaukee's Socialist Movement

How German cultural practices helped solidify the Socialist Movement in Milwaukee.

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Arcadia book on Milwaukee Indians



Co-authored by Antonio Doxtator and Renee Zakhar, this 2011 Arcadia book chronicles the history of American Indians in Milwaukee. The back cover describes the book in the following way. “Milwaukee is an Algonquin word meaning ‘The Gathering Place.’ Wisconsin’s eleven American Indian tribes have contributed to the city from its name, and origins as a place of commerce, to its continued growth through nationally recognized innovations in Indian education, gaming, and cultural representation. Milwaukee’s ‘founding mother’ Josette Vieux Juneau, ran her father’s trading post and continued partnerships with the area’s Native residents until Indian Removal in the 1830’s. Over the next century, Indians returned to the Milwaukee primarily as visitors, creating Indian Villages at the State Fair and lakefront grounds. By the 1930s Indians again called Milwaukee home, and created common heritage through Pan-Indian organizations. The new ideals of the National Red Power Movement in the 1970s turned local groups into enduring, and

nationally-recognized Milwaukee institutions such as the Indian Community School, Potawatomi Bingo and Casino and Indian Summer Festival. “

Challenges writing the book

The authors considered it a challenge to try and cover over 100 years of history and include everyone that has been an important part of Milwaukee’s American Indian Community. Doxtator and Zakhar gathered all the information and pictures that are included in the book with their own resources.

The book has received positive feedback and support from the American Indian Community of Milwaukee, as many residents enjoy seeing family members and friends pictured in the book.

American Indians in Milwaukee is available at most local book stores, from Arcadia Press, and at online book sellers.

June events for United Donauschwaben

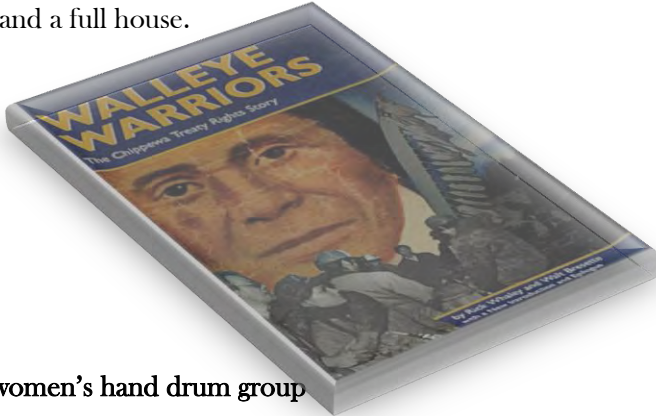


The United Donauschwaben of Milwaukee will participate at the German weekend at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle on June 15th. There will be an informational table that educates participants on the organization and its history. Children’s, youth, and adult dance groups will also be performing.

On June 16th, Father’s Day will be celebrated at the Schwabenhof in Menomonee Falls. This is an annual, open to the public, event. It’s a time to enjoy great food (Spanferkel, Schnitzel, Rollbraten, Goulash, and Hungarian Brats), see youth, children, and adult dancers perform, and enjoy the music of *Johnny Hoffmann und die Herzbuben*. The day begins with a Catholic mass celebrated in the pavilion. For more information, visit the website at www.udommilwaukee.com.

Idle No More Activities

On April 14, the final Night School: WISCONSIN MINE RESISTANCE—The Chippewa Spearfishing and Boatlanding Witness story, was held at River West's Public House. Doors opened the public into an educational and entertaining presentation by Rick Whaley and Friends. Re-enacting a piece of Wisconsin history, Mr. Whaley and co-author Walt Bresette, wrote a book, *Walleye Warriors: The Chippewa Treaty Rights Story*. Walt Bresette's son Robin and his Mother attended and performed during the presentation. The night included a community potluck, hand drums, great music, and a full house.



Indigenous women's hand drum group

The Strawberry Moon Women Singers' debuted at the 'Walleye Warrior' re-enactment on April 14th. They opened the presentation with *The Gathering Song* and sang *The AIM* song several times during the re-enactment. The Strawberry Moon Women Singers (SMWS) will be performing at upcoming events with Idle No More, Voces de la Frontera, and all efforts to stop the Penokee Hill Mine.



Donate to the Bad River Tribe to fund their legal appeals:

C/o Bad River Legal Defense Fund. Send donations to the Bad River Tribe, c/o Bad River Defense Fund, P.O. Box 39, Odanah, WI 53861.

Or go to the tribal website; click on donate tab: <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov>

Future Events

May Day March-May 1st 11am. Voces de la Frontera's Office-Annual March for Immigration Reform

May 4th. Madison event, Alternatives to Mining: Re-enacting Walleye Warriors

May 25th, 1pm. March Against Monsanto Downtown Milwaukee

May 17-19. Penokees Campout and Stevens Point Action Camp. Contact centralwiactioncamp.wordpress.com

May 24-26. Fundraiser at Bad River and Campout at Copper Falls State Park

Email: idlenomoremilwaukee@yahoo.com or check out Facebook under Idle No More Milwaukee www.facebook.com/pages/Idle-No-More-Milwaukee/434238953336862?fref=ts.

Celebrate your Welsh-ness



On May 4 and 5, the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton will host a variety of Welsh activities including genealogy workshops, singing lessons, refreshments, and cooking demonstrations.

The 81st State Cymanfa will be held Sunday at 2:30.

Arcadia book published on Milwaukee's Old South Side

*Photo history focuses on ethnic
settlements*



Urban Anthropology Inc. has created this historic publication on the Milwaukee area originally settled by the Poles. The book is part of Arcadia Press' *Images of America* series. Including nearly 200 photographs, the volume tells the story of the various ethnic migrations to the area, which resulted in a community of 110 nations today.

Special event on Old South Side

On Saturday, July 20th, a special event will be held at Kosciuszko Park to celebrate the history of the Old South Side. Features include free neighborhood food, music, dancers, and tents commemorating important historic events of the area. The Arcadia book will be available for sale and book signing.

Anyone wishing to pre-order this book can contact Rick Petrie at (414) 271-9417 or email him at RickPetrie@gmail.com.

Do you have an ethnic story to tell?

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.

To submit stories

For the July issue, submit stories by June 25, 2013. Email the copy and photos to Dr. Jill Florence Lackey at JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net.



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