

## Calendar of Events

In 08-9, meetings will be held at St.Casimir Church Hall, 500 Simpson Rd, Irondequoit

- SEP 13 (SAT) Indian Summer, Pig Roast with poetry and music.  
Greece Canal Park, 3PM
- OCT 25 & 26 2nd Krakow Crèches Workshop, RMSC
- NOV 22(SAT) Polish Youth Talent Show  
Rochester Academy of Medicine  
1441 East Ave, 2-5PM
- DEC 6 (SAT) Krakow Crèches Display and Wigilia, RMSC, 5PM
- DEC 30(TUE) Meeting with 2 PHSR scholarship recipients who attended '08 summer program in Toruń, PL

### Some of the events planned for 2009

- APRIL 4(SAT) Scholarship Luncheon,
- APRIL 5 (SUN) 15th Polish Youth Concert  
RAM, 1441 East Ave, 3PM
- MAY 11 (MON) Annual Meeting
- OCT 3 (SAT) 90th Anniversary dinner/dance  
Midvale Country Club, 5:30PM
- OCT 24-25 3rd Krakow Szopka Workshop
- DEC 5 (SAT) Wigilia,

## PHSR Scholarships

A new scholarship program was started in 2006. Since then, the PHSR has provided financial assistance to high school seniors of Polish descent selected by the Scholarship Committee in March of each year. Each of the scholarship winners can receive \$1000 scholarship.

After receiving the full \$1000 scholarship, each student has an opportunity to study in Poland with the 'Polish Experience Scholarship'. This is a unique opportunity to attend a Summer School of Polish Language and Culture, once during their undergraduate studies. The Polish Heritage Society will provide \$2000 towards the travel expense and summer course fee for each student who participates in this program. The students have an option to choose the time and the length of the course. After benchmarking summer programs at 7 major Polish Universities; the Scholarship committee recommended the University of Nicholas Copernicus located in Toruń, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe (UNESCO listed).

*For further information about the PHSR scholarship program for high school seniors, application forms, and summer program in Poland, please visit the PHSR website at:*

*[www.polishheritagerochester.org](http://www.polishheritagerochester.org)*

Priority will be given to PHSR members, volunteers and supporters.

## Krakow Szopka Workshop

In October 2007 the PHSR, KRSCC (Krakow Rochester Sister Cities Committee) and the RMSC co-sponsored a 2-day Krakow Crèche (Szopka) workshop. The workshop was attended by 15 two-person teams who learned to construct crèches under the leadership of szopka artist David Motak of Pittsburgh, PA.

**This program is funded by a grant from the Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, the New York State Council on Arts, and the New York State Legislature.**

The Krakow Szopki (the crèches) were displayed at the Rochester Museum and Science Center (RMSC) during the Wigilia celebration, and at the St. Stanislaus church in December 2007. The enthusiastic response to this first workshop has encouraged PHSR to offer the workshop again in October 2008. The two-day workshop conducted by David Motak ([www.cracowcrafts.com](http://www.cracowcrafts.com)) covers the history of this unique Krakow tradition from its beginning as puppet theatres in churches to the present day art form competition in Poland which incorporates the beautiful architecture of our Sister City Krakow in these creative and colorful szopkas. Participants receive hands on instruction on constructing these beautiful Christmas crèches which are generally completed by early December. [The 2nd Krakow Crèche workshop will take place on Oct 25-26, 2008. The Crèches will be displayed in the community before Christmas. We are going to offer another Crèche workshop in Oct 2009.](#)

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