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Long awaited advocacy group for Natives and more

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.



Lincoln Avenue: An accessible mosaic

Over the years, Lincoln Avenue, on Milwaukee's Historic South Side, has become a mosaic of ethnic shops offering Mexican, Polish, Serbian, Italian, Chinese, Salvadorian, Sikh, African American, and Peruvian products. The surrounding neighborhood is home to 110 ethnic groups.

Rarely are buildings available on Lincoln Avenue. Today, as the result of family deaths, three beautiful buildings have become available, all leasing for approximately one dollar per square foot. Interested ethnic retailers or culinary groups can contact Rick at (414) 271-9417 or RickPetrie@gmail.com.

Movement spread from Canada to US to Milwaukee

Idle No More Milwaukee started organizing in early January 2013. It all started with a Women's Hand Drum group. As the group started practicing together, they also organized.

Idle No More is an international movement that began in late 2012 in Canada by four Women. They came together to be 'idle no more' because of political agendas that go against their tribes. With two goals at

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Idle No More Milwaukee, continued

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hand, Idle No More Milwaukee demanded the same: (1) Indigenous sovereignty and (2) protection of the land and water. The organization follows the same goals because Wisconsin tribes are also facing similar political agendas that can potentially damage water, cultures, and environment.

January/February events

The first event was January 18th, 2013. Organization members gathered outside of the Grand Avenue Mall in downtown Milwaukee at 11am. A procession marched peacefully through windy downtown Milwaukee all the way to the shores of Lake Michigan at Veteran's Park where they gathered and held a traditional Pipe Ceremony, sang prayers, sang songs, and listened to one another. About 150 people gathered to save our waters and our land.

The second event was February 9th at All People's Church with a community discussion and potluck. About 25 adults and a handful of children turned out for delicious food and great conversation. On February 17th Idle No More Milwaukee was invited by local Artist and Activist, Sue Simensky Bietila to be part of the first of three Night School talks—Penokee mine resistance—at the Riverwest Public House Cooperative.

The future

The group has been gathering with several other groups from Madison to Kenosha to the Bad River Tribe's land, listening and moving toward what is needed for Mother Earth. This is not only a 'Native Thing'. Idle No More believes this is *everyone's* movement, especially those who defend the land and water and need the water and land. Please Email us at : idlenomoremilwaukee@yahoo.com or link on <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Idle-No-More-Milwaukee/434238953336862?fref=ts>.

Urban Anthropology Inc. is seeking an ad salesperson for *Milwaukee Ethnic News*

Urban Anthropology Inc. (UrbAn), the publisher of *Milwaukee Ethnic News*, has received numerous requests to offer a print version of this newsletter, with expanded circulation. UrbAn hopes to support this expansion through advertising and seeks a part time ad salesperson.

High commission

Because the newsletter is supported by volunteer efforts, the price of expansion is not high. We thus can offer a substantial commission of 40 percent to a qualified person and provide quick leads. Contact jlanthropologist@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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

Ignace Center holds 8th Red Shawl Gala

Event held Saturday, April 20th

The Eighth Annual Gala, sponsored by the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, will begin at 5 pm at the Potawatomi Bingo and Casino, 1721 W. Canal Street



Gala features

Beginning at 5pm, a cash bar will be open, followed by dinner, live entertainment, and a silent auction. Sponsorships are available to help invest in the organization and the long term goals of building a larger health center.

Contact information

For more information about tickets and sponsorships, contact the center at (414) 383-9526, Ext, 200 or email Kmartv@gliihc.net.

La Causa named a finalist in the 2013 MANDI Awards



La Causa, Inc. is proud to have been named a finalist in the 2013 MANDI Awards presented by LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation). The MANDI Awards acknowledge neighborhood development innovation in Milwaukee. La Causa is honored to be named a finalist for the BMO Harris Cornerstone Award which honors an organization that has demonstrated commitment, persistence and effectiveness over time.

La Causa joins a prestigious group of 15 other finalists. The Awards will be presented on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee.

Event features

The keynote speaker is Dr. Magda Peck, Dean of the School of Public Health at UW-Milwaukee.

A special appearance will be made by American Idol finalist Naima Adedapo. Other performances include drumming, ethnic dancing, and more. Light refreshments will be served.



International Women's Day event *Women & girls gaining momentum for change*



The Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition is sponsoring the International Women's Day celebration on March 10th. The event will be held between 2 and 5 pm at the Bradley Pavilion inside the Marcus center for the Performing Arts at 929 N. Water Street.



Registration and sponsorships

Interested individuals can register online at www.2013intl womensday.eventbrite.com. For sponsorship information, to reserve exhibit space, or register by phone, contact the Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition at (414) 727-4900. The address of the coalition is 5235 S. 27th St. in Greenfield. The coalition can also be contacted by email at staff@mmwconline.org.

Kościuszko Monument Conservation Underway

Milwaukee's historic monument to Polish hero, General Tadeusz Kościuszko, will soon be getting a much-needed cleaning and repair—its first in 108 years!

Fundraising effort

Under the leadership of Atty. Claude Krawczyk, the Restore Kościuszko Monument Committee has been working for more than five years to raise the needed funds, and the committee is pleased to announce that the goal of restoring the general to his former glory is finally being realized.

Many people have worked tirelessly to see the project through, and many have given generously. The Lincoln Village Business Association initiated the project originally. Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, soon joined the effort to restore a work of art that has special meaning for Milwaukee's Polish community.

Many other organizations, as well as hundreds of individuals, also contributed to the fundraising effort. Additionally, the City of Milwaukee allocated a generous portion of the unexpected legacy it received from Milwaukee Polish American David Dombrowski.

The restoration

The Restore Kościuszko Monument Committee has contracted with McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratories in Oberlin, Ohio—one of a few firms in the country that routinely handle large-scale conservation projects of this kind. They will remove filler from the legs of Kościuszko's horse, install a new stainless steel armature, repair cracks, and clean the corrosion from the bronze surface.

Polish hero's birthday

On Tuesday, February 12 (Tadeusz Kościuszko's 267th birthday), a local moving firm, Hennes Services, Inc. (4100 Lincoln Ave.), deftly lifted the statue from its granite base and prepared it for transport to the conservation facility. An appreciative crowd of well-wishers and civic leaders was on hand to send the general on his way and join in the birthday celebration. There was even a contingent of students from Kosciuszko Elementary School.

Rededication ceremony planned

Horse and rider are expected to be back on their pedestal in Kosciuszko Park (9th Place and Lincoln Avenue) by the end of summer. A rededication ceremony is being planned, with the date still to be determined. As part of the conservation project, the landscaping around the monument will be upgraded, a permanent memorial to major donors will be erected, and an endowment fund will be established to cover future maintenance costs.

For more information and links to recent news coverage, go to www.rkmmilwaukee.org.



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.

PACA offering second tutoring site on Milwaukee's South Side

Site to help refugee youth with educational goals



The Pan-African Community Association (PACA) is opening a second tutoring site March 4 for refugee young people on the South side of Milwaukee. The site, located at Our Lady Queen of Peace school (3222 S 29th), is an expansion of PACA's tutoring program to increase access to students in the area. PACA currently works with more than 25 students per day at its North side location, providing one-on-one homework help, English tutoring, and extracurricular activities to assist in the adjustment and future success of refugee young people.

Volunteers needed

The new site, which will be open Monday through Thursday from 4 to 6 pm is now recruiting tutors to work with the young people. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nicole Acosta today at nacosta@panafricoma.org. PACA appreciates your time and support!

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.

Visions of February's Poland Under Glass

Polanki, Mitchell Park Domes, and others partner for amazing day



Germany Under Glass set for March 2

A day of fun for the whole family



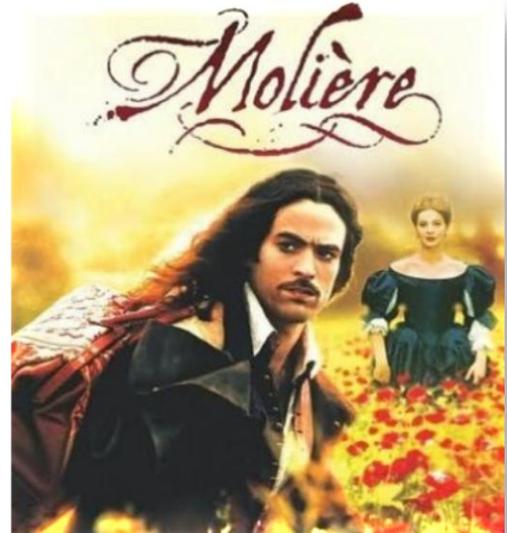
Need a vacation, but don't want to leave Milwaukee? Come to the Mitchell Park Domes on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 and immerse yourself in German culture as you attend Germany Under Glass sponsored by the German American Societies, Inc. and Milwaukee County Parks. The festival will open at 9am at the Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard, and end at 5pm. Along with this very popular ethnic festival, you will be able to take in the ever-popular train show. The theme this year for the Garden Train Show is "The Circus Comes to Town" - G-scale trains wind their way through the landscape to the circus.

Features of the day

Bring your family and experience a mini-trip to Germany while using all five of your senses within the unique environment of the Mitchell Park Conservatory. Relax at the Konditorei (café) with a cup of coffee and help yourself to a serving or two of Bienenstich (custard filled torte). Explore the beauty of the conservatories while being entertained by German musicians and dance groups.

As you stroll through the Domes, stop and taste the flavors of Germany with entrée's from Maders Restaurant. Guests are invited to visit the Education Center for pretzel-making demonstrations and listen to other speakers. There will be plenty of family-friendly activities with crafts, games and storytelling for children and demonstrations created by the local German clubs. For more information call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

Cours de français at the Alliance Française



La Langue de Molière

3/23, 1:00-4:00 pm (taught in English)

Cost: \$25/\$30

This class explores the fascinating life, work and legacy of the legendary 17th century playwright and comedian Molière. A dynamic and informative presentation will be followed by a full-length feature film. Class taught by Sady Azezfaf.

Grammar Series (taught in English and French)

3/5, 6:00-8:00 pm: Quoi? A Beginner's Guide to Asking Questions

3/12, 6:00-8:00 pm: Atelier de Conjugation Workshop: Beginner

4/2, 6:00-8:00 pm: Atelier de Conjugation Workshop: Intermediate

Cost is \$25/\$30 per class.

These workshops will sharpen the basics for students of all levels. Quoi? A Beginner's Guide to Asking Questions helps students learn the vocabulary and phrasing of important questions. The Atelier de Conjugation workshops help students conjugate, memorize, and practice important French verb tenses. Classes taught by Dasha Pugacheva.

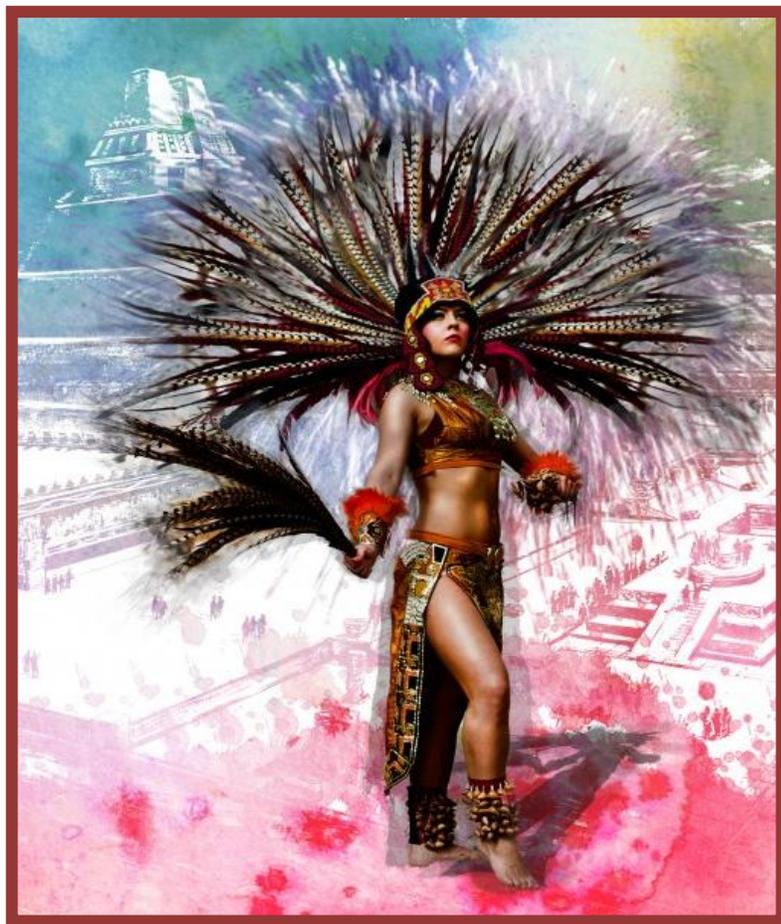
Vocabulaire du restaurant

4/6, 1:00-2:30 pm

\$20/\$25 per class

This dynamic class will help you navigate French menus in restaurants, bistros, cafés, wine shops, and food markets. Michael Dillon, author of Eating and Drinking in Paris: French Menu Translator and Restaurant Guide, will offer insight into restaurant etiquette, useful French phrases, and a pronunciation guide.

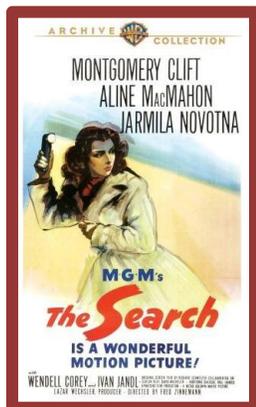
41st Anniversary of Ballet Folklorica



The dance company is celebrating its 41st anniversary. Ballet Folklorico recently opened the doors of its Academy of Dance at 611 West National Ave., on the fourth floor.

Classes are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 5 to 8 pm. Anyone, 10 years or older, is welcome.

Free Sokol Film on April 14th



THE SEARCH, 1948

This is the story of a young Auschwitz survivor and his mother who search for each other across post-World War II Europe. Featuring Czech Opera star, Jarmila Novotná, Ivan Jandl, Aline MacMahon, and Montgomery Clift in his film debut. Many of the scenes were shot the rubble of the post-war German cities of Ingolstadt, Nuremberg, and Würzburg. Winner of two Academy Awards for Best Motion Picture Story and a special award to Ivan Jandl for his performance as the lost child. **The film is held at Norway House, 7507 W. Oklahoma at 1:30 pm.**

La Cucina Cooking Classes returning to the ICC by popular demand

By Susie (DeSanctis) Christiansen

La Cucina, a well-received series of cooking classes, is returning to the Italian Community Center—with a twist.

The members of the ICC's Membership and Avanti Committees welcome all to *La Cucina*, classes and demonstrations involving local restaurants and chefs, this time with a slightly different format, but with the same delicious subject—Italian food!

Event #1

The first evening, Wednesday, Mar. 20, will feature a competition among three talented chefs in what is being billed as “The Battle of the Festa Italiana Chefs.” Carlo Pedrone of Trattoria di Carlo, Peter Carini of Carini's Conca d'Oro, and Santo Alioto of Papa Luigi's will display their cooking finesse. In the end, you will be the judge.

Event #2

The second class, on Wednesday, Apr. 17, will bring to the forefront the “Culinary Stars of the Future” from the highly reputable Milwaukee Area Technical College's Culinary Program. Come enjoy this evening as several young and talented *future* chefs challenge each other and present to you their cooking and baking techniques. The future of food in Milwaukee awaits your discriminating palate.

Event #3

And last, on Wednesday, May 15, all are invited to our home as Nonna & Nonno share their treasured recipes and cooking skills with you. You will be reminded of days gone by when all of Sunday was spent making sauce, slow cooking meat, and hanging fresh pasta in preparation for Sunday night dinner. This is a class not to be missed.

La Cucina Cooking Series will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will include food and wine tasting. Reservations are required. *Cuciniamo! Let's Cook!*

Registration fees for each session are: Members – \$30 and Non-Members –\$40. The cost to sign up for all three classes are: Members – \$80 and Non-Members – \$90. To register, call the ICC at 414/223-2180. Space is limited, so don't wait to register.

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, June 29th, 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 May issue, submit stories by April 25, 2013. Email the copy and photos to Dr. Jill Florence Lackey at JFLanthropologist@sbcglobal.net.



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