



# MILWAUKEE ETHNIC NEWS

PUBLISHED BY URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY INC. SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2013

## Indian Summer returns September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

### New release on city ethnic practices

*Book demonstrates value of ethnicity to family and larger collectivities*

In August, Lexington Books of the Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group released *American Ethnic Practices in the Twenty-first Century: The Milwaukee Study* by Jill Florence Lackey.

#### Book result of 12-year study

Between 2000 and 2012, seventy anthropologists and anthropology interns interviewed 434 residents of Milwaukee County who were heavily involved in ethnic practices. The informants were asked about practices relating to language, art forms, organizations, food, ties to

*(Continued on Page 2)*

This year the country's largest Indian Summer includes a number of special features. Among them will be an outstanding singing group and a mass to a Native saint.

#### Strawberry Moon Women Singers



The Strawberry Moon Women Singers developed out of the Idle No More movement that started organizing in January, 2013. The singers have performed with drums and commentary all over Wisconsin this year.

#### Special mass to celebrate Native saint

Sunday, September 8, a mass will celebrate the American Indian saint, Kateri Tekakwitha. Called the "Pocahontas of the Catholic Church, Tekakwitha was born over 300 years ago in a Mohawk village.

*(Continued from Page 1)*

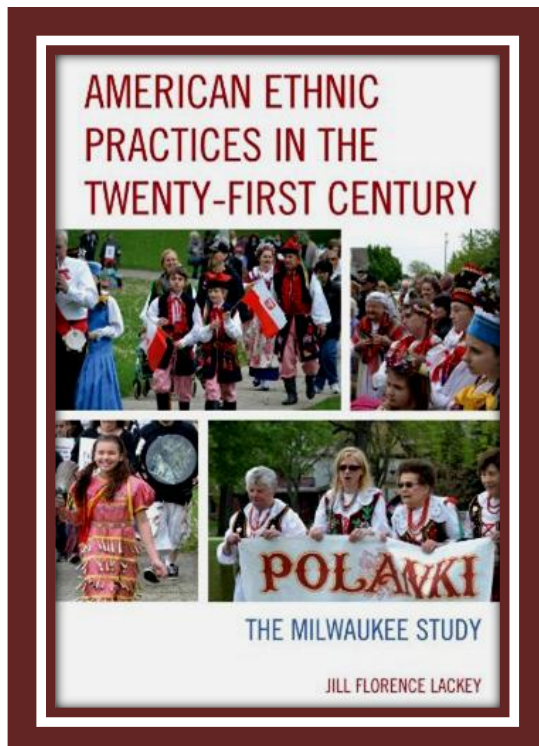
past homelands, politics, genealogy, work, and healthcare and healing.

### Study's major findings

The book is filled with direct quotes from people involved in over 60 ethnic groups. The sum of the informants' responses revealed "the plethora of contributions that are being made to wider collectivities through these practices—whether the collectivity is the nation, town, neighborhood, or family. Ultimately these contributions strengthen the collectivities and help support American society" (p. 97).

### Chronicles change in attitudes about ethnicity

The book includes chapters about threats to ethnicity, including the removal of ethnic neighborhoods across the country due to freeway

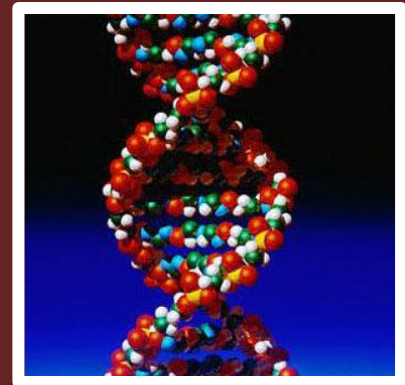


building and urban renewal. Included among the informants' assessments of threats are changes in childrearing norms and the old melting pot ideology. The book chronicles the way attitudes about ethnicity changed after the civil rights' marches of the 1960s, and how the current metaphor was transformed from the melting pot (where ethnic groups were expected to dissolve into an Anglo-American pot and lose their distinctive flavors) to the salad bowl (where the ingredients were expected to retain their own flavors).

### Access to book and peer reviews

The book and its reviews can be accessed at the following sites: <https://rowman.com/Action/Search/LEX/Lackey> or at Amazon.com.

## DNA study corroborates ancestors' oral history



A new study published in the journal *PLoS ONE*, reveals that tribes in British Columbia have occupied that area for thousands of years, matching their oral histories.

"It's very exciting to be able to have scientific proof that corroborates what our ancestors have been telling us for generations," said study co-author and participant Joycelynn Mitchell.

### The study

The researchers collected DNA from 60 of the indigenous people of the Tsimshian, Haida and Nisga'a tribes in the northern coast of British Columbia. This genetic material was compared to that of four Mid-Holocene individuals found in British Columbia's Lucy Islands and Dodge Island. The living participants were found to have mitogenomes that linked back to individuals living between 2,500 and 5,500 years ago.

## *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

# New publisher focuses on ethnic Milwaukee

*Presents opportunities for local writers*



*Milwaukee Ethnic Collection of Arts and Humanities (MECAH Publishing) recently opened in Milwaukee. Its goals are to:*

- Interest readers in the cultural diversity of Milwaukee and its surrounding communities.
- Produce products that fit one or more of these arts and humanities: history, anthropology/archaeology, folk art, art history, museums, literature (including poetry and fiction), language, architecture, and religion.
- Target the products to lay audiences of all ages (e.g., non academic).

*Products that relate to urban centers of southeast Wisconsin and highlight cultural diversity will be considered, and can include any of the following:*

- Nonfiction books (e.g., small museums in southeastern Wisconsin, the history of Pentecostal churches in Milwaukee).
- Fiction books (e.g., a mystery set in Milwaukee, a book for young people with a local immigration theme).
- Documentaries (e.g., the Irish of southeastern Wisconsin; a reproduction of a play with a Milwaukee theme).

## MECAH Publishing

*Milwaukee Ethnic Collection of Arts and Humanities*

MECAHMilwaukee.com

# Images from . . . *Old South Side Day*



# Kościuszko Monument rededication set

By Susan Mikoś

Milwaukee's historic monument to General Tadeusz Kościuszko is currently undergoing conservation treatment at McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Lab in Oberlin, Ohio. The statue will be returning to its pedestal in Kosciuszko Park in early September.



Claude and Susan Krawczyk view progress on Monument conservation in Oberlin, OH


## Landscaping will be added

Landscaping improvements to the surrounding area will follow. New plantings and paving will be installed, incorporating the existing trees and rose gardens. Harp lights will be added. A flagpole with an American flag will rise behind the monument. A pair of granite markers will acknowledge major donors to the recent conservation effort.

## Rededication ceremony

A formal rededication ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11 at 12 noon. This is Veterans Day in the United States and Independence Day in Poland. The event will be open to the public, and all are invited to share in the celebration.

Detailed information about the rededication will be forthcoming. Visit the website at [www.rkmmilwaukee.com](http://www.rkmmilwaukee.com) to learn more.



*For the Welsh*

October 13 *Cambria* 2:30 & 6 pm

68<sup>th</sup> Annual Gymanfa Ganu at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Florence and Towyn (121 W. Florence St.). Supper served between sessions. Director: Danny Proud. Organist: Ann Lemmenes. Contact: Neal Lloyd (920) 348-5657. Church is fully accessible.

November 10 *Wales* 2:30 pm

Christmas Gymanfa Ganu at the Jerusalem Presbyterian Church, 207 W. Main St. Wales. Director: Rev. Joe Corbin.



# 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!

During early September, this modern version of the Stammtisch meets at the Estabrook Park Biergarten at 4610 Estabrook Parkway. 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 what the skill level is—just come and have fun!

## 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.

Tuesday, Sept. 3 is the Stammtisch for the last time at Estabrook Park Biergarten before returning to Ueber Tap Room (Kaeseman). The Stammtisch meets at the Estabrook Park Biergarten 6 to 8 pm. The Biergarten is modeled in the image of a modern day Munich beer garden. Picnic baskets are welcome.

For more information on the event venue, contact [sabine.schwark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sabine.schwark@sbcglobal.net), [theurich@ameritech.net](mailto:theurich@ameritech.net), or go to [www.wisconsincheesemart.com](http://www.wisconsincheesemart.com).

## Editorial

FROM URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY INC.

# Why we need immigrants

There are many arguments for and against immigration reform. One argument that is seldom refuted is the simple ratio of workers to retirees.

In 1940 the United States had five workers for every retiree. At that time the population was slightly younger and having more children than today. Today that ratio is three workers for every retiree—a ratio that threatens our Social Security system.

The Congressional Budget Office predicts that by 2025 the ratio will be only two workers for each retiree. For this reason the office recommend increasing the number of immigrants in the United States. New immigrants are statistically younger, giving the Social Security system a slightly better chance to survive.

ADVERTISEMENT

## 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.

SLOVENIAN UNION OF  
AMERICA BRANCH 43

## Celebrates New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - December 31st,  
2013

Wisconsin Athletic Club - 1939 So. 108th  
Street, West Allis

One of the most beautiful customs that Slovenian "BELIEVE" is to make all things right on the last day of the year. Neighbors, friends and family unite to agree to keep peace in the new year. This is the day to resolve disputes and make amends. Slovenians call New Year's Eve "Silvestrovanje" in honor of St. Sylvester, one of the few Popes who became a saint.

Come and join us for our first New Year's celebration - and renew old acquaintances, and possibly make new ones.

More details will follow in the next  
newsletter - stay tuned.

Hope to see you all there. *Janice Luzar  
Gelm, President SUA, Branch 43*

### Local play nominated for national award

*The March to Kosciuszko*, a play produced by Urban Anthropology Inc., and performed in November, 2012 at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, has been nominated for the Polish American Historical Association's Creative Arts Award. The play told the story of the fair housing marches to Kosciuszko Park in 1967 where the interests of local Poles and African Americans came into conflict.

Autumn events by ...

# af Alliance Française de Milwaukee

## LA FÊTE DU CERCLE D'OR

Sunday, September 8, 2013, 4 - 7pm; 2055 W. Dean Road in River Hills

*Un après-midi en blanc* - dress all in white, for a *chic pique-nique* in a beautiful garden and home. Mingle with your Alliance Française friends at this charming slate-roofed estate looking over a vast gently-sloping lawn that rolls to the river bank. Enter the home and gardens, browse the silent auction items and enjoy delicious fare by Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro, Elizabeth Crawford, Langiappe Brasserie and drinks by Hotel Foster. Plus, an opportunity to win a beautiful pair of pearl earrings. RSVP to Victoria at 414.964.3855 or VictoriaH@afmilwaukee.org

*Une Nuit à Absinthe*

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Great Lakes Distillery  
Absinthe Fountain & Special Absinthe Cocktails  
Local Absinthe Art  
Food by Chef Frank Harroun  
Music by TBA and the Undecided

af  
ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE  
DE MILWAUKEE

GLD  
GREAT LAKES  
DISTILLERY

### High School Student Volunteer Opportunity

We need 10 high school students to volunteer for 3-hour shifts during the Cercle d'Or on Sunday, September 8th. A great way to practice French and fill some service hours. Two shifts available: 3:40pm - 6 pm and 5:45pm - 8 pm. Help is needed with the Silent Auction, Registration, Serving and Bussing.

Please contact Victoria by September 4th at 414.964.3855 or VictoriaH@afmilwaukee.org

### Other Volunteer Opportunities

We need front desk volunteers mornings: 9am - 1pm and afternoons 1 - 5 pm Mondays through Fridays.

Please contact Anne Leplae at anel@afmilwaukee.org or 414.431.0952

### September 5 at noon: La Table Française:

Every first Thursday of the month, join your Alliance Française friends for informal conversation in a restaurant. September 5 we will meet at Jackson's Blue Ribbon Pub, 1203 N 10th St Milwaukee, WI 53204. RSVP to George Stone, cstone3@gmail.com

### September 10, 12-13h30:

**Les Causeries du mardi** : Emory & Co. of fice. Kemal Saiki mènera la discussion : Nations unies: la grande désillusion? De l'ex-Yougoslavie au Darfour en passant par le Congo, mes tribulations au service de la paix...

250 East Wisconsin Ave., Suite 910 (corner of Wisconsin Broadway). There is meter parking on Broadway, and a structure attached (enter on Broadway). \$10 par personne déjeuner compris. Parking voucher available.

RSVP avant le 8 septembre: Anne Leplae, annel@afmilwaukee.org ; 414-431-0952.

### September 14: 10 am - noon:

**Le Club de lecture & Ciné** is the Alliance Française's book club. It usually meets the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Alliance Française to discuss a book or to watch a film related to the book. Saturday, September 14: we will watch the film " *Il y a longtemps que je t'aime*" by Philippe Claudel, in French with English subtitles.

WEST MILWAUKEE LIONS CLUB

# Oktoberfest

KEGEL'S INN 59th NATIONAL

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th**  
3PM-11PM

LIVE MUSIC BY:  
**BLASKAPELLE MILWAUKEE**  
6-10PM



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29th**  
12PM-7PM



LIVE MUSIC BY:  
**THE MUSIC VENDERS**  
2-6PM



BEER · FOOD · SODA  
ADULTS \$5 · CHILDREN UNDER 18 FREE

## 14th Annual Polish Soup Festival

Sponsored by POLANKI  
The Polish Women's Cultural  
Club of Milwaukee  
at

### NORWAY HOUSE

7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue  
SUNDAY ~ November 3, 2013  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\*\*\*



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE  
TWO SEATINGS BY RESERVATION  
ONLY!

No Reservations Needed To Shop the  
POLISH BAZAAR ~ AUTHENTIC  
POLISH BAKERY ~ RAFFLE

Adults:

\$12.00 [ Includes 4 soups of  
your choice ]

Children (10 & Under):

\$6.00 [ Includes 2 soups of  
your choice ]

(Each soup dinner includes rye bread, coffee  
or milk & dessert)

Cash Bar ~ a variety of Polish beers will be  
available

Check back at <http://www.polanki.org/> to  
see what soups will be offered this year.

Please fill out form to the left for your res-  
ervation.

### 2013 Polish Soup Festival ~ Reservation Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

INDICATE SEATING PREFERENCE ADULTS: \_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 - \$ \_\_\_\_

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM\* CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 - \$ \_\_\_\_

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_

(\*) NOTE: If first seating is full, you will be notified & placed at the second seat-  
ing

Please make checks payable to: **POLANKI**

Send form to: **GERALDINE RESZEL ~ 3440 S. 44th Street ~ Greenfield, WI  
53219**

Any questions, please call: (414) 541-2433

**ALL SOUP TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR - TICKETS WILL  
NOT BE SENT IN THE MAIL**



# Competitive season for the Milwaukee Scottish Pipe Band

The Milwaukee Scottish Pipe Band is in the midst of the competition and performance season. The band had a strong showing at the Milwaukee Highland Games on June 1st at Hart Park in Wauwatosa, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 8 bands in the Grade 4 pipe band competition. On June 15th, the band took an even more impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 9 bands at the Chicago Highland Games. (View the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QrPPAB9aUY>). In both competitions, the pipe section tied for first place. The Milwaukee Scottish is scheduled to compete on September 1 at the Wisconsin Highland Games held at the Waukesha Expo Center.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Milwaukee Scottish Pipe Band marched in the Hartland Hometown Celebration Parade, where the band was awarded the "Best Non-Traditional Musical Group Award."



## Fall Highland Gathering

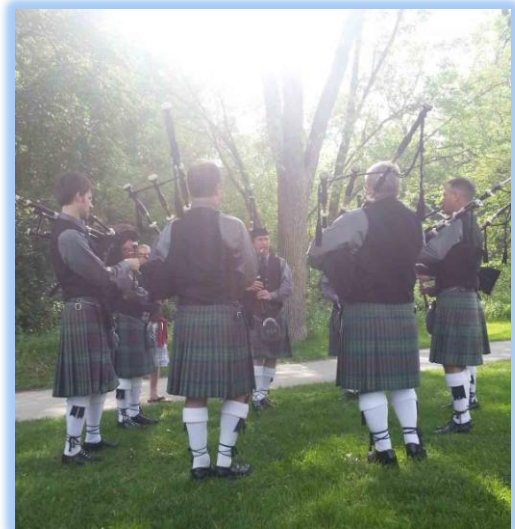
Planning continues for the upcoming inaugural *Fall Highland Gathering - Traditional Scottish Ceilidh and Solo Piping Competition*, hosted by the Milwaukee Scottish Pipe Band. The Gathering will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2013 starting at 5 p.m. at Klemmer's Banquet Center, 10401 West Oklahoma Avenue.

The Fall Highland Gathering features a family-style, two-entrée dinner and 3 hours of live ceilidh entertainment. Dinner tickets (as part of the Full Event Admission) are available for the discounted price of \$35 until August 19. All dinner tickets must be purchased before September 13!

The ceilidh entertainment features performances by Ceol Cairde, Caledonian Scottish Dancers, and 5 pipe bands! In addition to the host Milwaukee Scottish Pipe Band, organizers are thrilled to present the Chicago Celtic Pipe Band, Madison Pipes and Drums, Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums, and Clan Donald Pipes and Drums from Green Bay.

## Additional features

Guests will also have access to a variety of information booths, a raffle, silent auctions, three cash bars, and Scottish meat pies &



sausage rolls during the course of the evening.

The Solo Piping Competition, held in the lower level, will feature an Amateur Solo Piping segment and an Open Solo Piping segment, with cash prizes awarded in both contests. The Open segment now features 9 competitors, with soloists coming in from as far away as Minneapolis and Chicago.

## Admission

- Full Event Admission is \$40.00 per person (\$35.00 if purchased before August 19, 2013) and includes the Dinner, Ceilidh, and Solo Piping Competition. Dinner tickets must be purchased before September 13, 2013.
- Ceilidh and Solo Piping Competition admission (only) is \$20.00 per person.
- Solo Piping Competition admission (only) is \$10.00 per person.

For further details and advance ticket forms visit the following website soon: [www.milwaukeescottishpipeband.org](http://www.milwaukeescottishpipeband.org) or send an e-mail to [palese@wi.rr.com](mailto:palese@wi.rr.com).



# Multicultural opportunities through Tradizione Vivente

## *Festival di Danza e Cultura*

By Gina Jorgensen

Italian Heritage Month is fast approaching and we have exciting news! What a unique and exciting way to celebrate by an infusion of culture! On October 15th, 2013 Tradizione Vivente will be hosting a multi-cultural evening where several local dance groups will perform in collaboration with a visiting group from Japan. The Italian Community Center will offer a pasta *and* meatball dinner in addition to the performances for an admission fee of \$15 for adults and \$9 for children under 12. The meal will include pasta, meatballs, bread, salad, simple beverages and desert. (This is not a fundraiser and guests can attend without purchasing a meal for a \$5 admission fee.)



The evening performance will include:

- \* Guests from Japan-Yabana-kai from Narita, Chiba Japan
- \* Tradizione Vivente - The Italian Dance Group of Milwaukee
- \* Nefertari Dancers -African who will also sing a gospel song
- \* Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt's- Pomeranians
- \* Iberian Spanish Dancers
- \* Keba Diabate-Drummer from Senegal in West Africa
- \* Tradizione Vivente - The Italian Dance Group of Milwaukee

All look forward to a wonderful evening of music and dance. If you are unable to attend the Holiday Folk Fair in November, this

is a great way to enjoy a mini experience of other cultures.

### Need hosts for Japanese group

Members of Tradizione Vivente have been asked to visit and perform in Japan next year in 2014. This fall the Japanese host group will be visiting Milwaukee for a week. We will be hosting the Japanese group on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. They will be spending a few days in a hotel, a couple of days with the Pomeranian dance group who went to Japan last year, and with us for two days before they leave.

What does hosting mean? We will open our homes to the group members, drop them off for their daily activities, pick them up, prepare dinner for them and other Milwaukee/American things such as shopping and some of Milwaukee's fascinating places of interest. They will be visiting many places during the day for which we are not responsible. Several adult members are here to study American culture such as food and energy. A few of them are traveling to Madison as well to study. A few things they will be doing while here are : Attending Oktoberfest with the Pomeranian group, visiting and performing for two schools in Milwaukee and playing Bocce Ball before our performance on October 15<sup>th</sup>. They will visit local places like Growing Power, the Harley Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum and much more.

### What is known about the group

Guests from Japan are the Yabana-Kai from Narita, Chiba Japan. There are 21 members coming to visit. Of the 21 members, 12 of them are performers. There are nine children between the ages of 9 and 12 also coming. Several members are in their 60's. The adults are educated and must do research while in USA.

Placements have been made for many of the Japanese but a few more homes are needed. If you are interested in hosting one or two people on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> please contact Gina Jorgensen at 414-380-0808 or gina.jorgensen@yahoo.com for specific details. You can also call Christina Ziino at 262-783-4024 or email at cziino2000@yahoo.com.

## *Milwaukee Ethnic News*

*Milwaukee Ethnic News* is published bimonthly by Urban Anthropology Inc. and is managed by volunteer anthropologists. The purpose of the newsletter is to offer ethnic organizations and individuals opportunities to share news and information about their cultures. The newsletter is not funded by any external source. The editor is Dr. Jill Florence Lackey.

### 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 700 today. 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 our 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. 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.



707 W. Lincoln Ave. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215, (414) 271-9417  
Email [RickPetrie@gmail.com](mailto:RickPetrie@gmail.com)

ADVERTISEMENT

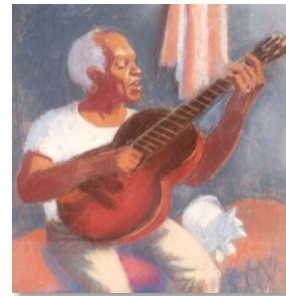
## ETHNIC DOCUMENTARIES FROM URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY INC.

### **The Kashubes of Jones Island: The People That Nobody Knew**

*Story of a fishing community that once thrived in the middle of an urban center, and then disappeared.*

### **Urban Indians and the Culture of Collective Action**

*The cultural practices and local contributions of North American Indians in Milwaukee.*



### **African Americans and the Cul- ture of Con- tribution**

*The fall of Bronzeville and contributions of African Americans in Milwaukee.*

### **The Amazing Adaptation of the Urban Hmong**

*When thousands of Hmong came to the United States, they made an incredible adaptation to a complex society, while keeping their own cultural practices alive.*

### **The Varieties of Latino Ex- perience**

*This documentary focuses on the diversity (as well as similarities) among various Latino groups in Milwaukee.*



### **The Cultural Roots of Milwaukee's Socialist Movement**

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

DVDs are \$25.00 each. All are based on studies done by cultural anthropologists. To order go to [www.urban-anthropology.org/Paypalorders.html](http://www.urban-anthropology.org/Paypalorders.html)