100th Anniversary of the Polish Community in Seattle and King County in 2018

Next year, the Polish Home Association and the local Polish community will celebrate its 100th anniversary. It will coincide with the 100th Anniversary of Poland's independence in November 2018. We have already launched several projects to commemorate the centennial and we invite members of the community to participate.

The anniversary plans include:

- 100th anniversary book
- Oral history video project
- Exhibitions at the Polish Cultural Center, Museum of History and Industry, the Seattle Center
- Improving the Polish community archive site created last year
- Anniversary Gala and Banquet

We invite everybody who has information, pictures and memorabilia related to the history of the PHA and Polish community of the Seattle area to contact us. Especially, we would like to encourage seniors of the Polish community and children or grandchildren of the PHA's founders to share their stories. We are also actively collecting photographs and other historical artifacts, including video and film footage, both for digitalization for the archive site and for the exhibitions.

Currently, we are focusing on the book and the history video projects. Both require a lot of volunteer time and a significant amount of money to be professionally done and finished on time. Each has its own committee already working on the project specifics and each needs several more volunteers!

The goal of both is to document the changes and achievements of the Polish community, especially in the last 25 years, when so many new organizations and initiatives started. We want the final product to be a showcase for the Polish community that we all can be proud of for years to come.

If you would like to help in any way – to contribute materials to be digitalized or to volunteer your time and skills with any of the projects, please contact us at <u>info-centennial@polishhomeseattle.com</u>. We will connect you with an appropriate person. Or if you prefer, you can contact members of the anniversary committee listed below directly.

Thank you for all you support!

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