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**A ST. FRANCIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**  
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Dear Members:

Did you see the truck with our banner in the St. Francis Days parade? Did you see Jim Goodwin dressed as a soldier? He walked the entire parade! Bill Drehfal drove the truck and Richard Raatz and Lois Neubauer threw candy to the children.

Please join us for the St. Francis Historical Society Christmas Party. To RSVP, please contact Bill Drehfal at 481-6511.

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m. cocktails, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Place: Polonez Restaurant

Cost: \$25/person

Menu: Chicken, Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Pierogies, Vegetables, Dessert

History of Polonez Restaurant

The award-winning Polonez Restaurant has been in business for 29 years. It was established in 1983 by George and Aleksandra Burzynski. Its first location was on Sixth Street, across from St. Josephat's Basilica. It relocated to its present location at 4016 South Packard Avenue 11 years ago. Traditional home-made Polish cuisine is their specialty and the product of Chef George Burzynski. Both George and Aleksandra grew up in Poland, and immigrated to the United States during the Solidarity Revolution. Aleksandra grew up in a ship-building city. George grew up on a farm, and it was there that he learned his cooking skills from his grandmother. He didn't bring along an old secret family cookbook when he moved to Milwaukee. His famous home-made Polish recipes were in his heart and head.

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*The following newsclippings were found by Terry Duffey. We will be featuring them for your enjoyment.*

**Thompson School News – January 6, 1939**

Gloria McShane returned to school after a six-week siege of whooping cough.

Ralph and Barbara Gutkowski and Jack Kenney were not able to begin school after the

holiday vacation due to illness.

Tommy Weinhold celebrated his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday in the primary room last Tuesday.

Miss Olive Brader entertained 15 guests at a dinner at her home on East Armour Aveue last Sunday evening.

Miss Carolyn Stevenson witnessed the inauguration of Governor Heil at Madison last Monday.

Miss Alice Fickert entertained six friends at dinner Tuesday evening.

Guests from Missouri and Janesville, Wisconsin visited at the home of Dorothy Brady over the Christmas holidays.

Doris DeSwarte and her mother and father motored to Mexico, leaving on Christmas day, and not expected to return for several weeks.

Guests from Chicago were present at the home of Ellen Tronnier last Monday.

Everyone was back at work on Tuesday and each one had a wonderful vacation. Miss Stevenson was ill two days of her vacation, but was well enough to attend the inauguration of the Governor, Monday. She was in the special party and was sixth in line to shake hands with the new Governor. Miss Fickert entertained company during the entire vacation. Miss Brader drove to Madison on Christmas Monday and slid all the way home in the blizzard. Sunday, New Year's Day, Miss Brader entertained guests at a dinner party at her home. Miss Dolata entertained her entire family in town over the holidays.

Report cards were given out on Tuesday, and we expect a great improvement in the work here. The leaders are doing their fine work on the playgrounds and on the sidewalks. Their job is hard and tedious and each one deserves credit for sticking to their position.

The PTA presented the school with a beautiful banner. We cannot half express our appreciation.

Francis Muszynski and Carl Kitzinger refinished the antique bell, which hung in the old school house many years. It has been scoured and is painted a bright silver and mounted upon a fine substantial stand. It will be kept as a token of our old school and we expect to use it at graduation. The boys did a fine job.

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**Answers to An American History Quiz (found in our last newsletter):**

1. Which of these North American cities is oldest? A) Montreal, Quebec B) Jamestown, VA C) **St. Augustine, FL** D) Plymouth, MA
2. Which American Indian tribe has never been native to the Atlantic Coast? A) Wampanoag B) Powhatan C) Cherokee D) **Sioux**
3. The Underground Railroad carried Americans A) from Manhattan to Brooklyn B) across the Mississippi River C) under the Chesapeake Bay D) **from slavery to freedom**

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**Why God Made Moms. Answers given by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade school children to the following questions:**

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knows she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

Why ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly used string, I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.