

ACTIVITIES

The Polish Sister City Committee of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, functions under Polish Heritage Awareness Society. A sub-committee manages administrative planning for the Polish Sister City Gulcz, Poland.

The village of Gulcz also has a planning committee. Our local outreach program consists of:

- Displays at city and county cultural events.
- Slide programs & discussion groups.
- Encouraging persons to become familiar with the Polish language and culture.
- Encouraging visits to the village of Gulcz, Poland.

The month of May is designated as the anniversary of the Polish Sister City and also to recognize the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791.

Contributions are tax deductible.

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POLISH SISTER CITY
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**Shippy Windmill
Gulcz, Poland**



Village of Gulcz



GULCZ, POLAND

The village on the Noteć River
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in
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

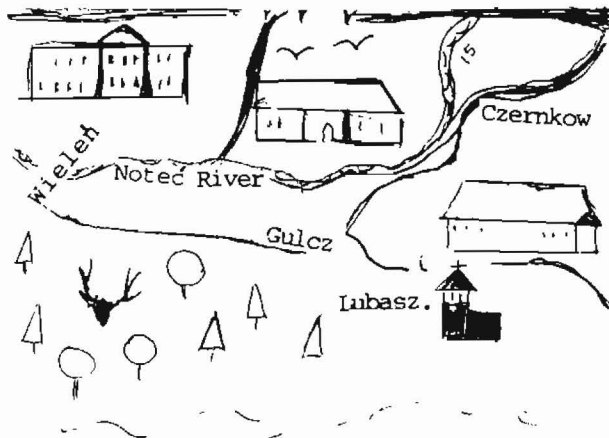
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IN THE BEGINNING

It started in 1990 through research of church records of Gulcz, Poland. It became evident that many local residents' ancestors immigrated from Gulcz to Stevens Point, Wisconsin in the 1860's.

Thus, after 125 years it was important to re-establish ties with the village of Gulcz, Poland. Family contacts were made and a visit occurred on May 8, 1993. At this time Gulcz, Poland, became the first Polish Sister City of Stevens Point, WI. Indeed, this was a great day for this rural village. Much excitement was generated from children and adults. To date, there have been exchanges of letters, photographs, video cassettes and children's art. Our contributions have helped with community improvements and humanitarian assistance.

All this will lead to a workable understanding of life in Gulcz, Poland, as well as here in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.



OUR ENDEAVOR

Mission Statement: TO MAKE LIFE A LITTLE EASIER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GULCZ, POLAND

OBJECTIVES

Develop long term partnership between Stevens Point, Wisconsin and Sister City Gulcz, Poland.

Formulate opportunities for reciprocal exchange programs: education, community service and teacher exchange.

Create a learning experience for Stevens Point, Wisconsin's residents about Gulcz, Poland

GULCZ POLAND

During Roman times, Gulcz was a stop along the Amber Trail for delivery of amber and silks. This village on the Notec River was formally established in 1381 and today has a population of 600 people.

Gulcz has seen its share of border changes, the Partition Period, plagues of cholera, tuberculosis, uprisings, World War I, World War II along with 45 years of communist rule. This system of government stagnated the socio-economic progress.

Today, the pastor of the Church of St. Peter & Paul, the school director and teachers are coordinating their efforts to prepare the citizens of the village, for Poland to step into the 21st Century.

By the River



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