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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

God our Father, from whose hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude, let the perfect sacrifice of Jesus draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings, Roman Missal Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving Day, we turn to You, Loving Father, in gratitude and in thanksgiving for all you have given us this past year. Strengthen us during this time of pandemic, that we may not lose hope. Protect those we love and those who keep us safe. Give us the wisdom to always count You as our greatest blessing. May our gratitude to You manifest itself in our love for our brothers and sisters.

As we prepare for this annual Day of Thanks, I wish all of you, our beloved PRCUA Family, a healthy, blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! Smacznego indyka!

Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak
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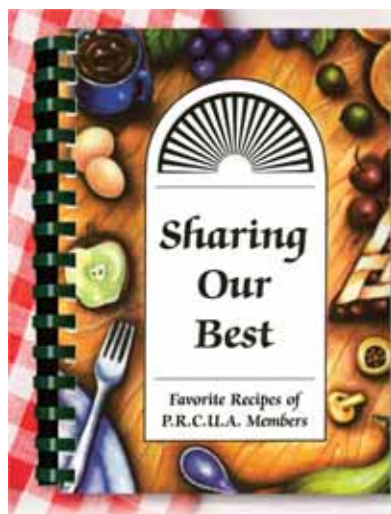
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ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

By Karrie Westphal, Secretary
Zajączek Dance Ensemble

WE CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER

"Today we celebrate Polish Heritage Month, a time to think about our Polish roots and the values of our Polish ancestors. We pray that our generation and the generations to come will continue to carry on the values of our Polish heritage." (St. Al-



Processing Into church

bertus Church program). On Sunday, October 4, members of several PRCUA-sponsored dance groups gathered at St. Albertus Church in Detroit, MI to participate in the annual blessing of the Polish Dance Schools. Reverend Canon Father Walter Ptak officiated the Mass as Antoni Maczka provided beautiful Polish music as the church organist. As participants masked up and social distanced, Father Ptak reminded the congregation that the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America was founded at St. Albertus Church 147 years ago on October 3, 1873. He continued by emphasizing that each person attending had much to celebrate, much to be proud of and much to be thankful for. He brought to the forefront the memories of the tremendous contributions that so many simple immigrants made in constructing such beautiful churches in Detroit. They moved to the area with very little, yet their skills and determination illustrated their love for God and devotion to their faith, which is clearly demonstrated in the ornate and magnificent churches they created. Father Ptak challenged those present to be inspired by their



The Westphal-Kulas Family

ancestors and to go out and bear good fruit and make a difference in their communities.

As Mass continued, representatives from each dance group presented Father Ptak with items that represented Poland during the offertory such as; a loaf of baked bread, a beautiful scarf, a portrait of our Lady of Częstochowa, and flowers. At the conclusion of Mass, Father Ptak administered upon his congregation a universal blessing in Latin. He asked all of us to think about the future and what we can do to support the Catholic Church and our beloved Polonia here in the United States. St. Albertus Church commemorates 150 years

of existence and is supported by the Polish American Historic Site Association, 4231 St. Aubin Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207. Please feel free to contact the organization at: www.stalbertusdetroit.org. PAHSA is trying to keep St. Albertus Church open for years to come and volunteering, prayers, and donations have been working, if you have any questions regarding support of the church, please contact Celeste at (586) 939-1507. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Zajączek Dance Ensemble group members who attended the Mass: Natalya Bonkowski and Olivia Westphal.

WELCOME BACK, DANCERS!

"Let the dance season begin!" These words spoken by Colleen Bonkowski, Director of Zajączek Dance Ensemble, as classes started back on Thursday, October 1. Following many new safety protocols, "Miss Colleen, Ms. Rachael and Ms. Tricia" welcomed back many eager students to the dance floor to begin the 16th year of Zajączek Dance Ensemble.



Though the classes are divided in half to practice social distancing, everyone was so excited to be together again. Ms. Rachael and Ms. Tricia teach classes on opposite weeks to keep everyone safe. The dancers are taught techniques and then read some Polish stories. The goal is to have everyone practice together safely by January 1, 2021. Until then, everyone keep smiling and stay healthy as we enter our new dance year. Blessings to everyone!



PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATEST HAPPENINGS

By Nicholas J. Nowakowski
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus
Photos: John Konkla

It's past Labor Day, the days are getting shorter, and the air is getting chillier. Fall and all that comes with it is here.

From September 18 to 20, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers experienced Northern Michigan fall when they spent the weekend in Cedar, MI (near Traverse City). They camped at Polish Heritage Farm, which is owned by Gwiazda alumna Kathleen Koch and her husband Tom. Polish Heritage Farm focuses on raising ethically treated livestock and fresh garden produce. Over the weekend, the ensemble members was treated to breakfasts, lunches and dinners featuring Polish Heritage Farm's fresh vegetables and meats.

On Saturday afternoon, the ensemble performed their group polka and Krakowiak at a small socially distanced event held in downtown Cedar between band breaks of a local polka band. After their performance, members of the ensemble took photos in front of the Polish Art Center's Cedar location. A longstanding Hamtramck business run by Ray-

mond and Joan Bittner (daughters Kathleen Koch and Michelle Gerdan are Gwiazda alumnae, Kathleen's children, Thomas and Lola, and Michelle's sons Connor and Henry are current Gwiazda dancers), the Polish Art Center opened its Cedar location in 2016.

On Saturday evening, Gwiazda performed at Polish Heritage Farm as the warm-up act for the Polish Muslims, a polka-rock band from Hamtramck, MI which was formed in 1981 and has a large and devoted fan following. For their evening performance, Gwiazda performed a polka, the Krakowiak and the oberek. After the performance, there was time to enjoy a set of the Polish Muslims, as well as post-performance campfires and snacks.

On September 21, after more than 6 months away, Gwiazda returned to PLAV Post 10 in Hamtramck and its regular dance rehearsals. These rehearsals look different with the adoption of additional safety precautions based on CDC recommendations and the COVID-19 related executive orders in place in Michigan. The ensemble is excited to return to its weekly regular practices.

On October 2, the Embassy of

Poland in Washington DC invited its followers on social media to participate in Polish American Heritage Month by posting photos about Polish American heritage using #Polish-AmericanHeritageMonth. Gwiazda participated in the Embassy's challenge by sharing photos to the Embassy's Facebook page and on the group's Twitter feed.

On Sunday, October 4, Gwiazda members headed south to Detroit, to visit St. Albertus Church. Founded in 1871, St. Albertus is the first Polish-American church in the Archdiocese of Detroit. It's also where the PRCUA was founded. It's a long standing tradition that on the first Sunday of October, members of the various PRCUA dance groups attend mass at St. Albertus to kick off Polish Heritage Month. 2020 was no exception, although this year's Mass looked a bit different with masks and social distancing measures in place. The 2020 Polish Heritage Mass was celebrated by PRCUA's national chaplain, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak.

On Monday, October 12, Gwiazda received notice that it was selected as the recipient of the Polish

American Historical Association's ("PAHA") 2020 Creative Arts Prize. The group is thrilled and honored by this award. The award will be presented at PAHA's next annual meeting which will be held in January 2022 in New Orleans, LA. The 2021 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

We hope that everyone continues to stay safe and healthy. The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers can be found on social media. Like the ensemble on Facebook or Twitter (@PRCUA_Gwiazda).

About the Creative Arts Prize

The Polish American Historical Association's Creative Arts Prize recognizes contributions in the field of creative arts by individuals or groups who have promoted an awareness in the Polish experience in the Americas. Past recipients include jazz artists, authors, poets, and renowned folklorists Lucyna Migala (founder and director of the Lira Ensemble of Chicago, IL) and Ada Dzielanowska (longtime founder of the Syrena Dancers of Milwaukee, WI).



Metro-Detroit area PRCUA dance schools with Fr. Ptak at St. Albertus for the Polish Heritage Month Mass



Gwiazda dancers performing in Cedar, MI

ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE CELEBRATES 51ST RECITAL UNDER THE BIG TENT!

By Lisa Brandt & Janet Vilag

Photos: Claudia's Photography, John Drozdowski

April 24th was the day fifty-four students were supposed to perform in the Rogalin Dance

Troupe's 51st Annual Dance Recital. Sadly, they sat at home unable to perform because the country was in a pandemic and Michigan had issued a stay-at-home order.

Nevertheless, Society 162 decided to hold a Polkatoberfest the weekend of October 3rd. With a large tent at hand, director Lisa Brandt, choreo-

grapher Janet Vilag and the Rogalin parent board jumped at the opportunity to let the troupe have a recital.

On Sunday October 4th, thirty-seven dancers were thrilled to present character dances to the theme *Tasty Treats*. Jazz and tap routines were performed to songs like *Popcorn*, *Peanut Butter Jelly Time*, *I Want Candy*, *Teddy Bear Picnic*, *Candyman*, and *It's Raining Tacos*. Our first portion was absolutely delicious.

Our 2020 graduate presentation was very exciting, as our two college girls, Abigail Potasnik and Callie Truskowski, returned to be honored by their fellow dancers, who performed the Polonez for them. Each girl got a chance to speak and be recognized as graduates one last time.

Our final section was our Polish portion. With social distancing practices in place, most of our traditional regional dances were not able to be performed with partners. In substitution, the dancers did a great job performing to polkas and obereks that included *Było nie było*, *Polish Eagle*, *Accordions on Fire*, *Hop Hop Oberek*, and *Jenny Lind Polka*. Our concluding number was our signature dance *The Góralski*.

All in all, a fun time was had by all, and the dancers did an excellent job!

See Rogalin at Polkatoberfest photos in the digital version of the *Naród Polski*

Group 1



Group 2



Group 3



Group 5



Group 4



Group 6



ROGALIN'S RECITAL
AT POLKATOBERFEST



2020 graduate Callie Truskowski with her father



Group 1 performing *Polish Eagle*



Group 5 singing the national anthem



Group 2 in *Jenny Lind*



Group 3 dancing *Hop Hop Oberek*



Było nie było - performed by Group 4



Group 6 in *Góralski*



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NOVEMBER

*On Thanksgiving Day, we are grateful for
Our blessings all year through,
For family we dearly love,
For good friends, old and new.*

*For sun to light and warm our days,
For stars that glow at night.
For trees of green and skies of blue,
And puffy clouds of white.*

*We are grateful for our eyes that see,
The beauty all around,
For arms to hug and legs to walk,
And ears to hear each sound.*

*The list of all we are grateful for,
Would fill a great big book;
Our thankful hearts find new delights,
Everywhere we look!*

By Joanna Fuchs

The seasons continue to change and with the hues of earthy colors around us, we know it's fall. The calendar points to November and the many revered holidays ahead. From All Saints' Day on the 1st through Poland's Independence Day and Veterans' Day on the 11th to Thanksgiving that soon follows, all seems right with the world. And yet although these dates and others will be remembered and minimally celebrated, 2020 continues to be like no other in our recent memories.

November 21st would have been the date of the 49th Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball hosted by the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA. Sad for the young adults and their parents looking forward to this annual event, but we will celebrate at a safer time in the future. Let's recap the previous month.

October was Polish Heritage Month and although the celebrations of our rich culture were mostly virtual, there were a few, guardedly, in person. PRCUA celebrated its 147th Anniversary (est. October 3, 1873) the birthdays of the Officers and staff with a luncheon at the PRCUA Social Hall on October 2 with all social distancing and masks in place. Our PRCUA hospitality team (Anna Grabowski, Conrad Wiecek, Mateusz

Bomba and Emilia Wiecek) have these types of events very well-chooreographed with all safety measures at the top of their list. Photos and details on p. 16.

October 4 heralded two events in Michigan, the Blessing of the Polish Dance Schools at St. Albertus Parish in Detroit with Rev. Canon Fr. Walter Ptak officiating. Participants included representatives from Opole, Wieliczka, Tetry, Polskie Maki, Halka, Gwiazda and Zajaczek. As for the Rogalin Dance Troupe from Wyandotte, MI (Lisa Brandt, School Director; Janet Vilag, Dance Instructor), the group was busy preparing for its 51st Dance Recital which was held outdoors later that same day. National Director from District 10, Colleen Bonkowski attended both events. Photos and details on pages 6-9.

Belated wishes to all teachers, especially those in our PRCUA schools, as October 14th marked National Education Day, also known as Teachers' Day, in Poland.

October 15th marked the 85th Anniversary of the Polish Museum of America. Through a grant from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland, the PMA was able to produce a series of videos about the museum's treasures and its history. As the founder of the PMA, the PRCUA is proud to have been included in this series which include wonderful photos of our building. I invite you to view these PMA videos which can be found on its website – polishmuseumofamerica.org.

Maria Konopnicka Polish School, Oak Lawn, IL held its graduation ceremony at Our Lady Mother of the Church in Willow Springs, IL on Monday, October 19, 2020. The 33 graduates (19 high school, 14 grammar school) were honored for a job well done, especially in this difficult year. Marek Adamczyk is the Principal and Danielle Krolewski, President of the School Board. A special thank you to the School Board Vice

President, Joanna Niedzielski, for her assistance on behalf of the PRCUA.

In lieu of its annual Heritage Banquet, the Polish American Congress – Illinois Division hosted a Mass at Holy Trinity Parish in Chicago on October 25th commemorating four important anniversaries: the 100th Anniversary of Battle of Warsaw in 1920, 100th anniversary of the birth of St. Pope John Paul II, the 80th Anniversary of Katyn Massacre and the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Solidarity. The Most Reverend Andrew Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago was the celebrant. Rev. Andrzej Totzke SChr, Director of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission assisted. With 260+ in attendance, the beautiful Mass was attended by many leaders of Polonia and politicians running for re-election, including Willie Wilson (independent candidate for Illinois Senator), Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Freichs. Representing the PRCUA was National Director (D-7) Joanna Ewa Cholewinski who also serves the PAC-IL as Treasurer. The PAC-IL Division headed by Mirosław Niedziński, President, paid tribute to the first-line Polish medical respondents battling Covid-19 and extending a debt of gratitude to all medical personnel and first responders. Musical accompaniment was provided by Collegium Cantorum Polonia Choir conducted by Arkadiusz Górecki. All safety precautions were in place during this Mass.

On the last Sunday in October, the St. Pope John Paul II Polish School in Lemont celebrated the Polish Pontiff's feast day with Holy Mass.



St. Pope John Paul II Polish School participated in the celebration in Lemont

PRCUA would like to acknowledge the milestones of several employees: Bogusława Chrzanowska and Mark Sorbi (20 years); Anna Grabowski, Mary Jane Cypura, and Madia Robles (15 years); Michael Perzynski (10 years); and Carlos Escobar (5 years). These employees were honored among the rest of the staff at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on October 29, 2020. On behalf of President James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastryk, and myself, thank you to all our employees for your dedication and drive to make the PRCUA running like a well-oiled machine. Congratulations to the award recipients and special thanks to the committee (Julie Prado, Anna Grabowski, Inna Parasych, and Natalia Hofmann).

While on the subject of employees, effective immediately, the interim Fraternal Department Coordinator will be Conrad Wiecek (conrad-wiecek@prcu.org/773-782-2601). Mateusz Bomba will be moving to his new position in the New Business Department. Permit me to take this opportunity to congratulate Mateusz Bomba on a job well-done as the Fraternal Department Coordinator and wish him the best of luck in his new position in the PRCUA New Business Department. Mateusz's PRCUA email and phone number remain the same. Thanks Conrad for always being there for PRCUA and me.

Our sincere condolences to National Director (D-9) Elizabeth Sadus on the sudden passing of her mother, Rita, on October 19. A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she will be greatly missed (cont. on next page)

by not only her family, but many friends. See p. 17 for obituary and photo. As All Saints Day draw nears, let us remember Rita and all our dearly beloved who now look down upon us from heaven. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

To those who exercise cautious optimism and are “open for business”, such as the Polish language schools subsidized by PRCUA and several PRCUA dance groups, please stay vigilant and safe. To those who are unable to resume classes, take heart – your normal schedules will return when the time is right – you are not alone. This mindset is a lesson for all – do what you can by following the mandates and be safe and

sensible. On my way to work, a road side reads: “A mask, like a seat belt, only works if you wear it.” (Rogalin Dancers, I love the Polish folk mask you gifted me. Serdecznie dziękuję.)



Modeling a Polish folkstyle face mask

November also marks the birthdays of many lovely ladies in the PRCUA including our *Naród Polski* Editor Lidia Kowalewicz (11/16), Graphic Artist Lisa Terlecki (11/21), Audit Department Associate Danuta Czajkowska; former First Lady Joann Ozog (11/17) and former Editor Kathryn Rosypal Romani (11/22). Together with the PRCUA Marketing and Fraternal Departments, Joann and Kathryn compiled a new publication, “History of the PRCUA Schools” which was two years in the making. The book has gone to print and will be available for distribution soon. Thank you all for making this book a reality. Happy birthday and STO LAT to you and all those November born!

We are all suffering from “covid” fatigue, political burnout, etc., but we cannot give up! Do what

ever you need to do to keep your spirits up – rest when tired, exercise to stay limber and maintain circulation, eat healthy, be patient, take all necessary precautions, and pray that a cure will be found sooner than later for this virus. In light of it all, we have so much to be thankful for and however you celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember to thank God every day for the joys in your life.



Fraternal Recipe Corner

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Leaf Shaped Cookies

1 egg, 1 teaspoon water, ready to bake pie crust, mini chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, raw sugar, flour to sprinkle on the work surface.

Heat the oven to 375°F. Whisk one egg with a teaspoon of water and set it aside. On a floured surface, roll out a prepared pie crust so it's about 1/8-inch thick. Use a large leaf-shaped cookie cutter (about 4 1/2-inches wide) to make as many dough leaf pairs as possible. Place about 4 teaspoons of mini chocolate chips and peanut butter chips on half of the leaves, leaving a 1/2-inch margin at the edge. Brush egg wash onto the edges, put another leaf on top, of each one, and press the edges to seal. Brush the tops with egg wash and sprinkle them generously with raw sugar. Bake the leaves on a parchment-covered cookie sheet until their edges are just beginning to brown, about 12 minutes. Let them rest on the sheet a few minutes before moving them to a cooling rack.

Pumpkin Cake

2 1/2 cups flour; 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon; 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger; 1/2 teaspoon ground

nutmeg; 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves; 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 1/5 cups sugar; 2 large eggs (room temperature); 1 stick of butter (room temperature), 1 whole dark chocolate bar (melted), 1 cup pumpkin puree, 1/2 cup chopped nuts.

Place sugar, eggs and butter in a mixing bowl, beat with the mixer until fluffy. Add the pumpkin puree and mix it thoroughly. In another bowl, combine all dry ingredients and mix with a kitchen whisk. Add gradually to the mixing bowl and mix together. Place half of the dough in a different bowl, add melted chocolate and nuts, mix. Grease a spring-form pan with butter and sprinkle with breadcrumbs or flour. Using a tablespoon, place pumpkin and pumpkin-chocolate doughs alternately in the form. Put the form in a preheated to 350°F oven, and bake for 50 minutes. Check the center of the cake is baked with a wooden stick.

Roasted Turkey

1 whole turkey (10-11 lbs.) completely thawed, 2 sticks butter (room temperature), 4 cloves garlic, 2 large sour apples, a handful of dried

prunes, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 spoon dried rosemary, salt and pepper.

Marinade: 1 1/3 gallons cold water, 5 tablespoons salt, 10 whole allspice, 10 bay leaves, 2 whole garlic heads (peeled and sliced), 2 tablespoons peppercorns.

Prepare the marinade: Place the spices and garlic in a pot filled with water, bring to boil. Boil on low for about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Place the turkey in a large pot, pour the marinade over the turkey to cover it completely. Cover the pot with a lid and set aside in a cool place for at least 24 hours.

Squeeze the garlic cloves through the garlic press, and mix it with the butter (set about 3 tablespoons aside). Rub the turkey with salt and pepper, and grease it with the butter outside and inside.

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Peel and slice the apples. Cut the prunes into smaller pieces. Add remaining butter, cumin and rosemary, season with salt and pepper, mix together. Fill the turkey with the mixture. Place in a roasting pan that is at least 2 inches longer and wider than the bird. Cover turkey loosely with a tent of heavy-duty aluminum foil. (Remove the foil cover after about 1 to 1 1/2 hours of cooking to brown the skin.)

Roast the turkey at 325°F for about 3 - 3 1/2 hrs. Every half an hour or so, baste it with the juices that form on the bottom of the pan. Turkey is done if the internal tempera-

ture registers 165°F. Allow turkey to set 20 minutes before carving.

Quick Salad

1 small package mixed greens salad; 1/4 cup mixed pecans and dried cranberries; 1/2 cup feta cheese; 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar; 1 tablespoon olive oil, pepper.

Place the salad mix into a large bowl. Add a mixture of nuts and cranberries. Crumble the feta cheese on top of the salad. Combine balsamic cream with olive oil, add pepper to taste and sprinkle the salad with the dressing.

Cranberry Sauce

1/2 cup sugar; 1 cup water; 2 cups fresh cranberries; 1 (3 oz.) package raspberry flavored gelatin; 1 (20 oz.) can pineapple tidbits, undrained.

Combine sugar and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Add cranberries and bring to boil. Boil 5 to 10 minutes or until cranberry skins pop. Remove from heat. Add gelatin, stirring 2 minutes, or until gelatin dissolves. Stir in pineapple. Cover and chill for 8 hours.

Pineapple-Berry Relish

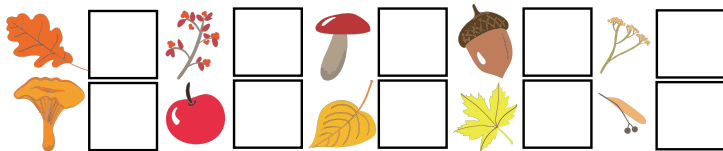
1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple; 2 (16 oz.) cans whole cranberry sauce; 1 (16 oz.) package frozen whole strawberries, thawed and drained; 1/2 cup chopped walnuts.

Mix all ingredients and chill. Serve with turkey or ham.

Kids Activity Page!



1. Find and count autumn objects.



3. Cross out the Thanksgiving words (left to right; up and down) from the puzzle.



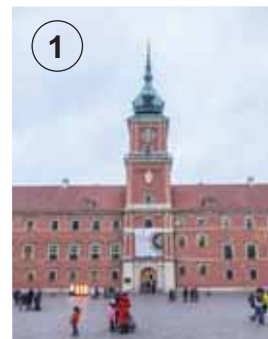
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2. Color the picture in honor of Veterans Day.



4. Can you name the cities/towns in Poland where these four pictures were taken?



POLKATOFEST IN WYANDOTTE

By Stanley Pasko

With all the Covid-19 restrictions in place this year, we had to come up with something to help our society safely see one another and kick off Polish Heritage Month in style. So, with the help of a couple sponsors, EW SMITH Insurance – Thursday Night Ball Players, and the Rogalin Dance Troupe, we were able to secure a large tent to cover the front parking lot and our Polkatoberfest weekend began.

Friday night, a few brave souls, braved the chilly weather and we watched a movie on the large outdoor screen. It was voted that *Stripes* and *Animal House* were the two to be shown, but with the chilly weather we moved into the lounge after one movie.

On Saturday, The PRCU 162 Jam Band (John Zelasko Sr., John Zelasko Jr., Matt Gury, Stas’ Oshanski and Eddie Siwec) provided some Polish music to everyone under the big tent.

We were able to socially distance everyone and provide some dancing room. Mike Halberstadt (lounge manager) made sure beverages were available outdoors as well as in the lounge and we served hot dogs, kielbasa dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate (with a little kick) and some homemade apple pie. With everything going on with indoor gathering restrictions, this outdoor event was a great opportunity to see everyone and enjoy some Polka music.

On Sunday, the Rogalin Dance Troupe hosted their 2020 dance recital (which was canceled last April due to the Covid pandemic). Kudos to Lisa Brandt and Janet Vilag for pulling the troupe together for a much needed performance. It was enjoyed by a great number of fans and a pleasure to see all the dancers perform!

Looking forward to the next Polkatoberfest Weekend!



See more Polkatoberfest photos in the digital version of the Naród Polski

POLKATOBERFEST IN WYANDOTTE - PHOTO GALLERY





A CELEBRATION OF ANOTHER YEAR IN THE PRCUA HISTORY



2020 is a year that will go down in the history of mankind as one of the most economically difficult times of the new millennium.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America sustained its operation throughout many challenging times in history: the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world - the Great Depression (1929-1941); the two most devastating wars - World War I (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-1945); and other struggles. This is due to the many leaders of our organization, who have taken the appropriate measures to preserve the PRCUA and its membership, and our faithful members, who joined the organization or kept their membership in force.

This year, due to COVID-19, the PRCUA Home Office is operating on a modified schedule until further notice, and is closed to the public. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the activities of all PRCUA societies and schools. Most of the PRCUA events have been cancelled until the end of the year. PRCUA affiliated dance and language schools were closed for several months. Some schools were finally able to resume their classes in October, and some societies in Michigan were able to organize a few events.

As a result of the many restrictions, it was unfortunately impossible to properly celebrate the 147th anniversary of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America this year.

To recognize this jubilee, the PRCUA Executive Officers coordinated a small celebration on October 2 (the day before our fraternal's birthday anniversary on October 3rd.)

Because of the pandemic, neither the Executive Officers nor the other employees celebrated their birthdays with traditional treats and collective singing of Happy Birthday and Sto Lat these last few months. Therefore, the Officers decided to combine the PRCUA's 147th anniversary celebration with a birthday bash for the PRCUA Home Office employees and the Polish Museum of America employees.

All employees were treated to lunch and each of them received an individual cupcake with a candle, small gifts (including PRCUA face masks), and gifts from the PMA.

Vice President Micheline Jaminski presented President James Robaczewski with a belated birthday gift - a personalized custom-made James Robaczewski bobble head doll, which he enjoyed very much.

While we regret that all celebrations have to be cancelled or rescheduled, we hope that our wishes for the pandemic to end and for our lives to return to normal will be granted.

In the meantime, we are thankful that the PRCUA is still serving our members and conducting business as usual, and we are looking forward to the future anniversaries, especially the momentous 150th jubilee of the PRCUA, which is slowly approaching in 2023.



2021 PRCUA CALENDAR

The 2021 PRCUA calendar is here! It is available free of charge to PRCUA members. Members can order the calendars by calling the Marketing Department at 773-782-2630. Orders can also be placed by emailing the following: marketing@prcu.org.

We hope you will enjoy this colorful, beautifully designed 2021 calendar. Order while supplies last!



Higher Perspectives



By Rev. Canon
Walter J. Ptak
National Chaplain,
PRCUA

Dobry Jezu, a Nasz Panie...

The month of November is a time for us to reflect on our own mortality as we pray in earnest for all of our beloved deceased. This month begins with two days devoted to the reality of eternal Life; the Feast of All Saints Day on November 1st and the Commemoration of All Souls on November 2nd. These two days set the tone for the entire month as we are reminded by the Church to prepare ourselves for eternal life. All Saints is a day when we celebrate all those who live with God, while All Souls is a day we pray for those who have not yet reached the fullness of His kingdom and await full redemption in purgatory.

In our Polish tradition, these two days are celebrated with great solemnity. One of the most popular customs in Poland and in many areas where there is a large Polonia is the visit to the grave on the eve of All Souls Day. On this day, graves are covered with flowers and candles as family members return to the cemetery to pray for their "Beloved Loved Ones." In Poland, many travel great distances to return to the cemetery where mom and dad or busia and dziadek are buried. Once the sun sets, the cemeteries in Poland and in some areas of Polonia appear to be on fire as thousands of vigil lights burn brightly in the cold autumn night, keeping vigil at the graves of the loved ones interred within its boundaries. After the cemetery visit, family members return home to share a meal and recall the lives of these family members who have been called home. It is in every sense of the word, a 'Family Day.'

On All Souls Day, Polish parishes throughout the world celebrate this day with Masses for the dead and a special remembrance service, usually after the evening Mass, where the names of the dead are read and prayers for the happy repose of their souls are prayed. This custom is known as "Wypominki." During this prayer service, it is also a custom in many places to walk in processions to five locations within the church to pray for different groups of people as prayers are chanted for their eternal repose.

I remember, as a young boy in the 1960s, going with my dad to the evening Mass on All Souls Day. The church had a different feel to it on that night as the catafalque was set up in the middle isle of the church, adorned with flowers and candles, and the first pews were roped off in memory of the departed parishioners who once filled those pews. The smell of incense filled the air and the reading of the names along with the haunting melody of *Dobry Jezu* and *Witaj Królowo Nieba* was sung by the choir and the faithful gathered in church. The priest in his black cope and biretta and the tolling of the church bell, rounded out the serious and solemn nature of this evening.

As we begin this month of November and before we get carried away with the Christmas season, I hope my reflections on these 'Days of the Dead' will help you to better understand this month dedicated to All Souls. Our prayers for the dead are the last act of kindness we can offer them and will never be forgotten when these souls reach the fullness of glory in the Heavenly Kingdom! *Wieczny odpoczynek racz im dać, Panie...* Eternal life grant on to them, o Lord... may they rest in peace, amen.

If there is a topic you would like me to address in this column, please contact me at walter-ptak@prcu.org; I would be happy to hear from you.

JÓZEF PIŁSUDSKI

By Mark Sorbi

Józef Piłsudski was born on December 5, 1867, in his family's manor near the village of Zalavas in what is today Lithuania. His family considered themselves to be culturally and politically Polish-Lithuanian and resented the Russian occupation and Russification of their homeland. From an early age, Piłsudski was educated in Polish culture and history by his mother Maria. His father, Józef, fought in the January 1863 uprising to end Russian occupation of Poland and Lithuania.

Piłsudski attended the Russian gymnasium (school) in Vilnius, where he developed a deep aversion to the Russian Empire and Russian culture. Then, while attending university, he became politically involved in student demonstrations, for which he was suspended.

In 1887, he was sentenced to five years exile in Siberia for minor involvement with Vilnius socialists plotting to assassinate tsar Alexander III. While in Siberia, he met many *Sybiraks* (Polish political prisoners), his time in Siberia made him even more politically radical.

When Piłsudski returned to Poland, he joined the Polish Socialist Party (PPS), and sided with the party's radical wing. He believed that socialist ideology needed to merge with nationalism and that Poland's independence would be won militarily. Piłsudski and his supporters in the revolutionary faction of the Socialist Party began plotting revolution against Tsarist Russia in order to secure Polish independence. He formed a paramilitary unit *bojówki* (the combat organization of the Polish Socialist Party) that began armed resistance. The unit would target spies and informers, open fire on Russian police and military at political demonstrations, and use bombs to assassinate Russian officials.

Piłsudski anticipated that a new major war was coming that would bring down the Russian and Central Powers. He saw a need to form the nucleus of a future Polish Army. He convinced the Austrian authorities to start a military school in Kraków in



Marshal Józef Piłsudski

order to train paramilitary units which later become the Polish Legions. When World War I began in 1914, Piłsudski's legions fought with Austrian-Hungarian forces against Russia. Then in 1917, with Russia on the verge of revolution, Piłsudski refused to take the oath of allegiance and obedience to Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. He was imprisoned by the Germans in Magdeburg.

In 1918, as the Central Powers began collapsing, the last German-backed Provisional Government of Poland handed control of Poland over to Piłsudski. From November 1918, when Poland regained its independence until 1922, he was Poland's chief of state. From 1919 to 1921, he commanded the Polish forces defending Poland during the Polish-Soviet War. In 1923, when his political opponents took control of the government, Piłsudski retired from politics. Then, in 1926, he returned to power with a coup d'état as Poland's leader, a position he held until his death on May 12, 1935.

Józef Piłsudski considered himself the defender of the culture and traditions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. He believed in a multi ethnic Poland, "a home of nations" including ethnic and religious minorities. He held great power in Polish politics and was a distinguished figure on the international scene, and he hoped to establish a strong union with Lithuania and Ukraine in order to strengthen Poland's position in Europe. Józef Piłsudski truly was the "Father of the Second Polish Republic."



POLAND 1939: THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II

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Poland 1939: The Outbreak of World War II. Roger Moorhouse. Basic Books. New York, New York, 2020. 408 pp. \$32.00.

If asked when World War II began, most readers of *Naród Polski* would answer correctly, “September 1, 1939” and they would be shocked to learn that many Americans might regard December 7, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, as the beginning of the War. Russians might cite June 22, 1941, when Nazi Germany attacked the Soviet Union, as the correct answer. Many citizens of Britain and France might view May 1940, when their countries finally responded with serious military action to Nazi German aggression as an appropriate response.

Such confusion has led to scholarly and popular neglect of the true opening of the most devastating war in human history. In general history books, the German and Soviet invasions of Poland are almost ignored. Even in histories of World War II, the invasions are frequently passed over in a paragraph or two. Furthermore, the treatments offered often do little more than reflect Nazi German or Soviet propaganda of the opening battles of the war. In the words of Norman Davies, one of the leading scholars of Polish history, “The legends of the September Campaign are better known than the facts.” (*God’s Playground: A History of Poland*, Volume II, 438).

In *Poland 1939: The Outbreak of World War II*, Roger Moorhouse has done much more than separate fact from fiction and from propaganda. He has written a scholarly history of the September Campaign, which is

now the standard on the subject, certainly in the English-speaking world, and which is eminently readable.

The book is generally organized chronologically—the prologue opening on the evening of August 31, 1939, with the mock Polish attack on a German radio station in Silesia staged by Nazi officials who then shot the prisoners whom they had recruited for the attack and had dressed in Polish military uniforms. The last chapter concludes with October 6, 1939, when Brigadier General Franciszek Kleeberg surrendered the last regular Polish units at Kock, thus officially ending the September Campaign, but not Polish resistance abroad and at home.

One of the primary focuses of *Poland 1939* is the defense waged by the Poles against two invaders: Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union (Moorhouse prominently discusses the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and includes details of the Soviet invasion of Poland on September 17). This feature of the book carries detailed accounts of both well-known battles like the defense of Westerplatte and the siege of Warsaw, and an amazing array of lesser known defensive engagements such as Brest, Białystok, and those along the Narew River. The battle accounts feature well researched reports of the military units involved, armaments, and the numbers of casualties for both sides. However, the accounts also provide a more personal dimension by including comments from the memoirs, diaries, and military reports of commanders, combatants, and civilian observers or victims.

The accuracy and detail of the military engagements put a lie to both the German and Soviet propaganda accounts of the September Campaign—on the one hand, that the invasion was a quick and easy victory for Nazi Germany and, on the other, that the Soviets came to

protect minority communities or even as allies of the Pole—legends which, amazingly, are still accepted by many, even on the Allied side.

Moorhouse also reminds readers that the Poles deferred to their English and French allies and rescinded the mobilization order of their armed forces lest mobilization antagonize Hitler and that, according to the defense agreement with the same allies, Poland was only to hold the German forces for two weeks in order to allow France and England to initiate a major attack on Germany across the Rhine—a counterattack which never occurred but which would have been a disaster for Germany and would likely have shortened the bloodiest war in human history. As Norman Davies comments in another study, “In this light, its [the Polish army’s] performance can be seen to be more creditable than that of the combined British and French armies when they, too, faced their baptism of fire in May 1940.” (*God’s Playground: A History of Poland*, Volume II, 438).

Along with the story of the land engagements and political reports of the September Campaign, Moorhouse repeatedly documents the unprecedented bombing of Polish civilian targets of no military value, the strafing of Polish refugees, the murder by Nazi and Soviet forces of Polish prisoners of war and of Polish civilians, and the deportation of soldiers and civilians in the name of pacification—a clear signal of the brutal occupation of Poland for the next five years and a forecast of future atrocities in the war.

Throughout *Poland 1939*, Moorhouse writes with the narrative skill of an accomplished novelist, the tenacity of an embedded war correspondent, and the authority of an established and recognized scholar. In the conclusion of the book, he restates his goal:

As the opening campaign of the Second World War—which cost some 200,000 [Polish] lives and contained all the wicked hallmarks of the later conflict—it [the September Campaign] surely warrants our attention and understanding, rather than being passed over in a couple of paragraphs, or remaining still mired in the mythologies and propaganda battles of the vilest totalitarians of the twentieth century. Most of all, it is a story from which the voices of its primary victims—the Poles themselves—have been excluded for far too long. One hopes that this book might begin the process of restoring them to their own narrative. (320)

Moorhouse has not only begun the process of restoring a voice to the Poles; he has written “the standard work on the subject for years to come.” (Andrew Roberts).

This book belongs in all public and academic libraries and in the libraries of all students of World War II; readers of *Naród Polski* especially bear an obligation to be certain that *Poland 1939: The Outbreak of World War II* finds its way into those libraries (most public and academic libraries are pleased to receive acquisition requests). To fail to promote the book is to allow the Polish voices of the September Campaign to fall silent yet again.

CORRECTION:

The article on the front page in the October issue of the *Naród Polski* contained incorrect information. We apologize for this error.

The incorrect paragraph stated: “Not only has the PRCUA donated large sums of money to build many churches and schools in the Polish American community in cities like Chicago, Detroit, and Buffalo, but in 1935, the PRCUA—under the leadership of President Joseph Kania—also founded the first Polish ethnic museum and archives in America, known today as The Polish Museum of America.”

While PRCUA President Joseph Kania played the leading role in the establishment of the Polish ethnic museum and archives, known today as The Polish Museum of America, the first Polish Library and a National Museum was founded in Chicago by Henryk Kałusowski in 1891. Its collections, which were moved to the PNA College in Cambridge Springs, PA in 1912, were almost completely burnt in a building fire in 1931. After that disastrous event, the Polish community in America began efforts to create a new facility that could collect historical relics and promote Polish culture.

A FAMILY'S LOVE

By Kelly Malinowski



Cole Alan Galanty

There’s no denying the excitement that is generated by the mere presence of a newborn baby. Just exactly what is it that puts us in that “giddy” mode? For each one of us, it is something different; from the sheer cuteness of a tiny person wiggling in our arms to the smell of a newborn baby’s head.

In the Galanty family, it’s a new victim! Anyone who knows the Galantys knows of their gregarious pranking antics. There is no mercy during family gatherings. Over the last 5 minutes of a zoom conference call on Easter Sunday, 2020, the family learned that there would be a new addition in late August. On August 27, 2020, the Galanty family welcomed Cole Alan to the fold. And so, the pranking began! Al-

though not funny at the time, the cute little angel put his mother Amanda through 23 hours of labor. Cole was born at 4:41 p.m. (just in time for dinner) with a full head of hair, weighing 8.52 lbs and a whopping 21.5 inches long. Cole took the helm as the head of the Galanty family’s **fourth generation!**

The first generation of Galantys in America was established in 1909 when Florian Galanty traveled aboard the SS *König Albert*, from Galicia (Polish-administered autonomous crownland under Austro-Hungarian Empire). Two years later in 1911, his soon-to-be bride, Katarzyna Pilch, traveled aboard the SS *Lapland* from Wysoka (Galicia) at the age of 18.

Cole is the firstborn to parents Joseph and Amanda Galanty of South Lyon, MI, the first grandchild to Alan and Diane Galanty of Plymouth, MI, and Chet and Debbie Best of Benton, Arkansas; great-grandson to Robert Hissom of Plymouth, MI and would have been the first great-grandchild to the late Shirley and Joseph Galanty of Dearborn Heights, MI. The Galanty family is PRCUA proud!

Cole has yet to meet his extended aunts, uncles and numerous cousins on both sides of the family due to the Coronavirus. He has, however, been privileged to physically meet his great grandfather, grandparents from both sides, uncle Robby and cousin Holly.

Cole takes delight in changing his looks every week. As of this writing, he looks like his mother and his grandpa Chet. The week before, he resembled his father and the Galanty side of the family. But there’s no de-

nying his big beautiful blue eyes come from his Busia Diane and his cheerful smile from his grandmother Debbie! Cole is already the apple of his parents’ eye and enjoys being cuddled by his mother and receiving mohawk hairdos from his father. While Cole loves to take baths, it seems that GPAL (grandpa Al) has an absolute calming effect on him as he enjoys accompanying GPAL on his daily walks in his beautiful wooded backyard.

While some might take pity on Cole that father Joey is flaunting a mohawk hairdo on his son’s head everywhere they go, it is only tough

love. The holidays are around the corner and, God willing, he’ll have to be prepared for what the rest of the family will dish out to him! The wheels are already spinning. Cole’s mother, Amanda, states Cole is not only a blessing but a GREAT baby and will rise to the challenge of meeting the rest of the family. Rest assured, besides all the fun and games behind the family’s antics, Cole will be loved and will enjoy being a part of our large family and our rich Polish heritage.

With much love we welcome Cole Alan to the Galanty and Best families. You’ve made us all proud!



Speedy Recovery!

PRCUA extends get-well wishes to PRCUA District #6 Director Mitchell Bienia, who is recuperating after a recent injury. We wish Mr. Bienia a quick recovery.

DEARLY DEPARTED
PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Balazy, Rev. Edwin	162	MI	Mattes, Thomas	1493	MI
Carle, Marlyn	237	PA	Matthews, Dolores	162	MI
Cena, Stephen	1027	CA	Muter, Sophie E.	718	MI
Crongeyer, Robert G.	1111	MI	Nowicki, Helen	1593	MI
Czapski, Richard	1585	MI	Ozog, Francis G.	531	PA
Domenico, Philip. J. JR	1451	IL	Palewski, Ronald W.	2320	IL
Drozd, Stanley Cyril	597	CT	Panici, Lewis J.	78	MI
Ejzak, Eileen	237	PA	Pawloski, Mary	2319	PA
Garley, Jacqueline	162	CA	Petrask, Helen O.	111	NY
Gebauer, Patricia M.	1415	IL	Pianka, Edward	540	NY
Janczak, Florain	994	IL	Price, Chad Matthew	2108	OH
Januszewski, Gerald P.	2159	OH	Pszczola, Helen	353	NY
Jaskulski, Nicky G.	2159	FL	Radwan, Richard	540	TX
Karka, Harold E.	463	NY	Sessler, Barbara	407	IL
Karka, Mary M.	463	NY	Smith, Robert F.	2015	PA
Krasuski, Stanley	854	PA	Sobota, John E.	1593	OH
Krawczyk, Thomas P.	111	FL	Szymanski, Elizabeth	261	MI
Kucal, Anna	896	RI	Woloszyn, Michael	865	PA
Litwinczuk, Marianna	2109	OH	Zabilla, Leonard	893	MN
Logan, Kathryn	2003	PA	Zakowski, Albin	1202	WI
Machura, Bernard	1598	AZ	Zell, Janice Marie	850	IN
Markiewicz, Bernice V.	1268	NH			



Cole with his parents Joseph and Amanda



Three generations

Deepest Condolences



PRCUA expresses sincere condolences to PRCUA District #9 Director Elizabeth Sadus on the loss of her mother, Rita Sadus, who passed away on Monday, October 19. May she rest in eternal peace. We pray the love of God enfolds the entire Sadus family during this journey of grief.



RITA M. SADUS



Rita M. Sadus (nee Jakubowski) age 77, a long time resident of Chicago Heights, IL passed away on October 19, 2020.

Loving wife of 47 years to Eugene, beloved mother to Geno (Jennifer) Sadus and Elizabeth Sadus, beautiful Busia to

Steven, Allison and Anthony Sadus, dear sister to Irene Jakubowski. Preceded in death by her parents Walter and Bernice (née Noga) Jakubowski.

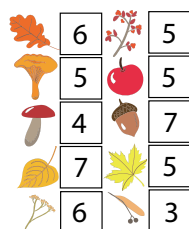
Rita was a member of the Chicago Heights Wadowice Polish Sister Cities Committee, PNA Lodge 59, Polish Falcons Nest 42, Polish American Community Fair (PACF) and a proud supporter of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. Rita will be missed by everyone who knew her.

The funeral service took place on Saturday, October 24, 2020 in Chicago Heights, IL, followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Calumet City, IL.

Please remember the Sadus family in your prayers.

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 12:

1. Find and count:



3. Cross out Thanksgiving words:

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4. Can you name the cities:

1. Warszawa/ Warsaw;
2. Kraków/Cracow;
3. Gdańsk;
4. Malbork

THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS...

A PERSONALIZED GIFT OF POLISH HERITAGE!



A family name is a priceless, personal possession, but have you ever wondered what your Polish surname means and whether a noble coat of arms goes with it? Don't you think such information is worth passing down to your younger generation?

A custom-researched surname analysis will acquaint you, your children and/or grandkids with the meaning of your Polish family name, explain how it originated, how many people use it, where they are from and whether a coat of arms goes with it. If one is found, the story behind it will be explained.

You will also get a useful genealogical contact chart which will put you in touch with English-speaking Polish genealogical researchers who can help you track down your family

records in Poland, draw up a family tree, photograph and/or videotape ancestral homesteads and graves and possibly even turn up long-lost relations.

For a custom-researched analysis of your surname or surnames, please airmail a \$19 personal or certified bank (cashier's) check or money order (adding \$15 for each additional surname you wish to have researched) to Polonia's long-standing Warsaw correspondent and onomastician (name researcher): Robert Strybel, ul. Kaniowska 24, 01-529 Warsaw, Poland.

Please include your email address if you want results sent electronically.

For more information on this service, please contact strybel@interia.pl or research60@gmail.com

POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA NEWS

As the pandemic keeps the doors of the Polish Museum of America closed to the public, a brand new series of short films has been created for all to enjoy and experience from the comforts of home. These enchanting shorts showcase the wonders and unique arts and artifacts held in the PMA collections. They also present rich histories – not only of the PMA, but also of Polonia, as well as the strong foundations laid by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America as the founder of the PMA. PRCUA Vice President and PMA Vice Chair Micheline Jaminski takes viewers on a now almost mythical stroll on the creation of our

shared museum.

Made possible through a major grant from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland, each film is available free online. Our YouTube channel: Polish Museum of America has them under the name *Produced by The Polish Museum of America*. You can also view the movies on our website www.polishmuseumofamerica.org and on Facebook, etc.

You are warmly invited to view each film, and we hope that soon, you will be able to visit the PMA in person.

Teresa Sromek
Malgorzata Kot



PRCU Vice President Micheline Jaminski presentation of the PRCUA's contribution to the creation of the museum



*The Polish Museum Of America Presents its
Virtual 40th Gala
November 7th, 2020 at 6 p.m.*

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we will stream our Gala virtually

This year's program will include:

Music by the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra

Spirit Award recipients for 2020:

Holy Trinity Polish Mission accepted by Pastor Andrzej Totzke

Izabela J. Roman, M.D., Ph.D.

Our Mistress of Ceremony, Madga Walczak, will guide you through videos of the Polish Museum of America, ballroom dance performance by the Interclub Academy of Dance, plus more.

Your support during this unprecedented time is greatly appreciated!

Please log on to our website to make a donation.

Log into polishmuseumofamerica.org – Nov 7th at 6 p.m.

Robert Strybel,
Warsaw Correspondent

“Hidden Poland” film reveals little-known treasures - The Polish National Foundation has recently released a documentary to promote Poland worldwide. Titled “Hidden Poland – *Ukryta Polska*”, it is hosted by CBS News travel and tourism specialist Peter Greenberg. “It reveals special and exceptional places in Poland - hidden treasures that cannot be found in tourist guidebooks,” Foundation spokesman Temistokles Brodowski explained. The documentary was filmed in Białowieża Primeval Forest, the Karkonosze and Tatra Mountains, the Mazurian Lake District and along the Baltic Sea as well as in the cities of Warsaw and Łódź. “Footage comparable to that of BBC or National Geographic programs presents an extraordinary visual experience,” Brodowski added. “The protagonists of the film are not only the natural objects, but also people of exceptional interests and passions – athletes, artists and pilots. They are the real hidden treasure of Poland.” The Polish and U.S. premieres of the hour-long special took place several days apart.

European Council adopts Polish aid plan for Belarus - “I’m very pleased to announce that after a very long debate, the European Council approved the economic plan for a democratic Belarus that we submitted,” Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki announced. Ever since massive protests erupted east of the border against allegedly fraudulent presidential elections, Poland has been at the forefront defending the freedom of the Belarusian people. The plan for Belarus is a stabilization package including financial incentives, economic support and investments in infrastructure. Warsaw has also provided scholarships for Belarusian students to study in Poland, simplified visa procedures for Belarusian citizens and beamed objective news to that country via Belsat TV. Belarusian dictator Aleksandr Lukashenko, who has ruled the country unopposed for 26 years, claims to have been reelected this past August by 80% of voters.

Home e-dining on the rise in Poland - Many people’s busy schedules and the constraints of a world locked in a pandemic have been a boon to the e-ordered home-delivery market. Once largely limited to pizza places, now more and more restaurants are increasing their business by offering home-delivered meals. The biggest food-delivery company is pyszne.pl (in Polish “pyszne” = delicious) In 2015, the entire online food-service market did a business of less than \$5,300, but already last year pyszne.pl alone scored a growth of 185%. Pyszne.pl co-founder and managing director Arkadiusz Krupicz says restaurants can expect to take in up to \$21,000 more a month by teaming up with his company. The current pandemic has done much to popularize home-delivered meals. Within a decade, the number of e-orders is expected to equal that of phoned-in ones.

European Commission lends Poland €1 billion to protect jobs - The European Commission, the European Union’s executive branch, has lent Poland €1 billion (\$1.17 billion) to help protect jobs amid the pandemic. The EC’s German President, Ursula von der Leyen, wrote on Twitter in Polish that Poland received €1 billion thanks to support from the SURE instrument of Coronavirus-related assistance intended to protect jobs and workers. “This is just the start,” she wrote. “Poland will receive a total of €11.2 billion from SURE, which will include financing reduced working time.” Poland, Spain and Italy were the three countries benefiting from this aid package, but the latter two received much larger shares resulting from the scope of their pandemic crisis. The entire SURE budget comes to €87.9 billion of which €27.4 billion is meant for Italy and €21.3 for Spain, the hardest hit countries. All told, Poland can count on €11.2 billion, the equivalent of nearly 52 billion złoty.

Compensation for former anti-communist activists and victims - Although Poland ended communism in 1989, many of those now - elderly activists who helped topple the Soviet-imposed regime - as well as its victims - have languished in poverty

for years. In order to at least partially compensate such individuals, President Andrzej Duda has signed into law a bill awarding a \$639 addition to a monthly pension or disability benefit to former active opponents of the regime and those who were imprisoned, lost their jobs or were otherwise punished financially. Under the new law, former opposition activists will also be entitled to reduced-fare municipal transport and railway tickets.

Former goldmine is tourist attraction - When the pandemic finally subsides and tourism resumes, the former goldmine in Złoty Stok (Gold

Slope), Poland is likely to become a major attraction. Located in Dolny Śląsk Voivodeship near where the borders of Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic converge, the decommissioned mine now offers a tourist trail along which visitors move on foot, travel aboard an underground train and on boats on a subterranean lake. Tourists can also view Poland’s only underground waterfall. From the 10th century until 1961, gold and arsenic were mined at Złoty Stok. In over 700 years, an estimated 16 tons of pure gold had been extracted. At today’s prices, the value of a ton of gold is estimated at nearly \$40 million.

IGA ŚWIĄTEK – POLAND’S NEWEST IDOL

Robert Strybel,
Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW – Iga Świątek made Polish tennis history at this year’s French Open when she captured the singles Grand Slam title at Paris’ renowned red-clay Roland Garros courts. The 19-year-old, who has been around tennis courts since she was four, won in grand style without losing a single set.

Pitted in the final leg of grueling two-week eliminations against American Sofia Kenin, 21, Iga dominated the match from the start after winning three consecutive games. Her rival started catching up, but the Pole quickly rebounded, retained the lead and won 6:4. In the second round, Kenin won the first game, but that only spurred Iga into action, winning 6:1.

After claiming victory, the former Wimbledon junior champion made her way into the stands to celebrate with her team. Well-wishers included her father Tomasz Świątek, a former Olympic rower, her coach Piotr Sierżputowski and sport psychologist Daria Abramowicz.

At a press conference the following day, Iga said her dad had inspired her hard work and determination and taught her to focus on her game rather than mulling possible future victories. Fielding questions from reporters on a Paris rooftop against the backdrop of the Eiffel Tower. Iga said the knowledge that all Poland was rooting for her was

largely responsible for her success.

At the press conference, Iga stated that she was shocked and overwhelmed by the number of congratulatory messages with which she had been bombarded by world tennis greats, experts and countless ordinary fans. She said she didn’t plan to enter any more tournaments this year but did not want to stop training. “We will be preparing for next season, because, after all, popularity is one thing, but work is necessary,” she explained.

The Polish tennis prodigy, who had been world number 54, moved into the 17th slot following her French Open success. She left Paris nearly \$1.9 million richer and can add that prize money to the \$1.1 million she had won on the courts prior to Roland Garros. But Iga still has a long way to go to match the more than \$27 million won by her legendary predecessor Agnieszka Radwańska over a 15-year career, which ended in 2018.

Radwańska, however, never won the prestigious French Open and in 2012, was defeated in the Grand Slam final at Wimbledon by America’s Serena Williams. Back in the 1930s, Jadwiga Jędrzejowska put Poland on the world tennis map and thrice made it to the finals (U.S. Open, Wimbledon and French Open) but never won the singles. She did capture the doubles title, something Świątek cannot repeat this season having been eliminated in the semi-final.

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JÓZEF PIŁSUDSKI

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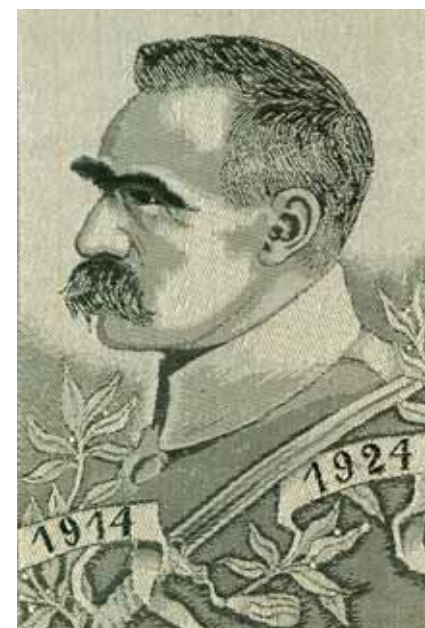
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Józef Piłsudski urodził się 5 grudnia 1867 r. w rodzinnym dworze we wsi Zułowo pod Wilnem. Od najmłodszych lat przepełniony był polską kulturą i historią, którą przekazywała mu matka Maria Piłsudska. Rodzina nie poddawała się rosyjskiej okupacji i przeciwstawiała się rusyfikacji ojczyzny. Jego ojciec Józef Piłsudski walczył w powstaniu styczniowym 1863 r., kiedy to Polacy próbowali odzyskać utraconą wolność.

Młody Piłsudski uczęszczał do rosyjskiego gimnazjum w Wilnie. Tam pogłębiła się jego głęboka niechęć do imperium i kultury rosyjskiej. Będąc na uniwersytecie w Charkowie bardzo zaangażował się w ruch socjalistyczno-rewolucyjny. Uczestniczył w demonstracjach studentów przeciwko władzy rosyjskiej. Skutkiem jego działalności antyrosyjskiej było zawieszenie go w prawach studenta. W 1887 r. został skazany na pięć lat zesłania na Syberię pod zarzutem udziału w zamachu na cara Aleksandra III. Pobyt na Syberii uczynił go jeszcze bardziej radykalnym politycznie.

W 1892 r. powrócił do Polski, a w 1893 r. wstąpił do nowo utworzonej Polskiej Partii Socjalistycznej (PPS) szybko stając się jednym z jej przywódców. Zajął tam radykalne stanowisko. Uważał, że ideologia socjalistyczna musi być połączona z nacjonalizmem, a niepodległość Polski zostanie zdobyta poprzez działania militarne. Piłsudskiego i jego zwolennicy upatrywali ewentualność niepodległego państwa polskiego tylko w wyniku rewolucji skierowanej przeciwko carskiej Rosji. W tym celu utworzono spiskowo-bojowy oddział PPS - Organizację Bojową. Jednostka była skierowana przeciwko szpiegom i informatorom. Atakowała rosyjską policję oraz wojska podczas demonstracji politycznych i podkładała ładunki wybuchowe pod rosyjskie urzędy.

Piłsudski pokładał nadzieje w nadejście nowej wielkiej wojny, która doprowadzi do upadku mocarstw państw zaborczych. Widział potrzebę stworzenia załączka przys-



Portret Piłsudskiego wykonany na jedwabiu
(ze zbiorów Marka Sorbi)

łej Armii Polskiej. W 1904 r. po wybuchu wojny rosyjsko-japońskiej wyjechał do Tokio, gdzie prowadził negocjacje zmierzające do utworzenia legionu polskiego przy armii japońskiej. Wynikiem negocjacji było uzyskanie pomocy przy nabywaniu broni i amunicji dla bojówek.

Z inicjatywy Piłsudskiego powstał w 1908 r. konspiracyjny Związek Walki Czynnej ZWC, mający przygotować walkę zbrojną o wyzwolenie Polski. W 1912 r. ZWC połączył się ze Związkiem Strzeleckim, którego Komendantem został Piłsudski. Przeszkolone jednostki paramilitarne stały się później Legionami Polskimi. Kiedy w 1914 r. wybuchła I Wojna Światowa, legiony Piłsudskiego walczyły z siłami austro-węgierskimi przeciwko Rosji. 22 lipca 1917 r. (dok. na stronie 24)



„Ziuk” - mały Józef Piłsudski (z lewej)
z bratem Bronisławem

UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

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Każdego dnia około 11,000 osób przechodzi na Medicare w USA. Badania pokazują, że aż 67% seniorów chciałoby lepiej zrozumieć zasady jego działania. W dzisiejszym artykule poruszę 6 kluczowych aspektów, o których powinna wiedzieć każda osoba wchodząca lub będąca na Medicare.

1. MEDICARE SKŁADA SIĘ Z RÓŻNYCH CZĘŚCI

Jednym z kłopotliwych faktów odnośnie Medicare jest to, że składa się ono z kilku odrębnych części i każda z nich wiąże się z różnymi zasadami i kosztami. W wielkim skrócie:

- Część A – pokrywa częściowo koszty pobytu w szpitalu i wykwalifikowanej opieki pielęgniarskiej
- Część B – pokrywa częściowo koszty opieki zabiegawczej, wizyt lekarskich i diagnostyki
- Część C – plany typu Medicare Advantage
- Część D – plany zniżkowe na leki na receptę

2. MEDICARE NIE JEST DARMOWE

Wiele osób uważa, że posiadanie Medicare nic nie kosztuje. Niestety nie jest to prawdą. Chociaż Część A jest bezpłatna dla większości użytkowników (spełniających określone warunki), to niestety Części B i D, a także niektóre plany związane z Częścią C pobierają składki miesięczne.

3. MEDICARE NIE OBEJMUJE WSZYSTKIEGO

O ile wiele planów typu Medicare Advantage zapłaci za niektóre usługi dentystyczne, serwisy związane ze wzrokiem i słuchem, o tyle oryginalne Medicare oferuje bardzo ograniczony zakres świadczeń w tych kategoriach.

Generalnie zabiegi dentystyczne pokryte będą tylko wtedy, gdy wiązać się będą z innym leczonym schorzeniem lub gdy egzamin stomatologiczny konieczny jest przed operacją objętą ubezpieczeniem Medicare.

Chociaż oryginalne Medicare zapłaci za leczenie niektórych chorób oczu, takich jak np. jaskra, to nie pokryje ono kosztów badań wzroku ani okularów na receptę (z wyjątkiem egzaminu wzroku zawartego w zestawie testów pakietu „Welcome to Medicare”, przysługującego osobom wchodzącym w Medicare, w ciągu pierwszych 12 miesięcy od wejścia w ten program federalny).

Ponadto Medicare nie pokryje kosztów opieki długo-terminowej pomocy domowej, domu spo-

kojnej starości lub domu opieki, jeśli opieka ta ma charakter opiekuńczy, w przeciwieństwie do zaspokojenia potrzeb czysto medycznych.

4. UBEZPIECZENIE DODATKOWE JEST CZĘSTO KONIECZNOŚCIĄ

Jeśli zarejestrujesz się na program Medicare, przygotuj się na wydanie dodatkowych pieniędzy na pokrycie kosztów Medigap lub innych uzupełnień do Medicare. Medigap nie zapłaci za usługi nieobjęte oryginalnym Medicare, ale pomoże pokryć koszty wydatków, takich jak deductible, co-pays, coinsurance.

5. MASZ WYBÓR

W ramach oryginalnego Medicare masz możliwość wyboru. Możesz wybrać plan zniżkowy na leki na receptę w ramach Części D, który najlepiej i najtaniej pokryje koszty Twoich leków. Jeśli zdecydujesz się na plan typu Medicare Advantage, to możesz porównać opcje planów aktywnych w Twoim powiecie. Sprawdź, który z nich najbardziej odpowiada Twoim potrzebom i pozwala na dostęp do miejsc i świadczeń, których potrzebujesz.

Co więcej, nie wybierasz planu na całe życie. Jeśli nie jesteś zadowolony ze swojego ubezpieczenia, możesz zmienić swój plan co najmniej raz w roku, w trakcie corocznego okresu zapisowego AEP na Medicare, który trwa co roku pomiędzy 15 października a 7 grudnia.

6. NIE JESTEŚ SAM

Nie musisz sam dobierać planu do swoich potrzeb. Na rynku są agenci specjalizujący się w pomocy osobom takim jak Ty.

7. JAK WYBRAĆ DOBREGO AGENTA SPOŚRÓD WIELU NA RYNKU?

Przede wszystkim agent musi działać legalnie, tzn. musi mieć licencje stanowe i certyfikaty federalne oraz najlepiej, aby specjalizował się w planach na zdrowie i życie oraz Medicare. Ogromnym atutem będzie fakt, gdy ma on podpisane kontrakty co najmniej z kilkoma renomowanymi firmami ubezpieczeniowymi. Oznacza to nic innego niż to, że jest przeszkolony i PRZEEGZAMINOWANY z produktów jakie dane firmy oferują na Twoim rynku. Zasada jest prosta: im więcej dużych firm rozpoznawalnych na rynku w portfolio agenta, tym większy obiektywizm. Musi posiadać on również zdolność tłumaczenia planów w sposób zrozumiały dla klienta, co teoretycznie wydaje się oczywiste, ale niestety nie zawsze ma miejsce.

Na marginesie chciałbym tylko dodać, że żaden szanujący się agent nie będzie pobierał dodatkowych opłat za swoje usługi. Tą sprawę podkreślam w każdym wywiadzie, artykule prasowym jak również w informacjach w mediach

społecznościowych.

8. NAUCZ SIĘ MEDICARE

Koszty związane z Medicare będą musiały zostać uwzględnione w każdym budżecie emerytalnym. Opłaca się więc zapoznać z Medicare na długo przed wejściem w ten program federalny. W ten sposób będziesz lepiej przygotowany do oceny swoich oszczędności i dokonywania odpowiednich wyborów finansowych, które nie pozostawiają Cię bez środków finansowych w latach późniejszych.

Pamiętaj, że opieka zdrowotna jest jednym z największych i najważniejszych wydatków, z jakimi borykają się seniorzy, a dobre zrozumienie Medicare pomoże Ci uniknąć podstawowych błędów w korzystaniu z jego świadczeń.

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JÓZEF PIŁSUDSKI (dok. ze str. 23)

Piłsudski odmówił złożenia przysięgi wierności posłuszeństwa cesarzowi Niemiec Wilhelmowi II. Został za to uwięziony w Magdeburgu.

Po uwolnieniu 10 listopada 1918 roku, Piłsudski wrócił do Warszawy. Następnego dnia tymczasowy rząd Polski przekazał mu władzę wojskową i naczelne dowództwo nad siłami zbrojnymi. Piłsudski zajmował stanowisko Naczelnika Państwa przez trzy lata. W latach 1919-1921 dowodził wojskami broniącymi Polski przed najazdem armii bolszewickiej. Po wyborach prezydenckich 14 grudnia 1922 r. złożył władzę Naczelnika Państwa na ręce prezydenta Gabriela Narutowicza. W 1923 r. po powołaniu rządu Wincentego Witosa, wycofał się z oficjalnego życia politycznego i zamieszkał w Sulejówku. Do władzy powrócił w 1926 r. w wyniku zamachu stanu. Utrzymał ją do śmierci w dniu 12 maja 1935 r. Pochowany został na Wawelu, a jego serce złożone zostało w grobie matki w Wilnie.

Podsumowując, Józef Piłsudski w oczach wielu uważany był za obrońcę kultury i tradycji Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów. Wierzył on w wieloetniczną Polskę - „Dom Narodów”, będącą bezpiecznym miejscem dla mniejszości etnicznych i religijnych. Miał wielką władzę w polskiej polityce i był wybitną postacią na arenie międzynarodowej. Liczył na zawiązanie silnej unii z Litwą i Ukrainą w celu wzmocnienia pozycji Polski w Europie. Józef Piłsudski był prawdziwym „Ojcem II Rzeczypospolitej”.

POLSKA SZKOŁA IM. MARII KONOPNICKIEJ

Joanna Niedzielski

Z-ca prezesa P/S im. M. Konopnickiej

Przedstawiając szkołę imienia Marii Konopnickiej, powinniśmy zacząć od samych początków istnienia tej placówki. To długa i piękna historia. Polska szkoła im. Marii Konopnickiej z obecną siedzibą w Oak Lawn, jest jedną z najstarszych placówek oświaty polonijnej działających na południowych przedmieściach. Decyzja o utworzeniu szkoły zrodziła się ponad 45 lat temu, przy parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników w Chicago. Grupa polskich emigrantów podjęła decyzję o chęci kształcenia swoich dzieci poza granicami Polski. Wśród wielu nazwisk można wymienić państwo Dennis, Kiwior, Antkiewicz, Chodon, Skrzypiec, Oćwieja, Rozwadowski, Kos, którzy to należeli do ludzi budujących szkołę Konopnickiej.

Choć początki nie były łatwe, to dzięki pasji tych rodziców, ich głębokiej miłości do ojczystego kraju, przywiązania do tradycji i naszej bogatej polskiej kultury, grupie entuzjastów udało się otworzyć drzwi szkoły w 1974 r., kiedy to po raz pierwszy dzieci zasiadły w ławkach szkolnych. Opiekę edukacyjną nad szkołą objęło Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce.

Pierwszym opiekunem dydaktycznym, czyli dyrektorem szkoły został Kazimierz Tarnas. Następnie długoletnim dyrektorem, z 23-letnim stażem była Stanisława Zielińska. W 1997 roku tą zaszczytną funkcję dyrektora szkoły, przejęła Henryka Jabłońska. Dzięki inicjatywie pani

Henryki w szkole rozpoczęły się zajęcia katechizacji kiedy to wprowadzono lekcje religii. Następnie funkcję dyrektora szkoły objął Stanisław Skubisz. Obecnym dyrektorem szkoły jest Marek Adamczyk.

Szkoła im. Konopnickiej wychowuje i kształci dzieci i młodzież, rozwija się i udoskonala program nauczania, służąc następnym pokoleniom młodych Polaków urodzonych poza granicami Polski. Uczęszczanie do szkoły Konopnickiej to dla wielu tradycja rodzinna, gdyż wśród obecnych uczniów mamy dzieci naszych absolwentów. Jesteśmy z tego dumni i jest to zapewne zasługa wykwalifikowanej kadry, naszych nauczycieli i katechetów. Dzięki doświadczonym pedagogom, uczniowie poznają i zgłębiają tajniki języka polskiego, historii, geografii, kultury i tradycji naszych przodków. Siłą i fundamentem szkoły są wspierający rodzice, którzy przez wiele, wiele lat zapisują swoje dzieci i powierzają wykształcenie szkole Konopnickiej.

Pragnę zauważyć, że historia Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej, nie byłaby tak piękna i owocna gdyby nie wspierały patronat i mecenat ze strony Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce. Dlatego, że to właśnie Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce było ze szkołą związane od samego początku jej istnienia i ta współpraca trwa do dziś. Wielkie ukłony w stronę zarządu Zjednoczenia, za tak wspierającą i długoletnią współpracę z naszą szkołą. Szczególne podziękowanie

chcę skierować do wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński. Pani Misia jest prawdziwą ambasadorką polskości, bardzo ceni sobie kulturę i tradycję naszego kraju, dalekiej Polski. Pani wiceprezes daje wyraz tego poprzez wiele czynów i gestów w stosunku do naszej placówki edukacyjnej. Na przełomie ostatnich lat jesteśmy mile i sympatycznie zaskoczeni otrzymanymi dyplomami - stypendiami w wysokości \$125 dla uczniów, którzy rozpoczną naukę w liceum. Laureaci to Klaudia Szczurek oraz Michał Dobrzyn. Maturzyści natomiast otrzymują kartę - prezent w wysokości \$50. Laureatem i szczególnie okazał się Jan Miazga. Jest to zawsze bardzo miłą atrakcją naszych graduacji a uczniowie są mile zaskoczeni. Bardzo dziękujemy Zjednoczeniu.

Jakże inny mamy ten obecny rok szkolny. Pomimo tak ciężkiego i niepewnego czasu w jakim obecnie przyszło nam żyć, czasu pandemii, po wielu perypetiach, staraniach i długich spotkaniach na platformach

społecznościowych, udało nam się oficjalnie ogłosić rozpoczęcie roku szkolnego. Choć wszystko wygląda zupełnie inaczej, w klasach jest mniej uczniów, wszyscy noszą maseczki, mierzymy temperaturę, przestrzegamy regulacji i wytycznych stanowiących odnośnie dezynfekcji i wszystkich innych zaleceń, to czujemy miłą atmosferę i widzimy błysk i radość w oczach dzieci z ich powrotu do szkoły. Dzięki fantastycznej postawie naszych nauczycieli i katechetów, ich pracy pod uważnym okiem dyrektora, mamy nadzieję na kolejny owocny rok pracy i nauczania naszych milusińskich. Nic nie jest teraz pewne i wiadome więc z radością otwieramy drzwi w każdy następny piątek i oby tak do końca roku szkolnego.

Z powodu opóźnień związanych z pandemią, dopiero w poniedziałek 19 października dokonaliśmy oficjalnego zakończenia - graduacji absolwentów poprzedniego roku szkolnego. Kolejne pokolenie wspierałych młodych (*dok. na str. 26*)



POLSKA SZKOŁA IM. MARII KONOPNICKIEJ (dok. ze str. 25)

Przedstawiając szkołę imienia Marii Konopnickiej, powinniśmy zacząć od samych początków istnienia tej placówki. To długa i piękna historia. Polska szkoła im. Marii Konopnickiej z obecną siedzibą w Oak Lawn, jest jedną z najstarszych placówek oświaty polonijnej działających na południowych przedmieściach. Decyzja o utworzeniu szkoły zrodziła się ponad 45 lat temu, przy parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników w Chicago. Grupa polskich emigrantów podjęła decyzję o chęci kształcenia swoich dzieci poza granicami Polski. Wśród wielu nazwisk można wymienić państwo Dennis, Kiwior, Antkiewicz, Chodon, Skrzypiec, Oćwieja, Rozwadowski, Kos, którzy to należeli do ludzi budujących szkołę Konopnickiej.

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Pierwszym opiekunem dydaktycznym, czyli

LISTOPADOWE ROCZNICE

1 listopada 1705 – król August II Mocny ustanowił Order Orła Białego, który od 1921 jest najwyższym polskim odznaczeniem państwowym. Nadawany jest za znamienite zasługi cywilne i wojskowe dla pożytku Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, położone zarówno w czasie pokoju, jak i w czasie wojny.

18 listopada 1860 – urodził się Ignacy Jan Paderewski - światowej sławy pianista, kompozytor, działacz społeczny, mąż stanu, premier Rzeczypospolitej. Przyczynił się do tego, że w ogłoszonym 8 stycznia 1918 r. orędzie prezydenta USA Thomasa Woodrowa Wilsona do Kongresu znalazł się punkt dotyczący odbudowy niepodległej Polski. 28 czerwca 1919 r. Paderewski w imieniu Polski podpisał traktat wersalski. Zmarł 29 czerwca 1941 roku w Nowym Jorku. W 1992 r. jego prochy zostały sprowadzone do Polski i złożone w archikatedrze św. Jana w Warszawie.

25 listopada 1990 – I tura pierwszych w Polsce wolnych, powszechnych wyborów prezydenckich. Największe poparcie uzyskali w niej: Lech Wałęsa oraz przedsiębiorca z Kanady Stanisław Tymiński. W II turze, która odbyła się 9 grudnia wybrano na prezydenta Lecha Wałęsę.

30 listopada 1655 – król Jan Kazimierz wydał uniwersał opolski, wzywający Polaków do powstania przeciw Szwedom.

JAN PAWEŁ II WIELKI - NA ZAWSZE W PAMIĘCI RODAKÓW W CHICAGO

Dr Jan Jaworski

22) W tym roku obchodzimy 100. rocznicę urodzin Świętego Jana Pawła II, jak też kolejną rocznicę tej radosnej chwili, kiedy 16 października 1978 roku w Watykanie padły słowa "Habemus Papam", a polski kardynał z Krakowa został wybrany papieżem. Była to wiadomość z entuzjazmem witana przez cały naród polski. Wieść ta docierała do wszystkich zakątków świata, a wielu ludzi przypominało sobie, że są polskiego pochodzenia. Nie można uwierzyć, że od tamtej chwili minęło już tyle lat.

W 1979 roku Jan Paweł II odwiedził Stany Zjednoczone i najliczniejszą Polonię na świecie - w Chicago. 5 października 1979 roku na mszy świętej w parafii Pięciu Braci Polaków i Męczenników, gdzie proboszczem był wówczas biskup Alfred Abramowicz, pomocniczy biskup Archidiecezji Chicago, przyjmowano Jana Pawła II z wiarą, miłością, i nieopisaną radością oraz entuzjazmem. Pamiętamy jego piękną homilię na placu kościelnym, gdzie ogarniał całą Polonię amerykańską, doceniając jej życie, trud emigranta, zmagania, cierpienia i cały dorobek umysłu serca i pracy rąk oraz osiągnięcia jednostek, rodzin wspólnot parafialnych. Atmosfery, jaka wówczas panowała wśród 75 tysięcy wiernych, nie są w stanie oddać żadne słowa. Parafia przechowuje do dziś pamiątki z tej wizyty: tron, ołtarz, lichwiarze, kielich, puszkę - wszystkie przedmioty, którymi posługiwał się podczas Mszy świętej. Dla Polonii amerykańskiej to było wielkie przeżycie i często Polonia wraca wspomnieniem do tamtego historycznego spotkania z Namiestnikiem Chrystusa i Następcą Świętego Piotra Apostoła. Święty Jan Paweł II, przybliżył Polskę i Polonię całemu



światu. Takiego właśnie go pamiętamy.

W 41. rocznicę wizyty w Chicago i w parafii Świętych Braci Polaków i Męczenników, została odprawiona uroczysta msza święta w dniu 4 października 2020 roku, sprawowana przez księdza kanonika Tadeusza Dzieszko, proboszcza nowej parafii Św. Faustyny Kowalskiej, z udziałem licznej Polonii na czele z Konsulem R.P. Piotrem Semeniukiem, prezesem Związku Podhalan w Ameryce Józefem Cikowskim, jak też wiceprezesem Polsko-Słowiańskiej Federalnej Unii Kredytowej Robertem Radkowskim, który wręczył celebriansowi bukiet z 41 żółtych róż. Kazanie wygłosił ks. Dzieszko, który przedstawił cały pontyfikat Wielkiego Świętego Papieża i historyczną wizytę wśród Polonii. Przy parafii istnieje komitet Centrum św. Jana Pawła II z prezeską mgr Anielą Bartoszek, która rokrocznie organizuje uroczystość na pamiątkę wizyty św. Jana Pawła II. W 41. rocznicę wizyty i całego pontyfikatu odżyły w nas wspomnienia, myśli i uczucia, które będą nas mobilizować do dobrych czynów i rzeczywistego życia z wiarą, przekazując nowemu pokoleniu Polaków naukę i dziedzictwo Papieża-Polaka.

ANDRZEJKOWE WRÓŻBY

Wyścigi butów - w pokoju, gdzie odbywa się andrzejkowa zabawa, wybieramy start oraz metę. Każdy z uczestników, jeden za drugim, układa swoje buty w stronę mety i rozpoczyna się wyścig. Kiedy skończą się buty, wtedy układamy te z końca kolejki. Tej osobie, której buty pierwsze dotrą do celu, spełni się największe marzenie.

Lanie wosku - to jedna z najpopularniejszych wróżb andrzejkowych. Potrzebne do niej nam będą świece oraz klucz z dużą dziurką (najlepiej stary i niepotrzebny). Z zapalanej świeczki lejemy

wosk przez dziurkę od klucza, prosto do naczynia z zimną wodą. Następnie bierzemy wystudzony kawałek wosku i oświetlam go latarką, aby rzucił cień na ścianę. Formę możemy dowolnie przekreślać. Teraz wszystko zależy już od naszej wyobraźni.

Rzucanie monetą - każdy z uczestników musi pomyśleć życzenie, a następnie wybrać monetę o dowolnym nominale i z wyznaczonego miejsca spróbować trafić do naczynia z wodą. Temu, komu się uda spełni się marzenie.

Kartki z zawodami - na kartkach wpisujemy nazwy różnych zawodów, następnie wrzucamy je do naczynia i urządzamy losowanie. Każdy uczestnik wybiera jedną kartkę i odczytuje swój przyszły zawód.

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W sobotę, 3 października br., w kościele Ojców Karmelitów Bosych w Munster, IN miała miejsce podniosła ceremonia pożegnania zmarłego podporucznika Wacława Wojciechowskiego, weterana II wojny światowej, powstańca warszawskiego, oficera Narodowej Organizacji Wojskowej i Armii Krajowej. W okresie okupacji niemieckiej związanego ze Stronnictwem Narodowym, w czasach PRL działacza antykomunistycznego podziemia.

W czasie Powstania Warszawskiego Wojciechowski był zastępcą dowódcy plutonu specjalnego AK "Tygrysy Woli". Przeszedł morerczy szlak bojowy Wola-Stare Miasto-kanaly-Śródmieście Północ. Rozkazem Komendanta Głównego AK gen. T. Bora-Komorowskiego, za heroizm i odwagę, udekorowany Krzyżem Walecznych i awansowany na stopień podporucznika.

Po upadku powstania przebywał w niewoli niemieckiej do wiosny 1945 r. Po zakończeniu wojny nie zaprzestał walki o suwerenność Polski. W czerwcu 1951 r. nielegalnie przybył do Warszawy jako kurier Stronnictwa Narodowego, gdzie zorganizował siatki wywiadowcze na terenie kraju, a następnie udało mu się wyjechać do Republiki Federalnej Niemiec. W sierpniu 1952 r., podległa mu siatka, została zlikwidowana przez organy bezpieczeństwa PRL. Chociaż on sam uniknął śmierci będąc na emigracji, na jednym z jego braci wykonano

karę śmierci a najbliższa rodzina została skazana na wieloletnie więzienie. Za Wacławem Wojciechowskim rozesłano listy gończe. Dopiero we wrześniu 1991 r. Naczelna Prokuratura Wojskowa w Warszawie umorzyła prowadzone wobec niego śledztwo.

Podporucznik Wojciechowski od 1956 roku do końca swojego życia mieszkał w Stanach Zjednoczonych - w Chicago, gdzie jednak ze względów bezpieczeństwa nie przyznawał się, że jest Polakiem i nie utrzymywał żadnych kontaktów z Polonią. Jego dzieci nie znały języka polskiego. Ten bohater, aby ochronić rodzinę przed zemstą władz PRL, musiał ukrywać swoją bohaterską przeszłość nawet przed własnymi dziećmi. Bardzo poruszający był fakt, że dorosłe dzieci zmarłego dopiero w czasie ceremonii pożegnania, z listów prezydenta Dudy i ministra Błaszczaka dowiedziały się, jakiego wspaniałego i bohaterskiego miały ojca.

Za niezłomną walkę o wolną Polskę prezydent Andrzej Duda przyznał Wojciechowskiemu Krzyż Oficerski Orderu Odrodzenia Polski "Polonia Restituta". Miał go odebrać osobiście, przyjeżdżając wreszcie bezpiecznie do Polski w październiku br., w rocznicę upadku Powstania Warszawskiego. Niestety, śmierć nie pozwoliła mu doczekać tej chwili; zmarł na obczyźnie 23 września 2020 r. w wieku 97 lat.

Pożegnanie zmarłego podporucznika Wacława Wojciechowskiego połączone było z uroczystym przekazaniem Krzyża Oficerskiego Orderu Odrodzenia Polski „Polonia



Delegacje składają hołd śp. Wacławowi Wojciechowskiemu

Restituta" jego rodzinie. Order przekazała osobiście konsul RP w Chicago Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, która odczytała list premiera RP Mateusza Morawieckiego, w którym przedstawiona została walka zmarłego najpierw o wolną Polskę w czasie II wojny światowej, a potem w czasie PRL.

Z kolei pułkownik Daniel Drogomirecki, zastępca Attache Obrony przy Ambasadzie RP w Waszyngtonie, odczytał list napisany przez ministra Obrony Narodowej Mariusza Błaszczaka.

Ceremonię uświetniły pocztysztandarowe, m.in. Związku Żołnierzy Narodowych Sił Zbrojnych, Stowarzyszenia Weteranów Armii

Polskiej w Ameryce (Placówki w Munster i Chicago), Stowarzyszenia Przyjaciół Ułanów im. gen. Tadeusza Kościuszki, Związku Podhalan Ameryki Północnej, Koła Solidarność z Chicago, Stowarzyszenia Solidarność Walcząca oraz Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster pod patronatem PRCUA wraz z delegacją młodzieży licealnej oraz młodszych uczniów w strojach ludowych.

Uczniowie przeżyli piękną lekcję żywej historii naszej Ojczyzny, która w końcu odzyskała pełną niepodległość i może się normalnie rozwijać właśnie dzięki wspaniałym polskim bohaterom, takim jak podporucznik Wacław Wojciechowski.



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