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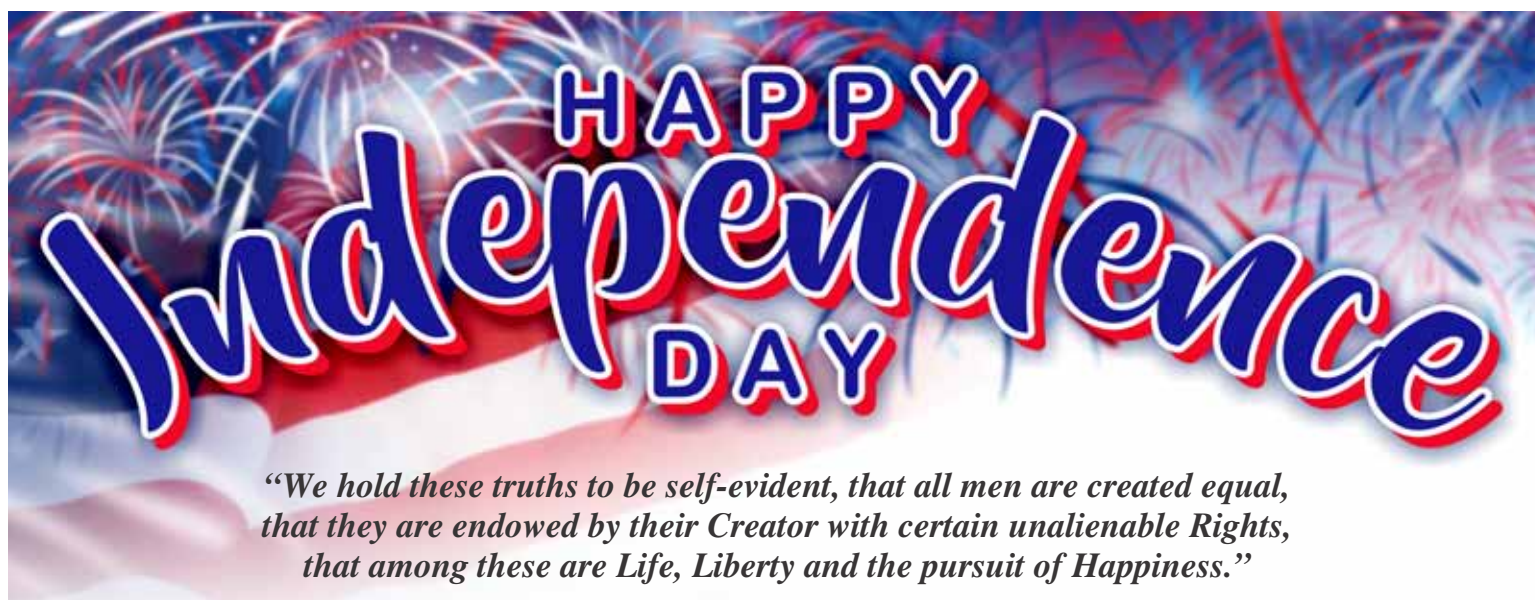
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Originally authored by Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence was then revised by Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Jefferson. The final draft was adopted on July 4, 1776. The actual signing of the completed document took place on August 2, 1776 in Philadelphia, and is one of the most important days in American history. Since 1938, Independence Day has been celebrated as a paid federal holiday.

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FLAG DAY CELEBRATION AT THE PRCUA HOME OFFICE

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Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, the program started outdoors around the American flag. The participants were welcomed by PRCUA President James Robaczewski, who also intoned the American anthem. The Pledge of (Cont. on pg. 2)



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21-22 WOODHAVEN, MI – PRCUA NATIONAL SOFT- BALL TOURNAMENT

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FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

(Continued from page 1) Allegiance was led by Secretary-
Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, and the ceremonial poem
dedicated to the American flag was read by Vice President
Micheline Jamiński.

The program continued in the PRCUA Social Hall,
where a prayer was said before the meal, led by Natalia
Hofmann (in Polish) and Marcel Więcek (in English.)
After lunch, the closing prayer was read by Emilia
Więcek, and the song "America the Beautiful" was sung
by Mateusz Bomba with everyone joining in.

The program was prepared by Fraternal Department
coordinator Conrad Więcek, under the leadership of Vice
President Micheline Jamiński.

At the end of the event, best wishes were bestowed to
and the "Happy Birthday" was sung for managing direc-
tor of the Polish Museum in America, Małgorzata Kot,
who was celebrating her birthday that day.



Program began with the singing of the national anthem



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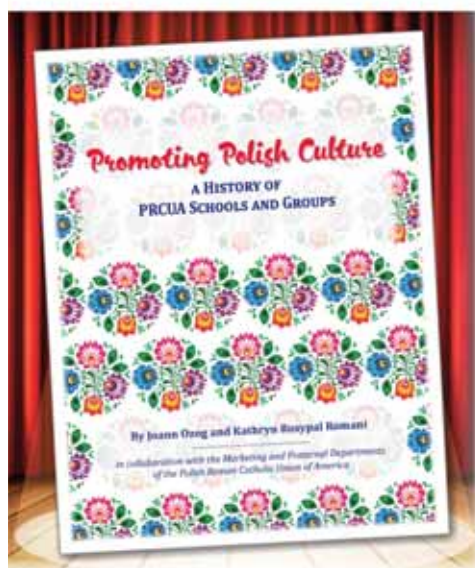
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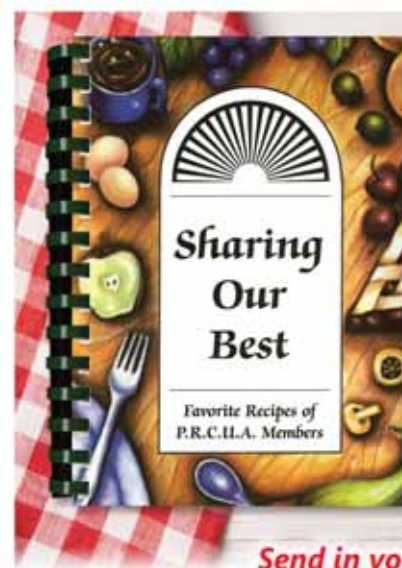


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Eligibility: Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college/university or graduate school.

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Application for scholarship award must be completed in its entirety and submitted by **September 1, 2021**. Incomplete and/or late entries will be disqualified. There will be absolutely no extension of the deadline.

Procedures: The \$1,000 scholarship awards will be paid directly to recipients.

Criteria to be used in judging: overall merits of applicant, cumulative grade average, college activities/ honors, community activities, financial need and essay content.

From among the entries, top ten applications will be selected and referred to a three member panel for final judging. Recipients of NEFA scholarship awards will be notified by October 15, 2021.

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Donna with Opole Dance Ensemble in Iwonicz Zdrój

A GOLDEN CELEBRATION OF DANCE: DONNA M. SKURSKI

2021 marks Donna Skurski's fiftieth anniversary as a choreographer and dance teacher with PRCUA as well as 45 years with the PRCUA Opole Dancers in Warren, MI. From 1971 to 1985, Donna served as the choreographer and dance teacher of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dance School.

Donna began dancing as a young child with a Polish dance group down the block from where she lived. Her love of dance continued into college where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance and theater from Marygrove College, where she was a member of their resident dance company, Dance Detroit.

Although Donna loved to perform in ballets presented by Marygrove, her true love of dance was performing the national and regional dances of Poland. This love was so great that she traveled to Poland to further her studies and to study under the dance masters themselves, spending several summers in Lublin, Poland.

Her vast knowledge of Polish dance and culture prepared her to become artistic director of the Wawel Folk Ensemble in January of 1992. The troupe participated in the triennial International Festival of Polish Folk Dance Ensembles in Rzeszów, Poland, eight times in the years 1980-2011. In 2018, Donna travelled to Po-



land with the Opole Dance Ensemble of the PRCUA to participate in the 10th International Festival of Children's Polish Folk Dance Ensembles in Iwonicz Zdrój.

Donna received the General Casimir Pulaski Medal of Honor (given annually by the Central Citizens Committee of Detroit, MI) for her contributions to Polonia and preservation of Polish culture in 1996. In 2003, Donna and her husband Tom received the Polish Heritage Award, presented by the Polish Heritage Committee of St. Hyacinth's Parish. Also in 2003, she was selected by the Warren Cultural Commission to receive the Fine Arts Award for Dance. Representing the Wawel Folk Ensemble, Donna has held several offices on the board of directors of the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas. Donna currently serves as its Sergeant at Arms. Over the past 38 years, she has participated in all the Polish dance workshops held throughout North America.

In addition to her current dance responsibilities, Donna is a full-time substitute elementary school teacher for the Roseville School District.

On behalf of the PRCUA, we thank Donna for her GOLDEN years of service to the Polish American Community and wish her continued success as a promoter of Polish folk dance culture. Sto Lat!



Donna and Tom Skurski



Donna and Tom with nieces and nephew



Donna and Beth Thacker with graduates at the Michigan State Ball

HALKA FINISHES 2021 SCHOOL YEAR WITH A BANG!

By Laura Hejza, Halka Director

It has been 2 years since the PRCUA Halka Dancers of Detroit had their 50th anniversary recital. On that day they were not just remembering their past but celebrating their future. Although they were anxious to do just that, 2020 happened. One year ago and weeks away from celebrating our 51st recital in 2020, a global pandemic did not allow it to happen. Halka remained strong and did not lose hope! They had a successful summer of fundraising and in September got back to practicing of course with precautions. Finally on May 9, 2021, the energy the Halka Dancers had been storing up for 2 years was released. And WOW, it was a spectacular sight!

Thankfully, the Van Dyke Auditorium that has been the home of Halka recitals for decades was available and with a modified program and limited costume changes, Halka was grateful to present a showcase celebrating 52 years as a dance school.

Not only was this a special recital for us to have in midst of a pandemic, it also marked an anniversary for Mr. Thomas Lisiecki on his 30th year as teacher and choreographer of the PRCUA Halka Dancers. Thank you to National Director of District 10 Colleen Bonkowski for attending the re-

cital and presenting Tom with a beautiful gift to commemorate his accomplishment.

A swift-moving program of regional dances from Poland, festive American polkas and novelty dances from the Charleston, the Conga, the Cha-Cha to the Mambo led the way to the presentation of the 2021 Halka graduates. Escorted by their parents, Evan Krass, Jacob Tabaczynski, Natalie Palencik, and Andrew Bartkiewicz stood center stage as their impressive resumes were read, followed by a lovely waltz as a grand finale to their collective 57 years spent with the PRCUA and the Halka Dancers. The rest of the Halka Ensemble, along with 2020 Halka graduates Maria Kasperek, Allison Knuckey, and Jared Shick, who then joined them as each dancer received their certificates of participation and awards. First year rosettes were given to Skyler Kaminski, Mason Rohn, and Helena Sikula. Evan Krass received his 15-year trophy and Benjamin Dingeldey, Delainey Halatsis, Sophia Halatsis, and Bailey Sayle were given their 5-year Halka trophies. Graduates Evan Krass and Natalie Palencik were awarded for their commitment to Halka, with scholarships from the Rita Cerankowski Memorial fund.

With as much anxiety and worry that was involved in preparing for a COVID edition recital, it was all worth it to see the smiling eyes and energy of our dancers on stage. The goal was always to push forward so that the kids could show off their accomplishments and, with the support and patience of our families, I am proud to say we succeeded. Many of the parents complimented us on what a great show it was and one mom even said that Halka helped her teenage son get through this

tough year.

With the great momentum from that day, our 2021 graduates were not quite finished with their final Halka year, as the following weekend they were honored at the Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball. Even though the Ball had to be scaled back this year, it was a beautiful night to honor all of the PRCUA dance school graduates.

Now that Michigan restrictions have been lifting, Halka is super excited to get back to doing some of their summer events!. They are scheduled to perform at Polish Night at Jimmy John's Field and their favorite Pierogi Festival performance in August. We invite you to join our Facebook page to learn more about our upcoming events.



2021 Halka graduates at Michigan State Ball



2021 Halka graduates, current Halka dancers and Halka alumni at the Michigan State Ball



Group One - high school students



Tom Lisiecki, Halka teacher/choreographer, and Colleen Bonkowski, National Director Dist. 10



Group 2 - grades 5 thru 8



Group 3 - grades 1 thru 4



Group 4 - up to age Kindergarten

PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATEST HAPPENINGS

By Nicholas J. Nowakowski
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus

With weather warming, vaccines rolling out and case counts going down, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers have had several opportunities to get back to doing what we love: promoting our Polish heritage here in metro-Detroit.

On Sunday, May 23, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers and their families gathered at Belle Isle State Park in Detroit, MI for an end-of-the-year picnic. The event featured fun and games, grilled meats,

plenty of desserts, and lots of good times. During the picnic, Gwiazda's director, Jessica Wendt and Gwiazda's choreographer, Basia Nowakowski presented the dancers in attendance with certificates provided from the PRCUA Home Office in Chicago.

On Friday, May 28, members of the Gwiazda Dancers attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Polish American Heritage Night with the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park in Detroit. Despite the weather being downright frigid and no dancing allowed on the field, a good time was

had by all. Topping all the fun off, the Tigers beat the visiting New York Yankees 3-2.

Thursday, June 10 was a busy day for the Gwiazda Dancers. They had two separate fundraisers going this day. The first fundraiser was a ticket sales fundraiser in conjunction with Jimmy John's Field in Utica, MI (home of the United Shore Professional Baseball League), where when using a link, \$10 of every ticket sold was donated back to the Gwiazda Dancers.

The second June 10th fundraiser saw Gwiazda parents, friends and supporters at the Metro-Detroit Pierogi Party held at the Royal Oak Farmers' Market in Royal Oak, MI. From 3 to 8 p.m., Gwiazda parents and friends worked a beer booth to raise funds for the group. A great time was had by all, with a great turnout for the event.



Gwiazda Dancers at Belle Isle



Gwiazda Dancers at (a cold) Detroit Tigers Polish Heritage Night



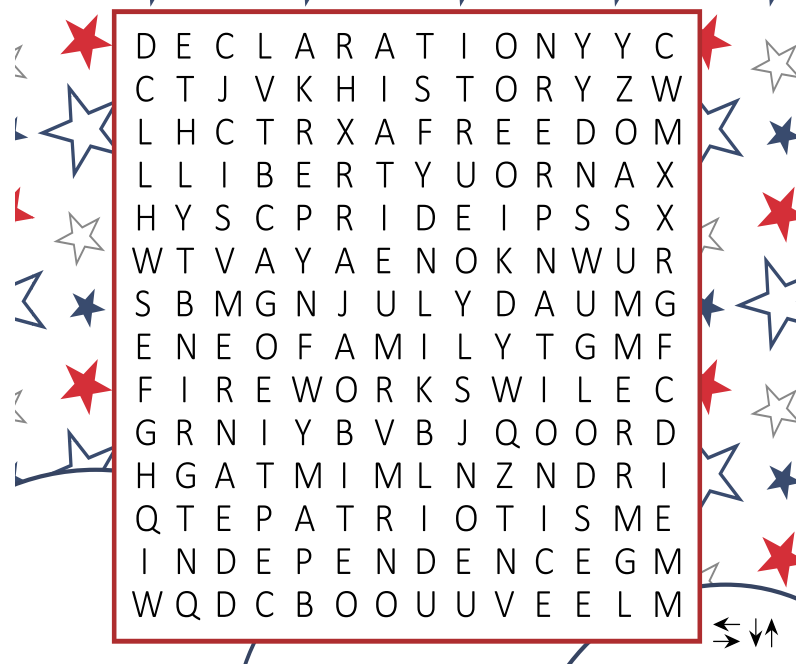
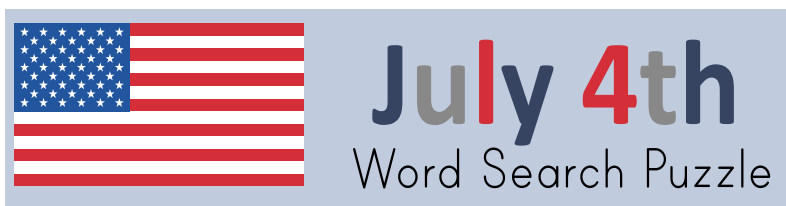
Gwiazda at Metro-Detroit Pierogi Party



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Can you believe that July is here and that June 2021 came and went? How quickly time flies, hopefully, because you are having fun - celebrating life and all its glory with your dear family and friends during this summer season. And although we still need to be cautious, we have hope that the worst is behind us. There were many lessons learned from this unexpected turn of events that altered our plans and everyday lives for more than 15 months. Have you become more health conscious? Have you reevaluated your daily existence or job security? How about the importance of your immediate environment? Personally, I have realized now, more than ever, the value of healthy living and the importance of taking time "to smell the roses." Taking a step back from the hustle and bustle of social activities, reimagining job responsibilities and



Robert Szczublewski and Ania Toboy
singing the National Anthems



Wallace Ozog at PHN with the Tigers

enjoying closest relationships has been cathartic; returning to two-plus-hour commutes is a reality check that I and many others can live without. But I do look forward to meeting with our PRCUA members, among whom are many friends. The first of these opportunities will be at the PRCUA National Golf Tournament in LaPorte, Indiana from July 23-25. Read all about it on page 9. It's only too late if you don't register today!

As the June issue went to print, there were two events I would like to herald – the Golden Anniversary of Polish Heritage Night with the Detroit Tigers (5/28) and PRCUA Employee Martha Madro's retirement (5/25). Both of these events are highlighted in this issue of the *Naród Polski*, but I would like to applaud those instrumental in the organization of the Tigers' PHN throughout the last 50 years – its founders: Rev. Thaddeus Blaszczyk and Leon Zarski, and many PRCUA Michiganders whose names are quite familiar to us, especially Ted Klamerus and Wallace, Joann and Christopher Ozog, among others. I encourage you to obtain a copy of the publication 50 Years of Polish Pride with the Detroit Tigers (1971-2019) + 2021 written by Joann Ozog and Christopher Ozog. It tells a story worth reading. As for Martha, here's wishing her well-deserved leisure time to "sit back and eat bonbons!"

June was a relatively quiet month as states began to fully reopen. Malgosia and Jonathan Krynski (son of Anna and Janusz) had their beautiful church wedding on June 5 with Polonia Ensemble and a cast of many adding to the festivities.

President and Mrs. Robaczewski attended the wedding of their nephew, Leo and Alaina Rule, in Nashville, Tennessee on June 11.

The PAC-IL Division celebrated the one year anniversary of its radio program with an artistic presentation and recognition of sponsoring organizations and businesses at the Copernicus Center on June 11. Among the



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Krynski



Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rule

guests was Dr. Willie Wilson, a prominent businessman and philanthropist, who gave monetary contributions to, among others, two PRCUA dance groups – Polonia Ensemble and Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company and the Polish Museum of America. Together with my husband Richard, I represented the PRCUA and presented Dr. Wilson with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the PRCUA dance ensembles. Thank you, Dr. Willie Wilson, for your generous gift! As one of the sponsors of



Dr. Willie Wilson presenting check
to Micheline Jamiński



PAC-IL Radio anniversary

the PAC-IL radio program, PRCUA also received a plaque of recognition. We wish the radio program continued success and thank Mirosław (Michael) Niedziński, president, as well as program host Walter Bochenek for their efforts. National Director from District 7, Joanna Ewa Cholewiński, who also serves as the Treasurer of PAC-IL, was instrumental in initiating PRCUA sponsorship of this local radio program.

Flag Day at the PRCUA (6/14) was organized by Fraternal Coordinator Conrad Wiecek, together with his children, Emilia and Marcel. Traditionally, PRCUA past officers and retirees are invited to join the employees of the PRCUA and PMA for the program and luncheon, but in light of the restrictions which were not formally lifted until June 11, only the current PRCUA officers and employees were in attendance. Photos and details courtesy of *Naród Polski* editor, Lidia Kowalewicz are on pages 11 and 19. Thank you to the Wiecek family for the delicious lunch and to all who came and participated. On this day, we also celebrated the birthday of Małgorzata Kot, who was accompanied by her sons. Happiest birthday wishes to this amazing woman who is the managing director of the PMA, as well as mother extraordinaire! Sto lat, Małgosiu!

The Opole Dancers of PRCUA held their recital on June 19th at Halmich Park in Warren. Calling it their "mini-recital in the park," choreographer Donna Skurski was extra creative, re-choreographing the dances so that there were no partners (due to Covid). The dances came out beautifully. There was a small presentation for Donna at the end of the recital and the crowd sang "Sto lat" to her. The group presented her with a couple gifts in the gold theme that is traditional for a 50th anniversary with red and white cupcakes following. Congratulations again to Donna



Małgorzata Kot's birthday



Bastrzyk family



Robaczewski family



National Director Colleen Bonkowski with choreographer Donna Skurski at the Opole dance recital

on her golden anniversary of teaching, to the dancers and their fans, and to Beth Thacker, school director, for all of her efforts. Thank you to Colleen Bonkowski, the epitome of a National Director of the PRCUA.

As families gathered together to celebrate Father's Day on June 20 (US), the Zajączek Dancers held their



Zajączek dancers Olivia Ozog and Jonathan Dennis

recital at the parking lot of the American Polish Century Club. National Director from District 10 Colleen Bonkowski, who doubles as the school's director, together with dance instructors Rachel Kasperek and Tricia Dennis, hosted a lovely program with their stars and their fans. The weather was a bit toasty, but dancers are troopers and after all, "the show must go on!" Congrats on a great performance!

Speaking of Father's Day (whether you celebrate on the US date or Poland's date of 6/23), did you know how that holiday started? Sonora Smart Dodd dedicated her life to the creation of Father's Day in honor of her devoted and selfless dad. William Jackson Smart was a twice-married, twice-widowed Civil War veteran and father of 14 children. Sonora was inspired by services at her church in Spokane, Washington celebrating the first Mother's Day in 1909. Her recollection of her father was that he performed brilliantly as "both father and mother to me and my brothers and sisters" (*Spokane Daily Chronicle*). The first Father's Day was celebrated in 1910 in Spokane thanks to Sonora's efforts. Although celebrated since that time, it took another 62 years before it was official that the third Sunday in June would be Father's Day thanks to a Congressional resolution signed by President Nixon (six years before Sonora's passing at 96). Inspired by the American idea of cele-

brating Father's Day, in 1965 Poland formally deemed June 23rd a holiday.

Condolences to the family of Walter Latuszek, who passed away on 6/7 at the age of 91. Wally was a member of PRCUA for 76 years. May he rest in peace.

I would like to add belated June birthday wishes to those mentioned in the previous issue: PRCUA employee Michael Perzyński and PMA archivist Halina Misterka (6/12); executive assistant to the president, Anna Grabowski (6/20); member services associate, Natalia Hofmann (6/29). As for June and July wedding anniversaries: congratulations to Eleanor and former PRCUA Vice President Robert Bielenda on their 59th wedding anniversary (6/2), Patricia and PRCUA National Director from District 6 Andrew Lech (#9 on 6/16), and PRCUA President and Mrs. James Robaczewski on their 20th anniversary (7/21). To all celebrants: Happy Happy and Sto Lat! Congratulations to Mary Jane Robles on the birth of her 5th grandchild and 3rd granddaughter. Pauline Marie was born on June 17th to Theresa and Dan Bayer weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19" long. Wishing the entire family health, happiness and much love!

In closing, enjoy the rest of your summer! I know I will give it my best shot!



Jaminski family



Bielenda's wedding 6-2-1962



Bielendas 59 years later



Pauline Marie Bayer



Zajączek Dancers group

NEWS FROM PRCUA ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY #1593

By Joanne S. Ozog

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

With Covid-19 taking over this past year, all aspects of living including society meetings and fundraisers were drastically changed or cancelled. Our members were not involved in activities that the society usually coordinates to provide scholarships to our members on a yearly basis. However, the following members still received a stipend toward their college expenses for the coming year.

M e g h a n Hingst, whose first year of college took place on campus virtually, did a lot of studying during this lockdown time period. However, with masks on her face and practicing social distancing, she was able to work on a limited basis during the holiday and the first three months of 2021.

Meghan is not a dancer or an athlete but as a member of PRCUA, she is proud to be a Polish American and informs others about the fraternal that she has been a member of for many years. Her grandparents and mother have been members of PRCUA #1593 for several years and have volunteered at various fundraisers, including many that raised funds for scholarships. Meghan attends Michigan State, where she is studying linguistics.

T a y l o r Withers had a mixture of school experiences this year. She went to school in person and then there were times when she had to quarantine because Covid-19 hit some of the students. During this period, she either stayed in the dorm or came home and attended classes virtually. Taylor managed to go to work during the year but for only limited time.

To her, membership in PRCUA means family. She has built many connections and relationships as a re-

sult of being a PRCUA member. She has been part of various amazing experiences and events, such as Detroit Tiger Polish American Night, the trip to Poland with PRCUA Zajączek Dance Ensemble and youth bowling. Taylor is very positive and always tries to help out, such as delivering curbside dinners at the Polish American Century Club. Taylor attends Great Lakes Christian College where she is studying family life education.

G r a c e

Ozog's last year of high school was spent between virtual schooling and in person schooling. Many senior high school activities were cancelled due to Covid-19. She was able to participate in the softball league at Stevenson High School in Livonia, MI where her team captured the championship of their division.

Being a member of PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society gives Grace the opportunity to meet new friends through social gatherings and sport tournaments. This involvement allows her to branch out and create new connections with members living in different areas in Michigan and other states. Grace will be attending the University of Michigan, where she plans to study biochemistry.

Congratulations are extended to the three scholarship recipients and we wish them the best in their college years. May they remember to always be proud of their Polish heritage and to continue to be active in PRCUA Society #1593.



50th ANNIVERSARY OF DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT ART CONTEST

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night, the coordinators of this event, PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society of Warren, MI decided to have an art contest, whose theme was "the most memorable experi-

ence at Polish American Night." It was open to anyone age 5 to 19 and older.

Since the entries were small in number, it was decided to name all ten individuals as winners because they took the initiative and time to take part in the contest. They each received a monetary prize, had their entry placed in the book *50 Years of Polish Pride with the Detroit Tigers* and were given a framed picture of their art work as a memory of their artistic creation.

Judges were members of St. John Paul II Society. Friends of Polish Art graciously sponsored the prizes. The youngest artist was five years old and the oldest was Miss Polish Festival Queen in 1980 who, in later years, became director of PRCUA Mała Polska Dance School. The PRCUA Zajączek Dance Ensemble and the PNA Centennial Dancers were represented, as well as members of PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society and PRCUA #718 St. Stan's Society.

Thank you to the following who put on their thinking caps, brought out their markers, crayons and pencils and artistically put their memories of Detroit Tiger Polish American Night on paper. The following statements exemplify their art work.

(Age 5-8)

The most memorable time PRCUA Zajączek dancer Jack Guzman experienced was dancing on the baseball field and being on the big screen.

PNA Centennial dancer, five year old Philip Gilders' favorite memory was dancing on the field with his sisters. Go Tigers!

The most memorable time that PRCUA Zajączek dancer Harper Hamilton experienced was when she accidentally watered the grass.

(Age 9-13)

The most memorable time for PNA Centennial dancer Anna Gilders was being on the big screen while she was dancing.

(Age 14-18)

The most memorable time that Kalina Barth, a PRCUA Zajączek dancer experienced was waiting in the tunnel to enter the field and excitement filling the air.

Kenny Germain, member of PRCUA #718 states that his most memorable experience was being part of throwing out the 1st pitch on May 20, 2005. He stood on the mound with his dziadziu Bob Bielenda, former National Vice President of the PRCUA.

The most memorable time that PNA Centennial dancer Sasha Gilders experienced was the first time she got to dance with both of her siblings on the field.

(Age 19 and up)

The most memorable time Monica Ziezulewicz Osentoski experienced was in 1980, when this Detroit-born and raised Polish girl, who grew up listening to all of the Tigers games with her Busia in her kitchen, was honored to be Polish Festival Queen and able to meet and take pictures with some of her favorite Tigers!!! (What a lifetime thrill!)

Ryan Ozog, member of PRCUA #1593, remembers the colorful Polish dancers performing on the field and the beautiful fireworks display that ended a great evening at the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night.

The favorite memories at Polish American Night of PRCUA #1593 member Taylor Withers are eating the delicious hot dogs at the ball park, cheering the Tigers when they got homeruns and on-field acknowledgement of the awarding of scholarships.



L-r:
Richard Lapham, President of Friends of Polish Art, Harper Hamilton, Kenny Germaine and Ryan Ozog.

POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT
ART CONTEST
JUDGES AND WINNERS



Judges of the contest (l-r): Judy and Harry Burzynski, and Joann Ozog



Anna and Sasha Gilders with Ron and Barb Martin, Pope John Paul II Society members



Karina Barth with Joann and Wallace Ozog



Jack Guzman with Joann and Wallace Ozog



Taylor Withers with Christopher Ozog,
Vice President of PRCUA Society #1593

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VISEGRAD GROUP CELEBRATION



Cutting of the 30th anniversary cake (l-r): Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, Tamas Kovacs, Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, and Jaroslav Kantůrek

The Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago hosted a celebration for the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Visegrad Group – V4 and the Polish Presidency of the Visegrad Group. The event took place on Thursday, June 6th and was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps, state and city representatives, representatives of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, World Business Chicago (WBC), Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI), Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce (CCC), SelectChicago, Polish American Chamber of Commerce (PACC), LOT Polish Airlines, PGS Software, and leaders of Polish, Hungarian, Czech and Slovak diasporas in the United States.

The program was conducted by Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, Acting Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. Guest speakers were: Tamas Kovacs, Consul General of Hungary in Chicago; Jaroslav Kantůrek, Consul General of the Czech Republic in Chicago; Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic in Chicago, and Michał J. Rzeźnik, Head of the Foreign Trade Office in Chicago, Polish Investment & Trade Agency (PAIH) and the event co-organizer.

Consul Bąk-Guzik extended a special welcome to Svetoslav Stankov, Consul General of Bulgaria in Chicago; Serhiy Koledov, Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago; Robert Dumitrescu, Deputy Consul General of Romania in Chicago; Tomáš Trnka, Trade Commissioner from the Consulate General of the Czech Republic in Chicago; and Andras Juhasz, Trade Commissioner from the Consulate General of Hungary in Chicago.

The artistic program was presented by the Capriciosso String Quartet, consisting of professional musicians born in Poland, Romania and Moldova: Anna Bivol (violin), Fabian Ularu (violin), Constantin Postolach (viola) and Patrycja Likos (cello). The program included pieces by Dworak, Monti, Machajdik, Chopin, Smetana, Bartok, and Brahms, and a performance by Polish jazz vocalist Grażyna Auguścik.

The Visegrad Group was established as an alliance of originally three, later four countries for the purpose of furthering their European integration as well as advancing their military, economic and energy cooperation with one another.

The Visegrad Group (or the “Visegrad Four” or simply “V4”) reflects the efforts of the four Central European countries—the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia—to work together in a number of fields of common interest within the all-European integration.

The first high-level summit was held in the town of Visegrád on February 15, 1991. The place was selected to symbolically connect the summit to the meetings of three kings in Visegrád in 1335 and 1336 which had been the result of lengthy and complex diplomatic efforts at that time and can be regarded as one of the earliest examples of regional cooperation in Central Europe. (*Polska prezydencja w Grupie Wyszehradzkiej - Portal Gov.pl*)

HAPPY RETIREMENT MARTHA MADRO

PRCUA employees said their farewells to Martha Madro on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Martha, who worked in the PRCUA Member Services Department since August 2011, retired at the end of May.

Martha was joined at the party by her daughter Jessica and granddaughter Maleah, who celebrated with her this important moment in her life.

On behalf of the PRCUA Officers, President James Robaczewski extended the words of appreciation to Martha for many years of her dedicated service to the PRCUA.

There were tears, there were gifts, there were flowers, but above all, there were many wishes for a happy and long retirement.

We will miss you, Martha!



Agnieszka Bastrzyk and James Robaczewski presenting Martha with a personalized blanket



Martha with coworkers from the Member Services Department



Martha with her daughter and granddaughter



Jolanta Zachara and Julie Prado presenting Martha with more gifts

THE 50TH ANNUAL DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT

By Joanne S. Ozog



Co chair Christopher Ozog with Tigers' mascot "Paws"

The 50th annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night took place on Friday, May 28, 2021 at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI. The Tigers played against the New York Yankees. The weather was beautiful and in the 80s the week before the game. However, the day of the game, the temperature was in the very cold 40's and spectators were dressed in winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Originally, this special anniversary was to take place in 2020 but Covid-19 caused its cancellation. When Tigers' management contacted co-chairs Wally and Christopher Ozog, it was decided to set a date for 2021 with the hope that things would be back to normal.

The initial program was much different than previous years. As it

got closer to the game, that program also changed. At first, the dancers were to perform in the concourse. However, the day of the game, no dancers in colorful costumes were dancing to lively Polish music in this area. Instead, a few photos of dancers from previous years with background music were shown on the big screen. This was not the same as when hundreds of dancers twirled about on the entire field for a much longer period of time.

In years past, veterans, Polish and American scouts and the PRCUA Zakopane Dance Ensemble proudly displayed the flags on the field. This year, Taylor Withers and Ryan Ozog, winners of the Polish American Night Art Contest, held the Polish flag near Kaline's Corner.

Tigers' management said that the singing of the national anthems and the ceremonial 1st pitch were to be videotaped prior to the game and then shown on the big screen. After outside arrangements were made, it was changed and both were done in person before the game and at home plate.

Robert Szczublewski, who has sung the anthems since 2008, and Ania Toboy, who started to participate as a vocalist in 2019, had the privilege of singing the Polish and American national anthems once again. Brian Malski, a member of Friends of Polish Art and a long time supporter of Polish American Night, was given the honor of throwing out the ceremonial 1st pitch. However,

his catcher was not a Tigers player but was PRCUA #718 member Kenny Germain, a student at Madonna University, a former baseball player for Bishop Foley High School and a winner of the Detroit Tiger Polish American Night Art Contest.

PRCUA Society #1593 Vice President and co-chair of Polish American Night Christopher Ozog recognized the limited number of dignitaries who were present. Instead of being introduced at home plate, these representatives proceeded from the tunnel near Kaline's Corner where the dancers usually lined up before coming onto the field. The on-field representatives were Wallace M. Ozog (National PRCUA President Emeritus, President, PRCUA #1593, and co-chair of Polish American Night for 16 years), Robert Bielenda (National PRCUA Vice President Emeritus), Donna Skurski (choreographer of PRCUA Opole Dancers, one of the longest-serving PRCUA choreographers), Thomas Skurski (director of Wawel Dance Ensemble, one of the 1st dance groups to perform at Polish American Night in 1971 and who threw out the 1st pitch in 2015), Barbara Martin (financial secretary of PNA Lodge 53, past director of PNA Centennial Dancers who participated in PAN for 27+ years), Ron Martin (president of PNA Lodge 53), Donna Bielecki (Polish American Congress, Michigan Division, vice president of American affairs), David Jansen (chairman, National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame), Honorable Mayor Karen Majewski (mayor of Hamtramck, Michigan), Rick Lapham (president of Friends of Polish Art, sponsor of the 50th Anniversary of Polish Amer-

ican Night Art Contest), Barbara Ozog (activity director of PRCUA #1593 and behind-the-scenes volunteer at PAN), Cindy Cooper (member of PRCUA #1593 and behind-the-scenes volunteer at PAN), Taylor Withers (winner of the 50th Anniversary of PAN Art Contest, PRCUA #1593 Scholarship Recipient) and Ryan Ozog (winner of the 50th Anniversary of the PAN Art Contest).

Although music from the popular polka bands was not resounding throughout the stadium prior to the game and the beautiful fireworks display did not grace the skies at the end of the game, the Tigers were victorious over the Yankees, 3-2 in ten innings.

The 50th Anniversary of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night will go down in history as being different from the first forty nine years of its existence. However, through the history, photos, art work and memory ads included in the book titled, *50 Years of Polish Pride with the Detroit Tigers (1971-2019) +2021*, memories of this celebration of our Polish heritage at the ball park will not be forgotten. Hopefully, there will be more Detroit Tiger Polish American Nights as it was. Sto Lat!

This year Tigers' management did not promote a souvenir item so the coordinator of this event, PRCUA #1593 purchased t-shirts commemorating these 50 years. A limited number is still available. The history book *50 Years of Polish Pride with the Detroit Tigers* is also available for purchase. If interested, contact Wally Ozog at wozog@wowway.com

See more photos on pages 16-17



Singers of the national anthems Ania Toboy and Robert Szczublewski with Joanne Ozog and co chair Wallace Ozog



Society #1593 members with mayor of Hamtramck Karen Majewski





LEADERS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

WOJCIECH JĘDRZEJEK

Compiled by Lidia Kowalewicz
Executive Editor



Wojciech Jędrzejek (aka Jędrzejek) was the 6th president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (1887-1888).

Wojciech Jędrzejek was born in 1850 in Wencborg (Więcbork) a town in an area annexed by Prussia in the late 18th century.

He came to Chicago in 1869 at the age of 19.

After arriving in the United States, he worked as a laborer in a timber yard. Together with his brother-in-law, Mr. Paszkiewicz, they opened a grocery store. Later, he opened and independently ran two grocery stores in his homes on Holt Ave. and Dickson St.

In 1872, Jędrzejek married Józefa Rozmarynowska. They had eleven children: Anna, Jan, Franciszka, Leona, Franciszek, Elżbieta, Helena, Maryanna, Edward, Jerzy and Gertruda. Jan, his oldest son, became a priest.

Jędrzejek's professional work did not prevent him from fulfilling the duties of both a good parishioner and a good Polish American. He helped to found the Polish Patriotic Organization (*Organizacja Patriotyczna Polska*) and the Polish League (*Liga Polska*). He actively participated in the founding and development of the parish of St. Stanisław Kostka in Chicago and establishing societies and various organizations.

He was one of the first founders of the Polish Roman Catholic Union in America, where he held the office of president for one term, and was elected its treasurer in 1885, 1887, and 1895 (for three consecutive terms.)

He was the treasurer of the Polish Publishing House in Chicago (*Spółka Wydawnictwa Polskiego w Chicago*), which published *Wiara i Ojczyzna*, the official organ of the PRCUA, *Dziennik Chicagoski*, *Kro-pidło*, and other publications.

At the 15th PRCUA Convention in 1888 in Detroit, Jędrzejek proposed that delegates could represent more than one society (representation of societies apart from their own was to be limited only to financial matters, and they had the right to cast only one vote when voting). His proposal was approved.

In 1891, Polonia in the USA celebrated the 100th anniversary of the May 3rd Polish Constitution combined with the convention of the Polish American organizations. Wojciech Jędrzejek was elected as a member of the "committee of seven"

(other members were: Szczęsny Zahajkiewicz, Antoni Rudnicki, Tomasz Królik, Jan Manna, Jan Arkuszewski, Sylwester Biniak) to organize the national Polish American convention.

On October 20, 1892, he was one of the marshals at the combined celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America and the inauguration of the Columbian Exposition. He was also a member of the Polish American Reception Committee for Polish guests coming to the 1893 exhibition (*Polsko Amerykański Komitet Recepcyjny dla gości polskich przybywających na wystawę 1893 r. do Chicago*) on the occasion of the Polish Day held during the Columbian Exposition.

In 1893, Jędrzejek was a member of the organizing committee of the 20th PRCUA Convention. At the convention, he was chosen to be one of the PRCUA representatives (together with Piotr Kiołbassa and Klemens Beliński) at the General National Exhibition (*Powszechna Wystawa Krajowa*) to be held in 1894 in Lviv. He was also one of the PRCUA representatives to Kościuszko Uprising anniversary celebration held in Chicago on May 3, 1894.

At the 21st PRCUA Convention held in August of 1894, Jędrzejek was appointed a member of the Constitution Amendment Committee.

He was a member of the Education Department established by *Liga Polska* in 1895.

On September 11, 1904, the unveiling of the Tadeusz Kościuszko monument took place in Humboldt Park in Chicago. Jędrzejek was the treasurer of the monument committee.

For many years, Jędrzejek was the treasurer of the Construction and Loan Society (*Cont. on pg. 15*)



66th PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Hosted by PRCUA St. Stan's Society

August 20-21, 2021 | Woodhaven, MI

LOCATION

The 66th PRCUA National Softball Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, at Henry Ford Fields (Woodhaven Community Center), 23101 Hall Rd., Woodhaven, MI.

LODGING

Out-of-town players and guest accommodations will be at the Best Western Woodhaven Inn, 21700 West Rd., Woodhaven. Room rates per night are: King or Double Standard, \$93.00 plus taxes. Make your room reservation as soon as possible by calling (734) 676-8000 before August 1 and mentioning PRCUA.

CATHOLIC MASS

Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church, 21892 Gudith, Woodhaven: Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 9 and 11 am

TOURNAMENT HOSTS

PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718
Chairman: Dan Gdowski

All tournament players must be PRCUA members in good standing.
Not a member? Call (800) 772-8632 or visit PRCUA.org for membership information.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, August 20

- 6 pm – Co-ed games begin
- 7-10 pm – **Welcome Gathering** at the Best Western Woodhaven Inn. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Saturday, August 21

- 9 am – Men's and women's games begin
- 11-1 pm – **Lunch** served at the fields
- 7 pm-12 am – **Awards Banquet** at the Best Western Woodhaven Inn. Dinner for players and their guests free of charge. Each person will receive two complimentary drink tickets.

TOURNAMENT RULES

All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster and must submit a Waiver of Liability form for 2021. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing fields.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Completed entry form must be returned to the Home Office with a \$50 entry fee per team. Make checks payable to PRCUA Softball and mail to the PRCUA Fraternal Department, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642, or enter online at www.prcua.org/softball and pay online at www.prcua.org/payonline. **All entries must be submitted by August 6, 2021.** Additional info: fraternal-events@prcu.org or 773-782-2601.

www.PRCUA.org/sports

CONGRATULATIONS NATALIE AND KEVIN!

By Jerry Nasiatka
President, Society #718

Congratulations to St. Stan's #718 members Natalie and Kevin Kapanowski. Natalie, a junior at Algonac High School, led her varsity bowling team (coached by her dad) to a conference championship and a 2nd place finish at the state regional Tournament to qualify for the state finals. Individually, Natalie placed 5th at the state regional tournament to qualify for the individual state finals. There, she qualified for the round of 32 step ladder finals head-to-head competition, beat the #1 seed in the first round and then losing in the quarterfinal round by 21 pins, earning her a 5th place overall state finals finish. For her achievements this year, Natalie has been awarded 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-State honors. Natalie's goal next year is to win the state championship like her sister Shelby did in 2018.

Natalie's cousin Kevin Kapanowski, a senior at Canton Prep High School, also qualified for the individual state finals and has been awarded 2nd Team All-State honors. Kevin is a 3-time team and 3-time individual state finals qualifier and this year led his conference with a 210 average. Natalie and Kevin's grandparents are Edzio and Tosia Kapanowski, 51 year members of St. Stan's #718.



Kevin and Natalie

(Cont. from pg. 14) and Pulaski Savings Bank. He was a member of Saint Vincent de Paul, Holy Trinity Society and others.

Wojciech Jędrzejek died on April 28, 1903 at the age of 53. The funeral service was held on May 2, 1903 at St. Stanisław Kostka Church. He is buried at the Czech-Polish cemetery.

Sources: *Dziennik Chicagoski*; *Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymo-Katolickie w Ameryce 1873-1948* by Mieczysław Haiman; *Historia Polska w Ameryce* by Wacław Kruszk.



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Special PRCUA Rate: \$119.49/night

WELCOME GATHERING

July 23, 6 pm until close
PRCUA La Porte Club Lounge
620 Bach Street, La Porte, IN
Free draft beer and appetizers included.

NETWORKING & AWARDS BANQUET

VFW Post #1130
181 W. McClung Road, La Porte, IN
Banquet is free for all attendees.
Tournament winners will be announced.
Dinner served at 7 pm. Cash bar available.

TOURNAMENT HOSTS

PRCUA Sacred Heart Society #1031
Chairwoman: Amy Baucom
Contact: (219) 362-1092 or
prcu@outlook.com

GOLF TOURNAMENT

- ~ Shotgun Start: 7 am and 1 pm
- ~ Four-Person Scramble
- ~ Contests: Closest to the pin, longest drive, hole-in-one and more
- ~ Categories:
 - Ladies' 4-person teams
 - Men's 4-person teams
 - Mixed (2 men, 2 women)
 - Seniors, 62 and over (men, women, mixed)
- ~ \$5000 prize for hole-in-one contest
- ~ Lunch provided

TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE RULES

On every hole, each team member may hit a tee shot. The team determines the best shot and then all team members hit from that location. This procedure is repeated until the ball is holed out. A team score is recorded and the team moves to the next hole.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

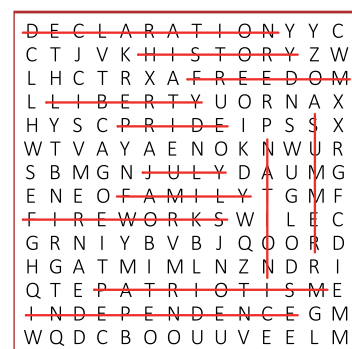
Entry forms are available with this notice or online at prcu.org/sports. This tournament is **for PRCUA members only** (new members welcome!). Entries must be submitted by **Friday, July 2, 2021**. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

Not a member? Call (800) 772-8632 or visit PRCUA.org for membership information.

www.PRCUA.org/sports

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PAGE 9:

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3. Find two identical pictures:
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4. Where are they going?



POLISH NEWS BYTES

Robert Strybel
Warsaw Correspondent

Unknown “dinosaur” species discovered in Poland - A team of paleontologists from the Polish Academy of Sciences have discovered a new species of aetosaur in southwest Poland. The aetosaur, whose name translates from the Greek as “eagle-lizard,” was a prehistoric reptile resembling today's crocodiles. The specimen was found among fossils of vertebrates from about 210 million years ago, including lungfish and turtles. They were unearthed at an archeological dig in the village of Kocury in Opole voivodeship. The scientists managed to find the jawbone and fragments of the protective armor of the new aetosaur, which was named *Kocurypelta silvestris* (Kocury-armored forest dweller). The new species “looked like a cross between a crocodile, an armadillo and a wild boar,” remarked Łukasz Czempieński, one of the scientists, “They were about three meters (10 feet) long and most of them were omnivorous.”

Centaurus Foundation boasts Europe’s largest horse shelter - Poland’s horse population has dropped from 329,000 in 2002 to an estimated 180,000 at present. Trucks and tractors have largely replaced the draft horses of yesteryear, and racing thoroughbreds also become useless if they break a leg or simply get old and decrepit. The non-profit Centaurus Foundation, headquartered in the SW city of Wrocław, has made it its mission to save as many such equines as possible by arranging adoptions with horse-lovers who will let the animals live out their days in relative peace and comfort. So far the donor-financed foundation has saved 1,100 horses from the butcher’s knife and cleaver. Those it couldn’t help got sent as roasts, steaks and hamburger to such horsemeat-loving countries as Italy, France, Belgium and Holland. Poles have an aversion to horsemeat and many view the “koń” (horse) as a noble beast that has played an important part in their nation’s heritage.

Polish company starts production of revolutionary solar panels - A Polish company called Saule has opened a 5,000 square meter (540,000 sq. foot) factory to produce what it calls “a revolutionary, new type of solar panels.” These are inkjet-printed, ultra-thin, lightweight and flexible solar panels coated with a thin layer of perovskite, a calcium titanium oxide mineral which can be synthetically manufactured. The award-winning technology was developed by Saule founder, chief technologist and CEO, physicist Olga Malinkiewicz. The innovative technology generates energy not only from sunlight but also from artificial light, which means perovskite panels can be installed on building exteriors and used to generate electricity on the inside and even in space satellites.

“Trees Unite Us” afforestation campaign continues apace - A campaign known as “Trees Unite Us” launched earlier this year hopes to have 33% of Poland’s territory afforested. Pioneered by Poland’s Ministry of Climate and Environment, it is under the personal patronage of President Andrzej Duda. On the front line are foresters who have been trying for decades to rebuild Polish woodlands which have been destroyed by war and overexploitation. The aim of the campaign is to plant 1,000 trees per minute. With woodlands covering some 29 percent of its territory, Poland already ranks among Europe’s most forested countries. But, like everywhere else, developers are constantly on the lookout for woods and meadows in or near metropolitan areas they can cover with asphalt, malls and condos.

French Polonian teen forces publisher to correct falsehood - Jakub Vaugon, who has a Polish mother and a French father, has managed to get a publisher to correct misinformation contained in a history textbook. It had falsely claimed that Poles worked as auxiliary staff at Germany’s Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Jakub’s parents contacted the Treblinka Museum which confirmed the claim to be an historical error and called on the publisher to correct it. The French publisher apologized and said the correction would appear in a new edition of the book. The Germans murdered up to 900,000 Jews and

some 2,000 Gypsies at Treblinka, their second largest extermination camp on Polish soil after Auschwitz-Birkenau.

10-day quarantine for unvaccinated travelers from outside Schengen zone - Uninoculated travelers arriving in Poland from outside the European Union’s Schengen free-travel zone, including Americans, will be placed under a 10-day quarantine. The new regulations do not apply to people fully inoculated against the coronavirus with a vaccine approved by the European Union. The quarantine requirement can be lifted after seven days for those who can produce a test result showing they do not have COVID-19. The Schengen area comprises 22 European Union countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. In normal times, citizens of those countries could travel across borders without documents or border checks, although some restrictions have been re-introduced during the pandemic. The appearance in the UK of a new and highly infectious Delta strain of the virus has prompted Polish officials to introduce a seven-day quarantine on visitors from the UK where it has taken hold.

Baltic Pipe gets environmental go-ahead to continue construction - In May, Denmark’s Environment Protection Agency stopped the construction of a section of Baltic Pipe, the Norway-Poland gas link, claiming it endangered a threatened field mouse

and bat species. The Baltic Pipe Project was launched to pipe Norwegian natural gas to Poland via Denmark as a way of reducing Poland’s reliance on Russian energy sources. Permits to resume the project were issued after the Danish environmental authorities withdrew their objections. Completion of the pipeline had originally been expected in autumn 2022, but now may be delayed by three some months as a result of the interruption.

Documentary on Polish zookeepers saving Jews shown at 700 US cinemas - A Polish documentary entitled “Of Animals and Men” has been shown at some 700 movie theaters across America. It tell the story of how fugitive Jews were sheltered by Jan and Antonina Żabiński during World War II when such assistance carried an automatic death sentence. On the grounds of the Warsaw Zoo, the Żabiński lived in a house which contained countless hiding places. Normally, the Jews had the run of the house but, whenever someone reported Germans approaching, Mrs. Żabiński would sit down at her piano and play a specific tune. That was a sign for everyone to take cover. That and many other episodes are vividly recalled by the documentary. “It’s high time that the world can see the story through interviews with the survivors and members of the family of Jan and Antonina Żabiński,” Polish TV official Aleksandra Kaźmieruk remarked.

SUMMER SALADS

Green bean and tomato salad

1 pound of green beans, 4 tomatoes (preferably of different colors and varieties), 1 lemon, 2 tablespoons maple syrup, 10 tablespoons olive oil, ½ bunch fresh mint, salt and pepper to taste.

Wash beans thoroughly and trim the ends. Bring salted water to a boil, add beans and cook uncovered over high heat until beans are crisp-tender for about 5 minutes. Drain the water and pour cold water over the beans, drain. Cut tomatoes into slices or eights, add to the bowl with the beans. Scald lemon with hot water, grate the zest, squeeze the juice. Mix 4 tablespoons of juice with maple syrup, lemon zest and olive oil, sea-

son with salt and pepper. Tear off the mint leaves from the twigs, add most of them to the beans and tomatoes, pour over the dressing and mix. Season with pepper and sprinkle with the rest of the mint leaves.

Cucumber and leek salad

3 large green cucumbers (approx. 2 lb.), 1 leek (approx. 5-6 oz), 2 cloves garlic, 2 tablespoons olive oil, juice squeezed from 1 lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste.

Wash the cucumbers, dry and dice them. Cut the white part of the leek into small slices. Peel and crush the garlic. Put the cucumber, leek and garlic into a bowl. Add olive oil, a few drops of lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste. Mix everything together thoroughly and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.

Higher Perspectives



By Rev. Canon
Walter J. Ptak
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St. Anne, Mother of Mary, Grandmother of the Messiah

The month of July is here and with it, the beautiful feast day of St. Anne is approaching on July 26th. For anyone who has a devotion to Our Lady, a love for St. Anne should follow, as she is the mother of our Blessed Mother and the grandmother of the Messiah! In recent years, her husband, St. Joachim has also been added to this feast day celebration, as he is the father of Mary and the grandfather of the Messiah.

After the Second Vatican Council in the mid 1960's, devotions to the saints were on the decline. Yet in recent years, there seems to be a renewed interest in devotion to the saints and along with it, a deeper understanding in the role they play in assisting us on the road to salvation. Do you remember shortly after the year 2000, when the relics of St. Terese, the Little Flower, made their way throughout the United States? Great crowds came to venerate her relics and prayed that she would intercede on their behalf before the Throne of God. I think this speaks volumes of this renewed interest in the saints and their role they play in our lives. St. Anne is one of the great saints of the Church and someone we can place our trust in.

Some would say that there is no need to pray to the saints and that we should pray only to God. Of course, we should pray to God directly as He is the Loving Father who gave us His Son as our Redeemer and our prayers to Him are always heard and answered according to His will for us. However, it is also appropriate and encouraged by the Church for us to also ask the saints to come to our aid and present our intentions before God as well. I look at it in this light: if the saints live with God in Heaven, why not ask them, as they are so close to Him, to present our needs and plead our cause.

As far as actual historical records go, there is not much known about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A great deal of what we know is based on oral tradition. This tradition is rich and the devotion to Mary's parents is long standing. Images of St. Anne with the child Mary are found in a great number of churches throughout the world. Many churches and parishes are named in her honor and many of us have made the trip to the famous shrine that bears her name in Beaupre, Canada. History tells us that the first church in St. Anne's honor was dedicated in 550 AD in Jerusalem, near the site where the family resided. St. Anne is considered the patron saint of mothers and women in labor.

Growing up at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Polish Parish, the feast day of St. Anne was celebrated with a solemn novena to St. Anne, which begins the day after the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This novena was prayed in both the Polish and English languages and concluded with a Mass of Thanksgiving on her feast day, July 26th. After Mass, veneration of the relic of St. Anne took place followed by a special "Polish" breakfast in the Social Hall. This day has long been a highlight of the year for us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, as it rounds out our devotion to Mary, the Glorious Queen of Carmel, paying tribute to her mother and the grandmother of Our Lord.

In our Polish tradition, the Feast of St. Anne has a reminder that summer is flying by and fall, and winter are just around the corner. This saying goes, "From St. Anne's Day, the evenings and mornings are cool".

As I finish these thoughts on St. Anne, I leave you with this beautiful prayer, to her, the mother of Mary and the grandmother of the Messiah:

Good St. Anne, mother of her who is our life, our sweetness and

*our hope, pray to her for us and obtain my request (three times)
Saint Anne, pray for us!
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May they rest in eternal peace.

FORMER PRCUA EMPLOYEE MARLENE TRZCINSKI HAS PASSED



Marlene M. "Marcie" Trzcinski, age 83, of Algonquin and formerly of Chicago, passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2021 at Alden Terrace of McHenry.

Marcie was born in Chicago on July 29, 1937 and was the daughter of the late John and Marie Suhajda. On September 9, 1961 she married Raymond R. Trzcinski. Ray preceded Marcie in death on December 14, 2002 after 41 years of marriage.

She was a long time parishioner of St. Juliana Parish, Edison Park.

Prior to retirement, Marcie worked at the PRCUA Home Office (March 1995 to September 2001), was the lady vice president and treasurer of District #7, and for over 40 years,

she served as the financial secretary of Society #471.

Survivors include her daughters Maria Seuffer and Katherine (Gary) Hall and her three grandchildren: Emily, Timothy and Sabrina); sister Dolores (the late Marvin) Pickett; nieces, nephews and many friends. In addition to her parents and her husband Raymond, Marcie was preceded in death by her brother Arthur (Yolanda) Suhajda.

A funeral mass for Marlene Trzcinski was held on Saturday, June 19 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Dundee. She was laid to rest at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles.

The PRCUA extends condolences to Marcie's family on their great loss. May she rest in eternal peace. Please remember Marlene "Marcie" Trzcinski and her family in your prayers.

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Korzystając z pięknej pogody, program rozpoczęto na świeżym powietrzu. Uczestników powitał przy fladze amerykańskiej prezes James Robaczewski, który również zaintonował hymn amerykański.

Przysięgę „Pledge of Allegiance” poprowadziła sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk, a uroczysty wiersz zadedykowany fladze amerykańskiej odczytała wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński.

Program kontynuowano w świetlicy, gdzie przed posiłkiem odmówiona została modlitwa, którą prowadzili: Natalia Hofmann - w języku polskim i Marcel Więcek - w języku angielskim.

Po lunchu modlitwę na zakończenie odczytała Emilia Więcek, a pieśń „America the Beautiful” zaintonował Mateusz Bomba.

Program przygotował koordynator Departamentu Braterstwa Conrad Więcek, pod kierownictwem wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński.

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Agnieszka Bastrzyk, James Robaczewski and Conrad Więcek



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Zaplanuj Medicare

Każdego dnia blisko 12 000 osób zbliża się do wieku, w którym przysługuje Medicare. Badania rynku pokazują, że aż 67% emerytów chciałoby lepiej zrozumieć zasady jego działania. W dzisiejszym artykule poruszę 6 kluczowych kwestii, o których powinna wiedzieć każda osoba wchodząca lub będąca na Medicare

1. Medicare składa się z różnych części

Jednym z mylących aspektów Medicare jest fakt, że składa się on z kilku odrębnych części. Każda z nich wiąże się z różnymi zasadami i kosztami. W wielkim skrócie:

- Część A - obejmuje wizyty w szpitalu i wykwalifikowaną opiekę pielęgniarstwa;
- Część B - obejmuje opiekę zapobiegawczą, wizyty lekarskie i diagnostykę;
- Część D - jest planem zniżkowym na leki na receptę.

Istnieje również coś takiego jak część C, zwana inaczej Medicare Advantage.

2. Medicare nie jest darmowe

Wiele osób uważa, że posiadanie Medicare nic nie kosztuje. Niestety

nie jest to prawda. Chociaż część A jest bezpłatna dla przeważającej większości zarejestrowanych, części B i D, a także niektóre plany związane z częścią C zazwyczaj pobierają składki.

3. Medicare nie obejmuje wszystkiego

O ile niektóre plany typu Medicare Advantage mogą pokryć koszty części usług dentystycznych, usług związanych z badaniem lub leczeniem wzroku oraz słuchu, o tyle oryginalny Medicare oferuje bardzo ograniczony zakres pokrycia kosztów w powyższych kategoriach. Na przykład opłata za pracę dentystyczną jest generalnie dokonywana tylko wtedy, gdy wiąże się one z innym leczonym schorzeniem pokrywanym przez Medicare lub jeśli przed operacją objętą ubezpieczeniem konieczny jest egzamin stomatologiczny.

I chociaż oryginalny Medicare zapłaci za badanie i leczenie niektórych chorób oczu, takich jak jaskra, nie pokryje on kosztów badań wzroku ani okularów na receptę.

Ponadto Medicare nie zapłaci za opiekę długoterminową, taką jak pomoc domowa, domy spokojnej starości lub domy opieki, jeśli opieka ta ma charakter opiekuńczy - co oznacza konieczność codziennego życia, w przeciwieństwie do zaspokojenia czysto medycznej potrzeby.

4. Ubezpieczenie dodatkowe jest często koniecznością

Jeśli zarejestrujesz się na oryginalne Medicare, przygotuj dodatkowy budżet na koszty związane z pokry-

ciem Medigap lub uzupełnieniami do Medicare. Pamiętaj, że suplementy do oryginalnego Medicare nie zapłacą za usługi niezatwierdzone przez Medicare. Mogą za to pokryć koszty wydatków, takich jak deductible, co-pays, coinsurance w usługach objętych przez część A i B Medicare.

5. Masz wybór

W ramach Medicare masz możliwość wyboru planu części D, który najlepiej odpowiada Twoim potrzebom. Jeśli natomiast zdecydujesz się na część C, czyli Medicare Advantage, możesz porównać opcje planów tak, aby zobaczyć, który z nich najbardziej odpowiada Twojej indywidualnej sytuacji.

Co więcej, nie wybierasz planu do końca życia. Jeśli nie jesteś zadowolony ze swojego ubezpieczenia, możesz zmienić plan co najmniej raz do roku, podczas corocznego otwartego okresu zapisowego na Medicare, który trwa od 15 października, do 7 grudnia każdego roku.

6. Nie jesteś sam

Nie musisz sam dobierać planu do swoich potrzeb. Na rynku są agenci specjalizujący się w pomocy osobom takim jak Ty. Jak wybrać dobrego agenta spośród wielu na rynku? Przede wszystkim agent musi znać się na rzeczy, mieć licencję ubezpieczeniową, egzamin AHIP i najlepiej by specjalizował się w planach do Medicare. Ogromnym atutem będzie fakt posiadania kontraktów z wieloma firmami ubezpieczeniowymi oferującymi podobne produkty do Medicare. Oznacza to nic

innego niż to, że będzie on przeszkolony, i przeegzaminowany z produktów jakie oferuje rynek. Zasadza jest prosta: im więcej dużych firm rozpoznawalnych na rynku w portfolio Twojego agenta, tym większy obiektywizm. Musi on posiadać również zdolność tłumaczenia planów w sposób dla Ciebie zrozumiały.

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

Naucz się Medicare

Koszty związane z Medicare będą musiały zostać uwzględnione w Twoim budżecie emerytalnym, więc opłaca się o nich wiedzieć na długo przed opuszczeniem na stałe miejsca pracy i przejściem na emeryturę. W ten sposób będziesz lepiej przygotowany do oceny Twoich oszczędności i dokonywania wyborów finansowych, które nie pozostawiają Cię bez środków pieniężnych w latach późniejszych.

Pamiętaj, że opieka zdrowotna jest jednym z największych wydatków, z jakimi borykają się emeryci, a dobre zrozumienie Medicare pomoże Ci uniknąć podstawowych błędów.

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LIPCOWE ROCZNICE

1 lipca 1569 r. - podpisana została Unia lubelska - porozumienie pomiędzy stanami Korony Królestwa Polskiego i Wielkiego Księstwa Litewskiego zawarte na sejmie walnym w Lublinie. W jej wyniku powstała Rzeczpospolita Obojga Narodów.

1 lipca 1991 r. - w Pradze rozwiązano Układ Warszawski (wojskowo-militarny sojusz państw blo-

ku wschodniego z dominującą rolą ZSRR). 25 lutego 1991 r. w Budapeszcie podpisano umowę o zaprzestaniu współpracy wojskowej w ramach Układu, 1 lipca 1991 roku w Pradze rozwiązano struktury polityczne.

9 lipca 1521 r. - na Wieży Zygmuntońskiej katedry wawelskiej w Krakowie zawieszono dzwon, wykonany w krakowskiej ludwisarni przez ludwisarza Hansa Behama z Norymbergi w 1520 roku. Ufundowany przez Zygmunta I Starego dzwon, nazwany został jego imieniem.

15 lipca 1410 r. - rozegrała się bitwa pod Grunwaldem, jedna z największych bitew w historii średniowiecznej Europy (pod względem liczby uczestników), stoczona między siłami zakonu krzyżackiego, wspieranego przez rycerstwo zachodnioeuropejskie, pod dowództwem wielkiego mistrza Ulricha von Jungingena, a połączonymi siłami polskimi i litewskimi, pod dowództwem króla Polski Władysława II Jagiełły i wielkiego księcia litewskiego Witolda. Bitwa zakończyła się zwycięstwem wojsk polsko-litewskich i pogromem sił krzyżackich.

22 lipca 1944 r. - ogłoszony został Manifest Polskiego Komitetu Wyzwolenia Narodowego, uznawany za początek istnienia PRL-u. Został podpisany przez Stalina w Moskwie dwa dni wcześniej.

28 lipca 1656 r. - rozpoczęła się bitwa ze Szwedami pod Warszawą, pod względem liczby komatantów, była to największa bitwa w dziejach wojen polsko-szwedzkich rozegrana w czasie tzw. Potopu szwedzkiego. Bitwę wygrali Szwedzi i Brandenburczycy.

WIWAT MAJ, 3-CI MAJ CZYLI KONSTYTUCYJNE DELIBERACJE ZESPOŁU „POLONIA”

Dorota Romek

Na zaproszenie dyrektor Szkoły Polskiej św. Ferdynanda w Chicago Haliny Żurawskiej w dniu 1 maja 2021 w kaplicy parafialnej odbyło się widowisko historyczne w reżyserii autorki Iwony Puc pt. „Deklaracja 3 Maja 1791”. Inspiracją powstania widowiska był słynny, wszystkim Polakom znany obraz Jana Matejki „Konstytucja 3 Maja” namalowany w stuletnią rocznicę tego ważnego wydarzenia.

Widowisko zaprezentowane zostało przez Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”, którego tancerze oraz aktorzy przyodziani w stylowe szaty z epoki, w ujmujący sposób przenieśli zgromadzonych widzów do czasów wieku XVIII, kiedy to 3 maja 1791 r. w Warszawie radosny tłum wiwatował na cześć uchwalenia długo oczę-

kiwanej, nowej konstytucji, dzięki której wszystkie stany społeczne państwa polskiego pokładały nadzieję na lepszy byt kraju i sprawiedliwe dla wszystkich rządy. 3 maja 1791 roku to ważna data i znaczący moment w polskiej historii pokazujący akt uchwalenia Konstytucji, jako początek procesu, który doprowadził do całkowitej likwidacji państwa polskiego. Jest to dla Polaków szczególna rocznica, świętowana jako pamięć powstania dokumentu, który tak naprawdę nigdy nie obowiązywał oraz został uchwalony z naruszeniem ówczesnego prawa.

Zaprezentowane widowisko tańeczno-teatralne to wzruszająca, ponadczasowa inscenizacja, zwłaszcza dla emigrantów, która tworzy patriotyczny klimat i wyzwala emocje i doświadczenia tęsknoty za krajem oraz silne poczucie równości i braterstwa, gdyż odwaga Polaków ma swe korzenie w Konstytucji 3 Maja, zapoczątkowując nową erę w historii. Już pierwsza scena ukazuje widzom znane historycznie znakomitości tamtych czasów, kiedy na rękach wniesiono marszałka sejmku Stanisława Małachowskiego trzymającego w dłoni nową ustawę, która przy boku triumfalnie kroczącego króla Polski Stanisława Augusta Poniatowskiego została odczytana jako pierwsza demokratyczna polska konstytucja, pierwsza w Europie oraz druga na świecie. Nie zabrakło też postaci kapłana Hugona Kołłątaja, twórcy konstytucji oraz Róży Dekert wręczającej królowi wieniec lau-



rowy, jako symbol zwycięstwa i triumfu demokracji przy rozlegających się radośnie okrzykach: „Wiwat król, wiwat naród, wiwat wszystkie stany”! Poprzez poetyczno-satyryczne wersy przewijały się takty dworskiej muzyki i taneczne układy eleganckiego menueta, wytwornego poloneza i skoczno mazura.

Widowisko swoją obecnością zaszczycił konsul RP Piotr Semeniuk, który na koniec powiedział kilka ciepłych słów do tancerzy i zgromadzonych, dziękując dyrektor szkoły za gościnę. Konstytucyjne przedstawienie było transmitowane w internecie za pomocą „live streaming” oraz stało się częścią wirtualnej parady trzeciociomajowej organizowanej przez Związek Klubów Polskich w Chicago.

Istniejący już od 30 lat Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”, działający pod patronatem Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego

w Ameryce to miejsce, gdzie młodzi tancerze poznają świat i piękną polską sztukę ludową, obrzędy i obyczaje, kultywując wiele polskich tradycji religijnych i patriotycznych. Zespół oferuje szeroki repertuar obejmujący różnorodność tańców narodowych i ludowych, współczesnych i historycznych, jak również formy widowisk teatralnych. „Polonia” już ponad 20-krotnie reprezentowała swój program na światowych festiwalach na wszystkich kontynentach naszego globu. Zespół gromadzi tancerzy w wielu grupach wiekowych od 3 do 30 lat tańcząc, śpiewając i z dumą celebrując patriotyzm oraz bogactwo dziedzictwa polskiej kultury. Zapraszamy do odwiedzenia strony internetowej oraz Facebook, gdzie można znaleźć informacje o kolejnych występach, o historii zespołu oraz wiele pamiątkowych zdjęć z okolicznych imprez, widowisk i wojaży podboju świata.



OBCHODY ROCZNICY 30-LECIA POWSTANIA GRUPY WYSZEHRADZKIEJ



Konsulowie i przedstawiciele dyplomatyczni i handlowi

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago był gospodarzem obchodów jubileuszu 30-lecia powstania Grupy Wyszehradzkiej – V4 oraz rocznicy polskiej prezydencji w Grupie Wyszehradzkiej. Wydarzenie odbyło się w czwartek 6 czerwca, udział wzięli w nim przedstawiciele korpusu dyplomatycznego, przedstawiciele Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, World Business Chicago (WBC), Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI), Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce (CCC), SelectChicago, Polsko-Amerykańskiej Izby Handlowej (PACC), Polskich Linii Lotniczych LOT, PGS Software oraz liderzy diaspor polskiej, węgierskiej, czeskiej i słowackiej w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Program poprowadziła p.o. konsula generalnego RP w Chicago Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik. Przemówienia wygłosili: Tamas Kovacs, konsul generalny Węgier w Chicago; Jaroslav Kantůrek, konsul generalny Republiki Czeskiej w Chicago; Rosemary Macko Wisnosky, konsul honorowy Republiki Słowackiej w Chicago oraz Michał J. Rzeźnik, szef Zagranicznego Biura Handlowego w Chicago, Polskiej Agencji Inwestycji i Handlu (PAIH) i współorganizator uroczystości.

Konsul Bąk-Guzik serdecznie powitała również obecnych na uroczystości przedstawicieli dyplomatycznych i handlowych: konsula generalnego Bułgarii w Chicago Svetoslava Stankova; konsula generalnego Ukrainy w Chicago Serhiy

Koledova; zastępcę konsula generalnego Rumunii w Chicago Roberta Dumitrescu; komisarza ds. Handlu Konsulatu Generalnego Republiki Czeskiej w Chicago Tomáša Trnka; oraz komisarza ds. Handlu z Konsulatu Generalnego Węgier w Chicago Andrasa Juhasza.

Na zakończenie części oficjalnej wniesiony został jubileuszowy tort oraz wzniesiono toast szampanem.

Program artystyczny zaprezentował kwartet smyczkowy „Capriccioso”, w skład którego wchodzi profesjonalni muzycy urodzeni w Polsce, Rumunii i Mołdawii: Anna Bivol (skrzypce), Fabian Ularu (skrzypce), Constantin Postolach (altówka) i Patrycja Likos (wiolonczela). W programie recitalu znalazły się utwory Dworaka, Montiego, Machajdika, Chopina, Smetany, Bartoka i Brahmsa. Wystąpiła również polska wokalistka jazzowa Grażyna Auguścik.

Grupa Wyszehradzka (V4) jest nieformalną regionalną formą współpracy czterech państw Środkowej Europy – Polski, Czech, Słowacji i Węgier, które łączy nie tylko sąsiedztwo i podobne uwarunkowania geopolityczne, ale przede wszystkim wspólna historia, tradycja, kultura oraz wartości.

Ideą utworzenia Grupy była intensyfikacja współpracy w zakresie budowy demokratycznych struktur państwowych oraz wolnorynkowej gospodarki, a w dalszej perspektywie uczestnictwo w procesie integracji europejskiej. Za datę jej powstania przyjmuje się 15 lutego 1991 r., kiedy to prezydenci Polski Lech Wałęsa i Czechosłowacji Václav Havel oraz premier Węgier József Antall podpisali w węgierskim

mieście Wyszehrad wspólną deklarację określającą cele i warunki wzajemnej współpracy.

Od 2004 r. wszystkie kraje V4 są członkami Unii Europejskiej, a Grupa Wyszehradzka stanowi forum wymiany doświadczeń oraz wypracowywania wspólnych stanowisk w sprawach istotnych dla przyszłości regionu i Unii Europejskiej.

Poza kwestiami europejskimi, współpraca w ramach V4 koncentruje się przede wszystkim na sprawach dot. Europy Środkowej, wymianie informacji, a także kooperacji w zakresie kultury, nauki, edukacji oraz wymiany młodzieży. Priorytetowymi obszarami współpracy są rozbudowa infrastruktury transportowej oraz umacnianie bezpieczeństwa energetycznego w regionie. Istnieje również mechanizm współpracy z krajami trzecimi w formule „V4+”.

We współpracę wyszehradzką zaangażowane są liczne i różnicowane podmioty: prezydenci, premierzy, ministrowie, parlamenty, instytucje rządowe, organizacje pozarządowe, ośrodki naukowe, uczelnie czy instytucje kultury.

Jedyną w pełni zinstytucjonalizowaną formą współpracy w V4 jest Międzynarodowy Fundusz Wyszehradzki z siedzibą w Bratysławie (IVF).

Przewodnictwo w Grupie pełnione jest na zasadzie rotacji i trwa rok, a jego program przyjmowany jest przez premierów państw wyszehradzkich. Od 1 lipca 2020 r. do 30 czerwca 2021 r. prezydencję w Grupie sprawuje Polska. (Grupa Wyszehradzka - Portal Gov.pl)



Grażyna Auguścik i kwartet smyczkowy „Capriccioso”



Goście uroczystości w Konsulacie Generalnym

CIĄG DALSZY ŚLUBÓW W „POLONII”

Janusz Krysiński i Małgosia z domu Wilczek



Państwo Małgorzata i Janusz Krysińscy

Sobota 5go czerwca 2021 dla tancerzy Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” z Chicago była dniem o szczególnym znaczeniu.

Janusz Krysiński, wieloletni tancerz, najstarszy syn dyrektora Anny Krysińskiej oraz wnuk założycielki zespołu „Polonia” Cecyli Rożnowskiej, ślubował swą dożgonną miłość wieloletniej tancerce zespołu „Lajkonik” Małgosi Wilczek. Uroczystości ślubne odbyły się w bazylice św. Jacka po czym, z czego słynie zespół „Polonia”, tradycjom nowożeńskim nie było końca. Parę młodych przywitała grupa górali, żądając wykonania wielu zręcznościowych zadań. Pokaz tańców spiskich,

szlacheckiego poloneza, powitanie tradycyjnym chlebem i wiele innych polskich obrzędów towarzyszyły nowej parze państwa Krysińskich również na weselu.

*Dziś, wszem i wobec się tu ogłasza,
że Waś Januszek Robert z Krysińskich,
ślubował wiernie córce górala
z Wilczków Gosieńce - pannie z Podhala.*

*Ślub był nad śluby, z pełnym orszakiem,
Co przystać każe polskim rodakom,
Przed Bogiem słowa jak dźwięki dzwonu,
Wierność przysięgli, miłość do zgonu.*

*Ten dzień dzisiejszy w starych kronikach
Jest zapisany jako unikat
Polskie tradycje poznało wielu
Tych co bawili się weselu.*

*Jak tradycja stara każe - cześć i chwala
Młodej Parze !!!*

*By w miłości długo żyli i dziedziców ubawili.
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- zespół POLONIA składa życzenia.*



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W piątek, 25 czerwca gościła w siedzibie Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce Miss Publiczności Parady 3-majowej w Chicago, Agnieszka Daniłowski. Wraz z tytułem Miss Publiczności, Agnieszka otrzymała dwa stypendia w wysokości \$500, w tym jedno ufundowane przez PRCUA.

Agnieszka przyjechała do siedziby Zjednoczenia, aby osobiście oraz w imieniu komitetu organizacyjnego parady 3-maja podziękować zarządowi za sponsorowanie wyborów i ufundowanie stypendium.

Agnieszka studiuje pielęgniarstwo, uczy się języka hiszpańskiego i wspiera fundację Dar Serca.

Tegoroczna parada 3-maja została odwołana ze względu na pandemię Covid-19.



L-p: sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Miss Publiczności Agnieszka Daniłowski, prezes James Robaczewski, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński

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