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NARÓD POLSKI IS 125 YEARS OLD!

January 1, 2022 marked the 125th anniversary of the printing of the first issue of the *Naród Polski*.

In 1873, *Pielgrzym*, or *The Pilgrim* (published first in Missouri and then in Detroit), announced Fr. Gieryk's invitation to all Polish lay and clerical leaders to attend a conference on October 3, 1873 in St. Adalbert's Church in Chicago. The conference led to the establishment of the PRCUA.

In the early years, PRCUA used privately-owned publications such as *Pielgrzym* (*The Pilgrim*), *Gazeta Polska Katolicka* (*Polish Catholic Gazette*) and *Wiara i Ojczyzna* (*Faith and Fatherland*), as its "official" organ to publish information concerning important Union matters.

In 1874, Jan Barzyński, editor of *Pielgrzym*, moved the publication from Detroit to Chicago, and its name was changed to *Gazeta Polska Katolicka*, which was published until 1888. Barzyński was the editor of *Pielgrzym* and then *Gazeta Polska Katolicka* until 1880. He was succeeded by Władysław Smulski as editor.

In 1888, the PRCUA designated the Resurrectionist Fathers' weekly newspaper *Wiara i Ojczyzna* as its official organ. It was published until the end of 1896; Fr. Wincenty Barzyński and Fr. Gordon were the administrators of the publication.

Wiara i Ojczyzna had several editors. Rev. John Radziejewski, and Rev. Wiktor Zaleski were the managers of the publication. From 1888 to 1896, they worked with several editors: Stanisław Slisz, Tomasz Lobarzewski (1888), Rev. Felix Kach-

nowski (1889), Stanisław Sz wajkart (1890), Ignacy Machnikowski (1891), and later Rev. Constance Domagalski, who coedited with Machnikowski, Sz wajkart, and Szcz ęsny Zahajkiewicz. Sz wajkart was the editor until the demise of *Wiara i Ojczyzna* in January of 1898.

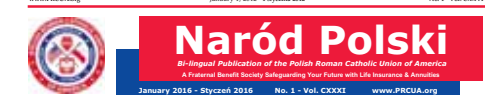
At the 1896 PRCUA National Convention in Philadelphia, a resolution was adopted to purchase a printshop in Chicago and publish its own PRCUA organ. Originally, the new publication was to be titled *Zjednoczenie* (the Union) but changed to *Naród* (*Nation*). The first issue was printed on January 1, 1897. The name of the second issue was changed to *Naród Polski* (*Polish Nation*) because a Czech daily newspaper by that name was already being published in Chicago.

Tomasz Skaryszewski was the first editor of *Naród Polski* and was succeeded by Witold Zembaczyński. They were followed by Lucyan Horbaczynski (1897), Szcz ęsny Zahajkiewicz (1898-99), Ignacy Kowalski (1899-1903), Leon Szopiński (6 months).

In 1903, Karol Wachtel was elected editor and held the position until 1906 (he was also the author of the first PRCUA history *Dzieje Zjednoczenia P.R.K. w Ameryce*, published in 1913.) He returned as editor for one year from 1911 to 1912.

In 1906, Ignacy Kowalski was elected editor once again and held the position until 1911, when he was discharged.

In May of 1912, Franciszek Barć was appointed as editor of (*continued on pg. 20*)



Some of the *Naród Polski*'s mastheads



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FEBRUARY

5 STERLING HTS., MI – ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE POLSKA ZABAWA PARTY on Sat., Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. at American Polish Century Banquet Center, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Hts., MI. Ticket information: 586-770-7397 or zajaczekdance@yahoo.com. See pg. 15 for details.

MARIA KONOPNICKA POLISH SCHOOL BANQUET on Sat., Feb. 5.

GWIAZDA FOLWING FUNDRAISER on Sat., Feb. 5.

10 PRCUA SOCIETY #718 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE on Thurs., Feb. 10 at 8 p.m., at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. Contact Jerry Nasiatka.

12 ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI SCHOOL DANCE on Sat., Feb. 12.

14 VALENTINE'S DAY

21 PRESIDENTS DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

24 TŁUSTY CZWARTEK (PL)

26 SOUTHGATE, MI – 31TH ANNUAL SHIRLEY ANN GALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL on Sat., Feb. 26 at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI.

MARCH

1 FAT TUESDAY

5 ASH WEDNESDAY / POPIELC

REDFORD, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #718 ONE GAME BOWLING K/O on Sat., Feb. 5 at Mayflower Lanes at 26600 Plymouth Rd., Redford, MI. Registration at 11 a.m. Dinner to follow at American Legion, Carl E. Stitt Post 232, 23850 Military Rd., Dearborn Hts., MI. For details, contact Janet Rys at 734-812-0372.

6 CHICAGO RIDGE, IL – PRCUA ADULT CULTURE GROUP 46TH FASHION SHOW AND BRUNCH on Sun., March 6 at Glendora Banquets, 10225 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL. For details, see pg. 8.

7 CASIMIR PULASKI DAY (IL) - PRCUA HOME OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

12 MALBORK DANCE GROUP RECITAL on Sat., March 12.

13 CHICAGO, IL – CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER - Hosted by District #7, on Sun., March 13.

DETROIT, MI – POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT on Sun., March 13 at 3 p.m. at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, MI. For additional information, see pg. 10.

19 SPRING BEGINS

19 MI – ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE 17TH ANNUAL RECITAL on Sat., March 19.

27 MI – HALKA DANCERS RECITAL on Sun., March 27.

For updates on any of the PRCUA events, please contact your local PRCUA districts, societies and schools, and check *Naród Polski*, PRCUA social media platforms and www.prcua.org.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PRCUA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The Constitution Committee is accepting proposed changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. Any PRCUA member, Society, Circuit or District in good standing has the right to propose changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. These changes must be submitted IN WRITING to the Constitution Committee by June 1, 2022 for consideration. Please follow the format below when submitting proposed changes. The Committee will accept proposed changes until June 1, 2022. Thank you.

Proposal to the Constitution Committee

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Changes proposed to these articles:

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Title of Article _____

Reason for proposed change: _____

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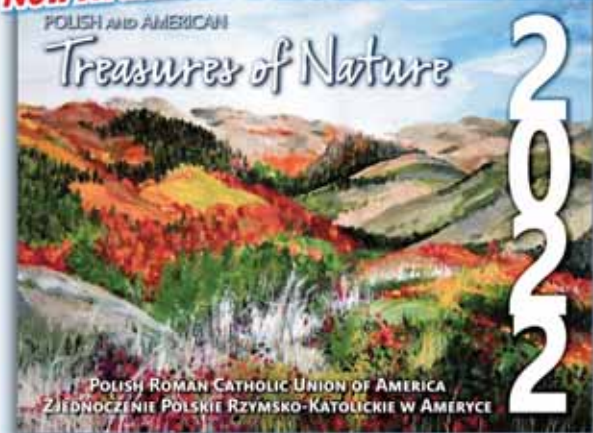
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mczarney@hotmail.com

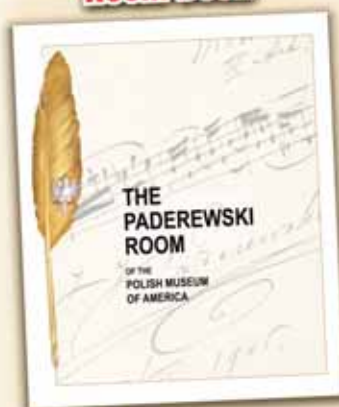
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3. Applicant must submit a minimum 150-word essay entitled: How I'm personally involved in my fraternal society & its future.
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5. Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a local Fraternal Society officer.
6. Essay, all activities and letter will be judged. Completed application must be dated and submitted by **April 1, 2022** and mailed to:

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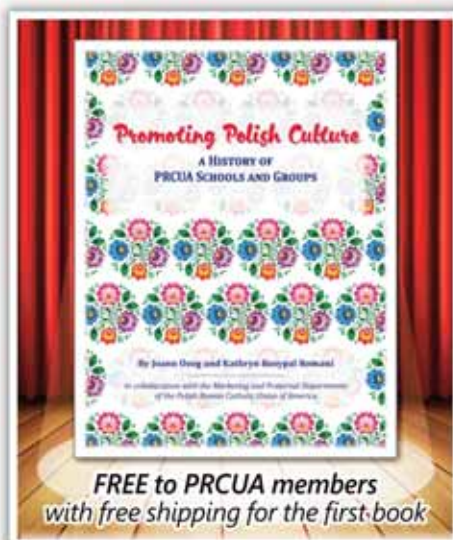
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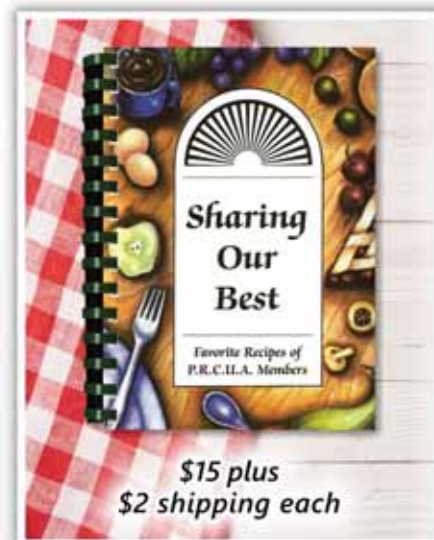
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49th ANNUAL CINDERELLA AND PRINCE CHARMING BALL



2022 Cinderella and Prince Charming
Natalia Bafia and Marcel Duda

The Adult Culture Group held its annual Cinderella Prince Charming Ball at the Belvedere Chateau in Palos Hills, IL on Saturday, November 20, 2021. This elegant event celebrated its 49th anniversary. The candidates, their parents and honored guests all looked forward in anticipation to the evening's events. Danielle Kroplewski and Rick Skowyrza began the festivities by welcoming guests to the ball. The program included an introduction and promenade of the PRCUA national officers as well as the Adult Culture Group officers and members.

The program began with the singing of the American and Polish national anthem by former candidate Magdalena Truta, followed by greetings by outgoing Cinderella Karolina Gal and Prince Charming Arthur Rykala. The invocation was given by Most Reverend Bishop Andrew P. Wypych, and a toast to celebrate the special occasion was given by National President James Robaczewski. The evening also brought congratulatory remarks by Vice Consul Consulate General of the Republic of Poland Agata Grochowska and Micheline Jaminski, PRCUA National Vice President, who also acknowledged the history and hard work of the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA.

Established in 1976, the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA is a credit to Polonia for its dedication to young

adults as well as to multiple generations of its membership. The Adult Culture Group proudly honors the youth of the PRCUA as hosts of the annual Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball and Spring Fashion Show. Many of this year's candidates have carried on their family tradition of supporting and participating in the Cinderella Prince Charming Ball. Lilianna Cislo's parents were former candidates; her father is PRCUA National District 8 Director. Daniela Gal and Monika Toltzman's mothers were former candidates. Both of Emilia Kroplewski and Julia Skowyrza's parents were former candidates. Alexandra Little and Julia Skowyrza have mothers who were Cinderellas: Diane Muszalski Little (1995) and Nathalie Pietura Skowyrza (1988). Elizabeth Dynowski - as a former Cinderella (1990), member of the Adult Culture Group and PRCUA National District 8 Director - looks forward to seeing past, current and future Cinderellas, Prince Charmings and candidates become actively involved in the PRCUA. "It's important to continue to promote the Polish traditions of those members before us."

After dinner, the program continued with a benediction by Rev. Andrew Wypych. Then the moment arrived when the 22 honored young adults were presented by 2019 Cinderella Klaudia Widur and 2019 Prince Charming Aleksander Sainski. As the candidates were individually presented with their parents, their school accomplishments were shared with the guests. Many candidates are honor roll students, active members of different sports, dance and school organizations. Candidates were proud to note their affiliation with PRCUA dance groups and PRCUA Polish schools in their biographies.

After each candidate was presented, the young men and women danced a beautiful waltz choreographed by Richard Jaminski. Guests watched in awe as the candidates glided across the floor, making intricate patterns with their movements in their white gowns and black tuxedos. The stunning waltz was perfectly executed and the choreography was breathtaking. The

grace, maturity, confidence and friendships developed during the preparation for the ball were evident throughout the evening.

The most anticipated moment of the ball was the selection of the Cinderella and Prince Charming 2022. Bishop Andrew Wypych blessed the crowns and the lottery drawing of the winners was done by honored guests: James Robaczewski selected the Cinderella envelope, Vice President Micheline Jaminski selected the Prince Charming envelope, and Agnieszka Bastryk, Secretary-Treasurer, selected the Cinderella runner-up and Prince Charming runner-up envelopes.

The first runners-up for the 2022 PRCUA Cinderella and Prince Charming are Veronica Kaczmarczyk and Jakub Niedzielski. The 2022 PRCUA Cinderella and Prince Charming are Natalia Bafia and Marcel Duda.

Cinderella and Prince Charming, the runners-up and the candidates receive scholarships from the Adult Culture Group. Funds for these scholarships are provided from the money raised through the annual ball and annual fashion show. Cinderella and Prince Charming receive the largest scholarship presented to the candidates and are honored to represent the Adult Culture Group at various Polish-American events throughout the city, culminating in the passing of their crown at the following year's Cinderella Prince Charming Ball.

The evening's official program concluded with the promenade of the 2022 Cinderella and Prince Charming and with the candidates dancing a waltz with their parents. Thank you for everyone's part in making the ball an elegant and enjoyable experience. The ball would not be possible without the support of the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA, including its officers: Edward Muszalski, President; John Frankowicz, Vice President; Liz Dynowski, Secretary, and Walter Dynowski, Treasurer; its committee chairs: Candidates: Gabriela Zuk, Danuta Stypula, Krystyna Lech and Joanna Niedzielski; Invitations: Vickie Kroplewski and Jolanta Stanek; Program Book: Nathalie Skowyrza, Desiree Sa-

cinski, Liz Dynowski and Lidia Kowalewicz; and the following dedicated committee members and volunteers: Mary Brezniak, Magdalena Ciszewska, Elizabeth Cislo, Diana Cortesi, Stan Dron, Angela Muszalski, and Marzena Staron.

Congratulations to the candidates for their participation in a wonderful tradition. For 49 years, we have honored the vision of the foundress of the ball, Regina Ocwieja, past vice president of the PRCUA. Mrs. Ocwieja's dream of promoting the Polish-American heritage of today's youth lives on through all the dedication of everyone who made the 49th anniversary of the Cinderella Prince Charming Ball an exquisite night to remember. We look forward to everyone supporting the history, traditions and memories during our upcoming 50th Cinderella Prince Charming Anniversary Ball on November 19, 2022 at the Belvedere Chateau.

Please save the date for the Annual Fashion Show on March 6, 2022 at Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, IL. This year's fashion show will be celebrating its 47th anniversary and we are always looking for former candidates, Cinderellas and Prince Charmings to support this fundraising event. Please contact the fashion show chairperson, Liz Dynowski, at (708) 846-2004 if interested in participating or volunteering for this event.

One of the greatest ways to honor our Polish-American heritage is to continue to support the traditions and events of the PRCUA that continue to be a part of our lives. The Cinderella Prince Charming Ball has seen multiple generations participate in its beautiful event. The Adult Culture Group is honored to see so many parents who attended Polish school, Polish dance, and other PRCUA functions encourage their children to do the same. This was evident in the number of alumni who participated in the time-honored tradition of the ball with their children and grandchildren.

To continue this time-honored tradition and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cinderella Prince Charming Ball, we are calling all past Cinderellas, Prince Charmings and



Adult Culture Group



Richard Jaminski
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candidates. Please reach out to us to provide your current contact information. If you know former ball participants and can share their updated contact information, we

would greatly appreciate it. We would like to have as many Cinderellas, Prince Charmings and candidates as possible attend the 50th Anniversary Ball. Please save the date for the 50th Anniversary Ball. Please forward updated contact information to adultculturegroup@gmail.com - Elizabeth Cislo and Elizabeth Dynowski, alumni coordinators.

Candidates' Biographies

Natalia Bafia, 18, of Crestwood, IL is the daughter of Beata and Stanisław Bafia. She is a senior at Alan B. Shepard High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Natalia was a member of the PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (SWCPD), and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Liliana Cislo, 17, of Lockport, IL is the daughter of Elizabeth and Myron Cislo. She is a senior at Lockport Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Liliana graduated from John Paul II Polish Language High School. She was a member of the SWCPD and Polanie Dancers. She is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Daniela Gal, 16, of Palos Park, IL is the daughter of Ivona and Edward Gal. She is a sophomore at Amos

Alonzo Stagg High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Daniela attended Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School for 7 years. She was a member of the SWCPD for 10 years and was a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Natalia Jessica Hatala, 16, of Orland Park, IL is the daughter of Władysław and Jan Hatala. She is a junior at Carl Sandburg High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Natalia graduated from Jan Brzechwa Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD, and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Weronika Kaczmarczyk, 16, of New Lenox, IL is the daughter of Dorota and Artur Kaczmarczyk. She is a junior at Lincoln Way Central High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Weronika graduated 8th grade from Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School and is currently in 11th grade at the John Paul II Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD for 10 years and a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Paulina Karkoszka, 14, of Alsip, IL is the daughter of Renata and Józef Karkoszka. She is a freshman at Alan B. Shepard High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Paulina currently attends Stanisław Cholewiński Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Emilia Kroplewski, 14, of Lemont, IL is the daughter of Danielle and Robert Kroplewski. She is a freshman at Lemont Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Emilia graduated 8th grade from Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD, and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Alexandra Little, 16, of Wheaton, IL is the daughter of Diane Muszalski-Little and Brian Little. She is a junior at Wheaton North High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Alexandra attended Helena Modrzejewska Polish Language School for 7 years. She was a member of the SWCPD for 3 years.

Karolina Mikulec, 16, of Homer Glen, IL is the daughter of Halina and Grzegorz Mikulec. She is a junior at Lockport Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Karolina currently attends Król Kazimierz Wielki Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD, and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Victoria Pikul, 16, of Homer Glen, IL is the daughter of Grażyna and Marek Pikul. She is a junior at Lockport Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Victoria attends Król Kazimierz Wielki Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

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49th ANNUAL CINDERELLA AND PRINCE CHARMING BALL

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Tanya Sacinski, 17, of Homer Glen, IL is the daughter of Desiree and Andrzej Sacinski. She is a senior at Lockport Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Tanya attended John Paul II Polish Language School for 5 years. She was a member of the SWCPD and Polanie Dancers. She is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Julia Skowyra, 16, of Hickory Hills, IL is the daughter of Nathalie and Ricky Skowyra. She is a sophomore at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Julia is a graduate of Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD for 11 years and was a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Lilliana Skwirut, 15, of Palos Park, IL is the daughter of Donna and Jerzy Skwirut. She is a freshman at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1575. Lilliana graduated from Król Kazimierz Wielki Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD for 6 years.

Isabelle Stanek, 14, of Palos Park, IL is the daughter of Jolanta and Grzegorz Stanek. She is a freshman at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Isabelle is a graduate of Jan Karski Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD for 8 years.

Monika Angela Toltzman, 14, of Rockford, IL is the daughter of Anna Muszalski Toltzman and Chris Toltzman. She is a freshman at Boylan Catholic High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1622. Monika attended Mikolaj Kopernik Polish Language School for 2 years. She was a member of the Krakowiak Polish Dance Group in Rockford for 3 years.

Veronica Emily Walkosz, 14, of Homer Glen, IL is the daughter of Aneta and Andrzej Walkosz. She is a freshman at Lockport Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1636. Veronica attends John Paul II Polish Language

School. She was a member of the Polanie Dancers for 11 years.

Jessica Izabela Wenc, 16, of Palos Hills, Illinois is the daughter of Agnieszka and Janusz Wenc. She is a junior at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Jessica attends Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School. She was a member of the SWCPD, and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Marcel Duda, 17 of Bridgeview, IL is the son of Jolanta and Pawel Duda. He is a junior at Oak Lawn High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. He attends Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School and was a member of the SWCPD for 4 years.

Dominic Karkoszka, 16, of Alsip, IL is the son of Renata and Józef Karkoszka. He is a junior at Alan B. Shepard High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. He attends Stanislaw Cholewiński Polish Language School. He was a member of the SWCPD and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company.

Jakub Niedzielski, 17, of Oak Lawn, IL is the son of Joanna and Jacek Niedzielski. He is a junior at Brother Rice High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Jakub attends Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School. He was a member of the SWCPD and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

Maximillian Trojanek, 15, of Lemont, IL, is the son of Margie and Jerry Trojanek. He is currently a sophomore at Lemont High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1636. Maximillian attended John Paul II Polish Language School for 8 years, where he was a member of the Polanie Dancers for 9 years.

Eric David Wildhirt, 16, of Lockport, IL is the son of Wiesława and David Wildhirt. He is a sophomore at Lockport Township High School and a member of PRCUA Society #1636. Eric was a member of the Polanie Dancers and is currently a member of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.

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LEADERS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

VICTOR (WIKTOR) BARDONSKI

Compiled by Lidia Kowalewicz
Editor

Victor Bardonski was born on December 23, 1853, in Wiele near Bydgoszcz, Poland (at the time, a territory reannexed by Prussia in 1815 as part of the Grand Duchy of Posen). He was a son of Jan Bardonski and Agnieszka Mroz.

He came to U.S. in 1871 with his parents and settled in Chicago. He worked in a tannery and attended school in the evenings to learn English and local customs.

He married Josephine Bloch on January 24, 1875, in Chicago. The wedding was officiated by Rev. Vincent Barzynski, C.R. (one of the founders and chaplain of the PRCUA). The Bardonskis had eight children, 2 sons: John Bartholomew and Bronisław and 6 daughters: Anna Martha, Mary Magdalena, Helena, Leocadia, Mathilda Josephine and Irene Victoria.

In 1883, Victor started working as a clerk at Schoenker drug store and was studying in the evenings.

He was elected PRCUA President at the 12th PRCUA Convention, held on September 29-30, 1885 in Grand Rapids, MI. He served for one year until the next convention in December 1886.

In 1886, Bardonski graduated as a pharmacist from the Chicago College of Pharmacy and opened his own drug store, The V. Bardonski Pharmacy, at 1256 Noble Street in Chicago. He later handed the store over to his son John. The Bardonski family owned their pharmacy until 1949.

At the 20th PRCUA Convention held in August 1893 in Chicago, Bardonski was elected as the treasurer of the newly formed *Komitet Centralny Udziału Polonii Amerykańskiej na Wystawie Kościuszkowskiej we Lwowie* (Committee of the Polish American Participation at the Kościuszko Exhibition in Lviv) to be held the following year on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Kościuszko Uprising.

In May of 1894, Bardonski was elected as a vice chairman of the newly established *Liga Polska* (Polish

League), but resigned from his position the day after the election.

Victor Bardonski was the first Pole elected to the office of the Inspector of Pharmacies. He also was a member of the pharmacists' labor union (C.R.D.A.). The Union of Polish Doctors was established at his pharmacy, and three of his children were pharmacists.

In 1904, Victor's wife Josephine died. The same year, he was appointed the treasurer of the newly formed Society of Polish Pharmacists in Chicago.

In 1914, Bardonski married Maria (aka Maryanna) Owocki (née Baranowski) at St. Casimir Church in Milwaukee, WI. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Bronisław Celichowski, the pastor of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church in Milwaukee, who was later a PRCUA chaplain.

In 1918, Victor Bardonski became a member of the Committee of Doctors, Dentists and Pharmacists of the Polish Organization in Chicago and Cook County, which was in charge of organizing the 3rd Freedom Loan Campaign (*Trzecia Kampania Pożyczki Wolnościowej*).

According to the Theater Historical Society of America, Victor Bardonski was the operator of the Chopin Theatre in Chicago, which opened in March of 1918 and was originally built as a nickelodeon.

Bardonski was a parishioner of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chicago, where he was active in various parish clubs and served as parish treasurer. He was also a member of the Polish National Alliance, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and St. Stanislaus Court.

Victor Bardonski passed away on 26 April 26, 1928 after a short illness. The funeral service was held at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chi-



cago. The funeral mass was celebrated by four priests (Rev. Stanislaus Siatka, C.R., Rev. Jozef Jelinek, C.R., Rev. Bronisław Lazarowicz, C.R., and Rev. Tadeusz Ligman C.R.). Bardonski was buried at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL. PRCUA board members attended the funeral.

Sources: *Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymo-Katolickie w Ameryce 1873-1948* by

Mieczysław Haiman; *Dziennik Chicagowski*, 1918 and 1928; *Dziennik Zjednoczenia*, 1928; *Forum Bibl. Med.* 2016 R. 9 nr 2; *Who's Who in Polish America* by Rev. Francis Bolek, 1943.

The biographies of the earliest PRCUA Presidents are presented in order the information becomes available instead of chronological order.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PRCUA SOCIETIES

In compliance with the provisions of the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws, the election of delegates and their alternates to the 63rd National Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America should take place within the month of April or May. Contact your Society representatives for information about the Society's meeting if it is not listed in the Calendar of Events.

All Secretaries are urged to email the meeting information to narodpolski@prcu.org before March 15, 2022 to have the Society's meeting listed in the April and/or May issue of the *Naród Polski* Calendar of Events.

BUDGET & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE NOTICE

The PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee has announced that any PRCUA member who has a complaint, suggestion or grievance should file it - in writing - with the Budget and Grievance Committee. It should be postmarked by May 30, 2022. The PRCUA Convention will only accept complaints, suggestions and grievances that have been officially filed with this Committee.

A meeting of the Budget and Grievance Committee will be held after receipt of responses from the membership.

Send your complaints, suggestions and/or grievances to:

Budget and Grievance Committee

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NOTICE TO SOCIETY OFFICERS ON CONVENTION REPRESENTATION

The 63rd Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA is quickly approaching. The Secretary-Treasurer reminds all officers of PRCUA Societies of a very important provision in the Constitution and By-Laws governing the representation of Societies at the Convention.

Section Three, Article 03E, Delegates to the Convention, Paragraph 6

"A Society delinquent to the UNION more than two (2) months in its assessments loses its rights to representation at the Convention."

The accounts of a majority of Societies are current, therefore this notice does not apply to them. However, any Society which is delinquent is encouraged to bring their accounts up-to-date immediately so that your Society will meet the qualifications of the Constitution for representation at the Convention, the most important gathering of our fraternal organization.

Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Secretary-Treasurer

FALL/WINTER 2021 HAPPENINGS AT TATRY DANCERS

By Gail Esker
Tatry Dancers Director

October 2021 started with Polish Heritage Month with our annual Polish Mass. Some of our dancers participated in the mass at St. Albertus in Detroit, MI. We also had a summer cleanup party at the church where a few of our dancers and families cleaned up the yard. A big thank you to Evan Lubiartz, who has shown up for every monthly workday at St. Albertus to help them clean up and maintain this beautiful church!

Some of our kids attended the PRCUA Cultural Workshop and had a ball! We even got a new dancer, because she had so much fun! We'd like



Summer clean up at St. Albertus church

to welcome Lila Alvarado! We are really excited to have her dancing with us!

November 6 was a great evening. We were finally able to celebrate our 2020 graduate Elise Lubiartz, and also our 2021 graduates: Erin DelCotto, Leah Esker and Joseph O'Neill.

Elise Lubiartz attends Wayne State University, studying biological sciences. She graduated from Cousino High School, where she was involved in Cheer and band, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Erin DelCotto attends Cabrini High School. She is captain of the volleyball team and a member of the National Honor Society.

Leah Esker will be graduating from Walled Lake Northern High



Fun at the Cultural Workshop



Tatry dancers at the Christmas Market

School this year. She is active in band, bowling, and color guard.

Joey O'Neill will be graduating from Franklin High School in Livonia MI this year. He is involved in the National Honors Society, Greenhouse Club, tennis and golf.

The attendees were mesmerized as the 2020 graduate and her escort, swept across the dance floor to *How Swiftly Time Flies* and our 2021 graduates danced to *Memories Waltz*. Group 5 performed flawlessly their dances. The hall echoed with whoops and applause, especially to Polish soul!

Fun was had by all as they celebrated their Polish heritage and hard work to music from Jimmy K and his *All Star Band*, including good food, good music, dancing and lots of laughs. *Sto Lat* and good luck to our graduates!! We are so proud of them all!

In November, we did a fun outdoor Christmas Market in Wayne, MI. Santa could not wait to get his picture taken with the kids! Karen Lubiartz was even able to get the kids to learn a dance to a Christmas Polka



2020-2021 Tatry graduates

in 2 weeks, in time for the event!

Our annual Christmas party was at a bowling center this year. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun.

Although, we were all looking forward to our 50th anniversary celebration (a year late) which was to take place on January 23, the event was cancelled.



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NEWS FROM PRCUA #1593 ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY

By Joann S. Ozog

Due to the coronavirus that has hit worldwide over the past two years, many PRCUA societies have cancelled their activities. Recently, some of them have reopened their events and fundraisers and PRCUA #1593 has shown its support.

On November 6, society representatives attended the Tetry Dancers Presentation Ball, honoring Elise Lubiarz (2020 graduate) and Erin Delcotto, Joey O'Neil and Leah Esker (2021 graduates). Joann Ozog, financial secretary/treasurer of St. John Paul II Society has written several books, the most recent titled *Life is a Journey*. This is an inspirational book on life and its many challenges. Since the graduates would soon be embarking on a new journey after graduation, Joann presented each graduate with a copy of the book, with the hope that it would assist them in coping with the many difficult phases of their new life.

On January 8, the Zajaczk Dance Ensemble held their Presentation Ball, honoring graduates Kalina Barth, Kian Desmond, Robert Lawrence and Jessica Saunders. Each graduate also received Joann's book.

Congratulations to each of these students who put much time and hard work into their Polish dancing. Their dedication for so many years truly show their pride in their Polish heritage.

On December 19, the Detroit Lions held Polish American Day. This day of celebrating our Polish heritage was coordinated by PRCUA

#1593 St. John Paul II Society. It was not as elaborate as the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night but PRCUA Halka Dancers and PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers put on a fabulous 45-minute dance program prior to the game in front of an enthusiastic crowd. Wallace and Christopher Ozog, officers of the society were present, along with National President James Robaczewski and former District 7 Director Kevin Kucik. The dancers had a great time, especially since the Lions won against Arizona Cardinals, their second winning game of the season.

We also congratulate member Mark Ozog on the publication of his second book, *Live Your Best Life*. This book gives the reader the opportunity to see the world through the eyes of an individual who has traveled to 45 states and 55 countries. It is also an inspirational book about a person who has encountered many



Jessica Urban, Wallace Ozog and Christopher Ozog at the Ford Field



Joann Ozog presenting her book to the Tetry graduates

challenges in his life. However, with determination and a positive attitude he was able to conquer them and move forward. This book can be purchased at Walmart, Barnes and Noble, Amazon or Book Baby or by emailing to wozog@wowway.com.

On a sad note, we have recently lost three members of our PRCUA #1593 family. Marilyn Lewandowski, who goes way back to the beginning of our society, was the first financial secretary of the group for several years. Her two daughters were enrolled in the PRCUA Pope John Paul II Society Dancers. Marilyn was very active with the society and the dance school.

Rose Daly Watkins loved to volunteer her time at the Bingos sponsored by the society and held at the Polish American Cultural Center for many years. She enjoyed mingling with the bingo players and was one of the Number 1 Bingo callers. Her son, Kevin, and his wife, Laura, are members of PRCUA #1368 and they participate in many of the PRCUA national sport tournaments. Their daughters, Margaret and Katherine, are members of PRCUA #1593; Katherine also dances with the PRCUA Opole Dancers.

Jude Rutkowski became a member of PRCUA because he

wanted to participate in the national sport tournaments. He was living in Florida and at the age of 48 was tragically hit by a car. Many of his Michigan family are also members of PRCUA #1593.

Marilyn, Rose and Jude were all PRCUA members but each contributed to the society in different ways - as an officer, a volunteer and as an athlete, and we thank them for their dedication and support. Condolences are extended to their families and may they rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2022

April 1 - Deadline for Society Scholarship applications

April 26 - PRCUA #1593 Scholarship Raffle takes place at society meeting

April 26 - Election of delegates to the PRCUA Convention at society meeting

May 27 - Detroit Tigers Polish American Night (Detroit vs. Cleveland)

August 11-15 - PRCUA National Convention held in Illinois

Fall - (Date to be announced) - PRCUA #1593 Scholarship Raffle

We hope that each member will participate in as many events as possible. It is through your support that our society can be active. Be safe and healthy!

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME

Soon it will be time for students to apply for scholarships. PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society in Warren, MI offers scholarships to its members who are entering or attending college. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Society dues of \$3/year must be paid up to date.

- Family or person receiving the scholarship must support fundraisers by volunteering time or making monetary donations.

Contact Judy Burzynski (586-264-7620) for application. **Deadline is April 1, 2022.**

To assist us with our scholarship fund, the following items are available for purchase.

1. *50th Anniversary of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night* - This book is in two parts and consists of 50 years of history of showing our Polish pride at the ball park and hundreds of photos that bring back many beautiful memories. Cost: \$25

plus shipping and handling.

2. Detroit Tigers Polish American Night T-shirt (limited amount available). Cost: \$15 plus shipping and handling.

3. Detroit Lions Polish American Day T-shirt. Cost: \$20 each or 2 for \$35 plus shipping and handling.

If interested, email Wally Ozog at: wozog@wowway.com.



HALKA HAPPENINGS TO CLOSE UP 2021 AND BEGIN 2022

By Laura Hejza
Halka Director

The PRCUA Halka Dancers of Detroit finished off 2021 with a bang as they continued to take advantage of opportunities to show off their Polish pride. When asked to perform a holiday show at the Independent Senior Community of Pine Ridge Plumbrook in Sterling Heights, MI, they knew they had to accept. The residents were delighted to be entertained and share stories about Polish traditions and the old neighborhoods.

After performing, the dancers passed out Christmas ornaments they made during their weekly practices. Hearts were full all around that night as the dancers knew they had done a good thing spreading cheer to the residents. Many stayed after to share more conversations. Halka teacher and choreographer, Tom Li-

siecki, recognized an old neighbor whose daughters once danced with Halka!

Our next December event, the Royal Oak Jingle Parade, was unfortunately canceled due to extreme winds in Michigan. But the following weekend had the back-to-back events of the infamous Halka Christmas Party and the Halka Dancers being part of the first Polish American Day at Ford Field with the Detroit Lions. Halka joined forces with the Gwiazda Dance Ensemble to become Team PRCUA, as directors Laura Hejza and Jessica Urban assisted Lions group account executive Seth Anderson to coordinate the pre-game entertainment. The end result was each group taking turns performing and then dancing together in a polka finale.

Thank you to PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog for initiating this event, as it was a positive experi-

ence for all the dancers. We look forward to participating next year. Even PRCUA President James Robaczewski was in attendance.

As we enter 2022, the next order of business is preparing for the PRCUA Michigan State Ball where three Halka graduates will be honored: Tessa McKnee, Lauren Palencik, and Skyler Siecinski. The grand event will be held on February 26, 2022.

Check Facebook at Halka Dancers for more information on group events, including our 53rd Annual Recital on March 27, 2022, in Warren, MI.



Halka Dancers making crafts at the Christmas party



Halka Dancers at Pine Ridge Senior Community



Halka and Gwiazda Dancers at Ford Field



Halka Dancers with President Emeritus, Wallace Ozog



Halka graduates Tessa McKnee, Skler Siecinski and Lauren Palencik with their mothers at first Michigan State Ball practice



Halka 2022 graduates Tessa McKnee, Skyler Siecinski, Lauren Palencik



Seth Anderson of the Detroit Lions and Laura Hejza display Game Day shirts



PRCUA President James Robaczewski with Tom Lisiecki and Laura Hejza



Halka teacher Tom Lisiecki with his old neighbor



Halka Dancers waiting to enter Ford Field

AN AFFORDABLE DEGREE IN POLAND WITHOUT KNOWING POLISH: WHY STUDY IN POLAND?

Robert Strybel
Warsaw Correspondent

If someone suggested that your kids or grandkids study in Poland, how would you and they react? "I don't speak any Polish," is a common reply. "That must be expensive," others might say. "Why study away in Poland when we've got so many colleges here in America?" is another typical response.

Poland boasts numerous schools of higher education of every type: universities, academies, institutes and colleges. Many are general-education institutions. They offer bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees in the fields of arts and humanities, social sciences, science, engineering, computer science, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and business administration. They are equipped with the latest computer, audio-visual and lab facilities, and most programs are offered in both Polish and English, so not knowing Polish is no obstacle to admission.

"OK, so an American gets a degree from a Polish university, but where does he go from there?" is an obvious concern. For one, Polish medical schools are accredited in the U.S., and Polish educators insist that Polish diplomas open up doors to the

best companies on both sides of the Atlantic. Also, while studying in Poland a student has access to the European Union's study programs and is able to do internships or training abroad in English.

Many cultural perks await a Polish American studying here. They have a chance to tour the country and visit its imposing cathedrals, palaces and quaint Old Town districts not to mention its breathtaking Tatra Mountains and Europe's last primeval forest. During Christmas, Easter and summer vacations, any point in Europe is easily accessible from centrally located Poland. Even on weekends, such nearby countries as Germany, Russia, Sweden Austria. Ukraine and the Czech Republic are just a couple hours away.

The question on most everyone's mind is: How much will it cost? The good news is that the above-mentioned study programs are very affordable compared to the tuition fees charged by American universities. A bachelor's degree will set the student back around \$7,900 for all four years combined, and a master's program is within the \$10,000 range. Whether you are potentially interested or just curious, it never hurts to ask. Find out more at: <https://study.gov.pl>

POLISH LENTEN RECIPES

Robert Strybel
The Polish Chef

CHEESE PANCAKES (*racuchy z serem*): Process 1 lb farmer cheese to a powder. Stir in 2 eggs and gradually add 1-1/2 c flour, stirring the whole time. When mixture is smooth, stir in 2 c buttermilk, 2 T sugar, 1/2 t baking soda and 1/2 t baking powder. Beat well with whisk or mixer for at least 5 min. Spoon into hot oil and fry to a nice golden-brown on both sides. Drain well on paper towel. Dust with confectioner's sugar or serve with fruit syrup or preserves of choice.

APPLE PANCAKES (*racuchy z jabłkami*): Combine 1-1/2 c flour, 1 c milk,

1 large egg, 1 T oil, 1 t baking powder and 1/2 t salt and mix well until smooth and lump-free. Stir in 2 peeled, cored, coarsely grated apples. A pinch of cinnamon may be added to batter if desired. Fry in hot oil on both sides to a light golden-brown, drain on paper towel and dust with confectioner's sugar.

NOODLES & CHEESE (*kluski z serem*): Cook 16 oz flat egg noodles in lightly salted water until tender. Drain well, dot with about 2 T butter or margarine and stir in 16 oz grated or crumbled farmer cheese. Heat, stirring constantly, until cheese just begins to melt. Salt & pepper to taste.



POLISH NEWS BYTES

Robert Strybel,
Warsaw Correspondent

Poland's foreign policy to go global - PAP - Jakub Kumoch, President Andrzej Duda's top foreign-policy adviser, told Poland's PAP new agency that, as one of Europe's biggest countries, "the time has come for Poland to conduct a more global policy." He explained that in 2022, "the President was planning stepped-up activities both in Europe and on other continents. We plan a new opening in Sub-Saharan Africa and South America and intend to establish our presence in the Indo-Pacific region." But Kumoch stressed that Central-East Europe and projects such as the Three Seas Initiative would remain the centerpiece of Polish diplomacy.

Chagall artworks to go on exhibit at Warsaw's National Museum - Warsaw's National Museum has purchased a collection of 14 works by famous Russian-French artist Marc Chagall (1887-1985). Some were auctioned off by his family in Switzerland while others were acquired separately. Dating from his final

period (1960s and 70s), they are due to go on exhibit at the museum this spring. "We had to really fight for some of the works. It's one of the most exquisite purchases the museum has achieved in recent years," explained National Museum curator Anna Manicka."

Polish oil giant clinches green nuclear deal - PKN Orlen, Poland's largest oil refinery, has set up a joint venture with the environmentally-minded energy firm Synthos Green Energy. "The project's main purpose is to prepare and commercialize small nuclear-reactor technology in Poland," the company said in a statement. Its main focus is on GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy's BWRX-300 reactors. The statement added that the project would "offer an opportunity to accelerate the decarbonization (phasing out coal) of the Orlen group's production assets, while also helping to improve energy security and drive economic growth," Orlen CEO Daniel Obajtek explained. He said he hoped the first reactor would be deployed in Poland by 2030.

PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATEST HAPPENINGS

By Nicholas J. Nowakowski
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus

It's crazy to think that this article will appear in the February 2022 issue of *Naród Polski*. We'll already be one month into 2022. Even though it's been cold and wintry here in Michigan, that hasn't stopped the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers from getting out there and spreading their message of folk.

On December 19, the Gwiazda Dancers (along with the PRCUA Halka Dancers) participated in the second annual Detroit Lions' Polish Heritage game at Ford Field in Detroit. The dancers performed the *kra-kowiak*, a *polka*, and an *oberek*. Additionally, they had fun dancing along with members from Halka to the *Merry Christmas Polka*. Also attending the event were PRCUA President James Robaczewski along with PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace

Ozog. To top off all of the Polish pride the Lions also brought in a win.

On January 9, the Gwiazda Dancers were honored by the Polish American Historical Association with their creative arts prize at their annual convention in New Orleans, LA.

On January 10, the Gwiazda Dancers returned from the holiday break to their practice space at the PLAV Post 10 in Hamtramck, where they continue to busily prepare for their annual spring recital in March 2022.

In addition to the events above, the Gwiazda Dancers have several events and performances on the horizon in 2022, including their annual Fowling Fundraiser, which will be held on February 5. The Gwiazda Dancers are on social media. You can like them on Facebook or follow them on Twitter (@PRCUA_Gwiazda).



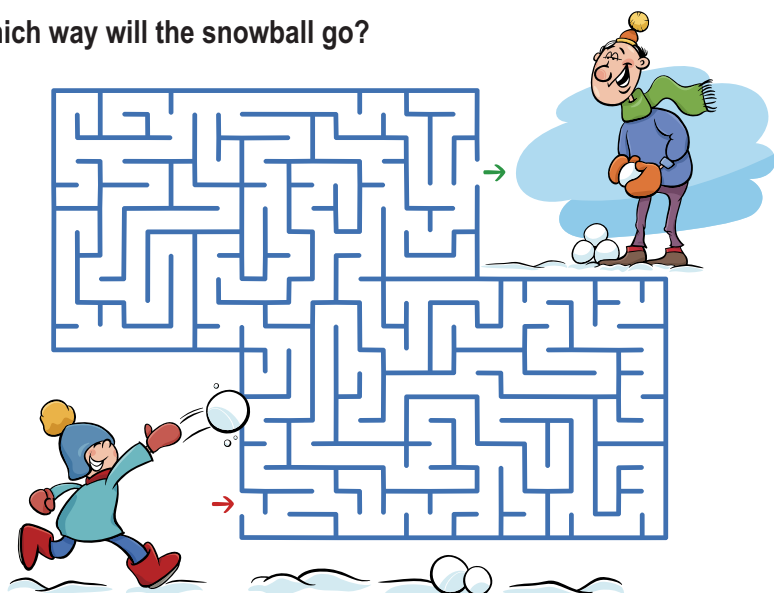
Gwiazda Dancers at Ford Field



Gwiazda and Halka Dancers at Ford Field

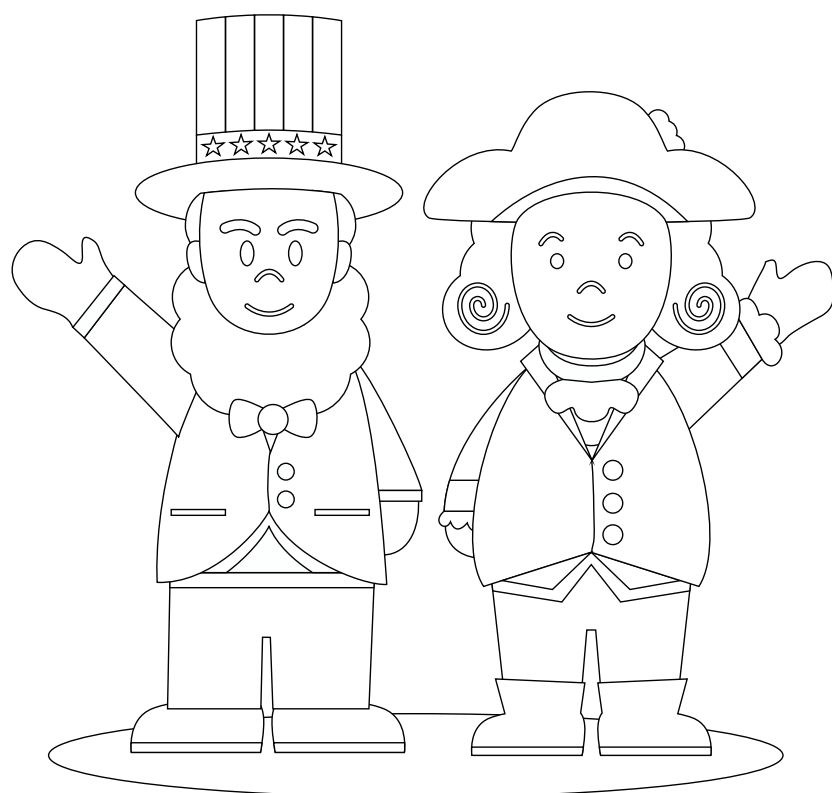
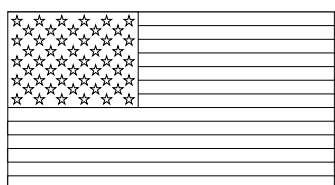


1. Which way will the snowball go?



3. Color the picture.

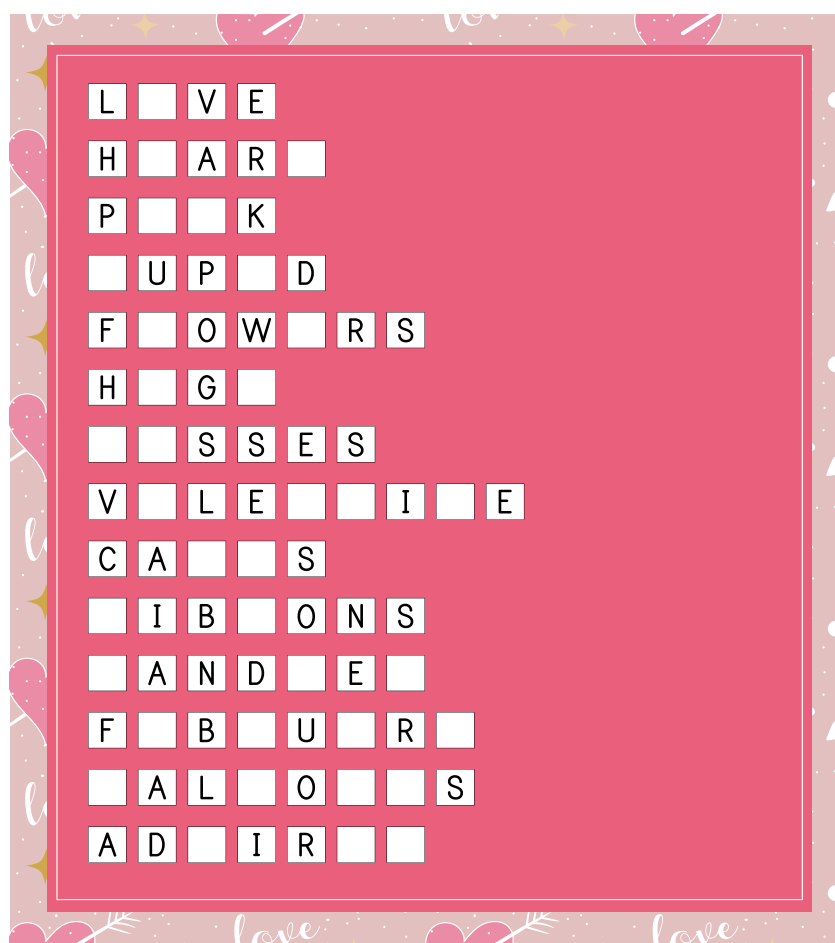
HAPPY
PRESIDENTS DAY



2. Find 10 hearts in the picture.



4. Complete words associated with Valentine's Day.



Answers on pg. 24

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

By Barb Ozog, Secretary
Zajączek Dance Ensemble

Zajączek Dance Ensemble, directed by PRCUA District 10 Director Colleen Bonkowski, hosted their Annual Christmas Breakfast for the dancers and their families on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at the Century Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, MI. PRCUA dignitaries, other dance schools as well as our special visitor from the North Pole were invited to join our breakfast celebration. In attendance were PRCUA President James Robaczewski, past District 7 Director Kevin Kucik, District 10 Director Valerie Brumm, Wieliczka Dance Ensemble Director Kristi Mihalic, Polskie Maki Dance School Director Maria Jalkiewicz, Opole Dance School choreographer Donna Skurski, past District 10 Director and Rogalin Dance co-choreographer Barbara Toboy, Tatry Dance choreographer Karen Lubiarz, Gwiazda choreographer Basia Nowakowski, and Zakopane Folk dancer Debbie Federico. We were sorry our fellow dance schools, Halka Dance School and Malbork Dance Group, could not join our celebration due to previous engagements.

Our celebration began with a reenactment of the birth of our Lord. Our older dancers sang in the choir, while our younger dancers played angels, wise men and animals. Dancers Gwentyth Voss and Jake Radtke played Mary and Joseph. Narrators were three of our 2022 graduates, Kalina Barth, Kian Desmond and Jessica Saunders.

After breakfast, our special visitor from the North Pole arrived! Dancers and family members told him their Christmas wishes and each received a gift from the dance school. While waiting for their turn to visit our special guest, dancers and guests enjoyed balloon animals and glitter tattoos. Thank you, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, for donating towards our wonderful balloon ladies from Annabelle's Entertainment of SE Michigan. As a fundraiser for our dance ensemble, raffle baskets and a share the wealth raffle were available. We would like to thank all the dance schools for their donations of the raffle prizes. Thank you also to Valerie Brumm, District 10 Director, for providing two mystery gifts that were raffled off as well. All prize money was donated to the PRCUA Michigan Women's Division for helping Polo-

nia and graduate scholarships.

One of the highlights of our Christmas Breakfast is the Ugly Sweater Contest. Guests were encouraged to wear an ugly sweater and this year did not disappoint. Our male winners were chosen by our 2022 graduates Kalina Barth and Jessica Saunders, our female winners were chosen by 2022 graduate Kian Desmond with help from Jacob Tuzinsky. It was a wonderful morning celebrating Christmas with our dance family!



ZAJĄCZEK GRADUATE BALL

On Saturday, January 8, family and friends gathered to celebrate the graduates of the ensemble at their annual Zajączek Graduate Ball. Introductions were made by Zajączek's choreographers Tricia Dennis and Rachael Kasperek, along with Colleen Bonkowski, school director and PRCUA National District 10 Director. The ball graduates, Kian Desmond, Jessica Saunders, Kalina

Barth, and Robert Lawrence, began the evening by dancing the *polonez*.

PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog made the toast, congratulating the graduates on their years of dancing and preserving their Polish heritage, after which Fr. Roman Pasieczny of St. Lawrence Catholic Church gave the blessing over the meal. A delicious Polish dinner was served family style by staff of the Century Banquet Center in Sterling Hts., MI.

After dinner, Zajączek graduates and their escorts gracefully opened the dance floor by dancing the *Old Fashion Polish Ways Polka*.

Next was the reading of the graduate resumes, which spoke of their accomplishments and future goals. Kalina Barth was escorted by fellow Zajączek dancer Brady Courtney, Kian Desmond was escorted by Skyler Siecinski, Robert Lawrence was escorted by fellow Zajączek dancer Claire Mazurkewicz, and Jessica Saunders was escorted by Viktor Coletta.

After the resumes were read, the

graduates took the microphone and each in turn thanked Tricia Dennis, Rachael Kasperek, Colleen Bonkowski, and Donna Jaczowski for all the time and attention they gave them through their dance years. Fr. Pasieczny then gave a blessing over the families. The graduates were then presented with signed copies of Joann Ozog's book *Life is a Journey*.

Completing the program were the parents of the graduates sharing a dance with their children to *Loyal, Brave, True*. The dance floor was then opened to everyone to enjoy! *Gratulacje absolwentom!* Congratulations graduates!



Zajączek graduates with Wallace and Joann Ozog



Graduates with President of Polish Century Club Women's Auxiliary, Therese Wrobel and President of Polish Century Club, Arnold Beller, Jr.



Zajączek graduates and escorts (l-r): Robert Lawrence, Claire Mazurkewicz, Brady Courtney, Kalina Barth, Jessica Saunders, Viktor Coletta, Sklyer Siecinski, Kian Desmond



Graduates with Father Pasieczny



Gaduates with Tommy Lisiecki, Rachael Kasperek, Krys Kasperek, Colleen Bonkowski, Tricia Dennis

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Welcome to the second month of the year – the shortest of all, but packed with an abundance of love, sweetness, romance and some very interesting official and unofficial national days to celebrate. You know the usual ones, i.e., Groundhog Day (2/2), Valentine's Day (2/14), and Presidents' Day (2/19) but here are a few unique ones that piqued my interest. National Dark Chocolate Day (2/1) – this is one of my favorite healthy treats, loaded with antioxidants which relieves brain fog. National Homemade Soup Day (2/4 – not to be confused with National Soup Month, which is January). By the way, what is your favorite soup? National Clean Out Your Computer Day (2/14) – it's something to do

while eating chocolates from your valentine. Tell A Fairy Tale Day (2/26) – who comes up with this stuff? By the way, my favorite is Cinderella – she worked hard in spite of her circumstances. Here's my last one, National Public Sleeping Day (2/28) – perfect time to take the nap you planned. As my granddaughter Ariana says, "Are you kidding me?" Hope you had a laugh or two, because that was my objective.

Now from humor to history... the Sejm (lower house of the bicameral parliament) of Poland announced that 2022 will be the year of Maria Konopnicka, Maria Grzegorzewska, Wanda Rutkiewicz, Ignacy Łukasiewicz, Józef Mackiewicz and Józef Wybicki. I encourage each and every one of you to enhance your knowledge of these individuals, but in the meantime, allow me to provide you a short introduction.

Maria Konopnicka (1842-1910) is one of the greatest writers of Polish literature. Among her many works, her patriotic poem "Rota," published in 1908, was an anti-Germanization protest, which played a significant role in the history of the Polish people during a time when Poland was partitioned by its three neighbors.

The Polish educator Maria Grzegorzewska (1888-1967) brought the special education movement to Poland. By proving that training children whose mental and physical

health was compromised, she introduced "a shift in the evolution of educational thought from treating the disability to recognizing the needs of the person." (Wikipedia)

Wanda Rutkiewicz (1943-1992) was a Polish mountain climber and computer engineer. She was the first woman to reach the summit of K2 (the second highest mountain on earth) and the third woman (first European) to climb Mount Everest. In 1992, an unfortunate accident on the third highest mountain in the world, Kangchenjunga, led to her demise.

Ignacy Łukasiewicz (1822-1882) was a Polish pharmacist, engineer, businessman, inventor, and philanthropist. He was a pioneer who built the world's first modern oil refinery in 1856. His achievements included the discovery of how to distill kerosene from seep oil, the invention of the modern kerosene lamp (1853), the introduction of the first modern street lamp in Europe (1853), and the construction of the world's first modern oil well (1854). (Wikipedia)

Self-proclaimed "anticommunist by nationality," Józef Mackiewicz (1902-1985) was a Polish writer, novelist and political commentator. In 1943, he was invited by the International Katyń Commission to the site of the Katyń massacre and, with the consent of the Polish government-in-exile, "he assisted in the first excavations of the mass graves of Polish officers killed by Soviet NKVD there in 1940." Of his documentary novels, he is best known for "Nie trzeba głośno mówić" (One Is Not Supposed to Speak Aloud) and "Droga donikąd" (The Road to Nowhere). (Wikipedia)

Józef Wybicki (1747-1822) was a Polish nobleman, jurist, poet, political and military activist. He was a member of the Sejm many times, one

of the initiators of the Confederation of Bar, a participant in the work implementing the Constitution of May 3, and a coorganizer of the Kościuszko Uprising. Wybicki was the author of "Mazurek Dąbrowskiego" (*Dąbrowski's Mazurka*), also known as "Pieśń Legionów Polskich we Włoszech" (*Song of the Polish Legions in Italy*), which in 1927 was adopted as the Polish national anthem. In the coming year, we will also celebrate the 225th anniversary of the creation of the *Dąbrowski's Mazurka*.

It was my hope that this month's article would include my reflections of various social events planned for January 2022 that were a pre-pandemic mainstay. Most were cancelled or postponed due to the current variant. One cancellation that I felt personally was the Winter Dinner Dance, the 45th anniversary celebration of the *Wesoły Lud* Polish Folk Dance Company. A joint concert with Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance is still in the works, currently scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022. (SWCPSD was forced to



Maria Konopnicka



Maria Grzegorzewska



Wanda Rutkiewicz



Ignacy Łukasiewicz



Józef Mackiewicz



Józef Wybicki



Zajączek graduates Robert Lawrence, Jessica Saunders, Kian Desmond

postpone its 35th Anniversary Concert in March of 2020 because of Covid). The Winter Dinner Dance is the only fundraiser for Wesoly Lud and a much anticipated event after the hectic holiday season.

One event that did take place is detailed in this issue of the *Naród Polski* on page 14 and 15. School Director Colleen Bonkowski (also D-10 National Director) and teachers Tricia Dennis and Rachael Kasperek were instrumental in the preparations of the Zajączek Graduate Ball held on January 8 at Century Banquet Center in Sterling Hts., MI. Congratulations to the following Zajączek Graduates: Kalina Barth, Kian Desmond, Robert Lawrence, and Jessica Saunders. Zajączek is also busy preparing for their Zabawa on February 5 and Recital on March 19.

On January 15, the 2022 PRCUA Ryder Cup Bowling Tournament between Society #162 vs Society #718 took place in Wyandotte. The winner by one pin was Society 718 according to National Director D-4 Patrick Kosowski and PRCU 162 President Stan

Pasko. Obviously, it was camaraderie that was the best part of the evening.

At the time this issue was sent to the printer, it was still unknown if the "impromptu" PRCUA National Basketball Tournament, reserved for March 18-19, will take place. PRCU #162, with Stan Pasko at the helm, has offered to host the PRCUA Basketball Tournament (urged by his quite ambitious players) pending sufficient interest. I say ambitious because PRCU #162 is hosting the PRCUA Bowling Tournament a month later - on April 22-24! There is much happening in Wyandotte, Michigan... so stay tuned, or better yet, join in the fun!

In addition to the aforementioned February events, the Maria Konopnicka Polish School Zabawa, chaired by newly elected School Board President Joanna Niedzielski and Vice President Danielle Krolewski, will take place on Saturday, February 5, at Paradise Elegant Banquets, Bridgeview, Illinois. On the 19th, St. John Paul II Polish School will host their Masked Carnival Ball at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont, Illinois. And on the 26th of the month, 14 graduates of the Michigan dance groups — Halka, Opole, Polskie Maki, Rogalin, and Wieliczka — will be presented at the 31st Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball in Southgate, MI. Choreographer Kelly Malinowski, together with the Michigan school directors and instructors, promise another beautiful gala event.

SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2022 for the 46th Fashion Show by the Adult Culture Group!

Happy February! Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Presidents' Day! Have a happy and healthy month!



Stan Pasko and Jerry Nasiatka

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85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA



Museum opening ceremony, January 12, 1937 (photograph by W. M. Róžański)

Since 1891, a Polish Library and a National Museum functioned in North America, in Chicago, founded by Henryk Kallusowski. They were moved to the Polish National Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, PA, in 1912. Unfortunately, a fire broke out in 1931 which completely destroyed the contents, and Polonia was deprived of a place attesting to its presence. From that time on, voices were raised intermittently calling for the creation of a Polish Museum in the United States, in the country where the greatest concentration of Poles outside the Fatherland existed.

The first motion on this subject was introduced in 1928 at the 39th Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America by Council 11 of Brooklyn, New York, which proposed that a Polish museum be established in the U.S. for the purpose of "collecting documents of Poland and Polonia for study by our future generations." In 1931, Council 69 of Chicago presented a similar project at the 40th PRCUA Convention held in Detroit, Michigan, which emphasized that "Polonia ... although numerous and affluent, does not have a single institution, not one place, where documents and evidence of our labors for this country and Poland could be deposited." In 1934, discussions were held about establishing a kind of historical society charged with the task of arranging

in proper order the documents of *Wydział Narodowy Polski* (Polish National Committee), found in the PRCUA building.

A decisive opportunity presented itself in 1935, when the newly-elected President of the PRCUA, Joseph L. Kania, during a stay in Poland, apprised himself of the functions of its many museums. Upon his return, he proceeded to plan an archive and museum with great enthusiasm, and on October 15, 1935, persuaded the PRCUA Board of Directors to adopt the following recommendation: "Having concluded after extensive study that it is the museums and archives that most accurately reflect national culture and historic events, and that they not only record the high degree of a nation's learning but serve also as a center and workshop for academic and scientific research, contributing to the growth of enlightenment, and that there, in Polonia, they will evoke the respect of others for Poles in America, I propose the establishment of a permanent Museum and Archives of Polonia at the Polish Roman Catholic Union."

President Kania then introduced Miecislaus Haiman as the curator, archivist, and librarian. Press releases soon appeared with appeals for historical mementos: "Old books and newspapers, all manner of periodicals published in America, especially jubilee books of parishes and societies, pro-

clamations, photographs, letters, convention badges and buttons of various celebrations, medals, old coins - all of this is welcomed at the Archives and Museum," wrote Haiman in *Naród Polski*. In response, an enormous amount of gifts began to arrive from all parts of the country.

Very soon, the space allotted for the Museum proved insufficient. A Museum Committee, formed in January 1936, decided on the reconstruction of three offices on the second floor of the PRCUA building, those of the Real Estate Department and the Medical Office. The work was completed at the end of 1936, and the official grand opening of the Museum took place on January 12, 1937 in the PRCUA Auditorium. The celebration was attended by representatives of the Polish Government, Chicago authorities, the clergy, organizations of Polonia, and the press. Among the speakers were Dr. Waclaw Gawronski, the Polish Consul General; Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of Chicago; and distinguished Polonian activist, Dr. Bronislaw Smykowski of Bridgeport, Connecticut. In his inaugural speech, President Kania declared: "In the Archives and Museum, which we have created in PRCUA Headquarters, we wish to gather, not for ourselves and not for our organization, but for the entire American Polonia, all of the priceless memorabilia, which will be handed down to new generations. We dedicate the Polish Museum at PRCUA to the Polonia of America. May it always serve with propriety and beneficially, to the glory of Polonia."

In 1959, The Museum and Archives of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America was incorporated as the Polish Museum of America (The PMA).

(*The Polish Museum of America: History and Collections - Guide*)

The Polish Museum of America is one of the oldest and largest ethnic museums in the United States. It offers permanent and temporary exhibits, cultural events, lectures, concerts, author and artist meetings and workshops. The archives preserve historic documents, maps and photographs from various Polish and Polish-American organizations and individuals. The library holds over 100,000 books in Polish and English, available for research and lending, the Polonica Collection, rare books and periodicals.

NARÓD POLSKI IS 125 YEARS OLD!

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the *Naród Polski*. His appointment was reaffirmed at the next two Conventions and he remained editor until 1917.

In 1917, Zygmunt Stefanowicz became editor. He held this position until 1931, when Franciszek Barć returned to the office. Barć was editor until 1941.

Stefanowicz came back as editor in 1941 and held this position until

1974. He served as editor of the *Naród Polski* for a total of 47 years. In the 1940s, English texts were introduced on two pages of the newspaper.

In 1946, the PRCUA print shop was closed and sold so printing of the newspaper was moved to the Home Office.

In 1971, printing of the *Naród Polski* was commissioned to a private printing house in Detroit.

Stefanowicz was succeeded by Joseph Zurawski, who was elected as editor of *Naród Polski* at the Convention in 1974 and was the editor until

1986. Under his leadership, the newspaper's format was gradually changed from mostly Polish to two-thirds English (as recommended by Stefanowicz at the 1970 Convention.)

From 1986 to 1989, Andrew Azarjew was editor-in-chief of the newspaper. In 1989, he was appointed managing editor in charge of the Polish section. He held this post until 1993.

In 1989, Kathryn Rosypal was appointed as executive editor of the *Naród Polski*. She was the first woman editor and was given a task of intro-

ducing desktop publishing to the newspaper. She was executive editor of the *Naród Polski* for 25 years, until her retirement in 2014.

After Andrew Azarjew retired, Lidia Kowalewicz was appointed acting managing editor from 1993 to 1994, and was promoted to managing editor in 1994. In 2014, she was appointed editor.

Naród Polski was published weekly for 49 years. Starting in 1946, it was a semi-monthly publication for 63 years, until July of 2009, when it became a monthly publication.

SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH SONG AND DANCE CHRISTMAS 2022

The PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance Group is back in business and on Sunday, December 19, after two years since its last show, its dancing stars were back onstage at the Mother McAuley Theater in Chicago. Although things were different and not the most ideal way to perform (besides missing seeing the dancers’ smiling faces), they were so happy that they were just able to dance and sing. And that they did, filling the hearts of family and friends with the Christmas spirit and Polish pride with a variety of regional dance numbers and beautiful carols. They proved that they really know how to put on a show!

Thanks go to our multi-talented artistic director and choreographer Richard Jaminski. Pan Rich oversees all the groups and works with our amazing dance instructors: Anna Winkler (who doubles as manager), Danielle Kroplewski, Michael Dziadkowiec, and Weronika Niedzielski; assistants and volunteers: Izabelle Pikul, Andrew Handzel, Jakub Niedzielski, Victoria Pikul, Emilia Kroplewski, Karolina Mikulec, and Konrad Bialas to put on the best show possible (which was not that

easy in the midst of an ongoing pandemic!) Also, special thanks to Wesoly Lud for joining us. We just love to watch you dance!

At the end of the show, we presented our 5- and 10-year recipients from 2020. Two years on hold, the accolades and applause finally came and it was a very proud moment for them and their families. The awards were bestowed upon 10-year member: Emilia Kroplewski and 5-year members: Wiktoria Bialas, Anthony Kroplewski, Lilliana Skwirut, and Michal Wozniak. Congratulations on your achievement and bravo to the entire Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance team!!

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By Rev. Canon
Walter J. Ptak
National Chaplain,
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Life: A Precious Gift from God

At the end of last month, on January 22nd, we marked yet another year of legalized abortion in the United States. It is sad that in a country like ours that prides itself on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we have allowed this to happen for the last 49 years! Life has become disposable, an inconvenience for some, instead of the awesome gift that it truly is. We, as followers of Christ are called upon to defend and protect the sanctity of human life during all of its stages, especially where human life is most vulnerable, in the womb.

St John Paul II often reminded us of this fact and promoted a ‘Gospel of Life’ in the face of a culture of death in which we now live. His quote, “A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying” is a challenge for us to do everything we can to be defenders of the sanctity of human life.

I am very aware that it is not always easy to stand up for life but as disciples of the Lord, we are called upon to do just that! The price of discipleship is not always easy. Sometimes we will be ridiculed and maybe even suffer because of it but the Lord’s call to discipleship requires that we be defenders of all human life.

In preparing this month’s column about this great gift called life, I came across this beautiful prayer to St. Joseph, the Defender of Life. It is published by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and sums up what the Church teaches about the sanctity and defense of life. I hope that you will pray this prayer often and with conviction. May the right to life in the United States be safeguarded and guaranteed for all one day soon.

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God’s humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mary and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God’s most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
- especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.
St. Joseph, Defender of life. Pray for us!

May God grant us the grace to be men and women who cherish the gift of life and protect, defend and love this gift to the best of our abilities.

JONATHAN ARTZ RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Barbara and Alexander Sadowski, grandparents of Jonathan M. Artz, are very proud to report that Jonathan accomplished all that was required to become an Eagle Scout. He belongs to Troop 117 of Cicero, NY. Jonathan was presented the award of Eagle Scout in November, 2021, at the age of 14. Jonathan was celebrated by Emerald City Marine Corp League of Chittenango, NY.

Jonathan is a sophomore at Cicero North Syracuse High School and is a member of the varsity bowling team as well as a member of the junior varsity football team. College is in his sights after graduation.

Jonathan and his grandparents are all members of PRCUA Society #160.

Congratulations, Jonathan!

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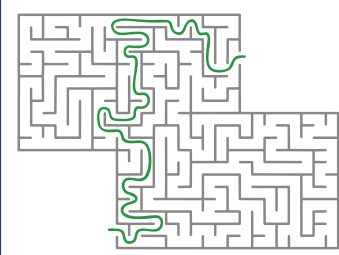
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Wiek	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
25	\$103.30	\$156.60	\$309.75	\$556.00
35	\$127.50	\$205.00	\$428.00	\$786.50
45	\$171.75	\$293.50	\$643.50	\$1,206.50
55	\$277.10	\$504.20	\$1,157.25	\$2,207.50
65	\$791.15	\$1,532.30	\$3,663.25	\$7,091.00

Przykładowe składki dla mężczyzn

Wiek	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
25	\$108.60	\$167.20	\$335.50	\$606.50
35	\$135.35	\$220.70	\$466.00	\$861.00
45	\$183.60	\$317.20	\$701.25	\$1,319.00
55	\$296.80	\$543.60	\$1,253.25	\$2,395.00
65	\$848.35	\$1,646.70	\$3,942.00	\$7,634.50

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UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

Robert Sobczak

Specjalista ds. ubezpieczeń

Drodzy Państwo, w dzisiejszym artykule przybliżymy zakres świadczeń i pokryć związany z dwoma podstawowymi częściami oryginalnego Medicare tzn. częścią A i częścią B (Part A i Part B) na rok 2022. Przypominamy jednak, że po kompletną listę świadczeń pokrywanych przez Medicare należy zwrócić się do biura Social Security Administration, zadzwonić na 1-800-MEDICARE lub wejść na stronę www.medicare.gov.

Część A częściowo pokrywa medycznie konieczną hospitalizację. **W roku 2022 przykładowe koszty, za które odpowiedzialny jest posiadacz części A Medicare są następujące:**

- **\$1,556** odpowiedzialności własnej (deductible) za pobyt w szpitalu do 60 dni;
- **\$389** odpowiedzialności wspólnej (coinsurance) za każdy dzień pobytu w szpitalu w dniach 61-90;
- **\$778** odpowiedzialności wspólnej (coinsurance) dożywotnego limitu (lifetime reserve day) po 90 dniu pobytu w szpitalu (maksymalnie do 60 dni dożywotnio);
- **Wszystkie koszty** powyżej 150 dnia pobytu w szpitalu.

Ponadto część A pokrywa koszty:

- Krwi;
- Pobytu w hospicjum;
- Domowej opieki medycznej;
- *Skilled nursing i rehabilitative care* tylko po 3 dniowym pobycie w szpitalu, do 100 dni. W roku 2022, beneficjenci zapłacą

\$194.50 za dni pomiędzy 21 a 100;

- pobytu w klinice psychiatrycznej (do 190 dni z dożywotniego limitu).

Part A nie pokrywa opieki długoterminowej (long term care).

Benefity Medicare Part B

Część B Medicare odpowiedzialna jest częściowo za następujące koszty:

- koniecznej wizyty u lekarzy ogólnych i specjalistów;
- zabiegów w przychodni przy szpitalnej;
- badań laboratoryjnych i testów diagnostycznych;
- terapii i opieki psychiatrycznej;
- sprzętu medycznego;
- leków i środków medycznych niezbędnych w trakcie wizyty u lekarza pierwszego kontaktu lub specjalisty.

Posiadacze części B Medicare oprócz stawki miesięcznej w wysokości **\$170.10** odpowiedzialni są za roczną odpowiedzialność własną (deductible) w wysokości **\$233** na rok 2022. Po uiszczeniu deductible odpowiedzialni są oni dodatkowo za **20%** tzw. odpowiedzialności wspólnej (coinsurance) za większość serwisów pokrywanych przez część B Medicare.

Usługi prewencyjne pokrywane przez część B:

- jednorazowa wizyta prewencyjna „Welcome to Medicare”;
- coroczna wizyta prewencyjna;
- szczepionki na żółtaczkę typu B lub grype;
- testy na nadużywanie alkoholu – co 12 miesięcy (w niektórych przypadkach);
- badania masy kostnej (w niektórych przypadkach co 24 miesiące);

- jednorazowe badanie na tętniaka aorty brzusznej;
- badanie układu krążenia – co 5 lat;
- test na raka jelita grubego;
- coroczne testy antydepresyjne;
- testy cukrzycowe dla osób podwyższonego ryzyka;
- szkolenie dla cukrzyków;
- coroczne badania na jaskrę dla osób podwyższonego ryzyka;
- test na żółtaczkę typu C;
- coroczne badania na obecność wirusa HIV
- terapia behawioralna dla osób z chorobami krążenia;
- badania na raka płuc;
- mammografia;
- terapia żywieniowa dla cukrzyków i osób z chorobami nerek;
- badania i doradztwo dla osób z nadwagą;
- cytologia i badania macicy co 24 miesiące dla wszystkich kobiet, co 12 miesięcy dla kobiet podwyższonego ryzyka;
- coroczne badanie na raka prostaty dla mężczyzn powyżej 50 roku życia;
- testy na choroby weneryczne;
- konsultacje antynikotynowe.

Koszty innych usług pokrywanych przez część B:

- karetki pogotowia;
- koszty chirurgicznej opieki laboratoryjnej;
- krwi;
- sprzętu dla cukrzyków;
- rehabilitacji pozawałowej;
- niektórych usług chiropraktycznych;
- defibrylatora;
- aparatury medycznej;
- koszty pogotowia;
- okularów po operacji na katakcie;
- badania i leczenie stóp dla diabetyków;
- badania słuchu i balansu;

- opieki domowej (dla osób kwalifikujących się);
- dializy nerek;
- opieki psychiatrycznej pozaszpitalnej;
- fizykoterapii;
- protez stomatologicznych;
- rehabilitacji po chronicznym zapaleniu płuc;
- drugiej opinii chirurgicznej;
- terapii logopedycznej;
- przeswiateł rentgenowskich, rezonansu magnetycznego, tomografii komputerowej;
- zabiegów i leków niezbędnych po przeszczepach.

Główne serwisy nie pokrywane przez część A i B:

- zakupunktura;
- futynowe badania dentystyczne;
- zabiegi kosmetyczne;
- aparaty słuchowe;
- opieka zdrowotna podczas podróży poza Stany Zjednoczone (z wyjątkami);
- buty ortopedyczne;
- leki na receptę;
- rutynowe badania stóp;
- rutynowe badania wzroku i okulary;
- szczepionki z wyłączeniem tych pokrywanych przez część B i część D;
- koszty insuliny;
- niektóre testy i badania laboratoryjne (na przykład testy na tarczycę).

Jak Państwo widzą, posiadanie samego oryginalnego Medicare składającego się z części A i B nie wydaje się być wystarczającym rozwiązaniem. Dlatego warto pomyśleć o uzupełnieniach do Medicare. W razie jakichkolwiek pytań lub wątpliwości prosimy o kontakt z Medicare po polsku pod numerem 844-654-5185.

KARNAWAŁOWE PRZEPISY

**ROLADKI Z CIASTA
FRANCUSKIEGO I SZYNKI**

1 opakowanie ciasta francuskiego, 1 łyżeczka ulubionych ziół (np. rozmaryn, oregano, tymianek), 12 plasterków dużej w przekroju szynki, 12 dużych plastrów ulubionego żółtego sera, 1 jajko

Ciasto wyjąć z opakowania, rozwinąć i ułożyć na nim plastry sera i szynki, posypać i zwinąć w rulon. Roladę pokroić w plasterki (grubości ok. 3/4 do 1 cala) i ułożyć na blasze. Posmarować roztrzepanym jajkiem. Piec 15 minut w piekarniku nagrzanym do 390°F.

**ROGALIKI Z CIASTKA
FRANCUSKIEGO Z NUTELLĄ**
1 opakowanie ciasta francuskiego, słoik nutelli (7,7 uncji), 1 jajko, ok. 3,5

uncji gorzkiej czekolady, 1 łyżka masła, 3 łyżki cukru

Ciasto francuskie rozwinąć na blacie i przekroić na dwie długie, prostokątne części. Z obu kawałków ciasta wyciąć trójkąty i rozsmarować na nich nutellę. Zwinąć trójkąty w rogaliki, zaczynając od szerszego końca. Wierzchy rogalików posmarować roztrzepanym jajkiem.

Piekarnik rozgrzać do temperatury 390°F. Ciastka ułożyć na blasze wyłożonej papierem pergaminowym

i piec przez około 15 minut. Gdy rogaliki się zarumienią, trzymać je jeszcze przez 2 minuty w piekarniku z otworzonymi drzwiczkami po czym wyjąć i odstawić do wystudzenia.

Czekoladę rozkruszyć i przełożyć do garnka z grubym dnem. Dodać masło i cukier. Podgrzać na małym ogniu aż cukier się rozpuści. Wlać łyżkę mleka i wymieszać do uzyskania gładkiej konsystencji. Polać rogaliki czekoladą.

PASTERKA DLA DZIECI Z UDZIAŁEM ZPiT „POLONIA” W KOŚCIELE ŚW. JANA BREBEUF

Z inicjatywy nowego proboszcza, ks. Zdzisława Torby, po raz pierwszy w dzień Wigilii, w parafii Św. Jana Brebeuf w Niles, IL odbyła się Pasterka dla dzieci. Przy pięknie, świątecznie ubranym ołtarzu uroczystą mszę św. odprawił ks. Przemysław Tomczyk.

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W czasie Pasterki, przy akompaniamencie dy-

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Po Pasterce wszystkie dzieci zostały poczęstowane słodyczkami i gorącą czekoladą. Dziękujemy ks. proboszczowi za wspianą inicjatywę!



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ZESPÓŁ „MAŁA POLSKA” OTRZYMAŁ DOFINANSOWANIE Z KANCELARII PREZESA RADY MINISTRÓW RP

Zespół „Mała Polska”, działający pod patronatem PRCUA przy Szkole Języka Polskiego i Tańca im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Indianie, otrzymał dotację w wysokości 8 064,00 PLN ze środków finansowych pochodzących z Kancelarii prezesa Rady Ministrów, w ramach konkursu „Polonia i Polacy za Granicą 2021”.

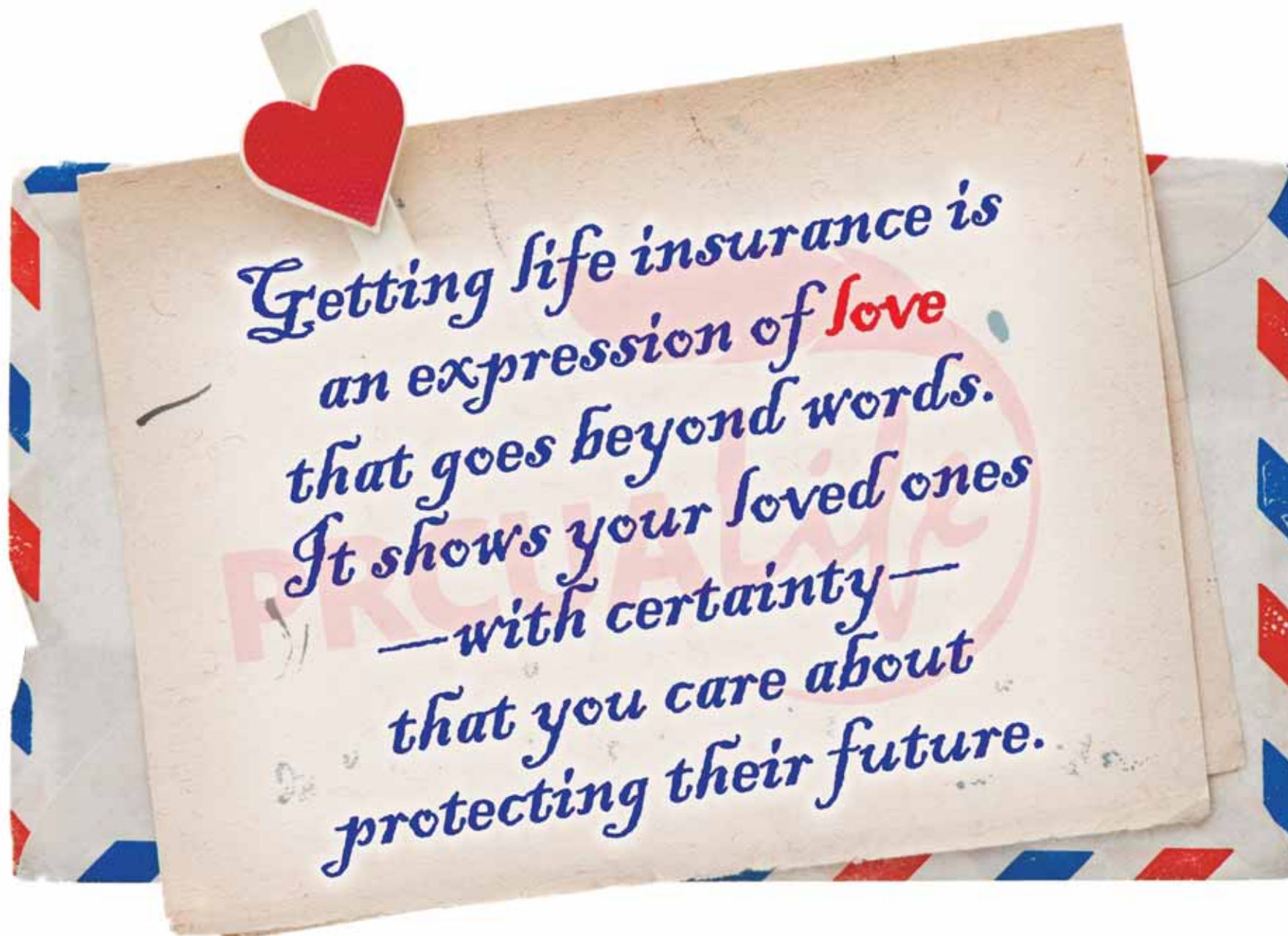
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