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*“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow
that you forget the joy of Christ risen.”*

- St. Mother Theresa

Easter is upon us
and the joy of the resurrection
renews the whole world!
Christ is risen,
Truly He is risen, Alleluia!
As we continue to move forward
in this 21st century, with all
the complexities of the world today,
Easter gives us new hope.
Our Lord who has risen
from the dead assures us
that a new and eternal life awaits us.
He is in charge. He will return in glory.
Be not afraid!

**Wishing you and yours
and all of Polonia
a blessed and hope-filled Easter!**

Wesołego Alleluja!

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APRIL

2 TATRY 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL.

OPOLE DANCE RECITAL.

10 PALM SUNDAY

14 HOLY THURSDAY

15 GOOD FRIDAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

16 HOLY SATURDAY

17 EASTER

18 EASTER MONDAY / ŚMIGUS-DYNGUS (POL)

TAX DAY / IRA CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

22-24 ALLEN PARK, MI – 83RD NATIONAL PRCUA
BOWLING TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY SO-
CIETY #162 in Allen Park, MI. Information: PRCUA Fraternal Depart-
ment 773-782-2601.

24 HOMEWOOD, IL – PRCUA ŚWIĘCONKA, hosted by
District #9 at Balagio Restaurant, 1750 Dixie Hwy., Homewood,
IL. For details, see ad on the right.

26 TROY, MI – SOCIETY #1593 SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE PRCUA
CONVENTION will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the American Polish
Cultural Center in Troy, MI. Questions before the meeting should be
addressed to wozog@wowway.com or at 586-519-3775.

27 WARREN, MI – St. Rita Society #1368 meeting to vote on
delegates for the convention at 6:30 p.m. at Metro Bar & Grill,
30860 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI. For questions, email:
patty.johansen@yahoo.com.

30 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOC. #162 4TH ANNUAL
POLKA BENEFT DANCE at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St.,
Wyandotte, MI. See pg. 15 for details.

ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE 53RD ANNUAL DANCE RE-
CITAL.

ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI SCHOOL PARENTS' DAY.

For updates on any of the PRCUA events, please contact
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MAY

1 ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF SOUTHWEST
CENTER OF POLISH SONG & DANCE (35) AND
WESOŁY LUD (45) at 1:30 p.m. at Mother McCauley Theater, Chi-
cago, IL. See pg. 4 for details.

2 POLISH DIASPORA DAY

3 POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

7 CHICAGO, IL – POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY
PARADE IN CHICAGO.

8 MOTHER'S DAY (U.S.)

21 ROCKFORD, MI – RYDER CUP GOLF - Society #162 vs
Society #718 at Lake Erie Metro Park in Rockford, MI. For ad-
ditional information, contact Bob Hojnacki at 313-384-6255.

26 MOTHER'S DAY (POLAND)

30 MEMORIAL DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED

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Prayer for Protection of Ukraine

— excerpt from the "Prayer for Protection" written by James Dillet Freeman



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ANNUAL PULASKI DAY CELEBRATION AT THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA



Wreath laying ceremony (l-r) PAC/PNA President Frank Spula, Ambassador Marek Magierowski, Tadeusz Kościuszko Polish Lancers, PRCUA Presidnet James Robaczewski, Consul RP w Chicago Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik

The annual Pulaski Day celebration was held at the Polish Museum of America Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall on Monday, March 7. This was the second virtual observance of the Pulaski Day, with a limited number of guests attending.

The program began with the presentation of colors by the Tadeusz Kościuszko Polish Lancers Society, followed by the singing of the national anthems by Mirosława Sojka-Topór, accompanied by pianist Kamil Bundyra, who also performed later during the event.

PMA President Richard Owsiany and PMA Board of Directors Chairman and PRCUA President James Robaczewski welcomed the attending guests and those who tuned in virtually.

Guest speakers included Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the U.S. Marek Magierowski, Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago Serhiy Koledov, Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs, President of the Polish American Congress and Polish National

Alliance Frank Spula, Mayor of Chicago Lori Lightfoot, Treasurer of Cook County Maria Pappas, Appellate Judge of the Illinois First District 2nd Division Aurelia Pucinski. U.S. Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) and U.S. Representative (D-IL 5th District) Mike Quigley presented their remarks virtually.

Ambassador Marek Magierowski read a letter sent by the President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda, on the occasion of the Pulaski Day observance. The president thanked PMA and PRCUA for preserving Polish history and culture in America and for continuing the annual Pulaski Day celebration.

Mayor Lightfoot, who was participating in the annual Pulaski Day celebration for the first time, commended the Polish Americans for their many contributions to the United States and city of Chicago. She praised the Polish community and Poles in Poland for the the help they have provided to war-torn Ukraine and (cont. on pg. 22)



Academy of Music of the Paderewski Symphony Orchestra



Tatra Mountain Cultural Foundation Ensemble



PAC/PNA President Frank Spula, Ambassador Marek Magierowski, PRCUA Vice President and PAC Treasurer Micheline Jaminski



Ambassador RP
Marek Magierowski



Consul of Ukraine
Serhiy Koledov



U.S. Senator
Richard Durbin



U.S. Representative
Mike Quigley



IL Treasurer
Michael Frerichs



PAC/PNA President
Frank Spula



Cook County Treas-
urer Maria Pappas



Mayor of Chicago
Lori Lightfoot



Judge
Aurelia Pucinski



Chairman of the PMA Board and
PRCUA President James Robaczewski
with PMA President Richard Owsiany



Mirosława
Sojka-Topór singing
national anthems

63RD PRCUA QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES SEEKING PRCUA NATIONAL OFFICES

The Candidates Qualifications Committee has announced that all candidates seeking to run for election to a national office in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America must contact the Secretary-Treasurer for an application. All applications must be submitted to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer and postmarked by May 30, 2022.

Candidates must meet the following requirements as set forth by the PRCUA Constitution. Although the Constitution uses masculine terminology, the information applies to males and females equally.

Article 03K Nomination of Officers and Directors

- 1. Only a Delegate meeting the following requirements shall be nominated for the position of Officer or Director for the UNION and may be a candidate for that office in the UNION:
 - a. the Delegates must personally be present and registered at the Convention within the timeframe of the first session on the second day of the Convention;
 - b. must have been a member of the UNION for at least five (5) years;
 - c. is a citizen of the United States of America;
 - d. has indicated his desire to aspire for the specified office or his name and qualifications have heretofore been presented by a Society or a Circuit with the consent of the candidate. Such an announcement must be forwarded to the Candidates Qualifications Committee and postmarked by May 30 of the Convention year. Once approved by the Candidates Qualifications Committee, the names and qualifications of all qualified candidates for each office must be published in an issue of the official publication of the UNION and provided to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
 - e. has met the qualifications of either a Bachelor’s degree, Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), or a minimum of five (5) years of experience in financial planning, business administration, and/or managerial/organizational leadership;
 - f. resides in, and is a member of a Society, located in the District in which he wishes to represent.
- 2. No two members of a family, either by birth or by marriage, shall be permitted during the whole or any part of the same term to be Executive Officers. Members of a family shall include spouses, children, stepchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings and the children of siblings.
- 3. No two members of a nuclear family shall be permitted during the whole or any part of the same term to be a director. Nuclear family shall mean familial relationships only including husband and wife, parent and child and brother and sister. If and in the event that two or more members of a nuclear family shall, at a Convention, run for and receive enough votes to be entitled to be a member of the Board of Directors, then only that member of the nuclear family who has received the most votes from the Delegates at the Convention shall be entitled to take the oath and serve the term of office provided for the position for which that member sought election. 5

Please refer to page 7 for additional qualifications for the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Directors as approved by the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention.

Please request an application in person or by telephoning the Secretary-Treasurer's Office at 773-782-2600 ext. 2605 or toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2605. Or send your request for an application by REGISTERED MAIL to:

Agnieszka Bastrzyk, ALMI, FICF, ACS
Secretary-Treasurer
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

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.

Proposal to the Constitution Committee

Name _____
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Changes proposed to these articles:
Chapter _____ Article _____ Page(s) _____
Title of Article _____

Reason for proposed change: _____

Proposed wording: _____

Send proposed changes by June 1, 2022 to:
PRCUA Constitution Committee
Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk
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63RD PRCUA QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING THE ELECTED POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY-TREASURER, AND NATIONAL DIRECTOR

To all members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in anticipation of the 63rd Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA to be held in August 2022:

The following recommendations regarding additional qualifications beyond those identified in the Constitution for candidates seeking the elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Director, were approved by the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention.

For the elected positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer:

- Bachelor's degree required
- Postgraduate degree preferred
- Minimum of five (5) years as a member of PRCUA and in good standing
- Minimum five (5) years of experience in financial planning, business administration and/or managerial/organizational leadership
- PRCUA Board Certification Training must be completed within six (6) months of installation into office
- Possession or completion of courses for ALMI (Associate Life Management Institute) designation within twenty four (24) months of installation into office.

For the elected position of National Director:

- Bachelor's degree or a minimum of four (4) years of demonstrated life experience or a minimum of five (5) years demonstrated experience in fraternal activities
- Minimum of five (5) years as a member of PRCUA and in good standing
- PRCUA Board certification training must be completed within six (6) months of installation into office

In addition to the duties of elected positions as stated in the PRCUA Constitution, candidates for each office must consider responsibilities specified below:

Responsibilities of the President:

- Participates in the investing of funds of the organization
- Represents the PRCUA at national and local events
- Develops and implements the Business Plan
- Oversees Compliance, Investments, Human Resources, and General Counsel

Responsibilities of the Vice President:

- Oversees Sales, Marketing, Fraternal and Publications Departments
- Represents the PRCUA at national and local events

Responsibilities of the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Oversees Information Technologies, Member Services, Risk Management, Auditing, Treasury, Underwriting, and Building and Property Management
- Represents the PRCUA at national and local events

Responsibilities of the National Director:

- Required to participate in all scheduled Board meetings
- Monitors fiduciary activities of PRCUA and Executive Committee
- Main contact in resolving issues between Home Office and local Districts
- Actively promotes and/or organizes local organization functions
- Promotes and solicits membership
- Represents the organization in local and national events

NOTE: Board certification and all ALMI course costs are paid for by the PRCUA.

If there is no qualified candidate for an Executive Officer or Board of Director position, the Board of Directors reserves the right to solicit and elect an individual for the position.

If an Officer or Director fails to pass the LOMA, ALMI or Insurance Producer's license within the designated time, the Board of Directors will declare a vacancy.

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

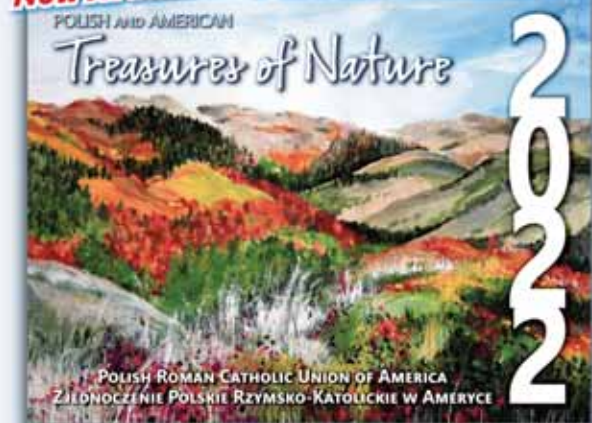
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The PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee has announced that any PRCUA member who has a complaint, suggestion or grievance should file it - in writing - with the Budget and Grievance Committee. It should be postmarked by May 30, 2022. The PRCUA Convention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

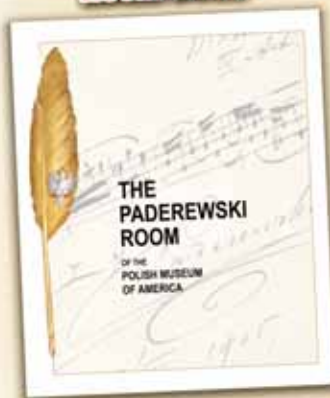
A meeting of the Budget and Grievance Committee will be held after receipt of responses from the membership.

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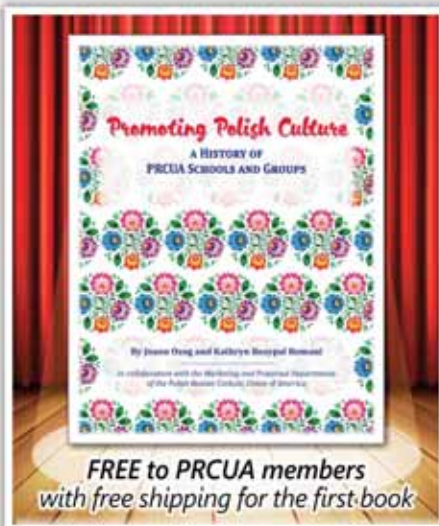
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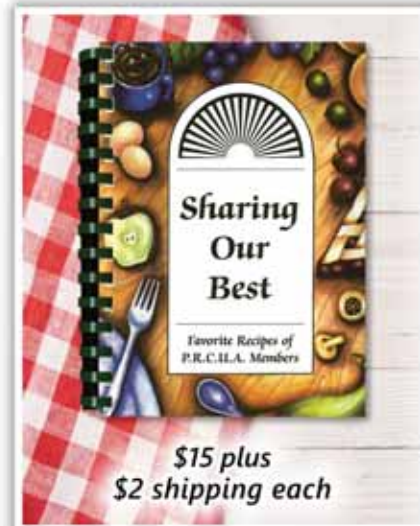
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During the 2022-2023 school year, the PRCUA will offer two types of scholarships. The **PRCUA Education Scholarship** is open to all who apply, whereas the **PRCUA Fraternal Scholarship** is open exclusively to members of the PRCUA. Students can apply for each scholarship once annually, but they may receive only three awards of each scholarship during their lifetime. Scholarships are specific to the school and educational program named in the application. The deadline for submitting applications is June 1, 2022.

PRCUA Education Scholarships totaling \$25,000 are awarded to students based on the number of applications submitted and are available to all students, even those who are not members of the PRCUA. Scholarships will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000-\$2,000.

1. Applicants must have successfully completed their freshman year of undergraduate studies before the deadline for filing an application. An official transcript or other documentation from the applicant's school must be sent directly by the educational institution by mail or electronically to the PRCUA on or before the deadline of June 1.
2. Eligible applicants include sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled full-time in undergraduate studies or those students enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program. Full-time enrollment shall conform to those guidelines established by the federal financial aid program: a minimum of twelve credit hours for day students or eight credit hours for evening students. Part-time graduate students are also eligible.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 or better on a 5.0 scale.
4. All applicants must be either citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

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The following options are available to applicants who do NOT fulfill the above five-year requirement:

- Three-year membership with the PRCUA holding a \$25,000 certificate, or
- Four-year membership with the PRCUA holding a \$15,000 certificate.

Note: Applicants must have active certificates and be current with their payments for five years after receipt of the final scholarship.

Selection of award amounts and recipients will be made by an independent committee of jurors. For both scholarships, awards will be granted to applicants based on the highest number of points earned, including an essay (in English).

The PRCUA acknowledges that continuing one's education is important to get ahead in life. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take advantage of our scholarships. Scholarships from the PRCUA are but one of its many member benefits.

For more information and applications, please visit: www.prcua.org/scholarships.

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Qualifications:

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2. Applicant must be a full time student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or post-graduate in the fall of 2022; in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0.
4. Applicant must become a member of their local PAC Division, or if none in their area, then a member thru the National PAC. No exceptions. Copy of PAC membership card or letter from Division President confirming membership is required with application. Please contact PAC National Office for membership information 202-296-6955.

Application:

1. Completion of a PACCF Scholarship application. Applications that are incomplete or have errors will not be accepted and should be one-sided. **Application period is from January 15, 2022 to April 15, 2022.**
2. Submit a resume, including:
 - a. Name and relationship to you of the nearest family member(s) from whom you ascribe your Polish ancestry.
 - b. A description of your academic and career goals.
3. Submit an Official Transcript, including your current and cumulative GPA.
4. Submit a statement of your personal involvement in the community.
5. Include a Photo and signed Photo Release Form

Scholarship Award:

The amount of scholarships will be as determined by the Scholarship Committee, based on available funds.

BUDGET AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE HELD ITS MEETING AT THE THE HOME OFFICE



PRCUA Budget & Grievance Committee members met at the Home Office on Friday, March 12 (l-r): Gerald Tarka, Jerome Lubiarz, Robert Bugielski, Magdalena Panozzo



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski

Vice President | wiceprezes
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Life begins again in April!
And the bird is on the wing,
Brooks are flowing, breezes tender
In a rhapsody of spring...
It is April! Nature's own month!
It is April! Heaven's season!
April – flowering – stirring – blooming!
Quite beyond man's meager reason!
Life begins again in April!
Hill and valley reel with living.
To all things new life she brings
With joyous fervor in her giving.
LENORE HETRICK

It is my hope that the world has played a very cruel joke on us and that on April 1st, the war in the Ukraine and the pandemic of the last two years will just turn out to be bad dreams. Wishful thinking at best, for we have had a lot more to reflect on, but we have not sat idly by. In fact, I am so very proud of our family and friends in Poland who opened their hearts and homes to those fleeing their homeland. Here in the United States and throughout the world, humanitarian efforts are in full swing, but this is only the beginning.

Shortly after Russia invaded the Ukraine, I had a nightmare. In it, I needed to quickly pack what was most needed to survive and leave my home forever. As you would expect, I was confused and conflicted. I realized that it was only a dream and although my heart and head were pounding in a real panic, unlike millions of Ukrainians who have fled their homeland, I laid back down and fell asleep in the warmth and comfort of my own bed with a prayer for peace to comfort me.

Leading up to the invasion were months of discussion in anticipation of the war. The Ukrainian American Congress reached out to the Polish American Congress, of which

PRCUA has been a member since its onset in 1944. A joint effort was launched to bring attention to what was happening in the Ukraine. Intervention was sought from the President of the United States and Congress to prevent the invasion. Letters were drafted and rallies were held throughout the Ukrainian-American communities, but the worst came to pass. The immediate response of Poland to accept the fleeing Ukrainians inspired the Polonian organizations to act as well and collect for the cause. On February 28, a meeting of the Polish American Congress, of which I am the National Treasurer, was held at which the Polonia for Ukraine campaign was initiated and, within days, in full swing. A radiothon was held during the second weekend of March through the efforts of WPNA.FM, which transmitted nationally with local Polish radio programs joining the cause. The PRCUA, PNA and Polish Falcons encouraged members to donate by matching funds – each up to \$10,000. At this time, I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of you who were so generous. St. Stan's PRCUA Society #718 made a substantial donation, but each and every donation has been appreciated. Pledged money and additional contributions are still forthcoming, but at the time you read this, we are hoping to have collected \$200,000 to be divided between the Polish Red Cross and a Ukrainian relief fund. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Check article and photos on pg. 14 and 26.

And yet life goes on! March Madness may refer to a college basketball tournament trademarked by the NCAA, but I am going with the flurry of activities that were happening in March. I am not sure why this March was any different than

others or even the months preceding, but for me, March 2022 was "maddening."

The Adult Culture Group of PRCUA (Edward Muszalski, President) held its 46th Annual Broadway Fashion Brunch at Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, IL on Sunday, March 6. Over 350 fashionistas attended the event to see what will be the buzz for the upcoming season. Performances by HHPD Dancers (Liz Dynowski, choreographer) as well as the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (Richard Jaminski, choreographer) graced the stage as well. Congratulations to the Adult Culture Group on another successful event, which was spearheaded by Liz Dynowski. Liz wears many hats - PRCUA District 8 National Director, secretary of the Adult Culture Group, chair of the Fashion Show since 2014, 2022 PRCUA Convention co-chair, as well as social worker by day, choreographer by night. Please see article and photos in an upcoming issue of the *Naród Polski* regarding the Fashion Show. I must mention that my granddaughters made their debut as models this year, so this Fashion Show was an added treat!

Immediately following the Fashion Show, the PRCUA Officers with spouses and families attended the Pulaski Day Banquet held by the Polish American Foundation (Anna Wierzbicki, President) and Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress (Mirek Niedzinski, President), at Mayfield Banquets, Chicago.



2022 Cinderella and Prince Charming and 1st runners-up were recognized at the Fashion Brunch



PRCUA dignitaries at the annual Fashion Brunch



Pulaski Day banquet

Among other distinguished guests, the Polish Ambassador to the United States, Marek Magierowski and his wife; General Consul of Poland in Chicago, Małgorzata Bak-Guzik; Vice Consul, Agata Grochowska; and former Vice Consul and present Deputy Director of the Center for the Development of Polish Education Abroad, Piotr Semeniuk, were in attendance. This year, among the winners of the annual art contest was PRCUA's very own Aleksander Bastrzyk (son of Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka and Daniel Bastrzyk) who placed third. Congratulations, Aleks! Also, congratulations to Ewa Cholewinski, National Director of District 7, who chaired the successful event.

The Polish Museum of America and PRCUA hosted the annual Pulaski Day Program in the Great Hall of the Museum on Monday, March 7. The festivities, which boasted hundreds of dignitaries and guests prior to the pandemic, was held virtually again this year with a limited guest list. In attendance were among others: the Polish dignitaries from the evening before as well as the Ukrainian Consul General Serhiy Koldov, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, Mayor of Chicago Lori Lightfoot, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, and PAC-PNA President Frank Spula. Prior to the formal program, Mayor Lori Lightfoot met with Polish Ambassador Marek Magierowski in a private meeting followed by a press interview in the historic PRCUA Boardroom. PRCUA President James Robaczewski and PMA President Richard Owsiany emceed the program and then hosted our distinguished guests at a lovely luncheon in the PRCUA Social Hall. I direct you to the complete article and photos on p. 5 of this issue of the *Naród Polski*.



Aleksander Bastrzyk, one of the winners of the art contest



PRCUA Officers with Consul Bąk-Guzik and Ambassador Magierowski and his lovely wife

The PRCUA Quarterly Board meeting was held on March 10-11 and ended with a corned beef and cabbage luncheon. The PRCUA National Directors hosted an employee appreciation lunch on Friday, March 10 in the PRCUA Social Hall.

Please note that PRCUA's 63rd Quadrennial Convention will be held this year from August 11 to 14 at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center, Oak Brook, IL. Candidate forms for Officers and Directors are available now from Mary Jane Robles in the Secretary-Treasurer's office. Society delegate packets will be mailed in May.

The Malbork Dance Ensemble, Grand Rapids, MI celebrated its 5th anniversary on Saturday, March 11. Congratulations to dance instructor Michelle DeBeck, Director Amber Gillette and the dancers for a job well done! Representing the PRCUA was none other than National Director extraordinaire, Colleen Bonkowski.

On March 18, President Robaczewski and I attended the funeral of Susan Jesionowski, wife of National Director Thomas Jesionowski, in Toledo, OH. Our condolences to Tom and the entire family. Susan was the loving mother of five daughters, 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren and was very proud of her Irish heritage. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

The 87th PRCUA National Basketball Tournament was hosted by Society #162, Wyandotte, MI. I want

to commend Stan Pasko, president of PRCU 162, and his co-chairs, Ryan Mahalak, John Bobrowski and Dan Budzyn on pulling off a "slam dunk" and making this tournament happen in literally a little over than a month. Considering PRCU #162 is hosting this year's PRCUA National Bowling Tournament as well, I thought that Dan Budzyn's suggestion for Stan and #162 to host the Basketball Tournament as well was a bit ambitious, but you know what they say, "you want something done, ask a busy person." Kudos to Stan and PRCU #162 on an excellent tournament! Congratulations on great sportsmanship and athletic prowess by all the players, especially to the champions: PRCU 162 (Men); 162 Polka Cherries 1 (Women); and 718 White Team (Men 50+). A speedy recovery to Christina Huerta, who sustained an injury while giving it her all. Check out the details and photos on p. 20-21 of this issue.

Also on March 19, the Zajączek Dance Ensemble held its 17th Recital in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Bravo to Director Colleen Bonkowski and the choreographers, Tricia Dennis and Rachael Kasperek. Bravissimo to the dancers! Tradition dictates within the Zajączek family to precede the recital with the Family Prayer.

PRCUA tradition dictates celebrating St. Joseph's feast day (3/19). This year, the luncheon for the PRCUA and PMA employees was held on Monday, March 21. Blessing of the St. Joseph Table was done by Rev. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, director of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission in Chicago. The delicious catered feast was organized by Conrad Wiecek, assisted by Anna Grabowski, Anne Moschopoulos, and Mary Jane Robles. Read all about it in the next issue of *Naród Polski*.

A very dear friend of Polonia, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, was honored as the Person of the Year by the Dziennik Związkowy (Polish Daily News) at



Maria Pappas - Dziennik Związkowy Person of the Year with the DZ editors and PRCUA dignitaries



Aleksandra Wozniak (second from right) - a 2nd place winner in the Dziennik Związkowy writing contest

a gala event held on Wednesday, March 23, at Allegra Banquets, Schiller Park, IL. Maria Pappas is an energizer bunny, setting an example of how to celebrate and balance life, career, family and community. I think I want to be like her when I grow up – LOL! Congratulations, Maria! Representing the PRCUA was President Robaczewski and Secretary-Treasurer Bastrzyk. Ewa Cholewinski, Director District 7, also attended.

Congratulations also to Aleksandra Wozniak, a member of PRCUA and a student at the Maria Konopnicka Polish School, Oak Lawn, IL, who placed 2nd in the Polish Daily News "2021 in 365 Words" Writing Contest.

On Saturday, March 26, D-7 Director Ewa Cholewinski represented the PRCUA at the Queen of the May 3rd Parade Gala. Selected Queen of the 2022 May Third Parade is Julia Baranek and Miss Photo (sponsored by PRCUA) is Natalia Porębska. In 2007, Ewa's daughter, Monika, won Queen of the May 3rd Parade. At the onset of the invasion of Ukraine, Monika, a medical doctor, joined a team of doctors providing medical care at the Polish-Ukrainian border. She has since returned home. We are all proud of Monika and all who care to



Malbork Dance Ensemble celebration



Zajączek dancers pray before the recital



Director Ewa Cholewinski presenting a check to Miss Photo Natalia Porębska

act on behalf of those in need.

Both the Gwiazda and Halka Dance Groups held their recitals on March 27. Bravo to Gwiazda's Director Jessica Urban and instructor Basia Nowakowski as well as to Halka's Director Laura Hejza and choreographer Thomas Lisiecki. Bravissimo to all the dancers for a job well done through a very trying year. National Director from Michigan (D-10) Colleen Bonkowski attended both events.

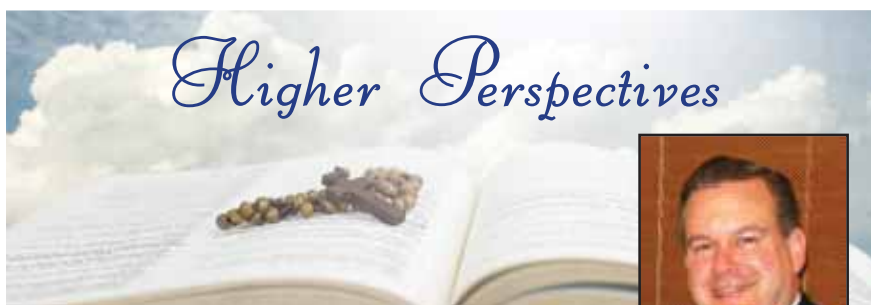
Among the upcoming events: the Tatry Dance School (Director Gail Esker, choreographer Karen Lubiaryz) will be celebrating their golden anniversary at its 51st recital and the Opole Dance School (Director Beth Thacker, choreographer Donna Skurski) will host their 64th annual dance recital.

April 21-24 will boast the 83rd PRCUA National Bowling Tournament by Soc. 162 – Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, MI. Society #162 (President Stan Pasko) is chairing this event.

On April 24, District 9 will host the PRCUA Święconka (Director District 9 Elizabeth Sadus, chair).

The Rogalin Dance Troupe Recital will be on April 30 and Polskie Maki will hold their recital on May 1. The Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance (Managing Director Anna Kraszewski-Winkler) will finally celebrate their 35th Anniversary (postponed in 2020) and Wesoly Lud (Director and choreographer Richard Jaminski) its 45th Anniversary with a joint concert on May 1st at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago. Together there will be 80 years of Polish dancing on one stage. See invitation in this issue of the *Naród Polski*.

April has always been a very festive month for my family, beginning with the birthdays of my parents, maternal grandparents, father-in-law, daughter Alina (4/15), son-in-law Ben (4/2), BFF Teresa Pazdziora (4/27), and wedding anniversary of daughter Niki and Michael (4/24). The PRCUA family also has many birthdays and anniversaries to celebrate, but I will (cont. on pg. 14)



Higher Perspectives

WALKING WITH JESUS: From the Drama of Holy Week to the Joys of the Resurrection



By Fr. Eric Orzech
St. Stanislaus Parish
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Cleveland, OH

Easter falls mid-month this year on the 17th of April, which means that Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, runs the week previous from April 10th. As this issue of the *Naród Polski* is published early in the month, it should arrive to our readers in time to accompany them on their spiritual journey through Holy Week to Easter.

Holy Week, among its many attributes - which include being the religious highlight of the liturgical year - is also rich in human drama. By that I mean that it has an additional appeal of being able to resonate across the board to the vast gamut of human feelings and emotions which people experience in their lives. In fact, this week covers almost the entire spectrum of them all at once...we have ups and downs, joys and sorrows, tragedy and triumph, betrayal and fidelity, agony and ecstasy, not to mention the ordinary and typical.

One way which may help Holy Week to better come to life for us is to look out for these sentiments as we reread stories already familiar to us for new insight, as we participate anew in special, once-a-year rituals, or identify with a particular character from this week, such as Jesus himself, and journey with them as they experience the drama of Holy Week, making connections to our own life experience.

With this in mind, let's begin a quick sojourn through the drama of Holy Week...

Palm Sunday - In a matter of minutes, we see Jesus hailed by the crowds as the King of the Jews, triumphantly riding into Jerusalem and then, moments later, the same crowds denouncing "Away with Him, away with Him; crucify him!" Sit transit gloria mundi...how quickly passes the glory of this world. Who hasn't at one time felt on top of the world only to turn around and realize it was all for naught soon after. Welcome to the world of Jesus in Holy Week.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - Compared to the rest of this week, these are just ordinary, typical days. Nothing special one way or another is happening in them. Notice, also, that they make up the majority of this week...just like ordinary, typical days make up most of our lives. Every day is not a holiday or a day for fasting and abstaining. Every day isn't a wedding or a funeral. All the more reason, because most of our life is spent in these type of days, to make sure they are well ordered and productive. All the more reason to be grateful to God for these days which we've been given.

Holy Thursday - Jesus sits down for a religious holiday meal with his apostles and from that flow the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. How often special events in our lives are celebrated at holiday or special occasion meals surrounded by family and friends! Jesus then spends time in the Garden of Eden in agonizing prayer, only to be betrayed by Judas and abandoned by his apostles. Isn't it so that in our lives where there are moments of agony and even betrayal we also often feel so all alone and abandoned?

Good Friday - In Jesus' trials today he is falsely accused and condemned though innocent. Suffering in our life is often most keenly felt when we experience it because of misunderstandings or when we don't deserve it. On his way to Calvary, Veronica comes forward to help him and Mary and John

stay at the foot of the cross. "A friend in need is a friend indeed" and help, which comes when we most need it - these are things which are most appreciated - and remembered. As Jesus is dying on the cross, He seems in the eyes of the world to be most pitiable and forsaken, yet it is at that time he's at His strongest: He's saving us. In our sickbed, our infirmity from old age, our recovery from surgery - our weakest moments - we can be strong, too, uniting ourselves with Jesus. From our share in the cross truly great things can come about.

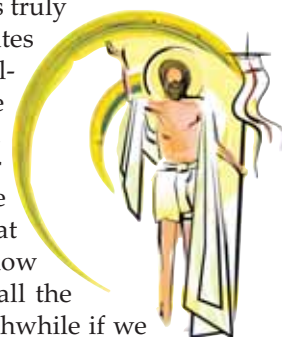
Holy Saturday - After all the commotion of the previous day, this is a time of anxious anticipation. A pregnant calm settles in. The apostles hide on pins and needles to wait and see what happens. We scurry about busying ourselves with preparations for a big celebration to come...tending to our traditions like getting our baskets blessed, setting the table and making sure our dinner and desserts will be just right after the long Lenten hiatus. But, it's all incomplete. We won't be able to know for sure how it will all turn out or take part in the fruits of our (and many other's) labors until...

Easter - Surrexit Dominus Vere...The Lord has truly Risen! Alleluia! The drama of Holy Week culminates with God's plan for our salvation coming to fulfillment in a way only He could have foreseen. The tree of death becomes the tree of our new life. Jesus, the first born from the dead, is our hope for eternal life as "we expect the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." All that came before in bringing Jesus to this point is now worthwhile. All that comes to us in our lives - all the highs and lows the ups and downs - is also worthwhile if we have walked faithfully with the Lord and embrace the invitation when He calls to pass through the doorway of death to the other side of life.

To one and all a most blessed, joyous, and holy Easter observance with much happiness to share with you, your families and friends. Lent's over - so double portions of everything!

Wesołego Alleluja!

Smacznego święconego jajka... i mokrego dyngusa!!!



SAVE THE DATE

69th PRCUA National Golf Tournament

July 22-23, 2022

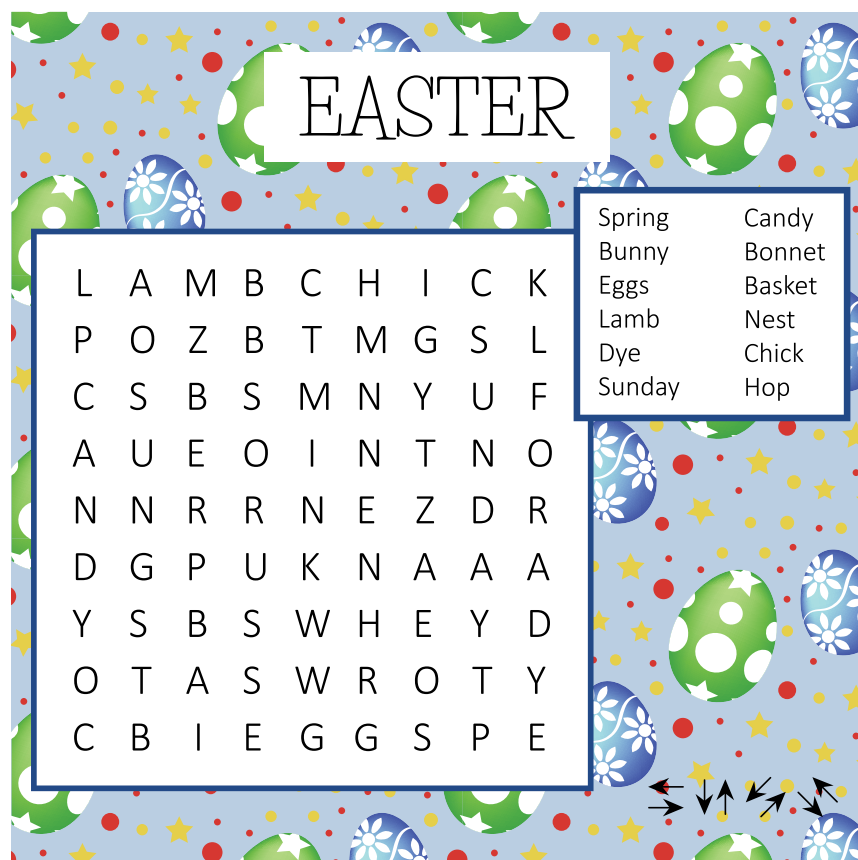


Sterling Heights, MI

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Kids Activity Page!

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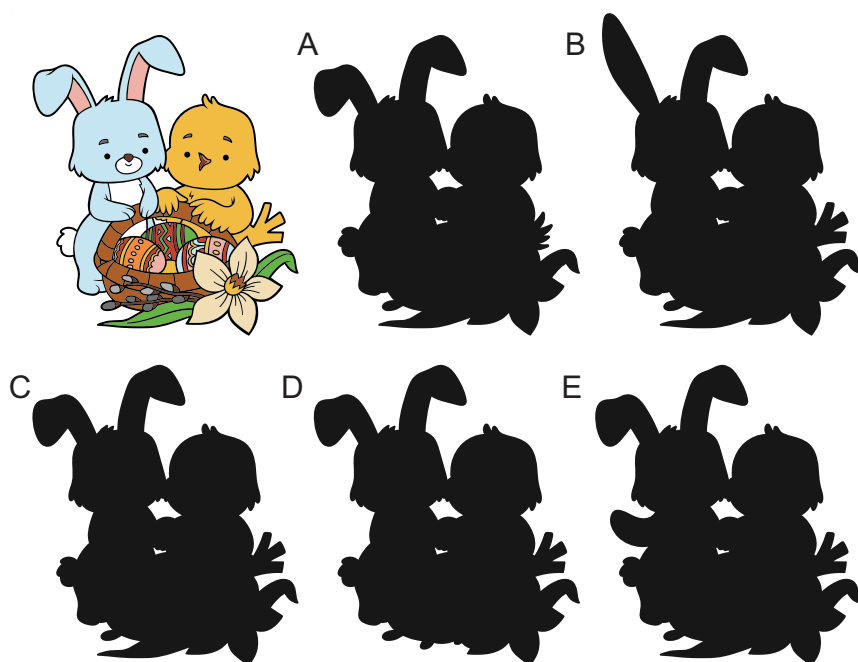
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4. Color the picture.



3. Find the correct shadow.



NEARLY 200,000 COLLECTED BY THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS TO HELP UKRAINE



President James Robaczewski (c) presents a donation from PRCUA to PAC and PNA President Frank Spula (l) and PAC Treasurer and PRCUA National Vice President Micheline Jaminski (r)

In the midst of this inconceivable moment for the world, when the lives of millions of people in Ukraine have been shattered by the tragedy of war, the Polish diaspora in America came together to show their unity and generous hearts!

\$ 180,061– this is how much was collected during the three-day *Polonia for Ukraine* radiothon, organized in Chicago by the Polish American Congress on the WPNA 103.1 FM radio station.

Pledges were received from all parts of the United States and from all Polish American communities. All of the collected funds will be sent to pay for the medical needs of Ukrainian citizens and the needs of refugees in Poland through the Council on Aid to Ukrainians (established by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America) and through the Polish Red Cross.



Representatives of the Polish American organizations: Mirosław Niedziński, Frank Spula, Mary Anselmo, Micheline Jaminski, Marek Rudnicki



L-r: PAC Vice President Mary Sendra Anselmo, Yuriy Soroka from the Ukrainian Public Organisation Orange Wave, PRCUA National Director Joanna Cholewinski, Micheline Jaminski

The Polish Roman Catholic Union in America played a large role in the radiothon. Our members donated over \$15,000, and the PRCUA raised that amount by declaring another \$10,000. President James Robaczewski, along with Vice President Micheline Jamiński, presented the check with the PRCUA donation for Ukraine in person at the radio station. In addition to her duties at the PRCUA, Mrs. Jamiński is also the treasurer of the Polish American Congress, and was thus kept very busy during the appeal. Our volunteers from the PRCUA, Anne Moschopoulos and Conrad Więcek, also devoted their time to assist in administering the radiothon.

Despite the fact that the radiothon has ended, donations continue to be accepted for the *Polonia for Ukraine* appeal. They can be made:

- By check made out to the Polish American



PRCUA volunteers Conrad Więcek and Anne Moschopoulos accepting donations

Congress (write *Polonia for Ukraine* in the memo line) and sending it to the following address:

PAC Treasurer Micheline Jaminski
984 North Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642

- By PayPal or by credit card at www.pac1944.org

The organizers of the campaign would like to thank everyone for such a generous response to the appeal for help for Ukraine and the dollars pledged.



GET EGG-CITED ABOUT EASTER AT A PISANKI WORKSHOP!

Easter is on its way. Get in the spirit by learning the intricate art of making *pisanki* – Polish egg decorating with instructor Christine Frankowicz-Burd, on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the PRCUA Social Hall (first floor), 984 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

This year's event is co-sponsored by the Edward T. & Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation.

The workshop registration fee is \$25 per person and includes the cost of stylus and wax. Each participant is asked to bring 3-4 hard-boiled eggs. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian for the entire workshop.

Museum admission is complimentary for each paid participant on the day of the workshop.

Space is limited to 40 participants. Guarantee a place today by registering online at <https://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/eventer/get-egg-cited-about-easter-at-pisanki-workshop-2022/edate/2022-04-09/>

Dyes, wax, and kistka/ stylus can be ordered from the PMA Gift Shop online (<https://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/product-category/easter/>).

THE OPEN DOOR (cont. from pg. 11)

mention only a few. Happy Birthday wishes to Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk and President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla – 89 and going strong (4/13), Joey Robaczewski (4/15), PMA President Richard Owsiany (4/24), and IT Director Kevin Ryba (4/29). STO LAT to all those celebrating their April birthdays!

We thank the Lord for his blessings and wish you an Easter full of joy and peace!

Wesołego Alleluja! Smacznego Jajka! Mokrego Dyngusa!



PRCUA #162 Sacred Heart of Jesus Society
Presents
The 4th Annual

POLKA BENEFIT DANCE

Proceeds Benefit The American Heart Association



Featuring Music by
*Lenny Gomulka
& Chicago Push*
&
*John Gora
& Gorale*



Admission: \$20
Saturday, April 30, 2022
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Music from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
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PRCUA CONTROLLER EMILY KURDA RETIRED

Best wishes to Emily Kurda – PRCUA Controller and head of the Auditing Department, who officially retired after 38 years of service on March 1, but will continue to work on a part-time basis for some time. PRCUA Officers and employees held a surprise party for Emily on Tuesday, March 15.

Emily was educated in Poland where she studied at the Pedagogical University in Rzeszów at the faculty

of mathematics. Emily is a member of PRCUA Society #1228. She began working at PRCUA in 1984 under the tutelage of Lucian Biegacz, and was appointed PRCUA controller after Lucian retired in 1999.

PRCUA is grateful to Emily for her many years of dedication and hard work. We wish her good health and well-deserved rest. We will miss you, Emily!



Emily with the PRCUA Officers: Agnieszka Bastryk, James Robaczewski and Micheline Jaminski



Auditing Department: Agnieszka Dobrzycki, Danuta Czajkowska, Mariola Wysocka, Emily Kurda, Matthew Kaspar



ST. RITA SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

PRCUA St. Rita's Society #1368 held its election of officers on January 19, at Metro Bar & Grill in Warren, MI. The new officers sworn at the meeting include:

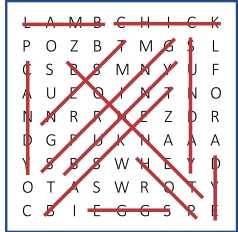
Keith Kujawski - President
Jason Losinski - Vice President
Patty Johansen - Recording Secretary
Paula Vitello - Financial Secretary
Jan Gardner - Sergeant at Arms



Oath of the new officers (top) and Society members who attended the meeting (bottom)

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 13:

1. Find all the words:



2. Who will find Easter bunny?



3. Find the correct shadow: C

LEADERS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

PETER (PIOTR) ROSTENKOWSKI

Compiled by Lidia Kowalewicz
Editor

Peter (Piotr) Rostenkowski was born in 1868 in the village of Kamienica in the administrative district of Gmina Gostycyn, within Tuchola County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship, in north-central Poland.

He came to the Chicago in 1886, and almost from the very moment of his arrival, was involved in social activities in the Polish community and engaged in parish life at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Thanks to his hard work, love of higher ideals and honesty, he attained an outstanding position in the Polish community in Chicago and in the city and country.

Rostenkowski ran a real estate office at 1349 Noble St., where he also resided.

Rostenkowski was especially active in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. He was the President of PRCUA Św. Mikołaj Society. He was elected as PRCUA National Director at the Convention held in Erie, PA in 1907, and served in this capacity for 6 years.

Delegates of the 33rd PRCUA National Convention, held in Mil-



waukee, WI in 1913, elected Rostenkowski as PRCUA President.

After the tragic accident of the SS Eastland, which rolled over on its side while docked in the Chicago River on July 24, 1915, killing 844 passengers, including 23 PRCUA members, Rostenkowski was elected the treasurer of the committee to help the families of the victims.

Rostenkowski was very involved in organizing aid for Poland after the outbreak of the World War I. PRCUA

actively supported *Polska Rada Narodowa* (Polish National Council), which organized many fundraisers and held rallies. On September 4, 1914, PRCUA organized a rally at PRCUA headquarters, with Rostenkowski serving as the chairman. On October 2, 1914, Rostenkowski chaired the meeting of the representatives of the five largest Polish organizations, which led to establishing the *Centralny Komitet Polski* (Central Polish Committee). Rostenkowski was elected one of its vice-presidents. *Centralny Komitet Polski* was renamed a few days later to *Polski Centralny Komitet Ratunkowy - PCKR* (Polish Central Relief Committee). Rostenkowski was elected the vice president of the PCKR in 1915.

On June 25, 1915, Rostenkowski welcomed Ignacy Jan Paderewski to the PRCUA. He assured Paderewski about PRCUA's further cooperation and support for the Polish National Council (its offices were located in the PRCUA building.)

At the 34th PRCUA Convention, Rostenkowski appealed for a special "tax for Poland" to be established.

On July 12, 1916, a delegation of Polish organizations, including PRCUA representatives President Rostenkowski, Vice President Rusin, Chaplain Rev. Celichowski and Aleksander Kotarski met with U.S. President Wilson at the White House. They asked President Wilson to make appeals to the English government, to lift its blockade on the supply of food to Polish territories.

In July 1916, *Polski Centralny Komitet Narodowy* organized *Wydział Narodowy Polski* (Polish National Department), which was to be a separate entity from the PCKR. Rostenkowski was elected its treasurer.

Rostenkowski and other Polish leaders fiercely opposed the so-called Manifesto of Two Emperors proclaiming the Kingdom of Poland, which would be dependent on Prussia and Austria. Paderewski, representatives of PRCUA, and other organizations grouped in the PCKR signed a document protesting against the new division of Poland. The American Polonia protest became the cornerstone of Poland's rebirth. In a speech to the U.S. Senate on January 22, 1917, President Wilson demanded "a united, independent and self-governing Poland."

On March 21, 1917, Rosten-

kowski spoke at the inauguration of the Cadet School in Cambridge Springs, PA. On September 2, 1917, together with Fr. Celichowski, they spoke on behalf of the PRCUA at the meeting of the Polish National Department in Chicago, announcing its readiness to start creating the Polish Army (one of the army recruitment offices was opened at the PRCUA headquarters).

In a letter addressed to the 38th PRCUA Convention in 1925, Paderewski thanked Rostenkowski and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America for the involvement in *Wydział Narodowy* and PRCUA's efforts aimed at regaining Poland's independence.

Rostenkowski's work for the Polish cause was recognized by the Polish government. Paderewski decorated Rostenkowski with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, and General Joseph Haller, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army in France, decorated him with the Order of the Haller's Swords.

At the 38th PRCUA Convention in 1925, Rostenkowski was elected PRCUA Treasurer and served in the capacity until 1928.

On December 27, 1934, PRCUA President Józef Kania decorated Rostenkowski and other past PRCUA Presidents with the PRCUA First Class Medal.

Rostenkowski was active in politics and was a pioneer Democrat among the Poles. He was a delegate to the 1912 Democratic National Convention in Baltimore, MD and to the 1916 Democratic National Convention held in St. Louis, MO.

Rostenkowski was married twice. In November 1891, he married Katarzyna Giersz at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chicago. They had one son, Joseph Peter Rostenkowski. Katarzyna died on July 24, 1916. In 1919, Rostenkowski married Julia Lic.

Peter Rostenkowski died on June 17, 1936, after a short illness. The funeral Mass was held at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Bronisław Celichowski was the main celebrant and eulogist.

The funeral procession from the church to St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, which was attended by thousands (over 500 cars were following the procession), was escorted by state and county (cont. on pg. 17)



Ignacy J. Paderewski and Helena Paderewska with PRCUA leaders decorated with Polonia Restituta (l-r): Peter Rostenkowski, Zygmunt Stefanowicz, Stanisław Adamkiewicz, Tadeusz Wroński, Romuald Piątkowski, A. Pietrzykowski - April 26, 1926

PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATEST HAPPENINGS

By Nicholas J. Nowakowski
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus

It's been another busy month for the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers. There have been performances, pictures, and some birthdays, all while busily prepping for the group's annual spring recital.

On February 26, the Gwiazda Dancers had their annual picture day. It was great to see all of the dancers in their folk dress and a perfect opportunity to take stock and make sure that all costume pieces were in order for the group's upcoming recital in March.

On March 6, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers participated in the annual blessing of the Polish Folk Ensembles, held this year at St. Albertus Church in Detroit. The event also coincided with the first Sunday of Lent and featured St. Albertus' choir singing *Gorzkie Żale* (the Bitter Lamentations). The Mass was attended by many of the metro-Detroit area PRCUA dance schools and was celebrated by PRCUA National Chaplain Very Rev. Canon Ptak. Founded in 1871, St. Albertus was the first Polish American church in the Archdiocese of Detroit. In the late 1960s, before he was elected pope, St. John Paul II visited St. Albertus and said Mass there.

On March 11, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers participated in the Sterling Heights Cul-

tural Exchange. Representing Poland, Gwiazda performed several versions of the *krakowiak*. The first of its kind since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event featured cultural displays, song and dance performances, and food.

On March 13, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers celebrated 313Day (the area code for the City of Detroit) along with the PRCUA Polskie Maki Dancers with the Detroit Pistons as they celebrated Polish Heritage Night at Little Caesar's Arena ("LCA") in Detroit. Gwiazda performed a *polka*, a *krakowiak* and an *oberek* on LCA's concourse during the game.

On March 14, the Gwiazda Dancers showed their solidarity with Ukraine during their rehearsal. Each dancer received a t-shirt in the colors of the Ukrainian flag with the word "Ukraine" printed on the front. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts will go toward Ukrainian relief efforts.

Also on March 14, the Gwiazda Dancers celebrated the birthdays of their director Jessica Urban and their choreographer Basia Nowakowski with *Sto lat*s and cake.

The Gwiazda Dancers continue to busily prepare for the annual spring recital, which will be held (after a two year hiatus) on March 27 at Fitzgerald High School in Warren, MI. We'll have a full report of that event for you in the near future. The Gwiazda Dancers have several post-

recital events on their calendar stretching later into the spring and throughout the summer.

The Gwiazda Dancers are on so-

cial media. You can like them on Facebook or follow them on Twitter (@PRCUA_Gwiazda).



Gwiazda at Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange



Gwiazda dancers standing with Ukraine



Gwiazda dancers at St. Albertus Church



Polish Heritage Night at Little Caesar's Arena

LEADERS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA (cont. from pg. 16)

police and orchestra. Present were Congressman of Illinois District 8 Leon Kociałkowski, Polish Consulate delegate Antoni Brzęk, PRCUA President Józef Kania, past President Stanisław Adamkiewicz, other PRCUA Officers and Directors, Haller Army veterans, many PRCUA members, and the Polish-American community. Rostenkowski was laid to rest next to his first wife, Katarzyna.

Peter's son Joseph and grandson Daniel followed his political interests. Joseph, locally known as "Big Joe Rusty", served as alderman and committeeman of the predominantly

Polish 32nd Ward for 24 years. Daniel Rostenkowski was a United States Representative from Chicago, serving from 1959 to 1995. For many years, he was also Democratic Committeeman of Chicago's 32nd Ward. Daniel Rostenkowski served as Chairman of the PRCUA Ways and Means Committee.

Sources: *Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce 1873-1948* by Mieczysław Haiman; *Piotr Rostenkowski* by Mieczysław Haiman, *Wikipedia*, *Dziennik Chicagoski*, June 1936, *Naród Polski*, 1936.

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

2022 SHIRLEY ANN GALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL

Kelly Malinowski

They dreamed about this night for many years, and it finally arrived. For fourteen graduating seniors from the PRCUA Michigan dance schools, their enchanted evening proved to be all that they dreamed about and more.

The 31st annual PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was held on February 26, 2022, at the beautiful Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate, MI. The evening consisted of all the pomp and circumstance that one might imagine, starting with the beautifully decorated ballroom. While the guests enjoyed a cocktail hour, the honorees were entertained by PRCUA President James Robaczewski during a private meet and greet. Showing that he is a master at his craft of public speaking, Jim eased any nerves our honorees were feeling by playing "Jim Trivia." It is amazing what they learned! Enter Vice President "Pani Misia" Jaminski to the rescue as she relieved Jim, who in his own words, was running out of material! (You had to be there!) Thank you both for taking the time to visit with our honorees and helping them to start off their evening on such a high note.

The promenade of PRCUA Michigan dance school directors, teachers and national dignitaries paved the way for our honorees to follow. Donned in their white gowns and tuxedos, the beautiful honorees and their escorts and guest enamored the audience as they entered the ballroom. An all-star lineup of special guests participated in the opening ceremonies that preceded dinner. Serving as master of ceremonies for the evening, choreographer for the Halka Dancers and Zakopane Polish Folk Ensemble Tommy Lisiecki welcomed the audience to what was sure to be a remarkable evening; James Robaczewski and 2022 Michigan State Ball honoree Skyler Siecinski led the audience in the Polish and American national anthems, PRCUA National Chaplain Very Rev. Canon Walter Ptak said grace, and PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski delivered the toast.

The presentation program began with accolades for the 2022 Michigan State Ball honorees and acknowledged the many accomplishments which led them to this evening. One hundred seventy-four years of dance experience was achieved between the fourteen honorees, attesting to their commitment to the PRCUA Michigan dance schools. The honorees' resumes continued to tell the story of not only their commitment to the PRCUA, but to their church, high schools, and communities. This was a work in progress and it did not happen overnight but over many years.

Ball coordinator and choreographer Kelly Malinowski outlined the program for the evening, which was entitled "One Marvel After Another." Throughout their childhood, the honorees have been influenced by many factors to become the people they are today. In their childhood, they were perhaps influenced by superheroes and the likes of Harry Potter. But now they are on the threshold of adulthood and have the ability to make all of their dreams come true by taking all the best attributes from the people that influenced them. They are themselves true marvels and the pride of their families and the PRCUA.

Promenading into the ballroom to the *Marvel Fanfare*, the honorees then performed the enchanting *Potter's Waltz* and *The Dreamer's Tango*. The PRCUA Michigan dance school teachers then introduced each of the honorees to the audience, which consisted of family, friends and Michigan's Polonia. President Robaczewski and Vice President Jaminski then bestowed the Honorary State Ball Medallions on each of the honorees. Both the President and Vice President spoke directly to the honorees, not only congratulating them on their accomplishments, but thanking them and urging them to continue their involvement with the PRCUA. The Class of 2022 Michigan State Ball honorees then made a few presentations of their own. Honoree Brianna Chunn presented \$610 to the St. Albertus Building Fund on behalf of all the PRCUA Michigan dance schools. The monetary donation was

received by Celeste Grabowski. Being able to contribute to St. Albertus is very special to the Michigan schools, as the first PRCUA society was formed in the Detroit area at St. Albertus Church. Honoree Isabella Zosel presented a \$250 gift on behalf of the 2022 State Ball Honorees to the PRCUA Scholarship Fund. These funds were received by our National President and will be delivered to the national scholarship committee. Lastly, honoree Lauren Palencik presented our Vice President and State Ball's guardian angel with a gift of \$250 to benefit the Polish Museum of America. The gift was also on behalf of the 2022 honorees who acknowledge it will soon be their turn to find ways to continue to preserve our beautiful Polish heritage.

Excitement filled the air as it was now time for the State Ball's scholarship drawing. Six scholarships were awarded in lottery style. With much fanfare, the directors rolled the hopper and pulled out six sealed envelopes. Once opened, the names of the recipients were disclosed. The lucky recipients then selected another sealed envelope which would then reveal to everyone which scholarship they would be awarded with. Congratulations to Brianna Chunn and Layna Levock for receiving the PRCUA Fraternal Department Scholarship each in the amount of \$500; to Angelina Hamblin and Clarissa Magiera for each receiving the PRCUA Rita J. Cerankowski, Michigan Women's Division Scholarship in the amount of \$250. Lastly, two \$325 scholarships were awarded in memory of late PRCUA member Irene Dewicki as a testament to the gift of life and love of her Polish heritage. Recipients of this scholarship award were Tessa McKnee and Antonio Johnson. We are grateful to Nancy Dewicki Campbell, who attended the ball and participated in the scholarship drawing to bear witness to her late mother's gift. Thank you, Mrs. Dewicki, for thinking of the future of our PRCUA youth!

The parents of our honorees were invited to receive the family blessing by our National Chaplain, Fr. Ptak. The formal program came to a close with the performance of the *polonez*, which also signaled the big finale finish as the honorees and their escorts and guest let loose and performed to Barry White's *My First, My Last, My Everything!* The re-

mainder of the evening was for partying, dancing to the Duane Malinowski Orchestra and, of course, taking lots more photos!

It's hard to believe how fast the evening flew by. When the 11 p.m. hour approached, there was still a ballroom full of people wanting to stay longer! Now that's success!

Congratulations to the PRCUA Michigan State Ball Class of 2022; Makayla Burden, Brianna Chunn, Prayer Drane-Kozakiewicz, Angelina Hamblin, Antonio Johnson, Shawn Kinsey, Layna Levock, Clarissa Magiera, Tessa McKnee, Lauren Palencik, Abygail Rebeaud, Lauren Schulte, Skyler Siecinski, and Isabella Zosel. You have proven yourselves to be prominent ambassadors of the PRCUA. May all your dreams come true!!!

Thank you to all our special guests who attended the ball this year. Special thanks to President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard Jaminski, PRCUA National Chaplain Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife Joann, National District Director #10 Colleen Bonkowski and her husband Brian, and last but not least, to our extra special guests from Washington DC, Press Advisor to the Embassy to the Republic of Poland Mateusz Naslonski and his guest Reyna Won. Thank you all for sharing your evening with us and making our honorees feel so very very special!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, to the Michigan State Ball Committee for all your efforts, attention to detail and for making this a night our honorees will always remember; Colleen Bonkowski (Zajaczek), Lisa Brandt (Rogalin), Gail Esker (Tatry) Amber Gillette (Malbork), Laura Hejza (Halka), Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki) Tommy Lisiecki (Halka), Kristi Mihalic (Wieliczka), Kelly Malinowski (Coordinator), Pat Steven (Co-Chair), Beth Thacker (Opole), and Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda).

**Congratulations
2022 Honorees!**

2022 Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball Honorees



Makenna Burden, 17, is the daughter of Jeffrey and Marie Burden of Garden City, MI. She has been a member of the Wieliczka Dancers for five years and is a member of PRCUA Society #87. Makenna's escort for the evening was Jose Perez-Santiago.

Brianna Chunn, 17, is the daughter of Jason and Tiffany Chunn of Warren, MI. She has been a member of the Opole Dance School for fourteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1593. Brianna's escort for the evening was former Opole dancer David Baker.



Prayer Drane-Kozakiewicz, 18, is the daughter of Michael Drane and Janet Kozakiewicz of Wayne, MI. She has been dancing with the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for sixteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #87. Prayer's escort for the evening was fellow Wieliczka dancer Aiden London.

Angelina Hamblin, 17, is the daughter of Brian and Theresa Hamblin of Riverview, MI. She has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for thirteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #162. Angelina's escort for the evening was fellow Rogalin dancer and 2022 State Ball honoree Antonio Johnson.



Antonio Johnson, 17, is the son of Alice Johnson and the late Kenneth Johnson of Taylor, MI. He has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fourteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1493. Antonio's guest for the evening was fellow Rogalin dancer

and 2022 State Ball honoree Angelina Hamblin.



Shawn Kinsey, 17, is the son of Anthony and Michelle Kinsey of Wayne, MI. He has been dancing with the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for ten years and is a member of PRCUA Society #87. Shawn's guest for the evening was Elizabeth Rupert.

Layna Levock, 17, is the daughter of Candice Levock of Madison Heights, MI. She has been a member of the Polskie Maki Dance School for twelve years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1587. Layna's escort for the evening was Christian Powers.



Clarissa Magiera, 18, is the daughter of Richard and Cassandra Magiera of Warren, MI. She has been dancing with the Polskie Maki Dance School for eleven years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1587. Clarissa's escort for the evening was fellow Polskie Maki dancer Anthony Rebeaud.

Tessa McKnee, 17, is the daughter of Scott and Kim McKnee of Sterling Heights, MI. She has been a PRCUA dancer for 15 years; three with the Halka Dancers and twelve with the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. Tessa is a member of PRCUA Society #1618. Tessa's escort for the evening was 2021 Halka graduate and former State Ball honoree Andrew Bartkiewicz.



Lauren Palencik, 17, is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Palencik of Clinton Township, MI. She has been a member of the Halka Dancers Polish Folk Dance Ensemble for fourteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #261.

Lauren's escort for the evening was her cousin and fellow Halka dancer Christian Palencik.



Abygail Rebeaud, 17, is the daughter of Wayne and Heather Rebeaud of Warren, MI. She has been dancing with the Polskie Maki Dance School for thirteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1618. Abygail's escort for the evening was 2019 Halka graduate and former State Ball honoree Michael Federico.

Lauren Schulte, 17, is the daughter of Joseph and Shelia Schulte of Taylor, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #162. Lauren's escort for the evening was Ryan Kugelman.



Skyler Siecinski, 17, is the daughter of Amy Siecinski and David Sielicki of Roseville, MI. She has been a PRCUA dancer for eleven years; three years with the Halka Dancers and eight years with the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. Skyler is a member of PRCUA Society #1618. Skyler's escort for the evening was Zajaczek dancer Kian Desmond.

Isabella Zosel, 17, is the daughter of Lynette Zosel of Warren, MI. She has been dancing with the Opole Dancers for sixteen years and is a member PRCUA Society #1593. Isabella's escort for the evening was 2021 Opole graduate and former State Ball honoree Donovan Baker.



Honorees and their escorts



Dignitaries



Stan Pasko, President Society #162

The PRCUA 87th Annual National Basketball tournament went off without a hitch in the wonderful city of New Boston, MI. Dan Budzyn led the charge to ensure there was a PRCUA Basketball Tournament in 2022. His email to the national office started the ball rolling for another great tournament in Wyandotte. Over 70 basketball players enjoyed the tournament held on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Stan Pasko, president of Society 162, Wyandotte and his co-chairs Ryan Mahalak, John Bobrowski and Dan Budzyn, worked diligently to be sure Society #162 ran another great tournament. Hats off to John, Ryan and Dan for a great tournament!

Friday evening started with a hospitality get-together at the #162 Lounge, always a great gathering point to start the tournament, have a bite to eat and of course quench your thirst. The Saturday morning competition was held at Huron High School's Main and Auxiliary gyms. Special thanks to Ken Ford for helping to coordinate the use of the facilities. Tony Jesue and Gary Taurence assembled a fine crew of referees and the games began at 9:00 a.m.

President James Robaczewski provided an NBA-quality jump ball toss to get the games started. Vice President Micheline Jaminski and Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk manned the registration table, making sure all the formalities were covered. A big thank you to our scorekeepers of the tournament: Larry Stec, Jake Grabowski, Bob Hojnacki, Ron Pacitti, Dan Gdowski, Rob Tyrybon, Phil Mahalak and Mike Mahalak.

Competition continued until lunch, when the players were treated to lunch and a beverage. A special thank you goes out to the ladies who assisted with the lunch: Carol Bobrowski, Barb Bozymowski and Barbara Toboy.

The games resumed after lunch, leading into the final brackets. The early afternoon provided our first

champions for the day, as the Men's over 50 and Women's games were played. These were all 3-on-3 teams, playing a running 10 minute clock. After all was said and done, the Women's Champions were Society 162 Wyandotte Polka Cherries #1, and the Men's over 50 Champions (for bragging rights at Society 718) were St. Stan's - White.

The Men's Open competition continued and led to an awesome final round of games! The championship game featured Society 413 - Taskforce against Society 162 - Wyandotte. Taskforce, who fielded as young a team as Wyandotte, came out to win. Both teams, having played several games throughout the day, fought in what was a back-and-forth, very spirited game. Wyandotte started to settle into their game and continued to stay ahead by a few points. Ultimately, they would once again win the crown and became the 2022 national tournament champions.

All the teams returned to the PRCU Banquet Hall for the awards presentation. They were also treated to a full Polish Dinner and continued the evening with the fine sounds of DJ Jazzy Rob Tyrybon. National Director of District 10 Valerie Brumm joined the national officers for the festivities.

In addition to the champions being honored, the following awards were also presented:

2022 Basketball All-Stars – Luke Levangie (Family Plus 2), Kevin Kreger (St. Stan's B-Ball), Anthony Perfetto (St. Rita's Blazers), Nemanja Mrdja (Taskforce), Mickey Bozymowski (PRCU #162), Deann Kujawski (St. Rita's Golden Girls), Kasey Straub (St. Rita's Hustlin' Honeys), Amanda Ynclan (Polka Cherries), Rachel Schuck (Polka Cherries II), Dave Butka (Society 718 White Team), Paul Mardeusz (Society 718 Red Team) and Erik Riha (Society 718 Green Team).

2022 Basketball MVPs – Jeff Levangie (Family Plus 2, Society 718 White Team), Amelia Czarnota (Polka Cherries), Chuck Hutson

(PRCUA #162).

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers from Society 162, our scorekeepers, lunch helpers and lounge staff; without their efforts, the

success of this tournament would not have been possible. Thanks to Vice President Micheline Jaminski for taking on the role of official tournament photographer.



President Robaczewski starts the tournament with a jump ball toss



Men's Champions - PRCUA 162



Men's over 50 Champions - St. Stan's - White



Women's Champions - 162 Polka Cherries





L-r: Stan Pasko, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Patty Johansen, Micheline Jaminski



Robert Hojnacki and Joseph Ozog, Jr.



Top: Valerie Brumm, Barbara Toboy, James Robaczewski, Stanley Pasko, Micheline Jaminski



Left: Barbara Toboy, Barbara Bozymowski, Carol Bobrowski



FRATERNAL RECIPES

EASTER DISHES

MACKEREL SPREAD (*pasta z makreli*)

5 1/2 oz smoked mackerel, 1/2 cup drained sun dried tomatoes, 1 small avocado, 1 small bunch of chives, 2 Tbs cream cheese, 2 Tbs ketchup, 1 Tbs lemon juice, pinch of salt and pepper.

Finely chop the dried tomatoes, mackerel, avocado and chives and place all in a bowl. Add cream cheese and ketchup, season with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Mix well with a fork until well combined. Serve on french bread slices.

HOMEMADE MEAT PÂTÉ (*pasztet domowy*)

About 2 lbs mixed meat (pork, veal, chicken, turkey - including fatty cuts and skins), 10 oz chicken liver, 1 medium carrot, 1 medium parsley root, 1/2 small celery root, 1 medium onion, 2 eggs, 1 stale roll, 3 tsps salt, 1/2 tsp pepper, 1 tsp nutmeg, 1 Tbsp granulated garlic, canola oil for frying, 3 bay leaves, 3 allspice grains.

Wash, peel and dice the vegetables. Separate the meat from the bones and dice it. Cut the onion lengthways into thin wedges. Soak the stale roll in water or milk.

Heat the oil in a large pot and sauté the onion. Add the vegetables and let them stew for a few minutes. Add the meat (except the liver). If the meat is not fatty, place 2-3 tablespoons of lard in the pot. Add bay leaves, allspice and enough water to cover the meat. Cover the pot, reduce the heat to low and cook for about 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the liver and cook for another 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. When all the ingredients are soft, pour out the broth into a separate pot and cool the meat and vegetables.

Using a meat grinder, grind everything three times. Place the meat in a large bowl, add the eggs, soaked bread roll, salt, pepper, nutmeg and

garlic. Mix everything thoroughly. If the mixture is too thick, add a little broth.

Line 2 nonstick baking bread loaf pans (9.5 x 5) with parchment paper. Put the mixture into the pans.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake the pates for about an hour until the mixture solidifies (check with a wooden stick). Cool down completely before serving.

WALNUT AND CHOCOLATE MAZUREK (*mazurek orzechowo-czekoladowy*)

Dough: 1 1/2 cup flour, 1 egg, 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 sticks of butter; Walnut spread: 1 cup of sugar, 3/4 cup heavy cream, 1/2 cup ground walnuts, 2 Tbs honey, 1 lemon; Chocolate spread: 1 stick butter, 2/3 cup powdered sugar, 3 Tbs cocoa powder, 3 Tbs milk.

Combine flour, powdered sugar, salt, egg and butter and knead the dough. Set aside in the fridge for an hour. Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Line a baking sheet with a parchment paper. Divide the dough into two parts. Roll out one part forming a shape of a large egg (about 1/2 inch thick) on the baking sheet.

Roll the leftover dough into a long cylinder long enough to create a high edge on the rolled-out dough. Line the dough with parchment paper and sprinkle dried peas or beans on the top. Bake for about 20 minutes at 350°F (or until golden brown). Remove from the oven.

Melt sugar in a pot on low heat, stirring occasionally. Add cream, honey, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice, ground nuts and grated lemon zest to the melted sugar. Mix until everything blends well. Pour the walnut spread over the cooled cake.

Place all the ingredients for the chocolate spread in a saucepan. Heat until combined, mixing occasionally. Cover the cake with warm chocolate spread. Decorate with nuts, raisins and candied fruit.

EASTER PAPER KRAFTS FOR KIDS



FUN EGG HOLDERS

Save an empty cardboard toilet paper tube or a paper towel tube. Cut the tube into 2 inch high paper rings.

EASTER CHICKEN

Cut a 2x6 inch rectangle out of yellow paper. Glue the rectangle around the cardboard tube.

Cut out the shapes of the wings and tail, trace them onto yellow paper and cut them out.

Cut the shapes of the chicken feet and beak, trace them onto orange paper and cut them out.

Fold all on the dotted lines.

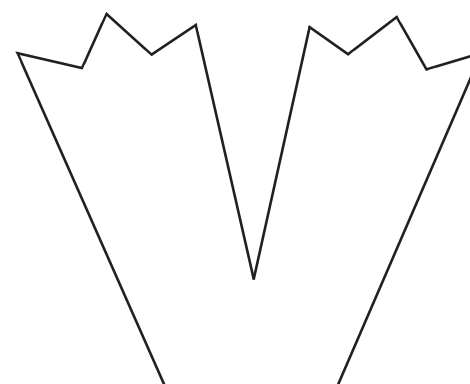
Using a hole puncher, cut out eyes from the colored construction paper (eye can also be drawn on both sides of the beak or you can use googly eyes).

Glue the beak and the eyes to the front of the tube (making sure that the paper seam of the paper you glued on the tube is in the back).

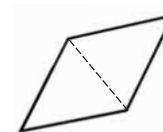
Glue the wings on both sides of the tube and a tail in the back.

Put some glue on the bottom rim of the tube and press it firmly to the feet cutout until it sticks.

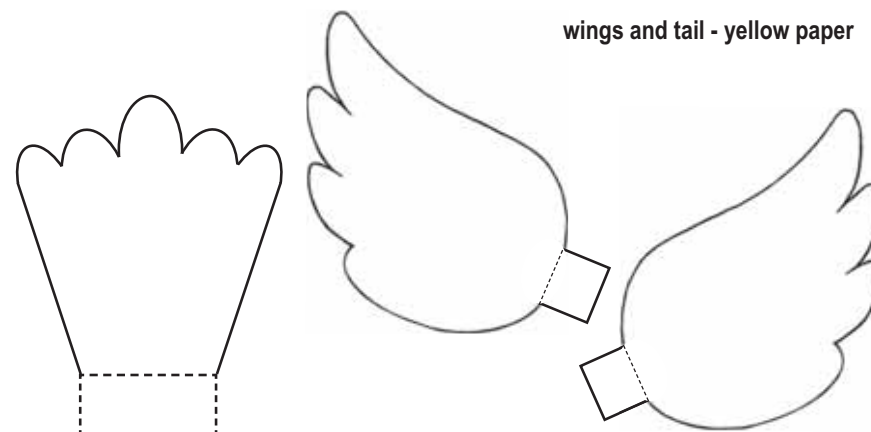
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feet and beak
- orange or pink paper



wings and tail - yellow paper



EASTER BUNNY

Cut a 2x6 inch rectangle out of white paper. Glue the rectangle around the cardboard tube.

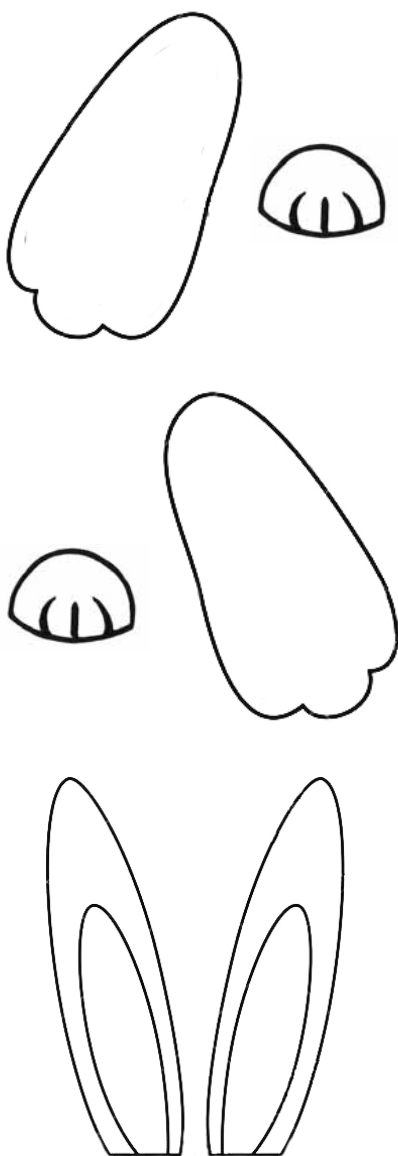
Trace the shapes of the bunny ears, paws and feet onto white paper and cut them out.

Using a hole puncher, cut out eyes and nose from colored construction paper.

Glue the nose to the front of the tube (making sure that the paper you glued on the tube is in the back). Draw a mouth, teeth and whiskers. Glue on the eyes (you can draw the eyes or stick the googly eyes).

Glue the ears inside the front of the tube. Put some glue on the bottom rim of the tube and press it firmly to the feet cutout until it sticks. Attach a small cotton ball or pom-pom for a tail in the back.

feet, paws and ears - all white paper



Have a Happy Easter!

POLISH NEWS BYTES

Robert Strybel,
Warsaw Correspondent

WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY IS POLISH – Karolina Bielawska, 23, has won the latest Miss World competition held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. A stunning and charismatic blonde, she is working towards a Master's degree in management and engineering at the technological university in her hometown, the central city of Łódź. Eventually she hopes to earn a PhD.

The Polish Miss World eclipsed U.S. contestant Shree Saina, the first runner-up, and second runner-up Olivia Yace of Africa's Ivory Coast. Originally scheduled for last December, the pageant was postponed over pandemic concerns. This was the second time a Polish finalist won the Miss World crown. The first was Aneta Kręglińska in 1989, the year of Poland's second 20th century re-emergence as a free country.

Apart from her academic pursuits, Karolina has done modeling, enjoys playing tennis and is a volunteer aiding her city's homeless community. "Greatness is measured by one's courage and heart," is the new Miss World's motto. "Less important is what one achieves or possesses than how one behaves," Karolina explained.

This year, the pageant's glitzy-as-always finale included gestures of solidarity with the Ukrainian nation, now bravely resisting Russian dictator Putin's terrorist invaders. In a tribute to the embattled Ukrainians, the finalists processed across the stage holding lighted candles. Candles also flickered in the audience as Jamaica's Toni-Ann Singh, the 2019 Miss World, sang Céline Dion and Andrea Bocelli's "The Prayer."

POLAND TO ACCOMMODATE UKRAINIAN ORPHANS – Poland's Ministry of Family and Social Policy has offered accommodation for up to a thousand young children evacuated from orphanages in Ukraine. The youngsters are first transported to one of three reception centers set up in the southeastern Polish city of Stalowa Wola. There they can safely rest and play following their often harrowing journey to Poland. After two to three days, they

are transferred to Polish residential care institutions. Information about children who need to be evacuated from Ukraine can be provided via a special hotline, 532-402-575, or by email: ewakuacja@mriips.gov.pl. Those offering accommodation are asked to email: miejcadladzieci@mriips.gov.pl

REFUGEES' KIDS ENCOUNTER LANGUAGE BARRIER – Ukrainian kids coming to Poland with their mothers as well as orphans accompanied by guardians have all experienced some degree of cultural shock. Although Polish and Ukrainian are both Slavic tongues, both written texts and rapid colloquial speech are only partially intelligible. Refugee youngsters have been removed from their country, their home surroundings and their familiar language zone. But based on personal experience, this reporter assures that this will be a short-lived obstacle. At the age of five, our Polish-born son Leszek knew no English, but two months after we enrolled him in a Catholic kindergarten in Bay City, Michigan, he was jabbering away with playmates as if born in America.

MULTINATIONAL WAVE REACHING POLAND – War refugees arriving in Poland from Ukraine represent close to a hundred different nationalities. Over the first two weeks following Russia's invasion, Polish border guards said Ukrainian citizens accounted for 93% of the influx, but also included 12 700 Poles. The remainder included the citizens of Germany, the U.S., Denmark, Hungary and Great Britain as well as tens of thousands of Third World students enrolled at Ukrainian universities. Soon after the outbreak of the war, India sent an airliner to take successive planeloads back home.

PRESIDENT DUDA SIGNS REFUGEE-AID BILL INTO LAW – Polish President Andrzej Duda has signed into law a refugee-aid bill overwhelmingly approved by the Sejm. It will provide the legal basis for the country's far-reaching emergency aid as well as longer-term benefits if the war east of the border continues for some time. Under the new law, refugees, mostly women,

will be able to legally work in Poland and enjoy the same health-care, educational and other benefits to which Polish citizens are entitled. Their children will be able to continue their education where they left off in Ukraine, but school attendance is entirely voluntary. Polish families that have put up refugees in their homes will be reimbursed.

POLAND SAFE TO VISIT DESPITE WAR NEXT DOOR – Poland's tourism agency has sought to reassure international travelers that, despite the war in neighboring Ukraine, "the country remains safe, tourist attractions remain open and visitors can book hotels and accommodation as usual," the Polish Tourism Organization said recently. The country continues to welcome all visitors and remains a safe destination for travelers as it takes in Ukrainian refugees. The PTO said: "Following the invasion of Ukraine, thousands of refugees have been welcomed to Poland and also across Europe. All visitors are encouraged to remember that as a member of both the EU and NATO, Poland's safety is secured."

EU DELEGATION VISITS BESIEGED KYIV - Deputy PM Jarosław Kaczyński and the prime ministers of Poland, Czechia and Slovenia have gone to Kyiv to show EU-wide solidarity with beleaguered Ukraine. The delegation, representing the EU's priority-setting European Council, traveled by train to the Ukrainian capital where a huge apartment building was still smoldering from an overnight Russian artillery strike. The trip of government leaders into a war zone recalled the high-level 2008 delegation organized by Kaczyński's late twin brother Lech which traveled to Georgia by plane when Russian forces were closing in on its capital Tbilisi. The presence there of European government chiefs prompted the Russians to halt their march on the city and made Lech Kaczyński a Georgian national hero. "This war is the doing of cruel tyrant. We must stop the tragedy unfolding in the east. That's why we are here together in Kyiv," Morawiecki remarked.

ANNUAL PULASKI DAY CELEBRATION

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its citizens, and assured Ukrainians that the city of Chicago supports their fight for freedom and will help those who come here.

The topic of the war in Ukraine was the dominant theme of this year's guest remarks. The defensive fight of the Ukrainian people was compared to the heroism of Kazimierz Pulaski, who fought first for the freedom of the Polish nation, then for the freedom of America.

Consul Koledov expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Poles in Poland and in the United States for their help and asked for further support in the future.

Two generous PMA underwriters were recognized: Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, represented by President and CEO Bogdan Chmielewski; and the PNC Financial Services Group, represented by Senior Vice President - Business Banking, Chicago & Wis-

consin Uzma Kazmi.

The speeches were interspersed with performances by the Academy of Music of the Paderewski Symphony Orchestra, Tatra Mountain Cultural Foundation Ensemble, recitation of the *Hymn of the Moravian Nuns of Bethlehem at the Consecration of Pulaski's Banner* performed by Barbara Kożuchowski, as well as four presentations: *The Pulaski Collection* by PMA historian Jan Lorys, *The Treasure of Polonia - The Polish Museum of America* by PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot, the history of the *Battle of Savannah* painting by PMA Curator Julita Siegel, and a video of past Pulaski Day celebrations.

The program closed with the laying of a wreath under Stanisław Kaczor-Batowski's painting *Battle of Savannah* and a benediction offered by Rev. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission and PMA Chaplain, followed by singing of *God Bless America*, led by Mirosława Sojka-Topór.

FEASTING ON COSMIC KIEŁBASA AND ŻUREK

Robert Strybel,
Warsaw Correspondent

Poland's U.S.-owned television network TVN recently recalled the cosmic Easter adventure of James Pawelczyk, America's first astronaut of full-blooded Polish descent to travel into outer space. The documentary noted that the Space Shuttle Columbia mission coincided with the Easter period, so Pawelczyk decided to treat his fellow astronauts to some typical Polish Easter fare: white kiełbasa and żurek, a tart ryemeal based soup served with sliced kiełbasa and hard-boiled eggs.

"There were no facilities to cook things from scratch aboard the Columbia, so the food was prepared on the ground and only heated up," the Buffalo native told the interviewer. "My brother and I have often engaged in rivalry as to who is the best cook. One of the things we do is bake placek" (a yeast-raised babka).

Pawelczyk, now 61, also took a Polish flag into space. A year after his successful return to *terra firma*, he, his

parents and Polish American Congress representatives from Buffalo and Chicago went on a pilgrimage to their ancestral homeland. They were accompanied by three other Columbia astronauts.

They were all guests of a State Visit to the Republic of Poland, during which Pawelczyk presented then Polish President Aleksander Kwaśniewski with the Polish flag that flew with him aboard the space shuttle. He also met with Mirosław Hermaszewski, who in 1978 became the first Pole ever to travel into outer space. He made the trip aboard Russia's Soyuz 30 spaceship.

When the interviewer asked Pawelczyk if he was proud to be Polish, the astronaut answered affirmatively, adding that he regretted never learning the Polish language. "My Polish grandparents said I should be proud of my Polish heritage but stressed that this is America and I should focus on speaking good English," he explained. "But we uphold traditions such as *Wigilia* and enjoy different Polish delicacies."

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The funeral Mass for Mrs. Jesionowski was held on Friday, March 18th at Saints Adalbert and Hedwig Catholic Church in Toledo, OH.

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UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

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SNP (Special Needs Plan) – Plany dla osób w wyjątkowych sytuacjach

W dzisiejszym artykule przybliżymy Państwu specyfikę planów SNP, czyli planów dla osób będących w wyjątkowych sytuacjach oraz o specyficznych potrzebach. Zanim przejdziemy do szczegółów przypomnimy, że plany typu SNP są planami z rodziny planów Medicare Advantage i generalnie podlegają zasadom oraz regulacjom tego rodzaju planów. Aby można było zapisać się na plany typu Medicare Advantage beneficjent musi mieć aktywną część A i B Medicare oraz mieszkać na terenie działania danego planu Medicare Advantage. Dodatkowo ważnym jest przypomnienie, że beneficjent nadal odpowiada za koszt części B Medicare jak również za możliwe miesięczne koszty planu

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SNP (Special Needs Plans) ograniczają przyjęcie nowych klientów tylko i wyłącznie do osób spełniających specjalne wymagania ustalone przez Medicare.

Rodzaje planów typu SNP:

• Chronic - (C-SNPs)

Plan ogranicza aplikantów tylko i wyłącznie do osób zdiagnozowanych ze specyficzną, chroniczną lub przewlekłą chorobą;

• Dual Eligible – (D-SNPs)

Plan ogranicza aplikantów tylko i wyłącznie do osób posiadających jednocześnie program Medicare i Medicaid;

• Institutional (I-SNPs)

Plan ogranicza aplikantów tylko i wyłącznie do osób przewidujących pobyt w Long Term Skilled Nursing Facility (LTC), Nursing Facility (NF) i Intermediate Care Facility for

Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) lub w szpitalu psychiatrycznym przez co najmniej 90 dni.

Planom typu SNP przysługują specjalne okresy zapisowe pozwalające osobom w specyficznej kategorii na zapisanie się lub zmianę planu typu SNP w specyficznych, wyjątkowych sytuacjach.

Tak na przykład w sytuacji gdy rozchorujemy się na cukrzycę lub zachorujemy na chorobę układu krążenia przysługuje nam specjalny okres zapisowy (SEP) przewidziany dla osób z przewlekłymi chorobami. Okres ten trwa tak długo jak osoba leczy się na określoną chorobę i zamyka się w momencie, w którym zapisujemy się na plan typu Medicare Advantage typu C-SNAP. Jeśli natomiast chodzi o osoby Dual-Eligible to ze względu na przynależność do obu systemów (Medicare i Medicaid) mają one możliwość zmiany swojego planu raz na kwartał (dane na rok 2022).

Osobom kwalifikującym się na I-SNAP przysługuje tzw. OEIP

(Open Enrollment Period for Institutionalized Individuals) czyli otwarty okres zapisowy dla osób przebywających w ośrodkach specjalistycznych wspomnianych powyżej.

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SEKRETY KONT IRA

By Elżbieta Baumgartner

Indywidualne konto emerytalne (Individual Retirement Account) wydaje się prostym instrumentem: depozyty odpisujemy od dochodu, środki rosną na koncie z odroczeniem podatków, które zapłacimy dopiero po wypłacie. Konta IRA mają jednak swoje tajniki, które nie wszyscy znają. Warto wyliczyć najważniejsze z nich.

Możesz schować na IRA pieniądze zarobione na boku

Jeżeli pracujesz dla siebie samego, to możesz schować przed podatkami te przychody na specjalnym koncie przeznaczonym dla osób samozatrudnionych - SIMPLE IRA. Wolno tam wpłacać do 14 000 dol. rocznie plus 3 000, jeżeli jesteś po pięćdziesiątce. Warunkiem jest zadeklarowanie przychodów na zeznaniu podatkowym. Składki na Social Security powiększą ci emeryturę, ale odpis podatkowy wyeliminuje podatki dochodowe.

Rada: Dorabiasz po godzinach? Nie chowaj pieniędzy pod materac. Jeżeli przychód będziesz deklarował, wpłacał na SIMPLE-IRA na przykład po 12 000 dol. rocznie (tysiąc dolarów miesięcznie) i inwestował regularnie w ETF-y naśladujące wskaźnik NASDAQ 100 albo S&P 500, to po 25 latach zostaniesz milionerem. Gwarantowane.

Możesz mieć więcej niż jedno konto IRA

Z różnych powodów można mieć więcej niż jedno IRA. Pamiętajmy, że IRA, to tylko uprzywilejowane podatkowo „pudełko”, w które możesz włożyć dowolne finansowe instrumenty. Możesz mieć jedno IRA w banku z dogodną lokatą, a drugie IRA w domu maklerskim, by inwestować w fundusze powiernicze. Po odejściu z pracy możesz przenieść fundusze z zakładowego 401(k) na kolejne konto IRA. Gdyby twój skorygowany dochód brutto (AGI) wzrósł do poziomu, w którym nie jesteś już uprawniony do wpłacania na IRA, to możesz otworzyć Roth IRA. Gdybyś odziedziczył konto IRA po swoim ojcu, który nie zdążył go opróżnić, to zaczniesz posiadać następne konto emerytalne. Wolno ci.

Możesz mieć dowolną liczbę kont IRA i do nich dokładać, ale suma depozytów jest ograniczona do 6 000 dol. rocznie lub 7 000 dol., jeżeli jesteś po pięćdziesiątce. Niepotrzebnie mnożyć kont nie warto, bo to kłopot, ale i dodatkowe opłaty (custodial fees).

Małżonkowie mogą wpłacać podwójnie, nawet gdy pracuje tylko jedno z nich

Nie wszyscy wiedzą, że wolno dokonać wpłaty na rzecz małżonka. A warto. Konta IRA mają stosunkowo niski limit rocznych wpłat – tylko 6 000 dol. plus 1 000 dla osób po pięćdziesiątce. Uskładać na nich znaczącą kwotę uda się tylko wtedy, gdy wpłaca się regularnie i przez wiele lat, a środki lokuje w akcyjnych funduszach. Z tego powodu maksymalizacja składek jest kluczowa.

Jeśli masz niepracującego małżonka, on może też deponować pieniądze na swoje IRA pod warunkiem, że zarabiasz więcej niż wynoszą wasze łączne wpłaty. Strategia ta nazywa się potocznie spousal IRA. W sumie, obydwójcie możecie odłożyć na waszych kontach IRA albo Roth IRA do 12 000 dol. rocznie albo do 14 000 dol., jeżeli jesteście po pięćdziesiątce.

Wolno wpłacać na IRA nawet wtedy, gdy nie pracujesz

Jeżeli nie pracujesz albo zarabiasz mało, ale zarabkuje twój małżonek, możesz w pełni uczestniczyć w programie IRA, korzystając ze wspomnianej powyżej strategii spousal IRA. Jest to wyjątek od warunku nakazującego uczestnikowi posiadanie przychodu z pracy.

Jeśli twój pracujący małżonek nie okłada na przyszłość, możesz to robić ty, mimo że jesteś „przy mężu”.

IRA chroni twój majątek przez wierzycielami

Konta IRA są chronione w procesie upadłości. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 zabezpiecza przed bankructwem wkłady na kontach IRA i Roth IRA do wysokości 1 362 mln dol. w latach 2020, 2021 i 2022, po czym pułap ten ma być waloryzowany co trzy lata. Plany SEP, SIMPLE IRA, jak i pracownicze 401(k), profit sharing i tradycyjne

pensje zakładowe też są w pełni chronione w razie ogłoszenia osobistej upadłości. Ochrona ta ma zastosowanie do wszelkich kont IRA z własnych składek i do wszystkich aktywów przeniesionych do IRA z planu 401(k) lub innych.

Przepisy stanowe określają, jak IRA jest chronione przed roszczeniami innych wierzycieli, którzy uzyskali nakazy płatności drogą sądową.

Wyznaczenie beneficjentów IRA przeważa nad testamentem i trustami

Rozdysponowałeś majątkiem w testamencie i uważasz, że wszyscy dostaną to, co im zapisałeś? Pomyśl jeszcze raz. Wskazanie przez ciebie beneficjenta konta IRA (beneficiary designation) zastępuje zapis w testamencie lub truście, jako że testament (trust) nie może zmienić kontraktu. Jeżeli na przykład w testamencie zapisałeś bankowe konto IRA synowi, ale w banku jako beneficjenta wyznaczyłeś swoją pierwszą żonę i zapisu nie zmieniłeś, to środki na IRA dostanie była żona, a nie syn.

Wniosek: Regularnie dokonuj przeglądu każdego konta, nie tylko emerytalnego i aktualizuj wskazania beneficjentów.

IRA trzeba kiedyś zacząć opróżniać

Kiedy osiągniesz wiek 72 lat (70,5 przed rokiem 2020), musisz zacząć robić wypłaty z tradycyjnych z IRA i innych kwalifikujących się kont emerytalnych. Nazywa się to obowiązkową minimalną dystrybucją - Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Jeśli nie zrobisz odpowiedniej wypłaty, to narażasz się na podatek karny w wysokości 50 proc. kwoty, która miała być wycofana.

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RMD nie mają zastosowania do Roth IRA.

Jeżeli po ukończeniu 72 lat ciągle zarabkujesz, to możesz nadal wpłacać na konto IRA, mimo że podlega ono obowiązkowej dystrybucji (RMD).

Pamiętaj o RMD, jeżeli przeprowadzasz się do innego kraju, a zostawiasz IRA w Stanach.

Możesz zminimalizować podatki od IRA

Kluczem do minimalizacji podatków jest wczesne planowanie i stopniowe opróżniania konta tak, żeby nie przekroczyć kwoty wolnej od podatku, a przynajmniej uplasować się w jak najniższym przedziale podatkowym.

Wniosek: Rób wypłaty z kont emerytalnych w roku, gdy masz niższe przychody, np. straciłeś pracę albo przeszedłeś na emeryturę.

Elżbieta Baumgartner jest autorką wielu książek-poradników, m.in. „Amerykańskie emerytury”, która opisuje szczegółowo najważniejsze programy emerytalne dostępne w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Książki są dostępne w polonijnych księgarniach oraz bezpośrednio od wydawcy: Poradnik Sukces, 255 Park Lane, Douglaston, NY 11363, tel. 1-718-224-3492, www.poradniksukces.com, poczta@poradniksukces.com.

Powyższy artykuł zawiera ogólne informacje dotyczące kont emerytalnych IRA. Nie prezentuje on szczegółowej oferty kont IRA dostępnych w PRCUALife. Więcej informacji mogą Państwo uzyskać kontaktując się z Działem Sprzedaży PRCUALife.

ków szynki konserwowej, 3 średnie jajka ugotowane na twardo, 1 pełna łyżka majonezu, 1/2 filiżanki (cup) żółtego sera startego na tarce o dużych oczkach, 1 łyżka posiekanego szczypiorku, sól i pieprz do smaku.

Jajka przestudzić, obrać i drobno posiekać nożem. Do miski z jajkami dodać drobno posiekanego ogórka kiszzonego oraz posiekany szczypiorek i starty żółty ser. Dodać majonez oraz sól i pieprz i wymieszać dokładnie (w razie potrzeby dodać więcej przypraw).

Pasty rozsmarować na plasterkach szynki i ciasno zrolować.

BLISKO 200 TYSIĘCY DOLARÓW ZEBRAŁ KPA NA POMOC UKRAINIE



Prezes PRCUA James Robaczewski przekazuje czek w wysokości 10 tys. dolarów

W tej nadzwyczajnej dla świata chwili, w której życie milionów ludzi na Ukrainie runęło w wojennych gruzach Polonia amerykańska okazała swoją jedność i wielkie serce!

180 061 dolarów - tyle zebrano podczas trzydniowego radiotonu „Polonia dla Ukrainy”, zorganizowanego w Chicago przez Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej (KPA) na falach stacji radiowej WPNA 103.1 FM.

Deklaracje wpłat zgłaszano ze wszystkich stron Ameryki i niemal wszystkich środowisk polonijnych.

Zebrane fundusze zostaną rozdzielone na potrzeby medyczne obywateli Ukrainy i potrzeby uchodźców w Polsce poprzez Council on Aid to Ukrainians (utworzony przez Ukrainian Congress Committee of America) oraz poprzez Polski Czerwony Krzyż.

Swoją cegiełkę do radiotonu dołożyło także Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce. Nasi członkowie wpłacili ponad 15 tysięcy

dolarów, a PRCUA podwyższyło tę sumę deklarując kolejne 10,000 dolarów. Czek z donacją PRCUA na rzecz Ukrainy przekazał podczas radiotonu Prezes James Robaczewski. Dużo pracy podczas akcji miała wiceprezes PRCUA Micheline Jamiński, która pełni również funkcję skarbnika Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej. W trakcie radiotonu swój czas poświęcali także nasi wolontariusze z PRCUA Anne Moschopoulos i Conrad Więcek.

Jak poinformowała skarbnik KPA Micheline Jamiński, mimo, że radioton już się zakończył donacje wpływają nadal. Można ich dokonywać:

- Wystawiając czek na Polish American Congress (w memo podając: Polonia for Ukraine) i wysyłając go na adres:
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Organizatorzy akcji dziękują wszystkim za tak chojną odpowiedź na apel o pomoc dla Ukrainy i za każdą wpłaconą sumę pieniężną.



Prezes KPA Frank Spula, skarbnik KPA Micheline Jamiński z byłym konsulem RP Piotrem Janickim



Organizatorzy i część ekipy radiotonu



Micheline Jamiński na antenie radiotonu



“Weselcie się już, zastępy Aniołów, w niebie: weselcie się, słudzy Boga.
Niechaj zabrzmiały dzwony głoszące zbawienie, gdy Król tak wielki odnosi zwycięstwo.
Raduj się, ziemio, opromieniona tak niezmiernym blaskiem, a oświecona jasnością Króla wieków,
poczuj, że wolna jesteś od mroku, co świat ukrywał!”

/Exultet, Wigilia Paschalna/

Dla chrześcijan wszystkich czasów i szczególnie dla nas, to największa radość, fundament naszej nadziei - Chrystus Pan za nas umarł i zmartwychwstał. Pan Zmartwychwstały jest zawsze z nami.

Życzę Wam wszystkim, by Królestwo Zmartwychwstałego Pana coraz pełniej ogarniało nasze serca, serca wszystkich polskich rodzin, by pokój, który przyniósł nasz Pan stał się udziałem całego świata.

Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych! Smacznego Jajka!

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ZPIT „POLONIA” ZATAŃCZYŁ I ZAŚPIEWAŁ DLA UKRAINY

Marianna Dziś

W niedzielę, 13 marca ZPiT „Polonia” działający pod patronatem PRCUA wystąpił w koncercie charytatywnym: „Razem dla Ukrainy” zorganizowanym przez radio 1030 AM i Copernicus Center oraz w niedzielę, 20 marca „Polonia all the way for Ukraine” w Kings Hall Banquets w Lombard, IL.

Tancerze i śpiewacy zespołu „Polonia” pokazali, że można kochać Polskę, a jednocześnie pochylić się i uszanować kraj nam bliski, sąsiedzki, z którym wiele nas łączy, szczególnie teraz, kiedy Ukraina płacze i krwawi lecz walczy „do ostatniej kropli krwi”. To właśnie jest cechą naszych narodów - patriotyzm

i umiłowanie ojczyzny.

Marianna Mosz z „Polonii” zaśpiewała hymn polski przy akompaniamencie dyrektora muzycznego Mieczysława Dziś, następnie chór ZPiT „Polonia” zaśpiewał pieśń „Daleko, daleko”, będącą jednocześnie hymnem wszystkich polonijnych zespołów ludowych z całego świata. Brawo - Bravissimo!

Z kolei młodzi artyści „Polonii” zatańczyli suitę tańców spiskich i suitę tańców staro-warszawskich. Była to naprawdę piękna i wzruszająca prezentacja!

Występy „Polonii” pod dyktando Anny Krysińskiej, we współpracy artystycznej z innymi zespołami, to znak miłości, pomocy i modlitwy za walczącą Ukrainę.



Tancerze „Polonii” zaśpiewali przy akompaniamencie Mieczysława Dziś w czasie koncertu „Polonia all the way for Ukraine”



Suita tańców starowarszawskich



Tancerze „Polonii” na koncercie „Razem dla Ukrainy” w Copernicus Center



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