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PRCUA MOURNS THE LOSS OF PAST VICE PRESIDENT DOLORES SPEJEWSKI

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Dolores Spejewski, 92 of Tucson, AZ (formerly of Munster, IN) passed away on Tuesday May 17, 2022.

Mrs. Spejewski (née Brainer) was born in East Chicago, IN, and together with her husband of 48 years, Joseph, who passed away in 1996, they were long time members of St. John Cantius Parish in East Chicago and later members of St. Thomas More Parish in Munster, IN. For many years, she worked as a teachers aide at St. John Cantius Catholic Church Elementary Consolidated School.

Dolores Spejewski was a member of PRCUA for 67 years. In the past, she served as both treasurer and financial secretary for PRCUA Queen Mary of Poland Society #413. She was also treasurer of District 9 and for eight years worked as National Director of District 9.

Mrs. Spejewski was elected as PRCUA Resident Vice President and served in the position from 1990 to 1998. She was delegated the responsibility of directing the entire Fraternal Department, including the PRCUA dance and language schools as well as the Sports Department. The Fraternal Department also took over



the management of the PMA gift shop. Mrs. Spejewski continued to manage the gift shop on a volunteer basis after she retired from office.

She was a delegate to every PRCUA Convention from 1966 to 2014 and served on both the Credentials and Qualifications Committees.

During her time in office, Mrs. Spejewski wrote a regular column in the *Naród Polski* titled *Fraternal Highlights*, in which she briefly identified the most important PRCUA events and member news. She assisted President Dykla in welcoming distinguished visitors at the Home Office and in representing PRCUA and Polonia at the events held locally, throughout the United States and overseas. She attended Cinderella and Prince Charming Balls, Michigan State Ball, Illinois-Indiana Women's Department events, annual Sacred Heart Masses, *Opłateks* and *Świeconkas*, sport tournaments, school graduations and recitals, anniversaries of various societies and other celebrations.

In 1998, Dolores Spejewski ran for the office of PRCUA president.

Mrs. Spejewski will be remembered for her kindness, essence of duty, energy and sense of humor. She was a member (continued on pg. 12)



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JUNE

ANNUITY AWARENESS MONTH

1 DEADLINE FOR PRCUA SCHOLARSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

4 ROSEVILLE, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #1593 30TH ANNUAL YOUTH BOWLING

from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at AMF Rose Bowl Lanes, 28001 Groesbeck Hwy., Roseville, MI. For details, see pg. 13.

5 GLEN ELLYN, IL – POLONIA POLISH FOLK SONG & DANCE ENSEMBLE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

at 4 p.m. at McAninch Arts Center - College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL. For details, see pg. 30 (Pol).

8 CHICAGO, IL – POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE WHITE SOX

- Chicago White Sox vs Los Angeles Dodgers. For details, see pg. 5.

9 DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #718 GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

at 8 p.m. at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. For additional information, contact Jerry Nasiatka at jnasiatka@mi.rr.com.

12 ORLAND PARK, IL – PRCUA SACRED HEART MASS

hosted by District #8 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W 131st St, Orland Park, IL. For details and reservation information, see pg. 12.

14 FLAG DAY

19 FATHER'S DAY (U.S.)

20 JUNETEENTH – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

23 FATHER'S DAY (POLAND)

JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

22 PRCUA SOCIETY #718 TUITION GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION.

For additional information, contact Janice Dudek at 734-812-8175.

22-23 STERLING HEIGHTS, MI – PRCUA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

at Maple Lane Golf Course. For details, see page 7 or go to www.prcua.org/sports.

30 TAYLOR, MI – JOE KROL FAMILY PICNIC

at Heritage Park Pavilion, 12111 Pardee Rd., Taylor, MI. For more information, contact Tina Churchvara at 734-250-8775.

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

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Operating Results For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2022

	Mar. 31, 2022	Mar. 31, 2021
INCOME:		
Life and Annuity Sales	12,127,260	7,101,402
Investment Income	3,236,892	2,407,102
Other Income	38,171	80,619
Total Income	15,402,323	9,589,122
EXPENSES:		
Life and Annuity	13,573,611	7,991,854
General Expenses	1,348,593	1,240,213
Insurance Fees	64,177	109,444
TOTAL EXPENSES:	14,986,381	9,341,511
Net Operating Income	415,942	247,611
Dividends to Members (deduct)	(38,803)	(37,850)
Net Capital Gain	0	1,220
Net Income	377,139	210,981
SURPLUS ACCOUNT:		
Beginning Bal-Dec.31, prior year	11,046,490	10,056,719
Net Income	377,139	210,981
Change in Reserves	107,856	69,440
Ending Balance as of		
Statement Date	11,531,485	10,337,140

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55	\$277.10	\$504.20	\$1,157.25	\$2,207.50
65	\$791.15	\$1,532.30	\$3,663.25	\$7,091.00

Sample Rates for Males

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
25	\$108.60	\$167.20	\$335.50	\$606.50
35	\$135.35	\$220.70	\$466.00	\$861.00
45	\$183.60	\$317.20	\$701.25	\$1,319.00
55	\$296.80	\$543.60	\$1,253.25	\$2,395.00
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1	\$303.48	\$275.31	1	\$561.96	\$505.62	1	\$801.00	\$718.65
2	\$310.59	\$281.61	2	\$576.18	\$518.22	2	\$821.79	\$737.01
3	\$317.97	\$288.18	3	\$590.94	\$531.36	3	\$843.39	\$756.45
4	\$325.62	\$295.02	4	\$606.24	\$545.04	4	\$865.80	\$776.16
5	\$333.45	\$301.95	5	\$621.90	\$558.90	5	\$888.75	\$796.68
6	\$341.55	\$309.15	6	\$638.10	\$573.30	6	\$912.51	\$817.74
7	\$349.92	\$316.62	7	\$654.84	\$588.24	7	\$937.08	\$839.34
8	\$358.56	\$324.27	8	\$672.12	\$603.54	8	\$962.19	\$861.75
9	\$367.47	\$332.10	9	\$689.94	\$619.20	9	\$988.38	\$884.70
10	\$376.65	\$340.20	10	\$708.30	\$635.40	10	\$1,015.11	\$908.46
11	\$386.10	\$348.57	11	\$727.20	\$652.14	11	\$1,042.65	\$933.03
12	\$395.73	\$357.21	12	\$746.46	\$669.42	12	\$1,071.00	\$958.14
13	\$405.63	\$366.03	13	\$766.26	\$687.06	13	\$1,099.89	\$984.06
14	\$415.71	\$375.12	14	\$786.42	\$705.24	14	\$1,129.32	\$1,010.79
15	\$425.88	\$384.39	15	\$806.76	\$723.78	15	\$1,159.02	\$1,037.52
16	\$436.05	\$393.66	16	\$827.10	\$742.32	16	\$1,188.72	\$1,064.79
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18	\$456.21	\$412.92	18	\$867.42	\$780.84	18	\$1,247.85	\$1,121.22

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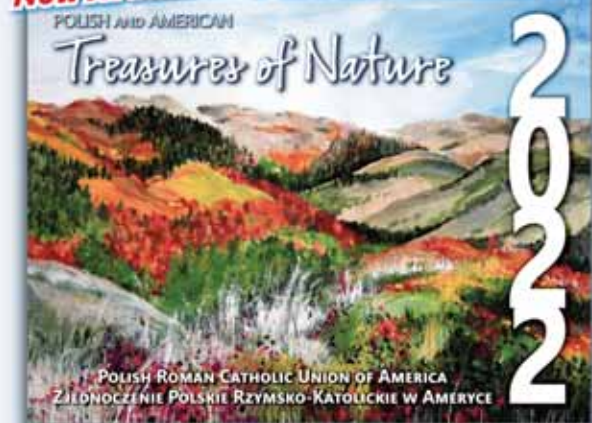
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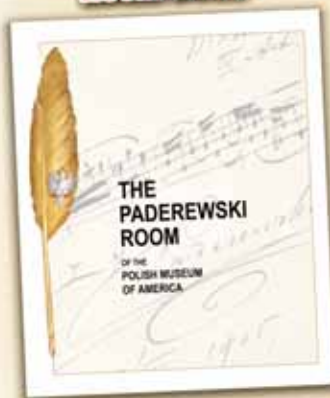
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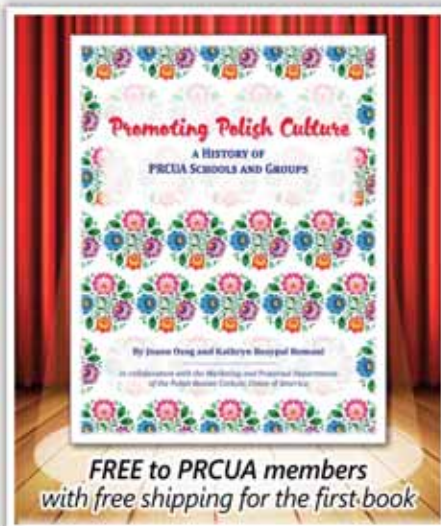
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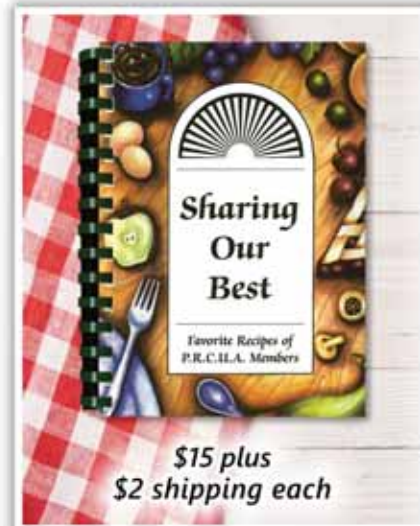
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~ Contests: Closest to the pin, longest drive
~ Categories:
• Ladies' 4-person teams
• Men's 4-person teams
• Mixed (2 men, 2 women)
• Seniors, 70 and over (men, women, mixed)
~ Lunch provided for all golfers

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67th PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Zajaczek Dance Ensemble

August 19-20, 2022 | Warren, MI

LOCATION

The 67th PRCUA National Softball Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, August 19-20, at Halmich Park

LODGING

Out-of-town players and guest accommodations will be at Holiday Inn Express, 8515 Fifteen Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Room rates per night are: King Standard, \$109.99/night plus taxes; King Suite or 2 Queen Double, \$129.99/night plus taxes. Make your room reservation as soon as possible by calling (582) 272-2300 before July 29 and mentioning PRCUA.

CATHOLIC MASS

- St. Anne Catholic Church, 32000 Mound Rd, Warren; Saturday @ 5pm, Sunday @ 8:45 am
- St. Blase Catholic Church, 12151 Fifteen Mile Rd; Sterling Heights, Saturday @ 4 pm, Sunday @ 11 am

TOURNAMENT RULES

All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster and must submit a Waiver of Liability form for 2022. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing fields.

TOURNAMENT HOSTS

PRCUA Zajaczek Dance Ensemble
Chairperson: Colleen Bonkowski



EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, August 19

- 6 pm – Co-ed games begin
- 7-9:30 pm – **Welcome Gathering** at Metro Bar and Grill, 30860 Ryan Rd, Warren. Complimentary nacho bar, beer and wine from 8-9:30 pm.

Saturday, August 20

- 9 am – Men's and women's games begin
- 11 am-1 pm – **Lunch** served at the fields
- 6 pm-12 am – **Awards Banquet** at Century Banquet Center, 33204 Maple Lane Dr, Sterling Heights. No cost for players; guests pay \$15/person. Everyone must confirm attendance at the banquet by August 11: Colleen Bonkowski, zajaczekschool@yahoo.com or (586) 219-1982.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Completed entry form must be returned to the Home Office with a \$50 entry fee per team. Make checks payable to **PRCUA Softball** and email or mail to the PRCUA Fraternal Department, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642 and pay online at www.prcua.org/payonline. **All entries must be submitted by July 22, 2022.** Additional info: fraternal-event@prcua.org or 773-782-2601.

All tournament players must be
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Not a member? Call (800) 772-8632 or visit
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Applications for membership must be received by July 22, 2022.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 3RD POLISH CONSTITUTION CELEBRATIONS IN CHICAGO

After a two-year break caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Polish Americans again celebrated Polish Diaspora Day, Polish Flag Day, and the 231st anniversary of the Polish Constitution of 1791, previously observed in Chicago.

The PRCUA Executive Officers and National Directors had a very busy week representing the Union at many events organized on the occasion of the above observances.

On May 2, PRCUA James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, and District #7 Director Joanna Cholewinski attended the ceremonial raising of the Polish flag at Daley Plaza. The celebration was organized by the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA (*Związek Klubów Polskich w USA*) and the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. Alan Krashesky (news anchor and reporter at ABC 7 Chicago), who was named the 2022 Grand Marshal of the May 3rd Parade, raised the flag while Natalia Kawalec sang the Polish and American national anthems to the accompaniment of the 144th Army Band of the Illinois Army National Guard. The ceremony was attended by city, county and state dignitaries, representatives of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago and Polish Parliament, and delegates of the Ukrainian Consulate in Chicago and Ukrainian organizations.

On Monday evening, President Robaczewski, Vice President Jaminski, Directors Anna Krysinski and Joanna Cholewinski and *Naród Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz attended a reception held at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. The event began with remarks given by Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, followed by the presentation of awards to the winners of the *Wybitny Polak za granicą* (Outstanding Pole Abroad) competition. Krzysztof Przybyła, president of the *Fundacja Polskiego Godła Promocyjnego Teraz Polska*



Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik addressing guests at the event



Presentation of awards at the Polish Consulate

(Foundation of the Polish Promotional Emblem *Teraz Polska*) presented the awards to Władysław Pawlikowski, Fr. Marek Smółka, Dr. Kornelia Król, Tomasz Wojdyla, Daniel Pogorzelski, Marian Bryja, Natalia Kawalec and Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi. The program ended with musical performances by the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest and the Ukrainian vocal trio *Trioda* from Tarnopol. The event was attended by delegations from several consular posts in Chicago.

On Saturday, May 7, On Saturday, May 7, President Robaczewski and Vice President Jaminski, along with many dignitaries, gathered at the Tadeusz Kościuszko Monument in downtown Chicago for the annual wreath-laying ceremony. Those present included Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik and Agata Grochowska; representatives of the Polish government Deputy Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland Małgorzata Gosiewska; Polish Senators Halina Bieda and Ryszard Majer, Member of the Polish Parliament Joanna Fabisiak; President of LOT Polish Airlines Rafał Milczarski; state representatives and delegates of major Polish organizations.

Immediately after the ceremony, the participants attended a breakfast gathering held prior to the start of the Constitution Day Parade. President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski, PRCUA Adult Culture Group President Edward Muszalski, together with PRCUA's Cinderella Natalia Bafia and Prince Charming Marcel Duda, along with runners-up Weronika Kaczmarczyk and Jakub Niedzielski, attended the event.

The annual Polish Constitution Day Parade began at 11:30 a.m on Columbus Drive in downtown Chicago. The parade's motto was "Freedom and Peace for All!" (*Wolność i Pokój dla Świata*). The honorary patronage over the parade was accepted by Elżbieta Witek, the Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, who was represented at the parade by Deputy Marshal Małgorzata Gosiewska.

The parade was lead by Grand Marshal Alan Krashesky, Honorary Marshal Archbishop of Białystok Most Rev. Józef Guzdek, Deputy Mar-



President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski with husband Richard and PMA President Richard Owsiany enjoying the musical program at the Consulate



Flag raising ceremony at Daley Plaza

shal - Health Care Workers and First Responders, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs, Chief Judge of the Cook County District Court Timothy Evans, Alderman Ariel Reboyras, Judge of the Illinois Appellate Court for the First District Aurelia Pucinski, and a few other city and state officials, and guests from Poland: Deputy Speaker of the Sejm Małgorzata Gosiewska, Senators Halina Bieda and Ryszard Majer, member of the Polish Parliament Joanna Fabisiak, and a delegation from the Podkarpatie region: the voivodship deputy speaker Ewa Draus, the chairman of the Sejmik Jerzy Borcz and councilors Joanna Bril and Jacek Magdoń, followed by the 2022 Parade Queen Julia Baranek, Honorary Marshal Romuald Matuszczak, and 2022 Miss World Karolina Bielawska.

After the national anthems were sung, Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik read a letter from the President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda, and remarks were given by the Deputy Marshal of the Sejm, the Mayor of Chicago, the grand marshal and other dignitaries.

PRCUA units were led by President James Robaczewski and his wife Elaine, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Directors Ewa Cholewinski (D-7) and Myron Cislo (D-8), Director of Marketing Elżbieta Sawczuk, followed by: PRCUA Adult Culture Group with President Edward Muszalski, 2022 Cinderella and Prince Charming and runners-up, Polonia Polish Song and Dance Ensemble, St. John Paul II Polish Language School and Polanie Dance Ensemble, St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language and Dance School and Mała Polska Dancers, and Holy Cross Polish School.

Following the parade, a grand Constitution Day concert was held at Chopin Garden in Grant Park, organized by the Chicago Chopin Foundation and the Grant Park Conservancy.

In the evening, the annual Constitution Day Parade banquet was held at Jolly Inn in Chicago. President Robaczewski was asked to offer remarks at the banquet.

A Holy Mass for the homeland was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, May 8, by Archbishop of Białystok Most Rev. Józef Guzdek, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Most Rev. Andrzej Wypych, pastor of Holy Trinity Church Fr. Andrzej Totzke, Fr. Franciszek Florczyk from the St. Constance Parish and Fr. Piotr Janas.



Parade breakfast



Dignitaries leading the parade



144th Army Band of the Illinois Army National Guard



Dignitaries greeting marching units from a tribune



Parade motto banner carried by children



Grand Marshal
Alan Krashesky



Honorary Marshal
Romuald Matuszczak



PRCUA units marching at the parade



PRCUA Adult Culture Group



2022 Cinderella and Prince Charming
and runners-up



PRCUA Executive Officers, Directors, and Director of Marketing



Polonia Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble



PRCUA members
Mr. and Mrs. Cislo



Holy Cross Polish School



St. John Paul II Polish Language School and Polanie Dance Ensemble



Agnieszka Bastrzyk with son Karol,
Richard Jaminski, Elzbieta Sawczuk,
Micheline Jaminski



St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language and Dance School



Polish Museum of America



Aurelia Pucinski
and Joanna
Cholewinski

PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATEST HAPPENINGS

By Nicholas J. Nowakowski
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus

Spring has sprung here in Michigan. We've been experiencing warmer temperatures and (fingers crossed) won't see another snowfall until sometime in December. The increasing temps have brought increasing opportunities for the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers to share their love of all things folk.

On March 27, Gwiazda held its annual spring recital at Fitzgerald High School in Warren, MI. While all recitals are special, this one was perhaps a little bit more so, as it was Gwiazda's first recital since 2019 (with the 2020 and 2021 recitals cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

After the singing of the Polish and American national anthems by the entire ensemble, Gwiazda was proud to present its 2021 and 2022 graduates along with their parents, escorts and guests. Gwiazda's 2022 graduate was Samantha Merecki with her guest, Max Chabowski (a Gwiazda alumnus) and the 2021 graduates were Mikołaj Sobiesiuk and Schyler Babicz.

After the presentation, the graduates and their escorts and guests presented a graduate waltz. The ease and grace of their waltz truly show-

cased the years that they spent learning to dance.

Following the graduates' waltz, the ensemble switched to presentations of the national dances of Poland. Group 1 (the oldest group) presented the *polonez* followed by Groups 3 (the youngest group), 2, and 1 all presenting the *krakowiak*.

Next, Gwiazda presented some lively Polish American polkas. Group 3 presented the *Pierogi Polka*, Group 2 presented the *Hamtramck Polka*, and Gwiazda alumni presented the *Słodka ale psychiczna Polka*.

After a brief intermission, Gwiazda returned to the stage to present regional dances from Poland. Group 1 presented songs and dances from Kaszëbë, Group 2 presented songs and dances from Śląsk and Group 3 presented songs and dances from Beskid Śląski.

After another intermission which included some great basket raffles, Gwiazda returned to the stage to present their finale – Beskid Żywiecki.

After the recital, each of the dancers received certificates of recognition for completing their year with Gwiazda. 5-year awards were presented to Henry Gerdan, Kasia Jaworski, Parker Baranski, and Charlotte Kayl. 10-year awards were presented to Olivia Srodek and Nina

El-Alayli.

Thanks go to Gwiazda's director, choreographer, officers, costume director, and all of the parents, grandparents and families for all of their efforts in making the 2022 recital a great success.

On May 7, after a two year COVID hiatus, the Gwiazda Dancers returned to perform at the annual Strawberry Festival held at St. Florian Church in Hamtramck. Strawberry Festival feels like a home court advantage for the group because many Gwiazda parents attended school at St. Florian, or they and their families are parishioners at St. Florian. Gwiazda presented a half-hour program which featured Polish national and regional dances.

On the morning of May 14, several Gwiazda dancers and their families participated in the PRCUA Join Hands Day and assisted in cleaning up the grounds in and around St. Albertus church in Detroit. A recognized historical landmark in the State of Michigan, founded in 1871, St. Albertus was the first Polish American Parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and was instrumental in the founding of PRCUA. In the late 1960s, before he was pope, St. John Paul II visited St. Albertus and said Mass there.

In the evening of May 14, the Gwiazda Dancers, along with PRCUA groups the Halka Dancers, the Polskie Maki Dancers, and the Zajaczek Dancers participated in the annual Polish Heritage Night with

Detroit City FC in Hamtramck. We were also thrilled to have PRCUA National Director Colleen Bonkowski and PRCUA Vice President emeritus Bob Bielenda in attendance at the event. The match, which pitted DCFC against Loudon FC, had Polish themed events throughout the evening. The event began with former Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski and current Hamtramck City Councilperson Amanda Jaczkowski (a Zajaczek alumna) receiving the game ball. At halftime during the match, the PRCUA dance schools were led on to the pitch by members of the Polish Scouting Organization (ZHP), the Polish national anthem was played and then the dancers performed the *oberek* and a *polka* in front of over 5,000 fans. After the performance, members of the dance schools remained to see DCFC notch a win over Loudon with a score of 4-2.

With spring here and as we move into summer, Gwiazda has several events on its schedule. These include: the annual blessing of the Polish folk dance ensembles, Detroit Tigers' Polish Heritage Night, a Memorial Day parade, and Polish Heritage Night with the United Shore Professional Baseball League. You can keep up to date with all of our activities by liking us on Facebook or following us on Twitter (@PRCUA_Gwiazda).



Gwiazda Dancers recital



Gwiazda Dancers recital



Gwiazda Dancers at the Polish heritage Night with DCFC



Join Hands Day at St. Albertus Parish



Gwiazda Dancers performing at the Strawberry Festival

2022 POLISH HERITAGE QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTEST

By Tom Lisiecki

On April 20, the American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights, MI held its 2022 Polish Heritage Queen and Princess contest. Congratulations to our PRCUA members!

- Queen – Evelyn Kasperek (2018 PRCUA Halka Dancers Graduate and current PRCUA Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble member).
- Princess – Natalie Palencik (2021 PRCUA Halka Dancers Graduate and current PRCUA Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble member).
- 1st runner up – Topanga Makowski (2019 PRCUA Polskie Maki Graduate and current PRCUA Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble member).

These beautiful young ladies will represent the APCC and PRCUA over the next year at many parades, Masses and Polish and international events held in Southeast Michigan, with the biggest event being the 40th American-Polish Festival (Macomb County's largest festival) the weekend of June 24-26, 2022, held at the APCC grounds at 14 Mile Rd. and Hoover.

Congratulations, ladies, thank you for keeping your Polish heritage alive!



Tom Lisiecki with Natalie Palencik, Evelyn Kasperek and Topanga Makowski



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Hosted by PRCUA District 8

Sacred Heart Mass and Luncheon Sunday, June 12, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

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10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park IL, 60462**

A luncheon will be served in Parish Hall on the lower level following the Holy Mass
Price: Adults \$30.00, Children (under 10) \$20.00

For reservations or information, contact Krystyna Lech at (708) 341-6781.
Reservations must be made by: Monday, June 6, 2022

Make checks payable to: PRCUA District 8
Send payments to Krystyna Lech, 12551 Palos West Dr., Palos Park IL, 60464
lech.krystyna@gmail.com

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PRCUA MOURNS THE LOSS OF PAST VICE PRESIDENT DOLORES SPEJEWSKI

(continued from pg. 1) of the PNA and the American Legion Allied Post 369. She was also an avid bowler, loved bingo, and loved the casinos.

The funeral Mass for Mrs. Spejewski was celebrated by Rev. Charles W. Niblick on Thursday, May 26 at St. Maria Goretti Church in Dyer, IN, and followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL.

Mrs. Spejewski is survived by her three children: Sharon Laska of New York, NY, Brian (Louise) Spejewski of Munster, and Amy (Joe) Kelleher of Tucson, AZ; one granddaughter, Staci Hampton; and three great-grandchildren: Ben, Alex and Luke Cravens; numerous nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Spejewski; her brothers: Tony (Cleo) Brainer and Raymond (Celia) Brainer; brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Mary (Tony) Kolodziej and John (Helen) Spejewski; and niece, Joan Reczek.

PRCUA President James Robaczewski and Vice President Micheline Jaminski attended the funeral service, along with *Naród Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, and Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jane Robles, who also served as assistant to Mrs. Spejewski for 6 years. Also in attendance were former District 9 Director Richard Sobillo, past past *Naród Polski* Executive Editor Kathryn Romani and some members of District 9.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Please remember Mrs. Spejewski and her family in your prayers.

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

By Barb Ozog, Secretary
Zajączek Dance Ensemble

The weather was perfect for Zajączek's Awards Banquet held at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights. Zajączek dads Brian Bonkowski and Christopher Ozog prepared dinner for the dancers and their families: hot dogs with chili sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, and chips. For dessert, there were cookies and a special treat, the Kona Ice truck!

Awards were given to dancers

for perfect attendance, being a new dancer and participating in our traveling t-shirt contest from last summer. Colleen Bonkowski challenged the dancers to wear their dance t-shirts when traveling and sending pictures showing off their dance pride. Awards were also given to dancers for 5, 10, and 15-years of dancing. Congratulations to all the dancers on another year of dancing. We look forward to the summer performances coming up!



5-years award recipients



15-years award recipients



10-years award recipients



Brian Bonkowski and Christopher Ozog

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY AT ST. MARY SCHOOL OF ORCHARD LAKE, MICHIGAN

By Robert Bielenda

Attending the 231st anniversary of the Polish Constitution celebration were Bob Bielenda, PRCUA Vice President Emeritus and his wife Eleanor.

Ann Bankowski, president of the Polish American Congress of Michigan, hosted the program and introduced Dr. John Radzilowski, who gave the history of the 1791 Polish Constitution. The Governance Act states "In the name of God, One in the Holy Trinity. Stanisław August, by the grace of God and the will of the people King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania, Ruthenia, Prussia, Mazowsze, Zmudz [Samogitia], Kiev, Wołyn [Volhynia], Podole, Podlasie, Livonia, Smolensk, Severia and Chernihiv, together with the confederated estates in dual number representing the Polish people."

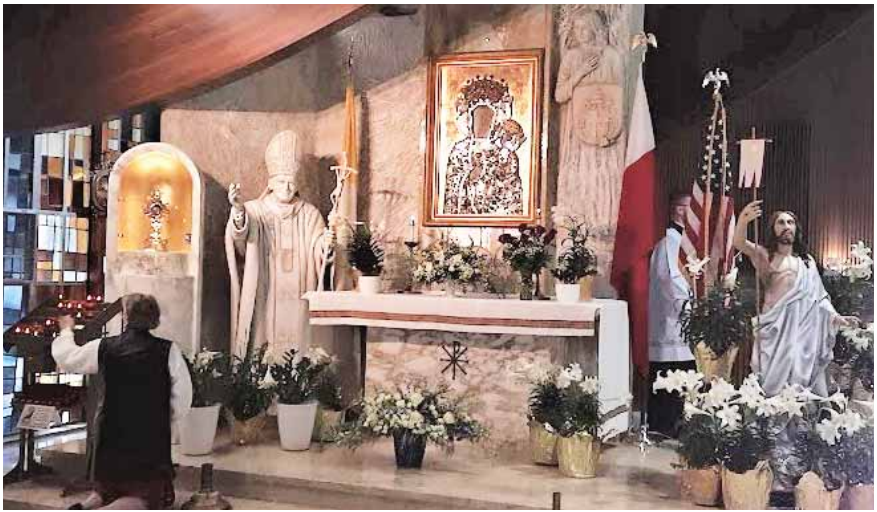
Dr. Radzilowski will assume the

duties of the Director of the Polish Institute of Culture and Research at Orchard Lake.

A Polish Mass followed the program at the Chapel of St. John Paul II.



Eleanor and Robert Bielenda



30th Annual

YOUTH BOWLING

St John Paul II Society #1593

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83RD PRCUA NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

By Valerie Brumm
2022 Bowling Coordinator

The 83rd Annual PRCUA National Bowling Tournament was more than a success this year. It was a testimony to the strength of our community and the perseverance of great traditions. At the center of this wonderful event was Host Society #162, Sacred Heart of Jesus, which provided outstanding venues and amazing support to ensure everyone had a good time. Bowling events were all held inside America's largest bowling alley, Thunderbowl Lanes of Southgate, Michigan. Social events were conveniently presented at the PRCU Lounge and Banquet Center in Wyandotte, MI. Delicious food from Mary Ann Rogowski and music by The New Brass Express kept everyone well fed and entertained. We

are all indebted to #162 President Stan Pasko and his team of dedicated volunteers. Their time, enthusiasm and hard work resulted in another memorable fraternal experience.

The official opening ceremony was held on Saturday, April 23rd, prior to the beginning of the team event. Anna Toboy, the youngest bowler at this year's tournament, proudly belted out an acapella version of both the Polish and American national anthems. President James Robaczewski did an outstanding job welcoming all bowlers. In the absence of Vice President Micheline "Misia" Jaminski, who could not attend due to health concerns, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastryk recognized all of the current and past PRCUA officers and directors in attendance. The prestigious Joe Os-
manski 2021 Bowler of the Year

award and jacket were presented to Shirley Taraszkievicz (Society #162). *Sto Lat* and congratulations, Shirley! After the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, attention shifted to Pres-

ident Robaczewski as he rolled out the first ball. If bets were made on Jim's pin count, I hope the under paid well.

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James Robaczewski and Valerie Brumm presenting the Bowler of the Year jacket to Shirley Taraszkievicz



President Robaczewski with Soc. #162 President Stan Pasko



2022 Bowling Coordinator Valerie Brumm

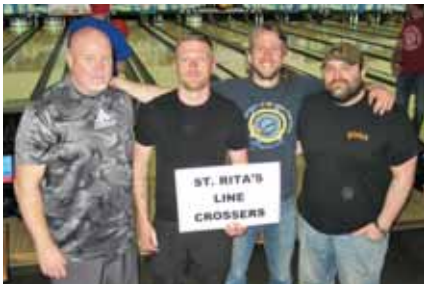


Fraternal Department Coordinator Conrad Wiecek



WINNERS





83RD PRCUA NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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In total, there were 210 bowlers who participated in the team events and 133 bowlers in singles/doubles from five states: Illinois, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and of course, Michigan. Many thanks to all participants, volunteers and contributors!

Special recognition to Fraternal Department Coordinator Conrad Wiecek. We are lucky and thankful to have his patience and attention to detail.

As for the tournament results, the winners of each event are as follows:

WOMEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES: Christy White

WOMEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES:

Jamie Cantrell and Kim Branch
WOMEN'S HANDICAP TEAM: Just Having - Kelly Salatowski, Heather Kasprzyk, Kristyn Belles, Kim Harris
WOMEN'S HANDICAP ALL EVENTS: Kim Harris
MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES: Daniel McDonough
MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES: Joe Groat and Jimmy Gilewski
MEN'S HANDICAP TEAM: The

Relatives - John Godin, Shawn Kapskinski, Brenden Cooper, Paul Godin Sr, Paul Godin Jr
MEN'S HANDICAP ALL EVENTS: Jason Cantrell

(Note: Kudos to Valerie Brumm on her "maiden voyage" as Bowling Coordinator. Her expertise, professionalism and diligence were duly noted and greatly appreciated.)



Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk recognizing current and past PRCUA officers and directors in attendance

FUNDRAISERS TO HELP UKRAINE

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, a number of fundraisers have been established to provide aid to the victims in war zones and Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

The First Lady of the Republic of Poland, Agata Kornhauser-Duda, who visited Chicago in May, appealed for further help for Ukraine and the refugees, asking Polish Americans to support the action initiated by the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland:

Help Ukraine

The Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland continues the "Aid to Poles in the East" campaign, organized since 2016 under the patronage of the Presidential Couple.

Due to the hostilities in Ukraine, the Cam-

paign has been extended to include humanitarian aid for Ukrainian citizens and persons of Polish origin.

A monetary donation for this purpose can be made via the governmental foundation, "Aid to Poles in the East" to one of the bank accounts provided below:

Account number in PLN: 12 1030 1508 0000 0008 1582 0002

Account number in EURO: 37 1030 1508 0000 0008 1582 0037

Account number in USD: 87 1030 1508 0000 0008 1582 0010

Swift Account: CITIPLPX

Bank transfer title: *Donation for victims of the war in Ukraine.*

Campaign of the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland.

Address: "Aid to Poles in the East" Foundation, 10A Jazdów St., 00-467 Warsaw.

Thank you for your kindness and invaluable help!

Another fundraising campaign has been organized by the Polish Army Veterans Association of America (PAVA), a mutual aid organization of former Polish soldiers, operating continuously since 1921, headquartered in the Polish Veterans Home in New York, NY.

All donations will be greatly appreciated. PAVA is a 501 (c) (3) organization, so donations are tax deductible.

Wire transfers can be sent to:

Flushing Bank

Routing and Transit Number: 226070474

Memo: "Ukraine Relief Fund"

Checks can be sent to:

PAVA Foundation Inc.

119 East 115th Street

New York, NY 10003

Please make checks payable to: PAVA FOUNDATION INC. Memo: "Ukraine Relief Fund"

IS IT SAFE TO VISIT POLAND IN 2022?

By Robert Strybel,
 Warsaw Correspondent

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted a great many things, not excluding the cultural life and social activities of our Polonia. Although tourism to Poland came to a standstill in 2020, already last year it began

rebounding. This year the number of PolAms visiting their ancestral homeland is expected to increase. But what about Russia's invasion of Poland's next-door neighbor Ukraine? Here are some things to consider:

MOST COVID RESTRICTIONS

LIFTED: The decline of new cases has prompted Poland's health authorities to withdraw most pandemic restrictions as of May 1st, 2022:

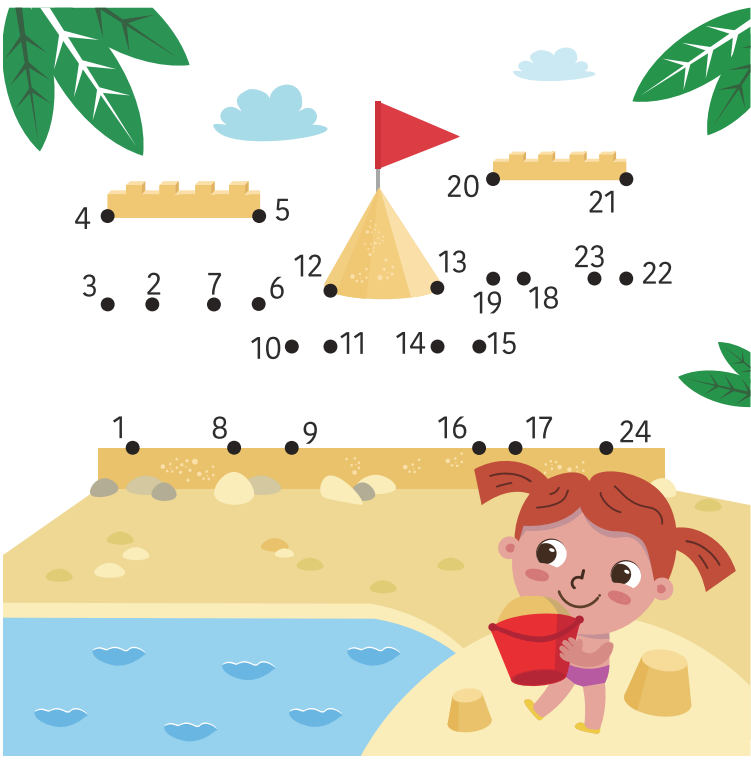
- Face masks need not be worn in public except for hospitals and other medical facilities.
- Proof of vaccination no longer needs to be presented when crossing the border into Poland.
- Quarantine, isolation or isolation at home as well as sub

mission to mandatory quarantine after crossing the border into Poland are no longer required.

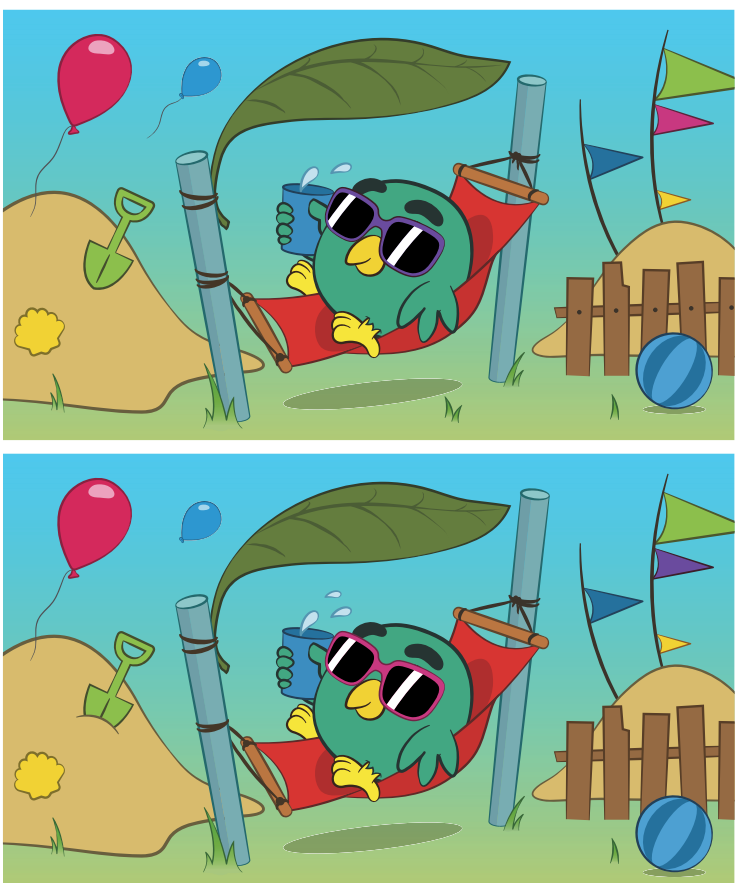
- A diagnostic test for COVID-19 when crossing the border into Poland from countries outside the European Union's Schengen area, including the U.S. and Canada, is no longer required.

Kids Activity Page!

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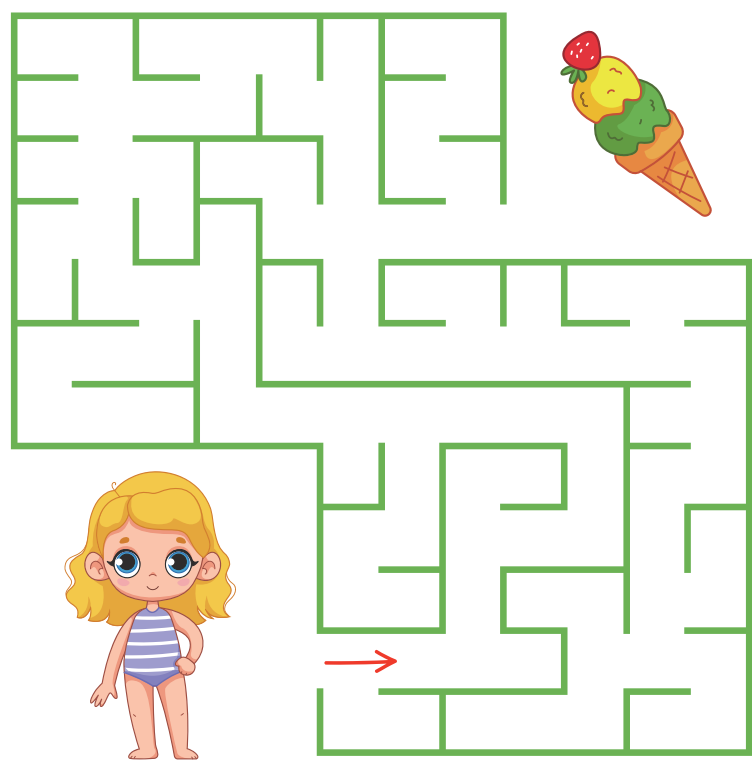
3. Find 10 differences.



2. Color the picture for your father.



4. Which way to the ice cream?



Answers on pg. 23



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski

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Welcome to the Gateway to Summer – the glorious month of June! If May is synonymous with Mother's Day, communions and graduations, then so is June with Father's Day, weddings, and barbecues! The official start of summer is June 21, but the summer feeling has arrived and oh, what a feeling it is! I hope that each and every one of you take the time to truly enjoy this summer – basking in the sun, soaking up all the natural Vitamin D, being a little bit lazy and just doing the things that bring you joy! Although it only seems that the winter season drags on and summer never seems long enough... give yourself permission to fully experience its power. As is true of all things wonderful, they always seem to pass by too quickly.

Speaking of passing by too quickly – April is a blur and May continues to challenge and yet both months were full of lovely moments and events. Permit me to reflect on them. Richard and I travelled to Michigan to celebrate the "pandemic delayed" golden anniversary concert of the Tetry Dance School (Director Gail Esker, choreographer Karen Lubiarz) and stopped by the 64th annual dance recital of the Opole Dance School (Director Beth Thacker, choreographer Donna Skurski). At the former, 36 alumni joined the current Tetry dancers on stage much to the enthusiastic response of the audience. The emotions at such milestones, as with every jubilee concert, run high, but for Gail Esker, this one was quite personal as her daughter, Leah, was one of the Tetry graduates; this was her first recital as director and it would honor the years of ded-

ication of her predecessor, Rose Ann Lackey, who was in the audience with her husband and family. For Karen Lubiarz, it was equally emotional – the alumni were all her former students. Congratulations to Gail, to Karen on her 33 years of teaching, to Kaitlyn Belcher-Gordon as assistant instructor for 15 years, and to all the dancers – past and present – for a job well done! See article in May issue of the *Naród Polski*.

As for the Opole Dance Recital, my dear friend, Donna Skurski, who celebrated her golden anniversary as a choreographer and dance instructor last year and her former student/current School Director, Elizabeth Thacker, celebrating 15 years as the director, once again, rose to the challenge and presented a lovely performance. Congratulations ladies and dancers on another successful dance year and program. I would like to acknowledge the attendance of the National Directors from the



Beth Thacker, Valerie Brumm, Donna Skurski
with Opole Graduates



Colleen Bonkowski, Micheline Jaminski,
Donna Skurski and Beth Thacker



Opole Dancers at 64th recital

Michigan District, Colleen Bonkowski and Valerie Brumm, as well as past national director, Thomas Lisiecki, at one or both of these recitals.

During this same weekend, as the treasurer of the Polish American Congress, I met with the president of the PAC Michigan Division, Ann Bankowski, to accept funds collected by the division for the Polonia for Ukraine campaign. The PAC Michigan Division joined the efforts of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Falcons and many others under the umbrella of the PAC to collect a quarter million dollars for the cause. Thank you to all and special thanks to our PRCUA friends and family, who alone collected close to \$35,000. The funds were distributed to the Ukrainian Council on Aid and the Polish Red Cross.

On April 7, the Polish American Chamber of Commerce hosted its After Hours Gathering at the PMA, sponsored by the PRCUA. Iwona Filipiak is the PACC President and our very own Sec-Treas. Agnieszka Bastrzyk is the PACC VP of Internal Affairs. The evening was a networking event featuring informative dialogue, camaraderie and Polish hospitality.

For some reason, this has been a more challenging year than usual, for me, at least – no doubt, the aftermath of the last two years, but also the uncertainty of its continued effect on our day-to-day lives. In any event, the efforts of the Michiganders I met with during this first weekend in April inspired me to take a leap of faith. In the end, the action taken met with impressive results, but exposed Richard and me to Covid and that deprived us of celebrating Easter with the family, partaking in the birthday bash for Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, attending the PRCUA Bowling Tournament and District 9's Święconka. The doctor was right – it was not a cold, allergies or a sinus infection. I write this not for pity, but for awareness. When in doubt, check it out, take it easy and stay home!

As I mentioned, the 83rd National PRCUA Bowling Tournament was held from April 22-24, hosted by the incomparable Stan Pasko (President) and his amazing team from PRCU 162. The article and photos on p. 12-14 will fill you in on all the details. Congratulations to Shirley Tar-

aszkievicz from PRCU 162, this year's Joe Osmanski Bowler of the Year. Shirley's first PRCUA Bowling Tournament was in 1969 in St. Louis. I want to make special mention of the fact that this tournament was a first for both Valerie Brumm as Bowling Coordinator and Conrad Wiecek as Fraternal Coordinator. I heard that they did a magnificent job in keeping "the ball rolling." Ania Toboy was the youngest bowler at this event also also shared her vocal talents by singing the national anthems. It would be remiss of me if I did not mention the most seasoned bowler, Theodore Mack, 90 years young. I understand that my "bowling coach" Sally Klamerus came to the tournament. It was very nice of former PRCUA President Joseph Drobot Jr. to bring her. I am so sorry I missed you both. I am so sorry I missed all the great bowlers and their fans. Thank you to both President Robaczewski and Sec.-Treas. Bastrzyk for filling in for me in the opening ceremonies, to the bowlers for participating and to all who made 2022 Bowling a huge success! Personal thanks to my bowling team, the Pink Ladies - Colleen Bonkowski, Basia Toboy, Marcia Pilkiewicz, Agnieszka Bastrzyk and, my replacement, Ania Toboy - for remembering me during the photo op (they facetimes me and included me in the team photo) and also for the get well gifts that were waiting for me when I returned to the office. You ladies are the best!

The PRCUA Święconka held on April 24 was postponed twice, much to the frustration of National Director of District 9 Elizabeth Sadus, but it was worth the wait. Beth Sadus never disappoints and neither does her committee, which is mainly comprised of the talented and creative individuals of the St. Rafał Kalinowski Polish School (Monika Otworowski, President) and Agata Wilgocki (Artistic Director and Choreographer of the Mała Polska dance group). The dancers have risen to the challenge thanks to the efforts of Pani Agata, who enhanced her knowledge of Polish folk dances by completing the 4-year Choreographers Course in Rzeszów in 2019 adding her determination, skills and ingenuity. Keep an eye on this powerhouse – she is destined for success! Congratulations to all for a job well done!

April concluded with the 53rd Annual Dance Recital of the Rogalin

Dance Troupe. Congratulations to Lisa Kret-Brandt on her 5th Anniversary as School Director, choreographers Janet Vilag and Barbara Raczynski-Toboy, and all the dancers for another successful recital!

On May 1, the *Wesoły Lud* Polish Folk Dance Company and the Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance commemorated their 45th and 35th Anniversaries respectively with a concert celebrating 80 years of Polish dancing on the stage of Mother McAuley Theater in Chicago. Details and photos will follow in the July issue of the *Naród Polski*, but for now, permit me to share my thoughts as the founder and past artistic director and choreographer of both. The last 45 years of *Wesoły Lud* and, to some extent, Southwest Center as well, have been like riding a roller coaster. The highs are exhilarating, the lows challenging. This concert was a challenging high and I could not be prouder of the different generations of dancers, their teachers, SWCPSD director Anna Kraszewski-Winkler, emcee Niki Bencik-Turkiewicz, and, of course, the Artistic Director and Choreographer of both, Richard Jaminski. Thank you for all the additional happy memories. (Special thanks to my earth angels – Elżbieta Sawczuk, Anne Moschopoulos, Lisa Terlecki and Conrad Wiecek, who served as an unofficial committee). I wore several hats that day, including the personal ones of wife, mom, sister, aunt, and BABCIA. PRCUA gave me (and so many others) an opportunity to connect our family members with our passion for Polish culture through dance and song. I applaud each and every person who embraces their Polish pride through their thoughts, words and deeds – even if the words are in English only. You are Polish and proud. Thank you to Consul Agata Grochowska from the Polish Consulate in Chicago; Sec.-Treas. Bastrzyk; National Directors Ewa Cholewinski (D-7), Liz Dynowski (D-8) and Mirek Cislo (D-8) and former Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski for attending this event and to President Robaczewski for his video message. Congratulations to all the dancers and those that made this show another one for the books!

Also on May 1, but in Michigan, the Polskie Maki Dancers had their recital guests dust off their passports as they took a trip throughout Po-

land - all from the comfort of their seats. Through dance and song, they brought the various regions of the homeland to the stage. Kudos to School Director Maria Jalkiewicz, Choreographer Kelly Malinowski, and all the dancers!

It was full steam ahead from May 1 until the evening of May 10 as the Polish American community celebrated Polish holidays including the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791. President Robaczewski was in Parma, OH on May 1 participating in the Polish Constitution Day parade at the invitation of PRCUA National Director Mitch Bienia (D-6). As a proud sponsor of the festivities, PRCUA did its part to help the PAC-Ohio Division revitalize after the pandemic and establish a scholarship fund at the Polonia Foundation.

May 2 found the PRCUA Executive Officers and Director D-7 Cholewinski at Daley Center in downtown Chicago celebrating Polish Flag Day and Polish Diaspora Day with a flag raising and program. On the evening of the same day, Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik of the Polish Consulate in Chicago hosted a reception in honor of the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day featuring a special concert by the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest. PRCUA was represented by President Robaczewski, Directors Cholewinski and Krysinski, *Naród Polski* Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, Richard and me.



J. Kopec, A. Bastrzyk, J. Robaczewski, M. Jaminski, A. Kraszesky (Parade Marshal), and A. Pucinski

2022 marks the 225th anniversary of the original lyrics to Dąbrowski's Mazurek by Józef Wybicki and the 95th anniversary of its official adoption as the Polish national anthem. In commemoration of these anniversaries, the "Next Stop History" of the Polish Institute of National Remembrance together with the Polish Daily News in Chicago organized a singing contest "I know and sing the Polish National Anthem." On May 5, the winners

were awarded first, second and third prizes in three age categories which were sponsored by the PRCUA, PNA and PAC Illinois Division. Representing the PRCUA at this event were President Robaczewski and



Polish anthem contest

Sec.-Treas. Bastrzyk.

On Friday, May 6, I had the distinct honor of representing the PRCUA at the 50th anniversary of Polish Airlines LOT's maiden voyage from Warsaw to Chicago. The festivities were held at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. Hosting the event was LOT CEO Rafał Milczarski and Magdalena Pantelis, Director of Sales USA and Canada. There were dignitaries from Poland, the Consuls of Poland and Ukraine in Chicago – Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik and Koledov Serhiy respectively, representatives of the Polish American organizations and travel agencies, as well as the LOT staff from Poland, Canada and the U.S. An eloquent speaker, Mr. Milczarski touched on the history of Poland and LOT, and its connection with Chicago. Following was another outstanding speaker, the Vice Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Małgorzata Gosiewska, who related recent events in Poland, the effects of the war in Ukraine and the ongoing Polish humanitarian effort for the Ukrainian



F. Spula, R. Milczarski, Consul Koledov M. Jaminski, and A. Kuklinska



Zofia Skóbel - winner of art contest

refugees. Winners from an art contest sponsored by LOT were awarded round trip tickets to Poland. Among the three winners in separate age categories was one of the students from Jan Karski Polish School sponsored by PRCUA, Zofia Skóbel. Congratulations to all three contest winners and to LOT Polish Airlines on this auspicious occasion.

On the same day, but, in another part of town, President Robaczewski and Sec.-Treas. Bastrzyk attended the 56th Annual Awards Banquet, Installation of Officers and Celebration of Polish Constitution Day organized by the Polish American Police Association of Chicago and Illinois (Thomas A. Sieja is the current president). The festivities took place at the White Eagle Banquets in Niles. The awards for Law Enforcement Person of the Year went to Detective Adam Wazny (Chicago PD), Officer John Cebulski (Aurora PD), Officer Steven Kotlewski (Bensenville PD), Officer Kenneth Tworek (Oak Park PD), Officer Michael Kocerka (CPD), and posthumously to Sergeant David Rucci (CPD). The Civilian Person of the Year was awarded to the dynamic duo of the Polish Museum of America, Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and President Richard Owsiany. Congratulations to those who serve and protect our community and the treasures of our heritage.



PAPA award - J. Robaczewski, M. Kot, M. Ciesla, R. Owsiany, A. Bastrzyk

On a crisp, beautiful, and sunny day, the Windy City lived up to its name and provided a lovely stage for the Polish Constitution Day Parade. Preceding the event was a wreath laying ceremony at the Tadeusz Kosciuszko Monument by artist Kazimierz Chodziński, located in the median of East Solidarity Drive, near Chicago's Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium by the lake. The statue was sculpted in 1904 and was originally located in Humboldt Park, where the original parade route would end. All in attendance were welcomed by (continued on pg. 20)



Wreathlaying at the Kościuszko Monument

PNA-PAC President Frank Spula as the event has been organized by the PNA for many years. Polonian leaders, politicians and dignitaries from Poland and President James Robaczewski were asked to say a few words. Following this event was the annual brunch hosted by the Chicago Society of the PNA at the Hilton Hotel with a program of well-wishers to the Polish American community. Provided here is the photo from the wreath laying ceremony as a separate article and photos regarding the parade and brunch are located on p. 8-9.

The evening of May 7 found the Executive Committee at three separate events: President and Mrs. Robaczewski attended the Parade Banquet at Jolly Inn; Secretary-Treasurer Bastrzyk at the Graduation Ball of Polish high school students at Oakbrook Drury Lane; and yours truly, at the wedding of *Wesoły Lud* alumni Kacper Szumiec and his lovely bride, Katarzyna Niezgoda at Venuti's in Addison. Photo courtesy of Irena Gavgahan.



Mr. and Mrs. Kacper Szumiec

Among the festivities of the first event (parade banquet) were remarks by President Robaczewski, as well as a presentation of awards to the winners of the art contest marking the events relating to the Polish Constitution. PRCUA's Marketing Director, Elżbieta Sawczuk, who served on the parade committee as the PRCUA representative, was this year's contest coordinator, and the awards were funded by PRCUA, the art workshops of PatriciaArt, and the organizing committee of the parade. The theme of this year's contest was

"2022: The Year of Maria Konopnicka and Józef Wybicki." Younger participants were asked to create illustrations or covers to Konopnicka's children's stories, and students in the older category illustrated the words of the Polish anthem "Poland is Not Yet Lost," authored by Wybicki. Entries were received from young people from over a dozen schools in metropolitan Chicago. Among the laureates with a PRCUA connection were Milena Antol from the Jan Karski Polish School and Natalia Bastrzyk from the Holy Trinity Polish School. Congratulations to the winners and all participants as well as to Ela Sawczuk on a great job coordinating the contest! Photos courtesy of Andrzej Baraniak.



Ela Sawczuk and the winners of the art contest



President Robaczewski addressing the banquet guests



Cinderella Natalia Bafia and Prince Charming Marcel Duda, runners-up with J. Robaczewski, M. Jaminski, E. Muszalski and G. Otto



PRCUA Wesoły Lud Dancers in Kontusz at the Bal Maturalny

Recipient of PRCUA Scholarship
Elizabeth Bukowski



tesy of Andrzej Baraniak.

At the second event, the program included the presentation of \$1,000 scholarships – the PRCUA check was gifted to Elizabeth Bukowski of St. Fabian Polish School in Bridgeview, IL by Sec.-Treas. Bastrzyk, and a performance by the *Wesoły Lud* Polish Folk Dance Company of PRCUA (Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director and Choreographer). The host school of the graduation ball, a PRCUA sponsored school, Rev. Stanisław Cholewinski Polish School (Kinga Kościelniak, Principal) invited *Wesoły Lud* to perform as part of its artistic program. The dancers performed suites from Eastern Kraków and Spisz, and, as a lead-in to the social dance portion of the evening, a Polonez joined by the dignitaries and guests.

On Monday, May 9, the PRCUA Officers were honored to join PMA President Richard Owsiany, Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and staff and welcome the delegation from the Podkarpackie (Subcarpathian) Voivodeship of Poland who toured the museum and enjoyed a short pause in the marathon of events over the weekend. Our guests included: the Vice Marshall Ewa Draus; Chairman of the Parliament Jerzy Borcz;

Jacek Magdoń, Councillor and Chairman of the Committee for Liaison with Poles Abroad; and Katarzyna Gieroń, from the Marshall's Office of the Podkarpackie Region - International Cooperation Section.

On Tuesday, May 10, the Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik hosted a meeting with the First Lady of Poland – Agata Kornhauser-Duda, and representatives of Polonia. Also in attendance was the Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland – Adam Kwiatkowski. The purpose of this meeting was to acknowledge the efforts of Polonia in support of the Ukrainian crisis and to underscore the continuing need for additional financial assistance. Prior to this meeting, Poland's First Lady had a private conversation with PAC-PNA President Frank Spula. Among the guests was yours truly as PRCUA VP and PAC Treasurer. Included in my remarks, I noted that PRCUA is the oldest Polish organization in the USA celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2023 and referenced the fundraising campaign of the PAC under the banner of POLONIA FOR UKRAINE initiated by Mr. Spula and his staff at WPNA-FM and Polish Daily News. Among the largest contributors was the PRCUA (and I have all of you to thank for that) in addition to the PNA, the Polish Falcons (Tim Kuzma, President) and the Michigan Division of the PAC (Ann Bankowski at the helm). This beautiful act of solidarity with Ukraine, which, under the PAC umbrella,



Visit of Podkarpackie delegation with PRCUA and PMA



Mrs. Agata Kornhauser-Duda with Polish leaders



First Lady of Poland with MJ and PMA

united the entire Polish community and showed one of the ongoing goals and need for the Congress and our Polish organizations. On behalf of PRCUA and myself, I presented the First Lady with a symbolic gift – a cup and a scarf both hand-painted in Polish-Ukrainian colors. The visit was followed by a ceremony awarding state decorations to selected Polish Americans. I thank Consul Bąk-Guzik for the invitation and the hospitality extended by the entire staff of the Polish Consulate in Chicago, including Consul Agata Grochowska.

President Robaczewski attended the May 14th Mala Polska recital in Munster, Indiana. The dance group, under the artistic direction of choreographer Agata Wilgocki, is affiliated with St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School (Małgorzata Czachor, Principal) – a 100% PRCUA school. The dancers and chaperones, including District 9 Director Elizabeth Sadus, left immediately after to travel to Indianapolis where they participated in a Polish heritage program. I am more than sure that we will read all about it in the next issue of the *Naród Polski*. The school year ended with Holy Mass at the Carmelite Fathers Monastery on May 21.

Also on May 14, President Robaczewski attended the graduation at Jan Karski Polish School in Palos Heights, Illinois where Marek Adamczyk is principal. Congratulations to the high school and 8th grade graduates! See article and photos on p. 30.

The St. John Paul II Polish School (Halina Szyrzym, Principal) held its Graduation Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Lemont, Illinois, on May 8, and both the 8th grade graduate luncheon and high school graduate ball on May 15th at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont. District 8 Director Myron Cisko attended the latter while his counterpart, Director Elizabeth Dynowski attended the Maria Konopnicka Polish School graduation Mass the following week. Elżbieta Żegleń is the principal and Joanna Niedzielski, president of the School Board. Congratulations to all the graduates from all the Polish schools, the parents, and the teaching staffs. Bravo!

The Officers attended a Lunch and Learn networking event sponsored by the American Fraternal Alliance (Allison Koppell, CEO) at the Westin O'Hare on May 25. The AFA hosts several events annually to keep the fraternal benefit societies "in the know." You can never learn too much!

We bid farewell to one of our PRCUA Lady Vice Presidents and former District 9 Director, who passed away on Tuesday, May 17, at the age of 92. Dolores Spejewski was VP from 1990-1998. An avid sports lover, she embraced the PRCUA tournaments, engaged with the dance and language schools and loved bingos and casinos. She was the first woman to run for president of PRCUA. Please read her obituary on p. 1. President Robaczewski, Di-



VP Spejewski with Wesoly Lud in 1995



Blessing of the Michigan Schools

rector Sadus, Richard and I together with both current and former editors of the *Naród Polski*, Lidia Kowalewicz and Kathryn Rosypal, her former Executive Assistant Mary Jane Robles, and her friends from Society 413 including Richard Sobilo attended the Mass. Our sincere condolences to her children, Sharon, Brian and Amy, their spouses and families. I mentioned that Dolores loved casinos... well, I just happened upon a photo of her with Wesoly Lud when the group performed at Trump's Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ in 1995.

That same day, Richard and I attended the wake of one of our former Wesoly Lud dancers, Joseph Kowalkowski, who passed away on Sunday, May 22, after a courageous fight with cancer. Joe was only 59 years of age and is survived by his wife, Debbie; four children and one granddaughter in addition to other family members and friends. Our deepest sympathies to Joe's family and friends.

Our deepest condolences to District 10 Director Valerie Brumm on the passing of her father, Dave Grabowski, at age 80. Valerie told me her parents' story. Connie Bonin grew up with Valerie's mom, Jean, on Chicago's South Side and signed her to the PRCUA. Jean met Dave at the 1969 National PRCUA Bowling Tournament in St. Louis. Jean was a great bowler. Jean passed away from leukemia in 1983 within two months of her diagnosis, leaving Dave to raise four children (ages 8, 6, 5 and 3). Seven years later, he met another

great bowler, Celeste, and the two were married. At the 2022 Bowling Tournament, Dave was there, chatted with Connie, Celeste bowled and Valerie performed her job as Bowling Coordinator. Then their lives were turned upside down when he suffered a stroke. He passed away on May 18 and was laid to rest on May 26th. Wishing his wife and the family strength and prayers. May the memories keep his spirit alive in your hearts and minds.

Condolences are also extended to PMA employee Basia Kozuchowska on the loss of her father, Waclaw Kozuchowski (93) on May 9 and to Jolanta Sokołowska, PRCUA New Business Specialist, on the passing of her mother, Danuta Florczyk (81) in Poland, on May 16. To all those mentioned here and others who have been called by God to return home, eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in in peace. Amen.

On a lighter note, the Michigan Polish folk dance schools gathered together on Sunday, May 22, for the annual Blessing of the Schools Mass at St. Albertus Parish in Michigan. Dancers from the following groups participated in the event: Gwiazda, Halka, Opole, Polskie Maki, Rogalin, Tatry, Wieliczka, Zajaczek, Zakopane, and Centennial. Details to follow.

Our niece, Kayla Leonhard, graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee – College of Nursing – on May 22. Congratulations Kayla and to all graduates on their path to continued

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Kathryn Rosypal, Lidia Kowalewicz and Mary Jane Robles



Kayla Leonhard

LEADERS OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

ANDRZEJ KAŻMIERCZAK

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Editor

Andrzej Kaźmierczak was born on August 16, 1874 in Podolin in the Duchy of Poznań. His parents were Franciszek and Franciszka (nee Krygier) Kaźmierczak. He was baptized in Srebrna Góra.

In 1887, the Kaźmierczak family immigrated to the United States and settled in Buffalo, NY, where Andrzej's grandparents lived. In Buffalo, Andrzej graduated from elementary school and then attended public high school. Additionally, he was tutored by private teachers.

At a young age, he started working in a screw factory; in 1903, he worked in the daily newspaper "Pole in America"; in 1907, in the sheriff's office in Buffalo, then, for 12 years, in the Office of the Health Department of Buffalo, NY. For some time he was also the president of the weekly publication "Gwiazda" (The Star) which was published for the Polish community in Buffalo by the local political party.

In 1897, he joined the PRCUA Św. Jerzy Society #203, where he held the offices of president, vice president and treasurer for many years. For his dedication to the society, its members presented him with a gold chain for his pocket watch.

He organized three PRCUA societies in Buffalo and was a co-founder of a few other societies. Kaźmierczak was a co-founder of PRCUA Osada 1 (Circuit #1), of which he was a president for many years, and was influential in founding of PRCUA Osada #2 (Circuit #2).

He attended the PRCUA Convention in 1901 for the first time and was a delegate of every convention until 1954.

In 1904, he was appointed by the PRCUA administration as a delegate to the Third Polish Catholic Congress (III Kongres Polonii Katolickiej) convention, held in Pittsburgh, PA, and later participated in many other Conventions and meetings organized by Polish American organizations and clubs.

In 1907, he was elected the chair-



man of the PRCUA convention. Thanks to his efforts, during the second vote during this convention, the General Aid Department (*Wydział Wsparć w Kalcetwie*) was founded and the new Circuits were created. Kaźmierczak was elected controller of the PRCUA books and finances and served in this capacity for two years. He was asked by the Buffalo Mayor to organize the Polish marching division. He was asked to be a guest speaker at various celebrations, rallies and political meetings.

At the 1909 convention, he was again elected as the convention chairman and the chairman of the General Aid Department, which was moved from Chicago to Buffalo. Kaźmierczak developed the department's rules and applications, and he was the chairman of the department for ten years.

At the 1911 convention, Kaźmierczak again served as the chairman of the convention. He tried to pass a resolution to establish gymnastics societies in the PRCUA to encourage youth to join the organization, and was in favor of appointing a PRCUA controller and establishing a retirement home for Union members.

In 1915, as the president of Osada 1, he organized Polish Day together with other Polish organizations and clubs in Buffalo. The income from the event was sent to help the poor in Poland.

In 1916, he organized a commit-

tee consisting of representatives of all Polish societies and organizations in Buffalo to arrange a joint May 3rd Polish Constitution celebration and a 4-day bazaar with the intention of collecting the funds to be sent to the poor in Poland. The celebration attracted 20,000 participants; guest speakers included the New York State governor, Bishop of Buffalo Most Rev. Denis Dougherty, John Smulski from Chicago, and representatives from all Polish organizations.

In 1917, he organized a political club consisting of all the Polish organizations operating at that time in Buffalo and became its president (it ceased to exist a year later because of internal disagreements).

The same year, after the U.S. entered World War I, he was appointed by General Newton E. Turgeon in Buffalo as a captain to register men for the army.

In 1919, Kaźmierczak organized 18 PRCUA societies. At the national convention held the same year in Newark, NY, he was reelected as convention chairman and later as the PRCUA Vice President. He was also a member of a committee commissioned to develop the new insurance tables for the Union, which were approved at the 1923 convention in Philadelphia, PA.

In 1920, Kaźmierczak was nominated by the Democratic Party as a member of the Legislative Assembly in Buffalo.

Delegates of the 37th Convention in 1922, held in Pittsburgh, PA, elected Kaźmierczak as PRCUA President. He was reelected in 1924 and held this position until 1928.

In 1922, Kaźmierczak assisted by PRCUA Vice President and Treasurer at the 10th anniversary celebration of the PNA College in Cambridge Springs, PA.

In 1923, an attempt was made to organize the Congress of Polish Organizations (*Kongres Polskich Organizacji*), which was to replace the National Department (*Wydział Narodowy*). Kaźmierczak was one of the initiators of establishing this new body. On April 5, 1923, a meeting of the presidents of all Polish diaspora organizations was held in the PRCUA building to establish the new organization, but the attempt was unsuccessful and the National Department was retained. Kaźmierczak was the Treasurer of the National Department.

In the early 1920s, the PRCUA hosted many eminent Polish politicians and activists such as: General Józef Haller, Edward Loth (who organized help for academic youth in Poland), member of the Polish Parliament Dr. Władysław Wróblewski, president of the National Department Józef Sawicki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland Aleksander Skrzyński (who was presented with a check for \$2,000 as a PRCUA gift for flood victims in Poland).

On January 28, 1924, during his visit to the PRCUA Home Office, Ignacy Jan Paderewski decorated President Kaźmierczak, Chaplain Rev. Celichowski, Rev. Gronkowski and Rev. Feldheim with the Polonia Restituta Crosses, for their service to the Polish cause.

From November 25 to November 27, 1923, PRCUA celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a jubilee Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chicago, a Mass in the intention of all the deceased PRCUA members at St. Adalbert Church, a ball held in the PRCUA grand hall, and a jubilee banquet at Auditorium Hotel. Kaźmierczak was one of the keynote speakers at the banquet.

On February 6, 1924, Kaźmierczak and other Polish-American representatives attended the funeral mass of U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, in Washington, D.C.

On November 10, 1925, a PRCUA delegation consisting of President Kaźmierczak, Chaplain Celichowski, Vice President Żolińska, Treasurer Rostenkowski and Editor Stefanowicz welcomed Archbishop Jan Cieplak who came to New York. On November 1, Archbishop Cieplak was received at the PRCUA Home Office, and later the same day at banquet in the PRCUA Grand Hall. Archbishop Cieplak passed away during his visit to Passaic, NJ on February 17, 1926. A PRCUA delegation, led by Kaźmierczak attended the funeral on New York.

On February 12-13, 1927, representatives of the major Polish-American organizations met in Chicago to discuss their participation in the Polonia Abroad Convention planned to be held in May 1927 in Warsaw. PRCUA was to be represented by its president, vice president and chaplain. The administration also decided to organize the first PRCUA trip to



First PRCUA trip to Poland in 1927 with President Kaźmierczak third from right



Cover of the PRCUA tour visit to Kraków, May 11-13, 1927; honorary committee: Prince Adam Stefan Cardinal Sapieha, Kraków Voivode Ludwik Darowski, Mayor of Kraków engr. Karol Rolle

Poland and Rome, which was to be combined with the participation of the PRCUA delegation at the convention in Warsaw.

The Polonia Abroad Convention was cancelled but it was too late to cancel the trip. PRCUA members left for Europe on April 19, 1927. They were warmly greeted everywhere they went in Poland. On June 11, President Kaźmierczak, Chaplain Celichowski, Vice President Żolińska, Editor Stefanowicz and Directors Józef Barć and Szymon Wróblewski were received at an audience by Pope Pius XI in the Vatican. The pope blessed the delegates and the PRCUA. They also met with Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Gasparr and other Vatican dignitaries and attended a Mass celebrated by the pope.

On June 21, 1926, President Kaźmierczak and other members of the PRCUA administration attended the first meeting of the PRCUA Women's Division.

On December 27, 1934, PRCUA President Joseph Kania decorated past presidents Stanisław Adamkiewicz, Piotr Rostenkowski, Andrzej Kaźmierczak and Jan J. Olejniczak with the PRCUA medal.

During his tenure, PRCUA membership increased by 58,705 members and its assets increased by \$4,789,038,77; a new card filing system was launched at PRCUA and photographing of applications and various other important documents was introduced; payment of dividends was also initiated; certificates for honorary 100% PRCUA memberships were presented; debts on certificates were cancelled for widows; faster death benefit payments were introduced; first premium payments were abolished for the newly joining members, doctors examination fees were cancelled, and Christmas baskets were distributed to poor members of the PRCUA. Kaźmierczak was the organizer of the first youth club and sports team.

For his services for the Polish Army during the World War I, Kaźmierczak was decorated with the Haller Cross.

Andrzej Kaźmierczak was married to Rozalia Orłowska (daughter of Jan and Ewa.) Their wedding took place in 1896. The couple had nine children: Wiktoria, Bronisława, Agnieszka, Helena, Florentyna, Edward, Henryk, Teodor and Leon, and fourteen grandchildren.

Andrzej Kaźmierczak died on October 23, 1957, after a long illness. The wake was held on Friday, October 25th, at R. Thies Funeral Home in Chicago. A symbolic presidential chair made of white flowers was commissioned by the PRCUA administration, and stood by the de-

ceased's coffin. PRCUA President Kazimierz Kozakiewicz gave a eulogy in memory of Andrzej Kaźmierczak, dedicated patriot, Catholic and Polonia activist, who made great contributions to the development of the PRCUA. PRCUA Secretary General Maria Skoczylas read a funeral resolution as a formal acknowledgment of the relationship issued by the Union, honoring its former president. Fr. Mieczysław Starzyński said the funeral prayers.

The service was attended by PRCUA officers and directors President Kazimierz Kozakiewicz and his wife; Secretary General Maria Skoczylas; Treasurer Józef Pranica and his wife, Attorney William Pinkowski; Medical Director dr. Tadeusz Jasiński and his wife; National Directors Zofia Babiarez, Helena Tadda, Józef Jachimiec, Stanisław Maruszak; Franciszek Litwin; Mikołaj Nowicki; Franciszek Kaliszewski and his wife; past President Jan J. Olejniczak; past Vice Presidents Marta Żolińska; Antonina Czerwińska, Aniela Górny; Zofia Kania, wife of past President late Józef Kania; past Attorney Stanley Kusper; directors; President of Osada 54 Leon Kremped; members of PRCUA Society #263; representatives from Osada 69 and Home Office employees.

The funeral Mass, held on October 26th, at St. Wacław Church in Chicago was celebrated by Rev. Czesław Kąsowski, assisted by Rev. Aleksander Baranowski, Rev. Mieczysław Madaj, Rev. Franciszek Wachowski and Rev. Władysław Jasiński, with the presence of PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Feliks J. Kachnowski and Rev. Franciszek J. Pilarek from La Salle, IL. Jadwiga Turalska, a long time Home Office employee, was the soloist, and sang to the accompaniment of organist Mr. Niespodziany.

Honorary guards at the coffin were: K. Kozakiewicz, J. Olejniczak, M. Skoczylas, J. Pranica, M. Bykowska and Z. Babiarez. The coffin was carried by members of Society #263: J. Warzecha, K. Brandys, J. Placcek, T. Koziół, J. Patla, J. Czarnik.

Andrzej Kaźmierczak was laid to rest in a family plot at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL.

Sources: *Naród Polski*, (Nov. 7, 1957); Kaźmierczak's autobiography (1953); *Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce 1873-1948* by M. Haiman.

THE OPEN DOOR

(cont. from pg. 19)

success! Also, Happy Sapphire Birthday, to our daughter Niki Bencik-Turkiewicz who shares a birthday with PRCUA employee Claudine Wicker! Sto Lat!



Happy birthday, Niki and Mila!

Upcoming June events include the PMA Ball (6/10) and the PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass (6/12), as well as June birthdays – our little granddaughter, Mila Turkiewicz (6/3); Jeanine Leonhard who shares a birthday with Victoria Bomba (6/7); Ania Jamińska (6/18); Maria Jamińska and Anna Grabowski (6/20) and Richard Jamiński (6/26). Happy JUNE Birthdays and Sto Lat to all!



Happy birthday, Richard!

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY (6/1)!

HAPPY FLAG DAY (6/14)!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! (6/19)

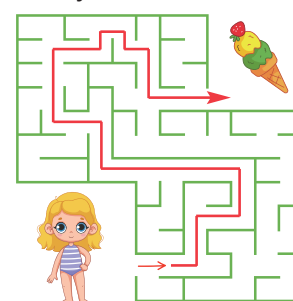
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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 17:

3. Find 10 differences:



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OHIO PAC BOUNCES BACK WITH A ROARING POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

By Mitchell Bienia

With a spectacular celebration of Polish Constitution Day 2022, the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress (PAC) came roaring back to life after a hiatus of two years, due to COVID-19. According to all observers, this year's celebration was the biggest, best, with the most vendors, parade participants and publicity seen for many, many years.

The 2022 event was very long in the planning stages. It was Ohio PAC Vice President Bienia who doggedly fought against all odds that this year's celebration would be successful.

THANKS TO THE PRCUA - Bienia wishes to send a huge Thank You to the PRCUA for the generous financial support which arrived early in the planning portions of this project. It was through your PRCUA's generosity that he got the courage to stay with the program. A special word of appreciation is extended to PRCUA President James Robaczewski for his presence on Sunday. He did much to raise the visibility of PRCUA in this region. And a very sincere Thank You is given to the PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, who is also national treasurer of the PAC, for her guidance and emotional support in working through difficulties of our 501 (c)(3) status.

PUT TOGETHER A TEAM - The first order of business was putting together a team of workers who would commit to seeing the weekend through to its conclusion. For this main task, Bienia recruited Aun-

drea Heschmeyer, President of Marquee Strategic Planning and Inspired Events, as organizer of the festival on April 29, 30 and May 1.

Heschmeyer immediately got to work setting up a computer-based webpage to track and organize all aspects of the program. Bienia then assumed the role of chair of the three-day event.

Still working with a skeleton crew, Heschmeyer and Bienia completed most of the preparations for the big event, which was co-sponsored by the City of Parma's Polish Village Corporation, headed by Kathryn Mabin and Parma Councilwoman Debbie Lime.

BRANDON CHROSTOWSKI IS GRAND MARSHAL - Bienia's nomination of Grand Marshal of the parade, Brandon Chrostowski, was approved with praise from all quarters. Brandon, owner of Edwin's Leadership & Restaurant Institute, embodies the idea of Polish pride, hard work and dedication to our Polish heritage. Having recently returned from feeding the troops on the front lines in the Russian war against Ukraine, Brandon says, "You do not have to go to Poland to experience Poland... because Poland lives in us."

ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITIES - Early on, Cathy Katrenich offered to take over the responsibility of organizing the Mass at St. Charles, she was assisted by Barbara Adams. As opening day drew near, Joe Rutkowski was recruited to head the beer sales of the event, and Joe Feckanin came on board late in the planning process to take charge of the



President James Robaczewski marching behind the PRCUA banner carried by Monica Petcak and Dennis Yurosko

parade line-up on Sunday. With this team in place, the real work began of putting all the arrangements that had been made thus far into action.

MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGNS - In the meantime, Heschmeyer and Bienia continued to work on the marketing and sponsorship campaigns for the event. Heschmeyer engaged a graphic designer to create advertising materials, which included pre-event, as well as post-event "Thank You" posters and flyers, letters to sponsors, organizing a database of all merchants in Parma, and another data base listing all possible participants in the weekend's activities, from parade marchers, to food vendors, to merchandise vendors - certainly no small task.

ADVERTISING - In addition, Heschmeyer arranged for advertising to appear on Facebook, along with a 15-second spot to be seen on TV during the week of the festival. Heschmeyer's skillful marketing expertise landed a 4-minute appearance by Mitch Bienia on New Day Cleveland, the popular local TV morning show on Fox TV 8.

The results were impressive. The 2022 Polish Constitution Day program had more sponsors, raising more in donations, and was coupled

with the greatest outreach that this event has ever experienced.

Besides these awesome "firsts" for the PAC, Heschmeyer brought together various factions of the Polish community of greater Cleveland, healing rifts which started long before the memory of present-day Polonia. Under the auspices of the Polish American Congress for the first time in recent memory, all Polish fraternal organizations, Polish veterans groups and Polish schools, as well as the Polish-American Culture Center - all worked together, in cooperation, for the good of Polonia. Congratulations to the Polish-American organizations, and to you, Aundrea Heschmeyer for accomplishing this feat. You deserve to win the "Nobel Peace Prize."

CONCLUSION - In conclusion, the weekend of the great event came, with a very successful conclusion, save for a little confusion at the parade line-up and vendor places at the festival site.

Indeed, the parade gods did smile down on the day of the parade, which weather forecasters predicted a 90% chance of rain, because the 30-minute deluge, which came late in the afternoon, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd at the festival even one bit.

Thanks are also given to Cuyahoga Arts and Culture for awarding a matching grant to Polish Village of Parma for this event.

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Tomasz Kacki



Holy Mass at St. Charles Church



Mitch Bienia, dressed in góralski costume, appeared at the New Day Cleveland morning show

Ohio celebrations coverage will be continued in the June edition of the *Naród Polski*

Higher Perspectives



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

The Many Feasts of the Month of June

The month of June brings with it many great feasts of the Church. I think it is worthwhile to look at a few of them in depth as we strive to grow in holiness.

While June is the month of the Sacred Heart, we start the month this year with the great feast of Pentecost on June 5th, the fiftieth day after Easter. Easter does not have a fixed date on the church calendar, so the feast of Pentecost can fall between May 10th and June 13th.

Pentecost is the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Upper Room. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear a wonderful description of what happened on that day. "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

This passage describes to us the beginning of the Church. How great it must have been to be present in that moment. Before Our Lord ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to be our advocate and guide until he returns in glory. He fulfills this promise on the fiftieth day after His resurrection. We who are baptized and confirmed have received this Spirit and the Spirit's sevenfold gifts. Indeed, this is a great day of rejoicing for us! Knowing the Holy Spirit is with us brings us comfort, especially in an ever-changing world. As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit lead us forth.

The second feast of this month of June which I would like to highlight is a rather new feast day, celebrated the day after Pentecost, called "Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church." Pope Francis established this obligatory memorial on February 11th, 2018 and it will always fall the day after Pentecost. This new feast has been placed on the universal calendar of the Church and will take precedent over any other memorials which may fall on the Monday after Pentecost. Pope Francis wanted to highlight "the mystery of Mary's spiritual motherhood, which from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth."

Pope Francis has stated that he hopes this new memorial will help us root our spiritual lives "firmly on three great realities: The Cross, the Eucharist and the Mother of God." On this feast we rejoice that Mary is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. This year, we will celebrate this new feast day for the fifth time as we ask Mary, our spiritual mother to be with us our journey to her son's kingdom. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Finally, the month of June brings us to the secular celebration of Father's Day, this year on Sunday, June 19th. It is my prayer for all fathers on this, their day, that they model their love for their family after St. Joseph, head of the holy family. A blessed and happy Father's Day to all the dads of our beloved fraternal!



With Sympathy

PRCUA extends deepest condolences to Valerie Brumm, PRCUA Director District 10, on the loss of her father, David Grabowski, who passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The funeral service for Mr. Grabowski was held on May 26, at St. Albertus Catholic Church in Detroit, MI.

Our hearts go out to Jolanta Sokolowski, PRCUA New Business Specialist, on the death of her mother, Danuta Florczyk, who passed away in Poland. The funeral Mass for Ms. Florczyk took place on May 20 in Poland.

Our sincere condolences go to our PMA fellow employees, Teresa Sromek, on the recent death of her mother, Helena Sromek, and to Barbara Kozuchowska on the death of her father, Wacław Kozuchowski.

Please remember all the departed and their families in your prayers.

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Czerwiec miesiącem... WIEDZY O KONTACH EMERYTALNYCH

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Planując teraz uzyskasz pewność, że dysponujesz wystarczającymi funduszami na przyszłość. Dowiedz się więcej o strategiach planowania emerytalnego oferowanych przez PRCUALife.

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¹ <https://www.limra.com/en/newsroom/news-releases/2022/secure-retirement-institute-record-sales-in-march-propel-first-quarter-2022-annuity-sales/> - May 3, 2022

UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

Robert Sobczak
Specjalista ds. ubezpieczeń

UBEZPIECZENIA NA ŻYCIE W CZASACH PANDEMII COVID-19

Mimo łagodzonych obostrzeń pandemicznych niebezpieczeństwo zakażenia wirusem COVID-19 ciągle istnieje, a osoby o obniżonej odporności i osoby starsze są najbardziej zagrożone poważnymi komplikacjami i mogą wymagać hospitalizacji. Leczenie może być długotrwałe, bolesne i kosztowne. Coraz częściej dochodzimy do wniosku, że poprawnym pytaniem jest nie, czy zachorujemy, lecz kiedy. Martwimy się co stałoby się z naszą rodziną w momencie jak by nas zabrakło? Jak poradzą sobie z życiem codziennym, z płatnościami, z kosztami pogrzebu?

Rozwiązaniem powyższych problemów może okazać się wykupienie polisy na życie. Ale czy teraz jest to nadal możliwe?

Okazuje się, że tak.

Wiele firm wprowadza ułatwienia pozwalające na wykupienie polisy z agentem w sposób zdalny tzn. przez telefon, tablet lub komputer. Personalne spotkanie z agentem nie jest już niezbędne. Możemy wypełnić aplikację elektronicznie i w ten sam sposób ją podpisać rozmawiając jednocześnie z agentem przez telefon.

Z POMOCĄ DLA UKRAINY

W związku z kontynuacją działań wojennych na terenie Ukrainy, w dalszym ciągu prowadzone jest szereg zbiórek, które są wyrazem solidarności z wschodnimi sąsiadami Polski. Pozyskane środki będą przeznaczone na konkretną pomoc poszkodowanym na terenach objętych wojną oraz uchodźcom ukraińskim przebywającym w Polsce.

Z apelem o dalsze wsparcie dla Ukrainy i uchodźców, zwróciła się w czasie swojego pobytu w Chicago Pierwsza Dama RP, pani Agata Kornhauser-Duda, prosząc o włączenie się do akcji prowadzonej przez Kancelarię Prezydenta RP:

Pomagaj Ukrainie

Kancelaria Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej kontynuuje Akcję „Pomoc Polakom na Wschodzie”, oranizowaną od 2016 roku pod patronatem Pary Prezydenckiej. W związku z działaniami wojennymi na Ukrainie, akcja została rozszerzona o

Często zastanawiamy się jak dobrać wielkość polisy do naszych potrzeb. Na pierwszy rzut oka wydawałoby się, że przysłowiowe \$50,000-\$100,000 powinno spokojnie rozwiązać sytuację. Niestety w większości sytuacji to tylko pozory. Rozmawiając z agentem powinniśmy dokonać tak zwanej analizy potrzeb (needs analysis). Analiza ta pozwoli określić w bardziej dokładny sposób potrzeby, które powinniśmy zabezpieczyć, by zapewnić normalne funkcjonowanie naszej rodziny w sytuacji, kiedy nas zabraknie.

Co powinniśmy wziąć pod uwagę? Jak wyliczyć poprawnie kwotę na jaką powinniśmy się zabezpieczyć?

Wysokość polisy powinna zależeć na pewno od naszych możliwości finansowych. Wykupienie polisy na życie najczęściej nie wiąże się z jednorazową opłatą tylko ze zobowiązaniem długoterminowym. Kwota, którą będziemy płacić ustalana jest w momencie wystawienia polisy, a jej utrzymanie zależy od ciągłości i rzetelności ubezpieczonego. Wyliczając kwotę zabezpieczenia powinniśmy również wziąć pod uwagę zmianę cen i usług w czasie, czyli krótko mówiąc inflację. Niestety ceny za 10 lub 20 lat nie będą podobne do dzisiejszych. Na przykład ceny pochówku dublują się statystycznie średnio co 10 lat.

Przejdźmy do wyliczeń. Co wziąć pod uwagę?

Po pierwsze zsumujmy kwotę naszego zadłużenia. Dodajmy wysokość pożyczek hipotecznych, samochodowych, szkolnych, kwotę obciążenia kart kredytowych i itp.

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GRADUACJA W SZKOLE JĘZYKA I KULTURY POLSKIEJ IM. ZBIGNIEWA HERBERTA

Irena Woźniak
Dyrektor szkoły

Graduacja absolwentów i uczniów klasy ósmej odbyła się w naszej szkole 30 kwietnia.

Naszych sześciu absolwentów ukończyło polską szkołę średnią ze stanowym certyfikatem Global Seal

of Biliteracy, który otrzymali na podstawie zdanego testu poprawności językowej Stamp 4S, opracowanego przez firmę Avant. Na podstawie tego testu uczniowie otrzymują Pieczęć Dwujęzyczności. Jest to niezwykle ważne wyróżnienie dla uczniów szkół średnich, ponieważ jest to pierwsza w skali krajowej na-

groda przyznawana za znajomość języków obcych. W przypadku naszych absolwentów - biegła znajomość języka polskiego.

Certyfikat Global Seal of Biliteracy, z którym ukończyli szkołę średnią nasi uczniowie jest honorowany przez przyszłych pracodawców i niektóre uczelnie wyższe.

Wychowawczynią klasy maturzalskiej była pani Kinga Pierwoła-Truta.

15 uczniów klasy ósmej zakończyło polską szkołę na etapie szkoły podstawowej i przed nimi jeszcze 3-letnie liceum.

Wychowawczynią klasy ósmej była pani Alina Mazur-Wolski.

W trakcie uroczystości gradacyjnej nasi pierwszoklasiści pożegnali swoich kolegów wręczając im symboliczne róże.

Pozdrawiamy ciepło i serdecznie wszystkich uczniów, absolwentów i maturzystów w Polsce i na całym świecie.

Wszystkim życzymy bezpiecznych wakacji, realizacji zamierzonych planów i samych sukcesów.



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Absolwenci szkoły średniej



Absolwenci klasy 8-mej



Kadra nauczycielska



Uroczystość zakończenia roku szkolnego w Polskiej Szkole im. Zbigniewa Herberta w Palos Hills, IL

ŚP. CECYLIA ROŻNOWSKA UHONOROWANA ORDEREM ŚW. STANISŁAWA

W dniu 1 maja o godzinie 12 w Kościele Ojców Cystersów pw. Matki Bożej Matki Kościoła w Willow Springs, IL, odbyła się uroczysta światowa Inwestytura Kawalerów i Dam Orderu św. Stanisława.

W uznaniu 70-letniej pracy artystyczno-pedagogicznej i zasług w krzewieniu polskiej kultury na świecie, nasza kochana pani Cecylia „Celinka”



Order Św. Stanisława



Dyplom nadania orderu śp. Cecyli Rożnowskiej

Rożnowska została pośmiertnie nagrodzona Orderem św. Stanisława.

Order i dyplom odebrała jej córka, dyrektor Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”, Anna Krysiński. Po Mszy św. odbył się uroczysty bankiet w Royalty West Banquets Hall w Willow Springs. Bankiet rozpoczęło odśpiewanie hymnów

narodowych Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych oraz uroczysty polonez w wykonaniu tancerzy ZPiT „Polonia”.

Dziękujemy Kapitułę i przeorowi Orderu na Stan Illinois Wiesławowi Żółtowskiemu za przyznanie tego prestiżowego orderu śp. pani Celince.



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PODSUMOWANIE ROKU SZKOLNEGO W POLSKIEJ SZKOLE IM. JANA KARSKIEGO

Marek Adamczyk
Dyrektor szkoły

Sobota 14 maja była bardzo uroczystym dniem w Polskiej Szkole im. Jana Karskiego w Palos Heights, IL. Po wielu miesiącach ciężkiej pracy nadeszła długo wyczekiwana chwila zakończenia roku szkolnego 2021/2022. Msza święta kończąca okres nauki oraz graduacja absolwentów zostały uświetnione wizytą prezesa Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego Jamesa Robaczewskiego.

Polska Szkoła im. Jana Karskiego powstała w 2014 roku i jest jedną z najbardziej dynamicznie działających polonijnych placówek oświatowych. W szkole nauka odbywa się w soboty, a nauczanie oferowane jest od przedszkola do klasy maturalnej. Ze szkołą blisko współpracują siostry benedyktynki, które przygotowują dzieci do sakramentów eucharystii i bierzmowania. Dla chętnych dostępne są także zajęcia świetlicowe oraz klasa dwujęzyczna. Szkoła

Karskiego bierze udział w licznych akcjach i wydarzeniach łączących środowiska polonijne i rodaków na całym świecie, współpracuje także z wieloma instytucjami w kraju i za granicą. Budowanie tożsamości narodowej uczniów opiera się na tradycyjnych wartościach, a mottem szkoły są słowa jej patrona Jana Karskiego: „To co dla mnie, dla takich jak ja było najważniejsze zawierało się w słowach przysięgi: Bóg, honor, ojczyzna.”

Zakończony właśnie rok szkolny był niezwykle intensywny, placówkę odwiedziła m.in. konsul Agata Grochowska, delegacja Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej na czele z prezesem dr Karolem Nawrockim czy przedstawiciele grupy rekonstrukcyjnej 5 Kresowej Dywizji Piechoty.



Jedna z uczestniczek konkursu recytatorskiego



Uczniowie szkoły wystąpili w programie bożonarodzeniowym



Dyrekcja i grono pedagogiczne szkoły

Odbyły się warsztaty historyczne z Przystankiem Historia z Warszawy, wirtualne spotkanie z historykiem polonijnym Danielem Pogorzelskim, profesorem Janem Miodkiem czy zwiedzanie Muzeum Marii Konopnickiej w Żarnowcu. Uczniowie Karskiego brali udział w konkursach plastycznych, historycznych, literackich i recytatorskich, zdobywając nagrody i wyróżnienia. Szkoła zorganizowała konkurs recytatorski poświęcony twórczości Marii Konopnickiej. Dołączyła również do akcji „Przerwa na czytanie” i „Polonijny Dzień Dwujęzyczności”. Troszcząc się o polskie miejsca pamięci uczniowie Karskiego wybrali się na wycieczkę na cmentarz i do mauzoleum w Justice. Jak zawsze uroczystości obchodzono ważne rocznice i święta narodowe. Bogaty program nie pozwalał zatem na nudne zajęcia.

Zakończenie roku 14 maja miało

wyjątkowy charakter. Widok absolwentów w togach wzruszył wielu zgromadzonych, nie zabrakło podziękowań i przemówień. Prezes Robaczewski mówiąc o swoim polskim pochodzeniu, zwrócił uwagę na ważną rolę polonijnych instytucji takich jak PRCUA, które wspomagają edukację młodych Polonusów. W podobnym tonie wypowiadała się Jolanta Wiśnicki, kierowniczka oddziału PSFCU w Bridgeview. Po oficjalnej części Pan Robaczewski spotkał się z nauczycielami i zarządem szkoły Karskiego gdzie podsumowano dotychczasową współpracę i omówiono plany na przyszłość.

Polska Szkoła im. Jana Karskiego już prowadzi zapisy na rok szkolny 2022/2023, wszelkie informacje znajdują się na profilu szkoły na Facebooku, stronie internetowej – www.szkolakarskiego.org lub pod numerem telefonu 708-289- 8640.



Absolwenci kl. 8



Absolwenci klasy maturalnej



James Robaczewski i Jolanta Wiśnicki na spotkaniu z nauczycielami i zarządem szkoły

MATURY W SZKOLE IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO W MUNSTER, INDIANA

Agata Wilgocki

30 kwietnia br. tegoroczni maturzyści Polskiej Szkoły im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster: Natalia Orban, Monika Świątko i Adrian Panasewicz przystąpili do jednego z najważniejszych w życiu każdego ucznia egzaminu - egzaminu dojrzałości.

Komisji przewodniczyła dyrektor Małgorzata Czachor, która była równocześnie wychowawcą klasy maturalnej. Członkowie komisji egzaminacyjnej, to wicedyrektor Yola Czosnyka oraz prezes szkoły Monika Otworowski. Obserwatorem z ramienia Zakonu Ojców Karmelitów był O. Andrzej Gbur – katecheta klas licealnych.

Wszyscy maturzyści wykazali

wysoki poziom znajomości literatury polskiej, przedstawili swoje prace maturalne na temat ważnych postaci literatury i nauki polskiej. Najlepszy okazał się maturzysta Adrian Panasewicz, który zakończył egzamin maturalny z j. polskiego z wyróżnieniem. On też wylosował stypendium w wysokości \$500.00, ufundowane dla maturzystów przez Zarząd Szkoły.

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Życzymy naszym absolwentom, aby czas studiów był czasem twórczych i inspirujących działań, w którym będą mogli doskonalić swoje umiejętności, rozwijać zainteresowania, a posiadaną wiedzę wykorzystywać w praktyce.



Abiturienti szkoły im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego przed przystąpieniem do egzaminu



Zwycięzca stypendium - Adrian Panasewicz



Maturzyści z członkami komisji egzaminacyjnej



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MEDALE „PRO POLONIA ET ECCLESIA” DLA DZIAŁACZY POLONIJNYCH W CHICAGO

Dr Jan Jaworski

Polonijnym działaczom wręczono medale „Pro Polonia et Ecclesia”.

W Chicago wybitnym działaczom zasłużonym w duszpasterstwie polskojęzycznym zostały wręczone medale Konferencji Episkopatu Polski „Pro Polonia et Ecclesia”.

Medal „Pro Polonia et Ecclesia” za zaangażowanie dla dobra Polonii i Polaków za Granicą otrzymali: Ewa i Stanisław Chwała, Czesława Kardaś Kolak, Krystyna Pokorna, Aniela Bartoszek, Stanisława Scykutowicz i Jan Jaworski.

Uhonorowani przyjęli medal z dumą i ogromną radością.



SOLIDARNI WOBEC ROSYJSKIEJ AGRESJI

Blisko rok temu, podczas obchodów 230. rocznicy uchwalenia polskiej Konstytucji 3 maja, gościliśmy w Warszawie prezydentów Ukrainy, Estonii, Łotwy i Litwy. Nasze państwa



Prezydent
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Polskiej
Andrzej Duda

łączą więzy sąsiedzkie oraz wspólne wartości, kultura, historia i obecne wyzwania. Symbolem tych więzi jest druga w świecie nowoczesna ustawa zasadnicza, przekształcająca polską demokrację szlachecką w sprawniejszą monarchię konstytucyjną. Niestety, było to działanie spóźnione. Trzy sprzymierzone absolutyzmy, rosyjski, pruski i austriacki, zniszczyły unikalny projekt polityczny i cywilizacyjny, jakim była wolnościowa, wieloetniczna, wielowyznaniowa I Rzeczpospolita. Przodkowie dzisiejszych obywateli państw Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej zostali w większości poddani carowi. Zmuszono ich do wspierania ekspansji Imperium Rosyjskiego własną krwią, majątkiem i pracą.

Pamiętając o tej lekcji historii, o grabieżach, prześladowaniach, niszczeniu dziedzictwa kulturowego i aktach ludobójstwa, jakich dopuszczały się na naszych narodach Rosja i Związek Sowiecki, a także wobec trwającej od roku 2014 faktycznej okupacji części terytorium Ukrainy przez wojska Federacji Rosyjskiej, jako prezydenci państw naszego regionu podpisaliśmy wtedy uroczystą deklarację. Zaznaczyliśmy w niej, że jednoczącą się Europa powinna być otwarta na wszystkie kraje i narody, które podzielają jej wartości, oraz że dla nas wszystkich solidarność narodów, szczególnie przy obecnych zagrożeniach dla naszego wspólnego bezpieczeństwa, jest jednym z kamieni węgielnych pokoju, stabilności, rozwoju (...).

Stwierdzenia te wybrzmiały równie mocno niemal rok później, podczas ponownego spotkania prezydentów Polski, Ukrainy, Litwy, Łotwy i Estonii. Tym razem, 13 kwietnia bieżącego roku, gospodarzem był Prezydent Wołodymyr

Zełenski. Zebraliśmy się w ostrzelanym przez rosyjskich najeźdźców Kijowie.

Ponawiane od lat dramatyczne apele o stanowczość i solidarność Europy w obliczu rosyjskiego neoimperializmu nie trafiły do przekonania części elit politycznych naszego kontynentu. Otwarcie deklarowana przez reżim Putina wola odtworzenia – w tej czy innej formie – „więzienia narodów”, jakim był Związek Sowiecki, oraz strefy wpływów w dawnych państwach bloku wschodniego; gloryfikowanie komunizmu i Stalina; wprowadzanie ducha rozłamu pośród europejskiej rodziny narodów; próby ingerowania w procedury demokratyczne państw NATO i UE; represje wobec rosyjskich dysydentów oraz skrytobójcze ataki na nich; regularne naruszanie przestrzeni powietrznej i morskiej państw europejskich przez rosyjskie siły zbrojne oraz wrogie działania w cyberprzestrzeni; inwazja na Gruzję w roku 2008 i wojna hybrydowa przeciw Ukrainie w roku 2014; hybrydowy atak z roku 2021, kiedy to podporządkowany Moskwie reżim Łukaszenki przetransportował na Białoruś migrantów z Bliskiego Wschodu, a następnie zmusił ich do forsowania wschodniej granicy Polski, będącej również granicą UE i NATO – wszystkie te „dzwony bijące na trwogę” nie przeszkodziły niektórym politykom i liderom opinii mówić o potrzebie „zrozumienia dla Rosji i jej wrażliwości”. Nie dowierzano przedstawicielom państw naszego regionu, gdy ostrzegali, że nowe inwestycje infrastrukturalne i kontrakty dotyczące dostaw rosyjskich nośników energii wcześniej czy później zostaną użyte przez Moskwę jako narzędzie brutalnego szantażu. Ostatnie wydarzenia dowiodły, że się nie myliliśmy.

24 lutego 2022 roku stał się cezurą w historii świata. Po tragicznym konflikcie w Bośni i Hercegowinie sprzed 30 lat w Europie ponownie rozgorzała wojna. Znowu mają miejsce wydarzenia, jakich nie widziano tu od roku 1945. Ginią tysiące żołnierzy i cywilów. Bombardowane wsie i miasta znikają z powierzchni ziemi. Rosyjscy agresorzy

nie pozwalają na ewakuację ich mieszkańców. Stosują taktykę terroru i spalonej ziemi. Dopuszczają się rozbojów, gwałtów i tortur – także wobec kobiet i dzieci – oraz ludobójczych masowych egzekucji. Trwające dochodzenia prokuratorów Międzynarodowego Trybunału Karnego muszą doprowadzić do skazania rozkazodawców i sprawców tych porażających zbrodni przeciwko ludzkości.

Polskie władze, wolontariusze i miliony Polaków od pierwszych chwil wojny pomagają uciekinierom z płonącej Ukrainy. Pomagamy wrócić do domów obywatelom ponad 150 krajów świata. Na terytorium Polski przedostały się blisko 3 miliony osób, z czego pozostały u nas blisko 2 miliony. Są to głównie kobiety, dzieci i osoby starsze. Choć nazywamy ich gośćmi, a nie uchodźcami, choć znajdują tu schronienie nie w obozach przejściowych, lecz w mieszkaniach prywatnych, w budynkach parafii i zakonów, placówkach opieki zdrowotnej i obiektach użyteczności publicznej, jest to dla nas ogromne wyzwanie. Dla porównania – podczas kryzysu migracyjnego w roku 2015 do Europy przybyło nieco ponad 1,8 miliona osób. Pilnie potrzeba nam wsparcia finansowego, co najmniej takiego, jakie otrzymała Turcja po przyjęciu 3 milionów uchodźców z Bliskiego Wschodu.

Przed wszystkim jednak pomocy potrzebują broniący się przed zbrodniczą agresją Ukraińcy. Potrzeba im sprzętu wojskowego oraz konsekwentnej gospodarczej presji na Rosję – tak aby osłabić jej maszynę wojenną.

Losy naszego kontynentu ważą się dzisiaj na równinach Ukrainy. Trwa tam niezwykle dramatyczna walka o bezpieczną przyszłość, wolność, tożsamość i dobre imię całej Europy. Czas na dyskusje już minął. Pora na solidarne, zdecydowane działanie.

Andrzej Duda

Tekst ukazał się w miesięczniku opinii "Wszystko co Najważniejsze" oraz w mediach światowych w ramach projektu "Opowiadamy Polskę światu" realizowanego przy współpracy z Narodowym Bankiem Polskim i Instytutem Pamięci Narodowej.

150. ROCZNICA ŚMIERCI STANISŁAWA MONIUSZKI

Stanisław Moniuszko był jednym z najwybitniejszych kompozytorów polskiego romantyzmu.

Urodził się 5 maja 1819 r. w Ubielu koło Mińska. Był synem Czesława Moniuszki, uczestnika kampanii napoleońskiej, rysownika i literata oraz Elżbiety z d. Madzarskiej.

Początkową edukacją Stanisława zajmowała się matka. W 1827 r. rodzina przeniosła się do Warszawy, gdzie Stanisław uczył się gry na fortepianie pod kierunkiem Augusta Freyera. Od 1830 r. pobierał nauki u Dominika Stafanowicza w Mińsku. W 1837 r. wyjechał do Berlina, gdzie studiował pod okiem Carla Friedricha Rungenhagena. Po ukończeniu studiów w 1840 r. zamieszkał w Wilnie, ożenił się z Aleksandrą Mullerówną i zaczął dawać koncerty. W Wilnie był także nauczycielem gry na fortepianie i kościelnym organistą.

W 1848 r. odbyła się premiera 2-aktowej opery *Halka*. Rozgłos zdobył po premierze 4-aktowej wersji *Halki* w 1858 r. Rodzina Moniuszków przeniosła się do Warszawy, gdzie Stanisław objął stanowisko dyrektora i organizatora opery. Od 1864 r. pracował również w Instytucie Muzycznym w Warszawie, gdzie wykładał harmonię i kontrapunkt.

Kolejne jego dzieła to *Flis* (premierą w 1858 r.), *Hrabina* (1859 r.) i *Verbum nobile* (1861 r.). Ze względu na wybuch powstania styczniowego, premiera jego kolejnej opery *Straszny dwór*, napisanej w 1861 r. odbyła się dopiero w 1865 r. *Straszny dwór*, uznawany jest obok *Halki* za najwybitniejsze dzieło Moniuszki. Do końca życia ukończył opery *Paria* i *Beata*. Komponował też balety, operetki, kantaty, pieśni i muzykę sakralną.

Stanisław Moniuszko zmarł na atak serca 4 czerwca 1872 r. w Warszawie, pochowany jest na Cmentarzu Powązkowskim.



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