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CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022-2026 PRCUA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will hold its 63rd National Quadrennial Convention on August 12-14, 2022 at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook, IL. One national chaplain, three national officers and fifteen national directors are to be elected at the PRCUA Convention.

Seventeen members have officially declared their candidacy for office and sixteen applications were approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee on June 11, 2022.

The current PRCUA national chaplain, president, vice president and secretary-treasurer will run unopposed and will automatically be elected as the national chaplain and the executive officers.

The number of submitted and approved applications for the directors of Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 is the same as the number of places available for election, therefore all the candidates will automatically be elected as directors. There were three applications submitted for the director positions of District 7. One application was disqualified by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee, thus the remaining two candidates will be elected as the directors of District 7. Three applications were filed for the position of director of District 10 and their eligibility was approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee. All three names will be listed on the ballot and an election will be held to fill the two positions available.

There were no applications submitted for the positions of the two directors of District 3. Two vacancies will be declared.

The following members have declared their candidacy for office and their eligibility was approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee:

FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:

VERY REV. CANON WALTER J. PTAK of Wyandotte, MI has been a member of Sacred Heart Society #162 since 1962 (60 yrs.) Education:

- B.A. degree from St. Mary's College (1983)
- Master of Divinity, St. John Provincial Seminary (1987)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Vice Chaplain (1994-2002)
- PRCUA National Chaplain since 2002
- National President of the Polish American Priests Association (2012-2017)
- Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Dearborn Hts., MI
- Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte, MI and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Wyandotte, MI
- Currently, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish in Farmington, MI

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

JAMES J. ROBACZEWSKI of Chicago, IL has been a member of the Knights of St. Michael Society #412, St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1593 and Polish Clergy Society #15 - since 1971 (51 yrs.) Education:

- B.A. degree from DePaul University (2000)
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)
- Associate Customer Service (ACS)

Work experience:

- 29+ years of supervisory and management experience including two Fortune 100 companies
- 18 years licensed life insurance and annuity agent
- 8 years board member and 1 year treasurer of Polish Museum of America
- Member of St. Monica Church Parish Council (6 years); Chairperson (4 years)
- Notre Dame College Prep Father's Club President (1 year)
- PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer (2010-2018)
- PMA Chair of the Board since 2018

Occupation: PRCUA National President since 2018

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:

MICHELINE I. JAMINSKI of Homer Glen, IL has been a member of Wesoly Lud Society #1590 and Polonia Society #1597 since 1977 (45 yrs.) (continued on page 2)



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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.

AUGUST

12-14 63RD PRCUA NATIONAL CONVENTION at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook, IL

19-20 WARREN, MI – 67TH PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT at Halmich Park, 3001 E. Thirteen Mile Rd., Warren, MI. See details on pg. 7.

27 TOLEDO, OH – PRCUA MEMORIAL ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE at Detwiller Golf Course, 4001 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. See details on pg. 11.

27 DETROIT, MI – 51ST ANNUAL DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT - Rescheduled from May 27. See more info on pg. 17.

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.



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Education:

- B.A. degree from Alliance College (1974)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)

Work experience:

- Administrative assistant and bookkeeper (1974-1978)
- 30 years business owner of 4 BP/Amoco Stations, a video store (1978-1987) and 2 Shell gas stations/mini marts/carwashes (1988-2007)
- Artistic director/choreographer (1976-2014) of PRCUA Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (also founder and manager), PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (also founder); Adult Culture Group of PRCUA; and Polanie Dancers of JPPI Polish School
- Co-organizer of PRCUA Societies #1590 and #1597
- Treasurer PRCUA District 8 (2011-2017)
- Vice Chair of 60th National Quadrennial Convention of PRCUA
- Member of Constitution Committee, 2014
- Licensed life insurance agent
- Past President of PFDA (1997-2000)
- National Treasurer Polish American Congress since 2016
- PMA Vice Chair of the Board since 2014

Occupation: PRCUA National Vice President since 2014

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER:

AGNIESZKA J. BASTRZYK of Elmwood Park, IL, has been a member of Cardinal Hlond Society #1219 since 2008 (14 yrs.)

Education:

- B.B.A. from Loyola University (2008)
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor, Fellow (FICF)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)
- Associate Customer Service (ACS)

Work experience:

- 8+ years of supervisory and management experience
- Secretary of Illinois Fraternal Alliance
- Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Member of Polish American Chamber of Commerce - Internal Vice President (2021-2023);
- Holy Trinity Polish School, President of PTA
- 14+ years licensed life insurance and annuity agent
- 7+ years of underwriting experience
- PRCUA Marketing Director

Occupation: PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer since 2018

NATIONAL DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT #1 (1 Director)

GEORGE W. DAVID of West Springfield, MA, has been a member of PRCUA Society #549 since 2012 (10 yrs.)

Education:

- B.S. from American International College
- MBA from Western New England College

Work Experience:

- CIGNA Life Insurance Co. and Mass Mutual Insurance Co.
- Independent chartered financial consultant (32 yrs.)
- Current District #1 PRCUA Director

Occupation: Financial consultant

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DISTRICT #2 (1 Director)

GREGORY B. OLMA of Buffalo, NY, has been a member of St. Ladislaus Society #540 since 2004 (18 yrs.)
Education:

- SUNY Law School (1992 graduate)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Consultant
- PRCUA District #2 Director (2010-2018)

Occupation: Retired

DISTRICT #3 (2 Directors) 2 VACANCIES

DISTRICT #4 (1 Director)

PATRICK C. KOSOWSKI of Land O Lakes, FL, has been a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #718 and Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #1492 - a member since 1998 (24 yrs.)
Education:

- University of Michigan - Dearborn

Work Experience:

- Sales representative, sales management, national account management (25 yrs.)
- PRCUA Budget & Grievance Committee member (8 yrs.) - chairperson (4 yrs.)
- Financial secretary of Soc. #718 (10+ yrs.)
- Director of PRCUA National Bowling Tournaments (8 yrs.)
- Current PRCUA District #4 Director

Occupation: National account manager

DISTRICT #5 (2 Directors)

THOMAS D. JESIONOWSKI of Maumee, OH, has been a member of St. Stanislaw Bishop & Martyr Society #719 since 2000 (22 yrs.)
Education:

- Graduate of the University of Toledo
- LOMA Courses

Work experience:

- Vice President of Operations, Human Resource director and part owner of Pexco Packaging Corp. (1975-2010)
- Workers Compensation Courses
- Current PRCUA District #5 Director

Occupation: Retired

VICTORIA JEAN MIXON of Toledo, OH, has been a member of Society #1584 since 1994 (28 years).
Education:

- University of Toledo, Associates in Accounting (1992) and BA in HR (1998)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee (2018-2022)

Occupation: HR Director, Luther Home of Mercy

DISTRICT #6 (1 Director)

ANDREW T. LECH of Manhattan Beach, CA, has been a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #57 since 1988 (34 yrs.)
Education:

- B.S. from Saint Xavier University (2009)

Work Experience:

- Lead application developer - Enterprise Resource Planning
- Application product manager - designing & implementing financial & business systems
- President - insurance software
- Current District #6 PRCUA Director

Occupation: Lead Software Engineer/Senior Product Manager

DISTRICT #7 (2 Directors)

JOANNA E. CHOLEWINSKI of Park Ridge, IL, has been a member of PRCUA Society #1638 since 2008 (14 yrs.)
Education:

- Warsaw School of Economics (1976 graduate)
- FLMI designation (LOMA, 2003)

Work Experience:

- CNA Insurance Analyst
- Current PRCUA District #7 Director

Occupation: Retired

KEVIN KUCIK of Chicago, IL, has been a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1598 since 1994 (28 yrs.)
Education:

- B.A. from Bradley University (1976)
- MBA from DePaul University (1986)
- St. Mary of the Lake, Certificate of Diaconal Studies (2021)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Area manager for AT&T
- PRCUA District #7 Director (2014-2018)
- Chair, PRCUA Audit Committee (2014-2018)

Occupation: Retired

DISTRICT #8 (2 Directors)

MYRON E. CISLO of Lockport, IL, has been a member of Nicholas Copernicus Society #1575 since 1977 (45 yrs.)
Education:

- B.S. from Loyola University (1992)
- M.S.W. from University of Illinois (1998)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Cook Co. Public Guardian Office (22 yrs.)
- PRCUA Polanie Dance Group manager (8 yrs.)
- Co-chair of 63rd Pre-Convention Committee
- Current District #8 PRCUA Director

Occupation: Child advocate

ELIZABETH D. DYNOWSKI of Orland Park, IL, has been a member of Maria Konopnicka Society #1622 since 1979 (43 yrs.)
Education:

- B.A. from Northwestern University (1995)
- M.S.W. from Loyola University (1997)
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- Competitive team coordinator & lead instructor at HHTD
- Liberty Junior High School Improvement Plan - secretary
- District III school social worker
- Chairperson of the PRCUA Adult Culture Group Annual Fashion Show
- Secretary of 62nd PRCUA Convention
- Co-chair of 63rd Pre-Convention Committee
- Current PRCUA District #8 Director

Occupation: School social worker

DISTRICT #9 (1 Director)

ELIZABETH A. SADUS of Chicago Hts., IL, has been a member of St. Barbara Society #354 and St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579 - a member since 2004 (18 yrs.)
Education:

- A.A. from Prairie State College (1998)
- B.A. from Purdue University - Calumet (2001)
- M.S. from Purdue University - Calumet (2010)

Work Experience:

- Junior high school science teacher

- Licensed PRCUA agent for states of Illinois and Indiana
 - Current PRCUA District #9 Director
- Occupation: Instructional designer

DISTRICT #10 (2 Directors)

COLLEEN K. BONKOWSKI of Warren, MI, has been a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1618 since 1995 (27 yrs.)
Education:

- Macomb Community College
- LOMA courses

Work Experience:

- PRCUA Dance School Director: Mała Polska (1995-2005), Zajączek (2005-present), Zakopane (2008-present)
- Community events organizer
- Current PRCUA District #10 Director

Occupation: Retired

VALERIE BRUMM of Sterling Heights, MI, has been a member of PRCUA Society #1593 since 1980 (42 yrs.)
Education:

- University of Detroit Mercy - BSCJS (1998)
- Lawrence Tech. University - MBA (2014)

Work Experience:

- Management analyst for the U.S. Army
- Financial secretary of Society #1593.
- PRCUA #1593 Youth Coordinator (2014-2017)
- PRCUA Bowling Coordinator (2022 - present)
- Current PRCUA District #10 Director

Occupation: Programmatic deputy

KRISTI MIHALIC of Canton, MI, is a member of St. John the Baptist #87 and #1552 since 1966 (56 years).
Education:

- Central MI University, B.A. of Science (1988)
- University of Detroit Mercy, B.A. Mechanical Engineering (2001)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Shirley Galanty MI State Ball Committee Member
- PRCUA Wieliczka Dance Ensemble, Director
- Founding member and Financial Secretary for St. Jadwiga Society #1552

Current occupation: Engineering Supervisor, Ford Motor Co.

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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
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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
17	\$446.04	\$403.20	17	\$847.08	\$761.40	17	\$1,218.15	\$1,092.60
18	\$456.21	\$412.92	18	\$867.42	\$780.84	18	\$1,247.85	\$1,121.22

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

~ Shotgun Start: 1 p.m.
~ Four-Person Scramble
~ 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

TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE RULES

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

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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@prcu.org or 773-782-2601.

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ANNUAL PRCUA SACRED HEART MASS

The annual PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass was celebrated on Sunday, June 12 at Our Lady of the Woods Church in Orland Park, IL, by the Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, PRCUA National Chaplain and Rev. Michael Foley, pastor of Our Lady of the Woods. District #8 hosted the celebration.

It was a beautiful event on the occasion of the feast of the PRCUA patron, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in thanksgiving for the many blessings our fraternal organization has received throughout the year and in memory of our deceased members.

A large delegation of PRCUA representatives was present in the church, among them President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastryk, present and past members of the National Board of Directors, members of the PRCUA Adult Culture Group with 2022 Cinderella Natalia Bafia and Prince Charming Marcel Duda.

The procession into church was led by the flag bearers: Thomas Robaczewski of District 7, Edward

Muszalski of District 8 and Paul Pawlowski of District 9. They were followed by the National Directors and Officers of the PRCUA: Tom Jesionowski (D-5), Joanna Cholewinski (D-7), Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9); dancers from the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company and Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance; and students from District 8 schools, who also helped as altar servers.

Cinderella Natalia Bafia and Prince Charming Marcel Duda served as readers during the Mass. President Robaczewski and his wife Elaine, Vice President Jaminski and Secretary-Treasurer Bastryk brought the gifts to the altar.

After Mass, President Robaczewski and Vice President Jaminski made remarks.

The Mass was followed by a luncheon that gathered our PRCUA family together again after the break due to the pandemic.

Thanks to District 8 and Krystyna Lech for organizing and coordinating the event.



ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE

53RD ANNUAL RECITAL

By Basia Toboy



Rogalin 2022 Graduates (l to r)
Angelina Hamblin, Antonio Johnson
and Lauren Schulte

After two years of performing under a tent, the Rogalin Dance Troupe was ready for the big stage. For many, this would be their first time on such a stage. They were excited to say the least. However, the week of the recital our director, Lisa Brandt, received a call from the school – they were having technical difficulties in the auditorium, and they needed to cancel the event. With sheer grit and determination, Lisa, Janet Vilag and the parent board of directors made phone calls to every school within 50 miles of Wyandotte, Michigan. Thankfully, Riverview Community High School was available, and the show could go on as planned!

On April 30th, the Rogalin Dance Troupe proudly presented its 53rd Annual Recital entitled

“Sand, Sea & Surf.” Choreographer Janet Vilag welcomed the audience and set the stage for the first portion of the program. The dancers performed to songs *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Under the Sea*, *Catch A Wave*, *Sea Cruise*, *Turtle Rock*, *Surf’s Up* with *Wipe Out* as the finale. During intermission, tickets for a Yeti full of cheer, Pure Michigan basket and Share the Wealth were available. Congratulations to all winners!

The second half of the show opened with the presentation of the graduates. Angelina Hamblin, escorted by her father Brian Hamblin, Antonio Johnson, escorted by his mother Alice Johnson, and Lauren Schulte, escorted by her father Joseph Schulte, made their way from the back of the auditorium as Janet Vilag read a short biography. Dancers from Group 6 - Autumn Donoghue, Zosia Cornell, Ania Toboy, Noah Zapinski, Erin Truskowski, Lilianna Avis-Lopez, Mackenzie Klimowicz and Emily Lebiechewski - performed a *Polonez* to honor the graduates. Each graduate was given a moment to express their appreciation and gratitude to their families, the PRCUA director and choreographers and everyone who helped them get to where they are today.

Choreographer Basia Toboy, took the au-

dience on a tour of Poland, describing the regions and national dances the group would perform. The ensemble sang the Polish national anthem and the American national anthem before dazzling the audience with their Polish performance. The opening number featured the boys of the group along with dancers from Group 6 performing the ever-popular *Góralski*. Our littlest dancers came on stage to *Grandma and Grandpa Polka* followed by dances from the regions of Cieszyn and Lublin, and national dances *Kujawiak* and *Oberek*. The group then performed a *Kołomyjka* before the entire ensemble came on stage with the fiery *Krakowiak*.

PRCUA National Director of District 10 Colleen Bonkowski, President Emeritus Wallace Ozog, his wife Joann and Past National Director of District 10 Neil Sawicki were in attendance. Awards were presented by Ms. Janet and Ms. Basia to those students who have been dancing for five years: Stella Edwards, Lila Figurski, Lydia Lukasik, Daisy Miciura, Nadia Pers, Cecelia Sadler and Eveyln Sadler; and fifteen years - Lauren Schulte.

Following the show, Lisa Brandt, was honored for five years as Rogalin Dance Troupe’s director. The group presented her with a trophy and PRCUA National Office presented her with a framed certificate. Congratulations Lisa! You are the glue that keeps things together!



Group 1



Group 2



Group 3



Group 4



Group 5



Group 6

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

By Barb Ozog, Secretary
Zajaczek Dance Ensemble

Zajaczek Dance Ensemble has been busy this past month! Zajaczek dancers attended Join Hands Day at St. Albertus Church in Detroit on Saturday, May 14. Dancers and parents from Zajaczek and other dance groups assisted in cleaning up the grounds around the church, weeding, trimming bushes, planting flowers, etc. Later that same evening, Zajaczek dancers performed at Detroit City FC Soccer Polish Heritage

Night at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, MI.

On Sunday, May 22, St. Hyacinth in Detroit hosted a Blessing of the Dance Schools during morning Mass. Zajaczek dancers attended along with dancers from other dance schools.

The Detroit Tigers Polish American Night at Comerica Park was scheduled for Friday, May 27. Zajaczek dancers were excitedly lined up along the outside gate, waiting to go down the tunnel to the field. The weather, unfortunately,

did not cooperate that evening. With the threat of lightening, the Tigers' personnel had all the dancers move into the tunnel early, before the rain started. The dancers waited patiently in the tunnel while the game was on a rain delay. Paws, the Tigers' mascot, came down to say hello to the dancers. Eventually the game was postponed and there was no dancing on the field this year. Among them were a lot of disappointed dancers, graduates and first-time dancers.

Fast forwarding a few days, Memorial Day was sunny and beautiful! Zajaczek dancers danced their way through the Sterling Heights Memorial Day Parade in Sterling Heights, MI. Thank you to Krys Kasperek for driving the car ahead of the dancers with music and water on this hot day!

St. John Paul II Society #1593 hosts a Youth Bowling Day every year on the first Saturday of June. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it did not happen the last two years, and this year it was held at a different bowling alley than previously. Zajaczek Dance Ensemble was one the groups to participate in this fun event. There was bowling, pizza,

pop, and of course – prizes! Every child left with some sort of prize. Everyone had a fun time!. Thank you to the dancers and families for supporting this bowling outing!

Jimmy John's Polish American Night was held on Thursday, June 9. Zajaczek dancers waited to dance on the field, hoping the clouds held off a little longer. The dancers were able to get through dancing on the field before the rain started.

Our next performance will be on Sunday, June 26 during the Polish Festival at the Century Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, MI.



Performance at the Detroit City FC Soccer Polish Heritage Night



Jimmy John's Polish American Night



Memorial Day parade



Zajaczek dancers attending the blessing of the dance schools



Youth Bowling Day



Join Hands Day

FLAG DAY CEREMONY
AT PRCUA HOME OFFICE

The annual observance of Flag Day was held at the PRCUA Home Office on Tuesday, June 14. Due to the extremely hot weather, the celebration was held in the PRCUA Social Hall.

PRCUA and PMA employees were welcomed by PRCUA President James Robaczewski, who also

led everyone in singing the national anthem.

Lily Prado led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice President Micheline Jaminski read a Flag Day poem, and prayers before lunch were read by Natalia Hoffman - in Polish and Agnieszka Dobrzycki - in English.



Emily Prado



Vice President Micheline Jaminski



Natalia Hofmann



Agnieszka Dobrzycki



Matusz Bomba



Emilia Wiecek



Conrad Wiecek



President Robaczewski welcoming the employees and guests to the annual celebration



Pledging Allegiance to the Flag

After lunch, a closing prayer was read by Emilia Wiecek, followed by singing of *America the Beautiful*, led by Mateusz Bomba.

The celebration was organized by the PRCUA Fraternal Department. Conrad Wiecek details and his daughter Emilia coordinated the event, decorated the Social Hall and served the meal.

Present at the celebration were District 8 Director Myron Cislo, District 9 Director Elizabeth Sadus, and Vice President's husband, Richard Jaminski, who brought their lovely granddaughters, Aria and Mila.

History of the Pledge of Allegiance


The first version, with a text different from the one used at present, was written in 1885 by Captain George Thatcher Balch, a Union Army officer in the Civil War. In August 1892, a socialist Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy revised Balch's verse as part of a magazine promotion surrounding the World's Columbian Exposition.

The original Pledge read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The Pledge was later adapted in 1923 to change "my flag" to "the flag of the United States of America" which would make it an American pledge rather than a universal one.

The pledge was adopted by Congress in 1942. The official name of *The Pledge of Allegiance* was adopted in 1945. The most recent alteration of its wording came on June 14, 1954, when the words "under God" were added.



Emilia and Conrad Wiecek helping Directors Sadus and Cislo



PRCUA

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Honoring those we lost

Saturday, August 27, 2022

1:00 p.m. (Shotgun Start)

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Questions? Contact: VikkiJean Mixon 419-351-2698

51ST DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT

By Joann Ozog
Financial Secretary/Treasurer
PRCUA #1593

The 51st Detroit Tigers Polish American Night coordinated by PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society of Warren, MI took place on Friday, May 27. This was a year of excitement for those in attendance because this celebration of showing off Polish pride with dancers, Polka bands, throwing of the ceremonial first pitch, the gathering of representatives from various Polish organizations, the singing of the Polish national anthem and the honor guard had not taken place since 2019 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 50th Polish American Night took place in 2021 but with many restrictions.

The weather was beautiful the week prior to the game. Rain was forecast the day of the game and an abundance of prayers were out there hoping that the weatherman was

wrong. However, to our disappointment, the predicted rain came pouring down just minutes before the pre-game ceremony. Unfortunately, the game was cancelled; the first in 31 years since PRCUA #1593 started coordinating the events.

Although the game did not take place, the dancers had the opportunity to mingle with one another and take photos with Tigers mascot *Paws* while lining up in the tunnel. There is a lot involved in the preparation of the dancers for the on-field program. We appreciate the time, interest and support of the dancers, parents, teachers, directors and the following schools: Polskie Maki Dancers, Opole Dancers, Gwiazda Dancers, Rogalin Dance Troupe, Wieliczka Dancers, Tatry Dancers, Zajączek Dance Ensemble, Halka Dancers and Zakopane Folk Ensemble. (PNA) Centennial Dancers, Polanie Alliance Dancers and Polanie Song and Dance Ensemble also participated.

We also appreciate the polka bands that brought their lively polka music to the ball park, to the honor guard - the Polish Scout Association (*Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego*), to the singers of the national anthems - Robert Szczublewski and Ania Toboy, to the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame, who brought their exhibit booth and to the following representatives: Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak (PRCUA National Chaplain), James Robaczewski (PRCUA National President), Bob Bielenda (PRCUA National Vice President Emeritus), Colleen Bonkowski and Valerie Brumm (PRCUA Directors, District 10), Stella



Zajączek Dancers



PRCUA members

Szczesny (PNA Fraternal Advisor for Region E Michigan and Indiana), Leonard Zabowski (Friends of Polish Art, 1st Vice President), George Kurzatkowski (PAC, Michigan Div. Treasurer), James Ciennik III (National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame Board Member), Daryl Onderik (American Polish Century Club Past President and Community Liaison), Mark Reaume (Polish American Credit Union, Chairman of the Board).

This year PRCUA #1593 was able to award nine scholarships; five to society members and four to Polish American Night participants. The Polish American Night recipients present were Andrew Saunders, Jessica Saunders and Tessa Marie McKnee. The PRCUA #1593 recipients present were Madelyn Brown, Grace Ozog and Taylor Beauchamp.

The Polish American Federal Credit Union was selected to be honored at the 51st Annual Detroit Tigers Polish American night. The Polish American Federal Credit Union has been very supportive of PRCUA #1593 Society as well as many organizations in Polonia. Recently, the Credit Union issued a check for \$55,750 to the Polish Red

Cross for Ukrainian Humanitarian Aid. Mark Reaume, Chairman of the Board, was selected to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Unfortunately, this did not happen because the game was cancelled.

We appreciate the time, dedication and expense that all involved have put into the 51st Detroit Tigers Polish American Night, especially Wally and Christopher Ozog (co-chairmen), Barb Ozog, Cindy Cooper, Brian Brumm, John Godin, Anthony Ozog and Daniel Ozog (the behind-the-scenes volunteers) and the Detroit Tigers, especially Lindsey Ray. It is because of many individuals that the Polish community has come together to show pride in their culture for so many years.



Joann Ozog and Eleanore Bielenda



Zakopane Dancers



Opole Dancers



PMA SUMMER GALA CELEBRATES 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING AT PRCUA



James Robaczewski, Micheline Jaminski, Małgorzata Kot and Richard Owsiany cutting the anniversary cake

Nearly 300 guests attended the 42nd Annual PMA Summer Gala, held at Café La Cave in Des Plaines, IL, on June 10. This year, the Polish Museum of America celebrated the 85th anniversary of its opening on January 12, 1937.

The black-tie affair began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and program, which began with 2022 Summer Gala Chair Sharon Orlowski welcoming everyone to the elegant event. Micheline Jaminski, PRCUA Vice President and PMA Executive Board Vice President, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. James Robaczewski, President of the PRCUA and Chairman of the PMA Executive Board, led guests in singing of the American and Polish national anthems, after which Pastor of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission and PMA Chaplain Rev. Andrzej Totzke, SCHr said invocation.

Before dinner, PMA President Richard Owsiany and Managing Director Małgorzata Kot raised their glasses for a toast. During the delicious dinner, violinist Anthony Kawalkowski from the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra serenaded each table to the accompaniment of his ensemble.

After dinner, the program began with Sharon Orlowski introducing the Mistress of Ceremonies, Micheline Jaminski, who presented

remarks on this special occasion. Mrs. Jaminski referred to the history of the foundation of the PMA and its 85-year long mission of preserving Polish heritage and culture.

Since 1873, the mission of the PRCUA has been to provide financial security to its members through financial products, as well as offering opportunities for cultural, educational and spiritual growth. By the 1890s, the population of Poles in America reached 800,000, with the majority in Chicago. In 1891, a Polish library and national museum in North America was established in Chicago, but was later moved to Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. After a massive fire destroyed all the museum contents at the college, Polonia was left without a site "attesting to its presence." The need for a Polish museum in the United States continued to be discussed, but it wasn't

until 1935 that PRCUA President Joseph L. Kania proposed "the establishment of a permanent Museum and Archives of Polonia at the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America," right back where it originated – Chicago. The PRCUA building underwent a series of modifications that lasted through 1936, and on January 12, 1937, the Polish Museum of America officially opened with a grand gala in the Great Hall, attended by many dignitaries including the Polish consul and the mayor of Chicago. The "Man of the Hour," President Kania, then introduced Mieczyslaw Haiman as the first curator, archivist and librarian to undertake the monumental task of getting the museum on its feet, which he did to great success.

To this very day, the PRCUA continues to house the Polish Museum of America and is a sustaining financial contributor. The PRCUA's mission is to preserve Polish heritage and culture, and one of its greatest contributions to Polonia is the Polish Museum of America, and we are proud to join in its celebration of 85 years of serving as a cornerstone of American Polonia.

After Mrs. Jaminski's remarks, PRCUA Marketing Department Director Elizabeth Sawczuk-Jurak read the letter sent by Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik from the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, who was unable to attend the Gala.

Following these remarks, Director Małgorzata Kot invited guests to watch the film presentation of *Mieczysław Haiman, Curator of Polonia's Heritage*. The short production featured PMA employees talking about the history of the museum and the contributions of its first curator, Mieczysław Haiman.

The program continued with the introduction of the museum's major donors whose generosity and contributions help ensure that the PMA continues to serve the Polish Ameri-

can community and "preserve the past for the future." Each of the donors was presented with a red rose.

The highlight of each PMA Summer Gala is the presentation of the "Polish Spirit Award." The award is presented to an individual or an institution who embodies pride in their Polish heritage and has taken action to help the PMA promote and preserve Polish history, culture and traditions. This year, the museum was pleased to honor Dziennik Związkowy Polish Daily News and TV Polonia. Awards were presented to the recipients by Richard Owsiany, James Robaczewski and Małgorzata Kot.

Walter Kotaba, the founder and owner of TV Polonia, accepted the award on behalf of TV Polonia.

On behalf of Dziennik Związkowy, the award was accepted by Frank Spula, the president of the Polish National Alliance, which is the owner and publisher of the publication, the editor-in-chief Alicja Otap, and general manager Łukasz Dudka.

The distinguished recipients thanked the PMA for honoring them with the prestigious award.

The Gala program included an outstanding dance program performed by 2022 Cinderella Natalia Bafia and Prince Charming Marcel Duda, runners-up Weronika Kaczmarczyk and Jakub Niedzielski, and select candidates of the Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA. The dancers presented an elegant *Polonaise* and *Anniversary Waltz* choreographed by Richard and Micheline Jaminski.

The Summer Gala and silent auction, which was continuing throughout the duration of the event, are the PMA's primary annual fund raisers.

The evening continued with fine dance music provided by Anthony Kawalkowski and his orchestra.



Major PMA donors



Walter Kotaba from Polvision accepting the award



Micheline Jaminski and Elżbieta Sawczuk-Jurak



James Robaczewski singing the national anthems



Frank Spula, Alicja Otap and Łukasz Dudka receiving the award



Małgorzata Kot, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, Richard Owsiany, Sharon Orlowski



Rev. Andrzej Totzke with Agnieszka Bastrzyk



Anna Sokolowski with Mr. and Mrs. Kowalczyk



PRCUA Directors and their spouses



Dancers with choreographers Micheline and Richard Jaminski and Richard Owsiany



Carleen and Jan Lorys with M. Kot, R. Owsiany, S. Orlowski



PMA accepting a check from the Legion of Young Polish Women



Dancers presenting the waltz



Polonaise



Guests singing the national anthems



Maria and Richard Ciesla with R. Owsiany, M. Kot and S. Orlowski



PMA employees

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SOCIETY #1593 NEWS

By Joann Ozog
Financial Secretary/Treasurer

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

One of the benefits of being a member of PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society in Warren, MI is the awarding of scholarships to their college bound students. This year 5 scholarships were given out to active members who will be attending college full time.

The 2022 St. John Paul II Society recipients are as follows:

Madelyn Brown is in her second year at Michigan Technological University and is majoring in robotics engineering. By becoming a society member, Madelyn enrolled in the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble where she danced for 14 years. As a result, she has participated in many events in Polonia.

Margaret Daly will be a freshman at Michigan Technological University, majoring in biomedical engineering. Margaret's parents and sister are also members of the society. They do things as a family, participating in national PRCUA sporting events and dance school events. It is because her sister is a member of Opole Dance School that Margaret had the opportunity to visit Poland and experience the history and traditions of the Polish people. After this trip, Margaret decided to enroll in a Polish class to learn Polish.

Meghan Hingst is in her second year at Michigan State University where she is majoring in Elementary Education. To Meghan, society membership means embracing her Polish heritage and sharing it with others.

While growing up, she participated in the society's youth bowling tournament. This enabled her to meet, socialize and to have fun with other young society members. She attended Polish American Night as a fan. This gave her the opportunity to proudly celebrate her culture with young and old alike.

Grace Ozog is in her second year at the University of Michigan, majoring in biochemistry. Because of her society membership, she was born and grew up into the Polish community. She has attended Detroit Tigers Polish American Night as a fan, has entered Polish heritage art contests, participated in PRCUA national sport tournaments, has helped with various society events and has attended many Polish functions which has enabled her to see her family's roots in the Polish community.

Taylor Beauchamp will begin her work on her Master's degree in Family Life Education at the University of Minnesota. To Taylor, society membership means family, friendship and fun. She has met many people at the various Polish events that she has attended and as a result, they have become like family. She has experienced fun events with members from other societies which enabled her to make new friends and have given her memories that will last a lifetime.

PRCUA #1593 receives a donation for each ticket sold at Polish American Night. The money given by the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Lions is earmarked for scholarships for graduating participants of Polish American Night. Due to the pandemic, there was no game in 2020

and no donation. Because the number of fans attending in 2021 was limited, a small donation was given to the society. Although donations from Polish American Night were not as large this year as prior to the pandemic, Polish American Night scholarships were still given this year.

This year, four Polish American Night Scholarships were given to the following:

Kalina Barth will be attending Western Michigan University and will be majoring in nursing. To Kalina, Polish American Night means that she is able to share her pride in her Polish heritage. It has created many memorable nights that have become a tradition over the last 10 years. It makes Kalina happy because she is able to perform, as a Zajaczek Dancer before a huge audience.

Tessa Marie McKnee will be attending Albion College and will be majoring in environmental engineering. Since age 3, Polish American Night has many memories for Tessa. Being a participant made her feel like she was in a movie. It was exhilarating for her to dance at a place where not everyone gets the opportunity to do so. It's been a family event for many years; going on the Ferris wheel, eating ice cream and having fun with family and friends. It is awesome to see so many people wear their Polish shirts and knowing that everyone is there for the same reason to share their love of our Polish heritage. Tessa dances with the Halka Dancers.

Andrew Saunders is attending Western Michigan University and is majoring in business. For Andrew, Polish American Night was a time he always looked forward to because,

not only does he enjoy Polish dancing, but he also loves baseball. Polish American Night has always been special to him because he was able to show all of metro-Detroit his Polish pride at the ball park. Andrew danced with the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble.

Jessica Saunders will be attending Columbia College in Chicago, IL and will be majoring in fashion. To Jessica, Polish American Night means sharing her heritage and celebrating her culture with the community. It is very interesting and exciting to take what is considered "America's favorite pastime" and allow it to be a time to express the idea of the American melting pot with Polish culture. Jessica has been a member of Zajaczek Dance Ensemble for 11 years.

Congratulations to PRCUA #1593 Society 2022 scholarship recipients! It is because of members and friends who support the various fundraisers of St. John Paul II Society that these students are assisted with their higher education and we "THANK YOU."

YOUTH BOWLING

On Saturday June 4, PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society held its 30th annual Youth Bowling Fun Day. After two years of the event not taking place, this event due to the coronavirus, the children were happy to participate once again. It is a time of socializing and having fun with PRCUA members from other societies and dance schools.

The venue this year was a different bowling alley than previously - AMF Rose Bowl Lanes. Each bowler bowled two games, had pizza and pop and each (continued on page 18)



Wallace and Joann Ozog with some of the scholarship recipients



Youth bowling

participant selected one of many prizes. They also had the opportunity to play a variety of arcade games.

Thank you to all involved in making this a successful 30th annual Youth Bowling children, parents, dance schools, Diane Godin for taking photos and especially Barbara and Christopher Ozog for coordinating this fraternal program for our youth.





Youth bowling

RAINED OUT 51ST ANNUAL DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT RESCHEDULED

After a disappointing storm one half hour before game time, the fans, dancers and dignitaries heard the announcement that the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night was rained out. Since this is an annual tradition, Detroit Tigers decided to reschedule this game. After discussing a number of possible dates, Tuesday August 30 was selected to be the rescheduled game for the 51st Annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night.

The Detroit Tigers will play Seattl at 7:10 p.m. PRCUA #1593 will conduct the pregame ceremonies as they have been originally planned. All on-field participants who will participate on this date, contact

Christopher Ozog at Cjzog@gmail.com.

Tickets for the May 27th rained out game can be exchanged for the August 30 game. We anticipate the various dance groups and dignitaries will participate as previously-planned.

Persons who purchased tickets from Wally Ozog and are interested in exchanging their tickets from the May 27th game, to the new date or other game dates should contact Wally Ozog at 586-519-3775 or wozog@wowway.com. All others should go through their contact person.

MILWAUKEE AVENUE IN CHICAGO DESIGNATED “POLISH HERITAGE CORRIDOR”

The Polish Museum of America hosted an event on Thursday, June 16, at which a new law designating the “Polish Heritage Corridor” was announced, and House Bill 5581, which was signed into law by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker on June 10, 2022, was presented. The designation will become official in January 2023.

House Bill 5581 provides that the 15-mile stretch of Illinois Route 21, otherwise known as Milwaukee Avenue, that begins at Sangamon Street in West Town and ends with Greenwood Road in the Village of Niles, is designated as the “Milwaukee Avenue Polish Heritage Corridor”. The corridor will pass through historically Polish neighborhoods like Wicker Park, Avondale and Jefferson Park. It provides that appropriate plaques may be erected by the Department of Transportation along this route in recognition of the designation.

Guest speakers included sponsors of Bill 5581: State Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas, State Representative Delia Ramirez and State Representative Lindsey LaPointe; Daniel Pogorzelski, a local community organizer and historian, and supporter of the initiative; Iwona Filipiak, Polish American Chamber of Commerce Board President, and Richard Owsiany, President of the Polish Museum of America.

Senator Pacione-Zayas stated that by designating the Polish Corridor, the state recognizes and em-

powers the unique cultural identity of the Polish community. The law strengthens the Polish community connection in Illinois and supports the further economic development and prosperity of the Polish community in Illinois.

Representative Ramirez remarked: “Dan Pogorzelski was behind the idea of designating the Polish Corridor along Milwaukee Ave., which was the foundation to the Polish community for decades. It’s important to honor and invest in the preservation of the state’s communities’ cultural legacy. Our city and our state are richer and fuller due to the many contributions of the Polish-American community. Establishing this corridor is an opportunity to acknowledge, reflect, and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Polish Americans in Chicago and in the state. The recognition is important but the investment in the community is more important. As the state designation begins, the Polish community can apply for the funds from the Department of Commerce and invest in the economic development that the Polish community deserves. It will help spur economic development, tourism and preservation of the Polish Corridor.”

Representative LaPointe commented that she is proud to represent the House District where the new Polish Corridor cuts through, and that the Polish community heritage shouldn’t be taken for granted.



L-r: Daniel Pogorzelski, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, PMA President Richard Owsiany, State Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas, PACC Executive Director Bogdan Puksza, PACC President Iwona Filipiak, State Representative Delia Ramirez, State Representative Lindsey LaPointe

POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Since 2007, the Chicago White Sox have sponsored an annual Polish Heritage Night engaging the PRCUA and other local Polish organizations. This year, the celebration was held on June 8. It was an evening full of excitement, emotions, and expressions of Polish culture everywhere you looked. Although the White Sox were defeated by the Los Angeles Dodgers, all of the participants enjoyed a fun summer evening of baseball and Polish heritage.

The evening began with a parade around the field, followed by a performance by the *Wesoły Lud* Polish Folk Dance Company of PRCUA, which presented a suite of regional dances from Spisz. A polka band entertained the crowd before the game, and traditional Polish delicacies were available from food kiosks during the game. Fans also received special commemorative White Sox hats with a Polish flair, which were a very popular souvenir of the evening.

There was a sea of white and red in the stands, and notably, a strong PRCUA representation among the fans, thanks in part to Fraternal Department Coordinator Conrad Wiecek, who was kept very busy in the weeks prior supplying tickets to the hundreds of members who attended. Joining the PRCUA delegation in the Polish section were President James Robaczewski and family, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and husband Richard, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk and family, District 8 Directors Myron Cislo (and family) and Elizabeth Dynowski, as well as many current PRCUA members and their families. One fan in our PRCUA section had a particularly special evening, as she was able to snag a foul ball as a special souvenir! Nice catch, Joanna!

Although the game ended in a loss, the evening was a success, with a true feeling of fraternalism among those present. We're already looking forward to next year!



POLISH CONSTITUTION WEEKEND IN OHIO BRINGS EVERYONE TOGETHER

By Andrew Bajda
President, Pope John Paul II Culture Center, Cleveland, OH

Friday – Polish Happy Hour at Ridgewood Tavern, in Parma, OH was an excellent venue and a way to bring everyone together. The band was vibrant and put everyone in a good mood. The space felt about just right and allowed people to mingle and hear the band. Having the band seated towards the front also allowed some dancers to stray outside, which added to the eclectic feel and charm of the neighborhood event. It seemed that Parma was just warming up for the weekend.

Saturday – Museum Tour at John Paul II Culture Center - Cultural Program and Polish Dinner were excellent activities for the cultural component of the weekend. Many were pleasantly surprised at what the Center had to offer. Gene Bak did his usual great job of providing museum tours. People genuinely enjoyed the program and the dinner, and there was a good vibe and energy throughout the event.

Sunday – Holy Mass at St.

Charles followed by Festival and Parade - Held for the tenth year, the Mass at St. Charles was truly appreciated by both the regular members of the church, as well as by the Polish community. Ukraine was highlighted at the start of the Mass with a glorious rendition of the Ukrainian national anthem sung by Megan Santora-Lipian

The parade gods smiled upon us and held off the rain as long as possible. The setup and area that was used for the festival and its proximity to the church and parade was very convenient. There was a nice flow, great energy, and plenty of parking for the large crowd. The parade was lots of fun. So many participants and viewers lined up all along Ridge Road were a surprise to many people.

Great Food - The food was great, with vendors coming from places such as Babcia's Kitchen, St. Casimir's Kitchen, PLAV Post 58. There were also vendors selling merchandise such as Polish pottery, pierogi jewelry, t-shirts and metal pieces.

Overall, this entire event was well planned and coordinated,

which allowed for all of Polonia and others to enjoy a fun-filled weekend. It is sometimes difficult to plan even the simplest event. It was truly an accomplishment for Aundrea Heschmeyer and her team to pull off this event for which they are to be commended. Aundrea was easy to work with and very organized. Her no-

nonsense approach is exactly what's needed with so many participants, and not only was there not one complaint, but everyone had a great time.
CONGRATS!

Additional input: Mitch Bienia
Photos: Tomasz Kacki

CONSTITUTION PARALLELS

By Kathryn Mabin

While planning the Polish Constitution Day Parade to be held Sunday, May 1, 2022, in Polish Village, I had the pleasure to meet Dr. Mitchell Bienia from the Polish American Congress. The parade and after party were organized in cooperation with the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress, Polish Village Parma, Inc., the City of Parma, and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Mitch is definitely proud of his Polish heritage. It would take a whole page to list his accomplishments but that's not the focus of this article. The focus is the conversation I had with him and the information I obtained from it.

The Polish Constitution was adopted on May 3, 1791. The purpose was to create and establish a form of government called a constitutional monarchy. A constitutional monarchy limited the power of the monarch by establishing laws by which he must abide, and spreads that power to various components of the government, each with its own set of powers and rules. This form of government has a clear division of executive, legislative, and judiciary powers. Sound familiar? It should, as it was modeled after our own U. S. Constitution. Poland was the first

European country and the world's second to adopt this form of government. Some key points from the Polish Constitution I'd like to point out are that it guaranteed a wide range of civic rights. It placed peasants under the protection of law and abolished serfdom. It also allowed religious freedom.

Unfortunately, it didn't last. Poland was attacked, conquered and then occupied for the next 123 years. In 1918, at the end of World War I, President Wilson demanded that Poland be reestablished as an independent country. That lasted 21 years. Next came World War II. Germany and Russia invaded Poland in 1939, and followed another 50 years under communist Russian rule. In 1989, Poland overthrew communism. So not once, not twice, but three times the people of Poland fought for their freedom, and that constitution they created in 1791 was their beacon of hope for their independence, freedom and democracy.

With events evolving around the world as they are today, with Ukraine bordering Poland, with Poland welcoming their Ukrainian brothers with open arms, it's important to remember May 3, 1791, and celebrate the freedom and independence of Poland.



Mass at St. Charles Church



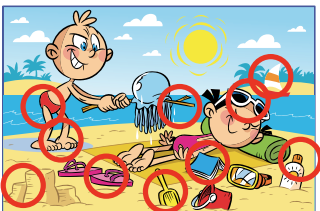
Festival celebration

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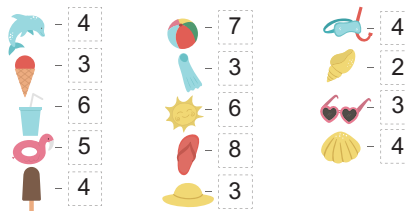
1. **Unscramble the words:** FLAGS, GLASSES, AMERICA, FIREWORK, STAR, HAT, APPLE PIE, CAKE, LIBERTY

2. **Solve the puzzle:** 1. BALLOON, 2. FLAGS, 3. KITE, 4. PINWHEEL, 5. POPSICLE, 6. CAMERA, 7. MEDAL, 8. HAT

3. Find 10 differences:



3. How many objects can you find?



90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1932 OLYMPIC GAMES IN LOS ANGELES

The Polish Museum of America collection includes a photo of the Polish Committee and representatives of PRCUA St. Joseph Society #701 in Los Angeles, CA, welcoming a group of PRCUA members from Chicago, who went to Los Angeles to cheer on Polish athletes, and a commemorative plaque dedicated to the PRCUA by the Polish Olympic Committee in 1932. The plaque was given to the PRCUA as a token of gratitude for the financial support for Polish athletes and members of the committee who came to Los Angeles.

The 1932 Summer Olympics (officially the Games of the X Olympiad) were held from July 30 to August 14, 1932 in Los Angeles, CA. The Games were held during the worldwide Great Depression, thus only 37 nations were able to send their representations to compete. 117 events in 20 disciplines, comprising 14 sports, were part of the Olympic program in 1932. United States won 110 medals: 44 gold, 36 silver and 30 bronze medals.

This was the first time Polish athletes participated in the summer Olympics held in the U.S. (no athletes from Poland attended the 1904 summer games in Saint Louis).

Due to limited funds, a very selected and well-prepared team of only 20 athletes was sent to the Olympiad in Los Angeles. Poles competed in 3 disciplines: athletics, fencing and rowing. They won medals in all of them. Two gold

medals were won by Janusz Kusociński in the 10,000 meter run and Stanisława Walasiewicz (Stella Walsh) in the 100 meter dash; one silver medal was won in rowing and four bronze medals went to the athletes competing in discus throw, rowing and fencing.

PRCUA and other Polish diaspora organizations formed a Polish Olympic Committee and decided to raise funds to help cover the costs related to the participation of the Polish representation in the Olympics. PRCUA was represented by Directors Jan Grzemeski, Franciszek J. Kempa and Antonina Włodarska. Thanks to the cooperation of Polish merchants, business owners and organizations in Chicago, the so-called Olympic Stamp Week began, during which Olympic-themed stamps imported from Poland were sold in 70 Polish businesses. Stamps, priced at 10 cents, were also sold at the PRCUA Home Office, and President Olejniczak appealed to all PRCUA members to support Polish team by purchasing them.

Olejniczak also encouraged PRCUA members and all Polish Americans to purchase the Polish Olympic buttons sold in the campaign organized by the Polish Union Daily (*Dziennik Zjednoczenia*) Sports Department. Buttons were sold for twenty five cent each.

To help the Polish Olympic team, the Executive Board also decided at one of the meetings to do-

nate \$2,000 to the fund.

The Polish athletes were first welcomed in New York. They stopped in Chicago on the way to Los Angeles on July 17, where they were welcomed at Union Station by Consul General Dr. T. Zbyszewski, the Olympic Committee in Chicago consisting of the representatives of the Polish organizations and Chicago Polonia. The athletes were invited to a breakfast in Pearson Hotel and to the Polish Consulate.

PRCUA organized a trip to participate in the Olympic Games and tour Los Angeles. Participating were President Olejniczak with his wife Zofia, Director Jan Grzemeski with his wife, Director Waleria Górską, Treasurer's assistant Jadwiga Turalska, and Home Office employee Maria Skoczylas. They were joined by President of Polish Womens' Association Emilia Napieralska; PNA Director Rozalia Petlak; Dr. Rev. Bernard Szudziński, Pastor of St. Walenty Parish in Cicero, IL; Dr. S. Napieralski; Wojciech Soska, President of *Macierz Polska* and his family, and others. A whole car was reserved for the group on a train that left North Western station in Chicago on July 27. Representatives from the organizations came to the train station to send them off.

They arrived in Los Angeles on July 30 and were welcomed by the Polish Committee, local priest Rev. Krzemiński, members of PRCUA Society #701 and from other organizations. After they checked in the Rossly Hotel, they were escorted by PRCUA members Mr. Majewski and Mr. Pisarz to the Olympic venue where they met with the Polish athletes and then went to the opening ceremony of the Games of the X Olympiad.

On July 31, the delegation attended Polish Mass, then President Olejniczak, Director Grzemeski and Rev. Szudziński visited Rev. Krzemiński before going to the stadium to watch the games and Janusz Kusociński winning his gold medal.

On July 2, the group visited the Olympic village and toured Los Angeles. In the evening, they went to the Hollywood Bowl Theater, where they watched a show of national dances and songs of the countries participating in the Olympics.

The group visited Los Angeles and the neighboring towns: Beverly Hills, Pasadena, Hollywood, San Ga-

riel, Santa Monica, Catalina Island, and others. They were warmly welcomed by local Polonia everywhere they went and were invited to several banquets and events, where President Olejniczak was one of the guest speakers. On August 8, the group left for San Francisco where they were met by a large crowd of Polish Americans in *Dom Polski* (Polish Home).

Polish organizations in Chicago formed a committee to welcome the Polish athletes returning from the Olympic Games on August 24, 1932. PRCUA Director Franciszek J. Kempa was elected its chairman, PNA Director Aleksander Sobota - vice chairman, PRCUA Sports Committee secretary Agnieszka Kleszczyk - vice chairman; PRCUA Sports Committee member Dr. S. D. Jedlowski - secretary; PNA Sports Committee S.A. Wiśniewski - treasurer. Other PRCUA, PNA, PWofA, and Polish Falcons executives were also actively involved in the preparations.

The breakfast was organized at Igancy Lenard's restaurant on Milwaukee Ave. Rev. Kazimierz Sztuczko, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, said a prayer and Julian Groszowski, President Olejniczak's secretary gave remarks on behalf of Mr. Olejniczak, who was unable to attend. PRCUA awarded the Polish olympians with PRCUA gold medals.

The head of the Polish Olympic team, General W. Rouppert, thanked the team for the financial support and, medals and a sincere reception.

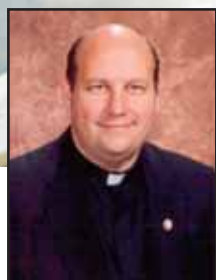


Polish Committee and members of PRCUA Society #701 in Los Angeles welcoming President Jan Olejniczak and a group of members from Chicago (July 30, 1932)



Plaque presented to PRCUA:
1932 - To the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America as as a souvenir of the X Olympic
- Polish Olympic Committee

Higher Perspectives



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

July: The Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

While thinking about my column for this month, I came across a listing that details what each month of the year is dedicated to in the Catholic Church. I was happily surprised to see that the month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. Since I was not fully aware of this, I thought it would be good to research it and share my findings and thoughts with you.

This feast day was officially added to the Roman Calendar in 1849 but was celebrated in Spain from the 16th century. It was first celebrated on the first Sunday of July to mark the liberation of Rome from the insurgents who had seized the Papal States in 1849. This feast was first placed on the calendar by Pope Pius IX and later moved to July 1st by St. Pope Pius X who wanted to reduce the number of feasts celebrated on Sundays. In 1933, to honor the 1,900th anniversary of Jesus's death, Pope Pius XI raised it to the rank of Double of the First Class, the highest rank of feast days. Later in the 20th century, after the Second Vatican Council, it was combined with the feast of Corpus Christi in 1969 but the month is still dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. A priest can still offer the votive Mass to the Precious Blood of Jesus, especially on its traditional date of July 1st.

With all this history in mind, what does the feast day mean for us? What is its significance for the average Catholic? This feast finds its meaning in the Eucharist. The early Church fathers have taught that the Church was born from the pierced side of our Lord from which his blood flowed, giving us the Sacraments. Pope Clement I stated this in approximately the year 96 A.D.: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world." For us, it is part of our Eucharistic devotion. Jesus gave us his body and blood to be our food unto eternal life. We give him thanks for this precious gift by offering him our thanksgiving, adoration, and love. We further honor him by leaving church after Mass, strengthened by the Eucharist, and going forth to bring him to a waiting world by the lives we lead, what we say and especially, what we do!

During this month of the Precious Blood of Christ, the following prayer taken from the end of the Litany to the Precious Blood might help us focus our attention and devotion to his most precious blood:

Almighty and Eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood, Grant we beseech Thee, that we worthily adore this Price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of this present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in Heaven. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Until next time, enjoy this summer! Make it the best one yet - time is fleeting, eternity is waiting! Godspeed! *Szczęść Boże!*

PASSING OF POLONIAN ACTIVIST MARIA MIRECKA-LORYŚ

PRCUA extend the greatest sympathy to PMA historian Jan Loryś on the death of his mother, Maria Mirecka-Loryś, who passed away at the age of 106 on May 29, 2022 in Warsaw, Poland.

During World War II, in Nazi German-occupied Poland, Mrs. Mirecka-Loryś was a combatant in the underground National Military Organization. She served as Commander-in-Chief of the Women's National Military Union in the Rzeszów region.

After the war, she was persecuted by the communists who seized power in Poland. In August 1945, she was arrested by the Department of Security. She was released under the amnesty, but it was known that she would be arrested soon. Maria left Poland using false papers, and via the Czech Republic and Germany, she reached General W. Anders' II Corps camp near Ancona, Italy, where she met her future husband Lt. Henryk Loryś. In 1946, they moved to England and in 1952, the family emigrated to the United States.

Maria was active in a number of Polish organizations. She participated in and lead numerous political and charitable activities and organized many initiatives to help Poles in the East. She was the editor of *Głos Polek*, the official publication of the Polish Women's Alliance for 32 years.

Mrs. Mirecka-Loryś was a stalwart leader of Polonia organizations from her arrival in Chicago in the 1950s through her relocation to Poland in the early 2000s. She was an ardent supporter and a Life Member of the Polish Museum of America.

Mrs. Mirecka-Loryś was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards bestowed on her by the Polish Government. She was awarded The Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (*Krzyż Komandorski Orderu Odrodzenia Polski*) by President Lech Kaczyński in 2006, and in 2016 President Andrzej Duda awarded her the Star of the Order of Polonia Restituta (*Gwiazda Orderu Odrodzenia Polski*).

Mrs. Mirecka-Loryś is survived by her son Jan, daughter Ewa and nephew Tadeusz "Ted" Mirecki.

May God grant her eternal rest and peace. Please remember Mrs. Mirecka-Loryś and her family in your prayers.



Maria Mirecka-Loryś
with daughter Ewa
and son Jan (2016)

POLISH NEWS BYTES

Robert Strybel,
Warsaw Correspondent

US Army supply depot to be built in Poland - Poland plans to build a military supply depot for U.S. troops stationed in the country, Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Błaszczak announced recently. The facility will go up near Poland's Powidz Air Base some 50 miles east of Poznań. "We are building a military equipment storage facility for a U.S. Army brigade combat team," Błaszczak explained. In the event of an emergency, extra troops can be quickly flown into Poland but the military equipment they need will be ready and waiting on the spot, shortening the time needed to make them combat ready. Currently, 12,000 U.S.

troops are stationed in Poland.

Over 3.8 million have crossed into Poland from Ukraine - On one recent day, around 25,200 refugees from Ukraine arrived in Poland, compared with 22,900 a day earlier, according to the Polish border guard. Around 30,000 people also crossed from Poland to Ukraine. The total number of refugees entering Poland had exceeded 3.8 million. The daily incoming and outgoing figures fluctuate from day to day, but often the number of people returning to Ukraine is greater than those leaving it. The returning refugees are eager to reunite with their families and to start rebuilding their cities, homes and lives even though Russia's aggression continues.

ROMUALD E. "RO" MATUSZCZAK PASSED AWAY

Romuald E. "Ro" Matuszczak (97), veteran WWII USMC, passed away on June 13, 2022.

He was the beloved husband of Harriet Chris (née Kolaski); dearest father of Janet Ernst, Richard, Yvonne (Tom) Koontz, Paul (Debi), Diana Duff, and Renee (Bret) Robinson; stepfather of Krystyn Wells, and Tyler (Brandy) Wells; loving grandfather of 10; he was preceded in death by his first wife Halina (née Synowiec).

Romuald Matuszczak was born on July 10, 1924. He was a graduate of Loyola University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. During World War II, he served in the United States Marine Corps for two and a half years and attained the rank of staff sergeant.

Ro Matuszczak was active in Chicago's Polonia for many years. His accomplishments and awards include:

- Honorary Parade Marshal of the 2022 Polish Constitution Day Parade;
- Award of Appreciation from the Polish National Alliance for his many years of dedicated service to the organization;
- Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Richard M. Daley for his lifelong contributions to Chicago;
- Award of Merit from the Advocates Society (The Association of Polish-American Attorneys);
- Legion of Honor from the Polish National Alliance for distinguished and dedicated service to the community, Lodge 1450 and the Polish National Alliance;
- Past award recipient of the Civilian Man of the Year of the Polish American Police Association;
- Award of Appreciation from the Polish Constitution Day Parade Committee for his years of service, giving of his time with loyalty and dedication;
- Certificate of Recognition from the Society of Polish Travel Agents for his dedication to the organization
- Award of Appreciation for his



- continuous years of service as President (19 years) of the Polish American Businessmen's Club;
- Medal of Honor from Poland's Ministry of Sport and Tourism for his work in expanding tourism to Poland;
 - Person of the Year Award from the Chicago Society PNA;
 - Seven-time past president of the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance, an organization of professional men and businessmen, of which he was a member for 66 years;
 - Certificate of Appreciation from the Chicago Society for his service and selfless dedication;
 - Served as chairman of the Chicago Society Deserving Children's Christmas Party for 53 years;
 - Served as chairman of and was involved with the pre-parade Chicago Society Polish Constitution Day Brunch for 41 continuous years;
 - Past member of the St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital Advisory Board for over 32 years;
 - Past member on the Board of Directors of the Polish Museum of America;
 - Four-time chairman of the Polish Museum of America Summer Ball;
 - Past president and past executive director of the Chicago Area Council of Senior Citizens Organization, which was instrumental in getting Medicare passed;
 - Past president of the Polish American Commercial Club;
 - Past president of the Society of Polish American Travel Agents;
 - Past vice president of the Midwest Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents;
 - Past second vice chairman of Pacific Asia Travel Association;
 - Past president of Allied Travel and Tours (a travel consortium);
 - Past president of the Chicago Society Foundation;
 - Served over 20 years as Financial Secretary of the Polish Constitution Day Parade Committee and member for 28 years;
 - Served as Chairman of the West Town District Cancer Drive;
 - Former director and announcer of a Polish radio program for 14

- years;
- Past Judge Advocate for the Des Plaines VFW Post 2992;
 - President of the Advisory Board and Chaplain of Des Plaines VFW Post 2992;
- He also chaired many events and benefits, and enjoyed playing the piano, saxophone and clarinet.
- Romuald Matuszczak was proud to be a member of the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union (Society #1415), the Polish Legion of American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a member of the Elks and an associate member of the Polish American Police Association (PAPA).

Romuald E. Matuszczak was president of R. Matuszczak & Co. Travel Bureau, Inc. (Matco Travel). The late Richard Matuszczak, father of Romuald, started the firm on January 13, 1920. Matco Travel ceased operations on December 31, 2021.

A funeral Mass for Mr. Matuszczak was celebrated on Friday, June 17, at St. Mary Church in Des Plaines, IL, followed by entombment at All Saints Mausoleum in Des Plaines.

May he rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA extends deepest condolences to Mr. Matuszczak's family. Please remember Romuald Matuszczak and his family in your prayers.

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May they rest in eternal peace.

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UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

Robert Sobczak

Specjalista ds. ubezpieczeń

Kilka faktów, o których powinniśmy pamiętać wchodząc w Medicare.

Wiele osób zbliżających się do 65 roku życia staje przed faktem zmiany planu ubezpieczeniowego na zdrowie. Wielu z nich słyszało coś o Medicare, ale tak naprawdę nie jest pewnym co i kiedy należy zrobić, by płynnie wejść w ten program federalny. Jakie przysługują nam opcje? Gdzie należy dopełnić formalności? Poniżej postaramy się usystematyzować kilka faktów, które pomogą Państwu w podjęciu powyższych decyzji.

Trochę danych statystycznych. W chwili obecnej około 12 tysięcy osób dziennie wchodzi w Medicare. Nie czujcie się więc Państwo osamotnieni w swoich wątpliwościach. Mimo, że większość z nas, ze względu na emigrację nie ma doświadczenia w porządkowaniu formalności dotyczących Medicare i emerytury to nie tylko emigranci czują się zagubieni. Przeciętny Amerykanin ma bardzo podobne rozterki, bo formalności jest sporo.

Kilka faktów, które może ułatwić Państwu życie zbliżając się do 65-tych urodzin:

1. **Pamiętajmy, żeby zapisać się na Medicare na czas.** Większość z nas będzie chciała dokonać tego samodzielnie w biurze Social Security Administration lub wypełniając podanie na

www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly. Niestety w obecnej sytuacji, gdy biura Social Security Administration są nadal zamknięte dla petentów chcących zapisać się na Medicare, pozostaje nam tylko możliwość wypełnienia podania elektronicznie przez internet lub przez telefon. Nasze biuro służy bezpłatną pomocą w wypełnieniu podania elektronicznie i pomaga w dopełnieniu wszystkich formalności z nim związanych. Umówcie się Państwo na bezpłatną konsultację już dziś dzwoniąc pod numer **844-654-5185**. Pamiętajmy również, że tylko osoby otrzymujące świadczenia Social Security przed 65 rokiem życia mogą zostać zapisane automatycznie. Niestety nadal należy być czujnym i sprawdzać formalności. Pamiętajmy zasadę główną. Podanie o Medicare najlepiej złożyć na parę miesięcy przed 65-tymi urodzinami. W większości sytuacji poprawnie złożone Medicare wystartuje pierwszego dnia miesiąca, w którym obchodzimy urodziny. Wyjątkiem są osoby, które obchodzą urodziny 1-go dnia miesiąca. One rozpoczną świadczenia Medicare miesiąc wcześniej.

2. **Medicare nie jest świadczeniem darmowym.** Medicare pokrywa bardzo dużo świadczeń. Jego oryginalne części – A i B mogą mieć stawki miesięczne. Dla osób z legalnym statusem, wypracowanymi i rozliczonymi 40-oma kwartałami pracy część A będzie zazwyczaj bezpłatna. Standardowa stawka za część B w 2022 roku wynosi \$170.10 i może być wyższa ze względu na czas zapisu lub poziom dochodów.

3. **Nauczmy się alfabetu Medicare – A, B, C, D.** Część A - pokrywa częściowo koszty szpitalne;

Część B - pokrywa częściowo koszty medyczne i lekarskie;
Część C – zwana często jako plany typu Medicare Advantage, jest innym sposobem otrzymania benefitów Medicare świadczonym przez prywatne firmy ubezpieczeniowe;
Część D – plany zniżkowe na leki na receptę – Prescription Drug Plans.

4. **Medicare przysługuje również niektórym osobom poniżej 65-tego roku życia** będącym na rencie inwalidzkiej – disability lub będącym w końcowym stadium choroby nerek.
5. **Świadczenia oryginalnego Medicare różnią się od świadczeń w planach typu Medicare Advantage - MA.** Pamiętajmy, że plany typu MA muszą oferować co najmniej te benefity, które oferowane są przez oryginalne Medicare, ale często oferują także dodatkowe świadczenia nie pokrywane przez oryginalne Medicare.
6. **Oferty planów typu Medicare Advantage uzależniona jest od miejsca zamieszkania beneficjenta Medicare.** Zazwyczaj każdy powiat będzie posiadał inną ofertę.
7. **Oryginalne Medicare nie ma networku.** Należy tylko upewnić się, czy dana placówka lub lekarz akceptuje Medicare.
8. **Oryginalne Medicare nie pokrywa usług dentystycznych, okulistycznych i badań słuchu oraz Long Term Care.** Niektóre z tych świadczeń mogą być pokrywane przez plany typu Medicare

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CENNE PAMIĄTKI PO GENERALE CHŁOPICKIM ZOSTAŁY PRZEKAZANE DO ZBIORÓW MPA

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce (MPA) otrzymało kilka eksponatów dotyczących Generała Chłopickiego, od przedstawiciela spadkobierców generała, Roberta Wellingtona Fishera.

Uroczystość oficjalnego przekazania odbyła się w Sali Głównej MPA w piątek 3 czerwca 2022 r. W uroczystości uczestniczyli dumni ze swojego polskiego pochodzenia potomkowie Gen. Chłopickiego, Konsul Generalny Francji Yannick Tagand oraz Agata Grochowska, konsul RP w Chicago.

Gen. Józef Chłopicki (1771-1854), jako młody oficer walczył w obronie Konstytucji 3 Majowej, w powstaniu kościuszkowskim, w Legionach,

w Hiszpanii i w centralnej Europie. Za udział w walkach w 1812 roku - został uhonorowany i jego nazwisko wykute jest na Łuku Triumfalnym „Arc de Triomphe” w Paryżu. Chłopicki walczył również w powstaniu listopadowym jako dowódca i zwykły żołnierz. Przesyłka z darami (w wyniku decyzji członków rodziny po likwidacji domu dziadków) dotarła do MPA jeszcze w marcu 2022 r. Darowi towarzyszy drzewo genealogiczne rozpoczęte w 1414 r., które wskazuje na pokrewieństwo. Informacje o darze i konieksjach rodzinnych pochodzą z korespondencji Roberta Fischera z historykiem MPA Janem Lorysiem, który był inicjatorem uroczystości.

Muzeum otrzymało:

- Medal Francuskiej Legii Honorowej otrzymany przez Generała w 1852 roku
- Medal Św. Heleny dla weteranów armii napoleońskiej i ich sojuszników
- Patki z kołnierza munduru Francuskiej Legii Honorowej
- Litografię Generała Chłopickiego w dużej, podwójnej ramie.



Medale Francuskiej Legii Honorowej i Św. Heleny



Donatorzy z członkami zarządu i dyrekcji oraz pracownikami MPA

UROCZyste ZakońCzenie ROKU SZKOLNEGO W SZKOLE IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO

Polska Szkoła Języka Polskiego i Tańca działająca przy klasztorze Ojców Karmelitów Bosych w Munster, IN zakończyła szczęśliwie rok szkolny 21 maja br. Był to pogodny dzień nie tylko ze względu na słoneczną pogodę, ale też ze względu na powracającą swobodę - bez obostrzeń i maseczek, które towarzyszyły nam od dwóch lat. Rok szkolny zakończyło 125 uczniów, czyli w ilości takiej, jak przed wybuchem epidemii covidowej.

Uroczystość zakończenia roku szkolnego odbyła się po Mszy św. odprawionej w intencji całej szkoły. Wyróżniający się uczniowie otrzymali oprócz świadectw z paskiem

również nagrody książkowe ufundowane przez Zarząd szkoły. Maturzyści, na pamiątkę 11 lat nauki w polskiej szkole, otrzymali statuetki z okolicznościowym grawerowaniem oraz karty podarunkowe od zarządu szkoły.

Ponadto, nasz opiekun i sponsor – Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce ufundowało w tym roku nagrody dla absolwentów klasy 8, którzy zdecydowali się na kontynuację nauki w trzyletnim liceum naszej szkoły oraz dla tegorocznych maturzystów.

Wśród maturzystów zostały rozlosowane dwie karty podarunkowe Amazon. Wylosowali je Natalia Orban – najlepsza tegoroczna maturzystka naszej szkoły i Adrian Panasewicz.

Wśród uczniów klasy 8, zostały rozlosowane dwa bony podarunkowe w wysokości \$125.00 do wykorzystania przy rejestracji uczniów na nowy rok szkolny. Bony wylosowali William Orban i Patrick Juchniewicz.

Z radością chcemy przekazać, iż w tym roku szkolnym pani Małgorzata Czachor obchodzi okrągłą rocznicę 15-lecia pracy w naszej szkole jako nauczyciel, nauczyciel klas licealnych, opiekun i wychowawca klas maturalnych, jak również od 9 lat pani Małgorzata pełni funkcję dyrektora szkoły. Serdecznie gratulujemy i składamy wyrazy uznania za pełną poświęcenia i zaangażowania pracę w naszej



Dyktor Małgorzata Czachor z tegorocznymi maturzystami

szkole. Zarząd szkoły przekazał pani dyktor dyplom honorowy i prezent.

Kolejną okrągłą rocznicę 10-lecia pracy w naszej szkole, w tym 5 lat jako choreograf zespołu „Mała Polska” obchodziła pani Agata Wilgocki. Z wyrazami uznania

przekazaliśmy p. Agacie dyplom ze Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego jak również dyplom dla zespołu „Mała Polska”. Zarząd szkoły przygotował również dla pani Agaty dyplom honorowy oraz upominek.



Z-ca dyrektora i nauczycielka Yola Czosnyka z absolwentami klasy ósmej



O. Bartłomiej Stanowski



Poczet sztandarowy



Przedstawicielka zarządu i dyrektorka wręczyły dyplomy Barbarze Golko i Agacie Wilgocki



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Lipca nie trzeba nikomu przedstawiać, ponieważ tętni patriotyzmem, fajerwerkami, festiwalami, golfem i po prostu starym, dobrym, letnim klimatem zabawy. Lipiec to grille, baseny, ogniska i spotkania – innymi słowy, dobre życie! W rzeczywistości lipiec jest tylko kontynuacją najlepszego sezonu i przenosi na kolejny miesiąc atmosferę radosnego czerwca. Mówiąc o czerwcu, przypomnijmy teraz jak pamiętny był on dla PRCUA.

5 czerwca Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” (Anna Krysinski, dyrektor wykonawczy; Jaclyn Krysinski, dyrektor artystyczny i choreograf; Mieczysław Dziś, dyrektor muzyczny) obchodził swoje 35-lecie. Impreza odbyła się po dwuletniej przerwie pandemicznej, w McAninch Arts Center w College of DuPage.

Początki zespołu sięgają 1985 r. kiedy to Cecylia Rożnowska i jej córka Anna organizowały dziecięce polskie zespoły taneczne na terenie północnych i północno-zachodnich przedmieść Chicago. Grupy te działały pod różnymi nazwami, z których jedną była Polonia. Przez lata zespół intensywnie podróżował na międzynarodowe festiwale na całym świecie. W 2008 r. „Polonia” zakochała się w Festiwalu Rzeszowskim (formalnie nazywanym Światowym Festiwal Polonijnych Zespołów Folklorystycznych) i do tej pory wzięła udział w pięciu festiwalach. Na czerwcowym koncercie jubileu-

szowym „Polonii” nie mogło zabraknąć przedstawicieli PRCUA jako patrona i sponsora zespołu „Polonia”.

Obecni byli prezes James Robaczewski i dyrektor D-7 Ewa Cholewinski. Rodzina Rożnowskich-Krysińskich świętowała ze swoją polonijną rodziną, w skład której wchodzi teraz najmłodszy, Lucas. Życzę „Polonii” wielu sukcesów w przyszłości. Sto Lat! Szczegóły i zdjęcia zamieścimy w następnym numerze *Narodu Polskiego*.

W środę, 8 czerwca drużyna Chicago White Sox była gospodarzem Polish Heritage Night na Guaranteed Rate Field. Koordynator Działu Braterstwa Conrad Wiecek informuje o 250 biletach sprzedanych za pośrednictwem PRCUA. Super! Po raz kolejny na murawie stadionu wystąpił zespół „Wesoły Lud” – tym razem z tańcami spiskimi, zaraz po paradzie z frekwencją „tysięcy” (okej, dużo mniej, ale entuzjastycznie był). Sox może nie wygrali, ale dla fanów był to niezwykły udany wieczór!



Trzy pokolenia rodziny Krysińskich



Koordynator Działu Braterstwa Conrad Wiecek



Tancerze „Wesołego Ludu” przed występem na Guaranteed Rate Field

Z kolei 9 czerwca Jimmy Johns Stadium świętował Polish Heritage Night w Utica, w stanie Michigan. Lokalne zespoły ludowe PRCUA, w tym tancerze grup Zajączek i Zakopane, zdażyły z występem przed nadejściem deszczu. Uwielbiam to zdjęcie dyrektora krajowej PRCUA Colleen Bonkowski tak bardzo, że musiałam się nim z Wami podzielić. Szczegóły wydarzenia i inne zdjęcia znajdziecie w nadchodzącym wydaniu *Narodu Polskiego*.

W piątek, 10 czerwca, odbyła się 42. Letnia Gala Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce (MPA), upamiętniająca 85. rocznicę założenia Muzeum przez PRCUA i honorująca Mieczysław Haimana, pierwszego kustosa MPA. Było dla mnie wielkim zaszczytem być emceem czyli gospodynią programu jako, że jestem wiceprezeską PRCUA i wiceprzewodniczącą Rady Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Dumna byłam także mogąc docenić wysiłki przewodniczącej Gali, Sharon Orlowski; oraz dynamicznego duetu MPA – dyrektora zarządzającej Małgorzaty Kot i prezesa Richarda Owsianego; oraz przewodniczącego zarządu MPA, a także prezesa PRCUA Jamesa Robaczewskiego.

Część artystyczną wieczoru zapewnili Kopciuszek i Księżę 2022 wraz z finalistami i wybranymi kandydatami Balu PRCUA Kopciuszka i Księża, którzy wykonali poloneza i walca. Tradycyjnie już muzyka Antoniego Kawalkowskiego i jego orkiestry bawiła i zachęcała gości do wyjścia na parkiet.

PRCUA na Gali reprezentowali: prezes James i Elaine Robaczewski, wiceprezes Micheline z mężem Ryszardem, sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk z mężem Danielem, kapelan krajowy ks. Walter Ptak, dyrektorzy krajowi: Mitchell i Krystyna Bienia, Tomasz Jesionowski, Colleen i Brian Bonkowscy, Elizabeth Dynowski, Myron i Bethie Cislo, Ewa Cholewinski i Anna Krysinski, a także dyrektor Marketingu Elżbieta Sawczuk-Jurak. Wśród innych znanych twarzy PRCUA w Gali uczestniczyli także była wiceprezes Anna



Colleen Bonkowski at Jimmy Johns Stadium

Sokolowski i obecna asystentka wykonawcza biura sekretarza-skarbnika PRCUA - Mary Jane Robles (obie panie są również członkami Zarządu MPA), prezes Edward Muszalski i skarbnik Walter Dynowski z Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych PRCUA. Nagrody Ducha Polskości powędrowały w ręce polonijnych mediów i zostały przyznane gazecie *Dziennik Związkowy* (Alicja Otap, red. naczelna; Łukasz Dudka, menadżer generalny; Frank Spula, wydawca) oraz Telewizji Polvision (Walter Kotaba, właściciel i prezes). Statuetki wręczono za szczególne wysiłki na rzecz popularyzacji Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce w środowisku polonijnym. Artykuł i więcej zdjęć z Gali na stronach 14-15.

Podobnie jak bajka *Kopciuszek*, tak i bal zakończył się, a my powróciliśmy do pracy następnego dnia, gdy Rada Dyrektorów PRCUA spotkała się w biurze. Biuro było podwójnie zajęte posiedzeniami komisji kwalifikacyjnych (the Credentials i Qualifications) przygotowujących również swoje sprawozdania dla zarządu. Szczegóły ich ustaleń znajdują się w tym numerze.



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W niedzielę, 12 czerwca, parafia Matki Bożej Leśnej w Orland Park, IL, była miejscem dorocznej mszy świętej PRCUA celebrującej naszego patrona Najświętsze Serca Pana Jezusa. Tym razem uroczystość odbyła się podczas regularnej mszy parafialnej o godz. 11.00. Organizatorem i koordynatorem mszy oraz wspólnego lunchu tuż po niej, w jednej z sal parafialnych, był Dystrykt 8 PRCUA z Krystyną Lech (obecną wiceprezes Dystryktu 8 i byłym dyrektorem krajowym) na czele. W wyda-

zeniu uczestniczyli obecni i byli dyrektorzy PRCUA oraz obecny zarząd, a także członkowie i przedstawiciele szkół i grup Dystryktu 8, m.in. tancerze zespołów „Wesoły Lud” i „Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców i Śpiewu”, Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych oraz Polskich Szkół im. Marii Konopnickiej i Św. Jana Pawła II. Obiad okazał się ogromnym sukcesem z absolutnie wymienionym bufetem przygotowanym przez *Palos Deli* (było to godne krzyku PYCHA!), nadzorowanym przez Panią Lech, Danielle Kroplewski z rodziną, Asię Niedzielski, Myrona i Bethie Cislo, Liz Dynowski oraz Jamesa Rustika (prezesa Dystryktu 8) i Joline Coltri. Po szczegóły i zdjęcia kieruję Was do strony 8.

Tego samego dnia miało miejsce drugie wydarzenie – 50. rocznica ślubu Barbary i Jana Frankowiczów. Oboje, w przeszłości związani byli z Polską Szkołą im. Marii Konopnickiej. Barbara również była kiedyś dyrektorem szkoły tańca przy kościele Pięciu Braci Męczenników oraz „Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców i Śpiewu” (SWCPD) a także agentem ubezpieczeniowym PRCUA. John z kolei, od ponad 25 lat jest wiceprezesem Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych. Życzę złotym nowożeńcom STO LAT!

Również 12 czerwca na świat przyszedł syn numer trzy Teresy i Romana Rafaczów - Aleksander Józef. Do trzech razy sztuka! Urodził się ważąc 7 funtów i 8 uncji oraz mierząc 21,5 cala długości. Życzę całej rodzinie Rafaczów wraz z braćmi Erikiem i Feliksem oraz dziadkami (w tym Angie i Edwardowi Muszalskim) niekończącego się zdrowia i szczęścia!

Dokładnie 14 czerwca, w Dniu Flagi, odbył się doroczny program PRCUA celebrujący amerykański Flag Day. Ze względu na temperaturę 100+ stopni zdecydowaliśmy się zorganizować program w sali – PRCUA Social Hall. Conrad Wiecek i jego asystentka Emilia Wiecek, nie zawiedli nas ani samym programem ani jedzeniem. Podobnie nie zawiedli uczestnicy naszej celebracji połączonej ze wspólnym posiłkiem. Więcej szczegółów i zdjęcia na str. 11.

16 czerwca, świętowaliśmy złote urodziny dyrektor Muzeum Małgorzaty Kot, a także urodziny archiwistki muzealnej Haliny Misterki. Jubilatki zaprosiły nas na lunch,



Urodzinowy poczęstunek pani Kot i pani Misterki

który same przygotowały. Sto lat obu Paniom i dziękuję za pyszne smakołyki!

W budynku wzniesionym przez PRCUA w 1913 roku mieszczą się siedziby zarówno naszej organizacji, jak i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Od 16 czerwca jest to również brama wjazdowa do nowo wyznaczonego "Polish Heritage Corridor", korytarza i tutułu zarazem ustanowionego przez przywódców Illinois, który zaczyna się na południe od budynku PRCUA i kończy się przy Greenwood Avenue w Niles, biegnąc wzdłuż Milwaukee Avenue. Sponsorem projektu ustawy, reprezentantka stanu Delia Ramirez i senator stanowa Cristina Pazione-Zayas, 16 czerwca przedstawiły w MPA podpisany statut państwowy tworzący *Korytarz Dziedzictwa Polskiego*. Proszę przejść do strony 17 po więcej szczegółów.

25 czerwca odbyło się w biurze PRCUA zebranie Komisji Konstytucyjnej kierowanej przez byłego i przyszłego dyrektora krajowego Kevina Kucika, która spotkała się, aby sfinalizować poprawki i inne zmiany, które zostaną zaproponowane na nadchodzącym Sejmie. Prezes Robaczewski był pod ręką, aby pomóc. Pozostali członkowie komisji to Joan Smuda, Nicholas Nowakowski i Michael Smigiel. Dziękujemy za pracę dla PRCUA.



Constitution Committee K. Kucik, J. Smuda, M. Smigiel, N. Nowakowski

Pod koniec miesiąca Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej zorganizował w Union League Club w Chicago spotkanie z ambasadorem USA w Polsce Markiem



Ambasador Brzeziński

Brzezińskim. Uroczysty obiad odbył się mimo zmiany, która nastąpiła w ostatniej chwili. Z przyczyn od niego niezależnych Ambasador nie mógł przylecieć do Chicago, a spotkał się z gośćmi KPA wirtualnie. Ambasador odniósł się podczas tego spotkania do obaw i pytań obecnych przywódców polonijnych na wiele tematów, na czele bezpieczeństwa i ochrony Polski podczas obecnego kryzysu ukraińskiego. Nawet najbardziej precyzyjne planowanie nie zawsze prowadzi do pełnego sukcesu. PRCUA reprezentowali sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk, dyrektor Informatyki Kevin Ryba i ja – jako wiceprezes PRCUA i skarbnik Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej.

Chciałabym dodać spóźnione czerwcowe życzenia urodzinowe oprócz tych wymienionych w poprzednim numerze: pracownik PRCUA Michael Perzynski (6/12), pracownica działu obsługi klienta Natalia Hofmann (6/29). Jeśli chodzi o czerwcowe rocznice ślubu: gratulacje dla Eleanor i byłego



60 lat szczęścia małżeńskiego - Eleanor i Robert Bielenda



Państwo Bielenda w otoczeniu rodziny

go wiceprezesa PRCUA Roberta Bielendy z okazji 60. rocznicy ślubu (6/2), Patricii i dyrektora krajowego PRCUA z Dystryktu 6 Andrew Lecha (#10 na 6/16) oraz państwa Konopackich na ich 50 (6/11).

Na zakończenie tego artykułu chciałabym podzielić się z Wami tym zdjęciem z jednej z uro-



Patricia i Andrew Lech z córeczkami



Jubilat Ryszard Jaminski



Richard Jaminski w otoczeniu tancerzy

czystości urodzinowych mojego męża Ryszarda - tym razem z „Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskiego Tańca i Śpiewu” (dziękuję Annie Winkler i Danielle Kroplewski). Zdrowia i szczęśliwego życia, Richard!

Witamy na świecie Grace Elizabeth Seaver, pierwszą wnuczkę radcy prawnego PRCUA Johna Chitkowskiego i jego żony Carrie. Gratulacje dla dumnych dziadków i początkujących rodziców, Danielle i Joshua. Grace urodziła się 30 kwietnia i już jest fanką Cubs!



Grace Elizabeth Seaver

A teraz, co do lipca – Szczęśliwego Dnia Niepodległości, piękna Ameryko – cieszyć się tym świętem bezpiecznie! W tym miesiącu organizujemy turniej golfowy PRCUA - pamiętaj, że jest to "TEE for TWO", więc 23 lipca przyprowadź znajomego niebędącego członkiem (patrz ulotka). Wszystkiego naj z okazji rocznicy ślubu dla prezesa PRCUA i Pierwszej Damy, Jima i Elaine Robaczewskich, świętujących 21 lat małżeństwa w dniu 21 lipca. Sto lat!

Zbliża się 63. Sejm PRCUA (w dniach 12-14 sierpnia). Drodzy Delegaci, przygotujcie się na poważne obrady, ponieważ kontynuujemy modernizację PRCUA na drodze do 150-lecia! Komitet organizacyjny z Dystryktu 8 (Liz Dynowski i Mirek Cislo, współprzewodniczący) gwarantuje dobry czas, dobre jedzenie i dobrą zabawę! Na Braterski Lunch zaserwujemy polską kuchnię w najlepszym wydaniu oraz zaprosimy na imprezę kulinarną i taneczną w oprawie diamentowódzinsowej (Diamonds and Denim Evening), która oczaruje was domową kuchnią i gościnnością! Nie mogę się doczekać, aby zobaczyć was wszystkich! Nie zapomnijcie dokonać rezerwacji!

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