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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION APPROVED AT THE THE 63RD PRCUA QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

The 63rd PRCUA National Convention convened at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Oak Brook, IL from Friday, August 12 to Sunday, August 14. As a result of three-day deliberations, a new Board of Directors was established and 67 amendments to the PRCUA Constitution were voted on. The 2022-2026 administration of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America includes the National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, three Executive Officers who were running unopposed: President James J. Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline I. Jaminski and Secretary- Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk and thirteen National Directors: George W. David (D-1), Gregory B. Olma (D-2), Patrick C. Kosowski (D-4), Thomas D. Jesionowski and ViktoriaJean Mixon (D-5), Andrew T. Lech (D-6),



PRCUA President welcoming the delegates to the 63rd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention



Convention Presidium (l-r): Wiesława Wildhirt, Christopher Ozog, Barbara Tobot with PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak and Legal Counsel John Chitkowski

Joanna E. Cholewinski and Kevin Kucik (D-7), Myron E. Cislo and Elizabeth D. Dynowski (D-8), Elizabeth A. Sadus (D-9), and Colleen K. Bonkowski and Valerie Brumm (D-10). Eleven Directors ran uncontested and won by acclamation. The only election held was for the District 10 National Director where Colleen Bonkowski, Valerie Brumm and Kristi Mihalic vied for the appointment.

There were no candidates running for the position of the National Director of District 3; the vacancy will be declared.

The 63rd PRCUA Convention was hosted by District 8 and co-chaired by Directors Myron Cislo and Elizabeth Dynowski.

The first registration of the delegates was available on Thursday, August 11. Walter Dynowski was the first registered delegate of the 63rd PRCUA Convention.

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**SEPTEMBER****LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH****5 LABOR DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**10 PRCUA ST. STAN'S SOCIETY #718 SIX PERSON
GOLF SCRAMBLE**, location tbd. For additional information,
contact Dan Gdowski at 734-497-2681.

**11 CHICAGO, IL – PRCUA INAUGURAL MASS AND
RECEPTION** – Mass at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka
Catholic Church; reception to follow at the Great Hall of the Polish
Museum of America. Reception by invitation only.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY (U.S.)

**13 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #162 CASINO
BUSTRIIP**. For details see pg. 18 or contact Stan Pasko at 313-
815-5230. For details, see pg. 19.

**18 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #162
GENERAL MEETING** at 1 p.m. at 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte.

23 AUTUMN BEGINS

**25 SOUTH ROCKWOOD, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #162
SCOTT RZEPPA / R&R GOLF OPEN**. Shotgun Start 7:30
a.m. For details and sign-up form, see pg. 6'.

OCTOBER**POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**1 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #162 OKTO-
BERFEST SILENT AUCTION** at PRCU Lounge, 1430 Oak
St., Wyandotte. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. For details, see pg. 6.

**2 DETROIT, MI – ST. ALBERTUS POLISH MASS FOR
DANCE SCHOOLS**

**3 149TH PRCUA ANNIVERSARY – ESTABLISHED IN
1873.**

**10 COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE – PRCUA OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

**13 DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #718
RAFFLE DRAWING** at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W.
Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. For additional information, contact
Jerry Nasiatka at jnasiatka@mi.rr.com.

**14-15 SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI – 5TH PRCUA NA-
TIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**. Hosted
by PRCUA Society #261. For details, see pg. 20.

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cieties and schools, and check *Naród Polski*,
PRCUA social media platforms and
www.prcua.org.

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Operating Results For the Quarter Ending June 30, 2022

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
INCOME:		
Life and Annuity Sales	15,810,633	13,651,045
Investment Income	6,241,829	4,789,974
Other Income	75,230	126,362
Total Income	22,127,692	18,567,381
EXPENSES:		
Life and Annuity	18,693,620	15,661,041
General Expenses	2,687,465	2,519,465
Insurance Fees	129,654	215,632
TOTAL EXPENSES:	21,510,739	18,396,138
Net Operating Income	616,953	171,243
Dividends to Members (deduct)	(77,488)	(75,817)
Net Capital Gain	0	1,220
Net Income	539,465	96,646
SURPLUS ACCOUNT:		
Beginning Bal-Dec. 31, prior year	11,046,490	10,056,718
Net Income	539,465	96,646
Change in Reserves	(53,139)	57,711
Ending Balance as of		
Statement Date	11,532,816	10,211,075

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MYTH: *Life insurance is too expensive*

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- ☑ To bring peace of mind

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45	\$171.75	\$293.50	\$643.50	\$1,206.50
55	\$277.10	\$504.20	\$1,157.25	\$2,207.50
65	\$791.15	\$1,532.30	\$3,663.25	\$7,091.00

Sample Rates for Males

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

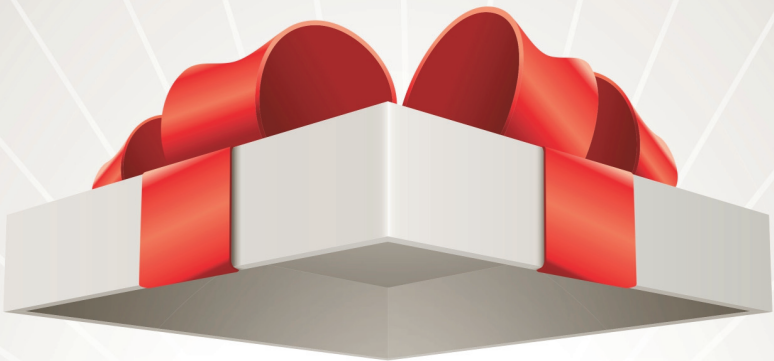
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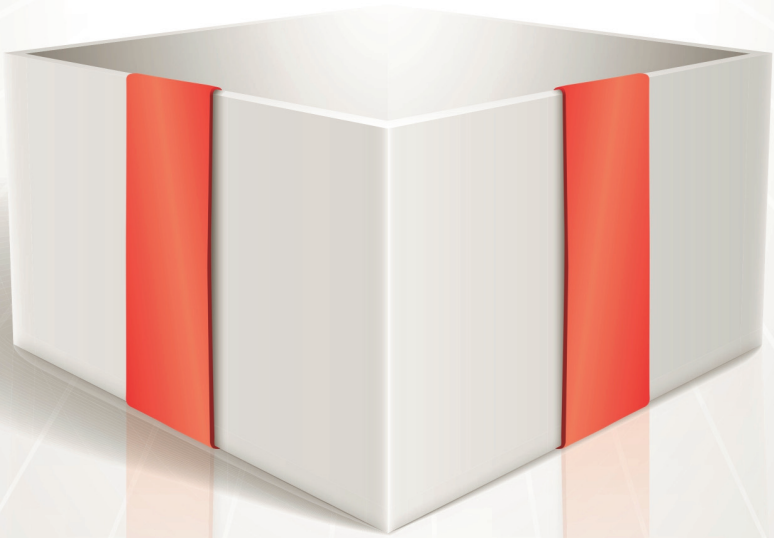
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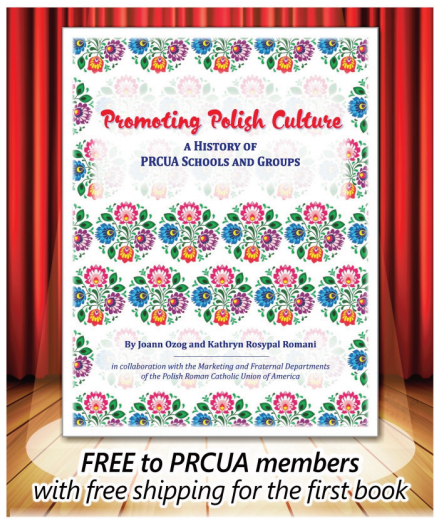
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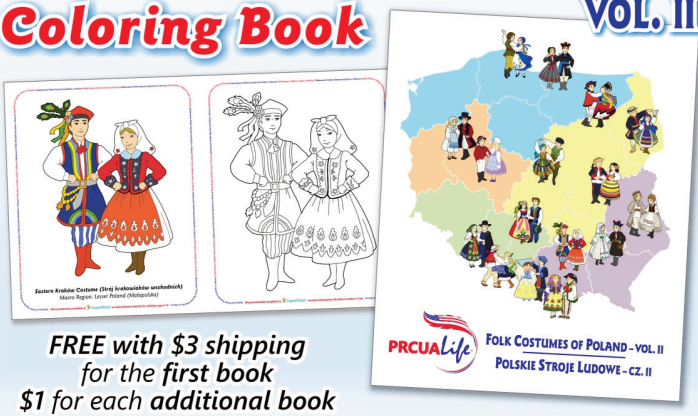
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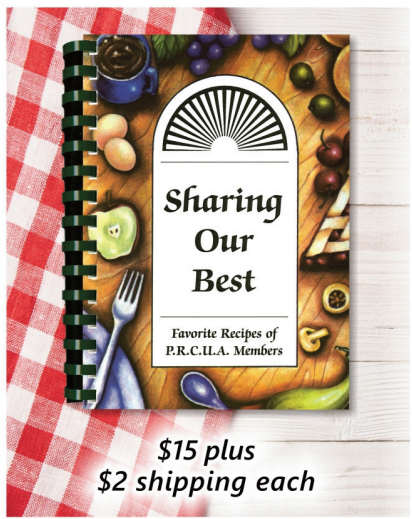
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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED

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Delegates who arrived early were invited to the Hospitality Reception held in the hotel on Thursday evening.

Friday opened with early registration. After breakfast, delegates and guests attended the Convention Opening Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Lemont, IL. Mass began with the procession into church led by the altar servers Natalia Bonkowski, Emilia and Karolina Kropiewski and flag bearers: Paul Pawlowski, John Frankowicz and Paweł Truchan. They were followed by the past and present PRCUA National Directors and Executive Officers and their spouses, and the priests. The Mass was concelebrated by PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Rev. Waldemar Stawiarski, who graciously hosted the PRCUA in his historic parish, and Rev. Eric Orzech, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish and St. Casimir Parish in Cleveland, OH. Rev. Ptak, who was the main celebrant, also said the homily and offered a blessing to the PRCUA at the end of the Mass.

Gifts were presented by PRCUA Officers: James Robaczewski, Micheline Jaminski and Agnieszka Bastrzyk. Director Elizabeth Dynowski was the lector, prayers of intercession were read by PRCUA 2022 Cinderella and 2022 Prince Charming, Natalia Bafia and Marcel Duda. Mirosława Sojka-Topor, cantor of the parish, sang beautiful hymns at this joyful celebration.

Before the Mass ended, Rev. Stawiarski thanked the PRCUA for choosing his parish to celebrate the Opening Mass and presented the assembly with a brief history of the parish, which was founded by Rev. Leopold Moczygemba, who also founded the first Polish parish in the United States and is considered as one of the founders of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

The Fraternal Luncheon, which took place right after the Mass at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont, IL, was well

attended by almost 200 people. Co-chairs of the Arrangements Committee Myron Cislo and Elizabeth Dynowski and District 8's current Vice President and past National Director Krystyna Lech welcomed the guests. Rev. Walter Ptak said a prayer before the meal and PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski led a "right-left" game which brought everyone much enjoyment.

After the luncheon, the delegates and guests returned to the hotel, where the first session of the Convention began with PRCUA Executive Officers and PRCUA Legal Counsel John Chitkowski taking their seats at the dais and President Robaczewski declaring the 63rd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention officially opened. He followed with brief remarks, reaffirming the delegates that the PRCUA is sound, continues to grow financially and is looking for ways to increase in membership. He asked the delegates to listen and absorb the presented proposals with an open mind.

Fr. Ptak offered an opening prayer and administered the oath to the delegates, after which the Credentials Committee presented the first count of delegates. The Credentials Committee consisted of: Kristi Mihalic, Kathleen Fezler, Krystyna Lech and Michael Ozog and Joseph Lecznar, who were added to the committee later. Counts of delegates were presented after every recess and the newly registered delegates were sworn in throughout the proceedings of the Convention.

The Sergeant-at-Arms and Election Committee were appointed.

President Robaczewski made a motion to accept the minutes from the 62nd PRCUA Convention, which was accepted.

Next, the Budget and Grievance Committee (Jerome Lubiarsz, Viktoria Jean Mixon, Magdalena Panozzo, Robert Bugielski, Gerald Tarka) presented the recommendations for the compensation for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Presidium. The recommendation was accepted and the Presidium consisting of Barbara Toboy, Chair, Christopher Ozog, Vice Chair and Wiesława Wildhirt, Secretary was unanimously elected. Nominees were sworn in by Fr. Ptak and took their places at the podium.

Following a brief recess and the report of the Credentials Committee, additional committee appointments were made to the Committee on Rules and Order, Interrogation, Resolution, Press, and Young Adult.

The Committee of Rules and Order consisted of: Anna Kraszewski Winkler, Joann Kush, Desiree Saccinski, Mark Ozog and Debra Federico.

The Interrogation Committee consisted of: Michael Dykla, Joanne Zajac and Constance Bonin.

The Resolution Committee consisted of: Elizabeth Cislo, James Cwiek, Alicia Sokolowski, Stanislaw Skoczen and Sharon Haberski.

The Press Committee consisted of: Mary Anselmo, Cynthia Cooper and Dennis Yurosko.

The Young Adult Committee consisted of: Kristin Mihalic, Michael Mihalic, Michael Federico, Danielle Krass, Thomas Robaczewski, Joseph

Robaczewski, Grace Ozog, Ryan Ozog, Anna Toboy, Madison Withers, Natalya Bonkowski, Steven Sodus, Jennifer Yurosko and William Cooper.

The second session began at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Chairman Toboy called the meeting to order; Fr. Ptak said a prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the reports were given by the Rules and Order Committee and Credentials Committee, Rev. Ptak swore in new delegates, and additional committee appointments were made.

The next report was given by PRCUA Consulting Actuary Joseph H. Steimla, FSA, FCIA, MAAA, FCA.

Mr. Steimla summarized as follows:

- PRCUA assets have been capably managed by the officers and a high-quality portfolio of investments has been created;

- expenses have increased primarily due to the computer conversion, the operating system will provide protection, speed and availability and will benefit the PRCUA and help the agents;

- the number and volume of new certificates issued have remained steady;

- premium income has fluctuated from year to year, but over \$50 million of premium was generated in 2021;

- surplus and assets have increased;

- the ratio of assets to liabilities indicates that the PRCUA is a sound financial organization with adequate surplus funds for protection of its members and their beneficiaries - the

ratio compares favorably with ratios of most Fraternal Benefit Societies and is much higher than most of commercial insurance companies;

- the rate of return earned on invested assets has slightly decreased but the overall rate is considered excellent by industry standards;

- the mortality rate in 2021 increased considerably due to a 28% increase in death claims.

The Actuary's report was accepted after some questions for clarification and explanation were presented to the delegates.



Present and past PRCUA Officers and National Directors with their spouses, Reverends Ptak and Orzech, 2022 Cinderella and Prince Charming, and flag bearers

After a recess, the Constitution Committee consisting of Kevin Kucik, Nicholas Nowakowski, Michael Smigiel and Joan Smuda began presenting its report.

65 proposals for changes to the PRCUA Constitution were submitted. 42 of them were submitted by the Constitution Committee itself, 8 by members, and 15 by the Board of Directors.

52 items in the report were discussed and voted on Saturday.

The second session closed in the early evening due to the *Diamond and Denim Dinner and Dancing* banquet, which was to be held later in the same ballroom.

The banquet began with a cocktail hour. Guests were welcomed by D-8 Directors Myron Cislo and Elizabeth Dynowski. The national anthems were sung by President James Robaczewski, and the brief remarks were given by D-8 President and past Director James Rustik and D-7 Director Kevin Kucik offered a short prayer before the meal. The toast was given by Vice President Micheline Jaminski.

After dinner, a presentation of awards was held. The Executive Officers presented plaques to the outgoing National Directors: Louis J. Perfetto, Jr. (D-2), Jordan Dykla (D-3), Mitchell J. Bienia (D-5) and Anna Krysinski (D-7). Directors Bienia and Krysinski served as National Directors for three full terms - 12 years.

The presentation was followed by performances of the two dancing ensembles in District #8: Mały Ludek from the Southwest Center of Polish Song & Dance (Anna Kraszewski-Winkler, managing director, Richard Jaminski, artistic director-choreographer, Danielle Kropiewski, dance instructor) and *Wesoły Lud* Polish Folk Dance Company (Richard Jaminski, artistic director-choreographer). SWCPA presented a lively *Windy City Polka* and *Wesoły Lud* danced a *Country Western Polka*.

Both lively performances delighted guests and received a well deserved applause.

The evening continued with dancing to the music of Marcus Band.

Sunday began with the Fraternal Mass, celebrated in the Convention meeting room before the third business session opened. The Fraternal Mass was celebrated for the intention of the PRCUA leaders and members

who have passed away since the last Convention, especially for the past PRCUA National Chaplain and Vice Chaplain, Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc and past Vice President Dolores Spejewski.

Votive candles and the image of the PRCUA patron, Sacred Heart of Jesus were placed on the table. Rev. Canon Walter Ptak was the celebrant of the Mass. He was assisted by Director Kucik. Readings in English and Polish were presented by Directors Cislo and Dynowski, who also read the Prayer of the Faithful. In a very touching ceremony, Directors Brumm and Cholewinski read the names of the PRCUA leaders who passed away in the last four years, while other National Directors brought to the altar red roses and placed them in the vase next to the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Constitution Committee continued its report after the Fraternal Mass on Sunday, and two additional proposals which came from the assembly were added to the discussion.

A few of the proposals dealt with the wording, punctuation to clarify the language and re-sequencing items. Some of the items were moved from the Constitution into the By-Laws.

Proposal #8 required a majority of two-thirds of Convention delegates for adoption and was accepted after a discussion. This proposal included some significant changes to the Constitution. It will:

- give sole authority to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to choose the place for upcoming Quadrennial Convention;
- give new authority to the Board of Directors to allow the Convention to be held virtually or as a hybrid event.



Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, National Officers - President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk and National Directors - Thomas Jesionowski, Joanna Cholewinski, Kevin Kucik, Elizabeth Dynowski, Myron Cislo, Elizabeth Sadus, Colleen Bonkowski, Valerie Burumm

The most significant of the presented proposals - Proposal #62 also required a majority of two-thirds of Convention delegates for adoption of the recommendation. After some discussion from the floor, it was accepted by the majority, with a few delegates opposing and a few abstaining from the vote.

Adoption of the Proposal #62 authorized the major change in the structure of the PRCUA administration. Starting with the 64th PRCUA Quadrennial Convention, which will be held in 2026, only nine (9) National Directors will be elected as Directors-at-Large.

A few proposals were withdrawn for additional language clarification, re-wording, or changes and were re-submitted for further consideration and discussion. Three proposals were completely withdrawn by those who proposed them and three were rejected.

At the end of the Constitution Committee report, Kevin Kucik, chair of the committee, thanked the delegates for taking part in the constructive discussion on the proposals and for voting on some decisive matters which will change the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws and impact the operation of the Union in the future.

Reports from the Budget and Grievance Committee, Audit Committee (Andrew Lech, Joanna Cholewinski and Mitchell Bienia), Enterprise Risk Management Committee (Thomas Jesionowski, Patrick Kosowski, Myron Cislo and Valerie Brumm), and Long Range Planning Committee (James Robaczewski, Micheline Jaminski, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Andrew Lech, Elizabeth Sadus, Myron Cislo and Patrick Kosowski) were also presented and accepted after some clarification,

discussion and adjustments were made to some of the content.

After all reports were read, the Election Committee met to work on the election issues.

In the meantime, a report was presented by the guests speakers from the Polish Museum of America, President Richard Owsiany and Managing Director Małgorzata Kot. Director Kot, who also showed a Power Point presentation.

In its last report before the election of the Director of District 10 began, the Credential Committee announced that the final count of the registered delegates stood at 156. Chairman of the Election Committee explained the rules of voting and the election began with the present and past PRCUA Officers and Directors, followed by the rest of the delegates.

Additionally, one more proposal that was presented was discussed, voted on and approved, establishing a standing Young Adult Committee.

The Resolutions Committee and Interrogation Committee declared that they had nothing to report on and the Press Committee presented its report.

Because of the very tight schedule of the Convention proceedings, there were no more guest speakers attending, however a letter from the Polish National Alliance President, Frank Spula, was read by Chairman Toboy.

The voting officially closed at 5:35 p.m. The results were announced after all the votes were counted at 6:15 p.m. as follows:

- 171 ballots were prepared;
- 144 ballots were voted on;
- 27 ballots were returned unused;
- 1 ballot was questioned for its validity and approved after a thorough review;
- 73 votes were needed for each candidate to be elected.

As a result of the election Colleen Bonkowski received 97 votes, Valerie Brumm - 95 votes and Kristi Mihalic - 65 votes.

After the presentation of the newly elected PRCUA administration, Barbara Toboy declared the 63rd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention adjourned.

PRCUA President James Robaczewski thanked everyone for coming and deliberating and stated that he is looking forward for the next 4 years as President. (cont on pg. 10)

HOSPITALITY RECEPTION - THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022



GUEST SPEAKERS



Joseph Steimla
PRCUA Consulting
Actuary



PMA Managing Director
Małgorzata Kot
and **PMA President**
Richard Owsiany

CONVENTION COMMITTEES



Constitution Committee



Budget Committee



Rules and Order Committee
(missing: Mark Ozog)



Resolution Committee



Credentials Committee



Qualifications Committee



Interrogation Committee



Interrogation Committee reporting at the Convention



Young Adult Committee



Information Committee
(missing: Theodore Pawlowski)



Press Committee



Sargeants-at-Arms

OPENING MASS - FRIDAY, AUGUST 12



FRATERNAL LUNCH - FRIDAY, AUGUST 12



DIAMOND AND DENIM DINNER AND DANCE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 13



FRATERNAL MASS - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



DELEGATES and PRCUA CONVENTION OFFICE



Some of the first-time Convention delegates

First delegate to register - Walter Dynowski



69th PRCUA National Golf Tournament

Hosted by PRCUA Society #1368 – Sterling Heights, MI – July 22–23

The 69th PRCUA National Golf Tournament, hosted by St. Rita's Society #1368, took place on a beautiful summer day on Saturday, July 23. 137 golfers competed and spectators from Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin made the trip to Warren, Michigan for the shotgun start and team scramble. Although the temperature swelled well into the 90s, the competition was fierce. PRCUA National President James Robaczewski and wife Elaine started off with a drive on the first tee. Vice President Micheline Jaminski was in the club house registering and greeting guests. Secretary Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk with husband Daniel and family were also in attendance. President Emeritus Joseph Drobot and wife Judy enjoyed a round of golf and as always had encouraging words for the host. President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and wife Joann joined us for lunch and a visit. Vice President Emeritus Robert Bielenda, District 10 Directors Colleen Bonkowski and Valerie Brumm and past Directors Connie Bonin and Thomas Lisiecki were also in attendance. After an eventful day on the golf course, golfers, volunteers, and special guests enjoyed a fantastic banquet dinner and cold drinks at the Maple Lane Club House. DJ Delano from Zodiac Entertainment had us dancing and singing until closing.

Winners

At the banquet, the winning teams were announced in five divisions: Men's, Women's, Men's Senior, Senior Mixed and Mixed

Men: Marcus Dobek, Michael Dobek, Joshua Stortz, Joseph Stortz

Women: Susan Kazmierczak, Jennifer Nowacki, Sherry Okorowski, Sandra Tyburski

Mixed: Amy Baucom, Thomas Baucom, Jeffrey Cunningham, Curtis Walker

Senior Mixed: Mary Jane Favot, Eugene Souva, John Zelasko

Senior Men: Dennis Churchvara, Frank Nasiatka, Jerry Nasiatka, Edward Zabczynski

Contest winners

Men closest to pin: Billy Cherfoli

Women closest to pin: Jennifer Nowacki

Women longest drive: VikkiJean Mixon

Men Longest drive: Unfortunately, the stake went missing; we were unable to determine a winner.

Sponsors

Thank you to the companies, societies and individuals that sponsored a hole at this year's outing:

- Jim Robaczewski, PRCUA National President
- Micheline Jaminski, PRCUA National Vice President
- Agnes Bastrzyk, PRCUA National Secretary Treasurer
- Colleen Bonkowski and Valerie Brumm, PRCUA National Directors District 10

- St. John Paul II Society #1593
- Wally and Joann Ozog
- Our Lady Queen of Poland Society #413
- PRCUA Lodge #1031 Indiana
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- Mandziuk Funeral Homes, Sterling Heights and Warren, MI
- Godin Wealth Management of Raymond James
- Malone's Tavern, Warren MI
- Srodek's Quality Sausage Co., Hamtramck and Sterling Heights, MI

The Committee

As everyone who has ever hosted a tournament knows, a tournament is only as successful as its volunteers. We were blessed with amazing volunteers on this year's tournament committee. Thank you so much for your time, ideas, and hard work: Jerry Lubiarez, Deann Kujawski, Carol Winiarski, Cheryl Winiarski-McClintock, Cora Kujawski, Eli Kujawski, Maria Vultaggio, Cooper Rocheleau, Marina Losinski and Jackie Medellin. Plus, a special thank you to the employees of the Home Office for your support and assistance.

A huge thank you to Chad Byron and his team at Maple Lane Golf Club. Chad and the tournament committee worked closely together to ensure the tournament was a success. Even though our hope was to host this tournament in Big Rapids, when a course could not be secured there, Chad and the MLGC made it happen for us!!!

Article submitted by: PRCUA Golf Committee
Patty Johansen, Keith Kujawski and Paula Vultaggio



Women winners



Men winners



Mixed winners



Senior Men winners



Senior Mixed winners



Jennifer Nowacki -
Woman closest to the pin



VikkiJean Mixon -
Women longest drive



Lotto winner



Skins game winners



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ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

*By Barb Ozog, Secretary
Zajaczek Dance Ensemble*

Zajaczek Dance Ensemble was represented at the PRCUA 63rd National Convention held August 12 - 14, 2022. Natalya Bonkowski and Madison Withers both served on the Young Adult Committee during the Convention. Their committee was tasked with coming up with ideas on how to get younger PRCUA

members involved and to help boost membership. They did an excellent job at their first Convention. Other Zajaczek members in attendance were Rachel Kasperek, choreographer, Colleen Bonkowski, Zajaczek director and District 10 National Director, Olivia and Cassidy Ozog, along with past member Michael Smigiel, who also served on the Constitution Committee.

The new dance season is beginning in mid-September. Zajaczek Dance enrolls children 2.5 - 18. Ms. Colleen, Ms. Donna, Ms. Rachel, and Ms. Tricia are busy with preparations for welcoming new and returning students. For more information on how to join this group, contact Colleen Bonkowski, Director at zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

PRCUA SOCIETY #718 AWARDED 12 SCHOLARSHIPS

PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 awarded 12 scholarships to the students of the elementary school, high school and college. Congratulations to all the recipients and best wishes for a successful 2022/2023 school year!

Ted Klamerus
Elementary School Tuition Grant:
Owen Bielenda
Nathan Steven
Aubrey Steven

Stan Solak
High School Tuition Grant:
Ellie Bielenda
Katie Katsaros
Jack Luzynski

Ron Gdowski
College Scholarship:
Sara Gazdecki
Kenneth Germain
Kevin Kapanowski
Natali Kapanowski
Brooke Kosowski
Kathryn Luzynski



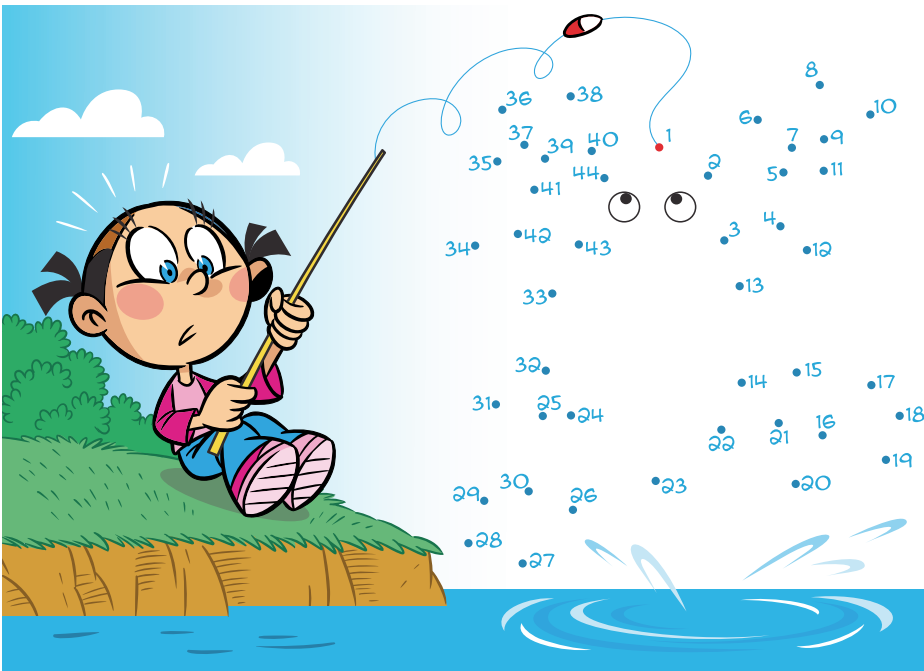
4. Find 7 differences.



3. Who solved the math problem first?



2. Connect dots 1 to 44 to find out what creature the girl caught.



4. Labor Day word search. Words may be vertical, horizontal and diagonal.

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WEEKEND
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PRCUA PRESENTS... excerpts of essays written by this year's scholarship recipients



Has your college experience changed your perception of financial stability? If so, explain how. If not, explain why.

My personal understanding of one having financial stability is that said individual being debt-free and having enough money to cover items beyond the scope of basic necessities. I have always believed this to be true, however with just having finished my freshman year, I can say that I did not realize how much I would actually be spending (...).

With living at home, I did not really have to worry about covering expenses, as I had my parents and their resources. Being away from home and living in a dorm, however, I became faced with the reality that I would have to do weekly grocery shopping trips typically costing me a minimum of fifty dollars. Though this might not seem to be a lot to the average individual, it would be coming out of my very limited pocket. With enrolling in classes that exceeded the typical limit as well as working in a research lab on campus and volunteering at local hospitals, I didn't really have time to work during the week. I was limited to working on weekends, and the costs of my semester started to outweigh the cashflow coming into my bank account. And it's not like I was buying ridiculous things constantly, but mostly necessities.

Furthermore, we reached a time in the spring semester where, as a family, we had limited money to spend, as most of my parents' paychecks and savings had gone to pay for my tuition. It was an incredibly stressful time as I knew my higher education was a cause. I knew that the constant rise of my tuition was causing a falter in the stability they always kept with their finances. All of this has made me realize how important it is to be personally financially stable. Therefore, I have decided in order to increase my financial stability I would set budgets for myself, putting only a certain amount on my debit card or bringing only a certain amount of cash in a store, and not allowing myself to spend more than I had. I have also decided to check my accounts regularly and track the cash flow in my personal system so that I would have a consistent amount coming in and out.

Karolina Gal

During my last year of high school, I took Consumer Education, a class where we created and tracked a stock portfolio, compared various forms of investments like CDs and bonds, and learned about other aspects of finances (...). The most important takeaway from this class is that time is money, especially when it comes to your investments. It is crucial to invest early because the earlier you invest, the more time your investment has to grow. Although I was financially literate in high school, my perception of financial stability has changed throughout college. As a first-generation student, I am responsible for navigating my college finances. To ensure I am financially stable, I have worked several jobs and learned how to save while simultaneously paying for student expenses.

Attending college has taught me that financial stability takes self-discipline and time. Learning how to save is crucial to be financially stable. To save effectively, you must be consistent. There is a feature in my online banking where I can set up an automatic money transfer from my checking to my savings account. This feature has been crucial

in my savings journey, which ultimately allows me to pay for my tuition independently. Time is also vital when trying to gain stability in your finances. Just like investing, your savings cannot grow overnight. It takes patience and, as mentioned, consistency.

As a financially independent college student, living on my own has taught me lessons in financial stability that can only be gained through experience.

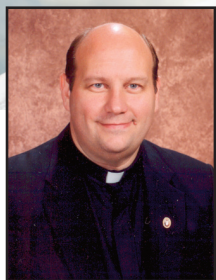
Klaudia Kedyrna

College was a challenging time for me in regards to many aspects of my life and how I identified with myself. Included in the traits tested was my perception of financial stability. Growing up in a single parent household for most of my life, I was vaguely aware of the importance money had in our lives. Although my mother made sure I did not have to worry about having a roof over our heads or if we would have three meals a day, I learned to do what little I could to ease her burden. At that age, to me, financial stability was sacrificing buying a new toy and giving my mom the money from birthdays to put into my college fund. As I grew up, I developed an increased sensitivity to my financial future and the impact college would have on it. I understood I would have to get summer and part-time jobs to help mitigate the financial blow that was slowly approaching. During these years, I never talked about finances except with my mother. As such, I only had that viewpoint I was familiar with. During one of our talks while in my senior year of high school, I learned and kept close the knowledge that college debt would hound you for the rest of your life and even pass to your children. This shocked me to my core and really solidified my view of what financial stability was. When I went to college, I engaged in conversations that eventually led to talks about finances. It was interesting to interact with individuals from different backgrounds and upbringings. Some were fortunate enough to focus solely on their studies without worrying about finding the finances for the next semester. I also met others who, like me, were looking at the effect their college stay had on their long-term finances. Although they understood that loans were an incredible tool, they also were aware of the slippery slope that, if irresponsible, can lead into an insurmountable accumulation of debt.

During my undergraduate and even into my graduate years, financial stability matured to, at its core, the state of being debt-free. I was determined to get as close to being debt free as possible while finishing my Physical Therapy education. As I am nearing the end of my schooling, financial stability is slowly taking on a brighter tone. Not confining my outlook to just the present state of my finances, financial stability means the ability to pursue whatever ambitions you have without worrying about a roof or having three meals at the end of each day. Coming from a small family, I never developed a taste for having the biggest or best new thing. I would be satisfied with just the means to pursue my passions without worrying about the little things.

Victor Wiski

Higher Perspectives



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

Time: It's Simply Unbelievable!

Now that Labor Day weekend has passed, we are squarely in the last third of the year 2022. It is unbelievable to me. The new year seems to have grown old much too quickly. Time flies and life moves forward.

As human beings, we measure everything by time. The years, the months, the days, the hours, go by, never to be seen again. This is one of the great mysteries of life, where does time go, both literally and figuratively.

I often think about time travel, is it possible to go back in time or forward in time and I always come to the same conclusion, it is beyond my comprehension but it would be fun to be able to be a time traveler. However, we all have a finite amount of time here on earth. Our own "time clock" began ticking at the moment of our conception in our mother's womb. It will end one day and thanks be to God, a day we know not. Just imagine the anxiety we would have if we knew our end date here on earth. On that last day, a new life will begin, eternal life. That life will not be measured the way we do now, but rather, it is eternal, forever. This is another concept we cannot fully grasp because of our limited human experience with time.

As we enjoy these late summer days and look forward to fall, it is a good idea to think about time and eternity. Where do we want to be on the day our human clock stops? Are we preparing for an eternity with the Lord? Are we concerned about our eternity? Do we realize our choice here and now will determine our eternity? It would be hard to imagine eternity without the presence of the Lord, for we are made by the Lord and ultimately to be with the Lord forever. That without a doubt, is what the Lord desires, for so great is His love for us.

When St. Pope John Paul II was growing up in the town of Wadowice, Poland, the upper flat in which he lived was across the narrow street from his parish church. Today, that upper flat serves as a museum to this great man. If you get to Poland, it's worth the time to make a visit. Directly across from his bedroom window, there was and still is, a sundial on the side of the church. Around this sundial are the words in Polish which states, *Czas ucieka, wieczność czeka* or in English, *Time is fleeting, eternity is waiting*. The future saint often reflected on this fact as he began each day from his bedroom window. He was reminded constantly that time is going by and our meeting with the Lord is closer with the passing of each day. Are we doing the same? Maybe we need to make a daily reminder about this fact and place it somewhere that we will see it daily. It may serve us well as we grow older and time indeed seems to fly. Let's pray for each other that we use our time well as we prepare for eternal life.

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 17:

1. Find 7 differences:



3. Who solved the math problem first?: 3

4. Labor Day word search:



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PRCUA #162

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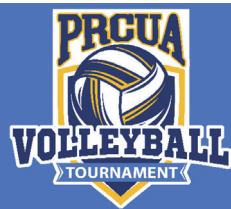
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5th PRCUA NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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October 14-15, 2022 • Shelby Township, MI

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Greg Grant Sportsplex
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Holiday Inn Express & Suites
45555 Utica Park Blvd., Utica, MI. Reservations: (586) 803-0400 by Oct. 1st.
PRCUA rate: \$139 plus taxes per night (1 king)

HOSPITALITY GATHERING

Friday, October 14, 7-10 pm
Holiday Inn Express and Suites

AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, October 15, 6-11 pm
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TOURNAMENT HOSTS

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Contact: tommyprcua@yahoo.com

GAME DIVISIONS

Friday, October 14

Co-ed (6 vs. 6)
Games start 6 pm

Saturday, October 15

Men's (6 vs. 6)
Women's Open (6 vs. 6)
Opening ceremony and games on Saturday begin at 9 am

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Entry forms are available with this notice or online at prcua.org/sports. All entries and applications for new members must be completed and returned to the Home Office, together with a \$50.00 entry fee per team, by **Friday, September 30, 2022**. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster and must submit a PRCUA Waiver of Liability form for 2022 (one per year) as well as a waiver form for the Greg Grant Sportsplex. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing fields. MHSAA Volleyball Rules apply, no libero.

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membership information.



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PRCUA GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATEST HAPPENINGS

By **Nicholas J. Nowakowski**
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 Alumnus

Like all good things, summer 2022 has flown by. Back to school items are already appearing on store shelves, and soon we'll be seeing Reese's pumpkins on the shelves at retailers. Even with summer on the wane, the Gwiazda Dancers have stayed active in and around metro-Detroit's Polonia.

On Saturday, July 23, representatives of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers participated in the Eastern European night of the annual ethnic novena held at Ste. Anne de Detroit. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Robert Fisher and included members of the Croatian, Czech, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovakian, Slovenian, and Ukrainian communities in and around Detroit. Many other metro-Detroit area Polonian organizations were present at the event including the Polish American Congress – Michigan Division, the

Polish Scouting Organization (ZHP), and members of Koło Goral "Morskie Oko" Nr. 4 of the ZPPA.

From Friday August 12 through Sunday August 14, Gwiazda's choreographer, Basia Nowakowski was in Chicago, Illinois as a guest at the 63rd PRCUA National Quadrennial Convention. While in Chicago, Ms. Nowakowski participated in the Diamond and Denim event on Saturday evening and attended the Fraternal Mass on Sunday morning. It was a great opportunity for her to see other PRCUA friends from across the USA.

While school may be starting soon, there's still plenty on Gwiazda's dance card. The ensemble has several events on its calendar including some traveling around northern Michigan as well as some parades and other heritage events.

The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers are on social media. You can like the group on Facebook or follow them on Twitter (@PRCUA_Gwiazda).

DR. ADELMAN DONATES HUGE SUM TO UKRAINIAN RELIEF PROGRAM THROUGH PAC

By **Mitchell Bienia**
Photo: **Roman Fedkiw**

Dr. Chris Adelman, (second from right) recently retired Emergency Room physician from St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland, made a very large donation to the Ukrainian Relief Program, while his wife, Kathleen Mylecraine, (second from left) as well as long-time family friend Dr. Mitchell Bienia, (center,) Vice-President of the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress (PAC) and past PRCUA National Di-

rector (D-5), look on. The check is accepted by Dr. George Jaskiw, (far right) psychiatrist at the Cleveland Veterans' Hospital, and Vice President of United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio. and Roman Fedkiw, (far left), Chair of Ukrainian Village in Parma, Ohio. Dr. Jaskiw states that his organization personally sees to it that every single supply, or defensive equipment, is shipped by air to Poland, and then they are delivered directly into the hands of Ukrainian fighters by truck.



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May they rest in eternal peace.

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FORMER HOME OFFICE
EMPLOYEE LORRAINE PAGLINI
PASSED AWAY

Lorraine T. Paglini, 90, of Lake in The Hills, passed away peacefully, July 28, 2022, at her home. She was born July 5, 1932, in Chicago, the daughter of Stanley and Anna Bratko. On May 9, 1959, she was united in marriage to Samuel Paglini. The couple made their home in Chicago. Lorraine was faithful to her Church and devoted much of her time to prayer. She was an amazing cook and was a member of the St. Mary Woman's Club.

Lorraine loved her Polish traditions, including speaking Polish to her family and friends, many of whom she met while working as a supervisor of correspondence at the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America for over 22 years. She loved her job and spending time with her family and friends. She retired in January 1998. At the time of her retirement, Lorraine, her husband, children and grandchildren were all 100% members of PRCUA. She was also a Financial Secretary of PRCUA St. Michael the Archangel Society #291.

Lorraine was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend who will be

missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her daughters, Nadine (Thomas) Konieczny, Darlene (Nayer)



Khouzam, by her grandchildren: Thomas (Lyndsay), Elissa (Michael), Natalie, Lauren, Matthew & Jonathan, and by her great grandchildren: Connor, Levi, Elliott, and Jonathan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, and her siblings, Mitchell, Stanley, and Veronica.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, August 5 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntley, IL. PRCUA President James Robaczewski represented the Home Office at the funeral.

Please remember Lorraine and her family in your prayers.
May she rest in eternal peace.

Sincere Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to PMA Archivist Halina Misterka on the death of her father, Kazimierz Konieczny, who passed away on August 21 in Dębica, Poland. Funeral service for Mr. Konieczny was held in Dębica on August 26.

Please remember Kazimierz Konieczny and his family in your prayers. May God grant him eternal rest.

PRCUA extends sincere condolences to our longstanding Warsaw correspondent Robert Strybel on the death of his wife Maria ("Majka") Derkacz-Strybel.

Maria Strybel went on to her eternal reward on August 2, following her third and final stroke in eight months' time.

Known to friends as Majka, she was an author and translator specializing in Polish and world culinary arts.

To her bereaved husband Robert and son Lesław, she was the irreplaceable heart and soul of the Strybel home who will be sorely missed.

A Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated at Warsaw's Northern Cemetery after which she was interred in the family grave.

Eternal rest grant unto hHer, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her.

WRZESIEŃ MIESIĄCEM WIEDZY O UBEZPIECZENIU NA ŻYCIE

Oferta ubezpieczeń proponowanych przez **PRCUALife** jest bogata i konkurencyjna. W portfolio **PRCUALife** znajdują Państwo szeroki wachlarz produktów ubezpieczeniowych zarówno typu Whole Life, czyli na całe życie, jak i planów terminowych. Przedstawiciele **PRCUALife** służą pomocą w zakresie przygotowania indywidualnie stworzonej pod Państwa potrzeby strategii finansowej na każdy etap życia. Więcej informacji na **PRCUA.org** lub pod numerem telefonu: 800.772.8632.

CO TO JEST UBEZPIECZENIE NA ŻYCIE?

Ubezpieczenie na życie to rodzaj kontraktu pomiędzy właścicielem polisy (w przypadku PRCUA, certyfikatu ubezpieczeniowego) a firmą ubezpieczeniową. W ramach tego kontraktu ubezpieczyciel zobowiązuje się do wypłaty beneficjentowi (osobie wskazanej przez właściciela certyfikatu) określonej sumy ubezpieczenia w przypadku śmierci osoby ubezpieczonej. W zamian osoba ubezpieczona przez okres trwania polisy opłaca regularne, rozłożone na raty lub jednorazowe składki, (j. ang.) premiums.

UBEZPIECZENIE NA ŻYCIE: MITY I FAKTY

MIT: Jest za wcześnie, by myśleć o ubezpieczeniu na życie

FAKT: W rzeczywistości, im wcześniej pomyślimy o ubezpieczeniu na życie, tym niższy będzie jego koszt. Im jesteśmy starsi tym płacimy więcej!

MIT: Ubezpieczenie na życie jest za drogie

FAKT: Większość osób znacznie przecenia koszty ubezpieczenia na życie. Osoba zdrowa, w wieku 35 lat, może wykupić ubezpieczenie na życie na sumę \$250.000, na okres 20 lat, płacąc jedynie \$30 miesięcznie.*

DLACZEGO WARTO KUPIĆ UBEZPIECZENIE NA ŻYCIE?

- ☑ By zapewnić rodzinie środki finansowe na życie po naszej śmierci
- ☑ By uzupełnić dochód utracony w wyniku śmierci
- ☑ By dać rodzinie możliwość spłaty naszego zadłużenia
- ☑ By zapewnić dzieciom fundusze na edukację po naszej śmierci
- ☑ By budować majątek rodziny
- ☑ By pokryć koszty pogrzebu
- ☑ By zwiększyć bezpieczeństwo finansowe rodziny
- ☑ By podwyższyć dochód emerytalny
- ☑ By zapewnić sobie i bliskim spokój ducha i umysłu

JAKIEGO TYPU UBEZPIECZENIA OFERUJE PRCUA?

Plan Terminowy zapewnia wypłatę odszkodowania w przypadku śmierci tylko przez pewien określony w polisie czas. Celem planu terminowego jest zapewnienie ochrony finansowej beneficjentów na wypadek przedwczesnej śmierci ubezpieczonego. Jeśli posiadasz terminowy plan ubezpieczeniowy i umrzesz w trakcie obowiązywania polisy, Twoi bliscy wskazani w polisie otrzymają wypłatę określonej w polisie sumy. Polisa (w przypadku PRCUA tzw. certyfikat) nie buduje żadnej innej wartości. Czas trwania polisy określa się w momencie jej zakupu. Najpopularniejsze plany terminowe to ubezpieczenia na 10, 20 i 30 lat. W większości planów, wypłacana suma ubezpieczenia i wysokość składek pozostają niezmiennie przez cały czas trwania polisy.

Ubezpieczenie na całe życie typu Whole Life zapewnia pokrycie czyli wypłatę określonej w polisie sumy ubezpieczenia do końca życia ubezpieczonego, a jednocześnie posiada wbudowany element oszczędnościowy tzw. wartość gotówkową. Wartość gotówkowa rośnie powoli, a podatek od niej jest odroczony na czas jej kumulacji. Wysokość składki pozostaje niezmienna do końca życia, a wypłata odszkodowania jest gwarantowana. Wartość gotówkowa narasta zgodnie z gwarantowaną stawką oprocentowania. Niektóre ubezpieczenia typu Whole Life biorą także udział w programie wypłaty wypracowanych przez ubezpieczyciela dywidend.

CZY WIESZ, ŻE...?

90 milionów amerykańskich rodzin (3 na 4) korzysta z ubezpieczeń na życie. Firmy ubezpieczeniowe wypłacają dziennie rodzinom i biznesom 2.1 miliardów dolarów.¹

* Wszystkie aplikacje o ubezpieczenie na życie podlegają procesowi weryfikacji Departamentu Underwriting. Więcej informacji na www.prcua.org/insurance-plans.
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UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

Robert Sobczak

Specjalista ds. ubezpieczeń

Wielkimi krokami zbliżamy się do najważniejszego okresu w roku, z perspektywy posiadacza Medicare. Wielu z nas, nie do końca rozumie co oznacza magiczny skrót AEP i dlatego tak ważnym jest, by wykorzystać ten moment, jak najbardziej rozsądnie. W związku z powyższym postanowiliśmy rozwiązać parę mitów krążących wśród seniorów i zastyszanych od naszych klientów.

Zanim przejdziemy do mitów, usystematyzujmy parę faktów:

AEP (Annual Election Period) – coroczny okres zapisowy, który przypada co roku pomiędzy 15 października, a 7 grudnia. W okresie tym posiadacz Medicare może zrobić następujące rzeczy:

- Przejrzeć ofertę firm ubezpieczeniowych na kolejny rok kalendarzowy.
- Zweryfikować i dostosować plan zniżkowy na leki na receptę (Part D) do swoich bieżących potrzeb. W tym momencie musimy przypomnieć o karze związanej z nieposiadaniem części D Medicare (1% średniego krajowego kosztu planu, za każdy miesiąc nieposiadania planu zniżkowego na receptę, dożywotnio), a okres pomiędzy 15 października a 7 grudnia jest jedynym okresem na wystartowanie takiego planu dla osoby, która nie zrobiła tego wchodząc w Medicare.
- Zweryfikować i dostosować plan typu Medicare Advantage (Part C) do naszych obecnych potrzeb, jeśli tego rodzaju plan obecnie posiadamy.
- Zmienić pokrycie z oryginalnego Medicare na plan typu Medicare Advantage (Part C).
- Możemy przejść z planu Medicare Advantage na oryginalne Medicare i dokupić samodzielny plan zniżkowy na lekarstwa (Part D).

MITY DOTYCZĄCE MEDICARE I OKRESU AEP (Annual Election Period) – corocznego okresu zapisowego:

Mit 1: Plan uzupełniający do Medicare wykupujemy raz na całe życie.

Nieprawda. Jak czytaliście Państwo powyżej, zmiany planów uzupełniających do Medicare możemy dokonywać przynajmniej raz w roku.

Mit 2: Mogę mieć jednocześnie Medicare Supplement (suplement do oryginalnego Medicare) i plan Medicare Advantage (Part C) jednocześnie i nikt się o tym nie dowie.

Nieprawda. Wszystkie plany uzupełniające do Medicare, typu Medicare Advantage, Part D lub Medicare Supplements, mimo że oferowane są tylko i wyłącznie przez firmy prywatne, to zatwierdzone i kontrolowane są przez urząd CMS (Center for Medicare i Medicaid Services). Bez weryfikacji ze strony CMS żaden z nich nie wejdzie w życie.

Mit 3: Każdy plan zniżkowy na leki na receptę (Part D) jest taki sam.

Nieprawda. Każdy plan tego typu oparty jest o te same wytyczne pochodzące z CMS, które zmieniają się co roku. Każda prywatna firma ubezpieczeniowa ma prawo do ulepszenia pewnych jego elementów w zamian za dodatkowe premium. Poza tym, każdy z planów zniżkowych na leki na receptę może posiadać indywidualne **Formulary** (listę leków pokrywanych przez plan), która zmienia się co roku i dzieli lekarstwa na co najmniej pięć kategorii. Każdej kategorii odpowiada inna cena. Co roku każda firma ubezpieczeniowa podaje uaktualnioną listę leków w odpowiednich kategoriach. Z tego właśnie powodu warto sprawdzać aktualną ofertę firm ubezpieczeniowych na przyszły rok kalendarzowy, by dostosować swój plan do bieżących potrzeb.

Mit 4: Jeśli wchodząc w Medicare nie wykupiłem żadnego planu uzupełniającego do Medicare, to nie mogę tego dokonać nigdy więcej.

Nieprawda. Osoby, które nie wykupiły uzupełnień do Medicare w momencie jego rozpoczęcia, mają szansę tego dokonać właśnie w czasie AEP – (Annual Election Period – corocznego okresu zapisowego) pomiędzy 15 października, a 7 grudnia.

Mit 5: Każdy plan Medicare Advantage jest taki sam.

Nieprawda. Istnieje wiele rodzajów planów typu Medicare Advantage. Każdy z nich charakteryzuje się specyficznymi świadczeniami. Niektóre z nich posiadają plan zniżkowy na leki na receptę (Part D) w swoim pakiecie, ale zależy to od rodzaju planu i oferty firmy ubezpieczeniowej na dany rok kalendarzowy.

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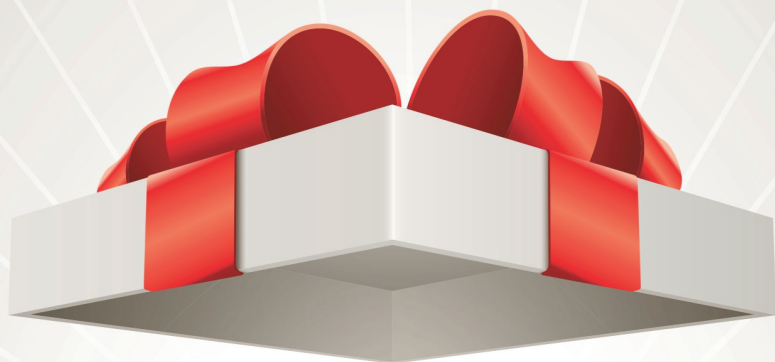
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HISTORYCZNA DAROWIZNA

W piątek 19 sierpnia 2022 r. Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce otrzymało historyczną darowiznę od Elżbiety Jachimowicz Fanuzzi. W ramach darowizny znalazły się m.in. trzy mapy: "Polonia Regnum et Silesia Ducatus" Willema Janszoon Blaeu, ok. 1640 r.; "De regno & tota regione Poloniae" Sebastiana Munstera 1560; oraz „Europae Tabula VIII” Della Geografia di Tolomeo. Libro Terzo,

1599; a także karta z XIV-wiecznego brewiarza.

Pani Elżbieta Jachimowicz Fanuzzi przekazała także MPA wybór archiwaliów związanych z rodziną, a w najbliższym czasie zostaną przekazane dodatkowe materiały, takie jak osobiste dokumenty i rodzinne fotografie.

Dziękujemy Pani Elżbiecie Jachimowicz Fanuzzi za tę wspaniałą darowiznę i wsparcie PMA!



CZĘŚĆ DOCHODU Z BILETÓW NA MECZ CHICAGO FIRE PRZEKAZANA NA RZECZ MPA

W sobotę, 27 sierpnia rozegrany został na Soldier Field w Chicago mecz pomiędzy drużynami Chicago Fire i CF Montreal.

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Micheline "Misia" Jaminski

Vice President | wiceprezes
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Witajcie we wrześniu! Moi drodzy Czytelnicy ... mamy przed sobą kolejne cztery lata artykułów „Otwarte Drzwi”. Służba dla PRCUA jest dla mnie wielkim zaszczytem. Oto rozpoczynam kolejną, trzecią już kadencję w funkcji wiceprezeski PRCUA. Michael Jordan miał swoje trzy mistrzowskie zwycięstwa i Misia Jaminski ma swoje! Gratuluję pozostałej części Zarządu; prezesowi Jamesowi Robaczewskiemu oraz sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszce Bastrzyk, a także wszystkim dyrektorom wybranym do Rady Dyrektorów PRCUA.

Serdecznie dziękuję Annie Krynskiej i Mitchellowi Bieni, którzy kończą swoją 12-sto lub 13-sto letnią pracę w roli dyrektorów PRCUA i serdecznie witam ViktorięJean



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Mixon oraz Gregory'ego Olmę i Kevinę Kucika, którzy dołączają do tego grona. Nadchodząca kadencja będzie wielką celebracją 150-tej rocznicy powstania PRCUA (w 2023 roku). Będziemy też świadkami wejścia w życie kilku przełomowych dla PRCUA projektów realizowanych obecnie.

Ciągle nie milkną echa ostatniego Sejmu PRCUA. Delegaci podczas Sejmu wyrażali nadzieję na świetlaną przyszłość naszej organizacji. Ja też żyję tą nadzieją, bo w końcu to my, członkowie i pracownicy, tworzymy „dzisiaj i jutro” Zjednoczenia.

63. Sejm Czteroletni PRCUA, który odbył się w dniach 12-14 sierpnia w Oak Brook, w stanie Illinois, jest już za nami. W tym miejscu chciałbym pochwalić Komitet Przygotowawczy Konwencji, Dystrykt 8, z Elą Dynowską i Mirkiem Cisko na czele oraz ich zespół wolontariuszy w składzie: Krystyna Lech, Danielle Kroplewski, Anna (Kraszewski) Winkler, Joanna Niedzielski, Jolanta Stanek, Desiree Sacinski, Elizabeth Slubowski, Wiesława Wildhirt, Elizabeth Cisko, Mary Brzezniak, Diane Cortesi, Walter Dynowski, Edward Muszalski, James Rustik, David Wildhirt, Michael Dziadkowiec oraz Richard Jaminski. Dziękuję Wam za wielką pracę i ogromny wysiłek włożone w zorganizowanie tego ważnego dla nas wszystkich wydarzenia.

Sam Sejm jest intensywnym przedsięwzięciem dla całego biura

PRCUA, i choć każdy dział ma swoje zadania, kluczową rolę w tym sukcesie odegrały Departamenty ds. Obsługi Klienta, Marketingu oraz Technologiczny i Informatyczny pod kierownictwem odpowiednio Julie Prado, Elżbiety Sawczuk i Keviną Ryby.

Wszystkie Komitety Sejmowe (ds. Konstytucji oraz ds. Kwalifikacji) również wypełniły swoje zadania w sposób godny podziwu. Najbardziej zapracowany był Komitet Konstytucyjny (Kevin Kucik, przewodniczący), który wraz z Nicholasem Nowakowskim, Joanną Smudą i Michałem Smigielem zaproponował wiele niezbędnych zmian.

Nad przebiegiem Sejmu pieczę sprawowała jego przewodnicząca Barbara Toboy, a nad dynamiką całego zjazdu czuwali wraz z nią; współprzewodniczący Christopher Ozog, sekretarz Wiesława Wildhirt i parlamentarzysta, adwokat John Chitkowski. Zaistniały również inne komitety sejmowe, takie jak ten, który wykazał wiele optymizmu i entuzjazmu - Komitet Młodzieżowy. W tym roku przewodziły mu Natalia Bonkowski (córka dyrektora D-10 Colleen i Briana Bonkowskich) oraz Ania Toboy (córka przewodniczącej Konwencji i byłego dyrektora D-10 Barbary i Rona Toboy). Wspaniale było widzieć tak imponującą liczbę młodych delegatów na Sejm. Pochwalam ich gotowość do uczestnictwa w naszym Sejmie i dziękuję Towarzystwom PRCUA, które dają im taką możliwość. Młodą generację delegatów i członków zapraszam do śledzenia nas na profilach społecznościowych: na Instagramie, który działa od 2019 roku, oraz na platformach Facebook i Twitter. Tam dowiecie się wiele ubezpieczeń na życie, naszych produktach finansowych, o kulturze polskiej, a także o wielu wydarzeniach dziejących się w ramach PRCUA. Polubcie nasze

media społecznościowe, które są w obecnych czasach czołową platformą komunikacji.

Idea braterstwa przewijała się przez cały Sejm, począwszy od przyjęcia powitalnego. Matka Natura współpracowała, zapewniając nam doskonałą pogodę i pozwalając nam cieszyć się otwartym patio i naturalnym tłem hotelu Hilton w Oak Brook, IL. Zespół D-8 wykonał świetną robotę przygotowując polskie przystawki i poczęstunek. Delikatnie mówiąc, atmosfera była świąteczna i zabawna.

Piątkową Mszę św. Inauguracyjną, w pięknym polskim kościele św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont, w stanie Illinois odprawili ks. kapłan PRCUA Władysław Ptak, proboszcz ks. Waldemar Stawiarski i ks. Eryk Orzech z Ohio. Specjalne podziękowania dla Emilii i Karoliny Kroplewskich oraz Natalii Bonkowskiej, które były ministrantkami. Specjalne błogosławieństwa zostały udzielone emerytowanemu prezesowi Wallace'owi Ozogowi i jego żonie Joannie w 56. rocznicę ich ślubu. Tradycyjny Braterski Lunch odbył się tuż po mszy, w pobliskiej sali bankietowej Crystal Grand Banquets, sali, którą często wspominam, ponieważ jest to jedno z miejsc odwiedzanych przez członków naszego Dystryktu 8. Przybyli goście cieszyli się wyśmienitą polską kuchnią i gościnnością. Po powrocie do hotelu oficjalnie rozpoczęły się obrady 63-ciego Sejmu PRCUA. Wieczorem tego dnia spotkaliśmy się w gościnnych wnętrzach hotelowych na zrywających imprezach towarzyskich. Niektórzy z nas zdecydowali się skoordynować wysiłki i gadzety promocyjne, wykorzystując zewnętrzne patio i przylegającą doń salę imprezową. Inni organizowali sympatyczne spotkania w swoich pokojach.

Obrady Konwencji wznowiono



Członkowie zarządu i dyrektori PRCUA, Ryszard Jaminski i Danielle Kroplewski z tancerzami „Wesołego Ludu” i „Małego Ludku”



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na jutro, w sobotę, który to dzień zakończył się bankietem pod hasłem: „Diamonds and Denim Dinner and Dancing”. Była to diamentowo-dżinsowa kolacja z tańcami, zorganizowana w głównej sali balowej hotelu. Program artystyczny tego wieczoru pod kierownictwem artystycznym choreografa Ryszarda Jaminskiego przygotowały zespoły „Wesoły Lud” i „Mały Ludek” z Południowo Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców i Śpiewu (menedżer Anna Kraszewski-Winkler).

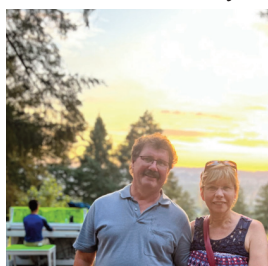
Po niedzielnej Mszy Braterskiej Sejm zebrał się ponownie. Mieliśmy krótką przerwę na lunch, po czym przystąpiliśmy do wyborów. Wszyscy z wyjątkiem dwóch dyrektorów startowali bez kontrkandydatów, więc wybory były stosunkowo szybkie. W momencie zamknięcia obrad Konwencji i zwyczajowego uderzenia młotkiem przez przewodniczącą Sejm, włączył się alarm przeciwpożarowy. Cóż za sposób na szybkie pozbycie się gości z sali i hotelu! Najważniejsze jednak, że wszyscy byli bezpieczni i tylko to się liczy. Gratulacje dla tak wielu delegatów uczestniczących w Sejmie po raz pierwszy i brawo dla wszystkich doświadczonych delegatów za ich zainteresowanie i poświęcenie dla naszej organizacji. Rok 2026 jest tuż za rogiem, więc rzucam Wam wyzwanie wejścia na „pokład” i służby dla PRCUA.

Choć przygotowania do Konwencji zdawały się zajmować większość naszego czasu, w sierpniu miały jednak miejsce także inne osobiste wydarzenia, w tym urodziny, które obchodzili: Ava Krolewski, Marysia Dziadkowiec, Emilia Krolewski, Andre Bober, Teresa Rogala, Cooper Coltri i oczywiście prezes James Robaczewski, który dzieli datę urodzin z naszym czternastoletnim wnukiem Colem Pearson. Były też rocznice: Krystyna i Tadeusz Lech,

Anna i Jacek Jaminski, Loretta i Edward Dykla, Joann i Wallace Ozog, Judy i Joseph Drobot Jr., Teresa i Wacek Pazdziora, Agnieszka i Daniel Bastrzyk, Victoria i Mateusz Bomba oraz nasza z Ryszardem rocznica ślubu. Wszystkim życzę: Sto lat! Sto lat!

Lato było dość pracowite dla tak wielu członków PRCUA. Konwencja zawsze zmienia harmonogram wakacji i niestety jedną z jej ofiar w tym roku był nasz Krajowy Turniej Softballa. Ponieważ zarejestrowały się tylko dwie drużyny z każdej dywizji, wydarzenie to zostało odwołane. Siatkówka jest następna, więc proszę zaznaczyć w swoich kalendarzach daty 14-15 października. Spotykamy się na boisku w Shelby Township, w stanie Michigan. Jeśli chcesz grać, a nie jesteś członkiem, istnieje produkt PRCUA, który może temu zaradzić! Dołącz do nas!

Mówiąc o wakacjach, moje i Ryszarda były spektakularne. A to za sprawą zaproszenia nas przez naszą córkę i jej rodzinę do Portland, w stanie Oregon. To był nasz pierwszy raz w „Mieście Róż” i doświadczyliśmy wszystkich aspektów idealnego wypoczynku: idealnej pogody, doskonałego towarzystwa i po prostu świetnego wszystkiego. Wybraliśmy się na wędrowkę w górach (cztery dni z rzędu osiągnęliśmy 22 000 kroków), aby zobaczyć między innymi wodospad Multnomah. Spacerując po International Rose Test Garden w Washington Park (istnieje tam ponad 10 000 krzewów róż i około 650 odmian) i różnych parkach i rezerwach leśnych



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czystą górę). I jak to zwykle bywa podczas wakacji, mieliśmy też okazję raczyć nasze podniebienia wytworami lokalnej kuchni i gastronomii. Niestety zawsze w takich sytuacjach człowiek je więcej niż powinien... Gdy dotarliśmy na szczyt jednej z gór, przywitała nas Chopinowska melodia grana na żywo na fortepianie. To było niebiańskie przeżycie! Dzięki Niki, Michael, Ariana i Mila za wczesny prezent urodzinowy!

I tak oto dotarliśmy do września... oraz ostatniego długiego weekendu lata (Labor Day czyli amerykańskiego Święta Pracy), Mszy Inauguracyjnej PRCUA (9/11) i licznych urodzin. Wśród wrześniowych Jubilatów są: była wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski (9/6); dyrektor D-7 Kevin Kucik (9/14); najbardziej popularną datę urodzenia (9/16) dzielą: była wiceprezes Lorie Rose Gorny (świętująca 100!), Mary Jane Robles, Loretta Dykla, Santino Purrazzo i mój zięć Michael Turkiewicz. We wrześniu wypadają też moje urodziny, które dzielę z dyrektorem D-6 Andrew Lechem (9/17) oraz urodziny następujących osób: Tommy Robaczewski (9/18); ks. Władysław

Ptak (9/20); dyrektor Marketingu Elżbieta Sawczuk (9/22); Basia Kozuchowski (9/24); Joanna Niedzielski (9/25); Elaine Robaczewski (9/26); emerytowany prezes Wally Ozog (9/27). Wszystkiego naj Wam wszystkim, Happy Birthday i Sto lat! Szczęśliwej 7-mej rocznicy dla mojej siostrzenicy, Joline, i jej męża, Anthony (9/6).

Wielkie brawa dla zespołów PRCUA „Opole”, „Polski Maki”, „Wieliczka”, „Zajaczek” wraz z rodzicami, którzy brali udział w Pierwszej Paradzie Polskiego Dziedzictwa w Warren, MI 28-go sierpnia. W tym samym dniu, zespół „Zakopane” występował na festiwalu Parafii Matki Bożej Szkaplerznej w Wyandotte, MI.

A w Los Angeles, w Kalifornii – Dyrektor D-6 Andrzej Lech z żoną i córeczkami bawili się na festiwalu Parafii Matki Bożej Jasnogórskiej.

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