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PRCUA REPRESENTED BY THIRTEEN MARCHING UNITS AT THE POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE IN CHICAGO



The 2026 May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade in Chicago once again stood as one of the city's most vibrant cultural celebrations, uniting generations of Polish Americans in a display of heritage, patriotism, and community pride while continuing a tradition that stretches back more than a century.

The 135th Polish Constitution Day Parade, which marched down Columbus Drive in Chicago on May 2, celebrated the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the American Declaration of Independence with the theme, "Happy Birthday, USA! Two Nations, One Spirit!"

The parade began at approximately 11:30 a.m. near Columbus Drive and Balbo Street in Grant Park. It featured marching bands, folk dance ensembles, veterans' groups, community organizations, Polish schools, and cultural institutions. Parade VIPs included Parade Marshal Krzysztof Matyszczyk (Chairman of the Board of Directors, PSFCU); Friend of Polonia Arlene Jezierny (Mayor of Harwood Heights); Honorary Parade Marshal Władysław Ortyl (Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship); Queen of the Parade Justyna Szkaradek; and city and state officials, including Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, and Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. Also participating were Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska; Mayor of Wrocław Jacek Sutryk; Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Regina Jurkowska and the consular delegation; and delegations from the city of Wrocław and the Podkarpackie Voivodeship.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Home Office participated with President Agnieszka Bastrzyk and her family; Vice President Micheline Jaminski; Secretary-Treasurer Julie Prado; PRCUA past and present employees and members; and the Adult Cultural Group, featuring 2026 Cinderella Ruby Konopacki, Prince Charming Piotr Tumiel, and runners-up Zofia Kuzmiuk and Kevin Wenc. Also participating were eleven PRCUA-affiliated dance and language schools: Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance, Polonia Polish Folk Dance and Song Ensemble, Holy Cross Polish School, Polish School of St. Raphael Kalinowski, St. John Paul II Polish School and Polanie Dancers, Zbigniew Herbert School of Polish Language and Culture, Jan Karski Polish School, Stanisław Cholewiński Polish School, Maria Konopnicka Polish School, and Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School - winner of the parade's Best Marching Unit – for the fourth consecutive year. Joining this year's marching units were members of the world-renowned Song and Dance Ensemble "Mazowsze," who returned to Chicago for a special tour after a 16-year absence.

Other events accompanying this year's May 3rd Polish Constitution Day celebrations included a wreath-laying ceremony at the Thaddeus Kościuszko Monument on Solidarity Drive, a Polish flag-raising ceremony at Daley Plaza in Chicago, and the Constitution Day Banquet at Allegra Banquets in Schiller Park, all held on Friday, May 1st. Events held on Saturday, May 2nd, included the Chicago Society P.N.A. pre-parade brunch, a constitutional concert in Chopin Garden in Grant Park, the Polish American Chamber of Commerce party at Millennium Hall Restaurant, and the Constitutional Banquet at Jolly Inn Banquets in Chicago. (*More photos on pg.__*)





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JUNE

June is...
ANNUITY AWARENESS MONTH

4 **CORPUS CHRISTI / BOZE CIAŁO (PL)**

7 **SCHAUMBURG, IL – POLONIA POLISH FOK SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE 40TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL**, 4 p.m., Al Larson Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Ct., Schaumburg. Tickets: adults - $40; children 12 and under - $20. For tickets, contact Małgosia at 773-580-1995.

12 **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

14 **MILWAUKEE, WI – POLISH FEST.** Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance and Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will perform.

14 **FLAG DAY**

DYER, IN – PRCUA SACRED HEART MASS, 12 p.m., St. Maria Goretti Parish, 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer. See ad below for details.

19 **JUNETEENTH – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

21 **FATHER'S DAY / DZIEŃ OJCA (U.S)**

SUMMER BEGINS / POCZĄTEK LATA

23 **FATHERS DAY / DZIEŃ OJCA (POLAND)**

CHICAGO, IL – POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH WHITE SOX, Chicago White Sox vs. Cleveland Guardians, 6:40 p.m. See pg. 7 for details.

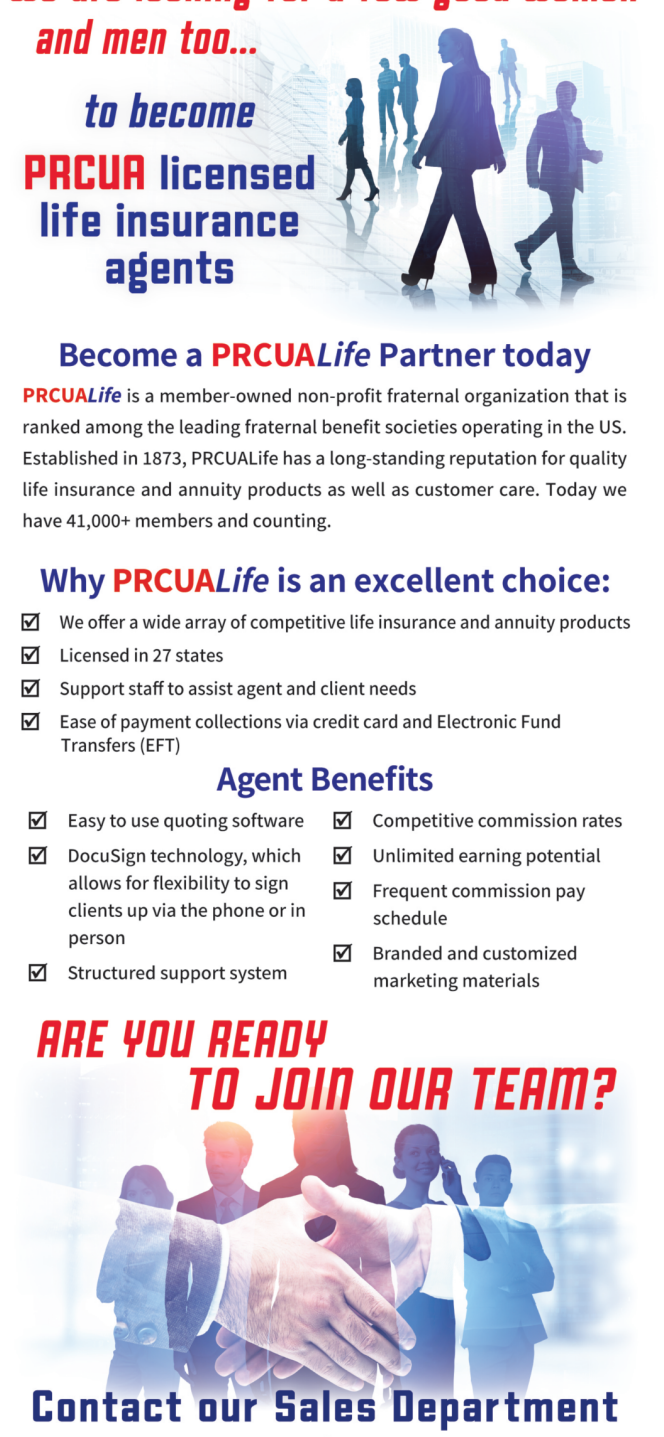


JULY

3 **PRCUA OFFICE CLOSSED DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY**

4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY - 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

25 **NEW BOSTON, MI – PRCUA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.** See pg. 11 for details.



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June

- Confirmed delegates will receive packets and Convention materials by the end of the month
- Online delegate portal goes live. Delegates should check here for Convention information, reports and announcements.

July

- Announcement of candidates for office on PRCUA.org and e-*Naród Polski*
- Two test e-voting sessions for delegates. Detailed information will be included in mailed delegate packets.

August

- Convention 2026

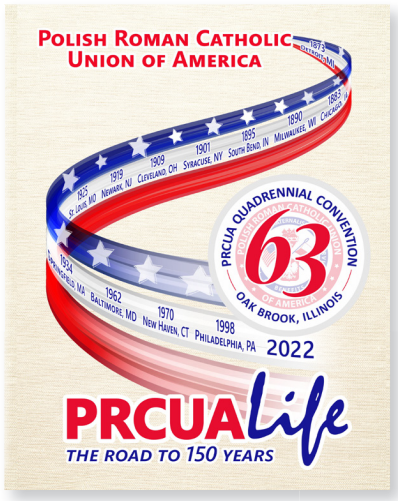
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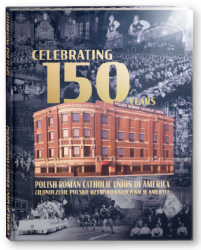
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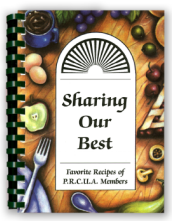
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46TH ANNUAL PMA SUMMER GALA

The Polish Museum of America cordially invites you to the 46th Annual PMA Summer Gala, to be held at the distinguished O'Hare Tech Center in Schiller Park, Illinois, on Friday, June 12, 2026.

The PMA Summer Gala is the premier annual fundraising event of the Polish Museum of America. All proceeds from this elegant evening directly support the Museum's general operations and cultural mission.

This black-tie affair will commence with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy dancing to the refined sounds of the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra and the opportunity to participate in an exclusive Silent Auction.

Hubert Cioromski and Piotr Uzarowicz will be honored with the Polish Spirit Award in the individual category. PNC Bank-Illinois will receive the Polish Spirit of Award in the organizational category.

Tickets: $225 per person; $2,100 for a table of ten. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

For reservations, please contact Mary Jane Robles at (773) 782-2605 or via email at gala@polishmuseumofamerica.org by June 1, or reserve online.

DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT

By Joann S. Ozog

The 55th annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night took place on Friday, May 1. The Tigers played against the Texas Rangers. The Polish Muslims welcomed everyone at the entrance with their lively music. The National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame had a booth with a display honoring Rob Gronkowski, David Legwand, Bryan Bulage and Dave Meyers who will be inducted into the Polish-American National Hall of Fame at the American Polish Cultural Center in June.

This year 180 dancers celebrated this tradition of Polish American Night at the ball park. Nine groups, with dancers ranging in age three years old to seventeen years old, danced their hearts away showing their pride in their Polish heritage. The groups that represented the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America were: Gwiazda Dancers, Halka Dancers, Opole Dancers, Polskie Maki Dancers, Rogalin Dance Troupe, Tatry Dancers and Zajączek Dance Ensemble. The Centennial Dancers and the Polanie Alliance Dancers represented the Polish National Alliance.

Dignitaries representing various Polish organizations were then recognized on the field: Robert Bielenda (National Vice President Emeritus) and Colleen Bonkowski (National Director, District 10, Director of Zajączek Dance Ensemble & Zakopane Dance Ensemble) - Polish Roman Catholic Union of America); George Kurzatkowski (CFO) - Polish American Federal Credit Union celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; Darryl Onderick (President) - American Polish Century Club; Karen Onderick (Sergeant of Arms) amd Camille Matyszewski (Queen) - American Polish Century Club; Brian Malski (President) and Barbara Hantz (Director) - Friends of Polish Art; Steve Graus (Chairman) - National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame.

This year there were five dance participants who were recipients of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night Scholarship. They were: Anna Gilders (PNA Centennial dancer), Sasha Gilders, (former PNA Centennial dancer), Sophia Lenard (PRCUA Rogalin dancer), Bailey Sayle (PRCUA Halka dancer) and Camden Walters (PRCUA Tatry dancer).

Each year an individual or individuals are selected to throw out the first pitch who are dedicated in the promotion of their heritage. This year there were two choreographers who are celebrating 50 plus years of involvement in the Polish community.

Janet Vilag has been participating in Polish American Night since its inception as a dancer and for the last 50 years as the teacher and choreographer of the PRCUA Rogalin Dance Troupe in Wyandotte, Michigan.

Donna Skurski is celebrating her 55th anniversary as a dance teacher with PRCUA, 50 of those years with the Opole Dancers. Last year, Donna was selected to receive an award as one of the "Top 25 Polish American Leaders in 2025", given by the Piast Institute. She has traveled several times to Poland to participate in the World Folk Festival and has been involved with Polish Folk Dance Association of Americas.

The Polish national anthem was not part of the program this year, however, Krysia Wallag Moutsatson, a former PNA Polish Alliance dancer, sang the American national anthem.

The 55th Polish American Night was in memory of Wallace M. Ozog who was active before 1991 as a committee member and then in 1991 was asked to become chairman. He moved to Chicago in 1998 when he became National PRCUA President and returned to Michigan in 2011 when he resumed his position of chairman until 2023.

The weather was cold and there were rain drops falling but not enough to cancel the game. Unfortunately, the Tigers lost 5-4. After the game, there were fireworks which many looked forward to, but it was too cold to stay and watch.

A special thanks to the dancers, parents, choreographers, directors, dignitaries and musicians for making this a successful event. Without them, we would not be celebrating our Polish heritage for 55 years at the ball park. We are grateful that the Detroit Tigers continues Polish American Night and that so many fans enjoy, look forward to and support this event.











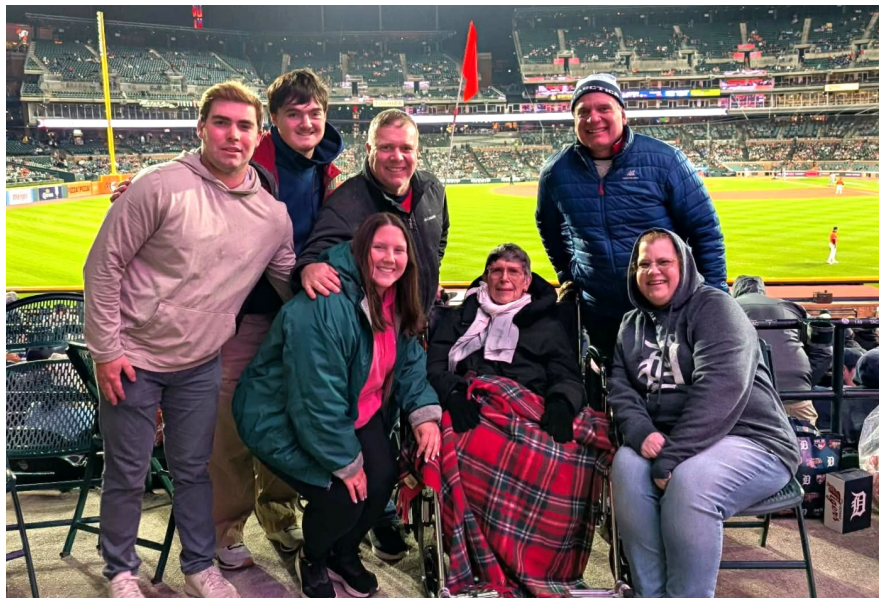














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GOLF TOURNAMENT

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* Four-Person Scramble
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TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Entry forms are available online at prcua.org/sports. Non-refundable registration fee is $125 for PRCUA members. **Entries must be submitted by June 27, 2026. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.**

TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE RULES

On every hole, each team member will hit a tee shot. The team determines the best shot and then all team members hit from that location. This 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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Men – 4 Men under 70 years of age
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Mixed – 2 Men & 2 Women under 70 years of age.
Senior – 70 years of age and over. This group can be all men, all women or mixed.

CONTESTS

PAR 3 CLOSEST TO THE PIN

There will be 2 par 3 holes designated for the closest to the pin contest. Categories include men's, women's and senior (age 70+). Men will use the white tees, women will use the green tees, and seniors will use the yellow tees. The tee shot closest to the hole wins.

LONGEST DRIVE

The winner is the player who hits their tee shot the farthest while keeping the ball in the fairway. This contest will have the same 3 categories as the closest to the pin contest.

TOURNAMENT HOSTS

PRCUA Society 162
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Additional information available at www.prcua.org/golf

PRCUA #1593 ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

By Joann S. Ozog

It is that time of year when students apply for scholarships. PRCUA #1593 offers two types of scholarships. The PRCUA Society #1593 scholarship is offered to those individuals who are members of the society. The one time Detroit Tigers Polish American Night scholarship is offered to those students who have participated in the on-field program prior to the game.

As members, the following have received the PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society Scholarship:

This Fall, **Alyssa Brown** will be a senior at Central Michigan University where her area of study is speech pathology. Membership is significant to her in promoting Polish heritage. Having local societies enables us to celebrate our roots and educate others about our culture. At school, she has been a three year veteran of the cheer and stunt team, Cheer coach for Universal Cheer Association, worked at Hessells Greenhouse and been on the Dean's list every semester. Her studies and activities away from home do not leave Alyssa much time for current Polonia involvement. Prior to college, she was a 16 year member of the Zajączek Dance Ensemble where she participated in multiple masses, Polish nights at Comerica Park and Jimmy Johns, as well as cultural workshops. While at school, Alyssa has participated in multiple roadside clean ups, volunteered at the children's museum and the Rosebush Skilled Nursing Facility and was a tour guide for MHSSA competitive cheer state finals.

This country was founded by European immigrants. As we become "more American", it is important to remember our ancestors and traditions from Poland. Having Polish organizations can help celebrate and promote our heritage here in the US. Alyssa very much enjoyed her involvement with the Zajączek dance group. Starting at the age of two, she was singing and dancing and celebrating her Polish heritage. She would encourage anyone to find groups and activities that celebrate our heritage. Celebrating Polonia is a special way to connect with all generations.

Neil Roden will be attending Georgia Southern University and his area of study is engineering. To him, society membership is about celebrating and commemorating the legacy of those who come before him. In school, Neil has participated in the Chattahoochee e-sports (video games) team. During the warm weather, he does landscaping and presently, he is working at a pizza place. Neil is not as involved with Polonia and its culture because he lives in a state that does not have many opportunities to participate in Polish organizations or events. He wished he was and he tries to keep in touch with Poland and its customs through history and his family. Through history, he learns about the people, their struggles and their triumphs. Through family, he shares the *opłatek* at Christmas, sings *Sto lat* for birthdays and experiences some of the Polish cuisine. There is a Polish eagle that hangs in his house reminding him of his Polish heritage. He also enjoys reading the PRCUA Narod Polski which provides further information about his heritage but regrets not knowing what he's missing in the Polish section. Neil cares about his Polish heritage and does make an effort to keep it alive in his family.

Neil believes that it is important to be involved in Polish organizations because it is the only way to keep traditions, practices and folklore alive through the living people. When Neil begins college, he plans on joining a Polish group to try and engrain the culture and history more into himself.

Brendan Cooper will be attending Macomb Community College and his area of study is political science and business. To Brendan, society membership means being part of an amazing community which allows him to celebrate his Polish ancestry and connect with family, past, present and future. Brendan is involved in a weekly board game group and has worked as a painter and recently is focusing on the food industry (restaurants). When Brendan was younger, he participated in St. John Paul II Youth Bowling where he met bowlers from other PRCUA societies. Presently, he started to participate in PRCUA National Bowling Tournaments. He also attended PRCUA Zajączek recitals where he supported his cousin dancers, many festivals and the Detroit Tiger Polish American night. Within the community, he attends Warren City Council meetings.

Brendan believes that it is important to be involved in Polish organizations because one can connect and stay connected to important Polish roots and enjoy a rich vibrant culture. As a member of the younger generation, Brendan thinks that this generation can become more involved by finding information about various Polish organizations that pique their interests and immerse themselves in them. If there appears nothing to be of interest, then they should take it upon themselves to organize something that is more significant to them.

The 2026-2027 Detroit Tigers Polish American Night scholarship recipients are:

Anna Gilders, a PNA Centennial dancer will be attending the University of Michigan. Her area of study is biomedical engineering in the field of medicine. To Anna, dancing at the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night (PAN) means representing, not only her passion for dance, but also her Polish culture, her family and past generations of dancers. She has formed precious memories with her siblings and fellow dancers throughout the years as she has performed at this event.

Anna's extra-curricular activities include: co-founder and leader of Doctors Without Borders Club where she organized and led weekly meetings and awareness campaigns about healthcare situations. She was a member of the First Robotics Team 67, the Make Leader of the Person Smile Club, Red Cross Club and the Living in Faith Together Club. She also found time to volunteer at the Veterans Affair, Ann Arbor Health Care System, KBD Melanoma, American Red Cross, Forgotten Harvest and tutoring Math. Her work experience included working at an Airborne Adventure Park and as a Court Safety Monitor. Being such an involved person, Anna still has a high GPA of 4.3684 and has received the following awards: Madame Curie Award for excellence in science and math, Robotics Award for outstanding contribution to the team, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Chemistry Award and Valedictorian. Anna has been a part of the PNA Centennial Dancers for 16 years where she has participated in recitals, language classes, fundraisers, especially Plymouth Fall Festival, community service (senior homes and funerals) and group events. Her involvement in Polonia has been incredibly meaningful to her, as it has allowed her to express her Polish heritage while making a positive impact in her community.

Anna's favorite part of being a member of a Polish dance group is the community. She has been a member since age 2 and her journey in life has been shaped by the people she has met while dancing, from silly memories (like her shoes falling off in the middle of a dance) to beautiful ones (attending Easter Mass with her group). She has learned that her memories in dance become the stories that have shaped who she is.

Sasha Gilders, a former PNA Centennial dancer, will be in her sophomore year at the University of Notre Dame and her area of study is electrical engineering. The Detroit Tigers Polish American Night (PAN) means community to her. This popular event brings dancers together from across the state. It's truly a special experience to see how many people come together to celebrate their Polish heritage and declare how proud they are to be Polish. Sasha is a very active person. Not only is she an excellent student (4.0 GPA), but she is greatly involved in school-University of Notre Dame Chorale Group, the Pasquerilla E. Musical Company, the Philbin & Phrienz and the Themed Entertainment Association. She sings, acts, designs, paints and is a prop person for these various organizations. And she still has time to work at the University Hospitality as a banquet server. Sasha continues to be active in PNA as a mistress of ceremonies for various events and volunteers at the PNA food booth at the Plymouth Fall Festival. She is a member of Friends of Polish Art of Michigan and the University of Notre Dame Polish Club. In the community, Sasha has been involved with the Community Theater in Howell, Michigan and the

Messiah Chorus where she is a casting director, cast member and event coordinator.
The best part about being in a Polish dance group was how it brought her family together. Sasha and her siblings all have different interests. She is a singer; her sister builds robots and her brother is an athlete, but they are all dancers. At weekly practices, they all made time to be together and celebrate their heritage. Sasha and her siblings would dance; her mom was the assistant director and her dad would go and pick up burgers.

Sophia Lenard, a PRCUA Rogalin dancer was accepted to Central Michigan University where her area of study will be elementary education. She is actively involved in school with the National Honor Society, Marching Band and National Music Honor Society. Outside of school, she is a member of Girlscouts and Scouting America and director of the Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir. She still finds time to work at Children's Orchard and this summer she will be a camp counselor at Camp Rotary in Claire, Michigan. Her Polonian involvement is with the PRCUA Rogalin Dance Group where she attends Mass and various events where she promotes her Polish heritage through dance and music. In the community, she volunteers in the Detroit Metro Share Group and Services through the Girl Scouts, Scouting America and National Honor Society.

The best part of being a Rogalin dancer was her participation in the 35th Shirley Ann Galanty Presentation Ball where she met so many new friends from the other dance groups.

Bailey Sayle, a PRCUA Halka dancer will be attending Saginaw Valley State University and her area of study is nursing. She feels that the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night is one of the most exciting event of the year because dance and music shows part of our heritage to those who are unfamiliar with it and it also shows how hard we have worked all year. Presently, Bailey is not involved in any extra-curricular activities at school. Since grade six and just recently, she was a cheerleader, achieving many awards. With Halka, she performed at many events, especially the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night. Bailey has volunteered at St. Albertus Church, cleaning up the outside grounds which gives her a great feeling to make the church look nice. At Christmas time, she performed at senior homes where the residents were so happy to see the Polish dancers. Likewise, it gave Bailey a feeling of joy that she was able to bring so much happiness to these elderly people.
The best part of being part of a Polish dance group is that we become family. We dance with each other for so many years and the family becomes stronger. We laugh with each other and go through hard moments with each other. Dancing alongside your group shows how proud we are to be Polish. It is the best and it gives one an amazing feeling.

Camden Walters, a PRCUA Tatry Dancer will be attending Michigan State University and her area of study will be nutritional science. As a participant of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night, it allows Camden to honor her heritage while sharing her Polish culture with others through dance, music and community spirit. It also reminds her how important it is to keep the Polish traditions alive. In school, she is involved in the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Marching Band and Varsity Girls' Tennis team. Camden worked for a clothing company and presently, she is in an intern program at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. As a Tatry dancer, Camden participates, volunteers and supports activities that bring people together in the community.

The best part of being in a Polish dance group is sharing Polish culture with others. Performing traditional dances at festivals and community events is rewarding and has allowed her to build friendships, develop discipline and take pride in representing her heritage.

The PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society Scholarship Committee (Judy Burzynski- Chairman, Kevin Haranczak and Joann Ozog) wishes the 2026-2027 Scholarship recipients the best of luck on your new journey in life…COLLEGE.



Father's Day is a special occasion dedicated to honoring the love, sacrifice, and guidance of fathers and father figures around the world. It is a day when families come together to express gratitude to the men who have played an important role in shaping their lives. A tribute to fathers on Father's Day is more than just words or gifts; it is a heartfelt acknowledgment of the strength, care, and wisdom that fathers provide every day.

Fathers are often seen as the pillars of the family. They work tirelessly to ensure the comfort, safety, and happiness of their loved ones. Whether they are providing financial support, offering advice, or simply being present during difficult times, fathers carry many responsibilities with dedication and patience. Their sacrifices often go unnoticed because they quietly place the needs of their families before their own. Father's Day reminds us to pause and appreciate these efforts.

A father's love is unique and powerful. Some fathers may not openly express their emotions, yet their actions speak volumes. They teach their children valuable lessons about honesty, discipline, hard work, and respect. Through their guidance, children learn how to face challenges with courage and confidence. Fathers inspire their children to dream big and encourage them to keep moving forward even when life becomes difficult. Their support becomes the foundation upon which many children build their future.

Father's Day is also a time to recognize that fathers come in many forms. Some children are raised by grandfathers, stepfathers, uncles, guardians, or mentors who provide the same love and care as a biological father. These individuals deserve equal appreciation for their commitment and devotion. The true meaning of fatherhood lies not only in blood relations but also in the ability to nurture, protect, and guide another person with kindness and responsibility.

The celebration of Father's Day can be simple yet meaningful. Some families prepare special meals, give thoughtful gifts, or spend quality time together. Others write heartfelt messages, share memories, or express gratitude through acts of kindness. What matters most is making fathers feel valued and loved. Even a sincere "thank you" can mean a great deal because it acknowledges their lifelong efforts and sacrifices.In today's fast-paced world, many fathers struggle to balance work and family responsibilities. Despite busy schedules and pressures, they continue striving to provide emotional and physical support for their families. Their resilience and determination deserve admiration. Father's Day serves as an opportunity to recognize these silent struggles and celebrate the unwavering dedication fathers show every day.

A tribute to fathers is also a reminder of the lasting impact they have on society. Fathers help shape future generations by teaching values, encouraging education, and setting positive examples. Children often look up to their fathers as role models, learning from their words and actions. A caring and responsible father can influence a child's confidence, character, and outlook on life. Therefore, honoring fathers is also a way of appreciating their contribution to building stronger families and communities.

For those whose fathers are no longer with them, Father's Day can be emotional. It becomes a day of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude for the love and memories shared. Though they may be absent physically, their teachings and influence continue to live in the hearts of their children. Remembering them with love and respect keeps their legacy alive.In conclusion, Father's Day is a meaningful celebration of the love, sacrifice, and guidance fathers provide throughout life. It is a day to express appreciation for their endless support and recognize the important role they play in families and society. Fathers may not always ask for recognition, but they truly deserve it. A sincere tribute on Father's Day reminds them that their efforts are valued, their sacrifices are noticed, and their love will always be cherished.





June is open for business so step into the sunshine, chase the extra daylight, and enjoy the happiness that starts right now. So what is your favorite pasttime during the summer months? My most favorites are sitting on the deck in the early morning with RIchard sipping my latte, going to the beach with the granddaughters, working in the garden, and hosting a family barbecue. For our PRCUA family, there's the 40th Anniversary Concert of the Polonia Song and Dance Ensemble (6/7), the PMA Gala (6/12), PolishFest in Milwaukee (6/12-6/14) where PRCUA will be duly represented by both the Wesoły Lud and Zakopane Folk Dancers (6/13), the Annual PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass (6/14), and Polish Heritage Night with the White Sox – Wesoły Lud will once again perform (6/23). Check the PRCUA Calendar for events in your vicinity and if none are planned, how about organizing one? "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try" (JFK) and "it's only too late if you don't start now" (Barbara Sher).

As PRCUA enters an exciting new era with our upcoming virtual convention, we hope that all eligible delegates will join the conversation with an open mind and that business-minded members who submitted applications are prepared to assume their places on the board of directors. As the PRCUA moves forward, we continue to encourage our local districts and societies to seize this unique opportunity for growth, innovation, and community inclusion. When Home Office and our local affiliates align their mission, there is no limit to what we can achieve. No problem we cannot solve. Let's champion positive change and always be the solution.

The "merry, merry month of May" has passed, leaving behind a wealth of vibrant memories. Here in Chicago, May arrived in grand fashion with spectacular community celebrations honoring the historic Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791. The PRCUA Executive Committee proudly participated in the weekend's premier events across Chicagoland. Activities kicked off with a meet and greet at the Polish Museum of America, as well as the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Gen. Tadeusz Kościuszko monument organized by the Polish National Alliance. The delegation also attended the traditional flag-raising program at the Daley Center, sponsored by the Alliance of Polish Clubs, followed by a reception hosted by Cook County Treasurer and Friend of Polonia, Maria Pappas; the annual Chicago Society Brunch and the "main event" the historic annual parade. Spiritually anchoring the celebrations, PRCUA President Agnieszka Bastrzyk participated in the inspiring Polonian Mass at Divine Mercy Polish Parish in Lombard, Illinois. This year's festivities were further elevated by an esteemed international delegation from the Republic of Poland. The community was honored to welcome Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska, Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland, and Władysław Ortyl, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship. The distinguished entourage also included the Vice President of the city of Rzeszów, Krystyna Stachowska, government representatives from Wrocław, and members of the world-renowned State Folk Ensemble of Song and Dance, "Mazowsze." The parade itself proved to be a massive triumph overall, but, closer to home, for the PRCUA. This year's theme, "Happy Birthday, USA! One Spirit, Two Nations" was beautifully represented by our local Polish language schools and dance groups. In a spectacular showing, the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, led by Principal Ilona Sobiech, secured the "Best Float" award for an incredible fourth consecutive year. The Jan Karski Polish School, under the direction of Principal Marek Adamczyk, took home the title for "Best Marching Unit." The PRCUA Adult Culture Group also shined brightly, featuring Cinderella Ruby Konopacki, Prince Charming Piotr Tumiel, and runners-up Zofia Kuzmiuk and Kevin Wenc. Joined by past and present PRCUA employees, alongside supporters of the Polish Museum of America, the turnout was a testament to our enduring community strength. Congratulations to all who participated with such enthusiasm – you are all definitely POLISH AND PROUD! I direct your attention to p. 1, 8-9 for details and photos.



Vice President of Rzeszów Krystyna Stachowska and guests at the PMA

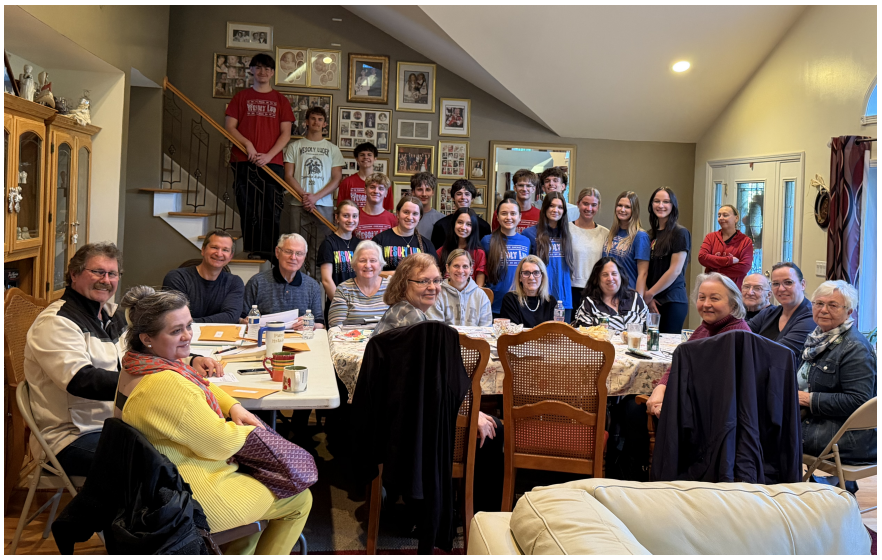
PRCUA Michigan dance groups again celebrated Polish Heritage Night with the Detroit Tigers at Comerica. Janet Vilag who celebrated her 50th Anniversary with the Rogalin Dance Troupe and Donna Skurski celebrating 55 years as a PRCUA choreographer – 50 years with Opole – were specially honored (5/1). Details and many photos can be found on p. 10-11.

Richard and I had the pleasure of attending the St. John Paul II Polish School Graduation Banquet (5/3).

PRCUA Dancers and families from three PRCUA dance ensembles—Halka, Zajączek, and Zakopane—recently united for their annual spring clean-up at St. Albertus Parish (5/9).The volunteer effort holds deep cultural significance, as the historic parish is the birthplace of the



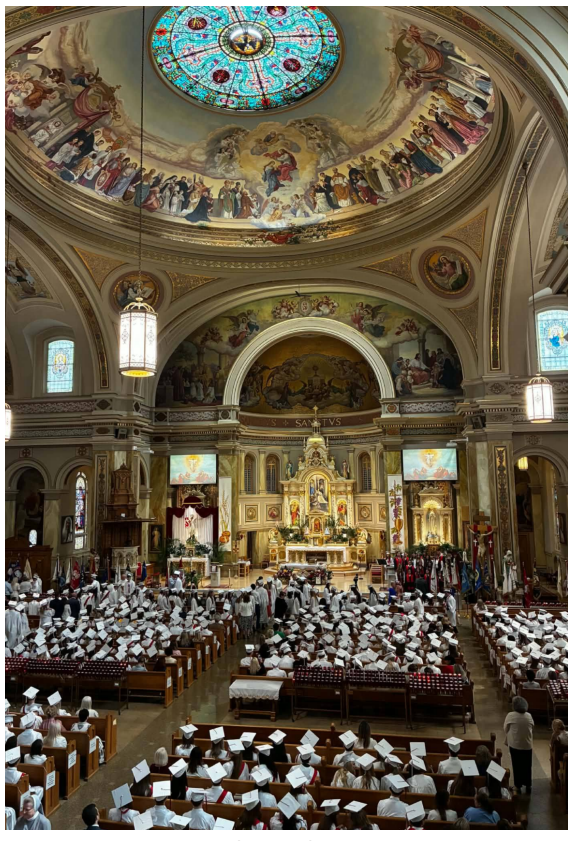
St. Albertus clean up day



D-8 meeting with Wesoly Lud

PRCUA. By clearing debris and grooming the grounds, the multi-generational workforce helps preserve Detroit's oldest Polish church. Such annual traditions ensure the landmark remains a vibrant monument to Polish-American heritage, proving that community stewardship is just as vital as dance in keeping history alive. Note Celeste Grabowski's smile of appreciation in the photo for the efforts of the volunteers. She serves as the Secretary/Director of the Parish.

At its May 13 quarterly meeting, PRCUA District 8 unanimously approved a generous donation to support the Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company's



Polish High School Graduates Mass



Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and host school



Mr. and Mrs. Szeliga wedding with Dolina Dancers and friends

upcoming trip to the Rzeszów Festival. This international event marks the 14th festival appearance for the ensemble, serving as a historic maiden voyage for this festival for all the participating dancers. Led by President Krystyna Lech, the multi-generational volunteer group of PRCUA members successfully hosted the 2026 PRCUA National Bowling Tournament and is already planning to host the traditional *Opłatek* event this December.

A cornerstone of the local graduation season, the annual Polish High School Graduation Mass was recently hosted by the Polish Teachers Association at St. Hyacinth's Basilica in Chicago. This significant event, which I have referred to over the last twelve years, took place on May 17. This year, 658 high school graduates from 40 Polish schools throughout the Chicago metropolitan area participated in the service. The uplifting mass served as a formal celebration of gratitude, achievement, and well-wishes for the graduates' future endeavors. Citing the words of the Polish Teachers Association, "As you step into adulthood, dear Graduates, take with you your white-and-red hearts."

On May 23, Richard and I attended a truly phenomenal wedding celebrating the union of Alina (Jambor) and Paweł Szeliga. Joined by 700 of their closest family and friends, the event was a masterclass in blending Polish tradition with modern celebration, complete with a lively poprawiny.The newlyweds represent two different Polish folk dance groups from two different states, having originally met at a global Polish folk dance festival. While some mistakenly view folk dancing as an outdated genre, it serves as the ultimate social network for young Polonians,



Mike Dziadkowiec with the Jaminskis

building a global community tight-knit enough to travel across the world for a wedding.The evening's highlights took place on the dance floor. The groom's ensemble, Wici from Chicago, opened with a vibrant dance suite from Rzeszów. Next, the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers from Minneapolis—joined by friends from various other groups (including PRCUA dancers) - performed a Żywiec mountain region suite. This spectacular performance was choreographed by the bride herself as the final exam for her graduation from the prestigious Polish choreographers' course in Rzeszów. Her choreography beautifully revived the traditional oczepiny (unveiling) ceremony, followed by a magnificent Grand Polonaise that filled the hall with dancers and guests. (Thank you Michael Dziadkowiec for asking me to dance). The joyful atmosphere mirrored the spirit of the Rzeszów festival. Richard frequently reminds our dancers that competition only exists on the stage; off-stage, these festivals are where lifelong friendships are made. Warmest congratulations to Alina and Paweł on their marriage and for uniting so many dancers. For parents of PRCUA dancers, (*Cont. on pg. 16*)

THE OPEN DOOR (*Continued from page 15*)



Maria Konopnicka Polish School first communicants



Maria Konopnicka Polish School eighth grade graduates



Maria Konopnicka Polish School high school graduates



Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School first communicants



Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School eighth grade graduates



Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School high school graduates



Rev. Cholewinski Polish School 8th grade graduates



Rev. Cholewinski Polish School high school graduates

this celebration is a beautiful reminder: registering your children in a Polish folk dance group welcomes them into a lifelong community of heritage, joy, and connection.

May was also filled with many enjoying the spring-summer weather with friends in addition to First Holy Communions, Graduations, Weddings, and Showers and we are never too busy to take the time to honor those Veterans who died in service (Memorial Day). Special congratulations to Natalia Bastrzyk (daughter of PRCUA President Agnieszka and Daniel Bastrzyk) on her graduation from St. Celestine Grammar School (5/28). Have fun in High School and at the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball!



St. John Paul II Polish School - 8th grade A



St. John Paul II Polish School - 8th grade B



Zbigniew Herbert Polish School high school graduates



Holy Cross Polish School high school graduates



Jan Karski Polish School first communicants



Jan Karski Polish School - 8th grade graduates



Jan Karski Polish School high school graduates



Natalia Bastrzyk graduation photo

Hope the May birthday babies and wedding anniversary couples celebrated in style (Happy 97th birthday, Chester Konopacki), and that those born and wed in June, do the same. Special birthday wishes go to our granddaughter Mila Turkiewicz on her 9th birthday and PRCUA Graphic Artist Elizabeth Dziadulewicz – both on June 3rd, my sister Jeanine (6/7), Walter Dynowski on his 80th birthday (6/23), and the love of my life, Richard Jaminski (6/26). Sto lat to all celebrants! HAPPY JUNE! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Chester Konopacki - 97 years young!

Kids Activity Page!



1. Color the picture.



2. Find all the words in the puzzle. The words appear up, down and diagonally.



3. Find 10 differences.

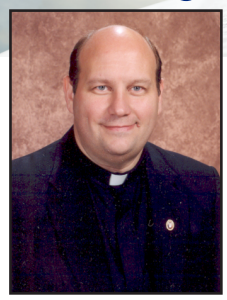


4. Unscramble the words and phrases associated with the Flag Day.

1. TYBES SORS _____
2. RTSA DNLEAGPS NNERBA _____
3. CRAMAIE _____
4. GLAF AYD _____
5. RASTS DNA ESIPRST _____
6. GEPELD FO NICALELAGE _____
7. LOD RYGLO _____
8. ALINOTAN HAMTEN _____
9. LUSATE _____
10. ORTIPATIC _____
11. EJNU ENETROHFUT _____
12. ARPADE _____

Answers on pg. 19

Higher Perspectives



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

Come Holy Spirit, Come

On the last Sunday of May, we celebrated the great Feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the birth of the Church and the 50th and final day of the Easter Season!

After Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is the next most important feast of the liturgical year. It is worthy of some further reflection for our own growth in holiness and to enrich our spirituality as we continue on our faith journey. In writing my article for this month, I would like to share with you excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI's homily on Pentecost Sunday in 2006. I do believe it gives us much food for thought as we leave the Easter season and enter into Ordinary time.

Pope Benedict states that: *On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles; thus, began the mission of the Church in the world... Prior to the Ascension into Heaven, he ordered them "not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father" (cf. Acts 1:5); that is, he asked them to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And they gathered in prayer with Mary in the upper room, awaiting the promised event (cf. Acts 1:4).*

To stay together was the condition laid down by Jesus in order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; the premise of their harmony was prolonged prayer. In this way we are offered a formidable lesson for every Christian community.

Some think at times that missionary effectiveness depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intelligent application through a concrete commitment. The Lord certainly does ask for our collaboration, but before any other response His initiative is necessary: His spirit is the true protagonist of the Church. The roots of our being and of our action are in the wise and provident silence of God.

The images used by St. Luke to indicate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit - wind and fire - recall Sinai, where God revealed himself to the people of Israel and offered is covenant (cf. Ex 19:3ff.). The feast of Sinai, which Israel celebrated 50 days after the Passover, was the feast of the Covenant.

Speaking of the tongues of fire (cf. Acts 2:3), St. Luke wants to show Pentecost as a new Sinai, as the feast of the New Covenant, where the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the nations of the earth.

The Church has been catholic and missionary from her birth. The universality of salvation is meaningfully manifested with the list of the numerous ethnic groups to which those who heard the Apostles' first proclamation belonged (cf. Acts 2:9-11).

However, "Human pride and egoism always create divisions, build walls of indifference, hate and violence. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, makes hearts capable of understanding the languages of all, as he re-establishes the bridge of authentic communion between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit is Love.

How can the secret of Love be understood? This is the mystery of Pentecost: the Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, by revealing Christ crucified and risen, indicates the way to become more like Him, that is, to be "the image and instrument of the love which flows from Christ" (Deus Caritas Est, n. 33).

The Church, gathered with Mary as at her birth, today implores: "Veni, Sancte Spiritus! - Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!". Amen

May the Holy Spirit renew the face of the earth and our beloved PRCUA!

Honoring Our Parents

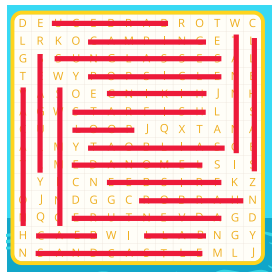
The months of May and June bring with them the two great days when we celebrate motherhood and fatherhood respectively. Our moms and dads gave us the great gift of all, LIFE and thus the possibility of eternal life with the Lord. I hope you find the appropriate way to honor them whether they are living or deceased.

A Blessed and Happy Mother's and Father's Day to all who have received this awesome title! May the Lord hold you close to his most Sacred Heart in time and in eternity!

Until next time, enjoy the summer season and all that comes with it! Godspeed!

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 18:

2. Find all the words:



3. Find 10 differences:



4. Unscramble the words:

1. BETSY ROSS, **2.** STAR SPANGLED BANNER, **3.** AMERICA, **4.** FLAG DAY, **5.** STARS AND STRIPES, **6.** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, **7.** OLD GLORY, **8.** NATIONAL ANTHEM, **9.** SALUTE, **10.** PATRIOTIC, **11.** JUNE FOURTEENTH, **12.** PARADE

DEARLY DEPARTED PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Member	Society	State
Baczek, Stanley	2303	WI
Balcerak, Cyril R.	159	IL
Bird, Janice C.	1486	VT
Blaszkiewicz, Martha	1593	Mi
Bocinsky, Michael	290	IN
Boruta, Mary s.	1598	IL
Boychuk, Rose M	294	NJ
Buyers, Robert R.	2248	OH
Carmondy, Virginia B.	1000	NY
Clayton, Lawrence G.	1617	OH
Czubachowski, Bernice M	2206	OH
Fullmer, Gloria	593	WI
Gaynor, Marilyn	572	NJ
Grajewski, Florence	1301	MI
Gruszka, Andrzej	2315	WI
Harkin, Marilyn	425	NJ
Jaworski, Stella	1593	MI
Jones, Theresa M.	237	PA
Jung, Kathleen L.	2059	PA
Klan, Karol F.	1541	PA
Kocian, Carol A.	2100	OH
Kruczynski, Megan Nicole	156	MI
Kupcha Sr., Robert P.	1627	NJ
Kurek, Gerald D.	2206	OH
Kwak, Edward	531	PA
Kwiren, Dorothy	2059	NJ
Lapinski, Robert	572	NJ
Lawrence, Barbara A.	1407	NJ
Lobaza, Rosemary F.	261	MI

Member	Society	State
Marchlewicz, Ronald E.	1593	MI
Matthews, Lorraine	463	CT
Mcphail, Betty J.	1493	GA
Mier, Edward M.	718	MI
Miska, Richard J.	2109	OH
Molder, Teresa	435	TX
Nowakowski, Patricia B.	1147	KS
Oleksy, Anna	680	PA
Ozog, Wallace	1593	MI
Ozog, Wallace	1493	MI
Ozog, Wallace	1012	MI
Paniak, Bernard	308	IL
Romano, Irene E	1486	IL
Rupert, Deborah A.	2001	KY
Samardak, Jane	1605	IL
Skladzien, Lillian	2022	PA
Slandzicki, Judy	1617	MI
Slandzicki, Samuel	1617	OH
Synakowski, Diane A.	631	NY
Szabla, Helen J.	1593	MI
Szablewski, Helen M	540	NY
Szarowicz, Walter	475	IL
Tankiewicz, Chester	87	MI
Wacht, John E.	247	OH
Walsh, Lee	2001	PA
Warz, Donna M	593	IL
Wisniewski, Theresa M.	683	IL
Ygeal, Joanne J.	1583	MI
Zielinski, Christine Ann	317	IL

PRCUA extends deepest condolences to the families of our members who departed recently. May eternal light shine upon them. Please remember our deceased members and their families in your prayers.

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!

Did you become proud parents or grandparents? Did someone in your family graduate, get engaged or married, receive an award or accomplish something significant? Share your story with our PRCUA family. Submit your news and photos to: **lidia-kowalewicz@prcua.org** and we will publish them in the *Naród Polski*.

Czerwiec jest miesiącem...

WIEDZY O KONTACH EMERYTALNYCH

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46. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE

Z największą przyjemnością zapraszamy Państwa w piątek, 12 czerwca 2026 roku na 46. Doroczny Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, który odbędzie się w eleganckich wnętrzach O'Hare Tech Center w Schiller Park, Illinois.

Bal Letni jest najważniejszym i najbardziej reprezentacyjnym wydarzeniem fundraisingowym Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Całkowity dochód z tego wieczoru przeznaczony zostanie na wsparcie bieżącej działalności Muzeum oraz realizację jego misji kulturalnej i edukacyjnej.

Hubert Cioromski i Piotr Uzarowicz zostaną uhonorowani Nagrodami Ducha Polskości w kategorii indywidualnej. PNC Bank-Illinois otrzyma Nagrodę Ducha Polskości w kategorii organizacyjnej.

Wieczór rozpocznie się koktajlem o godzinie 18:30, po którym o 19:30 podana zostanie uroczysta kolacja. Oprawę muzyczną zapewni Orkiestra Antoniego Kawałkowskiego, zapraszając Państwa do wspólnego tańca. Goście będą mieli również możliwość udziału w ekskluzywnej cichej aukcji.

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UBEZPIECZENIA BEZ TAJEMNIC

Robert Sobczak
Specjalista ds. ubezpieczeń

Zaplanuj Medicare

Każdego dnia około 10 000 osób zbliża się do wieku, w którym zaczyna im przysługiwać Medicare. Badania rynku pokazują, że aż 67% seniorów chciałoby lepiej zrozumieć zasady jego działania. W dzisiejszym artykule poruszę 6 kluczowych rzeczy, o których powinna wiedzieć każda osoba wchodząca lub będąca na Medicare

1. Medicare składa się z różnych części

Jednym z mylących aspektów Medicare jest fakt, że składa się on z kilku odrębnych części. Każda z nich wiąże się z różnymi zasadami i kosztami.

W wielkim skrócie:

- **Część A** - obejmuje wizyty w szpitalu i wykwalifikowaną opiekę pielęgniarską;
- **Część B** - obejmuje opiekę zapobiegawczą, wizyty lekarskie i diagnostykę;
- **Część D** - jest planem zniżkowym na leki na receptę.

Istnieje również coś takiego jak **cześć C**, zwana inaczej Medicare Advantage.

2. Medicare nie jest za darmo

Wiele osób uważa, że posiadanie Medicare nic nie kosztuje. Niestety nie jest to prawda. Chociaż część A jest bezpłatna dla przeważającej większości zarejestrowanych. Części B i D, a także niektóre plany związane z częścią C zazwyczaj pobierają składki miesiczne.

3. Medicare nie obejmuje wszystkiego

O ile niektóre plany typu Medicare Advantage mogą pokryć koszty części usług dentystycznych, serwisów związanych z badaniem lub leczeniem wzroku oraz słuchu, o tyle oryginalne Medicare oferuje bardzo ograniczony zakres pokrycia kosztów w powyższych kategoriach. Na przykład opłata za pracę dentystyczną jest generalnie dokonywana tylko wtedy, gdy wiąże się one z innym leczonym schorzeniem pokrywanym przez Medicare lub jeśli przed operacją objętą ubezpieczeniem konieczny jest egzamin stomatologiczny.

I chociaż oryginalny Medicare zapłaci za badanie i leczenie niektórych chorób oczu, takich jak jaskra, to nie pokryje on kosztów corocznego badania wzroku ani okularów na receptę.

Ponadto Medicare nie zapłaci za opiekę długoterminową, taką jak pomoc domowa, domy spokojnej starości lub domy opieki, jeśli opieka ta ma charakter opiekuńczy - co oznacza konieczność codziennego życia, w przeciwieństwie do zaspokojenia czysto medycznej potrzeby.

4. Ubezpieczenie dodatkowe jest często koniecznością

Jeśli zarejestrujesz się na oryginalne Medicare, przygotuj extra budżet na koszty związane z pokryciem Medigap lub uzupełnieniami do Medicare. Pamiętaj, że suplementy do oryginalnego Medicare nie zapłacą za usługi niezatwierdzone przez Medicare. Mogą za to pokryć koszty wydatków, takich jak deductible, copays, coinsurance w usługach objętych przez część A i B Medicare.

5. Masz wybór

W ramach Medicare masz możliwość wyboru planu części D, który najlepiej odpowiada Twoim potrzebom. Jeśli natomiast zdecydujesz się na **część C**, czyli Medicare Advantage, możesz porównać opcje planów tak, aby zobaczyć, który z nich jest najbardziej odpowiada w Twojej indywidualnej sytuacji.

Co więcej, nie wybierasz planu do końca życia. Jeśli nie jesteś zadowolony ze swojego ubezpieczenia, możesz zmienić plan co najmniej raz do roku, podczas corocznego otwartego okresu zapisowego na Medicare, który trwa od 15 października, do 7 grudnia każdego roku.

6. Nie jesteś sam

Nie musisz dobierać planu do swoich potrzeb sam. Na rynku są agenci specjalizujący się w pomocy osobom takim jak Ty.

Jak wybrać dobrego agenta spośród wielu na rynku?

Przede wszystkim agent musi znać się na rzeczy, mieć licencje ubezpieczeniową, egzamin **AHIP** i najlepiej by specjalizował się w planach Medicare. Ogromnym atutem będzie fakt posiadania kontraktów z wieloma firmami ubezpieczeniowymi oferującymi podobne produkty do Medicare. Oznacza to nic innego niż to, że będzie on przeszkolony, i PRZEEGZAMINOWANY z produktów jakie oferuje rynek. Zasada jest prosta: im więcej dużych firm rozpoznawalnych na rynku w portfolio Twojego agenta, tym większy jego obiektywizm. Musi on posiadać również zdolność tłumaczenia planów w sposób dla Ciebie zrozumiały.

Na marginesie chciałbym tylko dodać, że żaden szanujący się agent nie będzie pobierał dodatkowych opłat za swoje usługi. Tę sprawę podkreślam w każdym wywiadzie, artykule prasowym jak również w mediach społecznościowych.

Naucz się Medicare

Koszty związane z Medicare będą musiały zostać uwzględnione w Twoim budżecie emerytalnym, więc opłaca się o nich wiedzieć na długo przed opuszczeniem na stałe miejsca pracy i przejściem na emeryturę. W ten sposób będziesz lepiej przygotowany do oceny Twoich oszczędności i dokonywania wyborów finansowych, które nie pozostawią Cię bez środków pieniężnych w latach późniejszych.

Pamiętaj, że opieka zdrowotna jest jednym z największych wydatków, z jakimi borykają się seniorzy, a dobre zrozumienie Medicare pomoże Ci uniknąć podstawowych błędów.

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W Polsce święto to obchodzone jest 1 czerwca i jest szczególnie wyczekiwane przez najmłodszych. Szkoły, przedszkola oraz organizacje społeczne organizują festyny, konkursy, gry sportowe i przedstawienia, aby sprawić dzieciom radość.

Dzień Dziecka przypomina również dorosłym o prawach najmłodszych. Każde dziecko powinno mieć zapewnione bezpieczeństwo, możliwość nauki, opiekę zdrowotną oraz miłość i wsparcie rodziny. Niestety, wiele dzieci na świecie nadal żyje w trudnych warunkach, cierpi z powodu biedy, wojen lub braku dostępu do edukacji. Dlatego to święto ma także ważny wymiar społeczny i humanitarny.

Dla dzieci jest to dzień pełen uśmiechu, słodyczy i wspólnego spędzania czasu z rodziną i przyjaciółmi. Dorośli starają się wtedy pokazać najmłodszym, jak bardzo są ważni i kochani. Międzynarodowy Dzień Dziecka to piękne święto, które przypomina nam, że dzieciństwo powinno być szczęśliwe, bezpieczne i pełne marzeń.



UROCZYSTOŚĆ ZAKOŃCZENIA ROKU SZKOLNEGO

Irena Woźniak
Dyrektor szkoły

9 maja 2026, to dzień w którym Szkoła Języka i Kultury Polskiej im. Zbigniewa Herberta w Palos Heights, Illinois zakończyła jedenasty rok naszej działalności. Zakończyliśmy go bajkowo, występem uczniów, uczestniczących w szkolnych "Warsztatach Teatralnych". Uczniowie zaprezentowali przedstawienie "Smerfy", wyreżyserowany przez instruktorki panie Dorotę Wilmanowicz-Rumińską i Iwonę Borowicz.

Występ wywołał olbrzymie emocje zarówno wśród uczniów jak i dorosłych. Widzowie byli całkowicie pochłonięci grą aktorską małych aktorów. Spontaniczne reakcje i oklaski były reakcją na znak wyjątkowego wykonania, które wzbudziło ogromny entuzjazm wśród widowni.

Po zakończeniu przedstawienia, uczestnicy otrzymali dyplomy w dowód uznania. Dyplomy otrzymały również instruktorki przedstawienia za ich wkład pracy i zaangażowanie.

Korzystając z okazji, że występ połączony był z zakończeniem roku szkolnego, Irena Woźniak - dyrektor szkoły, wyróżniła dwie nauczycielki dyplomem "Nauczyciela z Pasją", panie Annę Majchrowicz i Martę Kwak.

Dyplomem uznania, uhonorowana została również pani Marzena Zarycki, za prowadzenie "Kółka szachowego" i przygotowanie uczniów do udziału XXII Polonijnych Mistrzostw Dzieci i Młodzieży.

Dziękując za cały rok pracy, życzymy wspaniałych wakacji, pełnych przygód i radości. Niech to będzie czas odpoczynku i niezapomnianych wrażeń.

























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