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President Convokes 60th Convention

On the 15th day of March, in the year 2010, I officially convoked the 60th Quadrennial Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, to be held in the City of Rosemont, Illinois, commencing on Sunday, August 8th at 2:00 p.m.

The site of the 60th Convention has been changed from the one announced in the Fall of 2009. The Convention will be held at the Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare, 5550 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois. All out-of-town delegates are urged to arrive on Saturday, August 7th.

Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and continue to 8:00 p.m. In the evening, from 5 to 8 p.m. the Arrangements Committee of the Pre-Convention, chaired by Mrs. Lucia Seranko of Arlington Heights, Illinois, has planned a Hospitality Reception and visit to the PRCUA Home Office in Chicago, as well as tour of the Polish Museum of America. The event is sponsored by the PRCUA and is free of charge.

The Opening Mass will be held on Sunday, August 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish, 1300 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, where our fraternal will be graciously hosted by Reverend Anthony Bus, C.R., Pastor. Although the PRCUA was founded in Detroit, Michigan, this is the Parish where the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America had its beginnings in the Chicago area. After Mass, a luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall.

The initial Convention session will open at 2:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare. It will be followed by a Banquet at the Convention Center of the Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., with music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Convention business meetings will be held throughout Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare. Due to the lengthy business sessions which will most likely take place during this important Convention, the Arrangements Committee has not planned additional entertainment activities for delegates during the Convention. However, a list of information about places to go and interesting sites to see for guests and families of delegates will be available.

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EASTER BLESSINGS

*"This is the Day the Lord
has made,
let us rejoice and be glad!"
(Psalm 118, Easter Mass)*



The long Lenten Journey ends in the brilliance of New and Eternal Life! The empty tomb stands in testimony of Jesus' Victory over satan's pride. Death is conqueror, Everlasting Life has triumph! Christ is truly Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

As we begin the celebration of the great Feast of Easter, may the joy of the Risen Lord, fill your hearts with His Divine Mercy and Love!

A Blessed and Happy Easter to our beloved Fraternal Family and all of Polonia! *Wesołego Alleluja!*

*Rev. Walter J. Ptak
National Chaplain*

*Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc
1st Vice Chaplain*

*Rev. Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, P.A.
2nd Vice Chaplain*

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PRCUA ANNUITY RATE CHANGE

National President Wallace M. Ozog has announced that, effective April 1, 2010, the new Annual Percentage Yields (APYs) for the PRCUA annuity portfolio will be as follows:

ANNUITY ACCUMULATION VALUE	PORTFOLIO SERIES		
	MILLENNIUM	CLASSIC	PREFERRED
1. \$ 300.00 - \$ 4,999.99	3.500%	3.000%	-
2. \$ 5,000.00 - \$ 49,999.99	3.750%	3.125%	3.000%
3. \$ 50,000.00 - \$ 99,999.99	4.000%	3.250%	3.000%
4. \$ 100,000.00 - and above	4.250%	3.500%	3.000%

All series in our annuity portfolio are affected by this change. The new interest banded APYs apply to all new annuities, as well as existing annuities. Please do not post, advertise, or inform anyone about our APYs being guaranteed unless you are referring to the minimum guarantee of 3.0% throughout the life of the annuity certificate.

Note: The above APYs could change with market conditions in the future. The APYs are based on our ability to lower our total expenses and still maintain a strong solvency ratio. Please visit www.prcua.org/annuity to keep posted on the current PRCUA annuity APYs.

Happy Easter!

**The offices of the
PRCUA
will be closed
on Friday,
April 2nd
for the
Easter
Holiday.**



Calendar of PRCUA Events

APRIL

- DETROIT, MI - NOTICE FROM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOC. 87** - If any members are interested in attending a Society meeting, please call Ted Klamerus at (313) 562-1716
- 5 WARREN, MI - ST. THERESA SOC. #428 MEETING** on Monday, April 5 at 7 pm. Contact Christopher Ozog at 586-524-4907 or e-mail at cozog3@comcast.net
- 5 LONGWOOD, FL - SMIGUS-DYNGUS DAY** sponsored by Soc. #1492 on Mon., April 5, Noon - Dusk at Polonia, 750 S. Highway 17/92, Longwood FL 32750. Music by Cleveland's Joe Oberaitis. Advance food tickets \$15; \$20 at the door. Buy advance tickets at Polonia or by mailing a check made payable to Polonia. Benefits PRCUA Educational Fund and the Haitian Children's Hospital operated by Orlando's Fr. Jack Douglas's CP Order. Contact: (407) 331 1933
- 11 MUNSTER, IN - IL-IN WOMEN'S DIVISION SWIECONKA AND DISTRICT 9 REUNION** on Sun., April 11, at Carmelite Monastery Banquet Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN; Mass at Noon, Lunch at 1:30 pm; Tickets \$25; RSVP immediately by calling Elizabeth Grabowski (219) 923-6613 Raffle prizes are appreciated.
- 15 LANSING, MI - WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Thurs., April 15 at Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope Rd., Lansing, MI. Pot luck at 6 pm; meeting follows at 7 pm. Contact: Tom Croff (517) 627-0222
- 18 HICKORY HILLS, IL - PRCUA SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH DANCING** on Sun., April 18, Camelot Banquets, 8624 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, IL; Entry: Noon and Dinner: 1:00 p.m. Donation: \$20 Adults; cash bar. Contact: Dir. Krystyna Lech (708) 341-6781
- 18 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING** on Sun., April 18 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dues: L. Alexander, 1059 Molno, Wyandotte, MI 48192
- 18 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING** on Sun., April 18 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Joan Sylak (419) 729-2126
- 18 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #2206 MEETING** on Sun., April 18 at 4 pm at Circle 8 Clubroom, 2501 Nebraska, Toledo, OH.
- 18 MUNSTER, IN - DISTRICT #9 ANNUAL MEETING** on Sun., April 18 at 1:30 pm in small hall Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Contact: E.Grabowski (219) 923-6613
- 20 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., April 20 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: L. McClain, 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA 15906
- 20 CLEVELAND, OH - SOC. #2102 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Tues., April 20 at 7 pm Harmonia Chopin Singing Soc., 3736 E. 71 St., Cleveland, OH. Call: Mike Jankowski (216) 581-7027
- 21 CHICAGO, IL - QUEEN OF POLISH CROWN SOC. #657 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on April 21, at 10 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Bill Seranko 847- 254- 0694.
- 21 CHICAGO, IL - ST. EMILY SOC. #1620 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on April 21 at 11 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Lucia Seranko 773-860-3131
- 21 TROY, MI - INFANT OF PRAGUE SOC. 2274 MEETING** on Wed., April 21 at 2:30 pm at Polish-Am. Cul. Ctr., Dequindre and 15 Mile Rd., Troy, MI. Contact: Stella Jaworski (586) 754-3027
- 23-25 PLYMOUTH, MI - PRCUA NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT** hosted by St. Stan's #718 at Plaza Lanes on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, MI. Hotel: Embassy Suites just north of I-275 & 7 Mile Rd. Polka Mass 6:30 pm at Hotel, followed by a dance.
- 25 NILES, IL - POLONIA ENSEMBLE SPRING RECITAL AND DINNER-DANCE** on Sun., April 25 at 3:00 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee, Niles, IL. Ticket: \$35/adults and \$15/children 14 years and under. Contact: Anna Krynski (847) 529-2555
- 25 PARMA, OH - SOC. #2220 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Sun., April 25 at 2 -m at Shynok Party Center, 5840 State Rd., Parma, OH. Contact: Cecylia Dzczko (440) 582-1629
- 25 WARREN, MI - HALKA DANCERS RECITAL** on Sun., April 25 at 3 pm at Van Dyke Com. Auditorium, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI honoring 2010 grads. \$7 at door. Call: R. Cerankowski (313) 891-2403
- 27 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., April 27 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz (586) 573-7510

MAY

- 1 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 1ST ANNUAL PIEROGI DAY** on Sat., May 1, Noon-7 pm at Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope Rd., Lansing, MI. 6 varieties of pierogi available, all homemade by the members of the Home. Eat in or Take out. For Advance Orders call Betty at (517) 339-4604
- 1 TOLEDO, OH - TOLEDO SOCIETIES BLOOD DRIVE** on Sat. May 1 at PRCUA Misuida Hall, 5255 Detroit Ave, Toledo from 9am - 2 pm. Contact Joan Sylak (419) 729-2126
- 2 CHICAGO, IL - SOCIETIES #408, #1557, #795, #957 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETINGS** all on Sun., May 2 at the PRCUA Home Office: St. Florian Martyr Society #408 at 11:30 am; Krakow Society #1557 at 12:00 Noon; St. James Society #795 at 12:30pm; St. Joseph Society #1012 at 1 pm; Eagle Society #957 at 1:30 pm; Society #308 Sacred Heart Society at 2:00 p.m. as a scheduled meeting.
- 2 HAMTRAMCK, MI - ST. JOSEPH SOC #261 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Sun., May 2 at 12:30 pm. VP Pasternak's home. Call Pres. Tom Lisiecki (586) 795-8901 for directions.
- 8 CHICAGO, IL - SACRED HEART SOC. #308 MEETING & ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES** on Sat., May 8, at 10 am, in the PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL. Contact: Mary Clark, Fin. Secy., (773) 582-5835
- 10 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT #7 MEETING** on Mon., May 10 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski (773) 763-4069
- 13 LANSING, MI - WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 MEETING** on Thurs., May 13 at Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope Rd., Lansing, MI. Pot luck dinner at 6 pm; meeting follows at 7 pm. Contact: Tom Croff (517) 627-0222
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- 20 CHICAGO, IL - ILL-IND WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING** on Thurs., May 20 at 10:30 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL Contact: Irene Rush (630) 295-5607. Raffle prizes appreciated.
- 25 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., May 25 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz (586) 573-7510
- 28 40TH DETROIT TIGERS POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT** on Fri., May 28 show at 5:30, game at 7:05. Detroit Tigers vs. Oakland Athletics; Tickets \$35 (See details on page 12.)

[Please give the Editor your Society's Meeting Schedule](#)

Corrections - In the last issue there were two typographical errors in the State of the Union Address on page 3, for which the editor takes complete responsibility and humbly apologizes. Also, on page 9, the captions under the Pulaski and Kosciuszko portraits were accidentally reversed. Sincere apologies from the editor.

60th PRCUA Quadrennial Convention Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE - ELECTION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

According to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws, Societies must elect delegates and alternates to the 60th PRCUA Quadrennial Convention during the month of April or May. Contact your Society's Financial Secretary for information about your Society's Meeting, if it is not listed in the Calendar of Events. **All Financial Secretaries are urged to call Executive Editor Kathryn Rosypal toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2640 before April 20 to have your May Society delegate election meeting listed in the May Calendar of Events.**

BUDGET & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE NOTICE

The Budget and Grievance Committee has announced that any PRCUA member who has a complaint, suggestion or grievance should file it - in writing - with the Budget and Grievance Committee by June 1, 2010. The PRCUA Convention will only accept complaints, suggestions and grievances that have been officially filed with this Committee. A meeting of the Budget and Grievance Committee will be held after receipt of responses from the membership.

Eileen Hanley, Chairperson

Send your complaints, suggestions and/or grievances to:

Budget and Grievance Committee
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

**NOTICE TO SOCIETY OFFICERS
ON CONVENTION REPRESENTATION**

The 60th Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA is quickly approaching. The Secretary-Treasurer reminds all officers of PRCUA Societies of a very important provision in the Constitution and By-Laws governing the representation of Societies at the Convention.

Chapter VII, Article 16, Delegates to the Convention, Paragraph 3

"A Society delinquent to the UNION more than two (2) months in its dues loses its rights to representation at the Convention."

The accounts of a majority of Societies are current, therefore this notice does not apply to them. However, all Societies who are delinquent are encouraged to bring their accounts up-to-date immediately so that your Society will meet the qualifications of the Constitution for representation at the Convention, which is the most important gathering of our fraternal organization.

Josephine Szarowicz, Secretary-Treasurer

DEADLINE FOR DELEGATES' AND ALTERNATES' CREDENTIALS

In compliance with the provisions of the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws, the election of delegates and their alternates to the 60th National Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America should take place within the month of April or May.

After the election of delegates and alternates, please complete the delegate and alternate credentials with all the necessary information, have it signed by the President of Financial Secretary of the Society and mail only the DUPLICATE to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer before June 1, 2010.

The ORIGINAL must be given to your Society's delegate or alternate, who must present it when registering at the PRCUA Convention. Send credential duplicates to:

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REQUESTS INPUT

The Long Range Planning Committee of the PRCUA has announced that any PRCUA member who would like to propose plans or make recommendations regarding long range matters should submit them in writing to the Committee by June 1, 2010.

The Committee was established "for the purpose of reviewing changes taking place in our society and recommending to the delegation suggestions and plans that will provide the PRCUA the opportunity to keep up with these new changes." Please send your recommendations to:

Long Range Planning Committee
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

IMPORTANT NOTICE - A news item aired on Channel 7 recently, stating that the Polish Museum of America (PMA) may have to close its doors in March due to lack of funds. Some people thought this meant the PRCUA is closing. The PMA is a totally separate entity from the PRCUA and it does not affect the PRCUA's viability. The PRCUA is fiscally strong and has never considered closing. We're ready to serve you for another 137 years!

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES SEEKING
NATIONAL OFFICES IN THE PRCUA**

The Candidates Qualifications Committee has announced that all candidates seeking to run for election to a national office in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America must contact the Secretary-Treasurer for an application. All applications must be submitted to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer by June 1, 2010.

Candidates must meet the following requirements as set forth by the PRCUA Constitution as follows:

Chapter IX, Article 28. Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

"1. Only a delegate personally present at the Convention and who has been a member of the UNION for at least five (5) years and is a citizen of the United States of North America, and has indicated his desire to aspire for the specified office or his name has heretofore been presented by a Society or a Circuit with the consent of the candidate, may be a candidate for that office in the UNION. Such an announcement must be forwarded to the Candidates Qualifications Committee on or before June 1st and must be published in an issue of the official publication of the UNION thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. A candidate for the office of Director must be a resident of the District and he must be a member of a society, which is located in the District. To be qualified to run at the Convention for an elective office, whether Officer or Director, a delegate must be registered at the Convention by 9:00 a.m. on the Second Day of the Convention."

Please request an application in person or by telephoning the Secretary-Treasurer's Office at 773-782-2600 Ext. 2606 or toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2606. Or send your request for an application by REGISTERED MAIL to:

Joyce Szarowicz, Secretary-Treasurer
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

Submitted by the Candidates Qualifications Committee

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
PRCUA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The Constitution Committee is now accepting proposed changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. Any PRCUA member, Society, Circuit or District in good standing has the right to propose changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. These changes must be submitted IN WRITING to the Constitution Committee by June 1,2010 for consideration. Please follow the format below when submitting changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The Committee will accept proposed changes until June 1, 2010. Thank you.

Proposal to the Constitution Committee

Your Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: Day (_____) _____

Evening (_____) _____

Your PRCUA Society Number _____

Changes proposed to these articles:

Chapter _____ Article _____ Page(s) _____

Title of Article _____

Reason for proposed change _____

Proposed wording _____

Send proposed changes to:

PRCUA Constitution Committee
Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

PRCUA SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE



Each year, the PRCUA offers PRCUA members undergraduate, graduate and professional degree scholarships from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund and educational grants from the PRCUA Education Fund.

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are now available. The scholarships and grants are renewable, however, an application must be submitted each year. Scholarships are specific to the school and educational program named in the application.

An applicant must be a PRCUA member, a fulltime student and must submit an essay of up to 500 words on a topic determined each year by PRCUA, along with a completed application and an official school transcript.

Go to the PRCUA website for details and an application for both the scholarship and grant programs:

www.prcua.org click on "Member Benefits"

DEADLINES:

Application, essay and official transcript for PRCUA Grants must be received by June 1, 2010 and for Scholarships everything must be received by July 1, 2010.

PRCUA Golf Tournament

The 2010 PRCUA National Golf Tournament will be hosted by St. Michael Soc. #78 in Muskegon, MI on July 10th at Chase Hammond Golf Club, 2454 Putnam Rd in Muskegon; shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Golfers and guests can stay at the **Shoreline Inn & Suites**, 750 Terrace Point Blvd in Muskegon; rate for one bed (king or queen) is \$109 and for 2 beds (queen) is \$119, which includes a continental breakfast. Reservations can be made by calling 866-727-8483, mention Polish Roman Catholic Union group; deadline is June 10th.

Go to www.prcua.org for an entry form or call the Fraternal Dept. at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601.

"Go Green" Contest for PRCUA Societies Win \$137.00

In celebration of this being the a Convention Year, *Narod Polski* has initiated a special "Go Green" Contest in which all PRCUA Societies can participate.

The PRCUA Society that gets the most members to convert from receiving the paper format *Narod Polski* newspaper in the mail to receiving the newspaper in a PDF format on their computer - between March 1 and the first day of the Convention in August - will receive a prize of \$137. The prize money amount is representative of this 137th anniversary year of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Note that this is a 2-step process! Go to the PRCUA website: www.prcua.org/narodpolski. Go to the bottom of the page. 1) Click on "Start your digital *Narod Polski* subscription" and follow the directions. 2) Go back to the main page and click on "Stop your mailed *Narod Polski* subscription" and follow the directions.

Important! For the purposes of this contest, the way that the PRCUA will keep track of conversions is by counting the number of members who STOP getting their *Narod Polski* newspaper mailed. Therefore, in order for the Society to receive proper credit for the contest, a member must complete both Steps 1 and 2 and give their Society number in Step 2. **Go Green!**

P.S. This contest was the brainchild of PRCUA member Wes Kar, who suggested it. "Thanks, Wes."

1ST ANNUAL POLONIA HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

PRCUA members are invited to join with members of three other Polish fraternals in this newly-established Polonia Tournament.

This tournament will take place on May 21 and 22, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA. It is open only to bonafide members of the Polish Falcons of America, Polish National Alliance, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and Polish Women's Alliance in good standing (certificates and payments up to date as of March 1, 2010.)

Teams can be male, female or mixed. If you enter Singles, you must also enter Doubles and vice-versa. Ask Co-Chairs if substitutes are available if you need to fill a team or doubles. Fee: \$55 - 100% of all prize fees will be returned as prizes.

Host Hotel: Crown Plaza Pittsburgh South, 164 Couch Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15241 Phone 412-833-5300. Polonia Tournament block reserved for Thurs., Fri. and Sat nights. \$93 per night plus tax. Alternate: Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree, 101 Radisson Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 Phone 1-800-395-7046. **Deadline for applications is April 15th.** The application and details are available at our website: www.prcua.org

Celebrity for a Day



Mary Wolnicki was invited to be on the Martha Stewart Show on February 16, 2010 because her dog, Max, was one of the participants in the Westminster Dog Show in NY. Mary is in the white sweater; Max is the one with his tongue hanging out.



FRANK A. OCWIEJA

Chicago, IL - Frank A. Ocwieja, a Veteran of WWII, passed away on February 16. He was Funeral Director and owner of Ocwieja Funeral Home for the past 60 years, initially in St. Barbara's parish in Bridgeport and subsequently in Five Holy Martyrs parish in Brighton Park. "Mr. Ocwieja was an integral part of Brighton Park... He was always happy and smiling and waved at everyone... He was an upstanding man and fair in everything he did. His generosity was well known in the community and he will be dearly missed," reported his former employee.



Frank A. Ocwieja

Frank Ocwieja was an usher and lector at Five Holy Martyrs Church where he belonged to Post 500 Catholic War Veterans, the Holy Name Society and he was Past President of its Vincent De Paul Society. He was also a member of Illinois Funeral Directors Assoc. He was active in the Polonia and the community and served as Past Vice President of Catholic Circle and Past President of PRCUA SS Peter and Paul Soc. #542. He also belonged to Soc. 533 PRCUA, and District 8 of PRCUA. Mr. Ocwieja was a charter member of the PRCUA Maria Konopnicka Adult Culture Group and he participated in many of the Annual Balls that the group sponsors.

He was a 4th degree member of Knights of Columbus #2428 and a member of the following groups: Quadrangle Club, Omega, Catholic League, and Pope John Paul II Seniors. A neighbor said, he "was a caring friend and neighbor with a great sense of humor, who always found time to help others."

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Five Holy Martyrs Parish and entombment took place in Resurrection Garden Mausoleum.

Frank Ocwieja was the beloved husband of the late Regina, (nee Sinica) Ocwieja - Past National Vice President of the Polish PRCUA and foundress of the Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball. He was the loving father of Frank A Jr. (Susan Pearson), Barbara (Richard C.) Hoffman, Caroline Kava (Nola Schiff), John Z. (Nancy), Dr. Mary Ocwieja (Dr. William Smith); cherished grandfather of Dr. Ernst (Dawn) Hoffman, Hans Hoffman (Anne Touchette-Hoffman), Matthew Ocwieja (Carol Chung), Karen Emily Ocwieja, Regina Ocwieja (Bryan McCormick), Sarah and Karen Elaine Ocwieja, Hannah and Benjamin Smith; treasured great-grandfather of Madysen Hoffman, Zane Hoffman, Reed Hoffman, Ethan Ocwieja and Wynn Hoffman; devoted son of the late Frank S. and Caroline, nee Kawa; dear brother of the late Zosia (late Roy) Stege, the late Anne (late Steve) Karr and the late Ted (late Helen, nee Mordell); dear uncle of Marilyn (late Don) Dayhoff, the late Steven Karr, Roger (Anita), the late Earl, the late Gregory (Kathy) Karr, Ted (Linda) Ocwieja; fond brother-in-law of late Zenon (Irene, nee Przybylo) Sinica, the late Helen and Wilhelmina Sinica; dear uncle of Diane Brogdon, Nancy (William) True, and Christine (Bryan) Zirzow.

"I perceived Frank Ocwieja to be a happy, humble man of boundless energy and generosity, with much enthusiasm for life. Perhaps that's why he was so good in his line of work. His compassion was genuine." - Editor Kasia Rosypal.

May Frank Ocwieja be blessed a hundredfold for all the good that he has done for others and may he rest in eternal peace, together once again with his beloved, Regina.

Condolences can be sent to the PRCUA and will be forwarded to the family.

Save Cancelled Stamps for the Missions

Please save your cancelled stamps, trim them to 1/4 inch on all sides and send them to: **FELICIAN SISTERS, VILLA MARIA CONVENT, 600 DOAT STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14211**

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BAMBOL, REV. JOHN C.	424	MA
BARBASIEWICZ, CHESTER	2320	WI
BARNAS, ROBERT	823	IL
BAZAN, BARBARA	213	WV
BIEDRONSKI, HENRY	849	IL
BIESZCZAT, MARCELLA	413	IN
BOBER, JOHN	213	WV
BUDZINSKI, EUGENE	1000	IL
CHYZANOWSKI, JEAN	1301	NY
COVINGTON, HELEN	1031	IN
CZAPLA, JOSEPHINE	1000	IL
CZERWONKA, FRED	1009	MA
DOMBROWSKY, DOROTHY	2010	PA
DRELICK, STANLEY	865	PA
ELLIS, OLGA	1000	IL
EWERT. CATHERINE	66	IL
FLUET, ELEANORE	145	IL
GALLAGHER, DOROTHY	2015	PA
GORDON, JAMES	213	WV
GRAHAM, ANNA	718	MI
GROSZ, ELIZABETH	1202	WI
HERC, JADWIGA	1407	NJ
HIGGINS, VALERIE	943	IL
JAKUBEK, ERWIN	283	WI
KAPKA, STEPHANIE	2009	PA
KILIJANSKI, GENEVIEVE	463	CT
KMIECIK, ALEXANDER	23	MI
KOSINSKI, ANTHONY	308	IL
KOWALKSI, ANGELINE	750	NY
KURON, LILLIAN	2206	OH
KUZIA, HENRY	162	MI
KWOLEK, ISABELLA	2291	PA
LAWINSKI, IRENE	2003	PA
LEBLANC, VERONICA	899	MA
LECHOWICZ, THADDEUS	1580	IL
LESNIAK, FLORENCE	407	IL
LESZUK, JOSEPHINE	2009	PA
LEWANDOWSKI, HELEN	278	IL
LEWANDOWSKI, HERMINE	2293	PA
LIGHT, ELIZABETH	1213	NJ
LUCZAK, LILLIAN	413	IN
MALEC, HATTIE	1004	IL
MARYNOWSKA, MARIA	2227	MI
MATUSZEK, IRENE	424	MA
MICHALAK, AGNES	2032	PA
MILLER, PHYLLIS	1579	IL
MOGEL, MILDRED	211	NY
MROZ, ROSE	593	IL
NIEMIRA, EDWIN	421	IL
NYKIEL, ANNE	661	IL
PAGACZ, HENRY	105	KS
PIETRZAK, DORIS	227	OH
PONSFORD, CASSANDRA	247	OH
POZDOL, HENRY	179	IL
RYMAROWICZ, HENRY	2291	PA
RZEPKA, WILLIAM	261	MI
SCHAB, CZESLAWA	308	IL
SCHALKE, ROSE	1109	IL
SCZESNIAK, ROBERT	539	MO
SIEKIERKA, FRANCISZKA	792	MI
SINCLAIR, AURELLA	2227	MI
SMEYKAL, SOPHIE	2015	PA
SOINSKI, ANGELA	2220	OH
SOKOLOWSKI, HEDWIG	539	MO
SOMMERFELT, FRANCES	1591	OH
SPIEG, HONORATA	2274	MI
STAJURA, JERRY	308	IL
SZAL, MICHAEL	1000	IL
TRESTAN, ANNE	607	PA
UKOLOWICZ, EDWARD	916	NY
URBAN, WINIFRED	385	NY
WAWZENEK, HARRIET	3000 & 300	IL
WLODARCZYK, EMIL	765	NY
WLOSOWICZ, WALTER	2220	OH
ZAJDEL, MARYANNA	385	NY
ZAREMBA, VICTOR	181	NY
ZUBRZYCKI, CHESTER	1629	IL

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A Mass was celebrated on Feb. 23, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Milwaukee, WI with entombment in St. Adalbert Cemetery. May she rest in eternal peace.

Tasha was a member of PRCUA Society #654. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Benedict Church, in Eggertsville, NY. May she rest in eternal peace.

She was the beloved wife of the late Lucian Bialek; loving mother of Boguslaw (Patricia) Bialek; dear grandmother of Christina and John Tyler Bialek; fond sister of Genia (George) Mosarski, Baroni Francuz and the late Anthony (Bogusia) Francuz and sister-in-law of Jadzia Kalinowski and Jan (Anna) Bialek. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She embraced Jose, Jacqueline, Jessica and the late Matthew Mariscal as her grandchildren not by blood but by love. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Hyacinth Basilica in Chicago, IL followed by interment at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. May she rest in eternal peace.

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Fraternal Family Favorites

By Robert Strybel

CREPES (nalesniki): In bowl combine 1 c milk with 2 beaten eggs and 1/8 t salt; whisk until smooth. Gradually add 1-1/4 c sifted flour, whisking constantly until lump-free and air blisters appear on surface. Whisk in about 1 c water, or just enough for a thin, pourable batter. Grease frying pan with oil on a paper towel or cooking spray; heat. Find a ladle that is just right for the amount of batter for 1 pancake. Fry pancake. Flip over and cook briefly on other side. Re-grease pan as needed. Thin crepes need only be cooked on one side. Spread your nalesniki with any of the following fillings and roll up or fold all four sides over the filling:

1) **Preserves:** Polish plum butter (powidla), Lowicz brand zurawina (cranberry jam) or other jam or preserves of choice;
2) **Cheese:** Mash well with fork 3/4 lb farmer cheese or use a food-processor; stir in 1/2 t salt, 1 t sugar and 1 raw egg yolk or a heaping T sour cream.

3) **Sweet Cheese:** In food processor mix 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1 c. strainer-drained small curd cottage cheese, 2-3 T sugar and 1 tsp vanilla.

After spreading with filling, leaving a 1-inch margin around the edge, roll up nalesniki or fold into squares. Heat in frying pan with a little butter before serving.

ROAST VEAL: Slice 2 cloves garlic into 6-8 vertical slivers. In a 2-1/2 to 3 lb veal leg, rump, loin or boneless shoulder roast insert the garlic into deep incisions. Sprinkle meat with salt, pepper and paprika. Sear meat all over in hot fat until a brown crust forms on the outside. Place on rack in roasting pan. Roast uncovered in a preheated 350 °- 375° oven. Place several thin slices of pork fatback or bacon on top of meat, add 1-1/2 c water to roaster and roast about 2 hrs or until done. Cool to room temp and refrigerate overnight. To serve, slice cold roast about 1/4" thin and reheat in pan dripping.

GRANNY'S CHEESECAKE: Combine 1-1/4 cups flour, 3/4 t baking powder and 1/4 t salt. With fork mash in 1/4 c butter or margarine. Beat 1 egg with 3 T sour cream and stir into flour mixture with 1/3 c confectioner's sugar. Knead well until dough is smooth; roll out on floured surface into a rectangle. Line a 13x9x2 inch pan with dough; bring up the sides. Separately, beat 6 eggs with 2 c confectioner's sugar at high speed 5 min, add 1 t vanilla; beat to fluffy. Process in food processor or sieve 1 lb farmer's cheese, combine with 1-1/2 c mashed potatoes, add 2 t baking powder, 1/2 t salt, 1 T lemon zest and 1/4 t nutmeg. Combine well with egg mixture, pour into dough-lined pan, smooth the top. Bake at 350° for 45-55 min or until set. Cool well before cutting.

CRUMB MAZURKA: Cut 1/2 lb butter into 3 c flour; mix in 4 egg yolks and 1 c confectioner's sugar. Work into a smooth dough, wrap and refrigerate several hrs. Divide dough into half. Roll out one half; fit it into baking pan. Spread with Polish plum butter. Coarsely grate other dough, covering the top. Bake in pre-heated 400° oven 20 min until golden. Cool; cut into squares.

PASCHAL CHEESE DESSERT (pascha): Sieve 2-1/4 lbs full-cream (not low-fat!) farmer cheese. Separately cream 5 egg yolks with 1-1/4 c sugar, stir in 1 c light cream. Stirring constantly, heat mixture nearly to boiling point, but do not boil. Remove from heat, stir in the cheese, 1 1/4 lb unsalted butter, 3/4 c plumped golden raisins, 1/2 c chopped blanched almonds, 1 t orange zest and 1 t vanilla. (Optional: 8 oz. cream cheese). Mix well and place mixture on cheese cloth. Tie cheese cloth into a ball and hang it up to drip-dry, twisting ball to extract moisture. When no more moisture can be extracted, refrigerate in cheese cloth over night. Remove cheese cloth and decorate pascha with chopped candied orange rind, slivered almonds and raisins.

President of Poland will be Grand Marshal of Chicago's Polish Constitution Day Parade

On Saturday, May 1st, beginning at 11:30 am, Chicago's large Polish American community will celebrate Polish Constitution Day with its annual parade in Grant Park along Columbus Drive in downtown Chicago, from Balboa to Monroe. The holiday is in commemoration of the 219th anniversary of the signing of Poland's May 3rd, 1791 Constitution, which is the second oldest Constitution in the world, after the United States of America's Constitution.

The Grand Marshal leading the parade this year will be the President of the Republic of Poland Lech Kaczynski. The parade is coordinated by the Alliance of Polish Clubs and it is the largest Polish Parade outside of Poland. As in previous years, the parade will be broadcast on ABC-TV Channel 7.

After the parade, President Lech Kaczynski and his entourage plan to tour the Polish Museum of America, where they will be hosted by the officers of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Everyone is invited to the attend the parade.

What's in a (Polish) name?

Noga, Kolano, Paluch...

If you're like most Americans, you would probably associate such names as Joseph Big Finger or Thomas Crooked Nose with Native Americans. The fact is that the Polish name Józef Paluch and Tomasz Krzywonos mean exactly the same. In many languages, some distinctive physical feature has been used over the ages to identify people.

Different people named Jan, Jakub, Andrzej or whatever might be distinguished by adding such terms as Noga (foot or leg), Kolano (knee), Nosal (big nose), Nosek (little nose), Glowacz (big head), Główka (little head), Czupryna (bushy hair) or Garbaty (humpback). These have proliferated into numerous derivatives including Kolankiewicz, Glowacki, Czuprynowski, Nozynski, Garbusek, etc.

For a custom-research analysis of your last name, its derivation and meaning, how many people use it, where they live and whether a coat of arms goes with it, kindly airmail a \$16 check (adding \$9 for each additional surname) to:

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Also included free of extra charge is a contact sheet of handy genealogical leads (root-tracing websites, data bases, organizations and firms) which has helped many Polish Americans get started in their ancestral exploration.

Win a Recipe Book!

In celebration of the 2010 Convention Year, *Naród Polski* readers are invited to send their favorite recipes to the Editor for publication in the newspaper.

Everyone who sends a recipe will have their name entered in a monthly drawing to win the "PRCUA Sharing Our Best" Cookbook worth \$15. A prize will be awarded each month until August 2010 - when the PRCUA's 60th Quadrennial Convention will take place.

Members will receive one chance per recipe. No limit to the number of recipes you can submit. Email recipes to kathryn.rosypal@prcua.org (put "Recipe" in the subject line) or mail to:

Editor - PRCUA Recipes

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Our February Winner

Helen Marciniak of Chicago, IL

Congratulations!

NEWS FROM PRCUA

FIRST LADY JOANN OZOG



After December's many dinners, get togethers and parties, January is usually a quiet time of year. However, for President Ozog and me, it was a continuation of more invitations to various social events.

On Sunday, January 10, we attended Polish Falcons Oplatek, where we had the opportunity to socialize with National Falcons President Tim Kuzma and National PWA Secretary Antoinette Trela Vandernoot. We shared Oplatek, wishing both fraternals a successful 2010, ate a delicious meal and were entertained by an enjoyable program featuring the Polish Dance Group Kalejdoskop.

On Tuesday, January 12, Comcast came to the Polish Museum of America and introduced their new program "Comcast Goes Polish". Comcast recently launched a new Polish television package, The Polish Super Pack, which includes four new channels available 24 hours a day. Mr. Ozog welcomed the large crowd of over 150 to the museum. A number of individuals from the community received awards from Comcast for their involvement in the community and we had the opportunity to meet former Chicago Bears player, Otis Wilson. A huge television was raffled off and the lucky winner was PMA's Photo Restoration contractor, Julita Siegel.



(L-r) PRCUA V.P. R. & E. Bielenda, V. Chaplain Msgr. S. Milewski, 1st Lady J. Ozog, Chaplain Rev. W. Ptak, Rev. T. Whalen - OLS Chancellor, V. Chaplain Rev. A. Iwuc, Pres. W. Ozog, J. & J. Drobot, Dir. B. & R. Toboy

d'oeuvres, socializing with one another and donating to this worthy cause. Although times are difficult, President Ozog still presented a small donation on behalf of PRCUA to Rev. Tim Whalen, Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools.

On Saturday, January 23 the PRCUA Maria Konopnicka Polish School had a dinner/dance fundraiser. There were approximately 125 guests who had a good time eating, socializing and dancing. Thank you is extended to the Director, Bogumila Kopec-Tutak, the teachers and parents for their dedication to the school.

Chicago Society held its annual Inaugural Ball on Saturday, January 30th. At this event the new officers were installed. Congratulations go to Charles Komosa, President and all the members of his Board. Special thanks to Conrad Miczko, Chairman, who put his "all" into making this a successful event.

On Sunday, January 31, Halina Misterka, PMA Archivist and Choreographer of Lajkonik Folk Ensemble, invited us to her Winter Concert. The students did a superb job and it was a beautiful way of ending the Christmas season.

On Saturday, February 6, PRCUA St. Rafael Kalinowski Polish Language School held a dinner/dance at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, IN. It was a delightful evening watching the students perform in their Polish costumes and then continuing to dance a variety of American numbers with their teachers before leaving the dinner/dance. It was great to watch the interaction between children and adults, whose faces showed much enjoyment. Congratulations are extended to Choreographers Natalia Grabowski and Konrad Habina on their work with the children. Their many years of dancing were brought out with the choreography shown by the Maly Slask and Slask Dance Ensembles.

On Sunday, February 7, we attended a "Paczki Day" fundraiser sponsored by the PNA Welfare Association and Women's Division, District 12 and 13. It was a very relaxing event where we enjoyed the company of PWA national officers and entertainment by the Windy City Harmonica Club. Through this group of men, I learned that there are a variety of sizes of harmonicas, each producing different sounds. It was a very interesting and educational performance, as well as a good fundraiser for the Polish Welfare.

On Saturday, February 13, my husband treated me to Valentine's Day by taking me to the Alliance of Polish Clubs Valentine Dance. The hall was filled to capacity and the dance floor was crowded for every musical number. President Ted Cjakowski and his committee worked hard to make this an enjoyable event for lovers.

The next day, Sunday, February 14, we attended the annual Polish Heritage Day sponsored by the Polish Club of Lemont, IL. There were vendors showing and/or selling their products, samples of Polish food from Celina's Deli, a new store in Lemont and a display of children's artwork. Later in the day, a program of speeches and entertainment was held. PRCUA members, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Witkowski were honored with the Polish Heritage Award for their dedication and hard work in Polonia. Congratulations are extended to this couple, who are proud of their heritage and who promote it among young and old alike. Thank you to the Polish Club of Lemont for bringing the culture of Poland to the community by having this annual event.

That same day we attended PRCUA Polonia Dance Ensemble's "Carnival" which is an event held just prior to Lent. Primarily, the younger children dressed in a variety of costumes, just like Mardi Gras, were in attendance. They danced, sang and had a good time. My husband and I enjoyed watching these youngsters dressed as pirates and princesses. It is because of the commitment and work of Director Anna Krysinski, Choreographers Pani Celina and Jacyln Krysinski and the students' parents, that the children of Polonia Dance Group have the opportunity to experience such an event.

On Tuesday, February 16, and Wednesday, February 17, PRCUA and PMA employees prepared for Lent. Before the Lenten fasting began, employees were treated to paczki by PRCUA and Kasia's Deli. They also had a surprise visit by Channel 2 who interviewed and videoed many of them. On Ash Wednesday, Rev. Stanislaw Jankowski brought ashes to the employees, which began the season of Lent. Special thanks are extended to Kasia Bober for her continuous generosity to PRCUA and PMA, to Fr. Jankowski for making time in his busy schedule to anoint us with ashes and to Channel 2 for showing an interest in the customs and traditions of the Polish people.

On Saturday, February 27, we traveled to Michigan for the Michigan State Ball that honors our young members who will be graduating from dance school, as well as, high school, this coming spring. The students are happy because after so many years of dedication and dancing (a total of 202 years for 17 graduates) they have finally achieved their goal. Not only do the Michigan PRCUA Dance schools teach dancing to students but they also teach them how to give back to the organization and to the community. Through fundraisers, this year the Michigan State Ball graduates made donations to Orchard Lake Schools, to the Polish Welfare Association and to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. (\$510). As an added surprise, PRCUA Michigan Women's Department donated \$1,000 to PRCUA's Sabina Logisz Matching Fund that is used for the Polish Museum and \$1,000 to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. Hats off to all involved for their generosity, interest and support.

March began with the celebration of Pulaski Day, a holiday celebrated in Illinois. The day began at the Polish Museum of America. In the Great Hall there was standing room only for the program, which consisted of speeches by various dignitaries in the American and Polish communities, entertainment, the awarding of scholarships by Jewel-OSCO and the announcement of awards from the Council of Educators in Polonia. After the program, everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments. The day ended with a banquet at Przybylo's White Eagle in Niles, sponsored by the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress. It was a long day but a happy day in which many paid tribute to a great Polish Revolutionary War hero.

On Wednesday, March 3, we traveled to Springfield, IL for the Illinois Fraternal Congress meeting whereby various fraternals gather together to discuss ideas and challenges and to hear speakers on various fraternal topics. This year we had the opportunity to visit the State Capitol to inform the legislators about fraternals. Many of the State Legislators are not knowledgeable about what a fraternal is, what it does or how it differs from other organizations. We hope that, from this visit, the fraternals will receive much more support from our politicians.

On Sunday, March 7, M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group held its 35th Annual Fashion Show fundraiser in Hickory Hills, IL that was attended by over 500 people. This year the committee outdid themselves. The entertainment was fantastic with the models not only showing off clothing but also dancing to music. There was an array of door prizes and raffle prizes. Not only were the adults part of the committee but there were also many young people helping out. Special thanks are extended to Misia and Richard Jaminski for this beautiful program and the committee, who worked very hard to make this a successful event. Proceeds are for scholarships for the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball.

Easter will soon be upon us. My husband and I wish everyone a blessed Easter. May all of you enjoy the warm weather that will be here before you know it. Think spring! Until next time!

Photos from the above-mentioned events can be seen on the PRCUA website: www.prcua.org by clicking on "News and Events", then click on "Letter from the First Lady" and scroll down to April Article.



PHILADELPHIA NEWSY-NEWS



IT'S TIME TO SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Here's a Happy Birthday shout going out to MSGR. ANTHONY E. JAWOROWSKI of SOCIETY 703 (former Chaplain of the Union of Polish Women in America) who will be blowing out the candles on his birthday cake on April 18th. Monsignor Jaworowski resides at Sacred Heart Rectory in Swedesburg, PA. Monsignor, we're sending warm and loving wishes your way with much happiness and cheer plus everything you need to begin another happy year. We hope your birthday will bring you as much happiness as you give to everyone who knows you. Please know we'll be thinking of you on April 18th.

SO SORRY - ELEANORE M. (nee SEKULA) HERBERT of SOCIETY 2001 passed away peacefully at home on March 6, 2010. She is survived by 2 sons, a daughter, 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild and her sister, FLORENCE SEKULA also of SOCIETY 2001. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Adalbert Church on March 11th with interment at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery. Heartfelt condolences are extended to the entire HERBERT family on their great loss.



*Congratulations
Suzanne and Keith*

A GROOVY KIND OF LOVE - SOCIETY 2003's SUSAN POHLIG and hubby Gerald of Lansdowne, PA have announced the engagement of their daughter, SUZANNE LYNN POHLIG to Keith R. Kearney of Scranton, PA. SUZANNE is a member of SOCIETY 2003 and is a former recipient of the UPWA Monsignor Peter J. Klekotka Scholarship. She is a 1999 graduate of Upper Darby High School and earned her BS degree in Nursing from Penn State University in 2003. Presently, SUZANNE is a registered nurse for Fresenius Medical Care Inpatient Dialysis Services for Lankenau, Bryn Mawr and Paoli Hospitals. Her fiancé, Dr. Kearney, earned his BS degree in biology from the University of Scranton

in 2000. In 2004, he earned his Doctor of Osteopathy Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency in 2007 at Lankenau Hospital and is due to complete his gastroenterology fellowship in June, 2010. A June 2010 wedding is planned at St. Philomena Church in Lansdowne followed by a reception at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia. SUZANNE'S brother's CHARLES, CHRISTOPHER, DANIEL, JONATHAN AND STEPHEN are all members of SOCIETY 2003 as well. To SUZANNE and Keith, Congratulations and best wishes. May you always find in each other the friend of your heart, the joy of your world and the love of your life.

CONDOLENCES - Genuine Sympathy is extended to the Leszuk Family on the loss of SOCIETY 2009's JOSEPHINE LESZUK who passed away on February 19, 2010. She is survived by a daughter. Services were held on February 24th with interment at Beverly Hill Cemetery. SOCIETY 2009's STEPHANIE KAPKA passed away on February 25, 2010 and is survived by her husband Anthony, a daughter and 2 grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 2nd at St. Stanislaus Church with interment at Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the LESZUK AND KAPKA Families at this very sad time in their lives.

LOOSE FOOTLOOSE KICK OFF YOUR SUNDAY SHOES - There's a star among the member of SOCIETY 2019 and who happens to be none other than 16 year old VICTORIA SMIEGOCKI of Lambertville, New Jersey. VICTORIA, better known as TORI, made her musical debut as the leading lady, Ariel Moore in "Footloose" on February 27 and 28, 2010 at South Hunterdon Regional High School in West Amwell, NJ where she is a junior. This was TORI's first appearance on stage. She is a 2 year member of the vocal ensemble and was so excited to be able to rock out her solos.

She also is in the advanced studies program at school. Tori and her brother JAMES, JR., are members of SOCIETY 2019, as well as her very proud grandmom ANNA MAY SMIEGOCKI of Trenton, New Jersey. Tori's performance was astounding and her entire family was so very proud of her. Congratulations Tori, we compliment you on your success and send our best wishes for the future.



Victoria (Tori) Smiegocki

YOU'VE MADE ME SO VERY HAPPY - A round of applause is so very well deserved by 9 year old TAYLOR HAMM of SOCIETY 2022. Taylor, a 4th grade student at Evergreen Elementary School, collected money during halftime of the Girls High School Varsity Basketball games for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The basketball team raised \$500.00 throughout their season and during the games Taylor went around working faithfully asking for donations. The Make-a-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children who suffer from life threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. TAYLOR's big sister, ERIN is a member of the Basketball Team. Mom, LINDA and sister's ERIN, RACHEL AND DANIELLE are all member of SOCIETY 2022. Good for you, TAYLOR, you've made everyone proud.

CONDOLENCES - SOCIETY 2026 is certainly saddened by the loss of long time Financial Secretary ANNA S. BRENNAN of Frackville, PA who passed away on February 9, 2010 at St. John Neumann Nursing Home located in Philadelphia, PA. She is survived by a son and a daughter and two granddaughters. Funeral services were held in Frackville, PA. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the entire Brennan Family on their great loss.

IF YOU'RE IN CENTER CITY - The Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Philadelphia welcomes many bus groups and tour groups visiting the historic district every day. When you're in the area, make it a point to visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street and the Kosciuszko House at 3rd & Pine Streets. You may call the Museum in advance so that a representative can greet your group and give them a tour. For further information, kindly call the Cultural Center at 215-922-1700.

IT'S SPRING - Oh happy spring! March 14th marked the beginning of daylight saving time and on March 20th, we welcomed the arrival of spring with open arms especially after the ferocious winter and the snow madness we've recently experienced. As we spring forward, it's the perfect time to do some spring cleaning and make sure that everyone in the family is adequately insured. PRCUA's 137th Anniversary Special as well as the 60th Convention Special are two insurance plans worth taking advantage of at this time. When you're walking along Allegheny Avenue, be sure to stop by the Philadelphia Satellite Office so that we can review all insurance plans with you and even discuss our Annuities, too. There are many favorable benefits of being a member of PRCUA. You'll be pleasantly surprised by our very competitive insurance premiums. We hope you'll knock on our door real soon.,

HAPPY EASTER - Wesolego Alleluia - We're hop-hopping your way to wish you a Happy Easter. We hope you have the happiest of Easters and the springiest of springs. Have a great month, be happy and smile 'cause a smile is a passport that will take you anywhere you want to go..

Elaine, Philadelphia Satellite Office



HAPPY EASTER



JOIN HANDS DAY

The Philadelphia Fraternals are hosting a Join Hands Day event from 8:30 AM to 12 noon at **PHILABUNDANCE** located at 302 W. Berks Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122. As you know, Join Hands Day is a nationally celebrated day in which members of the community come together to help create a stronger community and also bridge the gap between young and old members within our community.

On **SATURDAY, MAY 1st**, the Philadelphia Fraternals, a group of 13 neighboring fraternal societies working together for our members' future, will be sorting and packaging food for the families in our community who are having trouble making ends meet and are in need of food to fight hunger through Philabundance.

As a Fraternal supporter, can we depend on you? If you would like to volunteer and be a part of this worthy event, please call Sharon Quinn at the PRCUA Philadelphia Satellite Office at 215-425-3807 no later than April 28, 2010. Show your support - we hope we can count on you.

Sharon Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer Philadelphia Fraternals

Site of 60th PRCUA Convention



Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare -
site of the 60th PRCUA Convention

At the Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare, PRCUA Convention delegates and their families will enjoy superb service and attentiveness to detail. Conveniently located, the Rosemont Hotel is two miles from O'Hare International Airport. It's connected to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center by a walkway and Rosemont Hotel also has its own Convention Center.

The hotel offers suites or rooms with 2 double beds or a king size bed that include an ironing board, iron, hair dryer, desk and a sitting area. It has an indoor pool that is open 24 hours and a weight room, as well as a bar and restaurant.

CLEVELAND POLISH
CONSTITUTION DAY
PARADE MAY 2, 2010

The various Cleveland-area Polish organizations and veterans group have met and undertaken the planning of the Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade on Sunday, May 2, 2010. This event deemed "a celebration to the next generation" will celebrate the 219th anniversary of the Polish Constitution of May, 1791 - the second oldest in the world after our US Constitution. It is a national holiday in Poland, just as July 4th is here.

This year, Poles will be celebrating a convergence of national historical events. It is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Fryderyk Chopin, Poland's renown composer and patriot; the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Grunwald (July 15, 1410) the largest confrontation in the Middle Ages whereby the Polish Lithuanian Union defeated the Teutonic Knights; and the 30th anniversary of the Solidarity Independent Trade Union which eventually led to the fall of Communism in Poland and Eastern Europe.

This year's parade will be spectacular with celebrity guests, marching bands, majorettes, prominent politicians, Polish fraternal and cultural organizations, Polish language schools and Polish veterans groups.

All of the major cities of Northern Ohio have been asked to proclaim the day "Polish Constitution Day" and to raise the Polish flags over their city halls, including the state capitol and the U.S capitol.

Bystanders are asked to bring chairs, cameras and refreshments and plan to spend the afternoon participating in this glorious celebration. Red and white will be the colors of the day.

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, the 3rd May Ball will be held at the PRCUA (former Alliance of Poles Auditorium) building, where the Queen of the Parade will be announced. This will be a young lady of Polish descent who is pursuing an academic career and who best epitomizes a Polish-American who observes the culture, language, history and traditions of Poland.

Poland has always been a close ally of the US in every major conflict, beginning with the American Revolution where patriots such as General Tadeusz Kosciuszko, who fortified West Point and General Kazimierz Pulaski, Father of the US Cavalry to today's conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In honor of the Polish Constitution, all of the US military branches have been invited to participate in the parade.

Applications for parade participants, for Queen of the Parade and further information can be obtain by calling Ewa at 216-883-3131 ext.101, or go to the website at:
www.polishconstitutiondayparade.com

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Convention

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On Tuesday, the PRCUA Memorial Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Constance Church, 5843 West Strong St., Chicago, Illinois, where Reverend Thaddeus Dzieszko is Pastor. The Fraternal Luncheon will take place after Mass at the House of the White Eagle, 6839 Milwaukee Avenue in Niles.

All Societies are urged to hold their meeting for the election of delegates to the convention during April or May. Delegates' and Alternates' Credentials must be received by PRCUA Secretary - Treasurer Josephine Szarowicz no later than June 1, 2010.

It is through the discussions held and decisions made by the delegates at the PRCUA's 60th Quadrennial Convention that our fraternal organization will continue to move forward toward a positive and successful future.

Please mark your calendars: the Installation of Officers and Directors of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at the House of the White Eagle, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois. More details will be forthcoming later.

Wallace M. Ozog, FICF,
National President
Polish Roman Catholic Union
of America

NOTICE

All PRCUA Societies are encouraged to place an ad in the 60th Quadrennial Convention Program Book. Society Officers will soon receive a letter and ad contract from the Arrangements Committee of the Pre Convention regarding the placement of ads.

Your cooperation and participation in this endeavor is important. It is a way to demonstrate to the National Director of your District and local Convention delegates that your Society cares about the Convention and supports them!

PRCUA 60TH QUADRENNIAL
CONVENTION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

2:00 pm to 8:00 pm **DELEGATE REGISTRATION**, Vincennes Room, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare, 5550 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm **PRE-CONVENTION HOSPITALITY RECEPTION** at the PRCUA Home Office Tour of PRCUA Home Office & Polish Museum of America - Although this event, which is sponsored by PRCUA, is free-of-charge, reservations will be required.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 am to 9:00 am Continental Breakfast, Louvre Room, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare Conference Center, 1st floor
No charge; sponsored by PRCUA
8:30 am to 9:00 am **DELEGATE REGISTRATION**, Vincennes Room, Rosemont Hotel
9:10 am Buses leave for St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
10:00 am **OPENING MASS** - St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 1300 N. Noble St., Chicago, IL
12:00 Noon **LUNCHEON** - St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Hall \$17.00 per person
2:00 pm **1ST OFFICIAL BUSINESS SESSION** of the 60th PRCUA Quadrennial Convention, Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare, 5550 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL
6:30 pm **COCKTAILS** - (Cash Bar) Conference Center at Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare
7:30 pm **BANQUET DINNER & DANCING** \$75 per person, \$25 per child (12 and under)

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 am Mass in Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel
7:30 to 8:45 am Buffet Breakfast, Louvre Room, Rosemont Hotel \$15.00 per person
8:00 am to 6:00 pm **DELEGATE REGISTRATION**, Vincennes Room, Rosemont Hotel
9:00 am to TBA **2ND OFFICIAL BUSINESS SESSION**, Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare
Time (TBA) Lunch, Louvre Room - \$15 per person

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 am to 8:30 am Continental Breakfast, Louvre Room, Rosemont Hotel - \$10.00 per person
8:45 am Buses leave for St. Constance Church
9:30 am **MEMORIAL MASS**, St. Constance, 5843 West Strong St., Chicago, IL 60630
FRATERNAL LUNCHEON - After Mass at House of the White Eagle , 6839 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL - \$25.00 per person
Time (TBA) **3RD OFFICIAL BUSINESS SESSION**, Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare

WED., AUGUST 11

7:00 am Mass in Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel
7:30 am to 8:45 am Buffet Breakfast, Louvre Room, Rosemont Hotel \$15.00 per person
Time (TBA) **4TH OFFICIAL BUSINESS SESSION**, Grand Ballroom, Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare
There is no set time anticipated for the end of this Business Session or the Convention.

All times for business sessions are subject to change, except Sunday.

Swieconka - Polonia's Most Popular Easter Custom

By Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

Oplatek-sharing on Christmas Eve and the Holy Saturday food-blessing custom are the two best-known Polish holiday customs. Both are practiced by 95% of all families in Poland and a great number of Polish Americans. Over the generations they have grown into national heritage rituals.

Throughout the 123 years of foreign partition (1772-1918), during the joint Nazi-Soviet occupation of Poland in World War II and again during the 45 years that Poland was a Soviet-controlled puppet state (1944-1989), these customs uplifted the spirits of the Polish people and set them apart from their oppressors.

It's no wonder then that these customs were taken by Polish émigrés to the far corners of the earth. In the ethnic communities of Polonia, these traditions provided a familiar and comforting haven against immigrant discrimination. And because these are warm, symbolic and generally appealing customs, they have also caught on with some non-Poles.

Easter baskets are taken to church for the Holy Saturday blessing. Long tables are set up inside or outside of churches, and priests come out every 15 or 20 minutes to perform the ritual. In the Poland of yesteryear, priests would perform the blessing in the homes of leading parishioners where a special. swieconka table was set up. Peasant women would gather outside with their baskets and the priest would sprinkle them with holy water on the way out.

Wicker baskets of varying size are used. Large baskets containing a cross-section of all the foods to be served on Easter morning are common in the Polish countryside. In cities, the baskets are smaller and contain only a sample of the holiday food. The basket is first lined with a linen or lace napkin whose ends should extend beyond the basket's rim, so the Easter food can be covered while the basket is being carried to and from church. The food should be uncovered for the actual blessing. Typical items include:

Easter Lamb - Usually made of butter or sugar, but also of dough, wood, plaster, fleece or even plastic, the lamb with a red banner of Resurrection emblazoned with a gold cross on it should go into the basket last, because, in effect it watches over the rest of the ingredients. The lamb symbolizes the sacrificial Paschal lamb - Jesus - whose proclaims the victory over death.

Eggs - Plain or colored hard-cooked eggs are an absolute "must". The egg symbolizes new life, and the way a chick pecks its way out of the shell is a metaphor for Christ emerging from His tomb to bring us the promise of eternal life.

Bread - This is "the bread of life", a metaphor for the redemptive grace Christ pours down upon mankind. Small round rye loaves, with a cross on top, are baked to fit Easter baskets.

Meat & sausage - A piece of kielbasa, a slice of ham or roasted meat are usually included. All meats are symbolic of the Paschal lamb.

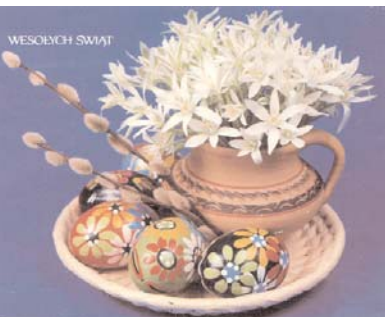
Horseradish - Both plain, grated, prepared horseradish, as well as *cwikla* symbolize one of the bitter herbs of the Passover which foretold the suffering of Christ on the Cross. It is also symbolic of life in which one must accept the bitter with the sweet.

Vinegar - A small cruet of vinegar symbolizes the sour wine that Jesus was given on a sponge to drink while hanging on the cross.

Salt - Salt in a salt-cellar, salt-shaker or a small paper cone containing a symbolic portion symbolizes that which preserves us from corruption and adds zest to daily life.

Easter cakes - Babka and other desserts are included, after 40 days of Lenten self-denial.

Wine and other spirits - Some Poles include a small decanter of wine or other spirits in their basket as wine was used at the Last Supper where Christ originated the Eucharistic Mass.



Basket decorations - Boxwood, an evergreen shrub with tiny green leaves is used to decorate Easter baskets in Poland. Cranberry leaves are also used. Some add a few pussywillow twigs. The main thing is to add a bit of decorative natural plant life.

If your parish priest says he'd be happy to practice this custom at his parish but doesn't know what prayer to say, you can provide him with the following:

HOLY SATURDAY FOOD-BLESSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, who, on the day before Your passion and death, told Your disciples to prepare the paschal supper, we implore You to let us experience your presence amongst us during the Easter meal on the day of Your victory, that we might rejoice at taking part in Your life and resurrection.

Living Bread, who came down from heaven and in Holy Communion gives life to the world, please bless this bread and all baked goods in memory of the bread with which You consumed with the Apostles during the Last Supper.

Lamb of God, bless these meats, sausages and all the foods of which we shall partake in memory of the Paschal Lamb. Bless also this salt that it may preserve us from corruption.

Lord Jesus, our life and Resurrection, bless these eggs, the sign of new life, so that when we share them with others we can mutually share the joy that You are in our midst. May we all attain Your eternal feast where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest then sprinkles the food with holy water, as all make the Sign of the Cross.

PRCUA Societies Meet and Form District #2 Organization Inaugural Meeting Held in Buffalo

The inaugural meeting of the PRCUA District #2 organization was held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010 at the Adam Mickewicz Library and Dramatic Circle, located in the historic Broadway-Fillmore neighborhood of Buffalo, New York. At the meeting, delegates from the Societies in District #2 met to adopt their District #2 Constitution and By-Laws. They also and elect officers to represent the organization. The elections will be effective once the President of the PRCUA has ratified the Constitution and By-Laws, which were sent to him on March 9, 2010.

The Constitution and By-Laws had been previously reviewed and approved by the PRCUA General Counsel, Norman Schroeder, in 2009 and the nearly identical documents were approved for District #8 and ratified by the President. District #2 still awaits ratification from President Ozog.

"This is a great day for the PRCUA members in the 2nd District and I look forward to working with the officers to enhance PRCUA activities in District 2," noted William Nowakowski, National PRCUA Director of District #2, who chaired the meeting.

The following officers were elected by unanimous vote to represent the organization:

President	Dr. Mary Turkiewicz
Chaplain	Rev. Richard Jedrzewski
Vice-President	Greg Olma
Recording Secretary	Amy Smardz
Financial Secretary	Beverly Tomasi Roczynski
Treasurer	David Pfaff
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Sienkewicz
Trustee	Aniela Baj
Trustee	Louis Perfetto

Congratulations are extended to the District #2 officers, all of whom will serve for one year.

Going forward, the District #2 Organization will annually hold regular meetings in the months of February and November, and at least 2 other times during each calendar year. All PRCUA members of the District #2 Societies are encouraged to participate.

The member Societies created the District #2 organization for many reasons, among them:

1. To foster fraternalism and promote Polish culture embodied in history, art, language, and traditions while serving the needs of the community at large.
2. To unite societies of the PRCUA located within the District's boundaries and foster harmony and cooperation throughout the PRCUA for closer fraternal and mutual cooperation.
3. To undertake activities on a charitable level for the purpose of supporting the community and demonstrating the positive force of the District and the PRCUA.
4. To organize young men and women into athletic, cultural, patriotic, and dramatic circles, clubs or groupings.
5. To promote membership in the PRCUA.
6. To propagate and guard the ideas, aims and principles of the PRCUA within the District's specific confines.

This is an exciting development for the PRCUA members who live in District #2. The District 2 officers look forward to working with them to promote the principles and values of the PRCUA. Director Nowakowski, who is an attorney, stated he is available "to assist any other Districts or Societies that will be undertaking the task of updating or creating and drafting their organizational documents."

Editor's Note: Although PRCUA has always had a "District 2", until now the District had not been formally established into an officially organized group, as was done previously by other organized districts, such as Districts 7, 8 and 9.

Illinois Celebrated Pulaski Day at the Polish Museum

The State of Illinois official Pulaski Day celebration was once again held at the Polish Museum of America (PMA). The Great Hall was filled with a full capacity crowd who came to honor the great American Revolutionary War hero, General Casimir Pulaski.

An honor guard was formed by the Kosciuszko Guards in American Revolutionary War uniforms and by the World War II Polish Historical Association, dressed in vintage WWII military uniforms.

Guests were warmly welcomed in English by PMA President Maria Ciesla and in Polish by Director of the Museum, Jan Lorys. Master of Ceremonies PMA Chair Wallace Ozog was introduced and he called upon Most Rev. Thad J. Jakubowski, DD, Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Chicago, for the invocation.

Ola Podowska, a member of the PRCUA Polonia Dance Ensemble, sang the Polish and American National Anthems.

Hon. Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, addressed the assembly, speaking about the large number of Poles who reside in Chicago and how grateful Americans are for heroes like General Pulaski. Hon. Ariel E. Reboyras, Alderman, 30th Ward, City of Chicago, also spoke and even courageously attempted to speak in Polish.

This year, for the first time, Jewel-Osco selected the PMA to coordinate its annual Jewel-Osco scholarship program that presented scholarships to Polish college students. Miguel Alba, Public Affairs Director for Jewel-Osco, presented a \$1,000 check to each of five winning students: Thomas Bielawiec - Maine South High School, of Park Ridge, IL; Stephanie Domagalski - Purdue University, of West Dundee, IL; Teddy Kent - University of Chicago, of Chicago, IL; Joanna Klekowicz, Boston College, of Chicago, IL; and Marzena Medlak, Northwestern University, of Palos Hills, IL. Best wishes are extended to all the scholarship recipients.

Linda Morris, Executive President of Retail Banking National City Bank, graciously presented a check of \$5,000 to the Polish Museum from National Bank. The check was accepted with much gratitude by PMA President Maria Ciesla, Chair Wallace Ozog and Dir. Jan Lorys.

Dr. Lidia Filus, President of Council of Educators in Polonia and Hanna Kapica, Council Membership Secretary, presented awards to the winning students of the 8th Annual Young Talent Awards in Performing and Visual Arts. Performing Arts winners were: Aleksandra Szabla, Sebastian Szymanski and Konrad Rula; Visual Arts were: Particia Szymanski. Essay winners were: Aleksandra Kwasny, Kyle Ochwat, Agnes Otap, Ernest Stapor, and Mateusz Drozd. Winners had their photos taken with Mayor Daley and other dignitaries. Congratulations go to all winners.

Hon. Zygmunt Matynia, Republic of Poland Consul General in Chicago, addressed the crowd, as did Hon. Aurelia Pucinski, Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County; Hon. Jan Schakowsky, Representative, U.S. Congress - 9th District; and Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Cook County.

Pianist Daniel Schafer, 11, entertained everyone with selections chosen in honor of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Fryderyk Chopin. He won a Gold Medal in the 2010 Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo Contest and several other prestigious awards. He has been playing piano for only 4 years.

Friend of Polonia, Maria Pappas - Cook County Treasurer greeted everyone in Polish and Frank Spula, President of Polish American Congress and Polish National Alliance, was also a speaker.

Miguel Alba, Jewel-Osco Public Affairs Director, then presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 from Jewel-Osco to the Polish Museum, which was most appreciated.

Simon Wlodarski - Deputy Chief of Staff Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs presented the Proclamation from the State of Illinois to Chairman Wallace Ozog on behalf of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn.

Other dignitaries present included: Judy Baar Topinka, former IL Treasurer; Hon. K. Wasowicz, Mayor, Justice, IL; Commander Judith Martin, 13th District CPD; Col. Andrzej Kopacki, Asst. Defense and Military Attache, Embassy of Rep. of Poland; Commissioner Tom Peraica, 16th District, Chicago; Stephanie Neely, Chicago City Treasurer; Hon. Arlene Jezierny, Mayor, Harwood Hts., IL; Hon. Paul Stralka, Circuit Court Judge; Michael Gudzinski, Trustee, Harwood Hts., IL; Joseph Berrios, Commissioner Cook Co. Bd. of Review; Herb Hernandez & Anna Kadzielawa of Parkway Bank; Tom Adamson, IFC Pres.; Dirk Wales, author of "Twice a Hero"; Hon. Mark Dobrzycki, Alderman, Harwood Hts., IL; PMA officers Vice Chair Anna Sokolowski; V.P. Joan Kosinski, V.P. Richard Owsiany, Secretary Geraldine Balut Coleman; Acting Treasurer Michelle Kmiec and many Directors.

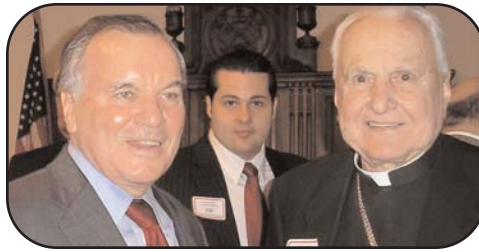
The program concluded with Most Rev. Thad. J. Jakubowski offering the benediction and with the dignitaries laying a wreath before the huge painting of General Pulaski in the Battle of Savannah, by S. Batowski, which hangs in the Great Hall. Ola Podowska led everyone in the singing of "God Bless America" and the public was invited to a reception in the Social Hall.



Artist Kazimierz Burzynski, Monika Nowak of the PMA and Officer Julio Lucotti, Jr.

As guests left the parking lot, they encountered Chicago Police Officer Julio Lucotti, Jr., who had been directing traffic at the annual Pulaski Day celebration for 15 years. He is about to retire from the police force and the PMA thanked him for his service by presenting him with a caricature drawing of himself by artist Kazimierz Burzynski.

(See many more photos from this event on our website: www.prcua.org.)



Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley with Bishop Emeritus Thad Jakubowski, Chicago Archdiocese



PMA Chair W. Ozog, Mayor R. Daley, PMA Pres. M. Ciesla and Vice-Chair A. Sokolowski



PRCUA First Lady Joann Ozog with dignitaries



RP Consul Gen. Z. Matynia, PMA Vice Chair A. Sokolowski, Col. A. Kopacki, PMA Dir. Jan Lorys



PWA: Pres. V. Sikora, O. Kasiewicz, A. Trela-Vander Noot, & VP S. Zago with J. Baar-Topinka



Dignitaries on the dais



Chairman Wallace Ozog introducing 11-year-old pianist Daniel Schafer



PAC and PNA Pres. Frank Spula with PRCUA Pres. Wallace Ozog



Winners of five scholarships sponsored by Jewel-Osco and the PAC Illinois Division (l-r) Stephanie, Tom, Ted, Joanna, and Marzena



W. Ozog, M. Alba, M. Ciesla and A. Sokolowski - Jewel-Osco donation to the Polish Museum



Donation from National City to PMA (l-r) J. Lorys, W. Ozog, L. Morris, M. Ciesla



Council of Educators' winners with H. Kapica, Consul Gen. Matynia, Mayor R. Daley, Dr. L. Filus, W. Ozog



Alderman Ariel E. Reboyras

Establish a Scholarship with PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.

At this time of year, college-age students are looking for scholarships. With the escalating cost of tuition there is an ever-increasing number who apply to PRCUA for aid. Like many fraternal, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America knows the importance of assisting students in attaining a higher education. PRCUA urges everyone to: "Support our youth by supporting the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc."

You can support this fund by making a donation that will be directed to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. and used for educational purposes as directed by the Board.

You can make a one-time donation of \$1,000.00 to \$24,999.00 to establish a scholarship(s) in your name-as your PERSONAL LEGACY or "in memory of" or "in honor of" an individual or organization. It will be distributed in one year, or divided over a period of years, to students in the areas of study that you designate.

You can establish a PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND in your own name by making a donation of \$25,000.00 or more in capital deposits within a 12-month period. The income generated from this donation will be used to award scholarships to students in an area of study that you can designate. A perpetual scholarship can also be established to honor or memorialize someone special.

We thank the following recent donors who have made donations to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. and hope that more individuals and organizations will follow in their footsteps. Whatever you give will show your support for our youth and will help them financially to attend school during these difficult economic times. Please make check payable to **PRCUA Education Fund Inc.** and send to PRCUA Education Fund, Inc, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL 60642. For more information on the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. go to www.prcua.org. Click on Member Benefits. Click on Educational Scholarships.

Michigan Friends (PRCUA MI Women's Dept. & PRCUA Michigan State Ball Graduates, Anonymous)

	\$2,000.00
PRCUA St. Casimir's Society #281 (Illinois)	\$500.00
Felicia Krupinski (Illinois)	\$100.00
(In memory of Renee Krupinski Lameka)	
Mr.& Mrs. Wallace Ozog (Illinois)	\$100.00
(In memory of Frank Ocwieja)	
PRCUA #2274 (Michigan)	\$50.00
Janet Vilag (Michigan)	\$25.00

News from Society #239



Jackie Piasecki

goals in 12 games this season, with an average of 1.31 goals against per game. The Warhawks ended the season 11-8-1, finishing 4th in the WIAC.

Jackie's parents, Mary Ann & Andrew, brother Joe, Grandmother Lorraine Piasecki and the PRCUA are proud of her accomplishments and wish her well. The entire Piasecki Family are 100% PRCUA members of Society #239.

Congratulations to Jackie Piasecki, a Freshman at U. of Wisconsin Whitewater. She played the position of "Goalie" on the Varsity Soccer Team and was named to her first Wisconsin Inter-Collegiate All-Conference team. Piasecki led the Warhawks and ranked tenth in the WIAC in saves with 44 this season. Her save percentage ranked 2nd on the team and 6th in the WIAC with a 75.9%. She allowed only 14

40th Annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night

Friday, May 28

Detroit Tigers vs. Oakland Athletics

Celebration at 5:30 p.m. with live bands and traditional Polish dancing. Post-game Fireworks Show (weather permitting.) Game starts at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and include:
Upper Box Seat
Official Pol-Am Night T-Shirt
Food Voucher for hot dog, chips and soda
Donation to PRCUA

This offer is not available at any Comerica ticket office or any ticket outlet.

You must use the official order form to obtain your tickets. You can print the official order form from the PRCUA website.

Go to www.prcua.org and click on

If you would like to have an order form mailed to you, please call Chairperson Ralph Raczynski at (586)754-0411.

Polish American Day at 6 Flags America Gurnee, IL

Saturday, June 5, 2010
Open 10 am to 10 pm
\$26.00 per person

This price also includes admission to the 6 Flags Hurricane Harbor Waterpark. This is over \$30 savings off the main gate price! (Age 2 and under are free.) Purchase your tickets at the PRCUA's Fraternal Department, Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, 800-772-8632 Ext. 2601. Orders must be placed by Monday, June 21, 2010.

Six Flags also has 35 children's rides and four themed areas just for kids! This event is being jointly cosponsored by the PRCUA, Polish National Alliance, Polish Women's Alliance and Polish Falcons.

2010 PRCUA Ski Trip

Warsaw, WI - The PRCUA Ski Trip was held on the weekend of February 12-14 at Granite Peak in Wausau, Wisconsin. Approximately 62 skiers, ages 6 to 76 years, made the bus trip from Indiana and Illinois to Wisconsin to participate in this annual event sponsored by PRCUA Societies #343 and #1580. The event was co-chaired by Past Dir. of District 9 Constance Bonin, PRCUA President Emeritus Edward Dykla, Jason Bonin and Lynn Bonin.

The weather was ideal - sunny and in the 20s. Skiers enjoyed the 45-inch base and there were no injuries. It was a family affair and everyone had a great time!



Marian Rusher, Jason and their entourage...



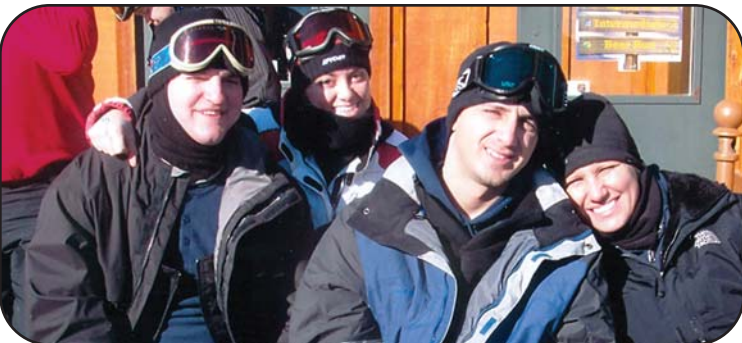
Our Indiana models pose



The "Dykla" clan - Jen, Rece, Mark, Jordan and Dziadz (Ed)



Break time in the Chalet for the North siders



Two coosome twosomes who are ski trip regulars

Chopin is Coming Back to Cleveland, Ohio... Again!



Restoration of the Chopin Bust by Jirouch in process at studio foundry

The restoration of the bronze bust of Chopin in the Polish Cultural Garden is almost complete. Studio Foundry's Mark Olitski has cast the bronze.

The re-created Chopin sculpture by Frank Jirouch will be ready early June celebrating Chopin's Birthday Celebration in the Polish Garden. The plaster model of the original bust done by Jirouch is on display at the Polish Cultural Center in Slavic Village. Having the original plaster ensured an accurate reproduction. Ethnic groups sponsoring the Gardens often commissioned Frank Jirouch. It is thought he did as many as 25 of the busts, statues, and commemorative plaques, the greatest contribution of any single sculptor.

The Polish Cultural Garden, was dedicated in 1934, and is located in Rockefeller Park on Cleveland's east side. The Polish Garden contains a hexagonal sunken court with colorful flower-beds and shrubs and trees imported from Poland, including a tree from Chopin's Polish estate. A graceful stairway at the back of the Polish Garden leads to the lower level

trails to the Cultural Gardens' chain.

Originally, six busts of internationally famous Poles were placed in the outer circle of the garden. All of the busts were destroyed by vandals and sold for scrap in the 1970s. The replacement of them over the years has been through significant donations. Three bronze busts of prestigious members of the Polish nation are currently mounted on granite pedestals. They are: Mikolaj Copernicus, Madame Curie; and Henryk Sienkiewicz. Bust that will be restored over the next three years are: Fryderyk Chopin, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, and Adam Mickiewicz.

The dedication of the Chopin Bronze in the Polish Cultural Garden in June will include an outdoor Chopin Piano Concert. Details will be announced closer to the date of the ceremony. For information, and to make a donation toward the restoration of the Chopin or other busts, please contact Ben Stefanski 216 431 0913 or email dechantart@gmail.com.

The site of the Polish Garden was dedicated on October 28, 1934, with the planting out of an elm tree from Poland. County Judge Frank A. Piekarski of Pittsburgh was the principal speaker. "Long before America was discovered," he said in part, "Poland had universities and was leading in world education. Long before England's Magna Charta was forced on the king, Poland had freedom of religion and freedom of speech. The purpose of this garden is better to acquaint not only the American people, but others, with the attributes of Polish culture." (clevelandmemory.org)

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens are the world's only Peace Garden representing 23 nationalities. It is a unique collection of landscaped, themed gardens each representing a different ethnic group in Cleveland. The gardens span two miles of parkway. Some of the gardens included are the Rusin (from the Carpathian territory of Rus), Hebrew, Czech, Irish, and Slovenian. In the last 3 years, over \$1 million has been donated to develop new gardens and enhance gardens that have been in existence since the Great Depression.

They reflect the history of 20th America, and aspects of Cleveland's social, economic, political, and cultural history. The Cleveland Cultural Gardens publicly immortalize the history of immigration to, and migration within, the United States.

Websites that you may go to for further information on the Polish Garden and all other gardens: www.culturalgardens.org; www.clevelandseiors.com/people/ben-stefanski.htm; www.clevelandmemory.org/gardens.

Frédéric François Chopin, christened Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin sometimes written Szopen in Polish; (March 1, 1810 - October 17, 1849), was a Polish composer and virtuoso pianist who became one of the greatest masters of Romantic music.

He was born in the village of Zelazowa Wola, in the Duchy of Warsaw, to a French-expatriate father and Polish mother. Chopin was considered a child-prodigy pianist. At age twenty, on November 2, 1830, he left Warsaw for Austria, intending to go on to Italy. The outbreak of the Polish November Uprising 27 days later, and its subsequent suppression by Russia, led to his becoming one of great expatriates of the Polish Great Emigration.

In Paris, Chopin gave few public performances, however he made a comfortable living as a composer and piano teacher. Most of his life Chopin suffered from poor health; and he died in Paris in 1849, aged thirty-nine, of tuberculosis.

Chopin's wrote his compositions primarily for the solo piano concerts. His musical scores were technically demanding, emphasizing nuance and expressive depth rather than sheer virtuosity. Many new musical forms were invented by Chopin; such as the instrumental ballad. Chopin was known for combining national music with popular folk themes, creating a distinctive and original style in Polish music which appealed to a universal audience.

By Teresa DeChant

Wesolego Alleluja Rejoice - He is Risen

Our Lenten Journey of preparation... of praying, fasting and almsgiving... has brought us to the greatest and most joyous feast of the Church year: Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. Chrystus Zmartwychwstal! Alleluia!

For many of us who take Lent seriously, the marked contrast between its deprivation and mortification and the bounty of Easter is a welcome contrast. After all, nothing quite says "resurrection" better than a nice hunk of smoked meat along with all of the other goodies that mark our Easter celebration! Those often once-a-year treats actually do help us to appreciate the new life which Jesus came to bring us, even if it's but a fleeting, superficial, shadow of the real glory. But, every little bit helps!

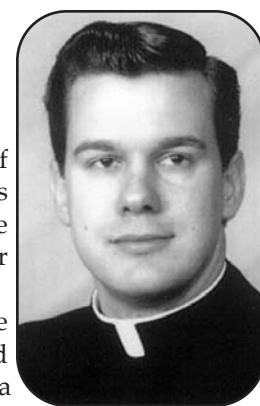
One of the joys of the priesthood is to conduct the annual Holy Saturday food blessings. Even non-ethnic parishes in ever greater numbers are observing this fine tradition. Each of the foods is a symbolic reminder... the Lamb, for Jesus who was slain, the horseradish for the bitterness of the passion, decorated eggs, long associated with Jesus' breaking forth from the tomb in the Resurrection, sweet bread to remind us of Jesus, the Bread of Life, etc. Our very partaking of the Easter dinner is a mini-Catechism lesson in itself!

What's very interesting to note, however, is people's attitudes that are reflected in their weekly Mass attendance. Most parishes, that I'm aware of, have a marked increase in the numbers of people who come to daily Mass during Lent. This goes along, I'm sure, with the whole concept of praying more and making sacrifices and the whole penitential attitude associated with Lent. Strangely, though, once Lent is over, during the Easter Season, things die back down to normal. One possible explanation is that people take their Lenten preparation seriously. Another, though, could be that they associate going to Mass with penance, which results in stopping to do so after Easter. HOW SAD! Lent, after all, is a 40-day preparation period that only has meaning to the extent that it aids us in celebrating that which it leads to: the 50-day season of Easter joy in the resurrection. The churches should be even more full after Lent! Remember: Lent's season of fasting lasts 40 days but Easter's season of celebrating lasts 50!

I hope and pray that all of our readers enjoy the plethora of Polish customs and traditions associated with this wonderful and holy time of year. (Don't forget Dyngus Day and Divine Mercy Sunday on the Sunday after Easter! Remember: the Divine Mercy Novena begins on Holy Friday.) But, all the more, I hope that you remember and know why we perform our cherished customs and traditions: to honor the Risen Lord and Savior who, in rising from death to Life, opens for each of us the possibility of sharing in His eternal glory. That's what the Easter Season is all about - and that's worth celebrating!

Pelnego udzialu w zwyciestwie Zmartwychwstalego Pana, Jego mocy, radości, pokoju i miłości, wielu łask i błogosławieństwa. Smacznego Święconego Jajka!

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all of our readers and a Holy 50-day Easter Season!



By Fr. Eric Orzech, St. Bernadette Parish Westlake, Ohio



My Polish Babcia's Easter

By Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

'I beat you not, the willows beat,' said our forebears on that day.
'The Great Day, the Great Night is but a week away.'
They said that on Palm Sunday while on their way to Mass,
The boys would soundly thrash the legs of any passing lass.
In Poland the solemn and frivolous, the prosaic and sublime
Were often all rolled into one in that bygone time.
'Twas called Floral or Willow Sunday, for unlike in the West
It wasn't palms but flowers and willows that were blessed.
We carried them in procession -- a true sight to behold:
Beribboned rods of greenery flecked with red and gold.
While Lent would still continue -- a time to pray and fast,
It all would soon be over after six more days had passed.

Bitter Laments and Stations for the very last time this year
And stern Good Friday worship again was drawing near.
Despite the somber spirit and penitential gloom,
Relief and joy and levity would soon begin to loom.
An effigy of Judas was beaten, burnt or drowned
And meatless zur and herring bones were dumped upon the ground.
Pigs were butchered, cakes were baked, everything scrubbed clean.
Rich and filling Easter fare would replace the Lenten lean.
We'd dip our eggs in dyes of onion skin and birch,
And the lads would help us carry our Easter food to church.
The Holy Saturday rituals were loved by peasant and squire:
The blessing of food and holy water and Easter's first new fire.

Next we'd go to Jesus' tomb to meditate and pray
And then head home to get prepared for the glorious day.
We rose at dawn on Easter morn and donned our best attire,
And marched to church as day's first rays glistened on its spire.
A procession formed outside the church and encircled it three times.
The incense mingled with the hymns and joyous church-bell chimes.
"Wesoly nam dzien dzis nastal" - we sang as we processed,
Happy that Christ has risen and hoping to be blessed.
The church now blazed with candles and people filled the aisles.
To be at Rezurekcja some had walked for miles.
Cleansed in soul and body, we'd sing, give thanks and pray
That a year from now we'd once again be there on Easter Day.

When Mass was o'er we'd chat with friends and then home we went
To enjoy the blest Swiecone after six long weeks of Lent.
We'd first say grace and share blest eggs to set the festive mood
And then sit down to a fine array of long-awaited food.
First came the rye-meal zurek, a tart and tangy pottage
With eggs, kielbasa and a marjoram scent the filled the entire cottage.
There were hard-cooked eggs aplenty and every type of meat:
Ham, kielbasa, karczek, kiszka and many another treat.
The horseradish made eyes water but all would weep and sup
Or choose the bright red cwikla that our Babcia had whipped up.
There were jellied knuckles and pork p   t    to mention but a few,
Pickled mushrooms, spicy plums and boiled bacon too.

We all ate with great gusto, the men raised many a toast
To the health of all those present, to the hostess and the host.
The day was filled with jollity and recollections of the past,
And the many life experiences the family had amassed.
The grown-ups stayed at table where they'd chat, raise toasts and munch,
But we younger folk would go out to play after eating Easter brunch.
Easter eggs we'd placed atop a slightly inclined board.
The one that rolled the farthest enriched the winner's hoard.
Eggs were also tapped together until one finally cracked.
The winner was the youngster whose egg'd survived intact.
When in our teens we'd go for strolls down a country lane,
We girls would giggle, gape and blush at what the lads were sayin'.

But children and teens alike were soon called back inside:
Luscious cakes and Easter breads were waiting to be tried.
The stately, golden babas stood tall and draped in white,
The serniks and mazureks were such a tempting sight.
When none could eat another thing, fearing we might burst,
We'd get some tea or compote with which to quench our thirst.
The feast resumed on Monday -- more joy and celebration.
With Holy Mass and festive food and social visitation.
But on that day soon after dawn the lads went on the prowl.
They'd drench us girls from head to toe, tease and laugh and howl.
Dyngus revelers would soon appear to make their yearly rounds,
Their songs and antics filled the air with playful, merry sounds.

All this my Babcia told me as I sat there by her side.
A tear flowed down her weathered cheek that she tried hard to hide.
She loved her native Poland so, which she never again would see,
So she shared her childhood memories with a little tyke like me. ↗



Happy Easter

(Continued from 1st column)

It's been many, many years now since our Babcia passed away,
But I still recall the tales she told -- as if 'twere yesterday.
Today my brow is furrowed, my hair is mostly gray,
When my grandkids come for Easter, this is what I say:

"I beat you not, the willows beat,' said our forebears on that day.
The Great Day, the Great Night is but a week away...."



Smygus-Dyngus Day tradition

NEWS FROM CLEVELAND OHIO DIVISION – POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS CONTINUES 62-YEAR TRADITION

Since its founding in 1948, the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress (PAC) has annually sponsored Ohio’s official celebration of the signing of Poland’s Constitution of May 3, 1791.

John Borkowski, PAC Ohio Division President, announces, THIS YEAR IS NO DIFFERENT, EXCEPT THAT THE PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PARMA, OHIO. Over the years the official parade has been held at various sites, including University Circle, downtown Cleveland, and Slavic Village. This year’s official parade will be held in the City of Parma.

Arrangements are well under way for making this parade the best event ever. All five of Parma’s high school bands have already committed to participate in the parade.

DIGNITARIES TO ATTEND

The Ohio Division has invited its national PAC president, Frank Spula, who is also president of the Polish National Alliance, to be the principal speaker. Mayor Dean DePiero of Parma and U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich will also participate in the program.

As in past years, many elected officials will be present at the program, many of whom will be participating in the parade. GRAND MARSHAL The Grand Marshall of this year’s parade will be BIG CHUCK SCHODOWSKI, a legendary Cleveland Polish television personality. Big Chuck’s long-time collaborator, LITTLE JOHN RINALDI, is also expected to attend. NEW PARADE ENTRIES New entries committed to participate in the parade as of this date include a float from St. Mary’s Polish National Catholic Church, a Bay Village, Ohio, group of businessman known as “The Polish Navy,” a large equestrian unit, and an antique car contingent. Also invited to participate are color guard units from all branches of the United States military, as well as all veteran posts in northeast Ohio, Polish Legion of American Veterans, and Polish Army veterans.

The PAC-sponsored celebration is not only a parade, but an entire weekend of events. On Friday evening, a Polish Happy Hour is being planned in conjunction with various businesses in the Parma area.

SATURDAY’S PROGRAM

Saturday evening’s program is set for the Polonia Ball, which will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Party Center, located at 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, Ohio. Music for listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by Jimmy K with Ethnic Jazz. This year’s “Miss Polonia-Ohio” will be selected. She will also be invited to participate in the “Miss Polonia – USA” contest, which will be held in New York City this year.

SUNDAY’S PROGRAM

Sunday’s events will commence with the traditional laying of wreathes, provided by the Department of Ohio, Polish Legion of American Veterans, at the Pulaski Monument on the lakefront in downtown Cleveland, and at the Polish Garden in Cleveland’s Cultural Gardens, in honor of Tadeusz Kosciuszko. A traditional Polish Mass will be celebrated at St. John Cantius Church on Professor Avenue in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood. After the mass, breakfast will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of Polish Veterans Alliance, Post 1.

GRAND PARADE

The Grand Parade will step off at 2:00 p.m. on Ridge Road at Essen Avenue, head south, pass Parma Circle, and proceed to Ridgewood Drive, where it will conclude at Ridgewood Park. A traditional program will follow the parade.

As further plans develop, they will be posted on PAC’s website at www.polishamericancongress-ohio.com. Applications to march in the original Polish Constitution Day Parade are also available on the PAC website. For further information, please call Francis Rutkowski, General Chairman, PAC 1st Vice-President and past-president of PRCUA at (216) 299-2684 or e-mail him at profar511@gmail.com. You may also call Mitchell Bienia, Ohio Division PAC 2nd vice-president and PRCUA National Director, District 5, at (216) 641-7633.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, PRCUA, District 5

ZAWIADOMIENIA SEJMOWE

W SPRAWIE WYBORU
DELEGATÓW I ICH ZASTĘPCÓW

Zgodnie z zaleceniami Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA, Towarzystwa ZPRKA muszą w miesiącach kwietniu lub maju dokonać wyboru delegatów i ich zastępców na 60. Sejm ZPRKA.

Członkowie Towarzystw powinni skontaktować się ze swoimi sekretarzami finansowymi w celu otrzymania informacji na temat zebrania, na którym odbędzie się wybór delegatów i ich zastępców.

Prosimy wszystkich sekretarzy finansowych o powiadomienie redaktor Kathryn Rosypal 1-800-772-8632 w. 2640 o terminie zebrania. Aby informacje o zebraniach ukazały się w kwietniowym wydaniu “Narodu Polskiego” muszą być dostarczone do 20 marca 2010 r.

ZAWIADOMIENIE KOMITETU BUDŻETU,
SKARG I ZAŻALEŃ

Komitet Budżetu, Skarg i Zażaleń podaje do wiadomości wszystkich członków i członkiń ZPRKA, iż wszystkie skargi, wnioski i zażalenia, muszą być zgłoszone do Komitetu na piśmie do dnia 1 czerwca 2010 r. Tylko skargi, wnioski i zażalenia, które oficjalnie zostaną wniesione do Komitetu, zostaną przyjęte do rozpatrzenia przez Sejm ZPRKA. Komitet Budżetu, Skarg i Zażaleń zbierze się po otrzymaniu powyższych od członków i członkiń ZPRKA.

Eileen Hanley, przewodnicząca

Wnioski, skargi i zażalenia należy przysyłać na adres:

Budget and Grievance Committee
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

UWAGA ZARZĄDY TOWARZYSTW ZPRKA

60. Sejm ZPRKA zbliża się szybkimi krokami. Sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA przypomina zarządom Towarzystw, iż w Konstytucji i Statucie ZPRKA znajduje się bardzo ważna klauzula dotycząca reprezentacji Towarzystw na Sejmie ZPRKA:

Rozdział VII, Artykuł 16, Delegaci na Sejm, Paragraf 3

“Towarzystwo zaległe z opłatą składek ZPRKA przez dłużej jak dwa (2) miesiące, traci prawo do wysłania delegatów na Sejm”.

Większość Towarzystw ZPRKA w chwili obecnej ma opłacone na bieżąco składki. Zwracamy się jednak do wszystkich tych Towarzystw, które zalegają z opłatami, by dokonały jak najszybciej odpowiednich opłat i rozliczeń, aby mogły być reprezentowane na zbliżającym się Sejmie, co jest bardzo ważnym elementem działalności naszej braterskiej organizacji.

Josephine Szarowicz, sekretarz-skarbnik

TERMIN DOSTARCZENIA DOKUMENTÓW
AKREDYTACYJNYCH
DLA DELEGATÓW I ZASTĘPCÓW

Zgodnie z zaleceniami Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA, wybór delegatów na 60. Sejm ZPRKA oraz ich zastępców powinien nastąpić w miesiącu kwietniu lub maju.

Po dokonaniu wyboru delegatów, należy wypełnić przesłane wcześniej do sekretarzy finansowych Towarzystw formularze, które muszą być następnie podpisane przez prezesa Towarzystwa i sekretarza finansowego.

Duplikaty formularzy należy odesłać do biura sekretarza-skarbnika do 1 czerwca 2010 roku.

Oryginały formularzy muszą być przekazane delegatom (lub ich zastępcom), którzy muszą je przedłożyć osobiście w chwili rejestracji na Sejm ZPRKA.

Prosimy o przesyłanie duplikatów formularzy na adres:

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

KOMITET PLANOWANIA OCZEKUJE PROPOZYCJI

Komitet Planowania (Long Range Planning Committee) ZPRKA pragnie poinformować, iż każdy członek ZPRKA może nadesłać pisemnie uwagi, pomysły i propozycje dotyczące przyszłego rozwoju ZPRKA.

Wnioski i uwagi powinny być nadesłane do Komitetu na piśmie do 1 czerwca 2010 roku.

Komitet Planowania został powołany w celu zapoznania się z zachodzącymi zmianami i

przedstawienia delegatom ZPRKA propozycji i planów, które pozwoliłyby na wykorzystanie tych zmian dla dalszego rozwoju ZPRKA. Wszystkie propozycje należy nadsyłać na adres:

PRCUA Long Range Planning Committee
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101.

UWAGA KANDYDACI
NA URZĘDY W ZARZĄDZIE I DYREKCJI ZPRKA

Komitet Kwalifikacji Kandydatów informuje, że osoby zainteresowane ubieganiem się o stanowiska urzędnicze w zarządzie i dyrekcji ZPRKA, powinny zwrócić się do biura sekretarza-skarbnika w celu otrzymania oficjalnego podania (aplikacji).

Wszystkie podania muszą być przedłożone w biurze sekretarza-skarbnika do 1 czerwca 2010 roku.

Kandydaci na stanowiska muszą spełniać warunki przedstawione w Konstytucji ZPRKA:

Rozdział IX, Artykuł 28. Nominacje i wybór urzędników zarządu i dyrekcji

“1. Tylko osobiście obecny na Sejmie delegat, który jest członkiem Zjednoczenia przynajmniej pięć (5) lat, będący obywatelem Stanów Zjednoczonych i który okazał swoje życzenie ubiegania się na dany urząd lub jest przedstawiony przez Towarzystwo lub Osadę za jego zezwoleniem, może być kandydatem na taki urząd w ZPRKA. Oświadczenie takie musi być nadesłane do Komitetu Kwalifikacji Kandydatów przed 1-szym czerwca i musi być opublikowane w oficjalnej publikacji Zjednoczenia na trzydzieści (30) dni przed Sejmem. Kandydat na urząd dyrektora musi być mieszkańcem danego Dystryktu oraz członkiem Towarzystwa, które znajduje się w tym Dystrykcie. Aby kandydat został oficjalnie zatwierdzony jako ubiegający się o dane stanowisko w zarządzie lub dyrekcji ZPRKA, musi osobiście zarejestrować się na obradach sejmowych przed godz. 9 rano w drugim dniu obrad”.

W celu otrzymania podania należy zwrócić się osobiście lub telefonicznie do biura sekretarza-skarbnika ZPRKA pod numer: (773) 782-2600 w. 2606 lub 1-800-772-8632 wewn. 2606. Osoby zainteresowane otrzymaniem podania, mogą zwrócić się pisemnie listem poleconym do:

Josephine Szarowicz, Secretary-Treasurer
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101

Komitet Kwalifikacji Kandydatów

PROPOZYCJE POPRAWEK
DO KONSTYTUCJI I STATUTU ZPRKA

Komitet d.s. Konstytucji przyjmuje propozycje poprawek do Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA. Propozycje poprawek może przedstawić każdy indywidualny członek, Towarzystwo, Okręg lub Dystrykt ZPRKA, który ma uregulowane wszelkie opłaty. Aby propozycje zostały rozpatrzone przez Komitet ds. Konstytucji, muszą być przedstawione na piśmie i nadesłane do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji do dnia 1 czerwca 2010 r.

Osoby zainteresowane wniesieniem poprawek powinny wypełnić formularz zamieszczony na str. 3 “Narodu Polskiego” i przesłać do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji.

Do Towarzystw ZPRKA

Zachęcamy wszystkie Towarzystwa ZPRKA do zamieszczenia ogłoszenia w książce pamiątkowej 60. Sejmu ZPRKA. W najbliższym czasie zarządy Towarzystw otrzymają od Komitetu Przygotowawczego list i formularz-kontrakt w powyższej sprawie.

Zamieszczenie ogłoszenia w książce pamiątkowej pokaże, iż Towarzystwa biorą swój aktywny udział w życiu Dystryktu i wyrażają poparcie dla Sejmu ZPRKA.

Rosemont Hotel at O’Hare
- miejsce 60. Sejmu ZPRKA

Rosemont Hotel at O’Hare znajduje się przy 5550 N. River Rd. w Rosemont, IL. Hotel jest usytuowany dwie mile od lotniska O’Hare, posiada własne centrum konferencyjne oraz połączony jest przejściem z centrum konferencyjnym Donala E. Stephens’a.

Hotel oferuje 300 pokoi o różnym standardzie - tzw. suite, pokoje z dwoma łózkami typu queen lub jednym łóżkiem typu king. Pokoje wyposażone są w biurka, suszarki do włosów, żelazka i deski do prasowania, przewodowe i bezprzewodowe łącza komputerowe. W hotelu znajdują się sale przystosowane do zebrań i obrad, sale bankietowe, otwarty całą dobę podgrzewany basen i siłownię oraz bar i restaurację.

Hotel oferuje również dojazd do lotniska i płatny parking. W pobliżu hotelu znajduje się również sala koncertowa Rosemont Theatre oraz arena sportowa Allstate Arena.

KALENDARZ na KWIECIEŃ i MAJ

- ◆ Śmigus-Dyngus - sponsorowany przez Tow. #1492 w Longwood, FL - poniedziałek, 5 kwietnia 2010 r. w godz. od 12 w południe do zachodu słońca; "Polonia", 750 S. Highway 17/92, Longood, FL 32750. Bilety - \$15 w przedsprzedaży, \$20 przy wejściu. Muzyka - Joe Oberatis z Cleveland. Bilety można zakupić w "Polonii" lub pocztą - prosimy wystawiać czeki na: "Polonia" i przysłać na podany wyżej adres. Dochód z imprezy przeznaczony zostanie na Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA i Haitian Children's Hospital. Dodatkowe informacje (407) 331-1933.
- ◆ Doroczna "ŚWIECONKA" Wydziału Kobiet na Stany Illinois-Indiana ZPRKA - niedziela, 11 kwietnia 2010 r. w sali bankietowej Ojców Karmelitów Bosych, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Msza św. o 12 w południe; lunch - godz. 13:30. Wstęp - \$25.00 od osoby. Rezerwacji można dokonać u E. Sadus, 847 Marian Way, Chicago Hts., IL 60411. Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: PRCUA Illinois/Indiana Women's Division. Dodatkowe informacje: Elżbieta Grabowski (219) 923-6613 lub Elizabeth Sadus (708) 481-6796. Bilety do odebrania przy wejściu. Mile widziane nagrody na loterię.
- ◆ BANKIET JUBILEUSZOWY Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców ZPRKA z okazji 25. lecia Centrum - niedziela, 18 kwietnia 2010 r., Camelot Banquets, 8624 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, IL. Początek - godz. 12, obiad - godz. 13. Bilety - \$20.00 dorośli. Płatny bar.
- ◆ KRAJOWY TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI ZPRKA - 23-25 kwietnia 2010 r. Plaza Lanes przy An Arbor Rd. w Plymouth, MI. Gospodarzem turnieju jest Tow. św. Stanisława #718 (St. Stan's) ZPRKA. Zakwaterowanie: Embassy Suites przy I-275 i 7 Mile Rd. O godz. 18:30 msza w hotelu. Po mszy zabawa taneczna.
- ◆ Recital wiosenny Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia", niedziela, 25 kwietnia 2010 r. o godz. 15:00 w White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. Bilety - \$35 dorośli, \$15 dzieci do lat 14. W programie pieśni i tańce z różnych regionów Polski, obiad w stylu rodzinnym, muzyka taneczna. Informacje i rezerwacje: Anna Krysiński (847) 529-2555.
- ◆ 1. Doroczny Dzień Pierogowy - sobota, 1 maja 2010 r. w godz. 12 w południe - 7 wieczorem w Federated Polish Home przy 1030 W. Mt. Hope Rd., Lansing, MI. Do wyboru 6 rodzajów pierogów wykonanych przez członków Federated Polish Home. Zapraszamy do konsumpcji na miejscu lub zakupu pierogów na wynos. Wcześniejsze zamówienia można składać u Betty (517) 339-4604.
- ◆ Zostań Honorowym Krwiodawcą - sobota, 1 maja w godz. 9-14 w PRCUA Misiuda Hall porzy 5255 Detroit Ave, Toledo, OH. Informacje: Joan Sylak (419) 729-2126.
- ◆ 40. Noc Polsko-Amerykańska z drużyną Detroit Tigers - piątek, 28 maja. O godz. 17:30 pokaz, początek meczu godz. 19:05. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Detroit Tigers i Oakland Athletics. Bilety w cenie \$35. Więcej informacji na str. 5.

WYGRAJ KSIĄŻKĘ KUCHARSKĄ!

W związku ze zbliżającym się rokiem sejmowym, zapraszamy do nadsyłania do redakcji swoich ulubionych przepisów kucharskich (w języku angielskim i polskim). Osoby, które nadeślą przepisy, wezmą udział w comiesięcznym losowaniu nagrody - naszej książki kucharskiej pt. "PRCUA Sharing Our Best", o wartości \$15.00. Co miesiąc, aż do sierpnia 2010 r., czyli do miesiąca rozpoczęcia 60. Sejmu ZPRKA, będzie przyznawana jedna książka kucharska. Każdy nadesłany przepis weźmie udział losowaniu. Czytelnicy mogą nadsyłać tyle przepisów, ile zechcą.

Przepisów należy przysyłać na adres: kathryn.rosypal@prcu.org (prosimy o zamieszczenie słowa "Recipe" w rubryce pt. subject) lub drogą pocztową na adres: Editor - PRCUA Recipes, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101

1. Doroczny Polonijny Turniej Kręglarski

1. Doroczny Polonijny Turniej Kręglarski (Polonia Handicap Bowling Tournament) odbędzie się w piątek i sobotę 21-22 maja 2010 r. w mieście Pittsburgh, PA. Do turnieju zgłaszać się mogą tylko członkowie polonijnych organizacji: ZPRKA, ZNP, ZPwA i Sokolstwa Polskiego w Ameryce, którzy z dniem 1 marca 2010 r. mają opłacone wszystkie wymagane składki. Drużyny mogą być męskie, żeńskie, lub mieszane. Osoby zgłaszające się do gry indywidualnej muszą również wziąć udział w rozgrywkach dwójek i odwrotnie. Osoby które potrzebują partnerów do rozgrywek w kategorii dwójek lub zawodników do uzupełnienia składu drużyny, powinny zgłosić się do organizatorów. Koszt udziału w turnieju - \$55 od osoby (nagrody dla wszystkich!). Uczestnicy turnieju mogą się zatrzymać w hotelu Crown Plaza Pittsburgh South przy 164 Couch Rd., Pittsburgh, PA, tel. (412) 833-5300. W hotelu tym zarezerwowana jest sekcja dla uczestników turnieju na czwartek-piątek-sobotę w cenie \$93 (plus podatek) za noc. Uczestnicy turnieju mogą również zakwaterować się w Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree przy 101 Radisson Dr., Pittsburgh, PA, tel. 1-800-395-7046. Zgłoszenia na turniej powinny być nadesłane do 15 kwietnia 2010 r. Formularz zgłoszenia i dodatkowe informacje można znaleźć na stronie: www.prcua.org.

Polska Szkoła im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego
w Munster, IN, Dystrykt #9 ZPRKA
poszukuje dyrektora szkoły i nauczycieli

Dyrektor Szkoły

Idealny kandydat powinien posiadać: wykształcenie pedagogiczne, doskonałe zdolności w zarządzaniu ludźmi oraz bardzo dobrą umiejętność współpracy z innymi. Stanowisko to wymaga elastyczności, wielofunkcyjności oraz reprezentowania Szkoły i ZPRKA na arenie polonijnej (uczestnictwo w zebraniach, zjazdach, uroczystościach szkolnych i pozaszkolnych). Zadaniem Dyrektora Szkoły będzie dbanie o wysoki poziom nauczania w naszej Szkole poprzez realizację planów nauczania, ewaluację pracowników oraz dbanie o dokształcanie naszej kadry nauczycielskiej. Pozycja ta wymaga ścisłej współpracy z Zarządem Szkoły, przed którym Dyrektor będzie odpowiadał z nałożonych na niego zadań i obowiązków. Wynagrodzenie Dyrektora będzie zależne od indywidualnych kwalifikacji kandydata. Termin nadsyłania pisemnych podań (CV wraz z listem przewodnim) upływa z dniem 15 maja 2010 roku.

Nauczycieli (na rok szkolny 2010/2011)

Obecnie poszukujemy nauczycieli mogących wykładać język polski, historię i geografę, na różnych poziomach wiekowych. Wykształcenie pedagogiczne preferowane, ale niekonieczne - dotychczasowe doświadczenie kandydata, chęć do pracy i dokształcania się będą brane pod uwagę w przypadku braku oficjalnego wykształcenia pedagogicznego. Termin nadsyłania pisemnych podań upływa w dniu 30 maja 2010 roku.

Warunkiem zatrudnienia w Szkole jest członkostwo w ZPRKA.

Zainteresowane osoby prosimy o przysyłanie pisemnych podań na adres: Polish Language and Dance School of St. Rafael Kalinowski, P.O. Box 3421, Munster, IN 46321. W razie pytań, prosimy o kontakt telefoniczny z p. Elżbietą Orciuch: (219) 365-0294 lub p. Małgorzatą Rolniak: (219) 696-1666.

Uhonorowany twórca helikoptera Tablica
upamiętniająca Franka N. Piaseckiego
zostanie odsłonięta w Filadelfii

17 kwietnia 2010 r. w sobotę, o godz. 4.00 PM odsłonięta zostanie oficjalna tablica pamiątkowa zatwierdzona przez Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Zostanie umieszczona w Filadelfii przy 1937 Callowhill Street (pomiędzy Ulicą 19 i 20) na zapleczu budynku Free Library przy Logan Square. Uhonoruje Franka Piaseckiego, pioniera w dziedzinie lotów pionowych.

Tablica usytuowana zostanie pod adresem, gdzie mieściło się pierwsze biuro konstrukcyjne. Na uroczystość odsłonięcia zaproszona jest publiczność. Gubernator Pennsylvanii Edward Rendell oraz szereg ważnych osobistości wykazało zainteresowanie udziałem w tym ważnym wydarzeniu.

Po uroczystości odsłonięcia odbędzie się bankiet okolicznościowy zorganizowany w siedzibie Philopatrian Literary Society w Stotesbury Mansion, przy 1923 Walnut Street. Koszt udziału wynosi \$60 od osoby. Od 5:30 PM godzina koktajlowa, 6:30 PM obiad. Rezerwacja powinna zostać dokonana z wyprzedzeniem. Czeki wypisane na Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia można przysyłać na adres: Debbie Majka, 812 Lombard Street, #12, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Informacje: Debbie Majka tel. 215-627-1391 oraz e-mail: dziecko2@comcast.net



W ostatnim numerze "Narodu Polskiego" w "Wiadomościach z Polski" urwana została końcówka informacji. Serdecznie przepraszamy. Poniżej zamieszczamy informację w całości.

III Światowy Zjazd Gdańszczan - W dniach 21 - 23 maja bieżącego roku odbędzie się w Gdańsku III Światowy Zjazd Gdańszczan. Zjazdy odbywają się co cztery lata od 2002 roku i cieszą się dużym zainteresowaniem, zwłaszcza wśród zagranicznych przyjaciół i dawnych mieszkańców miasta. Gdańsk zapisał się w historii jako miasto słynące z gościnności, tolerancji i otwartości. Na przestrzeni wieków schronienie znajdowali tutaj przedstawiciele wielu narodów. Im to właśnie dzisiejszy Gdańsk zawdzięcza swoją wyjątkową, przyjazną atmosferę. Światowy Zjazd Gdańszczan jest organizowany właśnie po to, aby pielęgnować tradycje otwartości i gościnności miasta. Podobnie jak i kiedyś Gdańsk otwiera swoje bramy dla wszystkich tych, którzy chcą identyfikować się z tym miejscem bądź przez swoje pochodzenie, bądź też z czystej sympatii. Intencją władz miasta i organizatorów jest, by spotkanie wielkiego, rozproszonego grona gdańszczan zaowocowało wzmocnieniem więzów i tożsamości gdańskiej. W programie Zjazdu Gdańsk zostanie zaprezentowany m.in. od strony muzycznej, historycznej, biesiadnej, sportowej. Władze miasta chciałyby zaprosić do Gdańska jak największą ilość przyjaciół grodu nad Motławą. Wszystkie informacje wraz z formularzami zgłoszeniowymi dostępne są na stronie internetowej: www.gdansk.pl.

OBCHODY DNIA PUŁASKIEGO W MUZEUM POLSKIM

Chicago, IL - W poniedziałek, 1 marca odbyły się w sali głównej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce doroczne uroczyste obchody Dnia Pułaskiego. Jak co roku, na obchody przybyła liczna grupa reprezentantów urzędów stanowych, powiatowych i miejskich, przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych, środków masowego przekazu i kleru, politycy oraz około 400 gości.

Program rozpoczęła prezeska Muzeum Polskiego Maria Cieśla, która powitała wszystkich przybyłych i przedstawiła dyrektora muzeum, Jana Lorysia. Pan Loryś powitał gości w języku polskim, po czym przedstawił mistrza ceremonii, przewodniczącego Rady Dyrektorów PMA, Wallace Ozoga.

P. Ozog. poprosił JE. ks. Bpa Tadeusza Jakubowskiego o inwokację. Po inwokacji odśpiewane zostały hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych - śpiewowi przewodniczyła Ola Podowski, tancerka z zespołu "Polonia" ZPRKA.

Kolejnym punktem programu, były przemówienia. Jako pierwszy wystąpił burmistrz miasta Chicago, Richard M. Daley, następnie radny 30 okręgu Chicago, Ariel E. Rebornas.

Jak co roku, w czasie akademii z okazji obchodów Dnia Pułaskiego, wręczone zostały nagrody dla młodzieży, która wzięła udział w konkursie na wypracowanie, organizowanym przez skleby Jewel-Osco. Przedstawiciel firmy Jewel-Osco wręczył 5 czeków w wysokości \$1 tys. każdy. Stypendia otrzymali: Thomas Bielawiec, Stephanie Domagalski, Teddy Kent, Joanna Klekowicz, Marzena Medlak

Linda Morris, prezes wykonawczy banku National City przekazała czek w wysokości \$5,000 jako donację dla Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce.

Z kolei Lidia Filus, prezeska Rady Nauczycieli Polonijnych i Hanna Kapica, przedstawicielka Wydziału Oświaty Publicznej miasta Chicago wręczyły wyróżnienia dla utalentowanej młodzieży polonijnej. W kategoriach dzieci uzdolnionych muzycznie wyróżnienia otrzymali: Aleksandra Szabla, Sebastian Szymanski, Konrad Rula, zaś w kategorii dzieci uzdolnionych plastycznie: Particia Szymanski

Wręczone zostały również wyróżnienia młodzieży biorącej udział w konkursie na wypracowanie, sponsorowanym przez Radę Nauczycieli Polonijnych. Wyróżnienia otrzymali: Aleksandra Kwasny, Kyle Ochwat, Agnes Otap, Ernest Stapor, Mateusz Drozd.

Z krótkimi przemówieniami wystąpili również: konsul generalny RP w

Chicago Zygmunt Matynia, sędzina sądu okręgowego w powiecie Cook Aurelia Puciński, kongresman Jan Schakowsky, urzędnik sądu okręgowego Dorothy Brown, skarbniczka powiatu Cook Maria Pappas, prezes Związku Narodowego Polskiego i Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej Frank Spula oraz przedstawiciel gubernatora stanu Illinois Simon Włodarski, który przekazał wydaną specjalnie z okazji Dnia Pułaskiego proklamację.

W programie artystycznym wystąpił Daniel Schafer, który zagrał na pianinie utwory Fryderyka Chopina.

Na zakończenie JE. bp Jakubowski odmówił krótką benedykcję. Oficjalny program zakończyło złożenie wieńca pod orbazem Batowskiego "Pułaski pod Savannah" i odśpiewanie pieśni "God Bless America".

Po uroczystości goście zaproszeni zostali na smaczne pierogi serwowane przez Kasia's Deli, pączki oraz kawę i herbatę.

Więcej zdjęć z uroczystości można znaleźć w angielskiej sekcji na str. 11 oraz na stronie www.prcua.org



Inwokację odmówił
J.E. bp. Jakubowski.



Hymny narodowe
zaśpiewa
Ola Podowski.



Grupa oficjeli - przy mikrofonie konsul generalny
RP w Chicago, Zygmunt Matynia.

Zapraszamy Towarzystwa ZPRKA do udziału w "Ekologicznym konkursie"

Z okazji zbliżającego się 60. Sejmu ZPRKA redakcja "Narodu Polskiego" pragnie zaprosić wszystkie Towarzystwa do udziału w "Ekologicznym konkursie".

Zasady konkursu są bardzo proste - Towarzystwo, w którym pomiędzy 1 marca 2010 r. i dniem rozpoczęcia 60. Sejmu ZPRKA, największa ilość członków zamieni prenumeratę "Narodu Polskiego" z papierowej na elektroniczną, otrzyma nagrodę w wysokości \$137. Kwota \$137 jest symboliczna, gdyż w tym roku obchodzimy 137. rocznicę naszej organizacji.

Przypominamy, że od maja 2009 r. "Naród Polski" ukazuje się w całości w wersji cyfrowej w wysokiej rozdzielczości w kolorze, w formacie PDF. Zachęcamy więc, aby osoby korzystające z komputera otrzymywały "Naród Polski" drogą elektroniczną, zamiast pocztową. Wybierając tę opcję, pomagacie naszej planecie - oszczędzając drzewa i lasy i zmniejszając ilość odpadków, ale także pomagacie ZPRKA zaoszczędzić na kosztach produkcji i przesyłki. Wersja cyfrowa dostępna jest bezpłatnie. Osoby, które nie mają dostępu do internetu, będą nadal otrzymywać papierową wersję gazety.

Zamiana prenumeraty na cyfrową jest bardzo prostą procedurą. Należy wejść na stronę www.prcua.org/narodpolski, na dole strony nacisnąć na: "Start your digital Narod Polski subscripton" (hasło w kolorze zielonym), przejść do: "Register for the digital Narod Polski" i wysłać załączony e-mail. Następnie należy przejść do hasła "Stop your mailed Narod Polski subscription" (hasło w kolorze czerwonym), wypełnić w tabelce wymagane dane, w rubryce poniżej wybrać opcję "I Agree", i wybrać hasło "Submit".

UWAGA: Aby ZPRKA mogło potwierdzić ilość członków z danego Towarzystwa, którzy zdecydowali się na elektroniczną prenumeratę "Narodu Polskiego" i zrezygnowali z papierowej wersji, prosimy o dokładne zastosowanie się do powyższych instrukcji.

NA WIELKANOCNY STÓŁ

Wielkanocna zupa chrzanowa

3 kawałki białej kielbasy, 1/3 funta wędzonki (boczek, jeśli żeberka to nieco więcej), 2 cebule, ziele angielskie, liść laurowy, grzyb suszony, sól, cukier, 1 słoiczek chrzanu (w miarę możliwości bez żadnych dodatków), 1 opak. śmietany, 2 łyżki mąki (niekoniecznie), 4 jajka, natka pietruszki lub rzeżucha.

Nastawić wodę (ok. 1 kwarty) z cebulą i przyprawami. Dodać opłukaną białą kielbasę i wędzonkę. Gotować ok. 30 min. Po tym czasie wyjąć mięsa z wywaru.

Dodać chrzan. Zagęścić mąką wymieszaną z odrobiną schłodzonej zupy (nie jest to konieczne, jeśli ktoś woli rzadszą zupę). Doprawić śmietaną oraz solą i cukrem do smaku. Jajka ugotować na twardo i podzielić na ćwiartki. Ugotowaną kielbasę i boczek pokroić na niewielkie kawałki. Zupa powinna być bardzo gorąca. Jajka i mięsa podawać oddzielnie, pamiętając, by miały temperaturę pokojową. Można również mięsa podgrzać w zupie, oddzielnie podając jedynie jajka. Zupę można posypać odrobiną zielonej pietruszki, lub rzeżuchy.



Babka Jogurtowa

1 kubek jogurtu naturalnego (mały), 1 kubek (po jogurcie) cukru, 2 kubki mąki pszennej, 1 łyżka proszku do pieczenia, 3 jajka, pół kubka oleju

Jajka roztrzepać widelcem (jak na kotlet), dodać cukier i jogurt. Wymieszać. Następnie dodać mąkę z proszkiem do pieczenia, wymieszać. Wlać olej, wymieszać. Wlać do wysmarowanej i wyłożonej papierem śniadaniowym formy. Piec ok. 40 min (aż pęknie) w temp. ok. 170 C. Wyjąć z pieca jak wystygnie. Można poleać lukrem lub polewą.

Salatka Pieczarkowa

1 1/3 funta pieczarek, 5 jajek, 4 ogórki konserwowe, 1 cebula, majonez, 3 łyżki gęstej śmietany, sól, pieprz, natka pietruszki do przybrania.

Oczyszczone pieczarki gotować w lekko osolonej wodzie około 15 minut. Ugotowane przelać na sito i uciskać łyżką w celu pozbycia się nadmiaru wody. Jajka ugotować na twardo. Następnie pieczarki, jajka, ogórki i cebulę pokroić w drobną kostkę. Majonez połączyć ze śmietaną, doprawić solą, pieprzem i dodać do pokrojonych składników salatek. Całość przełożyć do salaterki i udekorować natką pietruszki.



Zapisy do szkół polskich ZPRKA

Polska Szkoła im. Jana Pawła II w Lemont i Romeoville, zaprasza na zapisy na rok szkolny 2010/2011. Szkoła oferuje zajęcia od klasy przedszkolnej (od 3 lat) do klasy 3-iej liceum (maturalnej), a także klasy dwu języczne. ZAPISY W LEMONT - 27-go marca w godz. od 9:15-14:00, pod adresem 608 Sobieski i 10-go kwietnia w godz. od 9:15-14:00. ZAPISY W ROMEOVILLE - 16-go kwietnia w godz. od 17:45-20:15, pod adresem 505 Kingston. Prosimy odwiedzić naszą stronę internetową www.polschool.com lub kontaktować się z nami pod numerami 630-669-9058 - dyrektor szkoły, 630-669-9700 - zarząd szkoły.

Polska Szkoła im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN, PRCUA District #9 przyjmuje zapisy na rok szkolny 2010/2011 (przedszkole, szkoła podstawowa, liceum). Zapisy odbędą się w dniach 17 i 24 kwietnia 2010 roku w godzinach 9:00-12:00 w nowym budynku szkolnym (Banquet Hall), 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321



Anna Sokołowska, wiceprezeska

Patrząc przez okienko...

Już kwiecień rozgościł się na dobre i wiosna w pełni. Za naszym oknem zakwitły pierwsze kwiaty, małe przebiśniegi i krokusy, spod ziemi już wystawiają swe głowy tulipany do spoglądającego z nieba słońeczka. Wszystko dookoła szybko budzi się do życia i moc zieleni otacza nas z każdej strony. Co prawda wieje jeszcze zimny wiatr, ale już niedługo będzie cieplej i piękniej.

Po Wielkim Poście z niecierpliwością czekamy na odmianę i na Święta Wielkanocne. Mają one bogatą tradycję i są to najradośniejsze święta w roku, ponieważ oznajmniają wszystkim radosną nowinę Zmartwychwstania Chrystusa. Wielkanoc to święta niezwykle barwne, którym towarzyszy wiele obrzędów. Pamiętajmy o tych tradycjach i obyczajach, bo dzięki nim świąteczne dni będą bardziej radosne. Z okazji zbliżających się Świąt Wielkanocnych życzymy Naszym Czytelnikom serdecznego ciepła, radości i spokoju w gronie najbliższych, optymizmu i wiary w lepsze dziś i jutro. Niech Zmartwychwstały Chrystus oświeca drogi codziennego życia, obdarza Was błogosławieństwem, zdrowiem i szczęściem. Życzymy radosnych spotkań w gronie rodziny przy wielkanocnym stole, udekorowanym gałązkami bazi i zielonego bukszpanu, z pisankami, babkami, sernikiem i mazurkiem, ze święconym jajkiem, chlebem, soczystą szyneczką, białą kielbasą, domowym pasztetem, chrzanem, pysznych polskich wędzonych wędlin oraz baranka z masła. Wesolego Alleluja!

Podzielię się z Wami co ostatnio działo się w Zjednoczeniu i w jakich spotkaniach, uroczystościach brałam udział.

W sobotę, 13 lutego w godzinach wieczornych odbyła się "Studniówka 2010". "Studniówka" to pierwszy poważny bal w życiu młodzieży, który na zawsze pozostaje w pamięci. Na tej imprezie nasza młodzież reprezentująca 31 polonijnych szkół sobotnich z Chicago i jego przedmieść oraz z Munster, IN, bawiła się wspólnie z nauczycielami, opiekunami oraz zaproszonymi gośćmi. Studniówka została zorganizowana przez Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce i Szkole im. Ignacego Paderewskiego z Niles. W tym roku około 700 uczniów przystąpi do matury, niektórzy już pod koniec kwietnia, inni na początku maja. Po oficjalnych przemówieniach, w których ja także wzięłam udział i po smacznej kolacji, rozpoczął się bal tradycyjnym polonezem. Miło było spoglądać na wypełnioną po brzegi salę, która tętniła radością. Trudno było oderwać wzrok od tańczących w rytm swoich ulubionych przebojów zadowolonych studniówkowiczów.

Szkoła im. Kalinowskiego ZPRKA na studniówce.



Studniówka 2010 - siedzą (l-p) Grzegorz Popielarz z Wspólnoty Polskiej, profesorowie z Uniwersytetu M. Skłodowskiej z Lublina; stoją (l-p) Anna Sokołowska, Betty Uzarowicz, ks. Michał Osuch z bazyliki św. Jacka.



Dzień Polski w Lemont. Z lewej pp. Grażyna i Ryszard Witkowsky.



przy parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego była udekorowana barwami polskimi. Znajdowały się tam również stoiska z pamiątkami oraz reklamy lokalnych firm handlowych, bankowych i przemysłowych. Specjalnym akcentem był występ zespołu pieśni i tańca "Polanie".

Nasi młodzi tancerze w barwnych ludowych strojach zachwycili widownię swoimi imponującymi tańcami, a publiczność nagrodziła



Pierwszoklasiści w Polskiej Szkole Jana Pawła II.

Gratulujemy Klubowi Polskiemu w Lemont za ponowne zorganizowanie Dnia Polskiego, Polskiej Szkoły im. Jana Pawła II, zespołowi pieśni i tańca "Polanie" oraz wszystkim zgromadzonym, za tak liczne poparcie tej uroczystości.

W sobotę, 20 lutego w Polskiej Szkole im. Jana Pawła II odbyło się uroczyste "PASOWANIE NA UCZNIA". Pierwszoklasiści rozpoczęli swoją uroczystość odśpiewaniem hymnów Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych. Potem nastąpiło uroczyste ślubowanie i p. dyrektor Jolanta Tatara specjalnym dużym ołówkiem dokonała aktu pasowania. Wychowawczynie klas p. Bożena Lazarska i prezes Komitetu Rodzicielskiego, p. Krysia Rozwadowski wręczyły dzieciom dyplomy, a na pamiątkę miłych chwil ja wręczyłam nowo pasowanym uczniom pamiątkowe książeczki. Następnie pod kierownictwem swojej wychowawczynie p. Bożeny Lazarskiej wraz z pomocą Joanny Danek (klasa po południu) i Patrycji Szyrzyna (klasa rano), nowo pasowani uczniowie przygotowali barwne i efektowne przedstawienie, śpiewali piosenki oraz grali na instrumentach. Występy dzieci zostały nagrodzone gromkimi oklaskami. Po części oficjalnej pierwszaki wraz z rodzicami i zaproszonymi gośćmi spotkały się na słodkim poczęstunku przygotowanym przez rodziców. Życzymy pierwszoklasistom sukcesów w nauce!

Przez ostatnie 5 lat nasza organizacja wspólnie z bratnimi organizacjami - Związkiem Narodowym Polskim, Związkiem Polek w Ameryce oraz Polskim Sokolstwem w Ameryce organizuje wspólne przedsięwzięcia, np. wyjazdy na imprezy sportowe, rekreacyjne, w których udział bierze więcej osób, jest większe zainteresowanie, a my grupowo możemy wykupić plik



Na meczu Chicago Bulls (l-) Walter Cygan - "Fraternalist of the Year", Frank Spula (KPA i ZNP), Anna Sokołowski (PRCUA), Robert Górny (Sokolstwo), Paul Odrobina (ZNP).

naszym uczestnikom, którzy poparli ten "Polski Wieczór". Planujemy następne wspólne przedsięwzięcia - 21-23 maja - Pierwszy Polonijny Turniej Kręglarski w Pittsburgh, PA; 5 czerwca - Polski Dzień w Great America - Gurnee, IL; 6 lipca - Polski Dzień z Drużyną White Sox - Chicago, IL. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału w tych imprezach. Więcej informacji na stronie internetowej ZPRKA - www.prcua.org.

W sobotę, 21 lutego w salach bankietowych w Troy, MI odbyła się 19-ta edycja balu "Michigan State Ball". Po raz pierwszy bal został zorganizowany w 1992 r. przez p. Shirley Galanty w celu zaprezentowania absolwentów zespołów pieśni i tańca naszej organizacji z okolic miasta Detroit. Bal rozpoczął się przywitaniem gości przez mistrza ceremonii, a zarazem dyrektora Dystr. #10 ZPRKA - Thomas'a Lisieckiego. Po smacznej kolacji, absolwenci - dziewczęta w śnieżnobiałych pięknych, długich sukniach, a chłopcy w eleganckich smokingach, zostali przedstawieni przez dyrektorów zespołów tanecznych. Dziewczęta i chłopcy prezentowali się naprawdę znakomicie! Następnie absolwenci zatańczyli walca i poloneza, który zrobił ogromne wrażenie na zaproszonych gościach. Tańce były ćwiczone przez wiele tygodni pod kierunkiem choreografki, Kelly Malinowski. Z kolei nastąpiło wręczenie specjalnych dyplomów, pan Lisiecki zapowiedział kilka przemówień, m.in. z naszej organizacji przemówił prezes oraz ja. W naszych przemówieniach życzyliśmy absolwentom powodzenia na studiach i podkreślaliśmy, żeby nigdy nie zapomnieli o swoich korzeniach i o naszej organizacji. Po przemówieniach, znana i lubiana muzyka pod kierownictwem Duane'a Malinowskiego porwała wszystkich zgromadzonych do tańca. Bal trwał do północy, a najwytrwalszych tancerzy trzeba było ściągać z parkietu niemal siłą.



Rektor szkół w Orchard Lake, MI Timothy Whalen z młodzieżą biorącą udział w Michigan State Ball.

ich gromkimi brawami. W czasie tej uroczystości zaszczytne wyróżnienie "Polaka Roku" otrzymali pp. Grażyna i Ryszard Witkowsky za ich zaangażowanie w życie parafialne, klubowe i w Polskiej Szkole im. Jana Pawła II w Lemont - serdecznie gratulujemy Państwu Witkowskiemu oraz życzymy dalszych sukcesów w każdej dziedzinie życia!

Jest to także okazja, aby nasze braterskie organizacje mogły razem się spotykać. W sobotę, 20 lutego po raz pierwszy zorganizowaliśmy "Polski Wieczór" na meczu drużyn koszykarskich pomiędzy "Chicago Bulls" i "Philadelphia 76". Mecz był pełen emocji, większość naszych uczestników entuzjastycznie kibicowała naszym "Bykom". Tym razem "Chicagowskie Byki" nie miały problemów z odniesieniem zwycięstwa nad "Philadelphia 76"-ers. Chicago Bulls pokonali s w o j e g o przeciwnika 121 do 90. D z i ę k u j e m y w s z y s t k i m



Kibicują drużynie Bulls:pracownica biura głównego ZPRKA Jola Zachara (w środku) z mężem i synem oraz kuzynami.

Pozytywna energia, wspaniałe humory, uśmiechy, które towarzyszyły balowi, sprawiły, że goście opuszczali salę z zapasem wspaniałych wspomnień. Organizatorom należą się duże brawa i gratulacje. Serdeczne podziękowania dla wszystkich, którzy poparli ten Bal.

W poniedziałek, 1 marca obchodziliśmy stanowe uroczystości Dnia Pułaskiego w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce. W uroczystościach wzięło udział ok. 400 osób, w tym przedstawiciele władz Kongresu, organizacji polonijnych, stanu, powiatu wraz z konsulem generalnym RP - Zygmuntem Matynią. Przedstawiciele w swoich przemówieniach wspomnieli o zasługach gen. Pułaskiego. W części artystycznej młody i utalentowany pianista - Daniel Szefer zagrał utwory fortepianowe Fryderyka Szopena. Nie mogę pominąć pięknie zaśpiewanych hymnów narodowych Polski i USA przez Olę Padowską, która także jest członkiem ZPRKA i tancerką w zespole pieśni i tańca "Polonia". W godzinach wieczornych odbył się uroczysty bankiet zorganizowany przez Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej na stan Illinois. W programie artystycznym wystąpił zespół pieśni i tańca "Wici" z wiązaną tańców narodowych oraz harcerze. Jaś Gawroni i Jaś Redliński pięknie wyrecytowali wiersz o generale Pułaskim.

W czwartek i piątek, 4-5 marca w stolicy naszego stanu odbył się doroczny zjazd organizacji braterskich ze stanu Illinois. W czasie zjazdu wzięliśmy udział w warsztatach, pogadankach, spotkaniach z reprezentantami w stolicy naszego stanu. Duży nacisk przywiązano do Dnia Wolontariusza "Joint Hand Day", który odbędzie się 1 maja. Zachęcano, abyśmy zaangażowali się w działania społeczne na rzecz środowiska lokalnego, aby pokazać jak ważne i potrzebne jest pomaganie innym, żyjącym wokół nas, oczekującym pomocnej dłoni, ciepłego słowa, konkretnej pomocy. Zachęcali, abyśmy przystąpili do akcji np. podawania obiadów dla bezdomnych, porządkowania okolicznych parków, sadzenia kwiatków, czy pomalowania, napraw ogrodzeń w lokalnym parku, kościele, szkole, itp. Warto przypomnieć, że wielkim orędownikiem wolontariatu był papież Jan Paweł II. Nazywał wolontariuszy "promieniami nadziei" i często wyrażał szczerze uznanie dla ich poświęcenia ludziom chorym, dzieciom, uchodźcom i wszystkim znajdującym się w trudnej sytuacji. Toteż ja także zachęcam Was wszystkich do zaangażowania się jako wolontariusz, nie tylko 1 maja, ale kiedy tylko macie trochę wolnego czasu. Przez zaangażowanie w czynie społecznym można zrobić dużo dobrego na rzecz innych, czerpać jednocześnie dla siebie dużo satysfakcji i zadowolenia. Wszystkie informacje o "Joint Hands Day" można znaleźć na stronie internetowej - www.joinhandsday.org

W niedzielę, 7 marca odbył się doroczny i już 35-ty Pokaz Mody zorganizowany przez Grupę Kulturalną Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej. Na wybiegu w roli modelek i modeli pojawili się uczestnicy ostatniego "Balu Kopciuszka" z Kopciuszkiem i Księciem na czele. Występowali też Kopciuszki i Książęta z poprzednich lat, tancerze zespołów tanecznych z Dystr. #8, rodzice oraz sympatycy Grupy Kulturalnej. Podczas pokazu w rytmie muzyki i tańca prezentowali ubrania zgodnie z najnowszymi trendami: zwiewne, sportowe sukienki, dopasowane spódniczki, szorty, żakietki, bluzeczki, najróżniejsze ubrania młodzieżowe i dla osób w średnim wieku, sportowe męskie marynarki, klasyczne garnitury, kreacje wieczorowe i eleganckie kostiumy. Interesującym dodatkiem był występ najmłodszych modeli w garniturkach i sukienkach z welonikami na 1-szą Komunię św. Młodzież także prezentowała zwiewne tkaniny, eleganckie, dopasowane sukienki na bal szkolny "Prom", które błyszczały i migły w rytmie tańca w świetle reflektorów. Nie mogę ominąć mam, które poza wieczorowymi kreacjami zaprezentowały sportowe zestawy, tatusiowie natomiast wystąpili w eleganckich i klasycznych garniturach. To był piękny pokaz, wspaniali uczestnicy, sprawna organizacja. Przygotowaniem modelek i choreografią zajęli się pp. Misia i Ryszard Jamiński oraz Liz Dynowski. Choreografia oraz pokaz bardzo spodobały się gościom, którzy nagrodzili wszystkich biorących udział w pokazie, lawiną oklasków. Komitetowi, wszystkim organizatorom, a przede wszystkim Halinie Avila i Bonnie Zawora z prezesem grupy Edwardem Muszalskim, dziękujemy i gratulujemy, a z niecierpliwością czekamy na następny rok - kolejny spektakularny pokaz mody!

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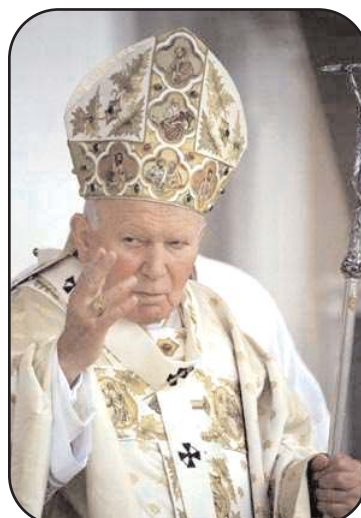
Głębokie wyrazy współczucia przesyłamy dyrektorowi Dystr. #2 Williamowi Nowakowskiemu z powodu nagłej śmierci jego siostry Tasha E. Nadjimzadah. Myślami i modlitwą jesteśmy razem z rodziną zmarłej. Cześć jej pamięci i niech spoczywa w pokoju.

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5. ROCZNICA ŚMIERCI JANA PAWŁA II



Ojciec Święty Jan Paweł II

2 kwietnia 2010 r. przeżywać będziemy piątą rocznicę śmierci Sługi Bożego Ojca Świętego Jana Pawła II. Jego zgon, choć spodziewano się, że mógł nastąpić w każdej chwili, był wielkim wstrząsem dla rodaków oraz ludzi na całym świecie.

Pomimo upływu czasu, nadal zachowujemy w pamięci dni cierpienia papieża Jana Pawła II, moment Jego śmierci i wspomnienie pogrzebu - kiedy umierał, wpisał się na trwałe w pamięć całego świata.

Współcześni naukom Wielkiego Polaka, "Pokolenie Jana Pawła II", czerpali wzór z Jego osoby, nauczania i świadectwa - dla wielu stał się niepodważalnym autorytetem moralnym, przywódcą religijnym - Apostołem naszych czasów.

Ojciec Święty czynił wszystko, co w jego mocy, by zbliżyć ludzi do Boga i do siebie wzajemnie, walczył wytrwale i zdecydowanie w obronie życia oraz o obronę godności człowieka. Swoją osobowością zadziwiał cały współczesny świat, a świat Go pokochał i obdarzył wielkim szacunkiem, czego wyrazem był m.in. masowy udział w pogrzebie zarówno zwykłych ludzi, jak i tzw. wielkich tego świata.

Pamięć o Janie Pawle II ciągle trwa. Wierni z całego świata każdego dnia nawiedzają jego grób i modlą się o szybkie wyniesienie na ołtarze Papieża Polaka. Pozostała nam Jego duchowa spuścizna - wspaniałe encykliki i adhortacje, katechezy, homilie i przemówienia. Naszym zadaniem jest przekazać następnym pokoleniom żywą pamięć o Wielkim Człowieku, który głosił ewangelię pokoju i miłości.

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Komitet Obchodów Konstytucji 3 Maja zaprasza Państwa do udziału w Paradzie 3-Maja, która odbędzie się w sobotę, 1 maja 2010 r. w Parku Granta w śródmieściu Chicago. Parada jest uhonorowaniem demokratycznych idei oraz wkładu Polonii w rozwój Stanów Zjednoczonych.

Trasa Parady przebiegać będzie po Columbus Drive na odcinku od ulicy Balbo Drive do Monroe. Jednostki marszowe spotykają się o godz. 11:15, wymarsz o godz. 11:20 rano. Marszałkiem tegorocznej parady został prezes Związku Podhalan w Ameryce, Stanisław Zagata. Hasłem parady będzie: "Chopin - Poland's Gift to the World".

Parada będzie transmitowana na żywo na kanałach WBBM-TV Channel 2 i ABC-TV Channel 7 w Chicago.

PREZES WALLACE OZOG ZWOLUJE 60. SEJM ZPRKA

W dniu 15 marca 2010 r. oficjalnie ogłosiłem, iż 60. Sejm Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce odbędzie się w Rosemont, Illinois i rozpocznie się w niedzielę, 8 sierpnia 2010 r. o godz. 14:00.

Miejsce, w którym będzie odbywał się 60. Sejm ZPRKA jest inne niż to, które ogłoszone zostało jesienią 2009 roku. Sejm odbywać się będzie w Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare przy 5550 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois. Sugeruję, aby delegaci spoza Chicago i okolic, przyjechali już w sobotę, 7 sierpnia.

Rejestracja rozpocznie się w sobotę o godz. 14:00 i będzie trwała do godz. 20:00. W godzinach 17:00-20:00 Przedsejmowy Komitet Przygotowawczy, z przewodniczącą p. Lucia Seranko z Arlington Hts., IL, przygotował gościnne przyjęcie (Hospitality Reception) oraz wizytę w biurze głównym ZPRKA w Chicago i możliwość zwiedzenia Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Ta część programu jest sponsorowana przez ZPRKA i nie wymaga żadnej opłaty.

Msza św. na otwarcie Sejmu odprawiona zostanie w niedzielę, 8 sierpnia o godz. 10 rano w kościele św. Stanisława Kostki przy 1300 Noble Street w Chicago, IL, gdzie nasza bracia zjednoczeniowa przyjęta zostanie przez proboszcza tejże parafii, ks. Anthony Bus, C.R. ZPRKA zostało założone w Detroit, Michigan, jednak początki naszej organizacji w Chicago, wiążą się ściśle z parafią św. Stanisława Kostki. Bezpośrednio po mszy św. w sali parafialnej przy kościele odbędzie się lunch dla delegatów i gości.

Pierwsze obrady sejmowe rozpoczną się o godz. 14:00 w wielkiej sali balowej (Grand Ballroom) hotelu Rosemont. Po zakończeniu obrad odbędzie się w Convention Center w hotelu, bankiet. O godz. 18:30 podane zostaną koktajle, obiad o godz. 19:30, po obiedzie zapraszamy delegatów i gości do tańca.

Obrady sejmowe trwać będą przez 3 dni - od poniedziałku do środy w wielkiej sali balowej. W związku z tym, że przewidziane są długie godziny obrad w czasie tego ważnego Sejmu, Komitet Przygotowawczy nie przygotował żadnych innych form rozrywki na czas obrad Sejmu. Jednakże, rodziny i goście, którzy towarzyszyć będą delegatom, mogą otrzymać informacje o miejscach wartych odwiedzenia i zobaczenia.

We wtorek, 10 sierpnia odprawiona zostanie w kościele św. Stanisława Biskupa i Męczennika, uroczysta msza św. w intencji wszystkich zmarłych członków ZPRKA. Kościół św. Biskupa i Męczennika znajduje się przy 5352 W. Belden Ave. w Chicago, IL. Proboszczem parafii jest ks. Antoni Dziorek, CR. Po mszy św. zapraszamy na lunch, który odbędzie się w sali parafialnej.

Wszystkie Towarzystwa ZPRKA powinny wybrać delegatów i ich zastępców na zebraniach, które powinny odbyć się w miesiącach maju i kwietniu. Dokumenty akredytacyjne muszą być dostarczone do biura sekretarza-skarbnika ZPRKA Josephine Szarowicz do dnia 1 czerwca 2010 r.

Prowadzone w czasie obrad sejmowych rozmowy i podejmowane decyzje, będą miały wpływ na przyszłość i właściwy, mający powodzenie rozwój naszej organizacji. (Dokładny rozkład obrad - na str. 9).

Zaznaczcie też w swoich kalendarzach następującą datę: w niedzielę, 12 września 2010 r. odbędzie się w salach bankietowych "Białego Orła" przy 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. w Niles, IL zaprzysiężenie nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA. Szczegóły zostaną podane do wiadomości w późniejszym terminie.

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prezes Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce

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