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ANNOUNCEMENT

The PRCUA Task Force, established at the 59th Quadrennial Convention, has announced that the FINAL DRAFT of the updated PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws, as directed by the Convention Delegates, will be available for viewing in mid-May. All who wish to review the FINAL DRAFT can sign up to be notified when it is published on the PRCUA website. To sign up to view a downloadable PDF, please visit the PRCUA Task Force web page at:

www.PRCUA.org/TaskForce

Those without a computer can call the Home Office at 1-800-772-8632 to be listed to receive the FINAL DRAFT via U.S. Mail when it becomes available.

Please forward questions or comments regarding the FINAL DRAFT to the Task Force by email to:

TF-Comments@prcu.org or send them by U.S. mail to:

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- PRCUA TASK FORCE

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL

PRCUA Offers Condolences on Polish President's Death

Message from the President

National President Wallace M. Ozog, the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) extend their heartfelt condolences to the people of Poland and Polonia on the tragic death of the President of the Republic of Poland, Hon. Lech Kaczynski and First Lady Maria Kaczynska on April 10, 2010.

The PRCUA also expresses sympathy to the Kaczynski family and the families of all of those in the presidential entourage who were killed in the airplane crash near Smolensk, in western Russia, while on their way to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the atrocious Katyn massacre. They included many deeply respected Polish government officials and civic leaders who had devoted their lives to their country. Among the deceased are President of "Wspolnota Polska," Maciej Plazynski; President of the National Bank of Poland, Slawomir Skrzypek; and Wojciech Seweryn, Chicago's sculptor of the Katyn Memorial at St.

Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL - all of whom worked closely with Poles in the United States of America.

Throughout history, Poland has demonstrated incredible resilience in times of adversity; surely it will continue to do so now, in light of this terrible calamity. The bonds of Polish Americans with the Motherland run deep. Poland's loss is also our loss. Words are inadequate to express the extent of our deep sorrow.

President Kaczynski, age 60, was the national leader of the Republic of Poland since 2005. He began his political career as an activist in the Solidarity Movement. He was a strong nationalist, who sought to give Poland a more powerful voice in international affairs. Under his leadership, Poland assisted the USA in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. His populist beliefs commended him to many Poles, especially the large number of Roman Catholics in Poland. President Kaczynski was committed to expanding the cultural exchange between Poland and Polish Americans. In fact, he had planned to visit the Polish Museum of America in Chicago, IL this May to promote this purpose. (Continued on page 3)

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

MAY

- ST. ANN SOCIETY #66, SPECIAL MEETING** any member interested in attending a meeting, please contact Jo Szarowicz at 847-577-7274 evenings.
- PETER ROSTENKOWSKI SOC. #1500** any member interested in attending a meeting, please contact Walt Szarowicz at 847-577-7274 evenings.
- 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, #1012 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETINGS** all on Sun., May 2 at the PRCUA Home Office, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL: 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
- 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.
- 4 CHICAGO, IL ST. CECYLIA SOC. 943 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Tues., May 4 at Noon at 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Contact: Diane Saczynski, 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2636
- 6 WARREN, MI - SOC. #428 SOCIETY #428 - ELECTION OF DELEGATES MEETING** on Thurs., May 6, 2010 , Warren, MI. Contact: Christopher Ozog 586-524-4907
- 6 MILWAUKEE, WI - SOC. #2303 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Thurs., May at 6 pm at Wilson Commons, 1500 W. Sonata Dr. Contact: Mary Golla, (414) 282-6260
- 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
- 9 SAN FRANCISCO, CA - SOC. 57 MEETING & ELECTION OF DELEGATES** on Sun., May 9 at Noon after 11am Mass. 245 Linden St., San Fran., CA. Contact Edmund Lewandowski (650) 302-3577
- 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
- 14 CHICAGO, IL - WHITE EAGLES SOC #957 MEETING & ELECTION OF CONVENTION DELEGATES** on Fri., May 14 at 5 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL. Contact Julie Prado (773) 782-2626
- 16 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Sun., May 16 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St. Send dues to: L. Alexander, 1059 Molno, Wyandotte, MI 48192
- 16 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 AND #719 MEETING** on Sun., May 16 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Joan Sylak (419) 729-2126
- 16 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #2206 MEETING** on Sun., May 16 at 4 pm at Circle 8 Clubroom, 2501 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH.
- 18 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., May 18 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: L. McClain, 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA 15906
- 19 CHICAGO, IL - KOSCIUSZKO GUARDS #475 MEETING** on Wed., May 19 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Bernie Jura (773) 685-3134
- 19 CHICAGO, IL - ST. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER SOC. #1610 SPECIAL MEETING** on Wed., May 19 at 4 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Joyce Szarowicz (773) 782-2600 Ext. 2606

MAY

- 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.
- 20 CHICAGO, IL - RESURRECTION SOC. #1580 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Thurs., May 20 at 7 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: (847) 525-4822
- 25 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Tues., May 25 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz (586) 573-7510
- 27 CHICAGO, IL - SOC. 1219 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Thurs., May 27 at 7 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Agnes Migiel (773) 782-2600
- 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 4.)

JUNE

- 2 HARTFORD, CT - PRCUA DISTRICT 1 SOCIETY OFFICERS FIN. SECRETARIES AND MEMBERS INVITED TO PRE-CONVENTION MEETING, MASS & LUNCH** on Sun., May 23. Meet at the Polish American Home on Charter Oak Ave., in Hartford, CT before 11:30 Mass. We will enter SS Cyril & Methodius Church as a group. Lunch after Mass at the Polish American Home followed by a meeting to discuss candidates for District 1 Director, Report of the Task Force, election of officers for 2010-2011 and other District 1 matters. Contact: Kaz Zabek (413) 743-1170
- 6 HICKORY HILLS, IL - MARIA KONOPNICKA SOCIETY #1622 ANNUAL PICNIC** on Sun., June 6 at 12 Noon at Buffalo Woods, 87th Street & Kean Ave., Hickory Hills, IL Platform #3. Contact: Ed Muszalski (708) 599-9246
- 10 LANSING, MI - WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 MEETING** on Thurs., June 10 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
- 15 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., June 15 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: L. McClain, 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA 15906
- 20 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING** on Sun., June 20 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: L. Alexander, 1059 Molno, Wyandotte, MI 48192
- 20 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING** on Sun., June 20 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Joan Sylak (419) 729-2126
- 20 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #2206 MEETING** on Sun., June 20 at 4 pm at Circle 8 Clubroom, 2501 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, OH.



Annual Sacred Heart Mass
Sunday, June 13 at Noon
Salvatorian Fathers Monastery
5755 Pennsylvania Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

Lunch after Mass at Patio Restaurant
7706 Broadway, Merrillville. \$25.00 per person;
hosted by District 9. RSVP by June 4, 2010
Make check payable to: PRCUA District 9. Send to:
Elizabeth Sadus, 847 Marian Way, Chicago Heights, IL 60411;
Phone: 708-481-6796

Correction - In the article "Celebrity for a Day" on page 4 in the last issue, the person with Martha Stewart was Mary Wolicki, not Wolnicki. The editor apologizes for the error.

Message from the President (Continued from page 1)

We pray that all those who died in this tragedy may rest in eternal peace. May each one be recognized and blessed for the many contributions they have unselfishly made toward making this world a better place in which to live.
Wallace M. Ozog, FICF
National President, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America



Another Katyn Tragedy

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw - Hundreds of family members of the thousands of Polish officers, professionals and intellectuals who were murdered in 1940 by Stalin's NKVD had arrived in Katyn from Poland via special trains and were waiting at the Memorial for 70th-anniversary observances to begin. The presidential party was due to arrive at Russia's nearby Smolensk Airport and then drive to Katyn by motorcade. But rumors began circulating - something had gone terribly wrong - reports of a plane crash were heard by the disbelieving crowd.

Gradually the pieces fell into place. President Lech Kaczynski and First Lady Maria Kaczynska, together with 94 others, including some of Poland's top civilian and military leaders, had been killed, when their antiquated 26-year-old plane crashed while trying to land in heavy fog.

It is one of the greatest tragedies in Polish history. Among the victims are several members of the presidential cabinet, 17 lawmakers, 10 generals, several army chaplains and numerous Poles who had lost loved ones in the 1940 massacre. The list included the Armed Forces Chief of Staff and the Commanders of all branches of the services; Slawomir Skrzypek, the president of the National Bank of Poland; Janusz Kurtyka, the head of the National Remembrance Institute (IPN) which researches and prosecutes communist crimes. The conservative Law and Justice (PiS) party, established by Kaczynski and his twin brother, Jaroslaw, lost an inordinate percentage of its leadership in the crash.

A tragic death was also met by such legendary figures as Ryszard Kaczorowski, 91, the last President of the London-based Polish Exile Governments, and Anna Walentynowicz, the crane operator whose firing sparked the 1980 Gdansk Shipyard strike that led to the emergence of Solidarity. President Kaczynski, 60, was the first officiating Polish leader to perish in an air disaster since the 1943 plane crash off Gibraltar of exiled war-time Prime Minister General Wladyslaw Sikorski.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin expressed their condolences to the acting President and speaker of the parliament, Bronislaw Komorowski. President Medvedev also announced that April 12, 2010 would be a national day of mourning in Russia. Chairman of International Committee of the State Duma Konstantin Kosachev said that "Katyn claimed yet more victims". The Polish Embassy in Moscow was surprised by the thousands of Russians who surrounded the Consulate with floral tributes and lit candles to express their sympathy.

In accordance with the Polish Constitution, Bronislaw Komorowski, the Marshal of the Sejm (Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament), ordered a week of national mourning, and said presidential elections will be held by the end of June.

There are no hints of foul play behind the disaster, but a full-blown investigation has been launched by both the Polish and the Russian side. Russian eye-witnesses said one of the plane's wings had struck treetops as it came in for the landing, went out of control and crashed. Russian air controllers claimed the Polish pilots had ignored their instructions not to decrease altitude and to land at an alternative airfield nearby.

"Today's loss is devastating to Poland, to the United States, and to the world," US President Barack Obama said in a statement. "President Kaczynski was a distinguished statesman who played a key role in the Solidarity movement and was widely admired in the United States as a leader dedicated to advancing freedom and human dignity. With him were many of Poland's most distinguished civilian and military leaders who have helped to shape Poland's inspiring democratic transformation. We join all the people of Poland in mourning their passing. Today, there are heavy hearts across America. The United States cherishes its deep and abiding bonds with the people of Poland. Those bonds are represented in the strength of our alliance, the friendships among our people, and the extraordinary contributions of Polish-Americans who have helped to shape our nation."

It is too early to speculate on the long-range ramifications of this tragedy but there is no doubt that, except in wars, the upper echelons of a country's political and military establishment are rarely devastated to this extent in a single stroke.



Poland Mourns Its President & First Lady

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent



Warsaw - The eyes of the world were on Poland's old royal capital of Kraków on April 18th, where the remains of tragically departed President Lech Kaczynski and First Lady Maria were enshrined in the crypts of Kraków's Wawel Cathedral - the final resting place of royalty and other outstanding Poles, including Polish and American hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

The elaborate state funeral featured a 21-gun salute and the tolling of Wawel's huge Zygmunt Bell, rung only on major occasions. The Kaczynskis had been among 96 senior political, military and religious leaders who had died in a plane crash on April 10 in Smolensk, Russia. They had been en route to Katyn where 70th-anniversary observances of the 1940 massacre were to be held.

The magnitude of Poland's biggest post-war tragedy, as well as the unique venue and circumstances and of the disaster - on Russian soil in connection with the Soviets' cold-blooded murder of 22,000 Polish officers - triggered an unprecedented world-wide reaction. Condolences poured in from around the globe and gestures of national mourning were made not only by Poland's immediate neighbors but even by countries as remote as Brazil. Requests for Andrzej Wajda's film "Katyn" came from many different countries and the hard-hitting movie was shown in the halls of the US Congress.

Nearly 100 world leaders, including US President Barack Obama, Britain's Prince Charles, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy all said they would attend the Kaczynskis state funeral in Kraków, when a freak accident disrupted all air travel. The eruption of a volcano in Iceland a few days earlier, sent a cloud of volcanic ash over Europe thick enough to close airports across Europe. The ash contains pulverized glass and stone which can damage jet engines in flight.

America's Obama sent his regrets but paid tribute to the deceased Polish statesman by saying: "President Kaczynski was a patriot and close friend and ally of the United States, as were those who died alongside him, and the American people will never forget the lives they led."

What could have been the biggest world memorial summit since the funeral of Pope John Paul II suddenly shriveled down to Central-East European proportions. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, who ignored the volcanic-ash scare, was the most prominent world leader attending the Kaczynski funeral.

Some 600 Polish and foreign VIPs packed St Mary's Basilica for the Requiem Mass to send-off President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria, as 150,000 mourners gathered in the Rynek Główny (main square) and adjoining side streets. The proceedings could be viewed on big-screen TVs strategically located at three prime sites.

A day earlier, more than 100,000 people had filled Warsaw's vast Pilsudski Square for a Memorial Mass honoring all the crash victims, whose large portraits flanked a tall white cross on the altar platform. "We tremble as we read each of the 96 names and gaze upon their photographs," Acting President Bronislaw Komorowski told the mourners. And in an emotional bid, he added: "We remember the words of Pope John Paul II, who prayed here for the Spirit to descend and renew the face of the earth and of our Polish land." A year after the Polish-born Pontiff had uttered those words in 1979, the Solidarity movement was born, ultimately leading to the collapse of communist rule in Poland.

The weekend memorials followed a period of intensive national mourning during which funeral and historical themes dominated the press and airwaves. For the better part of the week coffins kept arriving from Russia: that of President Kaczynski, then the First Lady's, followed by those of 30 other victims and dozens more over the next few days. By the time of the Kaczynskis' funeral, the identity of about 20 bodies was still uncertain. The remains of some, obliterated beyond recognition in the crash, may never be identified.

All week long, thousands of Poles waited around-the-clock in the rain and cold of night to pay their respects to Poland's First Couple, who lay-in-state in closed, flag-draped coffins at the Presidential Palace. They filed past, genuflecting, blessing themselves and saying a short prayer before moving on. Outside the Palace thousands converged around a veritable sea of tens of thousands of flickering votive lamps which made the air thick with burning-wax fumes.

In general, the tragedy had rekindled a spirit of solidarity and togetherness in this often divisively bickering nation. Despite the fatigue and discomfort of waiting in line for up to 18 hours, people were kind and helpful. The country's political circles, even those who had violently thrashed the president, acted with dignity and restraint. Only the leftist-liberal daily "Gazeta Wyborcza" violated the solemnity of national mourning by protesting against the Kaczynskis' burial at Wawel Cathedral, saying that the hallowed venue was reserved for kings and national heroes.

A dominant theme of most eulogies and public statements has been the need for reconciliation. We can differ, because that is our right in a democratic system, but we should do so in a reasonable and civilized manner. But with snap elections set for June 20th, many Poles wonder how such a lofty ideal could be adhered to in practice.

In many pronouncements, the spirit of goodwill should also be extended to Russia, with which Poland's relations have been chronically strained. In his funeral homily at St. Mary's Basilica, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz said: "The sympathy and assistance we have experienced these days from our brother Russians have rekindled hope for rapprochement and reconciliation between our two Slavic nations. These words I am addressing to the President of Russia."

Seated in a VIP pew, Russian President Medvedev nodded his acknowledgement. Before leaving for Moscow, he told a Polish TV reporter: "I believe we can make serious efforts to draw our nations closer together, develop economic relations and find solutions to the most difficult problems, including Katyn." The Russian head of state has repeatedly stated that Stalin and his cronies bore the blame for that crime and that Russia has gone a long way to clear up the doubts and memorialize the victims. But whether the Kremlin will give Poles access to all the still classified Katyn records remains to be seen.

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.

A Call For Former PRCUA
Scholarship Recipients

The PRCUA is looking for former PRCUA scholarship recipients who have graduated from college. We would like information on the number of scholarships received, how the scholarships helped you achieve your degree, what professional field you are in, if and how you are involved in Polonia and the community and any other information that you would like to relay. A recent photo would also be appreciated. Please include a phone number and/or an email address. Please send information to: PRCUA, Joann Ozog, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 by May 21, 2010.

June 5th - Polish American Day at
Six Flags America Gurnee, IL

On Saturday, June 5, 2010 the PRCUA, Polish National Alliance, Polish Women's Alliance and Polish Falcons are cosponsoring this event with a \$26 admission price, which includes admission to the Hurricane Harbor Water Park. This is over \$30 savings off the main gate price! Purchase your tickets from PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601.

July 6th - Pol-Am Night at
Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field

Chicago's four largest Pol-Am fraternal - Polish National Alliance, Polish Women's Alliance of America, Polish Falcons of America, and Polish Roman Catholic Union of America - are cosponsoring this baseball game event. Show your Polish pride on Tuesday, July 6 by enjoying Polish entertainment at the gates and then watching the Chicago White Sox vs. LA Angels. Tickets are \$21.50 (regularly \$43) for lower box seats. Call PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601 to order tickets. Orders must be placed by Monday, June 21st, 2010.

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

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 click on *News & Events* and *Sporting Events*.

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

1ST ANNUAL
POLONIA
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BOWLING
TOURNAMENT

PRCUA members are invited to join with members of three other Polish fraternal 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, PNA, PRCUA and PWAA in good standing.

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. The application and details are available at our website: www.prcua.org

Polish Folk Dance Instructors and
Choreographers Needed
in Central Florida

Polish Folk Dance instructors/choreographers are needed in Central Florida in the Orlando, Lake Mary, Oviedo, Sanford, Winter Springs area. Please call Director Richard Turkiewicz at 321-377-3295 if interested in starting a PRCUA dance group.

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.

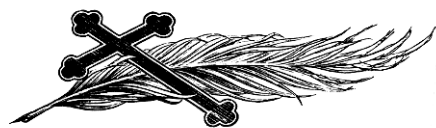
Go to www.prcua.org for an entry form or call the Fraternal Dept. at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601.

\$\$\$ Money May Be Owed to You \$\$\$

IMPORTANT: The following is a list of life insurance certificates that have matured but are left unpaid. If the money is not paid out, it will go to the State. If you know the whereabouts of the following members or their family, please contact the PRCUA with their updated contact information or contact the person directly and ask them to call the PRCUA at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2604 or write to: Josephine Szarowicz, Secy.-Tres., PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101.

NAME		SOCIETY	STATE
Augustyn	Boleslaw	942	IL
Barc	Jan	7853	IL
Bartoszek	Jozef	1323	IL
Bartula	Maryanna	858	IL
Bialasek	Jan	1444	IL
Bielawa	Edward	7877	IL
Bienkowski	Franciszka	236	IL
Biesiada	Mieczyslaw	7715	IL
Bonk	Wladyslaw	266	IL
Borkowska	Helen	921	CT
Bruzy	Edward	888	CT
Brzezinska	Bron	1899	IL
Brzezinska	Genowefa	649	IL
Buda	Maryanna	2754	IL
Budnik	Genowefa	1455	IL
Budnik	Helena	5637	IL
Budzinska	Blandyna	5932	IL
Celebucka	Leokadya	285	IL
Chlodzinski	Szczepan	609	IL
Ciebien	Edward	610	IL
Cieslesz	Czeslaw	7780	IL
Ciesla	Michal	5546	IL
Ciszek	Genowefa	899	IL
Cygan	Stanislaw	857	IL
Cygar	Stanislaw	237	IL
Cyrwus	Wanda	208	IL
Czarniecki	Michal	335	IL
Czech	Jozef	3870	IL
Czepiga	Karolina	6319	IL
Czerwinska	Marya	659	IL
Depa	Cecylia	206	IL
Deptula	Jozef	914	CT
Domanski	Teodor	6621	IL
Drabek	Julian	148	IL
Drop	Jan	144	IL
Duda	Julia	631	IL
Dunn	Katarzyna	1735	IL
Dwojakowski	Edwin	522	IL
Falat	Edward	929	IL
Fiedor	Edward	931	IL

*Brothers
and Sisters*



NAME	SOCIETY	STATE	NAME	SOCIETY	STATE
ADAMOVITS, CHARLES	607	PA	MARUSZAK, HELEN	179	IL
ANTHONY, ETHEL	322	PA	MAZUR, BERNICE	479	PA
BIALEK, FLORENCE	421	IL	MCCART, CASSIE	162	MI
BIELEWSKI, CHRISTINE	2227	MI	MIECH, ELIZABETH	2315	WI
BOCHENEK, NORBERT	1598	IL	MIKRUT, SR. M. EUGENE	308	IL
BONGEL, HELENE	308	IL	MROCKZKOWSKI, RAYMOND	72	MO
BONK, SYLVIA	2148	OH	MTYSIAK, JOHN	261	MI
BRENNAN, ANNA	2026	PA	MUSZYNSKI, VICTORIA	237	PA
BURACZYNSKI, DONALD	2303	WI	MYSLEK, WALTER	2320	WI
BUTURAL, SR. M. ESTELLE	213	WV	NIECKARZ, SALLY	1408	NY
CHARNESKI, THOMAS	1615	PA	NOVAK, ANGELA	1437	DE
CINCIALA, CECELIA	23	MI	NOVAK, FLORENCE	124	OH
CZERWONKA, IRENE	1000	IL	NOWICKI, JOSEPH	337	IN
DANIEL, CLARA	2013	PA	OCWIEJA, FRANK A.	542 & 880	IL
DILLOW, MARY	657	IL	PAREJKO, JAMES	823	IL
DISANDRO, FRANCES	2011	PA	PASEK, GERTRUDE	2199	MI
DISANDRO, LINDA	2011	PA	PENCHAR, LILLIAN	300 & 3000	IL
DROEGE, EMELIA	72	MO	PIENIAZEK, MARION	565	IN
DRUPIESKI, CECILIA	2048	DE	POWELL, HELEN	261	MI
DYLEWSKI, JOSEPH	240	PA	PYTLIK, THEODORE	1000	IL
ETLESKI, ADRIAN	2159	OH	RADOVICH, MARTHA	2009	PA
FEDORONKO, HELEN	1133	PA	REKTENWALD, CATHERINE	1580	IL
FIEDOR, HELEN	2003	PA	RIZZO, HELEN	641	IL
GARBACIK, REV, LOUIS	1615	PA	ROGERS, NORBERT	240	PA
GLIWSKI, WALTER	359	MA	RYBICKI, LINDA	2227	MI
GNOJEWSKI LEONARD	1004	IL	SADOWSKI, MARIA	2003	PA
GORNIAK, WALTER	619	NJ	SAROKA, BOLECK	232	RI
GREEN, ESTHER ANN	1000	IL	SAWCHIK, DOLORES	709	OH
GROCHOWSKY, CARL	2248	OH	SHIPAN, WANDA	1361	MI
GRYZIEC, JOSEPH	1000	IL	SIWAK, CECILE	261	MI
GURBISZ, FRANCES	2051	NJ	SOBOLEWSKI, EDWARD	589	PA
HANKINS, MICHAEL	1000	IL	SOCH, ANNE	878	IL
KALAGIAN, GEORGIANA	1000	IL	SOSNOWSKI, JOHN	1552	MI
KIERSKI, FLORENCE	1004	IL	SZAFRANSKI,L JAY	2109	OH
KILIMALA, JOSEPH	308	IL	SZCZEPANIK, STANLEY	1004	IL
KOBYLAŃSKI, HELEN	499	IN	SZEFCEYK, WALTER	2159	OH
KOWALIK, HENRY	540	NY	SZEMBORSKI, STANLEY	619	NJ
KOZICKI, JOHN	1000	IL	TODROFF, MARY	835	PA
KRENITSKY, GEORGE T	540	NY	TOPOLSKI, GENEVIEVE	540	NY
KUSMA. LILLIAN	527	MD	TOWNSEND, MARY	179	IL
LES, EVA	359	MA	WASELL, AMELIA	128	PA
LEWANDOWSKI, DANIEL	2206	OH	WRIGHT, JOAN	2248	OH
LIPINSKI, ALVIS	450	MO	ZAWISLAK, AGNES	2003	PA
LITERA, MARY	413	IN	ZIELONKA, VERONICA	803	NJ
MADAJCZYK, WILLIAM	2227	MI	ZUCZEK, MARTHA	69	NJ
MARCY, GENEVIEVE	1122	NY	ZYLKO, IRENE	2102	OH

May they rest in eternal peace.

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Fraternal Family Favorites

By Robert Strybel

CRACKER TREATS

Bernadine Skibinski, Princeton, IL

Saltine crackers 1 cup butter
1 c. packed brown sugar 2 c. semisweet choc. chips
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line cookie sheet with foil, spray
with oil or butter; arrange crackers in a single layer. In pot,
boil butter and brown sugar 3 min. Pour evenly over the
crackers. Bake 5-7 min. Remove from oven; immediately
sprinkle chocolate chips over mixture. Wait a few minutes for
them to melt, then spread evenly with the back of a spoon. Let
cool, then cut or break into pieces.

SOUR CREAM & CHEDDAR MUFFINS

Ruth Gorczyca of Wheeling, WV

1 c all-purpose flour 2 sticks melted butter
½ c grated cheddar cheese 1 pint sour cream
Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Pour into a greased muffin tin.
Bake at 350 for 30 min.

PORCUPINE MEATBALLS

Olga Wojciech of Ladysmith, WI

1 lb. ground beef ¼ t. salt
¼ c. white rice uncooked ¼ c. onions chopped fine
1 (10.15 oz) can tomato soup 1 small can tomato sauce
In a large bowl mix the beef, rice, salt and onions. Shape into
1-inch balls. Spray a casserole dish with oil and place
meatballs in casserole. Mix together the soup and the tomato
sauce and pour over the meatballs. Bake 1 hour or until the
meat is cooked. Before baking, add ½ onion to recipe to make
it tastier, if desired. In the summer, I cook it on top of the stove
in a covered frying pan.

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The program is open to any dues-paying member of the
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award is given to a lodge that best exemplifies the spirit of
fraternalism through its efforts on behalf of the membership and the
community at large. The 2010 award is for activities that occurred in
2009 only!

Three awards will be presented at the annual meeting of the
WFC to be held at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells on October
6-8, 2010. The award includes a certificate and a donation of \$250,
\$150 or \$100 made to the charity chosen by the top three winning
lodes, and made on behalf of the lodge and its members.

Entries must be submitted by July 15, 2010. Send an application
and any supporting materials (news clippings, flyers, photos) to:

Jeff Long, WFC Director
Lodge of the Year Committee
N6463 S. Pioneer Road
Fond du Lac, WI 54934
Phone (920) 922-1900

Win a Recipe Book!

In celebration of the 2010 Convention Year, *Narod
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 on
the number of recipes you can submit. Email recipes to:
kathryn.rosypal@prcu.org (put "Recipe" in the subject line)
or mail to:

Editor - PRCUA Recipes
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March Winner: Helen Ganiec, Downers Grove, IL
Congratulations!

Looking through the Window...

by Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski



Dear Readers,

As I am writing this article, my heart is very heavy in grief and tears. As many of you know, on Saturday, April 10, 2010 an airliner crashed in Smolensk, Russia carrying the Polish President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria and the military's chief of staff and the heads of Poland's land forces, navy and air force and other top leaders of Poland's political and business sectors, many dignitaries and special guests. The presidential delegation was traveling to a commemorative ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Soviet secret police massacre in Katyn forest in Russia of over 22,000 Poles - doctors, professors, teachers, politicians and officers of Polish army. Upon hearing this devastating news, the grief and shock gripped us in disbelief. As was done in Poland, many of us here wore black ribbons, sought solace in our churches, lit candles in churches and at the Katyn monument in Niles, IL or at the Polish Consulate in Chicago. The flag at the Polish Consulate flew at half-staff where mourners, including the PRCUA and the PMA delegation and members, laid flowers - red and white - the colors of the Polish flag, and signed a book of condolences. In our homes, offices, places of business, we displayed Polish flags draped with black ribbons. Cars on the city's Northwest Side and Southwest Side flew the Polish flags, with black bunting attached. The flags at our PRCUA Home Office also flew at half-mast and the entrance to the PMA was wrapped in black ribbons. This tragedy touched me personally, since among the victims were people whom my husband and I had met, some on several occasions, in the US, in Poland and in Italy. Among them President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria; President of Wspolnota Polska and great friend of Polonia- Maciej Plazynski; co-founder of the Solidarity Movement and former Solidarity activist - Anna Walentynowicz; Polish Undersecretary of State and Presidential aide - Mariusz Handzlik; Vice Marshall of the Polish Senate - Senator Krystyna Bochenek; Deputy Culture Minister - Tomasz Merta; Head of the National Remembrance Institute - Janusz Kurtyka; Poland's last "President-in- exile" - Richard Kaczorowski; Chicago artist and talented sculptor - Wojciech Seweryn - whose sculpture commemorating the Katyn massacre was dedicated last year at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles.

We all are overwhelmed by grief and pain at the Polish nation's heavy losses. In these moments of sadness, we express our sincere condolences to the entire Polish nation and Polonia. We will pray for all those people who died and we believe that Katyn will now be remembered not only for the innocently killed people, but also for Poland's best and brightest citizens - the country's political elite, who were going to commemorate them and died on this pilgrimage. May Poland and its people, in the depths of such grief, find the strength to carry on. We know that Poland will recover, as it always does, but the hearts that broke on April 10, 2010 will never mend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims' families.

Let me share with you what was happening in the last few months. Due to a limited space I am not able to mention all the events that I attended. They were all important. The first week of March was very

busy as we prepared for our annual meeting with the Budget and Grievance Committee to present our financial reports, as well as the quarterly Board of Directors meeting. After our Board Meeting, on Saturday, March 13, we had the pleasure to attend the 25th Anniversary Concert of the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing with a special guest appearance by "Wesoly Lud" The two-hour concert contained a wealth of beautifully detailed dance routines and colorful costumes. Each dance routine was beautifully choreographed and very memorable. The various programs by each age group displayed folk dances from different regions of Poland that ranged from delicate to athletic routines. In addition they entertained us with jazz, the Charleston and Polka dances. The performances by the youngest group of children were absolute show-stealers, as they playfully danced and sang their way to everyone's hearts.

Wesoly Lud (group I, II, and III) performed several dances beautifully with grace, passion and excitement. As usual, the performance of the Spisz Suite (my favorite) was spellbinding! It was full of fast turns, leaps, and jumps - these young dancers performed with increased athleticism and energy. Oh, don't I wish that I was young and could dance like that! The entire repertoire was under the direction of very talented

choreographers Richard and Misia Jaminski, with assistance from Ania Kraszewski, Virginia Gavaghan-Stekala, Danielle Kroplewski, Kalina Dziadkowiec and Andrew Lech. Our sincere congratulations to Southwest Center of Polish Dancing under the direction of Krysia Lech. Congratulations and best wishes to the dancers, choreographers, dance assistants, the Anniversary committee and parents for their hard work, talent, time and many years of sacrifice to make this 25th Anniversary Concert a truly breathtaking and memorable even. You all did a wonderful job! You are truly providing a fine legacy to the Polish American community. Thank you for your continued dedication and may you have many more years of prosperity.

On March 20, the 76th PRCUA Basketball Tournament was held in Dearborn, MI, hosted by St. Stan's Soc. 718. Congratulations to all basketball players who participated and to our champions: Open Division - St. Stan's YMS and to the B Division Wizards of St. Stan's. Special thanks to the Society President Jerry



Katyn Monument in Niles, IL
(Photo: G. Balut Coleman)

Nasiatka, chairmen Patrick Kosowski, Bob Hojnacki and Mark Hamilton, as well as all members of the committee for their hard work and planning. You all did a GREAT JOB organizing a wonderful weekend and an excellent Basketball Tournament. Thank you for all your efforts. We all had a great time on and off the courts and are looking forward to future tournament run so smoothly by your Society. (See article on page 11.)

On March 14, District #7 held its Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. It was a very delicious feast. It was so nice to see many familiar and new faces. Congratulations to the committee who worked so hard to make this event a great success! (See page 10.)

On March 18, the Home Office officers and employees, and the PMA staff, celebrated St. Joseph Day in the Social Hall. Rev. Stanislaw Jankowski from St. Hedwig Church blessed the table of meatless dishes and joined us for the meal. Special thanks go to our employees, especially my secretary Mary Jane Robles, Kasia Budzyn, Julie Prado, Madia Robles, Pat Tropp and Mike Pierzynski, who set the tables, served the meal and cleaned up the hall afterwards.

On March 24-26 the Fraternal and Communication Section Mid-Year Meeting was held in the largest city of North Carolina, Charlotte, nicknamed the "Queen City" in honor of the Princess Charlotte, who became the wife of British King George III. Just north of the city is Lowe's Motor Speedway that draws the biggest and the loudest crowds at NASCAR racing. The southern heritage is evident throughout the city in the stately facades of old homes and churches. The meeting was well attended and the speakers focused on communication and selling products to the next generation. If we, as an organization, want to stay alive, we MUST start to recruit, engage and attract younger members. This should start at the society level. The young generation of today wants to be seen, heard and respected. They have a need to belong to groups and they will share their good experiences with friends and social networks through Facebook, Twitter, etc. Let's encourage and involve them. Listen to them; you would be surprised at their ideas. Concentrate on where we are going, not where we have been. Soon, we will be electing delegates for the PRCUA Convention from our societies. Make sure to elect a good mixture of members - some young adults, some middle aged and some seniors. It's time to include more young members to rejuvenate the PRCUA and to hear their ideas and concerns.



VPs of PRCUA, PNA
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Happy Birthday and Sto Lat to all who are celebrating their special day in May. Special Happy Birthday to PRCUA employees: Anna Trush, Membership Dept.; Kasia Budzyn, secretary to the Secy.-Tres.; Jolanta Zachara and Roberta Brewster, General Office; Danuta Rybska, Accounting Dept.; Claudine Wicker, Treasurer's Office; Mary Jane Cypura, Claims Dept. Also best wishes to Dir. Thomas Lisiecki (D10), Alina Rozwadowska, Anna Zmarzlińska and Kazik Mysliński, to our daughter Alicia Marron, who will celebrate her birthday on May 30th. "Dearest Alicia, we wish you happiness and may your dreams come true not only on your special day, but always!"

Also Happy Birthday and Sto Lat to all who are celebrating a birthday in June, especially PRCUA employees: Anna Wolan, Membership Dept.; Michael Perzynski, Maintenance; Ewa Trzeciak, Ohio Office; Halina Misterka, PMA Archivist; Malgorzata Kot, PMA Head Librarian; to PRCUA Directors Mitch Bienia (D5) and Robert Bugielski (D7); also Frieda Zabek, past Dir. (D1); Richard Jaminski, very talented choreographer of Wesoly Lud, Polanie and SWCPD; Patricia Steven, Syrena Director; Ursula Walton, Toledo, OH Polish language teacher. Happy Birthday and STO LAT to our son-in-law, Sean Ackerman - "I hope your birthday will be extra special - exactly like you!" A very special Happy 3rd Birthday to our granddaughter Aurora. "Dear Aurora, every day, you make us happy and we are doing our best to enjoy our moments together. You've made us slow down, watch closely, and listen carefully. You've taught us patience and compassion and humor. You are a delight and make us burst with pride and joy every single day. You've made us better people. Happy Birthday to our sweet granddaughter Aurora, you are our princess! We will always love you - Babcia and Dziadzia. Wishing you all the happy things birthday celebrations bring!"

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to National PRCUA Vice President Robert Bielenda and his lovely wife, Eleanor; Past District #8 National Director Steve Cieslicki and his wife Marge; and to wonderful friends Basia and Janusz Frankowicz, Marlene and Andre Bober and Marysia and Bolek Bogun. I hope that married life is especially sweet to all of you! Congratulations!

THANK YOU - Dear Readers, "thank you" to all who sent flowers, cards and e-mails with Easter greetings. My family and I greatly appreciate all your good wishes. Bog Zaplac.

More photos of the above events are on the PRCUA website at www.prcua.org/news/rvp

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Southwest Center's 25th Anniversary Concert



Southwest Center's younger dancers



PHILADELPHIA NEWSY-NEWS



CONDOLENCES - Sincere sympathy is extended to SOCIETY 2002's JANE WALLACE on the loss of her dear mother, Jane Wallace Neurick, who passed away on March 20th. Jane Wallace Neurick is also survived by her daughter, Eileen and will be sadly missed by her granddaughter ADRIENNE LEHUQUET and great grandchildren ARIANNA and JORDAN who are all members of SOCIETY 2002 as well. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 26th at St. Adalbert Church in Philadelphia, PA with interment in King David Memorial Park. Peace, prayers and blessings to the entire Wallace Family on their great loss.

IN SYMPATHY - SOCIETY 2003's DOROTHY METKOWSKI was called to her eternal rest on March 29, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Leonard, a son and daughter and 6 grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 5th at St. Josaphat Church with interment at Westminster Cemetery. May Our Lord console the grieving hearts of the entire Metkowski Family.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR DAVID - A well deserved round of applause is accorded to SOCIETY 2005's DAVID PRAISS, 37, who hails from Haddon Heights, NJ. He is a four-season special athlete and has been successfully competing since he was 8 years of age. David's most recent achievements are silver medals in the Giant Slalom and Super G events in the Winter Special Olympics held at the Mountain Creek Resort on February 1-3. At the New Jersey Special Olympics he competed among all expert skiers and once again proved that a person with Down Syndrome can be physically and mentally strong. David can also squat 395 pounds and bench press 280 pounds. He works out on a regular basis and, while he does very well in skiing and power lifting, he also enjoys practicing and competing in team sports (at times, he can hit the ball 220 yards), as well as playing golf. Yes, David is definitely an achiever. He also enjoys performing with an acting group and works 5 days a week. David is remarkable! He is the son of SOCIETY 2005's DOROTHY PRAISS (Dr. Earl), brother of DONNA, PAMELA AND LAURA and grandson of VALERIA PRAISS, all members of SOCIETY 2005. Congratulations are extended to David from the Officers and Members of SOCIETY 2005, who along with the entire Praiss Family are so very proud of David.

BEATLEMANIA - On April 14th, at 1:30 in the afternoon and 6:30 in the evening, Our Lady of Port Richmond Catholic School Music Department joined the Dance Department in a recital. The Music Department, under the direction of SOCIETY 2022's PAUL TOMSON, featured an entire concert of music written by the Beatles. The dancers were enjoyable to watch and the choir's participation was quite entertaining. Paul sang along with the choir and accompanied them by playing his guitar. The energetic PAUL TOMSON is very devoted to the music field and, in the summer, you will find him teaching students to play the guitar, bass and drums. Paul is the son of our long time member, CHRIS TOMSON, brother of JOHN and KEITH and uncle of SKYLAR TOMSON, all members of SOCIETY 2022. We salute Mr. Tomson and wish him continued success in all his achievements.



Danielle Hamm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS - On Saturday, April 10, 2010, SOCIETY 2022's 8-year-old DANIELLE HAMM of Collegeville, PA received her First Holy Communion at St. Eleanor's Church. She attends Evergreen Elementary School where she is in the 2nd grade. She is a sports enthusiast, a Brownie and takes great pride in everything she does. DANIELLE is a 3rd generation member. She's the daughter of LINDA (Brian) and the sister of ERIN, RACHEL AND TAYLOR, all members of SOCIETY 2022. "Blessings on your 1st Holy Communion, DANIELLE. May God grant you a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you and an Angel so nothing can ever

harm you."

IN SYMPATHY - Condolences to SOCIETY 2022's JOSEPH STEFFLER (Catherine) on the loss of his mother-in-law Helen Wawrzak who passed away on March 26, 2010. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 30th at Maternity BVM Church with interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Wawrzak and Steffler Families on their great loss.

WELL DONE, ALEXANDER - SOCIETY 2030 is so proud of their member, ALEXANDER HILL of Endicott, NY on his fine achievements at the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA. On Saturday, April 17th, an initiation ceremony and reception took place at the Byron Recreation Center for the



Alexander Hill

Richard H. Passon Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the national freshman honor society. Alexander was formally inducted into that Society as a result of and in honor of his academic accomplishments. In January, he was informed by the Dean of the Arthur J. Kania School of Management that he had been named to the Dean's List for Fall, 2009 because he achieved an admirable semester academic record. ALEXANDER is the son of CHRISTINE and great nephew of IRENE SLECZKA, members of SOCIETY 2030. "Congratulations Alexander, we commend you for your high level of academic success. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams."

2010 KOSCIUSZKO TRIBUTE IN PHILADELPHIA - On Wednesday, February 24, 2010, a special Kosciuszko celebration took place at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in Philadelphia, PA. Besides honoring the 264th anniversary of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko's birth, additional February celebrations were added to the program. MICHAEL BLICHASZ of SOCIETIES 125, 2009 and 2045, who is President of Polish American Cultural Center and Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, welcomed guests. After the singing of the National Anthems, an Invocation was delivered by REV. MSGR. FRANCIS FERET, Pastor of St. Adalbert Church. Following the Kosciuszko celebration program, everyone enjoyed a delicious Polish Buffet. It was another successful Polish American event in the City of Brotherly Love.

COMMUNITY WIDE MEMORIAL MASSES - On April 8th, the Polish American Community gathered together for a Memorial Mass on the 5th Anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul the Great at St. Adalbert Church in Philadelphia, PA. Also, on April 16th, a Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Adalbert Church for the late Lech Kaczynski, Poland's President and his presidential entourage who all perished in the airplane crash en route to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Katyn Forest Massacre in Russia.

CIRCLE THE DATE - The Flag Day Ceremony sponsored by Philadelphia Fraternals will be held at the Betsy Ross House, 239 Arch St. on Monday, June 14th at 12 o'clock noon. Immediately following the ceremony, a luncheon will be held at Cuba Libre, 10 S. 2nd St. For further information, kindly call Sharon Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer at 215-425-3807.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - "There is no velvet so soft as a mother's lap, no rose as lovely as her smile, no path so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps." - Archibald Thompson. How perfectly true. "Dear Mothers, Grandmothers and Babcias, from morning to night, may your special day be splendid in every way. Know that you are loved and appreciated more than words can say."

Enjoy the month of May, have a wonderful Memorial Day and don't forget to love much, laugh often and live simply.

Elaine - Philadelphia Office

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember the Sacrifices of All of Our Servicemen and Servicewomen to Guarantee our Freedom!

PAFraternal Congress Fraternalist of the Year Award

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is presented by the PA Fraternal Congress (PFC) to recognize an individual who, through example and accomplishment, provides outstanding volunteer service.

PRCUA members living in PA are eligible for nomination. Home Office staff, full-time insurance sales agents, PRCUA officers and PFC leaders are not eligible. A certificate and medallion will be presented to the honoree at the 2010 PFC Annual Meeting. The honoree will be invited to attend the PFC Banquet with 2 complimentary tickets and \$250 to help defray the cost of attending the banquet. For nomination form contact:

Josephine Szarowicz, Secretary-Treasurer
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642
1-800-772-8632, ext 2606

Notices About 60th PRCUA Convention

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 or 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

**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
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

35TH ANNIVERSARY FASHION SHOW

HOSTED BY M. KONOPNICKA ADULT CULTURE GROUP



(L-r) Chairwomen of Fashion Show
Halina Avila and Bonnie Zawora

In 1975, the Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA, in an effort to raise funds for scholarships presented to the candidates in the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball, hosted its 1st Spring Fashion Show. Here it is, 35 years later, and the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA continues this honored tradition of raising funds for scholarships.

The talents of Cinderella and Prince Charming Ball candidates, as well as M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group Members, were showcased throughout the 2010 Spring Fashion Show. Since this year's Fashion Show marked the 35th anniversary, past Cinderellas and Prince Charmings, as well as former candidates, were invited to participate. To look out in the audience or up on the stage and see the history of the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball in those who uphold its tradition and culture was an amazing tribute to the founder of the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball, the late Regina Ocwieja, and to all the members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group who have continued to promote this vision.

The 35th Annual Spring Fashion Show was held on Sunday, March 7th, 2010 at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills, Illinois. This year's event, chaired by Bonnie Zawora and Halina Avila, and sponsored by the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, proudly celebrated a "Party in the USA". And what a party it was!!!! Walter Szarowicz, attired as Uncle Sam, greeted over 500 guests who attended the show. Uncle Sam opened the show with an extravaganza choreographed by Misia Jaminski, Director of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble. The dancers, as well as models - wearing fashions by Dress Barn and Cavalinis - represented people who were "Coming to America" in this opening number.

As the show continued, commentators Nicole Bencik and Paul Pazdziora introduced fashions by Deb's, Men's Warehouse, Windsor, Black Tie Formal Wear, Oxford Clothes, That Girl Boutique, Rocio's Children's Wear, and Kimberly Bond Boutique, with hairstyles by Aspire Salon. Nicole and Paul, with grace and charm, presented the models to songs representing cities all over the United States.

The audience was enthralled by the glitz of "42nd Street" in which Prince Charming candidates looked debonair in their Oxford Suits. This was followed by "Chicago, That Toddlin Town", where four mothers of current candidates, Mrs. Brzezniak-Hullinger, Mrs. Brzezniak-Crouchelli, Mrs. Krystyna Rozwadowski and Mrs. Grazyna Szuminec modeled classy and sassy apparel. Then "Viva Las Vegas" included current Cinderella and Prince Charming candidates who brought the excitement of the bright lights and big city to the stage. The audience became nostalgic as certain songs reminded them of what it means to be an American. The sweetness of the little girls modeling dresses from Rocio's in "God Bless America" brought tears to one's eyes. Good old fashion fun as displayed by the Prince Charming candidates in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" - with Cinderella Marysia Tkacz as the umpire - had the crowd cheering for their favorite ball player.

Not only was the audience entertained by the models but the Fashion Show also had wonderful guest entertainers. Wesoly Lud, under the artistic direction and choreography of Misia and Richard Jaminski, presented their 1001st performance. Wesoly Lud made its debut in the 1977 Fashion Show. In this year's Show the group performed "Celebration Polka" and two members, Kalina and Michael Dziadkowicz, performed a high energy swing dance to Glenn Miller's "In the Mood". Wesoly Ludki of the PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing, under the direction of Dir. Krystyna Lech, artistic directors and choreographers Misia and Richard Jaminski and dance instructor Kalina Dziadkowicz, entertained everyone with a true American hoedown in their performance of the "American Square Dance." As these dance ensembles celebrated some great American dance history, the HHPD Company Dancers, directed by



Commentators Nicole Bencik & Paul Pazdziora with Walter Szarowicz, dressed as Uncle Sam

Gumienny, the 1st Runners Up Cynthia Avila and David Skwirut, modeled fashions by Kimberly Bond and Black Tie with hairstyles by Aspire.

For the finale "This Land is Your Land," all models, including current candidates, past candidates and their family members took a bow. Then the Master of Ceremonies announced the names of the Past Cinderellas and Prince Charmings who participated in this 35th Anniversary Fashion Show.

Edward Muszalski, President of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, thanked everyone for making the evening a huge success. He appreciated all the hard work done by all committee members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group who included: Halina Avila and Bonnie Zawora, Chairwomen; Model Co-ordinators Krystyna Lech and Gabby Zuk; Reservations: Walter and Liz Dynowski; Raffles: Mary Brzezniak, Diane Cortesi, Stan and Mary Dron, Michaeline Drust, John Frankowicz, Vickie Kroplewski, Angie and Edward Muszalski and Jolanta Stanek; Stage manager: Monica Pazdziora and Fashion Show Choreographers: Misia Jaminski, Richard Jaminski, and Liz Dynowski.

After "Partying in the USA", the afternoon came to a close with a great deal of excitement as audience guests won gala prizes and money raffles. Gala prizes were donated by many organizations, business, and PRCUA members. The monetary donations, gifts and time contributed by so many in order to make this 35th anniversary a huge success is greatly appreciated by the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group.

As in the past 35 years, the proceeds from this Fashion Show will be used toward scholarships for the candidates of the 39th Cinderella and Prince Charming Ball, which will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Lexington House in Hickory Hills, Illinois. Mark your calendars!

For more information regarding the upcoming Ball, or how high school age PRCUA members from Illinois, Indiana or Wisconsin can become a candidate in the Ball, please contact Edward Muszalski (708) 937-3812.

- Elizabeth Dynowski

Liz Dynowski, performed a remix from "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", reminding the audience that there is no place like home.

The afternoon show ended with the signature song "Party in the USA" whereby the 2010 Cinderella Maria Tkacz and Prince Charming Marcin Burdzy, along with the 2010 Second Runners Up Monika Marszalik and Christopher



Uncle Sam with Choreographers Misia & Richard Jaminski



Current Candidates model for Debs and Black Tie



Male Candidates with Cinderella modeling Men's Warehouse



Children from SWCPD modeling First Communion Outfits from Rocio's Children's Wear



Past Cinderellas and Candidates modeling for Dress Barn
MORE PHOTOS at www.prcua.org, News & Events

2010 PRCUA National Basketball Tournament Recap

By Patrick Kosowski



Open Division Champions - St. Stan's YMS

There were many in attendance and judging by the amount of people who stayed out late into the night, it appeared that the morning's games would be a little bit sluggish for some!

The actual tournament tipped off its first games at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Courts were at the Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan at Dearborn. At 10 a.m., an official "jump-ball" ceremony took place at the center court. At this ceremony, we were graced by the presence of Dearborn Mayor "Jack" O'Reilly, who welcomed all to Dearborn and wished all the players and fans a successful and fun tournament. Joining Mayor O'Reilly at the ceremony were the national officers of the PRCUA: Pres. Wallace Ozog, Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, V.P. Bob Bielenda and Secy.-Tres. Joyce Szarowicz. St. Stan's Pres. Jerry Nasiatka, served as the emcee for the brief ceremony. Upon completion of the ceremony, the teams returned to the floor and the games resumed.



(L-r) Dir. W. Nowakowski (D 2), Secy-Tres J. Szarowicz, Bobby Hojnacki, VP R. Bielenda, Pres. W. Ozog, Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly, Res. VP A. Sokolowski, Dir. B. Toboy (D 10)



B Division Champs - St. Stan's Wizards

for St. Stan's after a long drought of not winning one.

In the "B Division", St. Stan's had the luxury of having two of its teams play against each other for the crown. St. Stan's Boomba Boys (coached by Brian Czerwinski) played against the St. Stan's Wizards (coached by Frank Nasiatka). This game was a low scoring, defensive battle! In the end, the Wizards of St. Stan's inched out a 2 point victory and claimed the "B Division" Championship.

In addition to the Open Division at this year's tournament, the PRCUA also offered an Over-50 Division, to the delight of the fans. There were three teams in this division. The "Veterans" team, coached by Frank Nasiatka, won both of its games and was thereby crowned the champions! It was a treat to see these gentlemen compete once again on the hard-court!

An Awards Banquet and Dance followed the games and was held Saturday evening. It was here that the championship teams were honored and the All-Stars were announced. The MVP's of the tournament are: Tim Sobczak (St. Stan's YMS) for the Open Division;



MVPs

Brian Nycz (St. Stan's Wizards) for the "B" Division; and Thomas Dudek (St. Stan's Veterans) for the Over-50 Division. Many guests attended the Banquet, joining the players to put the attendance over 230 people! They were all treated to an outstanding Polish-themed dinner and the wonderful polka tunes played by The New Brass Express Band. The evening served as a climax for the entire tournament, as players bonded and everyone danced and partied till after midnight!

On behalf of St. Stan's Society #718, I wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the tournament. It was great to see teams from East Chicago, St. Rita's, PRCUA Soc. #162 and Pope John Paul II in attendance! I also would like to thank the selfless volunteers from St. Stan's who worked hard to make this event happen, especially Ron Bak and Jeff Sydorchuk for managing each gym flawlessly. A million thanks go to the many volunteers who sold tickets or kept score and to the ad book committee for soliciting local businesses. Lastly, I thank Bob Hojnacki and Mark Hamilton for co-chairing this event with me, proving the Triangle could pull it off. Hats off to all involved in this job well done!



Over-50 Champs - The Veterans

Świeconka in Winter Springs, FL

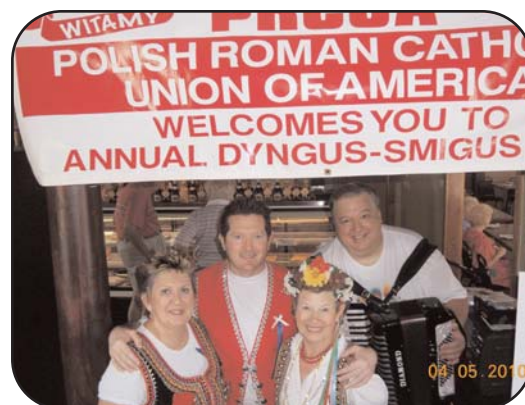
The Twenty-Second Easter Świeconka - the Polish tradition of blessing baskets filled with food that will be eaten on Easter morning - at St. Stephen's Church in Winter Springs, Florida, took place on Holy Saturday.

Father John Bluett, Pastor, officiated at the ceremony. Over two dozen people were in attendance to participate in this observance, which has become popular even with non-Slavic church goers. The weather was great. Afterwards food sharing took place with a fantastic array of Slovak edibles. We Polish Americans in Central Florida are proud of our heritage and glad that this wonderful Easter tradition continues.



Participants in Świeconka at St. Stephen's - Photo by R. Turkiewicz

Dyngus/Smigus Day in Florida at Polonia Restaurant



The Second Annual PRCUA Dyngus Smigus day was held on Easter Monday at the Polonia Restaurant in Longwood, Florida. As you can see from the photographs, it was enjoyed by many with a good

sprinkling of PRCUA and PNA members present throughout the day.

The food was excellent and the music by PRCUA Society #1492 member, Joe Oberatis, was festive. Other PRCUA members from Buffalo, NY and Youngstown, OH stopped by to sample the food and drink and enjoy the pussy willows and of course squirting water.

Our thanks to the management of the Polonia for supporting this benefit event, with part of the proceeds benefiting the PRCUA Educational Fund and a Haitian Pediatric Hospital in Haiti operated by the Passionist Fathers from New Jersey.

As you all know; everyone is Polish on Dyngus Day!

- Richard Turkiewicz, District #4 National Director





Leprechauns D7 VP Stephan DeLonka and Pres. W. Szarowicz



Res. VP A. Sokolowski & Royal Couple M. Tkacz & M. Burdzy



Dir. Bob Bugielski (D7)



Gillian and Past Dir. Barbara Rustik (D8)



Mary Gorny and Past Dir. Shirley Dudzinski (D7)



Dir. J. Sylak (D5), Dir. S. Haberski (D6), Past Dir. C. Bonin (D9)



M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group

The Leprechauns of District #7 Celebrate

On Sunday, March 14, the Leprechauns of District #7 - VP Stephan DeLonka and Pres. Wally Szarowicz - donned their tall hats and once again hosted a successful Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

The Social Hall at the PRCUA in Chicago, IL was filled with guests as Pres. Walter Szarowicz issued a hearty welcome. Among the dignitaries present were Pres. Wallace and Joann Ozog, VP Robert and Eleanor Bielenda, Res. VP Anna and Mark Sokolowski, Secy.-Tres. Joyce and Walter Szarowicz, PRCUA Counsel General Norman Schroeder and his wife, Joan Smuda; Dir. William Nowakowski (D2), Dir. Joan Sylak (D5), Dir. Sharon and Steve Haberski (D6), Dir. Lillian and Ralph Stempinski (D7), Dir. Robert and Dona Bugielski (D7), Dir. Krystyna and Ted Lech (D8), Dir. James and Past Dir. Barbara Rustik (D8), Dir. Elizabeth Grabowski (D9), Past Treasurer Joseph Boruta, members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, the 2010 Cinderella Maria Tkacz and Prince Charming Marcin Burdzy.

Dir. Robert Bugielski (D7) gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Ray Harrington. In a drawing, the Lad and Lassie of the event were selected and awarded a flower and a gift. The lucky winners were Aggie Dahar of Toledo, OH and Kenneth Gill of Chicago, IL. Congratulations.

After the meal, a raffle of an assortment of donated prizes was held. Committee members Mary Gorny and Shirley Dudzinski were assisted by Cinderella and Prince Charming in distributing the prizes.

Thanks are extended to the Committee members: Walter Szarowicz, Lillian Stempinski, Robert Bugielski, Stephan and Irene DeLonka, Mary Gorny, and Shirley Dudzinski and to all who donated raffle prizes and helped to make this annual event so successful. - Dir. L. Stempinski

Photos: Anna Sokolowski

(Right)
2010 Lassie Aggie Dahar
and Lad Ken Gill



M. Skowrya, W. Dynowski, B. Frankowicz, M. Gorny and VP A. Sokolowski



Dir. Lillian Paul Stempinski, Irene & Steven DeLonka



Create a Scholarship through the PRCUA Education Fund

What is the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) Education Fund, Inc.? It's a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Illinois. It is a 501©(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to students seeking undergraduate, graduate or professional degrees.

Who is eligible to apply? Applicants are eligible PRCUA members who are full-time undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled, and full-time or part-time graduate or professional students. On occasion, assistance could be given to non-PRCUA members.

How can I donate to, or establish a scholarship in my own name, as part of the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.?

1. You can make a donation in any amount to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. It will be added to the Fund and scholarships will be distributed to students in the summer.

2. You can make a one-time donation of \$1,000 to \$24,999 to establish a scholarship in your own 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 designated by you.

3. You can establish a **PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** in your own name - or to honor or memorialize someone special - by making a donation of \$25,000 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 a specific area of study as designated by you.

What kind of donations can be made to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.? Donations can be made in the form of: cash, checks, real estate property, stocks and securities, gifts of future interest, insurance, wills and trusts.

Can donations be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" an individual or an organization? Yes. You can memorialize or honor a special person or group and make a positive impact in the future of a college bound student. By donating \$1,000 or more, you can establish a scholarship in your own name or "in memory/honor of" an individual or organization.

What are the criteria used for evaluating applications and awarding scholarships? If not specified by the donor, selection criteria will include but not be limited to: scholastic average, involvement in Polonia, local community service, individual financial need and availability of funds. Judging will be based upon information submitted in the application.

For what studies are the funds used? Scholarships are awarded for studies in Business Administration, Polish Studies, Accounting, Liberal Arts, Engineering, Political Science, Education, Religious Formation, Medical Field etc.

If I have further questions, whom may I contact? Questions may be directed to Wallace M. Ozog, President of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America at 1-800-772-8632.

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Former Polish President in Cleveland, Ohio

By Karolina Rostafinski Merk



Dr. Włodzimierz Siemionow, President Kwasniewski and Dr. Maria Siemionow



Judge Ray Pianka, his wife Karen and former President Aleksander Kwasniewski



President Kwasniewski with Dr. Barbara and Eugene Bak

Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of the Republic of Poland from 1995 to 2005, was the guest of honor at a private dinner party in Cleveland, Ohio in December of 2009. The hosts were Dr. John Flower, retired president of Cleveland State University, and his wife Maxeen Stone Flower. The couple had once met the President aboard a cruise, and issued an invitation upon hearing that he would be lecturing at the University of Michigan.

The President arrived from Ann Arbor accompanied by a bodyguard, of course, and Marysia Ostafin. She heads the University of Michigan Copernicus Endowment and serves as program manager for the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies.

Dr. and Mrs. Flower invited around 80 people to their beautiful home in the Shaker Heights neighborhood. Most of the guests are notable members of the Polish community in Cleveland. In honor of President Kwasniewski, Dr. Flower, an accomplished pianist, performed selected compositions by Fryderyk Chopin.

The President, whose command of English is exceptional, addressed the gathering with remarks that were witty, charming and articulate. An elegant sit-down dinner concluded this extraordinary evening.



Kwiatkowski is Grand Marshall of Cleveland Polish Parade

Broadview Heights native and former World Class figure skater, Tonia Kwiatkowski, will be the Grand Marshall of the Cleveland Polish Constitution Day Parade in Slavic Village on May 2, 2010. She was the 1995 Silver Medalist at the U.S. National Figure Skating Championships, which she participated in 13 times in her career. She was a three-time U.S. World Team member and finished in the top ten at the World Championships. Tonia Kwiatkowski graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio with a BA in communications and psychology. Now, she teaches figure skating and was a commentator for WKYC-TV 3 in Cleveland during the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The parade will step off from Washington Park at 1 p.m. and proceed down Fleet Avenue to Broadway Avenue. It will include celebrities, floats, bands, groups, and local organizations.

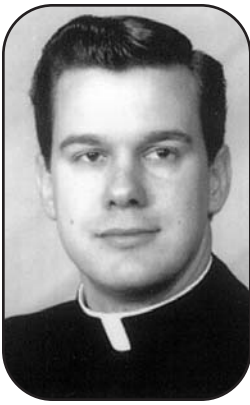
On May 1, 2010, at 7 p.m. a dinner will be held at the former Alliance of Poles building, 6966 Broadway Avenue celebrating Polish Constitution Day. The dinner will be catered by Seven Roses Delicatessen. At this dinner the Queen of the Parade will be announced. At the same location at 5 p.m. there will be Polish historical presentations by Polish Schools. Young ladies between the ages of 16 to 26, who are of Polish descent, can learn more about the Queen of the Parade contest for next year by logging on to www.polishconstitutionday.com.



Tonia Kwiatkowski

"Our Polish Golgotha"

By the time this issue goes to print, already the tragedy which claimed the lives of Polish President Lech Kaczynski, his First Lady, and the 95 others of the cream of Polish society and those at their service, will in some ways seem to be behind us with the official state funeral past and those yet remaining to follow in due course. The time since that horrific airline crash and now has seen shock turn to individual and collective grief and then to national and international solidarity. This is an iconic moment in Poland's history and one in which all of Polonia shares wholeheartedly.



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

Much has been noted-and rightfully so-of the purpose of this presidential delegation's journey in the first place: to further memorialize the victims of Katyn on the 70th anniversary of their sacrificial extermination. It has become unconscionable to see the hand of fate eerily reach across time to revisit this Polish Golgotha with suffering and death once again. Yet, in a way unique among nations, when tragedy strikes Poland, it allows its imitable blend of millennial faith, history, culture and tradition to be a light shining in the darkness and a witness to the truth.

In the midst of this Easter Season, when the scriptures and liturgy call upon us all to bear witness to the Risen Christ's victory over sin and death, Poland finds itself like a prophet to the nations as a people who knows how to mourn, but not like those who have no hope. As a witness to the resurrection in the very reality of its existence, the Polish nation does a great service to mankind.

It has been noted in the media that references were made to Katyn as a "cursed" or "damned" place which once again victimizes the Polish nation. But, nothing could be further from the truth! Our Easter faith reminds us that, because of Christ, no such place exists in our admittedly fallen yet also redeemed world. If the very "cursed" cross which claimed the life of Jesus is now the "tree of life" and the very "damned" tomb which claimed his mortal remains is now a witness to new life, so too, Katyn is the farthest thing from "cursed" or "damned" as one could get. It is, rather, hallowed ground made holy through the sacrificial blood of those slain for honor's sake which has now been reconsecrated by the blood of those in the 21st century who came to pay honor and respect to that sacrifice.

As a country of faith, Poland has produced a people of faith. From the indomitable Cardinal Sapieha, the Primate of the Millennium, Cardinal Wyszyński, to that singular witness of hope, Pope John Paul II the Great, countless men and women both great and small have produced a nation of people who stand firmly in the present because they reflect and build upon the foundation of faith handed on to them by their forebears. This is their most precious heritage and it is this, which they now share with the world. Amidst their grief, they are ambassadors of hope.

United with them in our common faith, let us join our prayers to theirs. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of President and First Lady Kaczynski and all those who perished. Let us pray for those left behind who struggle with grief and loss. Let us pray for the Polish nation, that it may grow from this tragedy and that the spirit of solidarity which has been its result may not be a superficial one but an enduring legacy bringing forth life and good from tragedy and death. Let us pray also for ourselves and all of Polonia, that we, through our faith and common calling, may live in a way that makes us true witnesses and worthy recipients of the legacy of faith, history, culture, and tradition handed on to us.

Lord, grant them your eternal rest. Lord, grant us the strength to carry on. Amen.

(Photo: G. Balut
Coleman)



Panel from the Katyn Monument in Niles, IL created by sculptor Wojciech Seweryn, who also perished in the same plane crash with the Kaczynskis. A full view of the Monument can be seen on page 7, top middle.

PRCUA Delegation Celebrates Dyngus Day

Amid squirts from water pistols, switches of pussy willows and a sea of red and white shirts, a delegation from the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America celebrated Dyngus Day in high style on April 5 and 6 in Buffalo, New York, the Dyngus Day capitol of the USA. And the weather for the day could not have been more perfect, a full 20 degrees above average for that time of year.



PRCUA Dyngus Day participants

PRCUA District # 2 Director William Nowakowski coordinated Dyngus Day activities for the group in Buffalo, while District # 5 Director, Mitchell Bienia, organized an overnight bus trip to Buffalo to celebrate Dyngus Day.

Dyngus Day is an official holiday in Poland where the day after Easter is remembered as the beginning of new life, symbolized by the Risen Christ. After six weeks of fasting, praying, abstaining from meats, dairy and other foods, Poles around the world celebrate Dyngus Day with a great festive party.

In America, Dyngus Day gives an opportunity for Poles to show pride in their Polish heritage. Young, old, teens, and those in the middle, wear shirts printed with every imaginable symbol of Polish pride. It's a time to recharge the Polish pride battery.



Rocco playing the concertina in the parade

Director Nowakowski registered the PRCUA in the Dyngus Day parade. He also obtained a beautiful new PRCUA banner through the office of PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz. The Ohio delegation joined the parade, along with some Buffalo members, and proudly carried the PRCUA banner, raising the visibility of the PRCUA in the Buffalo area. Rocco played the concertina atop the sun roof of a car, decorated with PRCUA

signage, following our marchers. He was enthusiastically cheered on.

One Dyngus Day tradition is sprinkling with water. The origin of this custom dates to the founding of the Polish nation, when Mieszko I converted Poland to Catholicism. On Easter Monday 966, he - and symbolically the whole country - was baptized. In memory of this event, Poles sprinkle each other with water. However, the custom goes beyond a sprinkle. It is possible to get drenched with a bucket of water by good-natured pranksters. Or, some boys sprinkle their sweethearts with perfumed water as a sign of love.

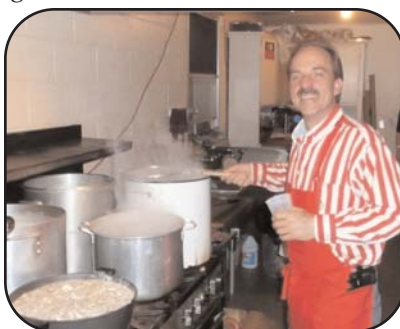
Another custom of Dyngus Day is lightly tapping the legs of the young ladies with pussy willow branches. The girls, in return, spank the boys with pussy willows, but a little harder. This tradition gives rise to girls taking the initiative of inviting boys to dances and parties, a little like the old Sadie Hawkins custom in the USA.

The City of Buffalo celebrates Dyngus Day in grand style, with almost 50 official parties taking place in the traditional Polish neighborhood and in the suburbs of Black Rock and Cheektowaga. Parties start at noon and continue until the next morning. Thousands of party-goers pack each venue. One party had more than 1,500 guests pass through its doors before 6:00 pm. And by the evening hours, guests wait in line from 45 minutes to over an hour to get into the parties. A spirit of excitement and fun fills the air as lively polkas waft through the doors, which raises the level of anticipation while waiting in line.

Dyngus Day actually starts on Easter Sunday, and continues for several days. The PRCUA bus from Ohio arrived in time for the Blessing of the Easter Table, groaning with Easter goodies, including butter lambs, colored eggs, ham, both smoked and fresh sausage, sauerkraut, a huge variety of potato/vegetable salads, a large array of Polish Easter breads and pastry, condiments, tea and coffee.

Following the meal, a wonderful choral program was presented by Buffalo's Chopin Singing Society. The repertoire consisted of Polish music, both religious Easter pieces,

Right - Louis Perfetto



and traditional folk melodies. Next was a performance by Toronto's White Eagle Folk Dance Ensemble. In addition to traditional selections, their presentation included numbers from lesser-known regions of Poland, including the southern border with Slovakia, and a Polish gypsy suite. The large ensemble was well-rehearsed and quite proficient in their intricate footwork.

So what goes on that attracts so many people to Dyngus Day in Buffalo? First, some of the best polka bands in the USA are playing toe-tapping, foot-stomping polkas with wild enthusiasm, and general abandon. The halls are truly packed, with chairs at all tables filled, and the standing crowd filling half of the dance floor. One can feel the floor thumping as the crowd dances to the frenetic beat of the music. And all nationalities join the fun because the bands play their music, too, including the Italian *Tarantella*, an *Irish Jig*, the *Mexican Hat Dance*, a Hungarian/Ukrainian/Russian *Czardas*, the Israeli *Hava Nagila*, and even the humorous *Chicken Dance*.

Then there's food, and lots of it! Food at most establishments is free, especially if their pussy willow pass was purchased. Steaming cauldrons of kielbasa boil on the stove, right next to the bubbling sauerkraut. Usually bread, pickles and mustard complete the menu. Some venues sell pierogi, sausage and kraut sandwiches, hot dogs, pizza, potato skins and fried bologna with onions.

There is also plenty to drink, in bottles, cans and kegs upon kegs - all reasonably priced. The official beer of Dyngus Day is Tyskie; and the official vodka is Sobieski.

It seems that every church, club, bar and party center in Polish neighborhoods of Buffalo celebrate with a huge party on Dyngus Day. The goal of revelers is to stop at as many parties as possible. And to make this goal a reality, Sobieski Vodka sponsors a fleet of shuttle buses to take guests from party to party. There are four routes, including the old Polonia neighborhood, Black Rock, Depew and Cheektowaga. There are even two dedicated transfer stops where guests can change from one route to another.

What also makes it easy to go from party to party is the Pussy Willow Pass. About ten of the larger establishments have grouped together to sell this wrist band. The price is \$10.00, but then it includes admission to any participating venue for only \$2.00. There is no admission charge at local bars.

Director Nowakowski obtained Pussy Willow passes for all members of the PRCUA delegation. He also reserved a table for the group at the party held at the Adam Mickiewicz Library and Literary Circle. The reserved table was greatly appreciated in light of the huge throng crowding every vacant space.

A grand parade winds its way through the old Polonia neighborhood of Buffalo, while thousands of onlookers pack the streets. The biggest crowds are outside the venues holding parties. It seemed like there were well over two hundred units marching in the parade. There were floats, cars, and many units marching with banners, ribbons, balloons and flags, including the troupe from Ohio. As each unit began its march in front of Corpus Christi Church, a priest sent a blessing, with a sprinkle of holy water.

The chartered executive bus for the Ohio group shuttled everyone back to the Holiday Inn Express hotel's Gateway location when everyone had enough partying. On Tuesday morning, after a complimentary hot breakfast at the hotel consisting of scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, with all the trimmings, the group was off to spend some time at Seneca Casino Niagara and Niagara Falls, where the weather was overcast but still warm. Before the return trip to Ohio, all guests enjoyed the grand banquet at the casino's Thunder Falls Buffet, highlighted by steamed crab legs and perfectly prepared prime rib.

Each year the Dyngus Day event gets bigger and better. Mark your calendar now for next year's Dyngus Day trip on April 25 and 26! It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Recharge your Polish battery. If you haven't celebrated being Polish in the past, start now. Let the children see that being Polish can be really cool!

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, PRCUA District #5



Rocco, Dir. Match Bienia and Aundrea Cika-Heschmeyer



Jay Jay Walters, Wanda Kamejsza (his grandmother,) and Krystyna Konkalo

ZAWIADOMIENIA SEJMOWE

OGŁOSZENIE KOMITETU TASK FORCE

Komitec TASK FORCE ZPRKA, który ustanowiony został w czasie 59. Sejmu ZPRKA, pragnie podać do wiadomości, iż w połowie maja udostępnione zostaną do wglądu zainteresowanych ostateczne wersje Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA z naniesionymi poprawkami, wg. zaleceń delegatów ostatniego Sejmu. Osoby, które chciałyby zapoznać się z tymi dokumentami, mogą zrobić to na dwa sposoby:

1) na stronie internetowej ZPRKA www.prcua.org/TaskForce - można złożyć zamówienie na otrzymanie kopii dokumentów w fromacie PDF;

2) kontaktując się telefonicznie z biurem głównym ZPRKA pod numer 1-800-772-8632, można złożyć zamówienie na kopię papierową, która zostanie przesłana drogą pocztową.

Wszelkie uwagi i pytania dotyczące ostatecznej wersji Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA należy kierować na adres: Christopher Ozog, PRCUA Task Force Secretary, 30247 Groveland, Madison Hts., MI 48071 lub pocztą elektroniczną: TF-Comments@prcu.org.

Christopher Ozog
sekretarz Komitetu Task Force

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 “Nářõđũ Põlškĩĕgõ” muszą być dostarczone do 20 marca 2010 r.

ZAWIADOMIENIE KOMITETU BUDŻETU,
SKARG I ZAŻALEŃ

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

Eileen Hanley, przewodnicząca

Wnioski, skargi i żażalenia 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 przysyłanie duplikatów formularzy na adres:

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

KOMITEC PLANOWANIA OCZEKUJE PROPOZYCJI

Komitec 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.

Komitec 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

Komitec 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

Komitec Kwalifikacji Kandydatów

PROPOZYCJE POPRAWEK
DO KONSTYTUCJI I STATUTU ZPRKA

Komitec 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 Komitec 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 zamieszczania ogłoszeń 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.

65. ROCZNICA ZAKOŃCZENIA II WOJNY ŚWIATOWEJ W EUROPIE

W artykule o obchodach Dnia Pułaskiego w kwietniowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego", mylnie podaliśmy, iż wyróżnienie w kategorii dzieci uzdolnionych plastycznie otrzymała Patrycja Szymanski. Laureatką wyróżnienia jest Patrycja Smyrski. Przepraszamy za pomyłkę.

WYDARZENIA POLONIJNE



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 zapelnienia 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.

ORGANIZACJE POLONIJNE ZAPRASZAJĄ NA:

DZIEŃ POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKI W SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA & SIX FLAGS HURRICANE HARBOR

w sobotę, 5 czerwca 2010 r.

Godziny otwarcia parku: 10 rano - 10 wieczorem

Bilety - \$26.00 dorośli; dzieci do 2 lat - wstęp darmowy (w cenie biletu wstęp do Six Flags Hurricane Harbor - "Najlepszego parku wodnego w kraju" - oszczędzacie ponad \$30 na cenie biletu)

NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKĄ NA STADIONIE AT U.S. CELLULAR FIELD

we wtorek, 6 lipca 2010 r.

początek o godz. 7:11 wieczorem

Mecz rozegrają: Chicago White Sox i LA Angels

Miejsca LOWER BOX SEATS - \$21.50 (regularna cena - \$43)

Prosimy o dokonanie rezerwacji
do poniedziałku, 21 czerwca 2010 r.

Bilety na obie imprezy można zakupić dzwoniąc do:

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce

Anna Sokołowski - 1-800-772-8632 wew. 2601

Związek Narodowy Polski

Paul Odrobina, wiceprezes - 1-800-621-3723 wew. 316

Sokolstwo Polskie

Robert Gorny - 1-574-289-2140

Związek Polek w Ameryce

Sharon Zago - 1-888-522-1898 wew. 208

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Poszukujemy instruktorów polskich tańców ludowych i choreografów, zainteresowanych utworzeniem zespołów tańca ZPRKA w okolicach Orlando, Lake Mary, Oviedo, Sanford i Water Springs na Florydzie.

Osoby zainteresowane proszone są o skontaktowanie się z Richardem Turkiewiczem pod numer: 321-377-3295.

Zabawa karnawałowa szkoły M. Konopnickiej



Loterię fantową poprowadzili;
Jarosław Dziejdzic, Genowefa
Hudaszek, Sylwia McHenry.



Komitet Rodzicielski: Bogumila Kopec-Tutak -
prezes, Sylwia McHenry wiceprezes, Małgorzata
Garbacz skarbnik, Małgorzata Miazek i
Genowefa Hudaszek członkowie Komisji
rewizyjnej, Krystyna Królikowska sekretarz
protokołowy, w tle zespół muzyczny Zawisza.

Karnawał to okres radosnej
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rzeczywistości i poszaleć na
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szkolna odbyła się w salach
bankietowych Paradise, w dniu 23
stycznia 2010.

Wszystkich przybyłych
przywitał Komitet Rodzicielski, a
jednocześnie Komitet Organizacyjny.
Gości specjalnych, tj. prezesa



Zespół artystyczny przy Kole Klikuszowa i dzieci
z Białki Tatrzańskiej, wśród dzieci Maria
Nowobiliska - członek szkolnej Komisji
Rewizyjnej.

ZPRKA pana

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wraz z

małżonką oraz

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Polskich w Ameryce panią Annę Rose

wraz z mężem - powitała prezes

Komitetu Rodzicielskiego pani

Bogumiła Kopec-Tutak.

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KOMUNIKAT KONSULATU GENERALNEGO RP W CHICAGO W SPRAWIE WYBORÓW PREZYDENTA RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago zawiadamia, że dnia 21 kwietnia 2010 r. Marszałek Sejmu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Bronisław Komorowski wydał postanowienie, w którym zarządził wybory Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Data wyborów została oznaczona na dzień 20 czerwca 2010 r., co oznacza, że w Polsce głosowanie odbędzie się w dniu 20 czerwca 2010 r. w godzinach 6.00-20.00, natomiast w Stanach Zjednoczonych Ameryki głosowanie odbędzie się w sobotę dnia 19 czerwca 2010 r. w godzinach 6.00-20.00.

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Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago zawiadamia, że głosowanie w wyborach Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w okręgu konsularnym Urzędu odbędzie się w sobotę dnia 19 czerwca 2010 r. w godzinach 6.00-20.00. Warunkiem ujęcia w spisie wyborców oraz wzięcia udziału w głosowaniu jest posiadanie przez wyborcę zamieszkałego na stałe za granicą lub przebywającego czasowo za granicą ważnego polskiego paszportu.

Osoby zamieszkałe lub przebywające czasowo w okręgu konsularnym, które wyrażają wolę wzięcia udziału w głosowaniu w wyborach Prezydenta RP winny sprawdzić datę upływu ważności paszportu polskiego. Obywatele polscy, którzy nie posiadają ważnych polskich paszportów, a chcą wziąć czynny udział w głosowaniu, winni niezwłocznie zgłosić się do Konsulatu, aby złożyć wniosek o wydanie nowego dokumentu paszportowego.

Celem umożliwienia obywatelom polskim złożenia wniosku o wydanie paszportu polskiego przedłuża się godziny przyjęć interesantów w Konsulacie Generalnym RP w Chicago. Z dniem 27 kwietnia 2010 r. Konsulat będzie otwarty dla interesantów w następujących godzinach: poniedziałek - środa : 9.00- 15.00, czwartek: 11.30- 18.30, piątek: 9.00-15.00. Po utworzeniu obwodów głosowania za granicą, nastąpi rejestracja wniosków wyborców przebywających za granicą o wpisanie do spisów wyborców w poszczególnych obwodach głosowania. Rejestracja wniosków zostanie zakończona w dniu 17 czerwca 2010 r.

Szczegółowe informacje na temat siedzib obwodowych komisji wyborczych w okręgu konsularnym zostaną podane w odrębnym komunikacie niezwłocznie po wydaniu Rozporządzenia Ministra Spraw Zagranicznych w sprawie utworzenia obwodów głosowania dla obywateli polskich przebywających za granicą w wyborach Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Informacja Państwowej Komisji Wyborczej z dnia 23 kwietnia 2010r. o warunkach udziału w głosowaniu w obwodach głosowania utworzonych za granicą znajduje się na stronie Państwowej Komisji Wyborczej: www.pkw.gov.pl

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 tą 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 subscripiton” (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.

SPECJALNE PLANY UBEZPIECZENIOWE Doskonały prezent na każdą okazję

W związku z obchodzonym w 2010 roku jubileuszem 137. lat istnienia ZPRKA oferujemy Specjalny Jubileuszowy Plan Ubezpieczeniowy “137th Anniversary Special”. Jest to 20-letni plan ubezpieczeniowy, który posiada wartość gotówkową, nie przewiduje jednak wypłaty żadnych dywidend. Wykupując ten nowy plan ubezpieczeniowy, przy opłacie pierwszej rocznej składki, można otrzymać zniżkę wykorzystując bon o wysokości \$137.00. Aby ubezpieczenie zostało całkowicie spłacone, należy uiszczać pełne opłaty przez następne 19 lat.

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W 2010 roku w dniach 8-11 sierpnia odbędzie się 60. Sejm ZPRKA. W związku ze zbliżającym się Sejmem ZPRKA oferujemy również Specjalny Plan Sejmowy “60th Convention Special”. Jest to stały plan ubezpieczeniowy, przy wykupieniu którego wymagana jest jednorazowa opłata. Plan został przygotowany specjalnie z myślą o promocji zbliżającego się Sejmu. Plan ten posiada wartość gotówkową i przewidywane są wypłaty dywidend. Wykupując Specjalny Plan Sejmowy “60th Convention Special”, przy wpłacie jednorazowej składki, można otrzymać zniżkę wykorzystując bon o wysokości \$60.00. Zachęcamy wszystkich do skorzystania z niskiej opłaty za ten plan ubezpieczeniowy. Plan ten daje Państwu zabezpieczenie z chwilą wykupienia oraz w przyszłości - bez wnoszenia dodatkowych opłat. Dokładne informacje nt. programów specjalnych, oraz innych oferowanych przez ZPRKA produktów, można uzyskać kontaktując się z jednym z naszych biur, lub z jednym z naszych agentów ubezpieczeniowych.

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lotniczej pod Smoleńskiem powiedział, iż udając się na uroczystości upamiętniające ofiary Zbrodni Katyńskiej sprzed 70 lat, oprócz ofiary serca, złożyli oni ofiarę życia. Bp. Paprocki podkreślił, iż trudno sobie wytłumaczyć taki dramat, i go zrozumieć. Nawoływał również, aby ta tragedia pomogła narodowi polskiemu jeszcze bardziej się umocnić. Dodał też, że prez. Kaczyński i wszystkie ofiary katastrofy zginęły w obronie prawdy, polskości i patriotyzmu.



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Przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych, konsul RP z żoną oraz rodzina ś.p. Wojciecha Seweryna.

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Wicemarszałek senatu ś.p. Krystyna Bochenek w remontowanym Pokoju Paderewskiego.



Delegacja ze ś.p. Maciejem Płażyńskim w archiwum PMA.

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Minister Kultury ś.p. Tomasz Merta i odznaczeni pracownicy ZPRKA i PMA.



Śp. Mariusz Handzlik w czasie przytowań do wizyty prez. Kaczyńskiego w PMA.

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4. Wymagane jest potwierdzenie udziału studenta w pracach społecznych;
5. Studenci ubiegający się o stypendium, muszą mieć ukończony pierwszy rok studiów (freshman) licencjackich (undergraduate) przed 1 czerwca 2010 r. Odpis ocen studenta lub odpisy innych dokumentów z uczelni muszą być dołączone do podania i przesłane przez uczelnię bezpośrednio do ZPRKA przed 1 czerwca 2010 r.
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Szanowny Panie Marszałku,

Zarząd, Dyrekcja oraz członkowie Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce łączą się w bólu i modlitwie z całym Narodem Polskim i Rodzinami ofiar katastrofy samolotowej w Smoleńsku w dniu 10 kwietnia 2010 roku. Przekazujemy głębokie wyrazy współczucia rodzinie Państwa Kaczyńskich oraz rodzinom wszystkich Ofiar.

Składamy hold Członkom Delegacji Rządowej, którzy zginęli pełniąc obowiązki służbowe i obywatelskie, w drodze na uroczystości upamiętniające tragiczną 70. rocznicę Zbrodni Katyńskiej. Nieublagalny los połączył Ich na zawsze z pomordowanymi Polakami w lesie katyńskim.

W katastrofie odeszli przedstawiciele elit politycznych, duchowni, przedstawiciele armii i służb bezpieczeństwa, świata kultury, działacze związkowi, którzy tak wiele zrobili dla Państwa Polskiego i Polonii amerykańskiej. Korzenie Polonii amerykańskiej sięgają głęboko do kraju ich przodków, dlatego też tragedia, która dotknęła Polskę, stała się również naszą tragedią. Nie da się opisać słowami ogromu naszej boleści.

*Niech dobry Bóg przyjmie Ich do Chwały Nieba.
Cześć Ich pamięci!*

Wallace M. Ozog, Prezes
Zjednoczenia Polskiego
Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce

W dniu 10 kwietnia 2010 r. zginęła w tragicznej katastrofie samolotowej pod Smoleńskiem w Rosji, zginęła cała 96-osobowa delegacja Rządu RP, z prezydentem Lechem Kaczyńskim na czele. Delegacja udawała się na uroczystości związane z obchodami rocznicy 70. lecia Mordu Katyńskiego.

Katastrofa wydarzyła się o 8.56 czasu polskiego. Polski prezydencki samolot T-154 rozbił się dwa kilometry przed lotniskiem wojskowym w miejscowości Pieczersk przy podchodzeniu do lądowania w Smoleńsku. W tym czasie w okolicy panowały bardzo złe warunki pogodowe, nad lotniskiem unosiła się gęsta mgła.

W wypadku zginęli oprócz prezydenta Kaczyńskiego: małżonka Maria, ostatni prezydent RP na uchodźstwie Ryszard Kaczorowski oraz członkowie rządu, dostojnicy Kościoła katolickiego, prawosławnego i ewangelickiego, szefowie sztabów różnych jednostek wojskowych, szef IPN, prezes NBP, przedstawiciele kancelarii prezydenckiej, biura ochrony rządu, przedstawiciele Rodzin Kaczyńskich, przedstawiciele świata kultury i sportu, cała załoga samolotu.

Do niedzieli, 18 kwietnia ogłoszona została żałoba narodowa. W całym kraju oraz w polskich placówkach dyplomatycznych za granicą wystawione zostały księgi kondolencyjne. Wyrazy współczucia zaczęły napływać z całego świata. W całym kraju odwołane zostały imprezy kulturalne i sportowe. Cała Polska okryła się żałobą - rozpoczęły się przygotowania do pogrzebu ofiar. W Moskwie, dokąd przewożono ciała ofiar, trwały czynności identyfikacyjne i śledztwo w sprawie katastrofy.

Ofiary katastrofy, po zidentyfikowaniu sprowadzano do kraju. W niedzielę 11 kwietnia przybyła do Polski trumna z ciałem prezydenta Kaczyńskiego i spoczęła w kaplicy w Pałacu Prezydenckim. Dzień później obok niej ustawiona została trumna Pierwszej Damy, Marii Kaczyńskiej.

We środę 14 kwietnia na lotnisko Okęcie przyleciał samolot z 30 trumnami ofiar katastrofy. Po ceremonii wojskowej kondukt z ciałami ofiar przejechał przez Warszawę - trumny zostały przewiezione w karawanach do hali na Torwarze, gdzie odbyło się czuwanie modlitwne. W taki sam sposób Warszawa pożegnała ciała kolejnych 34 ofiar, które przywiezione zostały w czwartek, 15 kwietnia. Również w czwartek na lotnisku wojskowym Okęcie wylądował samolot z ciałem prezydenta Kaczorowskiego. Trumna w asyście honorowej została przewieziona do Belwederu, gdzie była wystawiona na widok publiczny. 16 kwietnia do kraju powróciły ciała kolejnych 8 osób. Ostatnie ciała ofiar zostały sprowadzone do Polski w piątek, 23 kwietnia.

W kościołach w Polsce oraz za granicą odprawione zostały nabożeństwa za zmarłych tragicznie członków delegacji.

Nabożeństwo żałobne w intencji wszystkich ofiar katastrofy odprawione zostało w Warszawie w sobotę, 17 kwietnia na Placu Piłsudskiego. W niedzielę, 18 kwietnia przedstawiciele władz państwowych i kościelnych, delegacje zagraniczne oraz kilkadziesiąt tysięcy żałobników żegnali prezydenta Lecha Kaczyńskiego i jego żonę Marię w Krakowie. Msza św. odprawiona została w Kościele Mariackim, następnie kondukt żałobny przewiózł trumny z ciałami pary prezydenckiej na Wawel, gdzie złożone zostały w sarkofagu w Krypcie Srebrnych Dzwonów pod katedrą wawelską.

Na krakowskie uroczystości pogrzebowe prezydenckiej pary przyjazd zapowiedzieli przedstawiciele 98 państw: 69 delegacji państwowych i 29 ambasadorów. Wybuch wulkanu na Islandii i chmura z niebezpiecznym dla samolotów pyłem spowodowała, że przybycie odwołało około 50 delegacji. Większość państw, których przedstawiciele nie dotarli do Krakowa, podczas uroczystości reprezentowali ambasadorowie.

W niedzielę 18 kwietnia również w Chicago odbyły się kolejne nabożeństwa w intencji ofiar katastrofy pod Smoleńskiem. O godzinie 7 wieczorem w katedrze Najświętszego Imienia w Chicago, odprawiona została msza św. koncelebrowana przez księży z archidiecezji chicagowskiej. Głównym koncelebrantem był J.E. biskup Thomas Paprocki. We mszy uczestniczył również J.E. kardynał Francis George. Obecni byli przedstawiciele instytucji stanowych, miejskich i powiatowych, organizacji polonijnych oraz b. prezydent Litwy Valdas Adamkus i licznie reprezentowania Polonia. Obecny na mszy sekretarz stanu Jessie White przekazał w imieniu władz stanu na ręce konsula RP w Chicago, Zygmunta Matyni kondolencje dla narodu polskiego. Przed katedrą zgromadziła się kilku tysięczna grupa uczestników "Marszu pamięci", którzy wyruszyli wcześniej (dok. na str. 19)



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tam nie może zabraknąć łaski niebieskiej, która sprawia,
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