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PRCUA Declares a Net Gain in the First Quarter

Message from the President

Dear Members:

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America hereby declares a net gain from operations of \$330,525 for the first quarter of 2010. This is the first quarterly gain in this area since March 31, 2005. Reduction in expenses over the last 12 months resulted in a positive change of \$640,318 from the first quarter of 2009. At that time, we experienced a loss of (\$309,793).

After adjusting for refunds to members and net realized losses of (\$7,263), the net income was \$288,871.

Another positive effect on the organization includes an increase of assets to \$182,368,053, compared to \$178,199,480 in December 31, 2009. This is a continued positive growth in assets of \$4,168,573.

There was also positive growth in premium income from the March 31, 2009 figure of \$3,607,714 to the March 31, 2010 figure of \$4,888,234. This \$1,280,520 increase is a reflection of the positive nature of our membership in the PRCUA. The members' positive attitude will result in a continued growth in their organization.

Net investment income has increased from \$2,157,604 to \$2,233,883 as of March 31, 2010.

Contributing to this positive gain in operations was a reduction in expenses in most areas of our organization: a reduction of salaries of officers, reduction in staff, and cost savings in our official publication, *Naród Polski*, from bi-monthly to monthly – only to mention a few changes.

The PRCUA administration continues to anticipate continued positive growth in both net income from operations and our assets during this year.

The 2010 Growth Record Report recently produced by Standard Analytical Service, Inc. compares PRCUA's growth as of December 31, 2009 with the growth of an average of the 25 largest life insurance companies. When comparing the below listed categories, positive changes can be observed.

	Assets	Net Investment Income	Total Reserves	Total Income
PRCUA	46.9%	46.7%	70.1%	22.6%
Average 25 of the largest companies	28.9%	15.5%	32.2%	14.4%

The PRCUA is currently promoting continued membership growth to our organization! We are offering two life insurance specials - the 137th Anniversary Special and 60th Convention Special. More information can be found on our website at www.PRCUA.org/SPECIALS.

Fraternally yours,


Wallace M. Ozog, FICF
National President

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



St. Joseph, patron saint of Fathers

We thank all Fathers for their loving care and ask for God's Blessings upon them, so they may have the graces needed in their role as head of the family.

Final Draft is Ready!

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, is now available for your viewing. To view a downloadable PDF of the FINAL DRAFT of the updated PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws, please visit the PRCUA Task Force web page at: www.PRCUA.org/TaskForce

Those without a computer can call the Home Office toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 to receive the FINAL DRAFT via U.S. Mail.

After reviewing the documents, please send your questions or comments regarding the FINAL DRAFT to the Task Force via e-mail to: TF-Comments@prcu.org or send questions and comments via the U.S. post office to:

Christopher Ozog
PRCUA Task Force Secretary
30247 Groveland
Madison Heights, MI 48071

- PRCUA TASK FORCE

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

JUNE

- 6 HICKORY HILLS, IL - MARIA KONOPNICKA SOCIETY #1622 ANNUAL PICNIC** on Sun., June 6 at 12 Noon at Buffalo Woods, 87th Street and 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
- 13 MERRILLVILLE, IN - ANNUAL SACRED HEART MASS** (See details to right.)
- 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.
- 22 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** - on Tues., June 22 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz (586) 573-7510
- 23 NILES, IL - "PRCUA RECOGNIZING OUR YOUTH DINNER" WITH TOM ZBIKOWSKI,** Baltimore Ravens Professional Footballer & scholarship recipients (See details on page 11.)

JULY

- 8 LANSING, MI - WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 MEETING** on Thurs., July 8 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
- 10 MUSKEGON, MI - PRCUA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** (See details to right.)
- 12 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT #7 MEETING** on Mon., July 12 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski (773) 763-4069
- 18 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING** on Sun., July 18 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: L. Alexander, 1059 Molno, Wyandotte, MI 48192
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- 31 DETROIT, MI - ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 FAMILY PICNIC** on Sat., July 31, Noon to 8 pm, at Helms Haven (Hines Park) The entrance is located west of Outer Drive on the south side of Hines Park. Members & family are invited to an afternoon of games, activities, complimentary food & beverages. Contact: Denny and Tina Churchvara (313) 561-7464

POLISH FOLK DANCE INSTRUCTORS/ CHOREOGRAPHERS NEEDED IN CENTRAL FL

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.



Bus from Michigan to the 60th PRCUA Convention

Motorcoach transportation will be available to PRCUA delegates and friends from Michigan who want to travel to the 60th PRCUA Quadrennial Convention in Rosemont, IL. Buses will leave from pick-up points in Warren, Dearborn and Wyandotte, MI on Saturday, August 7, 2010. For complete details, please call National Director of District #10 Barbara Toboy at (734) 284-7163.

Congratulations to PRCUA Members of 50-Years or More

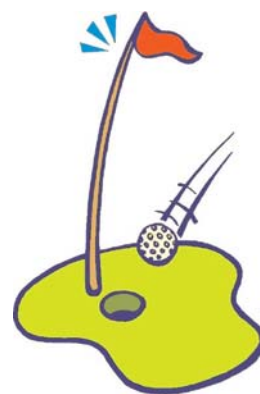
PRCUA National President Wallace Ozog has awarded a 50-year pin and a Certificate of Honor to the following PRCUA members in the months of April and May :

Joseph Drobot, Jr.
Beverly G. Kocinski
Donna M. Kocinski
Joseph Krajewski
Mary Kuzminski
Florence Lack
Ann Padlo
Jeannette Pilarski
John Stelmach

Congratulations! If you have been a PRCUA (UPWA, FLIA, A of P) member for 50 or more years and wish to receive a pin and certificate, please send your request to:

President Wallace Ozog
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

PRCUA National 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, MI; 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, MI; 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 the 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.



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 - The editor apologizes that the May election meeting for Mary, Crown of Poland Society #317 in Chicago, IL was inadvertently omitted from last month's calendar.



Additional Prescription Drug Program Can Save PRCUA Members Money!

The PRCUA Board of Directors has approved a new Fraternal Benefit Prescription Discount Card Program for our members, their family and friends which is available through HealthTrans® Access.

PRCUA members can simply present the free HealthTrans® Access Discount Drug Card along with a valid prescription, at more than 58,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, and you could save 10% to 85% on the prescription drug cost.

- No cost to sign up
- No restrictions
- No limits on the number of prescriptions
- Can be used by your family and friends

There is no limit as to who may benefit from this PRCUA Fraternal Program. The PRCUA will benefit by receiving a donation from HealthTrans® Access of \$0.50 for every new prescription filled.

For more information, please visit our HealthTrans® Web Portal at <http://cashcard.lc.healthtrans.com>. You can also call the HealthTrans® Pharmacy Help line toll free at 1-877-459-8474 or HealthTrans® Customer Care at 1-888-277-3911.

This prescription drug program is in addition to the ScriptSave program, which has been available for free to PRCUA members for several years. The difference is that in each program the cost of prescription drugs and/or the pharmacies where the card can be used may vary. PRCUA members may sign up for one card or the other program, or both. There is no fee and the discount is taken on the cost after your health insurance payment for prescription drugs.

Member Asks a Question about Annuities

Question: I am currently an annuity owner and want to know if my money is guaranteed in the event your organization fails. I need to know, before I invest any more money, that it is protected in some way.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your membership and your annuity deposits. Please be assured that your money is secure. Economic factors regarding insurability of funds are handled in three main ways:

1. BANKS - According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) government website, "FDIC preserves and promotes public confidence in the U.S. financial system by insuring deposits in banks and thrift institutions for up to \$250,000 (through December 31, 2013); by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to the deposit insurance funds; and by limiting the effect on the economy and the financial system when a bank or thrift institution fails." This benefit is available because existing banks pay into an insurance fund for insolvency. If additional funds are needed, Washington, DC will need to rely on taxpayer funds. In essence, the banks rescue one another.

2. COMMERCIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (mutual or stock) rely on support from the state guarantee fund through state guaranty associations which provide coverage in the event of insolvency – **but this fund has limits as well**. The fund is supported by a tax placed on the life insurance company's premium income. This is the system that is in place to rescue commercial life insurance companies. On occasion, taxpayer funds may be used as well.

3. FRATERNALS - As a fraternal organization, PRCUA insures itself, without support from taxpayers or premium taxes payable to the state. In the unlikely event that PRCUA were to become insolvent and need funds which were not available, PRCUA members would be assessed. As a fraternal organization, members rescue each other, without relying on government assistance as banks and commercial life insurance companies do. If this is not possible, the PRCUA would merge with another fraternal, if rescue were required.

The latter is a highly unlikely occurrence as the PRCUA is very solvent. Currently, PRCUA is meeting all death claims and cash surrenders. We are also crediting monthly interest to our annuity account holders. The adjustment in Annual Percentage Yields (APY) offered on annuities reflects only the return on investments that is available to the PRCUA.

Since 1997, three fraternal have merged with our organization - two within the last five years. One of these fraternal was insolvent, while the other was on the verge of becoming insolvent.

PRCUA's domicile is Illinois. A recently completed state audit of our organization has found no major deficiencies. The recent state examination report is shared with all insurance departments in states in which the PRCUA does business.

Standard Analytical Service, Inc. has identified and analyzed our growth pattern as compared to the average 25 largest life insurance companies. Our growth percentage is comparatively higher than the average 25 largest life insurance companies.

One cannot rely strictly on ratings by rating agencies. For example, recently we learned that an Indiana commercial life insurance company, rated in the A category for many years, has had a Rehabilitation Petition filed against it by the Department of Insurance Commissioner of the State of Indiana.

Economic problems have developed across the United States. Very recently, Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, has missed a bond payment for the second time (WSJ, April 30, 2010). Luckily, the bonds were insured by an insurance company which covered the payment on bonds. The PRCUA does not claim any ownership to these bonds.

Additional information regarding PRCUA's first quarter results can be found in the President's message issued on page 1. - By Agnes Migiel, PRCUA Sales & Marketing Dept.

THREE CONVENTION CONTESTS

It is tradition for the PRCUA to hold special contests during a Convention Year to give our members an opportunity to win prizes. This year is no exception. The PRCUA is sponsoring three contests. The winners will be announced at the Convention.

ADULT ESSAY CONTEST

The PRCUA is announcing an Adult Essay Contest on the topic: **"From the Past to the Future - How the PRCUA keeps our Forefather's Traditions alive."** All PRCUA members age 16 years and older are eligible to participate in the contest. One winner will be chosen. Since this year is the 137th anniversary of the PRCUA, the lucky winner will receive a total of \$137.00 worth of prizes: \$75.00 plus John Radzilowski's "The Eagle and the Cross - A History of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America" (\$25.00 value) and Joseph Zurawski's book "POLISH CHICAGO: Our History - Our Recipes" (\$37.00 value).

Directions: Simply submit an essay of no more than 2 pages (hand written or typed double-space) to the editors. Include your name, address, area code and telephone number and your PRCUA Society number. Essays can be in English or Polish and can be submitted by email, regular mail or in person. National officers, national directors, school directors, choreographers and PRCUA employees are excluded from the contest. However Society officers, assistant teachers and choreographers and insurance agents are eligible to participate, the same as all other members. Your essay must be received at the Home Office by the **Friday, July 23, 2010 deadline**. Send to: **Narod Polski Editor, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101** or email: **narod.polski@prcu.org**

Note: All essays submitted by email will be acknowledged. If you send an essay by email and do not receive a reply within 3 days, please call 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2640.

YOUTH ART CONTEST

All PRCUA juvenile members ages 6 to 15 years are invited to participate in the **PRCUA 60th Convention Art Contest**. There are three age categories: 6 to 8, 9 to 12 and 13 to 15 years. The theme is: **"The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America: Past, Present and Future."**

All entries will be displayed at the 60th Convention at the Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare in Rosemont, IL August 8 through 11, 2010 to demonstrate the involvement of our PRCUA youths in fraternal events.

First and second place prizes of \$50 and \$25 respectively, will be awarded in each age category. Artwork can be any size but no larger than poster size and can be done in any medium chosen by the child. All entries must include the child's name, address, area code and phone number and Society number. All entries must be received at the Home Office by the **Friday, July 23, 2010 deadline**. Send to: **Narod Polski Editor, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101**

CONTEST FOR SOCIETIES

The PRCUA Society that has the most members converting from receiving the paper format *Narod Polski* in the mail to receiving the newspaper in a PDF format on their computer - between March 1 and August 8th will receive a prize of \$137. The prize represents the 137th anniversary year of the PRCUA.

This is a 2-step process! Go to the PRCUA website: **www.prcua.org/narodpolski**. Go to the bottom of the page.

1) Click on "Start your digital Narod Polski subscription" and follow the directions. 2) Go back to the main page and click on "Stop your mailed Narod Polski subscription" and follow the directions.

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

Members of the Convention Committees

Below is a list of the members of the Convention Committees, as appointed by Joan Smuda, to serve the 2010 Convention being held August 8, 2010 thru August 11, 2010 at the Rosemont-O’Hare, Rosemont, Illinois.

BUDGET AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Society No.	City & State
Eileen T. Hanley	Chairperson	527	Sparks, MD
Elizabeth Kaniewski	Member	2303	Franklin, WI
Teresa Gibala	Member	1633	Erie, MI
Joseph A. Drobot	Member	843	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Edward Muszalski	Member	1622	Burbank, IL

CANDIDATES QUALIFICATION COMMITTEE

Paul Kuhar	Chairman	716	Allen Park, MI
Kelly Salatowski	Member	162	Wyandotte, MI
Malgorzata Kot	Member	1635	Schiller Park, IL

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

William F. Marutzky	Chairman	987	Chicago, IL
David Cwiek	Member	261	Harper Woods, MI
Richard Orlowski, Jr.	Member	237	Pittsburgh, PA
Mary Ann Zielinski	Member	2274	Center Line, MI
Pamela Tuytens	Member	294	Chicago, IL

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Donald Versen, Sr.	Chairman	308	Des Plaines, IL
Diane Synakowski	Member	631	Syracuse, NY
Konrad Borkowski	Member	31	Carpenterville, IL
Michael Purcell	Member	162	Riverview, MI
Frank Zacharias	Member	1477	Hamtramck, MI

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Thaddeus S. Klamerus	Chairman	87	Dearborn Heights., MI
Stephan J. DeLonka	Member	475	Schaumburg, IL
Dolores L. Krysztofik	Member	2019	Trenton, MI
Michael L. Krajewski	Member	1584	Toledo, OH
Bernice Adamkiewicz	Member	1593	Warren, MI

Average CD Yields Continue to Drop - Alternative Available!

By Agnes Migiel, PRCUA Sales and Marketing Department

In the Money Section of the Friday, May 21, 2010 issue of *USA Today*, the latest CD yields snapshot is not encouraging for many of us who are savers. According to *USA Today*, the average certificate of deposit yields as of Wednesday, May 19th are as follows:

- 6-month average for the past two weeks was 0.42%, as compared to 0.96% a year ago.
 - 1-year average for the past two weeks was 0.70%, as compared to 1.23% a year ago.
 - 2 ½-year average for the past two weeks was 1.10%, as compared to 1.37% a year ago.
 - 5-year average for the past two weeks was 2.12%, as compared to 2.22% a year ago.
- There appears to be a downward trend in interest rates that continues to affect attempts at saving.

A more attractive alternative is available, especially if you are age 59 ½ or older. The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is currently offering the following annuities:

	MILLENNIUM	CLASSIC	PREFERRED
Accumulation Value	Annual Percentage Yield (APY)*		
\$300.00 - \$4,999	3.500%	-	-
\$5,000.00 - \$49,999	3.750%	3.125%	3.000%
\$50,000.00 - \$99,999	4.000%	3.250%	3.000%
\$100,000 and above	4.250%	3.500%	3.000%
Guaranteed Minimum APY	3.000%	3.000%	3.000%

With a lifetime minimum guarantee of 3.000%, your funds will be earning a higher Annual Percentage Yield (APY) as compared to other alternatives.

PRCUA ANNUITY PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS:

- Competitive APYs
 - Tax-deferred growth
 - Minimum guaranteed APY for the life of the annuity
 - Penalty-free withdrawals of 10% every 12 months available on annuities with surrender charges *
 - Future deposits may be added at any time
 - No maintenance fees
 - Funds are backed by 137 years of PRCUA experience. Even if currently offered APYs fall due to economic conditions, a minimum 3.000% APY is guaranteed for the life of the contract. Your funds are backed by reserves which are governed by law.
- * Because annuities are regarded as retirement accounts, the federal government may charge a 10% early withdrawal penalty if you take money out of an annuity before reaching age 59 ½.; some exceptions apply.*

Find out more today! For more information or for an application, please contact the Home Office Annuity Department: 1-800-772-8632.

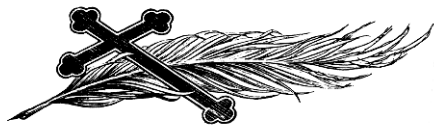
\$\$\$ Money May Be Owed to You \$\$\$

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
Froncek Klara	1000	IL
Funk Genowefa	1000	IL
Gac Stefan	593	IL
Gac Stefan	593	IL
Gawron Stanislaw	1000	IL
Gondek Karol	421	IL
Gorecki Jan	849	IL
Grazaske Rozalia A	308	IL
Grzelak Maryanna	463	CT
Guta Janina	849	IL
Hagen Artur	1317	IL
Hamziuk Antoni	139	IL
Hindelewicz Jan	470	IL
Hmiedziejko Stanislaw	1000	IL
Holda Jan	597	CT
Jakubowska Stan	33	IL
Jamrozek Emily	407	IL
Janke Stan A	1000	IL
Jurewicz Marya	1000	IL
Kachcik Edward	308	IL
Kaczmarek Karol	300	IL
Kalata Jozef	308	IL
Kalinowski Elizabeth	1000	IL
Kalinska Jozefa	1000	IL
Karnowski Loretta	1486	IL
Kawa Jozef Jr	1000	IL
Keska Bronislawa	308	IL
Kmiecik Jozefa	31	IL
Kochanowski Maryanna	389	CT
Koronowski Rajmund	1000	IL
Kosmala Edward	139	IL
Kot Jozef	463	CT
Kowalski Henryk	300	IL
Kozielec Marya	573	IL
Koziol Miecz	145	IL
Kozlowski Edward	1000	IL
Kraska Zygmund	1000	IL
Krowka Katarzyna	262	CT
Krupa Julian	567	IL
Kruszynska Marya	388	IL
Krzos Jozef	1000	IL
Ksiazkiewicz Maryanna	1000	IL
Kubala Alfreda	471	IL
Kubicka Kazmiera	880	IL
Kujawa Henryk	179	IL
Kusiak Anna	1000	IL
Kuta Eleonora	84	IL
Kwiatkowska Helena	1000	IL
Kwilosz Adolf	308	IL
Labudzik Stan A	308	IL
Laskowski Winc	179	IL
Leja Leokadya	673	IL
Lencki Helen J	388	IL
Lewandowska Helena	308	IL
Ligocki Edmund	308	IL
Liszewski Albert	126	IL
Litviak Julia	308	IL
Long Maryanna	957	IL
Longosz Zofia	308	IL
Luberda Anna	1000	IL
Lukowska Jadwiga	308	IL
Maciag Jakob	308	IL
Maciag Marya	308	IL
Madej Edward	317	IL
Majchrzak Anna	849	IL
Marc Helena	33	IL
Markowicz Helen	1109	IL
Markowski Jan	389	CT
Marshak Edward	317	IL
Maruszak Edward	1000	IL
Miazga Michal	597	CT
Michniewicz Leon	122	IL
Miernicki Mieczyslaw	1000	IL
Mikrut Wlad A	179	IL
Milka Stefania	470	IL

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*Brothers
and Sisters*



<u>NAME</u>	<u>SOCIETY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SOCIETY</u>	<u>STATE</u>
ANTONI, JOSEPH	463	CT	LEMANOWICZ, CORA	2005	NJ
BEAVERS, HELEN R	308	IL	LEVESQUE, JOSEPHINE C	2274	MI
BERNACKI, LOTTIE	540	NY	MACHURA, THOMAS J	122	IL
BERTON, THELMA M	589	PA	MAJKOWSKI, RONALD R	2274	MI
BLAZ, HENRY	786 & 2159	OH	MARKUS, ESTELLE	703	PA
BONIOR, IRENE	994	IL	MARMUL, STANLEY T	162	MI
BOREK, ALBERT	237	PA	MARSHALL, HELEN	228	PA
BORUSZEWSKI, JANET P	750	NY	MICHALSKI, WANDA	957	IL
BRUSKIEWITZ, LEONARD	963	WI	OLEKSY, ZIGMUND J	286	CT
BUSH, PATRICIA A	2320	WI	ORTNER, IRENE V	385	NY
CESARSKA, FLORENCE	2022	PA	PAPAK, JEROME P	428	MI
CIBASIEWICZ, FRANK J 1000 & 1012		IL	PASCO, VERONICA	632	NY
CIECHANOWSKI, ROSE	509	IL	PIDICH, MICHAEL C	353	NY
DALE, JOHN R	1004	IL	PIEKARSKI, STANLEY	308	IL
DAVID, SOPHIA	1507	MI	POTEMPA, FRANK S	1000	IL
DOMAGALA, BERNICE	1575	IL	PYLAR, GEORGE, SR	1552	MI
DONALD, HELEN	750	NY	REGAN, FRED L	1000	IL
DUSZYNSKI, STEPHANIE	1000	IL	RUCINSKI, IRENE A	428	MI
EASTERDAY, ROSALIE	693	IN	SIEPUTOWSKI, SOPHIE	623	CT
FLEK, REV LADISLAUS	291	NJ	SIMPSON, BERTHA	527	MD
FLYNN, LAWRENCE M	2315	WI	SLIVA, BERNICE	337	IN
GAROSI, VINCENT L	567	IL	SLIWA, ROBERT	384	PA
HABURA, GENEVIEVE	878	IL	SOVAK, ROBERT J	2293	PA
HEBDA, EDWARD	955	IL	SPIGIEL, JOSEPHINE	162	MI
IDOLSKI, JEAN B	2274	MI	SPIGIEL, PATRICIA J.	162	MI
JABLONSKI, DAVID	2144	OH	STOLARZ, ALEXANDER	1032	IL
JAMROZ, SOPHIE	388	IL	SUCKARSKI, BEATRICE C	2109	OH
JEZEWSKI, EDMUND	1000	IL	SUWIENSKI, ALLEN R	904	MI
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May they rest in eternal peace.

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The PRCUA extends best wishes to PRCUA member Bishop Wenski and we ask all members to please keep this inspiring Church leader in your prayers.

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Fraternal
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Favorites

By Robert Strybel

LAZY PIEROGI

Lillian R. Dattilo, Arlington Hts., IL

1/2 pkg Kluski noodles 2 onions, chopped fine
2 cans mushrooms, drained 2 lb. sauerkraut, drained
2 cans mushroom soup, undiluted

Cook and drain kluski according to pkg. Lightly fry onions.
Mix all ingredients together and put into greased 9 x 13 pan.
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

NOTE: You can put slices of Polish sausage on top of the
casserole for added flavor.

CHRUSCIKI

Mrs. Irene Olkowski of Philadelphia, PA

Add 1/2 tsp. salt to 5 egg yolks; beat till light and lemon
colored. Gradually add 3 tbsp. sugar, 1 tbsp. brandy and
continue to beat well. Sift 2-1/2 cups flour, add alternately with
5 tbsp. sour cream, beating after each addition. Knead dough
until soft & shiny. Wrap in plastic wrap, refrigerate 1/2 hour.
Roll thin and shape chrusciki. Fry in Crisco oil, drain on paper;
sprinkle with powdered sugar. I use a Kitchen Aid mixer!

BELGIAN BUSTER BAR DESSERT

Bernie Skibinski of Princeton, IL

1 (15 oz.) pkg. Oreo cookies 1 stick margarine, melted
1 gallon ice cream - softened 1-1/2 cups Spanish peanuts
1 small jar caramel topping 2 cups brown sugar
1 cup butter 1-1/2 cups evaporated milk
2/3 cups chocolate chips Cool Whip

Crush cookies, mix together with melted margarine. Press into
bottom of 9" x 13" pan. Spread ice cream over crust; cover with
peanuts and caramel topping. Freeze. In saucepan, combine
brown sugar, butter, evaporated milk and chocolate chips; boil
for 8 minutes. Cool. Frost ice cream with chocolate; cover and
return to freezer until ready to serve. Serves 15-18. Take out of
freezer 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with Cool Whip.

Congratulations!

The Winner of Narod Polski's Recipe Raffle for the
Month of April is: **Irene Olkowski, Philadelphia PA**

2010 Indiana Fraternal Congress Fraternalists of the Year

Adult and Youth Fraternalist of the Year awards are given by the
Indiana Fraternal Congress to recognize those within the fraternal
benefit system who, through example and accomplishment, provided
outstanding volunteer service to their lodge, society and community.

Eligibility: PRCUA members ages 12-22 for Youth Award and
ages 23 and older for Adult Award. Nominees will be judged on
activities completed within the last 12 months. Persons compensated
by their society are not eligible. A qualified panel of independent
judges will choose the winners.

Award: An engraved plaque will be presented to the honorees at
the annual meeting of the IFC in August, 2010. Travel, lodging and
meal expenses will be paid by the sponsoring societies. A \$100 check
will be awarded on behalf of each honoree to the nonprofit, charitable
organization of their choice. Media information regarding the honoree
will be distributed by the IFC Adult and Youth Fraternalist of the Year
Committee.

For a nomination form contact

Josephine Szarowicz, Secretary-Treasurer
984 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642
1-800-772-8632, ext. 2606.

Return nomination form to PRCUA **before July 23, 2010.** Incomplete
entries or entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

LAST CHANCE FOR PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the PRCUA offers its members under-
graduate, graduate and professional degree scholarships
from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund.

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are now
available. The scholarships are renewable, however, a new
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 the scholarship program:

www.prcua.org click on "Member Benefits"

DEADLINE:

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

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(In memory of Ronald Safranski)

(In honor of Joann Ozog)

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I have enclosed a donation and a check made payable to:

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**President Wallace Ozog, PRCUA,
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NEWS FROM PRCUA
FIRST LADY JOANN OZOG



Although this article appears in June, the many events that my husband and I have attended cover the months of March, April and May. The PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing celebrated their 25th anniversary with a beautiful recital on March 13 and a banquet on April 18. I applaud the Director, Choreographers, students and parents for their dedication to promoting Polish culture for these many years and may they continue to work for the good of the PRCUA and Polonia for the next twenty-five years.

On March 28, the Polish Women's Civic Club (PWCC) held their annual Palm Sunday Luncheon. Nearly 200 people attended, including 30 children who played games and received beautiful Easter baskets. The food was good, the company was great and there were many raffle prizes that consisted of an assortment of items. The PWCC must be complimented for the time and hard work that they put into this luncheon, whose proceeds go toward scholarships.

We were in Michigan to celebrate Easter with our family. Easter dinner was at our house, so it made up for the many dinners that we do not prepare while living in Illinois. It was a tiring weekend but enjoyable to have family together (except for son Mark who lives in CA), to watch the grandchildren eagerly hunt for Easter eggs and excitedly open their Easter baskets and to celebrate granddaughter Grace's 7th birthday and grandson Ryan's 10th birthday.

After Easter, on April 11, the Illinois-Indiana Women's Division of the PRCUA held its annual Easter Swieconka at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, IN, chaired by Elizabeth Grabowski, National Director - District 9. This year a Mass was held prior to the luncheon, which I thought was very appropriate because it brought PRCUA members and friends together at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during the Easter season. The luncheon had about 140 guests - the largest in a long time. The program was somber but meaningful, remembering the late Lech Kaczynski, President of Poland, his wife Maria and 95 other dignitaries who perished in a plane crash the day before. Thank you is extended to Dir. Grabowski and her committee for their time and effort in making this a very successful holiday tradition.

PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 was very busy March 19-21 hosting the National Basketball Tournament and on April 23-25 hosting the National Bowling Tournament in Michigan. The officers and members of St. Stan's Society are dedicated individuals and hard workers who know how to organize tournaments and provide a good time for everyone. I would like to thank President Jerry Nasiatka for allowing me to have a raffle at the Basketball Tournament and at the PRCUA Bowling Tournament, where I also sold some items. All proceeds went toward the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. Because of the support of the members of St. Stan's Society and the participants of both tournaments \$1,295.00 was raised for scholarships in honor of PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718. Most people know the importance of scholarships and I greatly appreciate all of those wonderful people who supported this fundraiser for our youth, who will be the future leaders of Polonia.

I also would like to extend my appreciation to those who helped me with this fundraiser: Felicia Krupinski, Bernice Adamkiewicz, Julius Szymczk, Bob & Eleanor Bielenda, Chris Ozog, Marcia Pielkiewicz, Barbara Toboy, Anthony Ozog and Stan Solak.

The PRCUA Rogalin Dance Troupe held its annual recital on Sunday, April 25. It is always nice to visit with our Michigan friends at such events. The children did a fantastic job. I must compliment my great nieces, Tiffany and Courtney and great nephews, Tony and Anthony for their great performances. Also, Anna Toboy, daughter of National PRCUA Director, Barbara Toboy, from District 10 did a superb job in her first recital. She must take after her mom, who was a dancer. I am very proud of all children who join Polish dance groups but especially my relatives, and especially the boys, since there are so few boys in the Michigan schools. Keep up the good work! Thank you to the Director, Choreographer and parents who are instilling Polish culture in their children.

Polish Constitution Day (May 3) is a big celebration in Chicago. For my husband and I, it was a wonderful weekend with our sons and PRCUA VP Robert Bielenda and his wife, Eleanor from MI. Our youngest son, Christopher, attended the Governor's morning reception with us on Friday, April 30. There was a large contingent of the Illinois National Guard that has a military pact with the Polish Army. Governor Quinn welcomed everyone and dignitaries spoke on the importance of Polish Constitution Day.

In the evening, our out-of-town guests attended the Mayor's celebration with us at the Chicago Cultural Center. The Polish Constitution Day Parade Queen and her court were presented, as well as the Grand Marshal, Stanley Zagata, President of Polish Highlanders and a PRCUA member.

Certificates were awarded to Stanley Chwala, owner of Lone Tree Restaurant and three PRCUA members, including yours truly. (See article on page 11.) It was a great honor to receive this award, not only for myself, but also on behalf of all those who assisted me over the past 12 years at Polish Museum of America and PRCUA Education Fund events. The program ended with a performance by the Polish Highlanders. Afterwards, everyone socialized and enjoyed refreshments by Kasia's Deli.

On Saturday, May 1, our guests from Michigan attended the parade brunch sponsored by the Chicago Society. Then we walked to the parade route. Over 110 units participated. Since I was not in the parade this year, I watched from the grandstand and enjoyed viewing the entire parade. It opened with a somber moment acknowledging the

late President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria and all who perished in a plane crash on April 10. The Polish schools were out in full force, PRCUA was well represented and the crowd was huge. My sons enjoyed walking in the parade with their father. It brought back memories of when they were members of Pope John Paul II Dance School and they walked in many parades. After the parade, we went to Millennium Park to hear a concert by entertainers from Poland.

On Sunday, we attended Mass at Holy Trinity Mission Church in Chicago and celebrated son Christopher's birthday. We all enjoyed being part of the weekend celebration and showing pride in our Polish heritage. As a mother, I was happy to see that the values I instilled in my sons, as children, are still part of them.

The PRCUA Senior Club met on Tuesday, May 4 at the PRCUA Social Hall. The ladies received a small corsage for Mother's Day. I hope that all mothers had a wonderful day, as I did. My husband and I took my mother and sister to Wyandotte, MI where the men of PRCUA Society #162 held their annual Mother's Day Breakfast. I thank the men for their dedication of cooking for the mothers on their special day.



The Soc. #162 men who cooked

I wish all fathers a Happy Father's Day! (See many more photos from all events on the website: www.prcua.org, news & events, Letter from the First Lady, Article 14.)



My family with Basia & Anna Toboy & Kelly Salatoski, Pres. of Soc. #162

A Nationwide Raffle will be held in conjunction with the 60th PRCUA Convention in August. Proceeds to benefit the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. 1st Prize is a Night in Chicago (1 night stay at Springfield Suites Marriott with complimentary breakfast, Spirit of Chicago Dinner Cruise for two, and \$200 cash); 2nd Prize is a Cooking Package (10 piece set Cuisinart pots and pans plus "Polish Chicago: Our History - Our Recipes" book); plus many more beautiful prizes. Donation: \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10.00 or 9 for \$25.00. The drawing will take place during PRCUA's 60th Quadrennial Convention (Aug. 8-11, 2010). Winner need not be present. If you don't get tickets through the mail, you can fill out the coupon below and I will transfer your information to the appropriate number of raffle tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated. Wishing you an enjoyable summer. Until next time!

PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. Nationwide Raffle

Name _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Number of raffle tickets you are purchasing: _____

Send to: PRCUA National Raffle, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101 before August 1, 2010.

Make check payable to: PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.

ST. STAN'S, SOCIETY #718 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT & SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

St. Stan's # 718 has expanded its Education Grant Program by adding a Tuition Reimbursement Grant Program whose goal is to assist young members and their parents in the cost of private and university education. We value private and higher education and are happy to offer these grants to help support our members!

ELIGIBILITY - Applicant must attend a private Catholic school in grades 1-12 or be enrolled in an accredited 2- or 4-year university for the upcoming school year. Applicant or parent must be a member of St. Stan's #718. Only 1 entry per family for grades 1-8 and 1 entry per family for grades 9-12. If you have more than 1 child in an age category, put all their names on the application, as they will count as 1 entry. (No limits on the number of applications per family for the college scholarship grant, which is based on the merit of applicant.)

DETAILS - A random drawing will be held on July 31, 2010 at our Annual Picnic. The winners will be notified by phone. The winners must provide proof of attendance on official school letterhead signed by a school representative.

- Two (2) Tuition Grants each totaling \$500 will be awarded to entrants drawn from the pool of students entering grades 1-8.
- Two (2) Tuition Grants each totaling \$500 will be awarded to entrants drawn from the pool of students entering grades 9-12.
- Two (2) \$500 Scholarship Grants will be awarded to worthy entrants attending any accredited college or university (including community college). Details of the Scholarship Grants and applications are available online at:

<http://society.prcua.org/718/scholarship.htm>.
St. Stan's will award a total of 6 grants, moving a grant(s) to another category if there are not enough applicants in any category. **Deadline is July 15th, 2010.**
Mail application to: Tuition Committee Co-Chair: Tom & Janice Dudek, 45738 Savannah Dr., Canton, MI 48187 or email application to Tom Dudek (cvg52@comcast.net) or Frank Nasiatka (fnasiatka@comcast.net).



Joann & Pres. Wallace Ozog with Anna Toboy



PHILADELPHIA NEWSY-NEWS



IN SYMPATHY - Condolences are extended to LAURA KOSZYLOWSKI of SOCIETY 2002 on the loss of her niece, Sister M. Rosella Wyborski, CSFN, who passed away on April 20, 2010. We're sharing in the loss of the entire Wyborski Family.

HOPE IT WAS A GOOD ONE - The members of SOCIETY 2002 are hoping FATHER TOM KALITA at St. Peter's in Olney, Maryland had a wonderful birthday. FATHER TOM celebrated his birthday on May 29th. Father Tom, best wishes to you for another year of good health and peace.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WISHES - SOCIETY 2019's STANLEY and DOLORES KRYSZTOFIK of Trenton, New Jersey have cherished their marriage for 50 years. They are celebrating the 50 years God has given them together at a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, June 25, 2010 at Holy Cross Church in Trenton, New Jersey at 4 o'clock in the afternoon followed by a dinner in their honor at Cedar Gardens Banquet in Hamilton, New Jersey for family and friends. A half century of marriage certainly deserves a celebration. DOLORES is the Financial Secretary of SOCIETY 2019 and has served in this capacity for many many years. Their family members, JENNIFER, STAVROS, STAVROS III and ANDREW of Boca Raton, Florida all members of SOCIETY 2019 are looking forward to celebrating with the jubilarians.

"Here's a toast to the wonderful companionship and eternal love shared by STANLEY and DOLORES. May God be with them as they celebrate this special day that's filled with memories of a love that is deep and true. Dear STANLEY and DOLORES, may Our Lord always bless your lives with joy, your hearts with love and your world with happiness and good health. Happy 50th Anniversary."

JANICE OLSZEWSKI of North Cape May, NJ will celebrate a very "special" Birthday. JANICE is the wife of JOHN. mother of ANTHONY (AJ) and STEVEN, MARY DOYLE and EMILY WALTERS, all PRCUA members. She has also been blessed with 7 adorable grandchildren. She was a former UPWA employee and always enjoyed participating in all Society 2022's functions. "Here's to celebrating you, Janice. We hope your special day will be filled with sunshine and smiles and laughter and love."



*Congratulations Mr. & Mrs.
Keith & Mary Tomson*

KEITH's brother, JOHN and his niece, SKYLER TOMSON who was the flower girl. The newlyweds spent a 10-day honeymoon in Italy and now reside in Port Richmond. The mother of the groom, CHRISTINA (John) TOMSON is also a member of SOCIETY 2022. "To Keith & Mary, here's to a beautiful future together. Dance on a rainbow of joy all the way up to the stars and look out to a future filled with love and God's blessings."

COLLEGE CONGRATULATIONS - On Sunday, May 16th, TIMOTHY CLARK of SOCIETY 2022 graduated from LaSalle University with a Master's Degree in History. Commencement exercises were held at McCarthy Stadium on LaSalle University's main campus beginning at 10:00 a.m. In continuing with the celebration, family members returned to TIM and Veronica's residence to enjoy a delicious home baked cake decorated and prepared by the proficient Betty Crocker herself who is non other than TIM's sister, SOPHIE. TIM is a graduate of St. Adalbert's Parochial School, North Catholic High School for Boys and Temple University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education. He is a high school teacher at Nazareth Academy High School for Girls where he teaches Social Studies. TIM's wife, Veronica, is a grade school teacher. In his spare time, TIM enjoys reading and makes it a point to never miss a Phillies or a Flyers game. He is the son of SOCIETY 2022's Financial Secretary, SOPHIE CLARK (Tim),



*Congratulations
Timothy Clark*

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS - On May 8th, SOCIETY 2022's KEITH TOMSON was united in Holy Matrimony to his sweetheart, Mary Hall during the Nuptial Mass at St. Katherine of Siena Church. The Celebrant was Msgr. Joseph Logrip, proclaiming the Gospel was Fr. Philip Forlano. Msgr. Francis Feret, Pastor of St. Adalbert Church, presided in the exchange of vows, the Nuptial Blessing was given by Fr. Paul Kennedy and concelebrating the Mass were Fr. Alan Zabler, O.S.F.S. & Msgr. James Mortimer. A celebration followed at the Abington Art Center in Jenkintown, PA. PAUL TOMSON served as his brother's Best Man and the bride's sister, Christine Hall, was the Maid of Honor. Member's of the bridal party included

brother of ANTHONY and sister of SOPHIE WISNIEWSKI, members of SOCIETY 2022 as well. Accomplishments like this definitely deserve some praise. "TIM, congratulations on the goal that you've achieved, on the work you've accomplished and on the degree you received."

ON YOUR MARK - Sunday, May 2, 2010 was the 31st running of the 10 mile Blue Cross Broad Street Run which began at 8:30 a.m. The Broad Street Run supposedly is the largest 10 mile race as considered in the United States and 30,000 people registered to participate. The organizers provided over a million cups of water and sprinklers were also provided for the participants. Braving the scorching hot day were SOCIETY 2022's ANTHONY CLARK and CHRISSIE OCHMANOWICZ of whom we are so very proud. It's so true that in order to accomplish great things one must not only act but also dream and not only plan but also believe. We're standing up and cheering for ANTHONY and CHRISSIE who are definitely achieving the goals they've set for themselves.

DON'T FORGET - The Flag Day ceremony sponsored by Philadelphia Fraternals will be taking place on Monday, June 14th at the Betsy Ross House at 12 Noon followed by a luncheon at Cuba Libre. Kindly call Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Quinn at 215-425-3807 for reservations or for further information.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - Greetings to every Father, Grandfather/Dziadzi among the members and friends of PRCUA. Wherever you are, June 20th is your day to be treated like a king. Bask in the love and praise of your family members and enjoy your special day.

SUMMERTIME - No matter what you plan to do or where you plan to go during the summer months, we truly hope that you will take the time to review your personal matters and make sure you are adequately insured. Our 137th Anniversary and 60th Convention Special Plans of Life Insurance are excellent and really deserve your attention. The Philadelphia Satellite Office on Allegheny Avenue is here to serve your insurance needs. We'll be happy to explain the Annuity Series that we offer, too. Don't wait until it's too late. Stop by or give us a call at 215-425-3807.

Elaine - Philadelphia Satellite Office

Polish Constitution Day Celebrations

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District marked the 219th Anniversary of Poland's May 3, 1791 Constitution at the Polish American Cultural Center at 308 Walnut Street. After a program at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, refreshments were served.

On Sunday, May 2, 2010, there was a Polish Constitution Day Observance at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA sponsored by the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District. Holy Mass was celebrated at 12:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. there was a Youth Day Program in the Shrine's Visitor's Center.

A commemorative program also took place on May 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Historical 1724 Court House in Chester, PA which was sponsored by the Council of the United Polish Societies, Chester, PA.

United Social Services Outreach Program

*Sponsored by "PASS" Polish American Social Services
308 Walnut Street in Philadelphia, PA*

Please be aware that Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications are now available. This application must be filed by June 30, 2010. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals who qualify to receive a rebate between \$250.00 and \$650.00 from property taxes or rent paid during 2009. Funding for this rebate program is made possible from the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund.

Applicants should note that no lien or judgement is placed against their property nor will this rebate ever have to be repaid. To qualify, you must be a senior citizen 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older or a disabled person 18 years or older.

Homeowners who have annual incomes of \$35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline.

For additional information or for an application you may call POLAM Social Services, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 215-923-1900. All inquiries are confidential and services are free of charge.

TATRY 39TH ANNIVERSARY

Dearborn Hts., MI - The Tatry Dancers opened their 39th Annual Recital which took place on March 27, 2020 in the Crestwood High School Auditorium in Dearborn Heights, MI.

Thomas Lackey opened the event with a warm welcome after the American National Anthem was played. Rose Ann Lackey, Tatry's Director, then followed with the introduction of the Tatry dancers and choreographer/teacher Karen Lubiarcz. Karen is the very heart of the Tatry Dancers and did a wonderful job with the Polish folk dances and novelty dances. This was Karen's 21st year with the Tatry Dancers and every year she somehow seems to outdo herself.

The recital began with novelty dances that showcased the music of Michael Jackson. Group 4 stood out on stage in their bright red jackets, dancing to *Beat It*. They were followed by Group 2 who danced to a medley of *I Want You Back/ABC/The Love You Save*. They sparkled on stage and were as cute as could be. *Workin' Day and Night* was performed by Group 3 who certainly had the look going on down to the sequined ties and leg warmers.

Next came Group 1 - always a crowd pleaser - who took the stage dancing to *Blame It On The Boogie*, wearing big smiles. No one skipped a beat! Lastly, Group 5, our high school group, did an excellent rendition to *Thriller*. They all had fun designing their own costumes this year and their performance was a wonderful tribute to the music of Michael Jackson. Great job, everyone!

Traditional Polish dances, regional dances and American polkas were featured in the second half of the program, which started with the entire Tatry Dance School singing the Polish National Anthem *a cappella*.

To start the Polish part of the program, Group 3 performed the *Speedline Polka*. They surely got the crowd going. Groups 2 and 3 then performed the *Opoczno Medley* regional dance, attired in their colorful costumes. With smiles on their faces, Group 5 danced to the *Miles of Smiles Polka*. It was a fun and upbeat dance enjoyed by everyone. As part of a Tatry tradition, *Polish Soul* was then performed. This year's graduate, Alexandra Dixon took the stage, along with fellow Tatry dancers, Drew Ansel and Julie Koslovich. This song always gets the audience's hands clapping and toes tapping. This was followed by another Tatry specialty in which Groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 boys, along with the girls from Groups 4 and 5, performed the *Goralski Highlander's Dance*. The girls' feet never stopped moving and the audience was wowed by the leaps, coffee grinders and cuipaga (hatchet) swinging demonstrated by the boys.

Group 1 (3 to 6 year-olds) took the stage next, dancing a traditional *Krakowiak* with costumes including the ribboned skirts for the girls and peacock feathered hats for the boys. They did a wonderful job and their dance was enjoyed by all.

The *Kujawiak/Oberek* regional dance was performed by Groups 4 and 5, who did an excellent job. The *Mickey Mouse Polka* was then performed by Group 2 who showed us how to kick up our heels. *Una Paloma*, a Polish favorite, was then performed by Group 5. The audience enjoyed the performance they gave. One of the last polkas of the recital was *Idzie-La-La Polka*, which was performed by Group 3. They all shined as they stepped to the rousing beat.

A very special part of the recital was the *Graduate Waltz* performed by Tatry's 2010 graduate Alexandra Dixon and her escort Drew Ansel. Alexandra looked absolutely beautiful in her gown as she glided effortlessly across the stage. The only way to follow this was with the *Krakowiak* finale in which all the groups took part. Congratulations to Alexandra. The Tatry Dancers are very proud of her accomplishments.

Many of the beautiful costumes worn by the Tatry dancers were made by Tatry parents or family members. Our thanks are extended to them for their dedicated help in making Tatry shine.

Thanks also go to the Tatry dancers, their family and friends and the Tatry officers, who all show much dedication. We also want to express our gratitude to Karen Lubiarcz - we could not

do it without her! Lastly, a great big thank you goes to Tatry Director Rose Ann Lackey, whose undeniable love and devotion to the Tatry Dancers is the heartbeat of the group.

Congratulations to the Tatry Dancers on their 39th Annual Recital! Everyone did a wonderful job and we are all very proud of all the dancers.

Submitted by
Kathy Belcher, Tatry Secretary

Group 1 -
(Back) Joey
O'Neill, Leah
Esker, Sarah
Lackey,
Samantha
Kosowski, Evan
Lubiarcz,
Nathan
Pellerito;
(Front) Lauren
Romano,
Erin DelCotto,
Alexandra
Schad; Not pictured: Kiera Skurnit, Ramona Rodriguez



Group 2 - (Back) Daniel Szafranski, Elizabeth Machowicz, Grace O'Neill, Sara Gazdecki, Emma DelCotto, Brendan Lubiarcz; (Front) Elize Lubiarcz, Lauren Grawburg, Isabel Pierzynowski, Brooke Kosowski, Elizabeth Orozco, Marissa Romano



Group 3 (Back)
Amanda Johnson,
Rebecca Vincent;
(Middle) Grace
Bertucci,
Emily Gaynor,
Summer Perault;
(Front)
Christopher
Bartnicki,
Sarah Grawburg
Not pictured:
Alexandra
Czarniecki

Group 4 Brad Bartnicki,
Emily Wolffe,
Jacklyn Mullen, Max Rokita
Not pictured:
Kaylen Bedford



Group 5 (Back) Camille Rokita, Kelsey Blicharz, Drew Ansel, Laura & Jessica Shymanski; (Middle) Emily Grawburg, Stacey Malinowski, Alexandra Dixon, Caitlin Byars, Julie Koslovich; (Front) Anne Shymanski, Kaitlin Boroniec, Jessica Bartnicki, Chelsie Sulfaro, Not pictured: Jaclyn Bedford, Teresa & Sarah Wojnarowski



(L-r) Christopher Bartnicki, Brad Bartnicki, Max Rokita,
Drew Ansel, Daniel Szafranski, Brendan Lubiarcz



PRCUA Dance School Graduates Honored at 2010 Michigan State Ball

2010 PRCUA Michigan Dance School Graduates: Back (l-r) Christina Cornell, Christine Krass, Katelyn Mills, Amanda Jaczkowski, Diana Lenart, Krysten Cooper, Sara Zalewski, Lydia Sarnacki, Andrew Greenia, Mateusz Koper; (Front) Renee Boudreau, Jamie Light, Taylor Koyl, Samantha Champine, Stephanie Tobaczynski, Alexandra Dixon, and Natalie Ziejka

There was no doubt that excitement filled the room during the 19th Annual 2010 PRCUA Michigan State Ball that was held on February 27, 2010. "A Winter Frolic," as the Ball was themed, was held at the elegant San Marino Club in Troy, MI. The ten PRCUA Michigan dance schools were proud to introduce to Polonia, family and friends, seventeen graduating seniors who earned the privilege of being honored at the Ball by their contributions to their dance schools and communities.

Michigan Dance School directors and teachers welcomed PRCUA dignitaries, National President Wallace Ozog and his wife Joann; Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark; Vice President Robert Bielenda and his wife Eleanor; District #10 Director Barbara Toboy and her husband Ron; PRCUA National Vice Chaplain, Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski; Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, Rev. Timothy Whalen and PRCUA Supervisor of District #6, Ted Klamerus and his wife Sally. The Master of Ceremonies was District #10 Director and Halka Dance School instructor, Thomas Lisiecki.

The Graduate Presentation took place after dinner with the graduate's outstanding performance of the "Skater's Waltz," which was followed by the exuberant regional dance of Lowicz, "Klapok." Resumes of the graduates were read by their respective dance school teachers and medallions were bestowed upon each graduate by President Ozog and Res. V.P. Sokolowski.

As is customary, during the Ball special presentations are made by the graduates representing all ten dance schools. National Director Barbara Toboy presented a check to Mike Ostrowski, President of the American Polish Assistance Association. The graduates then presented Msgr. Milewski and Fr. Whalen, with a donation to support the Orchard Lake Schools. A donation to the PRCUA Educational Fund, Inc. and a donation to the Polish Museum of America was then made to Joann Ozog.

The parents of the graduates came forward to stand alongside their graduate, as the traditional family blessing was given. The formal ceremony of the graduate presentation closed with the performance of "The Polonez." Smiles abounded, as the graduates had one more surprise up their sleeves with their performance of "Soul Man."

Special thanks are extended to PRCUA members Duane Malinowski, who provided musical entertainment of all styles throughout the Ball and to Mary Ann (Gruda) Prysiadnuik of Marygold's Florist for her floral artistry.

A special note of gratitude is extended to the PRCUA Michigan Class of 2010 and their escorts for attending Sunday morning practices and for being such an outstanding group of students. They all performed magnificently and truly represented their individual dance school with great honor!

The success of the evening is attributed to all the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools and their Directors: Cyndi Cervenak

(Gwiazda), Rita Cerankowski (Halka) Robin Koyl (Mala Polska), Beth Thacker (Opole), Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki), Michelle Stechschulte (Rogalin), Pat Steven (Syrena), Kristi Mihalic (Wieliczka), Rose Ann Lackey (Tatry), Colleen Bonkowski (Zajaczek), along with M.C. Tom Lisiecki, Shirley Galanty and Kelly Malinowski, for all their efforts in making the Ball a complete success.

The State Ball committee would like to thank and acknowledge Pres. Wallace Ozog, Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, Dir. Barbara Toboy, and Dir. Tom Lisiecki, for all their support.

Below are the resumes of the 2010 graduates. We wish them success in all their endeavors.

Mateusz Koper, 18, is the son of Renata and Wes Koper. He has been a Gwiazda Dancer for 5 years. His partner was fellow graduate, Samantha Champine, a Halka dancer.

Samantha Nicole Champine, 17, is the daughter of Cheryl and Wayne Champine. She has been a Halka Dancer for 15 years. Her escort was fellow graduate Mateusz Koper.

Christine Elizabeth Cornell, 17, is the daughter of Daniel and Sue Cornell. She has been a very active member of the Halka Dancers for 13 years. Joseph Cherluck, a fellow Sterling Heights High School Senior, was Christina's escort for the evening.

Christine Elizabeth Krass, 17, is the daughter of Andrew and Maria Krass. She has been a Halka Dancer for 15 years. Victor Servitto, a past Halka Dancer, was Christine's escort.

Stephanie Renee Tabaczynski, 17, is the daughter of Patrick and Denise Tabaczynski. She has been a member of the Halka Dancers for 13 years. Her escort was Matthew Steven, a 2008 Syrena Dance Ensemble Graduate.

Taylor Ashley Koyl, 17, is the daughter of Robin and Dean Koyl. She has danced with the Mala Polska Folk Ensemble for 7 years. Paul Hemmen was Taylor's escort for the evening.

Diana Alicia Lenart, 17, is the daughter of Henry and Alicia Lenart. She has been dancing with the Mala Polska Folk Ensemble for 14 years. Diana's escort was Derek Lyon.

Natalie Anna Ziejka, 17, is the daughter of John and Barbara Ziejka. She has been a member of the Mala Polska Folk Ensemble for 14 years. Her escort was Mark Ziejka.

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The Dignitaries: PRCUA Vice Chaplain Msgr. Milewski and Rev. Whalen, along with PRCUA Pres. Ozog, Res. V.P. Sokolowski, VP Bielenda, Dir. Toboy, Dir. Lisiecki, Supervisor Klamerus, Ball Co-Chair Malinowski, PRCUA Dance School Directors and Teachers/Choreographers

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Krysten Elizabeth Cooper, 16, is the daughter of Steven and Laurie Cooper. She has danced with the Opole Dancers for 9 years. Krysten's escort for the evening was Eric French.

Katelyn Marie Mills, 17, is the daughter of Dennis and Michelle Stechschulte. She has danced with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for 14 years. Her escort was Luke Salbert.

Lydia Frances Sarnacki, 16, is the daughter of Carol and Don Sarnacki. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for 11 years. Lydia's escort was Joseph Piechocki.

Sara Ann Zalewski, 17, is the daughter of Andrew and Lori Zalewski. She has been dancing with the Syrena Dance Ensemble for 14 years. Her escort was Adam Kuk.

Alexandra Marie Dixon, 17, is the daughter of Jim and Sandy Dixon. She has been a Tatry Dancer for 15 years. Drew Ansel, also a Tatry Dancer, was Ali's escort for the evening.

Renee Christine Boudreau, 17, is the seventeen year old daughter of Chris and Kathy Boudreau. She has been a member of the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for 12 years. Her escort was John Boudreau.

Amanda Nicole Jaczkowski, 17, is the daughter of Joe and Donna Jaczkowski. She has been a member of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble for 5 years. Andrew Greenia, a fellow Zajaczek graduate, was Amanda's escort for the evening.

Andrew Joseph Greenia, 17, is the son of Daniel and Nancy Greenia. He has been a member of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble for 5 years but has been dancing for 15 years in PRCUA dance schools. His partner was fellow Zajaczek graduate Amanda Jaczkowski.

Jamie Elizabeth Light, 18, is the daughter of Mary and Steve Light. She has been dancing with the PRCUA dance schools for 12 years and is currently a member of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. Her escort was fellow Zajaczek dancer Andrew Koehler.

The PRCUA salutes these outstanding PRCUA Dance School graduates as they approach their futures, with appreciation for their Polish heritage and a love for music in their hearts.

- By Kelly Malinowski

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PRCUA Member Appointed to Attend U.S. Naval Academy

Buffalo, NY - Congratulations to PRCUA member, Krystyna A. Nowakowski, on her accomplishment in receiving a nomination from Congressman Brian Higgins of New York's 27th Congressional District and an appointment to attend the prestigious United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Krystyna, a member of PRCUA Society #868, is the daughter of PRCUA National Director of District #2, William Nowakowski, and PRCUA Task Force member, Mary L. Turkiewicz, M.D. Krystyna currently attends The Nichols School in Buffalo, New York. After graduation, she will enter the Academy for *Plebe Summer* on July 1, 2010.

In high school she has earned varsity letters in Crew (rowing) and Cross-Country, while achieving high academic standards. As a junior, Krystyna was voted the *Most Valuable Player* on the Women's Crew team.

Recently, she returned from a three-week exchange program in China, as part of her Chinese language studies. Over the last four years, Krystyna has also served as a religious education instructor at Assumption Parish in Buffalo, New York.

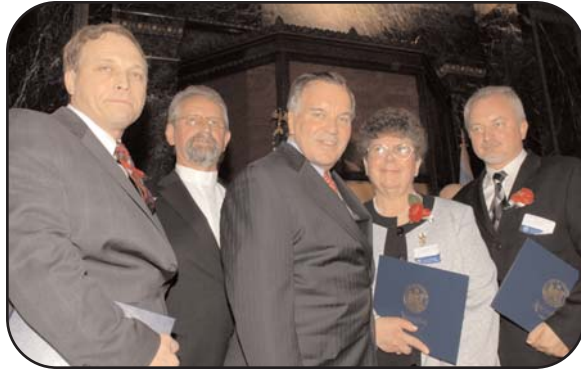
The PRCUA extends hearty congratulations to Krystyna for her outstanding achievements and our best wishes for a bright future and a fulfilling educational experience at the Naval Academy. Go Navy!

- Submitted by Dir. William Nowakowski, District #2



Krystyna A. Nowakowski

Three PRCUA Members Honored



Mark Dobrzycki, Fr. Michal Osuch, CR, Mayor Richard Daley, Joann Ozog and Stanley Chwala

On the evening of April 30, 2010, Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley hosted a Reception for Polish Constitution Day at the Chicago Cultural Center. Remarks were made by Hon. Richard M. Daley, Mayor; Hon. Zygmunt Matynia, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago; and Tadeusz Czajkowski, President, Alliance of Polish Clubs in the U.S.A.

Mayor Daley presented *Certificates of Appreciation* to: Stanley Chwala, owner of Lone Tree Restaurant and Banquets; and 3 PRCUA members: Mark S. Dobrzycki - a Trustee of Harwood Heights, IL; Rev. Michal Osuch, CR, Pastor, St. Hyacinth Basilica in Chicago and PRCUA's First Lady Joann S. Ozog for their contributions to Polonia. This was followed by a performance by the Polish Highlander Dance Group. Congratulations to all the honorees, especially First Lady Joann Ozog.

Joann (nee Kushel) Ozog was born in Detroit, MI and moved to Illinois in 1998 when her husband became National President of the PRCUA. Since she was not one to sit home, Joann decided to volunteer her time at the Polish Museum of America (PMA).

With her background in education, Joann realized that the Polish Museum needed to offer programs, events and activities that not only would reach the Chicagoland Polish community but also the many diverse nationalities in Illinois.

For the young and old alike, Joann introduced a variety of hands-on workshops: Christmas ornaments, Palm Weaving, Egg Painting, Pisanki, Wycinanki, Genealogy as well as Pierogi and Golabki Demonstrations. She introduced the Polish American Heritage Month and Polish Constitution Day art contests for students K-12. She also instituted a successful Polish American Heritage Program and Dinner during October and Wigilia Programs and Dinners for adults, children and tour groups at Christmas. Throughout the year, she ran workshop/tour/luncheon programs for all ages and nationalities. She invited groups of children and adults to decorate Christmas trees in the Museum. She also wrote six activity workbooks for students and adults (two on the Polish Museum, two on Casimir Pulaski, one on Polish Settlers in Chicago and one on Ignacy Paderewski).

To make the PMA a more vibrant institution, Joann and her Committees re-introduced the membership campaign and the Quarterly PMA Newsletter. She raised money to renovate the Library, the Great Hall and the Archives, turned a storage room into a conference room for museum personnel and found areas for the Museum's photo and music collection. To save the PMA's precious treasures, Joann introduced the "Save the Book", "Adopt a Book" and the "Photo Restoration" projects.

When personnel came to Joann and said "I wish we had this or I wish we had that, she initiated a "Wish List" whereby money was donated by generous donors to purchase computers, printers, fax machine, furniture, television, camera, CD/DVD player, vacuum cleaners and many needed items.

In conjunction with membership, Joann introduced the "Benefit Event," which not only was a fundraiser but it also honored 113 Life Members, each of whom donated \$2,500 to the Museum. She also started a "Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon" to recognize and honor the many individuals who donate their time and talents to the PMA all year long.

During the period when Joann gave her time to the Museum, over one million dollars was brought into the Museum, with the help of many volunteers.

In April of 2008, Joann was asked to turn her energy towards the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. to raise money for scholarships for our young members, who are trying to get a higher education. Since that time to the present, her fundraising efforts have raised over \$55,000 for this scholarship program.

Joann loves what she does. During the past twelve years that she has lived in the Chicago area, she has met many generous and caring people from multiple nationalities. She is very proud of her Polish heritage and is pleased to have been able to promote the beautiful Polish customs and traditions among so many wonderful people in Chicago.

A REMARKABLE LEGACY - As her husband approaches the end of his third and final term of office as PRCUA President, and the Ozogs prepare to return to Michigan in the Fall, Joann can look back with satisfaction at the remarkable legacy that she leaves behind: a revitalized Polish Museum of America with an expanded membership and improvements too numerous to mention and also annual programs and events that showcase Polish heritage. In addition to this, she leaves an enriched PRCUA Education Fund on behalf of PRCUA youth. And it all started with her simple desire to be of assistance wherever help was needed.

For all of these remarkable accomplishments, we say "Bog zaplac" and "Thank you, Joann." Mrs. Ozog has been an inspiration to many people. Her gregarious personality is unfatiguable. She is like a people-magnet; she draws other big hearted and generous people to her and asks them to do what they can for the benefit of worthwhile institutions like the Polish Museum or the PRCUA Education Fund. She has been a role model to the next generation of Polish Americans, showing them how not to be satisfied with simply saying "I am proud of my Polish heritage" but to put their Polish pride into action by doing some good.

Throughout PRCUA's 137 year history, there have only been a handful of First Ladies who have become hands-on involved in Polonia to the extent that Mrs. Ozog has. At sports tournaments, you will find her selling raffle tickets for the Education Fund. Often times, it is the Ozogs who provide many of the gifts that are raffled off. Yes, Joann will eventually move back to Michigan, but there's no way that she is going to just fade off into the sunset...

PRCUA Members are Honorary Chairs of Papal Exhibit

Buffalo, NY – Cansius College and The Permanent Chair of Polish Culture, with the support of the Catholic, Jewish and Polish communities of Western New York, is hosting the exhibit “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” The exhibit opened on April 16 at the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum in Buffalo, NY and will be on display through June 30, 2010.

“A Blessing to One Another” is a commemorative tribute to the late pontiff, his extraordinary life and his legacy of improved dialogue between Catholics and Jews. It chronicles the pope’s associations with the Jewish community from the time of his childhood through to his papacy, and illustrates how these lifelong associations shaped his papacy, the Catholic Church and the future of Jewish-Catholic relations.

Pope John Paul II broke the chain of years of painful history between Catholics and Jews. He was the first pope to enter a synagogue in 2,000 years, as well as the first pope to establish diplomatic relations with and officially visit the State of Israel. Pope John Paul II also spoke of repentance for past treatment of the Jewish people.

National Director of District 2, William Nowakowski and his wife, Dr. Mary Turkiewicz, attended the Opening Reception, along with other dignitaries. Honorary chairs of the event are Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., President of Cansius College; Edward U. Kmiec, Bishop of Buffalo; Donald and Edie Day; Mary Lou Turkiewicz, MD; and William Nowakowski, Esq.

The Nowakowskis were given a personal tour of the Exhibit by one of its creators Rabbi Abie I. Ingber of Xavier University. The Rabbi’s parents were from Eastern Poland, where they lived during the war. The three Xavier University men who created this Exhibit met with Pope John Paul II on several occasions to discuss the project. They feared that part of the Exhibit would not be complete because they had requested a few personal items from the Pope but the Vatican did not respond before the Pope died. However, Pope John Paul II did make his wishes known as to what items he wanted to donate to the exhibit and they are now part of it.

Mary told the Rabbi the story of how her grandfather, Michael Skrzypczyk, met Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, before he became Pope, in Buffalo, NY. The Cardinal stayed at St. Casimir’s Rectory during his time in Buffalo. Michael met the Cardinal when he was walking in the neighborhood and stopped to speak to him. Since both men were from Wadowice, they ended up taking a long stroll together, discussing their home town and people whom they knew there. The Cardinal said he was hungry and they went to a pizza parlor on Clinton Street, where the Cardinal ordered pizza and they shared it. It amazed the people in the area that a Cardinal would order and eat at a simple store-front pizza parlor.

The Exhibit first opened on July 15, 2005 at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Then it moved to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., where it was on display until 2006. From there it went to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and then to New York City’s Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Holocaust Museum of Houston, TX.

More than a mere historical exhibit, “A Blessing to One Another” is an interactive experience that allows visitors to follow in John Paul II’s footsteps from his childhood to his role as head of the world’s largest church. The exhibit is divided into four major sections, reflecting the four periods in his life. Visitors become part of the documentary, walking through a multi-sensory experience: backdrops of enlarged photos and period postcards supporting artifacts, all set against evocative soundscapes.

The first section centers on Wadowice, Poland, where Karol Wojtyla grew up in an apartment owned by a Jewish family and established friendships with Jewish children, including lifelong friend Jerzy Kluger. Visitors view Wojtyla’s baptismal certificate and school records, and see the world as it looked from his bedroom window.

The second section centers on Krakow and enters the dark years of World War II through a replica of the Krakow Ghetto gate. During the Nazi occupation, the future pope was forced to take his university studies underground, while working in a factory by day. Displayed in this area are somber reminders of the Holocaust, including prayer shawls and shoes from the Holocaust Museum at Auschwitz.

The third section traces Wojtyla’s rise from priest to bishop to cardinal. During this period he participated in the Second Vatican Council’s dramatic change in the Church’s relationship with other religions. As bishop of Krakow, he also established close ties with the Jewish community. Among the artifacts in this section, visitors find the biretta worn by Wojtyla when he became a cardinal and handwritten notes for one of his books.

The final section celebrates John Paul II’s papacy. It features a ceremonial lamp and papal vestments from the 2002 World Day of Prayer at Assisi, videos of religious and world leaders speaking with the pope, and a replica of Jerusalem’s Western Wall.

Interview with Teddy Sliwinski



Teddy Sliwinski and Ewa Trzeciak

Chairman of the Slavic Village Polish Constitution Day Observance, which was held in Cleveland, OH on May 2, 2010 was Teddy Sliwinski. He was interviewed by Ewa Trzeciak, an employee of the PRCUA Ohio Office.

Ewa: You are passionate about Polish matters, how did this happen?

Teddy: I was born in Slavic Village; both parents came from Ciechanow, Poland and I spoke Polish only until I started school. In my early teens, I worked for a Polish travel/import agency and in the kitchen of the Alliance of Poles, now PRCUA. In 1978, seeing the decay in the commercial area of the neighborhood, I created the local development corporation, obtained city and federal funds and began “Slavic Village”. It was not only fun but also rewarding to help revitalize the Polish neighborhood. But today it is much different.

What is the future for the village? We are rather lucky. The plague of foreclosure and fraud allowed about 30% of the village to be demolished. It turned out to be a good thing as all the bad properties are disappearing, with green areas and lots that will eventually be filled with new housing. We are surrounded by bike trails, the only waterfall in the city and the only golf course in the city. Virtually, all the Polish organizations and churches are located here. The future here will be very bright.

What about your professional background? I attended Cleveland State University with a degree in Political Science and Speech. I then completed law school at Cleveland John Marshall earning my juris doctorate and was living in Ohio since 1975. I am a graduate of the USMC/PLC program at Quantico, VA. I am also licensed in the State of Florida. For over 20 years, I was the Ohio legal (Cont. on page 13)

Announcing the winners of our latest POLISH HERITAGE QUIZ

Here are the correct answers to our latest Polish Heritage Quiz (underlined and in bold print):

1. The following never served as Poland's capital?: a) Gniezno, b) Lublin, c) Poznan, d) Kraków, **e) Łódź.**
2. The first king of Poland was: a) Mieszko I, **b) Boleslaw Chrobry,** c) Wladyslaw I, d) Jan Sobieski, e) Kazimierz Wielki.
3. The oldest Polish-American fraternal organization is: a) Polish National Alliance, **b) Polish Roman Catholic Union,** c) Polish Falcons, d) Polish National Union, e) Polish-American Congress.
4. The longest-serving President of Poland of the following was: a) Wojciech Jaruzelski, **b) Aleksander Kwasniewski,** c) Lech Walesa, d) Stanislaw Wojciechowski.
5. The leadership of the Soviet-controlled pre-war subversive group called the Communist Party of Poland (Komunistyczna Partia Polski) was dominated by people of: a) Ukrainian, **b) Jewish,** c) German, d) Polish, e) Lithuanian ancestry.
- 6) In Polish tradition, poppy seed noodles (kluski z makiem) are usually served: a) on Easter Sunday, **b) on Christmas Eve,** c) at weddings, d) at nameday parties, e) at harvest festivals (dozynki).

All correct entries took part in a random drawing which produced the following results:

THE FIRST PRIZE - A copy of "Polish Heritage Cookery" went to: Walter Miller of S. Fairchild Lane in Chandler, Arizona.

THE SECOND PRIZE - A copy of "Polish Holiday Cookery" was won by Christopher Koneke of University Avenue in Buffalo, New York; and

THE THIRD PRIZE - The bilingual "Culinary Traditions of Mazovia, Silesia and Kashubia" is being sent to Wiktor Chorazykiewicz of Chicago's W. Wrightwood Avenue.

Healing the Katyn Wound?

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw - Never was there more hope that an issue poisoning Polish-Russian relations since the early 1940s might finally be resolved within the foreseeable future. The Kremlin has never been so open about Stalin's 1940 Katyn Massacre of 22,000 Polish officers or so willing to share hitherto secret documents with Poland. This change of heart did not come about as a spontaneous awakening, however. It was forced on Moscow by the politically awkward and embarrassing tragic demise of Poland's top political and military elites in a Soviet-built plane on Russian soil while en route to a Katyn commemoration. The Katyn controversy, which Russia had held under wraps, suddenly got publicized by the international media like never before.

Russia's top leadership suddenly decided to launch what observers have described as a "charm offensive". The Smolensk tragedy unleashed in Russia both a grass-roots and official outpouring of sympathy and solidarity with the Polish people. Whereas Iceland's volcanic-ash cloud scared most world leaders away from the state funeral of President and Mrs. Lech Kaczynski, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev felt it was his duty to attend. He also kept reiterating that it was Stalin and his comrades who bore responsibility for the Katyn crime.

More importantly, he put his money where his mouth is by ordering Katyn documents to be released onto the Internet for the first time. "Let people see it. Let them know who made the decision to kill the Polish officers. It's all there in the documents. All signatures are there, all the faces are known," President Medvedev explained. Historians from both countries have had access to these documents for many years, but their online publication marked a major departure from previous practices of keeping them from the public.

Within a short space of time, millions of Russian net surfers visited the website of the Russian State Archives and could see the Katyn death warrant. This was an official note from NKVD (secret police) Chief Lavrenty Beria suggesting the liquidation of the "incorrigibly reactionary and anti-Soviet" Polish officers captured by the Red Army. Stalin and his top henchmen affixed their signatures to it, giving the NKVD the official go-ahead to conduct the brutal murders. Everyone can now view that document at: www.rusarchives.ru/publication/katyn/01.shtml.

Although the above and six other key Katyn-linked documents had been known in Poland since 1992, when then Russian President Boris Yeltsin handed them over to his

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Polish Constitution Day in Slavic Village, Cleveland, Ohio



On Saturday, May 1, 2010, The Stefan Batory School of Polish Language and Culture participated in the celebration of the Polish Constitution Day, which was organized by the Observance Committee of Warszawa District, Slavic Village in Cleveland, Ohio.

Local Polish schools joined together for an event dedicated in honor of the 219th Anniversary of Polish Constitution. The following historical anniversaries were honored as

well: 600th anniversary of Battle of Grunwald, 200th anniversary of the birth of Fryderyk Chopin, 30th anniversary of Solidarnosc, 70th anniversary of Katyn and Deportation of Poles to Siberia and 150th anniversary of the birth of composer and statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski.

The Stefan Batory School began the program festivities with a beautiful performance of *Mazurek Trzeciego Maja* featuring Carol Safinski on French horn and Robert Stefanski on piano. Next, students Norma Hanko, Mishal Mischak, Ken Waters, and Rob Gordon recited various Polish phrases and quotations related to the topic of the Polish Constitution.

The program ended with a beautiful poem, *Trzeci Maja* written by Michal Arct, which was wonderfully recited by Judy and Ted Kowalski. Olivia Gutowski, daughter of the school's co-director and instructor, Iwona Gutowski, and Taylor Gordon, daughter of student, Rob Gordon, joined the school for the festivities dressed in traditional Krakowiak attire, carrying Polish flags, and shouting, "Niech żyje Majowa rocznica and Niech żyje Polska!" The audience applauded all for a job well done!

The celebration continued on Sunday, May 2, 2010 when The Stefan Batory School of Polish Language and Culture participated in Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Leansing Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, and then joined in the early afternoon parade.

Following the parade, our school promoted enrollment in the PRCUA and in our school at the PRCUA building, where we displayed many educational and promotional flyers.

Thanks are extended to all the students who participated in this event and congratulations go to the Polish Constitution Day Observance Committee for successfully coordinating this event which is of great importance to all Polish people.

*Iwona Gutowski, Co-director and instructor,
Stefan Batory School of Polish Language and Culture*



Interview with Teddy Sliwinski

(Continued from page 12) representative of the Polish Consul General in NY. Because of my wide experience, I could and did handle major felonies, divorces, probate, child abduction cases to and from Poland, civil matters and immigration. I chose to remain in my old neighborhood as it was always under served by good legal counsel.

What about your family? I am married to Irene (nee Patkowski) and have 2 children and grandchildren. We are a very close-knit family.

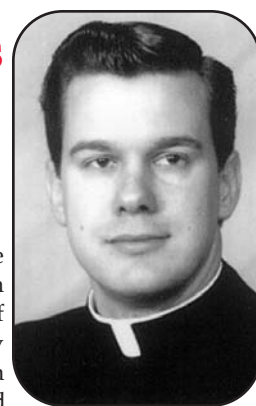
Have you ever been to Poland? Yes, since 1973, I am in Poland 1 or 2 times each year. I saw Poland under communism, during Solidarnosc and now. It is truly a miracle. In 1993, I was in Warsaw at a United Delegations on Privatization and met the first new government. I have also done legal work in various cities in Poland, which was an interesting experience.

If you have free time, what do you do? I spend time with the family. It is so important. However, I manage to get out and like to ride horses, fence (I fenced for Cleveland State University), play basketball and shoot pool to relax. I am a bit of a wood butcher and love to lock myself in my woodshop and fiddle. While in high school, I learned upholstery and will occasionally do a piece or two, so as not to lose the touch. I am a builder, I love to build things.

Well, it has been fun. Thank you for letting us know a little about you.

Correction - The photo identified in the May issue of Narod Polski on page 12 as Tonia Kwiatkowski was actually Ewa Trzeciak. The editor apologizes for the error. We have no photo of Tonia.

2010 PAPA Convention Re-elects Rev. W. Ptak & Rev. E. Orzech as National Officers



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

From previous articles, I hope all of our readers are already familiar with PAPA, which stands for the Polish American Priests' Association, a national organization of priests of Polish descent or serving the Polish community throughout the United States. There are over 2,300 priests in the U.S.A. who fit this description. Annually, about a hundred or so delegates gather at our National Convention. This year, it was hosted in the Archdiocese of Detroit by the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) to allow us to help them celebrate the 125th anniversary of their founding and their 100th anniversary at their present location: the beautiful shores of Orchard Lake, MI.

On Monday, April 12th, the delegates registered and the Officers and Board of Directors held an afternoon meeting. The first event on the agenda was evening prayer at the Shrine Chapel, led by Bishop Paul Bootkoski of Metuchen, NJ. Following dinner, Fr. Eric Orzech, National PAPA President, formally opened the Convention and a warm welcome was extended to all by our host, Fr. Timothy Whalen, Chancellor, on behalf of Orchard Lake Schools. Bishop Emeritus John Yanta of Amarillo, Texas, gave a keynote address on the founding of our organization.

Tuesday, April 13th was the first full day of the Convention. The morning was taken up with business sessions that discussed 3 Polish Americans up for canonization as saints: Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J., the famed missionary to Russia; Fr. Justin Figas, O.F.M., the popular "Rosary Hour" priest; and Mother Teresa Dudzik, foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Wyandotte, where Adam Cardinal Maida officiated and the PRCUA's National Chaplain Fr. Walter J. Ptak is the Pastor. A wonderful luncheon was served in the parish hall and we all serenaded Cardinal Maida, who recently celebrated his birthday. After lunch, Fr. Stanislaw Flis of OLS gave a talk on historical developments of Polish parishes, as well as the Archives of OLS and how they can be of service to us all.

Wednesday's business sessions included a presentation on liturgical art, reports from various local chapters of the past year's activities and discussion on the state of the Polish Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. As it was noted that it might be time to add mosaics of Cardinals Krol, Szoka and Maida to the existing ones, it was agreed that we would look into any restoration needs of the Chapel and Icon, consulting with the Rector of the Basilica.

A pilgrimage was then made to the grave of Orchard Lake's founder Fr. Joseph Dabrowski and then we went across the street to pray at the tomb of Venerable Solonas Casey, O.F.M., whose case for canonization is also under way. Fr. Bogdan Milosz, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish in Hamtramck, MI hosted the delegates for lunch, followed by a Holy Hour in the church, offered by Msgr. Charles Kosanke, Rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake. Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit offered a Requiem Mass at the Shrine Chapel for R.P. President Lech Kaczynski and all the victims of the tragic airplane crash in Smolensk. The day concluded with a fine banquet in the main dining hall at Orchard Lake, where Fr. Whalen spoke on the Orchard Lake Schools and their 125th Anniversary.

Thursday was the final full Convention day. The business meeting began with OLS reports, then elections were held for the national officers and directors. Msgr. Anthony Czarnecki gave his report as Polonia's representative to the U.S. Bishops' Conference. Discussions turned to our continued efforts at reviewing the *Pastoral Plan for Polonia* and how best to begin going about that this year. It is an important project which needs to involve Polonia's leaders and experts and must be done properly to serve us effectively for many years to come.

The remaining reports were given from PAPA's local chapters and the election results were announced: Fr. Eric Orzech of Cleveland, OH (PRCUA member) was re-elected as National President; Msgr. Peter Zendzian of Brooklyn, NY was elected Vice-President; Fr. James Miara of (Bronx) New York, NY was re-elected Secretary; and Fr. Walter J. Ptak of Wyandotte, MI (PRCUA National Chaplain) was re-elected Treasurer. The Board of Directors for the next 2 years include: Canon Thomas Machalski, Brooklyn, NY; Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk, Hartford, CT; Fr. Marek Kaminski, Syracuse, NY; Fr. Maciej Melaniuk, Metuchen, NJ; Fr. Mirosław Krol, Newark, NJ; Canon Joseph Sredzinski, Greensburg, PA; Fr. Nicholas Coffaro, Saginaw, MI; Fr. Robert Witkowski, Detroit, MI; and Fr. Walter Rakoczy, Gary, IN.

After lunch and activities on the OLS campus, Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Sterling Hts., MI, staffed by the Society of Christ. Bishop Yanta was the main celebrant, joined by Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Chicago, with Fr. Eric Orzech preaching. The gala Convention Banquet was held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI, where Msgr. Anthony Muntone of Allentown, PA spoke about famed Orchard Lake alumnus and candidate for sainthood, Fr. Walter Ciszek, S.J.

The 2010 Fr. Leopold Moczygemba Award, PAPA's highest honor, was bestowed upon Fr. Stanislaus Flis, Director of the OLS Archives.

Friday morning concluded the Convention. Fr. Orzech offered Mass, joined by Bishop Yanta and other priests. Final resolutions were adopted and it was announced that next year's Convention, scheduled for Easter week, April 26-29, 2011, would be hosted by the Pauline Fathers at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, Philadelphia Archdiocese. We all certainly look forward to that.

All PAPA members certainly appreciate your prayerful support and cooperation in our efforts on your behalf. Especially, look for the future to bring opportunities for your participation in supporting the revision of the *Pastoral Plan for Polonia*. We are proud to serve and represent the Polish community in the United States and are grateful for your encouragement and collaboration in helping to bring about a stronger Polonia in each of our areas.

HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ POLISH SCHOOL IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

On Sunday, March 21, the teachers and parents of PRCUA's Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, located at the Ohio Satellite Office, prepared and served a delicious Polish "obiad." Many patrons came from area Polish churches after Mass to have Sunday dinner among friends within Polonia.

They were treated to a wonderful repast of a traditional dinner, just the type that would be served in homes of families in Poland on a Sunday afternoon.

A very tasty pickle soup, called "ogorkowa," was the first course. The main course included hearty Polish favorites: mouth-watering golabki (stuffed cabbage) with tomato sauce and baked chicken, smothered in barbeque sauce. Rounding out the meat dishes was succulent roast beef with gravy.

Side dishes were plentiful, too. Mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and noodles with cabbage completed the main serving. On a huge table, groaning with an abundance of Polish pastries and a fresh fruit dish on the side, there was a large selection of desserts. Rolls with butter and coffee were the finishing touches to a perfect dinner.

Polish school teachers Malgorzata Kacki, Agnieszka Kotlarsic and Ewa Wiechec prepared and served the dinner. Andrzej Gutowski worked behind the bar to raise a little extra cash. Parents who worked very hard were Ania Kacki, Ania Kossakowska, Krysia Niebrzydowska and Mirka Suhak. Special thanks goes to Marian and Teresa Cyranek for helping prepare the hall. Proceeds of the Polish Dinner go toward the operation of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and the Piast Polish Folk Dance Ensemble. Congratulations to teachers and parents for a very successful project. Look forward to next year's feast.

PALM SUNDAY

On March 28, students from PRCUA's Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School presented the Palm Sunday Mass program at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Cleveland's Slavic Village. Dressed in costumes of various regions of Poland, the children presented a colorful tableau as they led the congregation through the religious ceremony. Most impressive was the procession after the blessing of palms. The children carried palms from Poland, which are decorated pussy willow branches with colorful straw flowers.

From the opening welcome to the closing hymn, the boys and girls of PRCUA's Polish School in Cleveland conducted the parts of the Mass

designated for the laity. Readings, with introductions before each, were well presented by a small cadre of children. A sweet voice, with undertones of sadness, introduced the psalm for the Mass. The traditional reading of the Passion was done by four children and the priest celebrant, the Rev. Jerzy Kusy, who read the part of Jesus. It was evident that the youthful voices were well rehearsed, as they read their parts with pride and confidence.

Another group of children read the petitions. Each child spoke clearly and slowly, perfectly intoning the Polish language. Then some of the smallest children presented the gifts of bread and wine to the priest.

From the smiles and pleasant looks, it was quite clear that the congregation appreciated the presentation given by the children. After a sincere "Thank you" from the priest, the entire crowd burst into a long and thunderous round of applause.

Following the Mass, the organist invited other children to join the Polish School in order to participate in future programs.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, PRCUA District 5



Healing the Katyn Wound? (Cont.)

(Continued from page 12)

Polish counterpart Lech Walesa, Medvedev also turned additional Katyn-related files over to Poland and pledged that Russia would continue the declassification process with regards to the remaining files. The families of Stalin's victims are hoping those files will include the names of several thousand slain Polish officers who are still missing and unaccounted for. They are believed by many to lie buried somewhere in Belarus.

The Katyn wound has festered since 1943, when invading Nazi troops found more than 4,400 corpses of murdered Polish officers in the Katyn Forest near Smolensk. Stalin blamed the Germans for the atrocity and, when the London-based Polish Government-in-Exile demanded an international investigation, broke off diplomatic relations with the Poles. For four and a half decades after Stalin imposed a Soviet-style puppet regime upon Poland, Poles were beaten, jailed, fired or otherwise persecuted for questioning the "Katyn Lie" ascribing the crime to the Nazis.

In his address which was to be delivered shortly at a national 70th-anniversary pilgrimage to Katyn, Pres. Kaczynski was to have said: "Concealing the truth about Katyn became a cornerstone of the PRL (Stalin's puppet state officially known as "the Polish People's Republic"). People paid a high price for remembering the truth about Katyn (...) And Katyn has become a painful wound in Polish history, poisoning relations between Poles and Russians. Let us make sure it can finally heal. We are already on that path. We, Poles, appreciate Russia's actions in recent years. We should go further along that path bringing our two nations closer."

Little could he have known that it would take a national tragedy for Moscow to revise its stand on the atrocity. Pres. Medvedev echoed Kaczynski's views, when he called Katyn "an example of the falsification of history." And added: "We, Russians, have done that. (...) If we turn a blind eye to the crimes, they may happen again in the future. These crimes have no expiry date and those who committed them should be punished, no matter how old they are." Although circumstances have forced the change in tactics upon the Kremlin, it may nonetheless help improve two-way relations. But it is naive to believe that Russia has changed its long-term strategy of restoring the prestige, pride and confidence of the big-power status it first achieved under Stalin during and after World War II.

Moscow will probably reject all attempts to equate Katyn with a political crime or genocide. The Kremlin fears that descendants of Katyn victims may demand damages before international tribunals and they could be joined by the families of millions of Ukrainians starved to death in Stalin's artificially-induced 1930s famines. And ethnic Russians themselves might stand up and demand justice, since the majority of those killed or sent to labor camps in Stalin's purges had been their relatives.



"JOIN HANDS DAY" PROJECT IN N.E. OHIO



For the third year in a row, the Join Hands Day project for the fraternal benefit societies of northeast Ohio has been the "Polish Cultural Garden Clean-up" at Cleveland's Rockefeller Park. Join Hands Day, usually held on the first Saturday of May, is a nationwide event, sponsored by the Fraternal Congress of America, to unite young people and adults through volunteerism.

Not only does this project unite young people and adults, it also unites the three fraternals: the Union of Poles Division of the PNA, Polish Women's Alliance, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Mark Relovsky and

Alan Szuflada, PNA Commissioners, Daniel Sasula and his mother Bozena, from the PWA and PRCUA District 5 Director, Mitchell Bienia, pulled together to make this project enjoyable. Since some of the same volunteers participated in previous years, the project took on the atmosphere of a reunion - everyone was happy to see each other.

Mark Relovsky brought the equipment and his truck, to haul away the trash. He also provided coffee and doughnuts for everyone. Thank you very much, Mark. The others, armed with work gloves and rakes, spread out in the garden to sweep, rake, gather twigs and pull weeds. Indeed, a spirit



of camaraderie held all volunteers together as they made light of the work.

The reason the Polish Cultural Garden at Rockefeller Park has been chosen as the clean-up site for Join Hands Day is that a wreath-laying ceremony takes place there, usually on the first Sunday of May, as part of Polish Constitution Day celebrations. The garden is usually filled with debris that accumulates during the winter months. The clean-up project is a community service for the neighborhood; it fulfills the requirements of the Join Hands Day project; and it prepares the site for a Polonia event on the next day.

Volunteers were surprised this year to find that the hardest part of the work was already done by whom, we do not know. It was a pleasure to put finishing touches on the garden. It was gratifying to stand back when the job was done, and admire the beautiful Polish Cultural Garden.

A huge and sincere thanks is extended to all who volunteered to make the Polish Cultural Garden a welcoming place in the City of Cleveland.

By Mitchell Bienia, PRCUA Director, District # 5



**Zapraszamy Towarzystwa ZPRKA
do umieszczania ogłoszeń**

Zachęcamy wszystkie Towarzystwa ZPRKA do zamieszczania ogłoszeń w książce pamiątkowej 60. Sejmu ZPRKA.
Zamieszczenie ogłoszenia w książce pamiątkowej pokaże, iż Towarzystwa biorą swój aktywny udział w życiu Dystryktu i wyrażają poparcie dla Sejmu ZPRKA.

**Do 1 lipca można nadsyłać
podania o stypendia ZPRKA**

Stypenia przyznawane będą na rok szkolny 20010-2011 dla studentów na studiach tzw. undergraduate, graduate i professional. Studenci mogą się ubiegać o stypendium każdego roku przez 3 lata z kolei, każdego roku muszą składać nowe podanie. Stypendia przyznawane są na kierunki i do szkół wymienionych w podaniu (aplikacji).

Rozpatrywane będą podania, które napłyną do ZPRKA wraz z odpisem stopni studenta i pracą pisemną, z datą stempla pocztowego do **1 lipca 2010 r.**

Aby się kwalifikować do otrzymania stypendium ZPRKA, studenci muszą spełniać poniższe wymagania:

1. być członkiem ZPRKA przez okres co najmniej 5 lat i posiadać stałe ubezpieczenie na życie w ZPRKA na sumę nie mniejszą niż \$5 000; lub być członkiem ZPRKA co najmniej 4 lata i posiadać ubezpieczenie na sumę \$15 000; lub być członkiem ZPRKA przez co najmniej 3 lata i posiadać ubezpieczenie na życie na sumę \$25 000; musi także mieć opłacone na czas wszystkie składki członkowskie;
2. mieć ukończony z pozytywnymi ocenami pierwszy rok (freshman) studiów licencjackich (undergraduate) przed terminem nadsyłania podań; odpis ocen studenta musi być przesłany przez szkołę bezpośrednio do ZPRKA przed 1 lipca;
3. być studentem w pełnym wymiarze godzin w programie undergraduate (minimum 12 godzin dla studentów studiów dziennych i 8 godz. dla studentów studiów wieczorowych), lub w pełnym lub niepełnym wymiarze godzin w programie magisterskim (graduate) albo studiów zawodowych (professional);
4. mieć średnią ocen GPA przynajmniej 2.5 (w skali 4.0), lub przynajmniej 3.5 (w skali 5.0).
5. musi utrzymać polisę ubezpieczeniową i opłacać wszystkie składki przez okres przynajmniej 5 lat od chwili uzyskania ostatniej pomocy finansowej;
6. student musi być obywatelem lub stałym rezydentem USA;
7. student musi napisać i przesłać esej o długości do 500 słów na temat wyznaczony przez ZPRKA.

Decyzja o przyznaniu stypendiów podjęta zostanie przez niezależny od ZPRKA komitet stypendialny, składający się z przedstawicieli szkolnictwa, biznesu, instytucji prawnych. Wszystkie decyzje podjęte przez komitet będą niepodważalne.

Stypendia zostaną przyznane na podstawie ocen studenta oraz na podstawie jego zaangażowania w życie społeczne, zainteresowania pozalekcyjne i plany na przyszłość.

Wszyscy studenci, którzy otrzymają stypendia, mogą się również ubiegać o pożyczki na studia oferowane przez ZPRKA.

Podania będą rozpatrywane anonimowo - nadesłane podania i prace pisemne zostaną opatrzone numerami, komitet stypendialny otrzyma tylko te dokumenty, które nie będą zawierały danych osobistych i na tej podstawie będzie podejmowana decyzja; również odpis ocen studenta będzie opatrzony numerem i w takiej formie będzie rozpatrywany.

ZPRKA zastrzega sobie prawo do zmiany zasad i wymagań jak również do ewentualnego wycofania programu stypendialnego.

**Terminy nadsyłania artykułów
do “Narodu Polskiego” na 2010 r.**

Data publikacji	Termin nadsyłania artykułów
1 lipca	wtorek, 15 czerwca
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1 września	wtorek, 17 sierpnia
1 października	wtorek, 14 września

Z HISTORII SEJMÓW ZPRKA

Mszą św. w kościele św. Stanisława w Milwaukee, WI, rozpoczął obrady w dniu 6 października 1933 r. 33. Sejm ZPRKA. Mszę św. celebrował J.E. bp Rohde, we koncelebrze uczestniczył również arcybiskup Sebastian G. Messmer.

Sejm obradował w Domu Polskim im. T. Kościuszki. Bezpośrednio przed otwarciem obrad, tłumnie wymaszerowano do pomnika Kościuszki w Parku Kościuszki, gdzie Zjednoczeńcy złożyli wieniec pod pomnikiem.

Marszałkiem Sejmu wybrano sędziego Ignacego F. Dankowskiego z Chicago, sekretarzami: Józefa A. Dumanowskiego i Franciszka Czaję. Obecnych było 400 posłów.

W godzinach wieczornych pierwszego dnia Sejmu Towarzystwo Śpiewu Harmonja wystawiło w sali sejmowej operetkę pt. “Zemsta nietoperza”.

Najważniejszymi sprawami organizacyjnymi w czasie obrad 33. Sejmu były projekty: Osad i Gniazd Dziecięcych, założenia nowej drukarni Zjednoczenia i wydawania dziennika oraz przejęcia przez ZPRKA na własność Polskiego Domu Emigracyjnego św. Józefa w Nowym Jorku i inne.

Projekt stworzenia Osad w całej organizacji został zaaprobowany przez Sejm. Pierwsze Osady powstały samoistnie w Buffalo, NY i zostały założone już w 1908 r. przez tamtejsze towarzystwa. Ideę tą przejęły towarzystwa z Nowej Anglii, Massachusetts (gdzie nazywano je Łączność), Connecticut (pod nazwą Gmina) i Pensylwanii. Jako cele Osad Sejm określił: “obrona Zjednoczenia na polu religijnym i narodowym, szerzenie braterskiej jedności i solidarności i podtrzymanie ducha narodowego przez oświatę, wspólne obchody narodowe i dążenie do zacieśniania węzłów braterskich wśród Polaków w okolicy oraz zakładanie nowych towarzystw ZPRKA i wspieranie potrzebujących członków ZPRKA.

Zaprobowany został też projekt Gniazd Dziecięcych - do Gniazd można było zapisywać dzieci od 9 do 13 lat za opłatą 5 centów miesięcznie. W wieku 14 lat dzieci stawały się członkami ZPRKA, a wpłacone pieniądze miały zostać w całości przełane na opłatę wstępnego i asesmentu. Opiekunami Gniazd zostały Osady.

33. Sejm uchwalił również założenie drukarni Zjednoczenia, jednak nie zaaprobowano idei wydawania własnego dziennika (która została poddana pod głosowanie).

Odrzucono również projekt przejęcia na własność Domu Emigracyjnego św. Józefa, uznano bowiem, że finansowo przedsięwzięcie to byłoby zbyt ryzykowne.

Sejm uchwalił również następujące projekty:

- zwiększenie liczby dyrektorów z Chicago z 6 do 9, z czego dwa miejsca zarezerwowano dla kobiet;
- wprowadzono prawybory dla uproszczenia procedury sejmowej;
- doradca prawny, lekarz i redaktor mieli być odtąd wybierani przez Sejmy (a nie mianowani przez zarząd);
- z funduszu żelaznego Wydziału Pomocy Naukowej przeznaczono po 1/3 na założenie drukarni i biblioteki;
- wyrażono zgodę na umieszczenie w Domu Zjednoczenia portretów ks. Wincentego Barzyńskiego, ks. Jana Radziejewskiego i ks. Teodora Gieryka - dla uczczenia ich zasług;
- zniesiono ostatecznie zastępstwa reprezentacji jakie towarzystwa, nie mogące wysłać własnych delegatów na Sejm, nadawały delegatom innych towarzystw;
- oddano do użytku Polskiej Rady Narodowej w Ameryce fundusze zbierane na Związek Jedności;
- uchwalono dobrowolny podatek na “rzeczą obrony Ojczyzny” (zostawiając ostateczną względem tego decyzję poszczególnym towarzystwom);
- wyasygnowano \$1 tys. na powodzian w Galicji oraz \$50 dla sierocińców polskich w Ameryce.

W skład zarządu ZPRKA wybrani zostali: Piotr Rostenkowski - prezes, dr. Antoni Rusin - wiceprezes, Jan S. Konopa - sekretarz generalny, Leon Zamorski - skarbnik, ks. Franciszek Wojtalewicz, ks. Władysław Bobkiewicz i ks. Bolesław Puchalski - kapelani. S. Walkowiak został mianowany adwokatem ZPRKA, dr. Jan J. Nowakowski - lekarzem, Franciszek S. Baré - redaktorem. Dyrektorami zostali: Stanisław Godzich, Teofil Weyna, Józef Pionke, Józef J. Baré, Stanisław Lachajczak, Franciszka Czaja, Marta Żolińska, Franciszek Kiołbassa, Jan Józwiak, Jan Świdorski, Józef Ruszkiewicz i Władysław Przybyliński. Marja Osuch została reprezentantką spraw kobiecych, a Franciszka Nowakowska - wicereprezentantką.

Na podstawie książki Mieczysława Haimana pt. “Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce”

Zdjęcie uczestników 33. Sejmu ZPRKA, który obradował w 1913 r. w Milwaukee, WI.



KALENDARZ na MAJ i CZERWIEC

♦ DOROCZNY PIKNIK TOWARZYSTWA #1622 IM. MARII KONOPNICKIEJ ZPRKA - 6 czerwca 2010 r. Początek o 12 w południe, Buffalo Woods, 87th Steet i Kean Ave., Platforma #3. Zapraszamy wszystkich do wspólnej zabawy na świeżym powietrzu. Gry sportowe - Loterie - Gry dla dzieci oraz wiele innych niespodzianek!!! Kuchnia obficie zaopatrzona, napoje gazowane i piwo do nabycia. Cały dochód jest przeznaczony na fundusz stypendialny dla absolwentów szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej. Dodatkowe informacje: Edward Muszalski (708) 599-9246 lub John Frankowicz (708) 598-5171

♦ DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA - niedziela, 13 czerwca 2010 r. o godz. 12 w południe w Klasztorze OO. Salwatorianów, 5755 Pennsylvania Str., Merrillville, IN 46410. Po mszy św. lunch w Patio Restaurant, 7706 Broadway, Merrillville, IN. Lunch - \$25.00 od osoby. Gospodarzem tegorocznej uroczystości jest Dystr. 9 ZPRKA. Rezerwacje - do 4 lipca. Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: PRCUA District 9 i przysłać na adres: Elizabeth Sadus, 847 Marian Way, Chicago Hts., IL 60411. Informacje: (708) 481-6796.

♦ TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI DLA DZIECI I MŁODZIEŻY - Sobota, 19 czerwca 2010 r. Rejestracja 10 rano, początek rozgrywek - 10:30. Stardust Bowl, 37 East Lorraine Ave., Addison, IL Dzieci i młodzież w wieku 4-16 lat, którzy są członkami ZPRKA - wstęp darmo. Dziadkowie i dorośli oraz dzieci i młodzież w wieku 4-15 lat, nie będący członkami ZPRKA - \$10.00. W cenę wliczone: wypożyczenie butów, pizza i napoje gazowane. Rezerwacje i wymagane opłaty muszą być dokonane do 14 czerwca 2010 r. W sprawie rezerwacji i informacji prosimy dzwonić pod numer: (773) 782-2601

♦ OBIAD “DOCENIAMY NASZĄ MŁODZIEŻ” - ZBIÓRKA PIENIĘDZY NA STYPENDIA FUNDUSZU EDUKACYJNEGO ZPRKA - środa, 23 czerwca 2010 r. w sali bankietowej White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. Wstęp - godz. 18, obiad - godz. 19. W czasie obiadu wyróżniony zostanie Tom Zbikowski, gwiazda football’u amerykańskiego, członek ZPRKA oraz byli stypendyści, którzy otrzymali wsparcie finansowe z Funduszu Edukacyjnego ZPRKA. Zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału wszystkich, którzy dostrzegają potrzebę wsparcia zjednoczeniowej młodzieży w zdobyciu wykształcenia. Dochód z obiadu przeznaczony zostanie na Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA, Inc. Po dokładne informacje nt. obiadu i rezerwacje prosimy dzwonić do Alice, tel. 773-782-2600 w. 2610.

♦ TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA odbędzie się 10 lipca w Muskegon, MI. Gospodarzem tegorocznego turnieju będzie Towarzystwo St. Michale Soc. #78 ZPRKA. Turniej odbędzie się w Chase Hammond Golf Club, Putnam Rd w Muskegon. Rozgrywki o godz. 8 i 13. Zawodnicy i goście mogą się zakwaterować w Shoreline Inn & Suites, 750 Terrace Point Blvd w Muskegon (cena pokoju z jednym łóżkiem king/queen - \$109, z dwoma łóżkami queen - \$119, w cenę włączone lekkie śniadanie. Rezerwacji można dokonywać dzwoniąc pod numer (866) 727-8483 (prosimy nadmienić o udziale w turnieju ZPRKA). Rezerwacje muszą być dokonane do 10 czerwca. Formularz rejestracyjny znajduje się na stronie: www.prcua.org, lub można zamówić go dzwoniąc do Departamentu Braterstwa ZPRKA pod numer: 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601.

♦ PIKNIK RODZINNY TOW. ST. STAN. SOC. #718 ZPRKA - Sobota, 31 lipca w godzinach od 12 w południe do 8 wieczorem w Helms Haven (Hines Park). Wejście na zachód od Ourter Drive na południowej stronie Hines Park. Członków Towarzystwa i ich rodziny zapraszamy do wspólnego spędzenia popołudnia - gry, zabawy, różnego rodzaju atrakcje, jedzenie i napoje. Informacje: Denny i Tina Churchvara (313) 561-7464.

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Konkurs na pracę pisemną dla dorosłych

ZPRKA ogłasza konkurs na prace pisemne dla dorosłych. Temat pracy: “Z przeszłości do przyszłości - jak ZPRKA przechowuje tradycje naszych przodków” (From the Past to the Future - How the PRCUA keeps our Forefather’s Tradition alive). W konkursie udział mogą wziąć członkowie ZPRKA w wieku 16 lat i starsi. Ponieważ w tym roku obchodzimy 137. rocznicę istnienia naszej organizacji, zwycięzca otrzyma 3 nagrody o ogólnej wartości \$137.00 - w tym \$75.00, książkę Johna Radziłowskiego pt. “The Eagle and the Cross - History of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America” (wartości \$25.00) oraz książkę Józefa Żurawskiego pt. “Polish Chicago: Our History - Our Recipes” (wartości \$37.00).

Zainteresowani wzięciem udziału w konkursie powinni przesłać pracę pisemną na powyższy temat, o maksymalnej długości dwóch stron (pismem odręcznym lub na maszynie - z podwójnymi odstępami), na adres redakcji. Prosimy autora pracy o zamieszczenie swojego nazwiska, dokładnego adresu, numeru telefonu i numeru Towarzystwa ZPRKA, do którego należy. Prace mogą być napisane w języku angielskim lub polskim i dostarczone drogą pocztową, przez e-mail lub osobiście. Członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA, pracownicy ZPRKA, dyrektorzy szkółek i choreografowie szkółek tańca ZPRKA nie mogą brać udziału w konkursie. Członkowie zarządów Towarzystw, nauczyciele i choreografowie pomocniczy, agenci ubezpieczeniowi mogą brać udział. Prosimy o nadsyłanie prac do biura głównego ZPRKA na adres: Narod Polski Editor, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 lub na adres: narod.polski@prcu.org. Wszystkie prace muszą zostać nadesłane do piątku, 23 lipca 2010 r.

Uwaga: Potwierdzimy nadesłanie wszystkich prac. Jeżeli praca zostanie wysłana drogą e-mailową, i nie otrzymacie potwierdzenia w ciągu 3 dni od wysłania pracy, prosimy o skontaktowanie się z redakcją pod numer: 1-800-772-8632 w. 2640.

Konkurs artystyczny dla dzieci

Z okazji 60. Sejmu ZPRKA zapraszamy członków ZPRKA w wieku od lat 6 do 15 do wzięcia udziału w konkursie na prace artystyczne pt. Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzysmo Katolickie w Ameryce : przeszłość, terażniejszość, przyszłość” (The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America: Past, Present, and Future).

Wszystkie prace zostaną wystawione w hotelu Rosemont Hotel at O’Hare, w czasie obrad 60 Sejmu ZPRKA w dniach 8-11 sierpnia 2010 r. - tym sposobem zademonstrujemy aktywny udział naszej młodzieży w życiu Zjednoczenia.

Prace oceniane będą w trzech kategoriach wiekowych: 6-8 lat, 9-12 lat, 13-15 lat. Zwycięzcy I i II miejsc w poszczególnych kategoriach wiekowych otrzymają nagrody w wysokości \$50 i \$25. Praca może być wykonana w dowolnym wymiarze (nie przekraczająca jednak rozmiaru plakatu (poster) i może być wykonana dowolną techniką. Prosimy o dołączenie do pracy nazwiska, adresu, numeru telefonu dziecka oraz numeru Towarzystwa ZPRKA, do którego należy. Wszystkie prace muszą być nadesłane do piątku, 23 lipca 2010 roku do biura głównego ZPRKA na adres: Narod Polski Editor, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101.

“Ekologiczny konkurs” dla Towarzystw ZPRKA

Towarzystwo, w którym pomiędzy 1 marca 2010 r. i dniem rozpoczęcia 60. Sejmu ZPRKA 8 sierpnia 2010 r., największa ilość członków zamieni prenumeratę “Narodu Polskiego” z papierowej na elektroniczną, otrzyma nagrodę w wysokości \$137 (kwota \$137 jest symboliczną, 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 subscription” (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.

ORGANIZACJE POLONIJNE ZAPRASZAJĄ NA:**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**

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Prosimy o dokonanie rezerwacji do poniedziałku, 21 czerwca 2010 r.**Bilety na obie imprezy można zakupić dzwoniąc do:****Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymo 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****Organizacje polonijne w Chicago
pożegnały biskupa Paprockiego**

Bp. Paprocki i koncelebranci:
proboszcz bazyliki św. Jacka ks. Michał
Osuch (l) i proboszcz parafii św.
Konstancji ks. Tadeusz Dzieszko (r).

Chicago, IL - W czasie uroczystej mszy św. w poniedziałek, 17 maja 2010 r. w kościele św. Konstancji, przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych pożegnali JE. biskupa pomocniczego Archidiecezji Chicago, ks. Tomasza Paprockiego, który otrzymał nominację na biskupa Archidiecezji Springfield, IL.

Koncelebransami mszy św. byli proboszcz parafii św. Konstancji w Chicago, ks. Tadeusz Dzieszko i proboszcz bazyliki św. Jacka w Chicago, ks. Michał Osuch i

grupa około 30 księży z różnych parafii z archidiecezji chicagowskiej.

W czasie mszy ks. Osuch i ks. Dzieszko podziękowali JE. biskupowi za dotychczasową posługę na rzecz Polonii i życzyli mu wszelkich łask w Archidiecezji Springfield.

Biskup Paprocki podziękował uczestnikom pożegnalnej mszy św. oraz całej Polonii, zapewnił o swojej pamięci i udzielił zebrany błogosławieństwa.

Po mszy św. grupa gości udała się do sali parafialnej, gdzie mogli jeszcze raz spotkać się z biskupem nominatem przy kawie i poczęstunku. Biskup Paprocki otrzymał szereg życzeń od przedstawicieli organizacji polonijnych oraz od przedstawiciela Konsulatu RP w Chicago.



Podziękowania i życzenia
przekazał m.in. konsul
Grzegorz Morawski.



Biskup Nominat z księżmi asystującymi we mszy
oraz przedstawicielami organizacji polonijnych.



Składanie darów
mszalnych - prezes
ZPRKA Wallace Ozog
(p).

Zachowajmy pamięć o dorobku Polonii

Wszyscy zauważamy liczne zmiany w naszym życiu i otoczeniu. Szybko upływa czas, szybciej niż dawniej przebiegają też liczne zmiany i procesy w życiu społecznym. Zmienia się Polonia, dawne dzielnice czy miasta uważane za typowo polskie, dzisiaj wyludniają się. Pozostają opuszczone domy, chylące się do upadku polskie parafie i szkoły. Jedynie w wielkich aglomeracjach miejskich, do których nadal licznie przybywają emigranci z Polski, sytuacja jest lepsza. Słabnie także działalność wielu organizacji polonijnych, głównie kombatanckich oraz ściśle związanych z polskimi parafiami. W wielu wypadkach, po zamknięciu parafii, niszczone polskie kościoły lub są sprzedawane innym wyznaniom. Często po nich nie pozostaje później żaden ślad. Szkoda, że tak się dzieje. Skoro nie możemy zatrzymać tych procesów integracyjnych i asymilacyjnych, to przynajmniej postarajmy się, by zachować pamięć i zabezpieczyć jak najwięcej materiałów i informacji o ich istnieniu i działalności.

W Orchard Lake, przy Polskim Seminarium Duchownym śś. Cyryla i Metodego, istnieje Centralne Archiwum Polonii. Od lat gromadzone są w nim dokumenty i inne materiały dotyczące polskich parafii i organizacji polonijnych. Wielkie zasługi w tym dziele ma ks. Prałat Roman Nir, dotychczasowy archiwista.



Przenoszenie archiwum.

Teraz materiały te są porządkowane i opracowywane według najnowszych metod i środków stosowanych w archiwach. Zostaną sporządzone spisy i inwentarze (katalogi), które po wpisaniu do Zintegrowanego Systemu Informacji Archiwalnej, będą dostępne przez internet dla wszystkich zainteresowanych. Zamierzamy skanować wiele najważniejszych dokumentów i umieszczać je we wspomnianym systemie, aby bez konieczności przyjazdu do naszego archiwum, można było się z nimi zapoznać.

Od kilku miesięcy dyr. Archiwum jest ks. Dr Stanisław Flis. W Orchard Lake pracuje od 1986 roku. Początkowo zajmował się głównie rekrutacją studentów z Polski do naszego seminarium. Był też jednym z wychowawców, prowadził wykłady z teologii pastoralnej oraz na temat akulturacji i inkulturacji studentów z Polski. Od 10-ciu lat jest także dyr. Polsko Amerykańskiego Centrum Liturgicznego i wydawcą mszalika Pan z Wami oraz materiałów homiletycznych dla księży - Słowo i Liturgia. Prace na wszystkich stanowiskach zawsze wypełniał bardzo rzetelnie i z największym poświęceniem. Zostało to zauważone i uhonorowane przez Stowarzyszenie Księży Polsko Amerykańskich (PAPA), które w dniu 16 kwietnia 2010 r., na zakończenie swojego ogólnokrajowego zjazdu, przyznało mu nagrodę im. Ksiedza Leopolda Moczygemby. Jest to najwyższe odznaczenie, które nadawane jest za pracę na rzecz Polonii i duszpasterstwa polonijnego.

Składając podziękowanie i gratulacje, wyrażamy też radość i nadzieję, że nadal będą gromadzone i właściwie zabezpieczone materiały dotyczące polskich parafii i Polonii amerykańskiej. Ks. Stanisław Flis pragnie zaapelować do wszystkich polskich księży i działaczy polonijnych, aby podjęli ten wysiłek zabezpieczenia pamięci o wielkim dorobku Polonii. Prosimy o współpracę, o przysyłanie do naszego archiwum ksiąg jubileuszowych, zdjęć kościołów i zabudowań parafialnych, opisów i dokumentów z działalności polskich organizacji, zdjęć i opisów zachowywanych polskich zwyczajów i tradycji, obchodzonych świąt narodowych itd. W archiwum naszym zachowamy także spisane wspomnienia i pamiątki osób prywatnych, płyty, nagrania oraz filmy dotyczące życia i zwyczajów polonijnych. Nie przechowujemy w archiwum książek oraz przedmiotów i innych pamiątek znacznych rozmiarów. Książki przekazujemy do naszej biblioteki, a pamiątki i inne nadesłane przedmioty lub obrazy umieszczamy w naszych muzeach lub galerii sztuki.

Seminarium Polskie śś. Cyryla i Metodego obchodzi w tym roku jubileusz 125-lecia. Główne uroczystości jubileuszowe odbędą się 22 lipca, 2010. Serdecznie na nie zapraszamy całą Polonię. Jest to przepiękne dzieło naszych przodków, świadectwo ich wiary i poświęcenia, obecnie jedyna tak wielka instytucja polonijna. W niej odnajdujemy przeszłość i teraźniejszość Polonii, wczoraj i nasze jutro na ziemi amerykańskiej. Niech więc te myśli nas łączą i zachęcają do ofiarności i troski o nią, aby przez następne lata mogła jeszcze lepiej służyć Kościołowi i Polonii amerykańskiej.

**Instruktorzy tańca ludowego
i choreografowie poszukiwani na Florydzie**

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

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

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Komitet Task Force



Anna Sokołowska, wiceprezeska

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I stoją całe w kwiatach na powitanie lata.

Napisał: Brzechwa Jan

Pisząc ten artykuł, jeszcze za oknami wiosna, choć powoli małymi krokami zbliża się już lato. Miesiąc czerwiec oznajmia nam początek lata. W pierwszym jego dniu obchodzimy Dzień Dziecka, który jest dla nas sygnałem, że zaczyna się sezon letni w parkach, basenach, na placach zabaw, zapelniają się ogrody zoologiczne i muszle koncertowe. Wszyscy dokładamy starań, aby nasze dzieci fajnie przeżyły to niezapomniane święto. Życzymy zatem, Wszystkim Dzieciom - tym najmłodszym i tym nieco starszym, aby Wasze dzieciństwo było jak najlepsze i trwało jak najdłużej! Także w czerwcu obchodzimy Dzień Ojca i z okazji tego święta życzymy zdrowia, sił i codziennej radości Wszystkim Ojcom i z wdzięcznością dziękujemy za wszystkie Wasze trudy i starania, za Waszą dobroć.

Podzielię się teraz w skrócie z tym co działo się w Zjednoczeniu w ostatnich miesiącach.

W miesiącu marcu i kwietniu odwiedziłam nasze szkoły j. polskiego oraz zespoły pieśni i tańca na terenie Chicago. Miałam sposobność obserwować próby tańca, porozmawiać z choreografami, instruktorami tańca, gronem pedagogicznym, komitetem rodzicielskim, uczniami oraz z rodzicami. Bardzo serdecznie dziękuję za miłe przyjęcie w sponsorowanych przez nas szkołach i zespołach tanecznych.

W niedzielę, 21 marca odbył się uroczysty bankiet z okazji jubileuszu 10-cio lecia istnienia zespołu pieśni i tańca "Polanie". W wypełnionej sali, po smacznym obiedzie, kulminacyjnym punktem uroczystego popołudnia był występ roztańczonych tancerzy tego zespołu. Każda grupa wiekowa w barwnych strojach zaprezentowała urozmaicony repertuar z różnych regionów Polski. W czasie bankietu gościnnie wystąpił zespół pieśni i tańca "Wesoły Lud". Serdeczne gratulacje należą się choreografom i nauczycielom tańca tego zespołu, którzy na przestrzeni 10 lat zbudowali ten zespół - począwszy od pp. Grażyny i Ryszarda Witkowskich, którzy przez lata prowadzili "Kółko artystyczne", potem pod kierownictwem Basi Eckert z pomocą Liz Tomala, Jana Nowickiego, Barbi Skrzypiec, Natalie Rafalo. W ostatnich latach kierownikiem artystycznym i choreografem jest Misia Jamińska z pomocą dwóch choreografów: Virgini Gavaghan-Stekala i Renee Bober oraz asystentów: Mariusza Rozwadowskiego, Patrici Szyriny i Nicole Bober. Dziękujemy wszystkim choreografom, nauczycielom tańca, rodzicom i przyjaciołom zespołu. To dzięki Waszej rzetelnej pracy i poświęceniu wychowujecie młode pokolenie Polonii w bogactwie kultury polskiej. Bardzo serdecznie dziękuję zespołowi "Polanie" za miłe słowa i śliczne kwiaty.

W niedzielę, 28 marca, tak jak tradycyjnie co roku w Niedzielę Palmową, odbyła się doroczna "Święconka", zorganizowana przez Polish Women's Civic Club. Komitet organizacyjny z prezeską p. Anną Burzycki, włożył dużo pracy, aby ta uroczystość nie tylko odbyła się w eleganckim lokalu, ale też zgromadziła jak najwięcej gości. Wszystkie dzieci, a między innymi nasza wnuczka Aurora, otrzymały od zajączka koszyczki, a dorośli mogli wygrać gustownie przybrane koszyczki z prezentami. Cały dochód z tego spotkania został przeznaczony na stypendia.



Koncert zespołu "Polanie".



Święconka Wydziału Kobiet ZPRKA.

W niedzielę, 11 kwietnia odbyła się doroczna "Święconka" Wydziału Kobiet na Stany Illinois/Indiana ZPRKA, która zorganizowana została przez Dystrykt #9 w Munster, Indiana. Uroczystość rozpoczęliśmy mszą św. modląc się za zmarłych, którzy zginęli pod Smoleńskiem. Następnie udaliśmy się do sali bankietowej na tradycyjny świąteczny posiłek. Po czym zespół pieśni i tańca "Mały Śląsk" miał wystąpić ze swoim wiosennym repertuarem. Ze względu na tragedię pod Smoleńskiem, planowany występ się nie odbył, a został dostosowany do powagi sytuacji. Tancerze zespołu zapalili świece i wszyscy dołączyliśmy się do modlitwy. Na zakończenie tancerze odśpiewali patriotyczne polskie pieśni.



Akademia przygotowana przez Szkołę im. Konopnickiej w 5 rocznicę śmierci Jana Pawła II.

Wojtyły, od Wadowic aż do Rzymu. Wspominali o tym wielkim i wspaniałym Polaku, orędowniku młodzieży, ukochanym Ojcu wszystkich ludzi, o jego pielgrzymkach. Uczniowie recytowali wiersze i śpiewali pieśni. Uroczystość uświetnili swoją obecnością uczniowie, grono nauczycielskie szkoły, rodzice oraz zaproszeni goście. Razem ze wszystkimi zgromadzonymi w skupieniu, zadumie i w modlitwie przeżywaliśmy kolejną rocznicę śmierci Papieża-Polaka. Następnie minutą ciszy i modlitwą uczciliśmy najważniejszych przedstawicieli Polski, którzy zginęli w katastrofie pod Smoleńskiem. Wszystkim, którzy przygotowali i wzięli udział w tej akademii, przede wszystkim wychowawczyni klasy 5-tej p. Lilli Czajczyk, serdeczne Bóg Zapłać.

W niedzielę, 18 kwietnia odbył się bankiet z okazji 25-lecia istnienia Południowo Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców. Wielki i znakomity koncert tego zespołu odbył się 13 marca - pisałam o nim w poprzednim numerze. Na bankiecie odbył się występ choreografów i instruktorów tańca - byli wspaniali! Tancerze otrzymali nagrody i specjalne laurki. Całemu zespołowi gratuluję wspaniałego jubileuszu. Specjalne podziękowania dla dyrekcji, choreografów i instruktorów tańca, jesteśmy Wam wdzięczni i dumni, że na przestrzeni 25 lat z poświęceniem, w tym zakątku świata, troszczycie się o kształtowanie w sercach naszych dzieci i młodzieży umiłowania dla polskich tańców ludowych. Życzymy, aby działalność Waszej grupy tanecznej odbiła się wielkim echem i była kontynuowana przez wiele kolejnych lat. Osobiście, serdecznie dziękuję za miłe słowa, za prezent i kwiaty.



Bankiet Południowo Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców.

W godzinach wieczornych, 18 kwietnia, w kościele katedralnym naszej Archidiecezji - Holy Name Cathedral - w czasie specjalnego nabożeństwa żałobnego, żegnaliśmy prezydenta RP Lecha Kaczyńskiego i jego żonę Marię oraz wszystkie ofiary tragicznego lotu do Katynia. Katedra była wypełniona po brzegi, tłumy stały również na zewnątrz, bo nie było już miejsca w środku. Nabożeństwo prowadził biskup Tomasz Paprocki z udziałem kardynała Francis George, biskupów i licznych polonijnych proboszczów i duszpasterzy. Na zakończenie nabożeństwa kard. Francis George przekazał całemu narodowi polskiemu, Polonii kondolencje, a wierni zaśpiewali pieśń "Boże coś Polskę". Muszę dodać, że nabożeństwo było bardzo wzruszające.

W dniach 23-25 kwietnia w Plymouth, Michigan odbył się 73. Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA (Bowling Tournament). Gospodarzem tegorocznego turnieju było Tow. St. Stans #718. Serdeczne podziękowania dla Towarzystwa #718 z prezesem Jerry Nasiatka i dla całego komitetu, który włożył bardzo dużo pracy i czasu, aby przygotować ten turniej. Turniej wypadł doskonale, uczestnicy byli zadowoleni i zachwyceni gościnnością. Pragnę także podziękować państwu Lillian i Ralph Stempińskim, ich synom Paul'owi i Joe oraz mojej sekretarce Mary Jane Robles, za ich wkład i pracę. A dziś już zapraszam na następny rok, tym razem Turniej Kręglarski odbędzie się w Addison, Illinois.



Z turnieju kręglarskiego ZPRKA.

Będąc w stanie Michigan mieliśmy sposobność uczestniczyć w koncercie zespołu Rogalin. Zespół przygotował wiązanek tańców ludowych z paru regionów Polski oraz specjalny program poświęcony niedawno zmarłemu Michaelowi Jacksonowi. Ci młodzi tancerze pokazali swoje umiejętności i możliwości. Kolorowe kostiumy i dynamiczne ruchy ożywiły i zachwyciły publiczność, która wynagrodziła ich gromkimi brawami. Serdeczne podziękowania dla dyrektora zespołu Rogalin, pani Michelle Stechschulte, choreografa p. Janet Vilag i instruktora tańca p. Melissy Stepaniak za zaproszenie oraz za ich pracę. Gratulujemy!

W słoneczną sobotę, 1 maja polonijna społeczność z Chicago i okolic obchodziła 219.

rocznicę uchwalenia Konstytucji 3 Maja. Konstytucja 3 Maja była pierwszą w Europie, a drugą po Stanach Zjednoczonych konstytucją na świecie. 219 lat temu był to wielki dzień w życiu Narodu Polskiego tak jak i dzisiaj my Polacy nie tylko w Polsce, ale rozsiani po świecie, uroczyste obchodzimy dzień 3-ego Maja jako Święto Narodowe.

Zwykle to święto wypełnione jest radosnymi wiwatami i skoczną muzyką, a w tym roku ze względu na dramat katastrofy 10 kwietnia pod Smoleńskiem, obchody miały szczególny charakter. Ta rocznica różniła się od poprzednich, nie było długich przemówień. Zmarły tragicznie prezydent RP Lech Kaczyński i jego żona Maria mieli w planie obchodzić to święto - symbol wolności i niepodległości - razem z Polonią w Chicago.

Uroczystości 3-cio Majowe zaczęły się już w piątek, 30 kwietnia, kiedy to gubernator stanu Illinois, Patrick Quinn, przyjął w swoim chicagowskim biurze przedstawicieli władz organizacji polonijnych, konsula generalnego RP w Chicago, Zygmunta Matynię, przedstawicieli Gwardii Narodowej stanu Illinois oraz specjalnie zaproszonych gości. Spotkanie uczciliśmy minutą ciszy i oddaniem hołdu ofiarom katastrofy. Gubernator nawiązał w swoim przemówieniu do smoleńskiej tragedii i do Katynia, powiedział, że tegoroczny wypadek, który się wydarzył dotknął i wstrząsnął nami wszystkimi w Stanach Zjednoczonych, w Polsce, jak i na całym świecie. Wspominał też jak bardzo mieszkańcy stanu Illinois są związani kulturalnie, naukowo i gospodarczo z Polską. Podkreślił także, że polscy żołnierze wspierają Amerykanów w Iraku i w Afganistanie, a od 2003 r. Gwardia Narodowa Illinois współpracuje z polskim wojskiem.

Następnego dnia po złożeniu kwiatów pod pomnikiem Tadeusza Kościuszki w Chicago, odbyła się Parada 3-cio Majowa w śródmieściu Chicago. Wielkim Marszałkiem Parady był Stanisław Zagata, prezes Związku Podhalan w Ameryce. Wicemarszałkami byli: Barbara Poniatowska Ciepela z ramienia Związku Harcerstwa Polskiego oraz weterani II wojny światowej. W obchodach wziął udział burmistrz Chicago Richard Daley, prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej Frank Spula, konsul generalny RP Zygmunt Matynia oraz lokalni politycy i liczni przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych wraz z delegacją z Katowic. Hasło tegorocznej parady brzmiało: "Fryderyk Chopin darem Polski dla świata".

W cieniu katastrofy pod Smoleńskiem, tegoroczny pochód rozpoczął się oddaniem hołdu ofiarom, które zginęły 10 kwietnia i uczczeniem ich minutą ciszy. Bardzo wzruszający był marsz harcerzy niosących portrety osób, które zginęły w tej tragedii. W całej parady było widać białe-czerwone flagi przepasane czarnym kirem. W tym roku Renee Bober, członkini naszej organizacji, a zarazem tancerka zespołu pieśni i tańca Wesoły Lud oraz choreografka zespołu pieśni i tańca Polanie, miała zaszczyt odśpiewania hymnów na podium przed paradą. W parady wzięło udział przeszło 100 polonijnych organizacji, firm i przedsiębiorstw, ponadto dużo polskich sobotnich szkół i zespołów tanecznych. Naszą organizację reprezentowały zespoły pieśni i tańca oraz polskie szkoły: Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Wesoły Lud, Południowo Zachodnie Centrum Polskich Tańców, Szkoła im. Jana Pawła II i Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Polanie z Lemont i Romeoville, Szkoła św. Rafała Kalinowskiego oraz Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Mały Śląsk z Munster, IN, Szkoła im. Marii Konopnickiej z Chicago i Oak Lawn. Udział wzięła również Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych im. Marii Konopnickiej z Kopcuszkim i Księciem wraz z orszakiem. W pochodzie uczestniczyła też nasza organizacja z prezesem i wiceprezesami na czele oraz naszymi pracownikami i członkami naszej organizacji. Wszystkim, którzy wzięli udział w parady oraz Renee Bober serdecznie dziękujemy! Po parady w parku "Millenium" odbył się wspólny koncert zatytułowany "Chicago dla Polski", poświęcony pamięci prezydenta RP Lecha Kaczyńskiego i jego żony Marii, z udziałem solistów z Opery Bałtyckiej i Teatru Wielkiego z Łodzi. W sobotę i niedzielę w Centrum Kopernikowskim trwał Festiwal "3 Majówka" z udziałem licznej grupy artystów z Polski i Ameryki.

KONDOLENCJE

Ze smutkiem przyjęliśmy wiadomość, że zmarł Jan Augustyniak, ojciec Marii Jalkiewicz, dyrektorki zespołu tanecznego "Polskie Maki". Całej rodzinie zmarłego składamy kondolencje, łącząc się w ból i smutek. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać Panie, a światłość wiekuista niechaj Mu świeci. Niech spoczywa w pokoju na wieki wieków. Amen.

GRATULACJE

Z radością otrzymaliśmy wiadomość, że Kasia Budzyń (sekretatka p. Szarowicz) w poniedziałek 10 maja urodziła śliczną, zdrową córeczkę Hannę (Hanię). Szczęśliwym Rodzicom - Kasi i Wojtkowi Budzyń - gratulujemy i z całego serca życzymy Wam, aby Wasza córeczka chowała się w zdrowiu i radości. Życzymy by Wasze dzieci - córeczka Hania i synek Szymek - byli dla Was radością i światłem na całej drodze życia.

ŻYCZENIA

Szybkiego powrotu do zdrowia życzymy pani Cecylii Rożnowskiej oraz panom Ralph'owi Stempińskiemu i Lucjanowi Rozwadowskiemu.

Z okazji zakończenia roku szkolnego wszystkim nauczycielom i uczniom życzymy słonecznych i bezpiecznych wakacji oraz miłego wypoczynku. Życzę, aby każdy odpoczął od szkoły i nabrał zapału na kolejny rok szkolny za dwa miesiące. Wszystkim, którzy ukończyli szkołę, życzę dużo szczęścia w życiu, radości, uśmiechu na każdy dzień, mnóstwo wiary, wytrwałości i siły oraz samych spokojnych i pełnych sukcesów dalszych lat.

Drodzy Czytelnicy,

Pragnę Was powiadomić, że będę ubiegać się ponownie o urząd wiceprezesa naszej organizacji. Pragnę wyrazić głęboką wdzięczność za dotychczasowe poparcie i współpracę. Życzę przyjemnego lata dla Was wszystkich i życzę owocnych obrad na Sejmie!

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Koncert zespołu
"Rogalin".



Grupy ZPRKA na parady
3-majowej w Chicago.

J.E. APB KOWALCZYK NOWYM PRYMASEM POLSKI

Nuncjusz apostolski w Polsce abp Józef Kowalczyk został mianowany przez papieża Benedykta XVI metropolitą gnieźnieńskim i prymasem Polski.

Zastąpi on na tym stanowisku abp. Henryka Muszyńskiego, którego przedłużona o dwa lata posługa metropolity gnieźnieńskiego i prymasa Polski dobiegła końca. Ojciec Święty Benedykt XVI przyjął jego rezygnację.

Abp Józef Kowalczyk urodził się 28 sierpnia 1938 r. w Jadownikach Mokrych koło Tarnowa jako syn Stanisława i Katarzyny. Ochrzczony został w Wietrzychowicach dnia 4 września 1938 roku. Egzamin maturalny zdał w 1955 r. w Liceum Ogólnokształcącym w Radłowie.

W 1956 r. rozpoczął studia i formację w Wyższym Seminarium Duchownym „Hosianum” w Olsztynie, święcenia kapłańskie przyjął w 1962 r. w Olsztynie. Tego samego roku otrzymał nominację na wikariusza parafii Świętej Trójcy w Kwidzynie. W październiku 1963 r. podjął studia na Wydziale Prawa Kanonicznego Katolickiego uniwersytetu Lubelskiego w Lublinie, a 24 lutego 1965 r. wyjechał do Rzymu, by je kontynuować na Wydziale Prawa Kanonicznego Papieskiego Uniwersytetu Gregoriańskiego.

W Rzymie ukończył też kurs kanonicznej praktyki administracyjnej przy Kongregacji Soboru, w 1967 r. podjął współpracę z Sekretariatem Generalnym Synodu Biskupów w Rzymie oraz uczęszczał na studium przy Tajnym Archiwum Watykańskim. W 1968 r. uzyskał tytuł doktora prawa kanonicznego. W tym samym roku rozpoczął Studium w Rocie Rzymskiej, zakończone tytułem adwokata Roty Rzymskiej (1971).

19 grudnia 1969 r. podjął stałą pracę w Kongregacji ds. Dyscypliny Sakramentów. W tym czasie towarzyszył abp. Luigi Poggi, nuncjuszowi apostolskiemu do spraw specjalnych, w podróżach do Polski (1976-1978) i wszedł w skład Zespołu Stolicy Apostolskiej ds. Stałych Kontaktów roboczych z przedstawicielami rządu PRL. Po wznowieniu 17 lipca 1989 roku stosunków dyplomatycznych między Stolicą Apostolską i Polską został mianowany nuncjuszem apostolskim w Polsce i podniesiony do godności arcybiskupa tytularnego Heraklei. Święcenia biskupie przyjął 20 października 1989 r. w Bazylice św. Piotra z rąk papieża Jana Pawła II.

Ingres nowego prymasa Polski do katedry gnieźnieńskiej odbędzie się 26 czerwca.

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30 BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE



Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 zaprasza swoich Przyjaciół i Sympatyków w piątek, 11 czerwca 2010 roku na 30. Bal Letni, główną imprezę dochodową placówki, która odbędzie się w Hotelu Rosemont at O'Hare pod adresem 5550 North River Road w Rosemont, IL. Bilety w cenie 165 dolarów od osoby. Część opłaty za bilet oraz wszelkie dotacje na rzecz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce można odliczać od podatku. W sprawie rezerwacji prosimy dzwoni do Alicji Dutka 1-847-382-6339.

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Obchody Dnia Konstytucji 3 Maja w Chicago



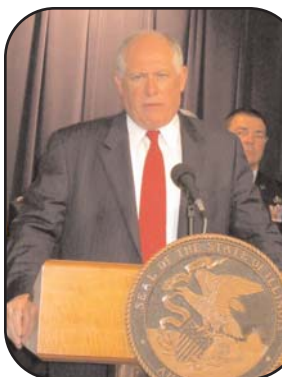
Żołnierze Gwardii Narodowej Illinois obecni na uroczystości oraz weteran, powstaniec warszawski, Bogdan Horoszowski.

gubernatora stanu Illinois.

W tym roku, jak nadmieniał sam gubernator Pat Quinn, była to również bardzo smutna okazja, gdyż uroczystość poświęcona była pamięci prezydenta Lecha Kaczyńskiego, jego małżonki Marii Kaczyńskiej oraz 94 pozostałym ofiarom tragicznej katastrofy samolotowej pod Smoleńskiem. Gubernator przypomniał, że prezydent Kaczyński miał być gościem honorowym tegorocznych obchodów rocznicy Konstytucji 3 Maja oraz wielu uroczystości, które zostały w związku z jego wizytą w Chicago zaplanowane. Dla uczczenia ofiar katastrofy zapalona została świeca, a gubernator poprosił o minutę ciszy.



Konsul generalny RP Zygmun Matynia.



Gubernator Pat Quinn.

rocznicę strajków w Stoczni Gdańskiej i powstania "Solidarności". Jedną z przyczyn strajków było zwolnienie pracującego w stoczni Anny Walentynowicz, późniejszej działaczki "Solidarności", jednej z ofiar katastrofy lotniczej w dniu 10 kwietnia 2010 r. Na zakończenie, konsul wyraził wdzięczność wszystkim, którzy w obliczu tragedii pod Smoleńskiem, łączyli się w smutku z Polakami zamieszkałymi w USA i całym Narodem Polskim.

Następny wystąpił John N. Popoli, prezydent i CEO uczelni Lake Forest Graduate School Of Management, który wyraził swoje kondolencje z powodu katastrofy samolotowej. Wspomniał, iż statystycznie 1 na 10 mieszkańców Chicago posiada polskie korzenie. Dodał, że Amerykanów i Polaków łączą podobne wartości demokratyczne, a uczelnia Lake Forest ściśle współpracuje ze Szkołą Główną Handlową w Warszawie.

Prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej i Związku Narodowego Polskiego, Fank Spula podziękował gubernatorowi za zorganizowanie uroczystości obchodów Dnia 3 Maja. Dodał, iż społeczność polonijna wie, że w osobie gubernatora Quinna posiada oddanego przyjaciela. Przypomniał także o walczących o demokrację na ziemi amerykańskiej obywatelach polskich: Kościuszcze, Pułaskim i wielu innych.



Prezes ZPRKA Wallace Ozog w rozmowie z J. Zawadzki, radnym Katowic.

W swoim wystąpieniu generał William Enyard z Gwardii Narodowej Illinois opowiedział, że wraz z gen. Huber i kapitanem Adamczykiem wydelegowani zostali, aby wziąć udział w pogrzebach 7 wojskowych, którzy zginęli w katastrofie pod Smoleńskiem. Gen. Enyard opisał, jak społeczeństwo polskie połączyła głęboka żałoba po stracie przedstawicieli elit rządowych i militarnych. Generał dodał również, że wiele razy miał okazję spotykać się z żołnierzami polskimi stacjonującymi w Afganistanie, a polscy piloci oraz osoby cywilne szkolone są w bazach w

Chicago, IL - W piątek, 30 kwietnia odbyła się w B u d y n k u Thompsona w śródmieściu Chicago uroczystość z okazji obchodów Dnia Konstytucji 3 Maja. Uroczystość tą od wielu już lat organizuje biuro

Peorii, IL. Gwardia Narodowa Illinois nawiązała stosunki partnerskie z ponad 20 krajami Europejskimi, z którymi współpracują przy realizacji programów pokojowych.

W godzinach wieczornych odbyły się uroczystości obchodów Dnia Konstytucji 3 Maja, zorganizowane przez biuro burmistrza Chicago, Richarda M. Daley. Mistrzem ceremonii tej uroczystości był Richard J. Moncocchio, komisarz ds. budownictwa w administracji burmistrza. Hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych odśpiewał znany polonijny artysta Jarosław Spychalski.

Z przemówieniami z okazji obchodów Dnia Konstytucji wystąpili: burmistrz miasta Chicago Richard M. Daley, konsul generalny RP w Chicago, Zygmun Matynia oraz prezes Związku Klubów Polskich w Ameryce Tadeusz Czajkowski.

Na uroczystości obecni byli liczni przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych.

Co roku burmistrz Daley wręcza dyplomy uznania przedstawicielom środowiska polonijnego, którzy zasłużyli się wybitnie w pracy dla Polonii. Tegorocznymi laureatami zostali: żona prezesa ZPRKA Joann S. Ozog, członek rady nadzorczej miasteczka Harwood Heights (IL) Mark S. Dobrzycki, proboszcz bazyliki św. Jacka w Chicago ks. Michał Osuch, C.R. - wszyscy członkowie ZPRKA oraz właściciel sali bankietowej i restauracji "Jolly Inn" Stanisław Chwała.

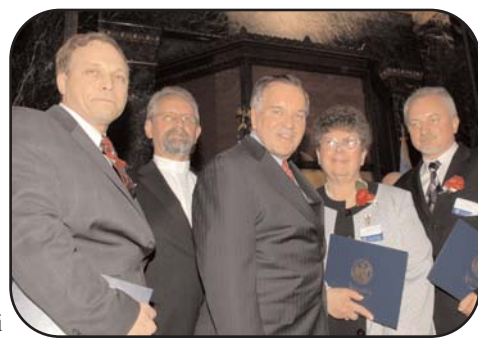
Z krótkim przemówieniem wystąpili konsul RP w Chicago Zygmun Matynia oraz prezes Związku Klubów Polskich Tadeusz Czajkowski. Burmistrz Chicago Richard Daley wręczył na ręce Tadeusza Czajkowskiego uroczystą proklamację z okazji obchodów Dnia 3 Maja. W programie artystycznym wystąpił zespół góralski Związku Podhalan w Ameryce.

W sobotę, 1 maja przemarszowała w śródmieściu Chicago doroczna parada z okazji Dnia Konstytucji 3 Maja. W paradzie wzięło udział ponad 100 jednostek marszowych.

W ś r ó d m a s z e r u j ą c y c h reprezentowane było również Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce: członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji oraz pracownicy wraz z rodzinami, szkoły języka



Prezeska Muzeum Polskiego Maria Cieśla (l), radny Katowic Józef Zawadzki i wiceprezeska ZPRKA Anna Sokołowski.



Laureaci wyróżnień (l-p) Mark Dobrzycki, ks. Michał Osuch, burmistrz Richard Daley, Joann Ozog, Stanisław Chwała.

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Szkoła im. M. Konopnickiej.

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Szkoła im. Jana Pawła II.



Szkoła im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego.

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