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Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

As a result of the previous deep recession and our slow national economic recovery, the United States Federal Reserve is again taking action to lower interest rates. As we all know, we can now borrow to finance a home purchase at rates well under 4%. While this is good for someone borrowing money, it is not a favorable environment for those of us who would like to save. Presently, many banks and money market accounts are paying 0.70% and less for savings account deposits.

Fortunately, over the years, those of our members who have purchased our annuities to help plan for their retirement, have received very competitive and above average interest rates on their accounts. In addition, the interest earned also earns interest and is tax deferred until it is withdrawn.

However, because of this new attempt by the Federal Reserve to lower rates, it is becoming more difficult for the PRCUA to earn margins on our own investments to continue to pay the rates on our annuities that we have paid in the past.

Beginning November 1, 2010, we will adjust the interest rates on our Millennium and Classic Series Annuities to reflect current lower market rates. We are also combining the four bands in each of our annuity series, determined by the dollar amounts, into three.

Please review the new annuity schedule below. We regret having to do this but assure you that as market conditions improve, we will make adjustments accordingly.

Fraternally,

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
National President

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PRCUA ANNUITY RATE CHANGE

Effective November 1, 2010, the new Annual Percentage Yields (APYs) for the PRCUA annuity portfolio will be as follows:

ANNUITY ACCUMULATION VALUE	PORTFOLIO SERIES		
	MILLENNIUM	CLASSIC	PREFERRED
\$ 300.00 - \$49,999.99	3.125%	3.075%	3.000%
\$ 50,000.00 - \$ 99,999.99	3.250%	3.125%	3.000%
\$ 100,000.00 - and above	3.375%	3.250%	3.000%

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

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

Thanksgiving 2010

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly North winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway
Thanksgiving comes again!
(Old American Rhyme)



The leaves have turned to gold and the harvest is in, a nip is in the air and a fire burns in the hearth. Our thoughts turn to the greatness of our God; it is time to give thanks! Thanksgiving is a truly American Holiday to honor and thank our God from whom all blessings flow.

We, the Officers, Chaplains and Directors of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, join you in giving thanks to Almighty God for His blessings bestowed this past year in the ordinary events of daily life. May you enjoy this Harvest Holiday with family and friends alike.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to All!



Degrees of Gratitude

One Thanksgiving, my children were traveling to in-laws' houses to celebrate, so I found myself alone on a family holiday for the first time in my life. What a change - I had always been the one cooking a turkey dinner for 30 people. I smiled and pretended that I did not mind... that's what mothers do. I did not want my "being alone" to be their concern.

Life was an emotional and financial struggle at that time. The stress left me empty, devoid of all feelings - including gratitude. I reasoned that I could sit at home and feel sorry for myself or do something constructive, so I volunteered to serve food at a Mission Church where a Thanksgiving meal was being offered to the public.

The guests were mostly people who had nowhere else to go... a single mother with three preschool children, who had just spent two months sleeping in an abandoned car, told me how thankful she was that a Shelter had room for them for a few weeks... a homeless man had tears of gratitude rolling down his cheeks when a Mission worker gave him a meal AND a pair of socks for his blistered, bloodied feet... the old lady who lived in a room with no cooking facilities said how grateful she was for sunny days when she could make sun tea on her windowsill... a group of rowdy teenagers from broken families where no one cared about holidays any more told me how "rad" it was to have a hot meal for free. On and on the stories went throughout the day, as I asked the folks who had once been a faceless crowd to me, what they were most grateful for on this Thanksgiving. Each one had something he/she was thankful for... simple things that made life a little easier. I was deeply humbled by their genuine appreciation of even the little things that many of us take for granted, like warmth and human kindness.

At day's end, a Mission worker asked me what I was thankful for and I replied, "I'm grateful for the profound lesson I learned about gratitude here today: there is always something to be grateful for, no matter how big or small - all degrees of gratitude count." -KGR

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

NOVEMBER

- 4 LANSING, MI - WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 MEETING** on Thurs., Nov. 4 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
- 7 MUNSTER, IN - DISTRICT #9 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PRES. DROBOT** on Sun., Nov. 7 at 1:30 pm at Carmelite Fathers Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Contact Elizabeth Sadus 708-481-6796
- 8 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT #7 MEETING AND TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PRES. DROBOT** on Mon., Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Please bring nonperishable items for the soup kitchen. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski, Secretary, 773-763-4069
- 10 CLEVELAND, OH - DISTRICT #5 TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PRES. J. DROBOT, JR.** on Wed., Nov. 10 at 7:00 pm at the Ohio PRCUA Office, 6966 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, OH to meet with District 5 PRCUA members and to plan for future growth of our organization. All PRCUA members are invited to attend.
- 10 CHICAGO, IL - SOC. #475 MEETING** on Wed., Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL
- 13 MILWAUKEE, WI - TOWN HALL MEETING OF PRESIDENT WITH DISTRICT #6 MEMBERS AND FORMER FLIA MEMBERS** on Sat., Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. with President Drobot at Wilson Commons, 1400 W. Sonata Drive, Milwaukee, WI. All members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Mary at 414-282-6260
- 13 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 STEAK ROAST** on Sat., Nov. 13 from 1 - 6 pm. Cost \$20, includes 12 oz. NY Strip steak, baked potato, salad, dessert; Open Bar. Get your tickets in the PRCUA Lounge after 6 pm or call Kelly 734-347-0508 or Mike 734-216-3911
- 13 TOLEDO, OH - ECHOES OF POLAND DINNER DANCE** on Sat., Nov. 13, Doors open 6 pm, Buffet Dinner 6:30, Music/Dancing 7:30-11:45. Tickets \$20 - BYOB (beer and set-ups too). PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo. Contact: 419-531-8658 or 419-471-0751
- 14 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT #8 TOWN HALL MEETING WITH PRES. J. A. DROBOT, JR.** on Sun., Nov. 14, 2-6 pm at Five Holy Martyrs, Bishop Abramowicz Hall, 4327 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL; enter from parking lot. All members are invited to attend. Write down your questions, ideas or suggestions on an index card; they will be collected at the meeting.
- 15 ADAMS, MA - ST. MICHAEL SOC. #359 MEETING** on Mon., Nov. 15 at 7 pm at the American Legion Home, 160 Forest Park Ave., Adams. Contact: Kaz Zabek 413-743-1170
- 16 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., Nov. 16 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: L. McClain, 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA 15906
- 18 CHICAGO, IL - ILL-IND WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING** on Thurs., Nov. 18 at 10:30 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Irene Rush 630-295-5607
- 20 39TH CINDERELLA-PRINCE CHARMING BALL** on Sat., Nov. 20, 2010 at Lexington House, Hickory Hills, IL. Cocktails: 6:30-7:30pm, Dinner at 7:30pm; Donation \$65. For reservations, please contact Vicki Kroplewski at 708-599-7129
- 21 HARTFORD, CT - DISTRICT #1 MEETING** on Sun., Nov., 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Polish National Home, 60 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT. Mass at 10:30 am at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 55 Charter Oak Ave. After Mass, lunch at Polish National Home, followed by meeting. Dist. #1 Dir. M. Mikuszewski will address the members; a good time to get to know her and share ideas, comments and opinions. If you plan to attend, contact Kaz Zabek; he needs a head count for lunch. Please plan to attend. Contact: Kaz Zabek 413-743-1170
- 21 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING** on Sun., Nov. 21 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St. Pay dues to: L. Alexander, 1059 Molino, Wyandotte, MI 48192

21 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING on Sun., Nov. 21 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Call: Joan Sylak 419-729-2126

21 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #2206 MEETING on Nov. 21 at 4 pm at Circle 8 Clubroom, 2501 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, OH.

23 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II MEETING Tues., Nov. 23 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz 586-573-7510

DECEMBER

2 LANSING, MI - WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 MEETING on Thurs., Dec. 2 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

6 ADAMS, MA - ST. MICHAEL SOC. #359 ELECTION MEETING on Mon., Dec. 6 at 7 pm. Any member who wants to run for office should notify Rec. Secy. Susan McShane 802-694-1593 or any current officer.

12 ADAMS, MA - ST. MICHAEL SOC. #359 CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sun., Dec. 12; Parents - If you plan to attend, call Marsha or Kaz to sign up by 12/6 & let them know how many children you'll bring, so Santa can prepare gifts. Mass at 8 am at Pope John Paul the Great, followed by breakfast at American Legion Home next to Russel Field. Marsha Mikuszewski 413-743-0535 or Kaz Zabek 413-743-1170

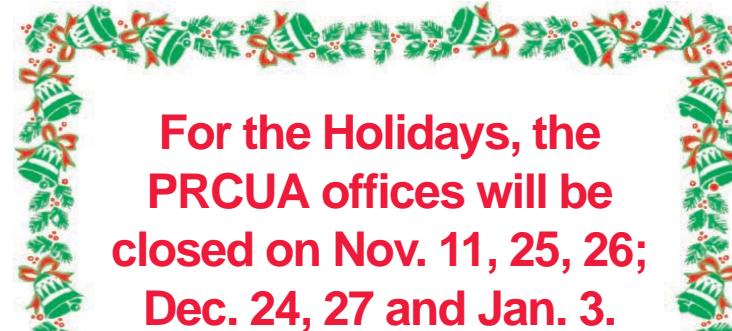
12 CHICAGO, IL - PRCUA "POLONIA" DANCERS CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT on Sun., Dec. 12 at 6 pm at Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, IL; tickets \$20. Contact: 224-622-1517

19 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., Dec. 19 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Pay dues to: L. Alexander, 1059 Molno, Wyandotte, MI 48192

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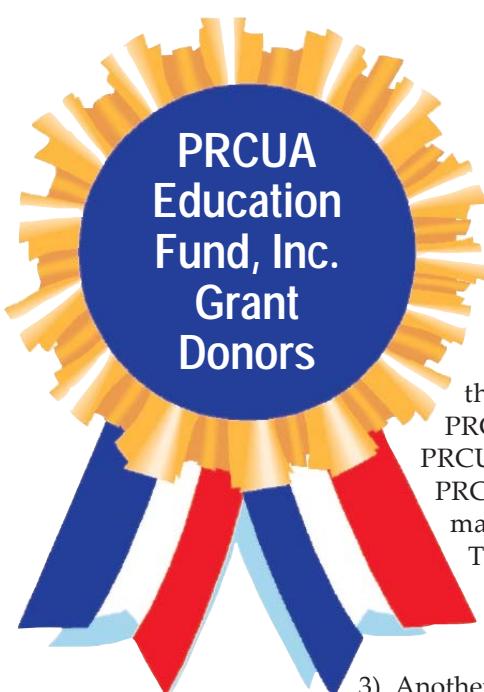
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21 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., Dec. 21 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: L. McClain, 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA 15906


For the Holidays, the PRCUA offices will be closed on Nov. 11, 25, 26; Dec. 24, 27 and Jan. 3.

NAROD POLSKI DEADLINE

The deadline for members submitting articles or information to the *Narod Polski* newspaper is the 15th of the month, for publication in the following month's newspaper.



A Way to Honor and Perpetuate the Memory of Loved Ones

In the last issue of *Narod Polski*, the PRCUA reported the names of all the scholarship recipients from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund and grant recipients from the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. Among the grants from the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. were twelve special grants made "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone special.

These included the following grants:

- 1) In Memory of Marlene Wilczynski Gill for \$1,000
- 2) From Tom Zbikowski through the "Tommy Z 9 Foundation" for \$1,000.
- 3) Another grant from the "Tommy Z 9 Foundation" for \$1,000
- 4) Alliance of Poles Group #159, \$1,000
- 5) In Honor of W. S. Radgowski, \$1,000
- 6) In Honor of Leo P. Niemiec, \$1,000
- 7) In Memory of Adele Szumilus Sularski, \$1,000
- 8) Another grant in Memory of Adele Szumilus Sularski, \$1,000
- 9) In Honor of PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 and from the General Account, \$1,000
- 10) In Memory of Eugenia Miczko for \$1,000
- 11) Another grant in Honor of PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 for \$500
- 12) A third grant in Honor of PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 for \$500

These grants, combined with other grants from the Education Fund general account resulted in a grand total of \$24,000 being awarded to students this year from the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.

In today's society, higher education is a **MUST** but, at the same time, it is very expensive. This is one of the reasons why the PRCUA established its Education Fund, Inc., to provide students with financial aid for a higher education, and to provide members with an opportunity to honor or memorialize their loved one or an organization by sponsoring a scholarship, or donating to the general account. All donations to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. have a positive effect upon the lives of the youths who will be our future leaders of Polonia and our country.

What is the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.?

The PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Illinois. It is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code; therefore donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to students seeking undergraduate, graduate or professional degrees.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants are PRCUA members in good standing who are either sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled full-time in undergraduate studies or those students enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs. Full-time enrollment shall conform to those guidelines established by the federal financial aid program. (A minimum of 12 credit hours for day students or 8 credit hours for evening students.) Part-time graduate or professional students are also eligible. In special circumstances, assistance may be given to a non-PRCUA member.

How can I donate to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. or establish a specific scholarship?

1. You can make a donation, in any denomination, that will be directed to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. general account and used for educational purposes.
2. You can make a one-time donation of \$1,000 to \$24,999 to establish a scholarship(s) in your own name - as your personal legacy - or "in memory of" or "in honor of" an individual or organization. It will be distributed in one year, or divided over a period of years, to students in the areas of study that you designate.
3. You can establish a **PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** in your own name by making a donation of \$25,000 or more in capital deposits within a 12 month period. The income generated from this donation will be used to award scholarships to students in a specific area of study as designated by you. A perpetual scholarship can also be established to honor or memorialize someone special.

What kind of donations can be made to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.?

Donations can be made in the form of:

- ◆ cash
- ◆ checks
- ◆ real estate property
- ◆ stocks and securities
- ◆ life insurance
- ◆ wills
- ◆ gifts of future interest
- ◆ trusts

Can donations be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" an individual or an organization?

This program provides an opportunity for you to memorialize or honor a special person or group and make a positive impact in the future of a college student. By donating \$1,000 or more, you can establish a scholarship in your own name or "in memory of" or "in honor of" an individual or organization.

Often times, especially during the holidays, we need a special gift for the "person who has everything." Please consider making a donation to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. in the person's name as a meaningful holiday present, rather than purchasing yet another tie or flower arrangement. For details about establishing a scholarship, contact the PRCUA President at 1-800-772-8632 or go to the PRCUA website at www.prcua.org or e-mail: info@prcua.org

PRCUA EDUCATION FUND, INC. DONATION

The PRCUA urges its members and friends to support our youth by donating to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donors' names will be listed in *Narod Polski* unless you check the last box.

Donations amount \$ _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Please make check payable to:

PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. and send to the address below.

Name _____

Address _____

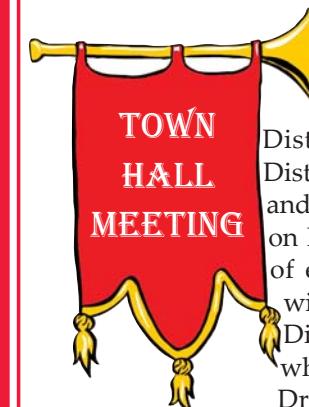
City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Check here if you do not want your donation publicized in *Narod Polski*.

Send to:

President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PRCUA,
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101

PRCUA Members Invited to Town Hall Meetings



Beginning with a meeting in Toledo, OH on Oct. 17 and continuing with a meeting in Dist. 9 on Nov. 7, Dist. 7 on Nov. 8, Dist. 5 on Nov. 10, Nov. 13 for Dist. 6 and former FLIA members and Dist. 8 on Nov. 14th, the National Director(s) of each of the ten PRCUA Districts will host a town hall meeting in their District within the next few months, which PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. will attend.

The purpose of each meeting is to bring the local members closer to the PRCUA and to enable the officers to become better acquainted with each District, its members and its specific needs. These "grass-roots" meetings are open to all members. President Drobot will be open to all discussion topics, in the hope of creating a meaningful cooperative exchange of ideas to better move our fraternal organization forward in the 21st century.

Check for additional Town Hall Meetings in other Districts in future *Narod Polski's* "Calendar of Events".

News from St. Michael Society #359

Adams, MA - At a meeting of St. Michael the Archangel Society #359 on August 23rd, four Society #359 members were chosen, out of 22 applicants, to receive scholarships for the school year. Jenna and Jordan McShane are freshmen at the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT. They will be awarded their scholarships for completion of their first semester. They are twin daughters of Susan and Thomas McShane of Stamford, VT. Including daughter Chelsea, the Shanes are a 100% PRCUA Family and members of Soc. #359.

Jenna received the award given to a volunteer and an active member in the Society. To be eligible for this scholarship, the member must be a first time winner. Jordan was presented with the second award that is for a member whose immediate family is active in Society affairs. Both Susan and Thomas are officers in St. Michael's Society. The McShanes were also very involved in the Society Centennial Celebration that took place on September 28, 2008.

The third award was won by Adrienne Jozefiak, who participated in many contests sponsored by the Society and attended functions with her grandmother, Mrs. Joan Jozefiak. Adrienne's parents are Pamela and (Continued on page 4)



Free Christmas Carols & Coloring Books

As a fraternal benefit, the PRCUA is offering to our members a free **Christmas Carol Pamphlet** with the words to 11 English and 10 Polish Christmas carols. To receive yours, call the Fraternal Dept. at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601.

Also available is the beautiful keepsake booklet **Polish Christmas Customs, Carols and Cuisine** in full color. It includes traditional Polish Christmas customs, information on Wigilia (the traditional Christmas Eve meatless meal), 15 recipes for foods served at Wigilia, and the words to 17 English and 15 Polish Christmas carols. Although the booklet is free to members, there is a \$2 postage fee for the first booklet and 50 cents for each additional booklet. Or members can pick up the booklets at any of our four PRCUA offices.

We are also offering **Our Polish Ancestors Coloring Book** and/or the **Birth of Jesus Coloring Book** to our members. The books are free but postage is \$1.50 per book and 50 cents for each additional book or members can pick up the books at any of our four offices.

To order, indicate the book(s) you want and send check made out to **PRCUA** and mail to: PRCUA Offer, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL 60642-4101

Please Save Cancelled Stamps for the Missions

Used postage stamps are worth money! Please save your cancelled postage stamps, trim them to 1/4 inch on all sides and send them to the Sisters to support Catholic missionaries:
FELICIAN SISTERS, VILLA MARIA CONVENT, 600 DOAT STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14211

Poland: The Life and Legacy of Pope John Paul II Pilgrimage July 2–10, 2011

Dear Friends, Families and Benefactors,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we invite you on an extraordinary pilgrimage to Poland, July 2–10, 2011.

We will begin the journey in Czestochowa, where we will celebrate Mass at both the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and the Chapel of the Black Madonna. In Krakow, our pilgrimage will be enriched by author George Weigel, a man who personally interviewed the "Pilgrim Pope" and wrote *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II*. We will have a guided tour of significant sites in Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II and make a poignant journey to Auschwitz, a place often visited by a young Karol Wojtyla. Tour highlights also include Zakopane, situated in the glorious Tatra Mountains, and Wieliczka, where we will visit the oldest salt mine in Europe. Our trip will conclude in Krakow, where we will enjoy a farewell dinner and local folklore.

This journey will be an unforgettable experience as we travel through some of the most exciting spiritual and cultural centers of Poland. We hope you will join us!

Sincerely in Christ,
Most. Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh
and Fr. Dan Pattee, T.O.R.

For details, schedule and costs, call 1-800-437-8368 or go to the website: www.franciscan.edu/pilgrimages

Soc. #359 News

(Continued from page 3) James Jozefiak. Adrienne is attending Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This scholarship is open to members who have not yet received an award from St. Michael Society.

The 4th award was won by Steven Markiewicz who is attending MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, MA. Steven is the son of Nancy and Michael Markiewicz, who reside in Melrose, MA. Steven is a third time winner. If lucky, a member can win up to four awards.

Members are advised to use the Internet to download applications from the PRCUA Home Office for grants from the Education Fund, Inc. and scholarships from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund. Four more scholarships are available for members who meet the eligibility qualifications. Interested persons are advised to call Dir. Marsha Mikuszewski at 413-743-0535.

DISTRICT #1 MEETING

A meeting of the PRCUA members in District #1 will be held on Sunday, Nov., 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Polish National Home, in Hartford, CT. Members are requested to be present at 10:30 am Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church on Popieluszko St. After Mass, lunch will be served at the Polish National Home and the meeting will open after the meal. Newly-elected District #1 Dir. Marsha Mikuszewski, who was elected for a four-year term, will address the members. This will be an excellent opportunity to get to know your Director and to share ideas, comments and opinions.

The District members wish Director Mikuszewski a successful term of office. If you plan to attend, please call Kaz Zabek at (413) 743-1170 so he can give a head count to the Manager Michael Kilman. Please plan to attend.

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From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer



We need the current address for the following members. If you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to: James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call (773) 782-2600 or 1-800-772-8632

SOC.	NAME	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
20	Perry, Kathryn W.	113 Essex Ave, Bloomfield, NJ
36	Shaffer, Minnie L.	9934 Pleasant Lake 3318, Parma, OH
57	Parker, Wesley M.	PSC 77 PAE, APO CA
78	Kroll, Mary T.	1105 Esther, Muskegon, MI
87	Hyslop, Richard	15 Paradise Plaza #372, Sarasota, FL
162	Olszewski, Peter	2144 Electric Ave, Wyandotte, MI
162	Flanigan, Kathleen	152 Labadie, Wyandotte, MI
162	Flanigan, Patricia	152 Labadie, Wyandotte, MI
162	Markowski, Thomas	11100 Lighthouse Dr. Apt 125, Belleville, MI
204	Surdy, Stan	702 Jay St., Griffith, IN
211	Ludwikowski, Julia	1537 First St., W. Babylon, NY
227	August, Kirsten	625 Maryland Ave, Dayton, OH
227	August, Abigail	625 Maryland Ave, Dayton, OH
234	Fisher, Gordon	127 S. 18th St, Chesterton, IN
261	Peddycord, Lauren	29319 Senator St, Roseville, MI
261	Kanigowski, Vann	4245 Tanglewood Dr, Janesville, WI
261	Niedzwiecki, Christopher	11716 Fascination Dr, Frederic, MI
286	Prince, Gertrude	46 Madison Dr, Berlin, CT
308	Komosa, John	5120 S. Justine St., Chicago, IL
308	Wojnicki, Stephen	7518 S. Homan, Chicago, IL
308	Gajos, Sarah	3332 S. Home Ave, Berwyn, IL
337	Labus, Jerome	2204 Thomas Rd, Valparaiso, IN
345	Severa, Loretta	12 E. 97th Apt 7E, New York, NY
413	Whittemore, Jacklyn	10747 Gleever, Demotte, IN
463	Young, John	9 Melinda Lane, East Hampton, MA
475	Peal, Trevor	4500 W. 105th Pl, Oak Lawn, IL
519	Derby, Aurora	4523 Winding Woods Ln, Hamburg, NY
527	Bierly, Gabriel	121 J. Waldon Rd., Abingdon, MD
527	Kruszewski, Linda	8 Charles Pl. Apt 1303, Baltimore, MD
542	Soprych, Brian	2776 Carlsbad Circle, Aurora, IL
593	Pribyl III, Richard	5117 W. 31st St, Cicero, IL
631	Synakowski, Robert	231 Herriman St, Syracuse, NY
642	Leibforth, James	PO Box 48891, Niles, IL
671	Hinsberger, Vincent	9021 Federal Ct Apt 2H, Des Plaines, IL
671	Hinsberger, Edward	9021 Federal Ct Apt 2H, Des Plaines, IL
678	Folz, Cody	1025 E. Illinois St, Wheaton, IL
683	Kasprzak, Ami	13911 W. 167th St, Lockport, IL
718	Koczara, Sheryl	11641 Stoneview Sq, Reston, VA
718	Bihar, Sonia	5425 Hillsboro Rd, Davisburg, MI
868	Petricick, Nathan	126 Rossler, Buffalo, NY
868	Bialas, Jadwiga	358 Weimar St, Buffalo, NY
878	Horgan, Frances	3800 N. California Ave, Chicago, IL
880	Jancevich, Rosanne	8301 Portsmouth Dr Unit D, Darien, IL
907	Puzio, Leon	PO Box 577, Normandy Beach, NJ
963	Frank, Ryan	W159 S7566 Quietwood, Muskego, WI
977	Riddell, Cynthia	2231 23rd St SW, Akron, OH
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CHASE, VIRGINIA	160	NY	MCDARRAH, STACY	878	IL
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CIULA, SYLVESTER	817	WI	MOCNY, MARIE	750	NY
COLLINS, JOHN	2109	OH	NABOROWSKI, BERNARD	795	IL
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FRANK, MELODY	905	MI	POPRAWSKI, JOANNE	471	IL
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GALANTY, SHIRLEY ANN	2885 & 3000		RADWAN, HELEN	385	NY
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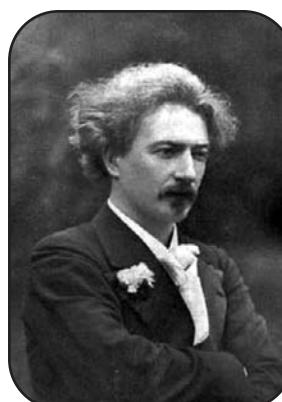
May they rest in eternal peace.**PRCUA ZAKOPANE DANCERS ON TV**

Fraser, MI - Dancers from the adult PRCUA Zakopane Dance Group were recently featured on an episode of the TV program "Detroit 1-8-7" which is aired on Tuesday nights.

Members of the Polish folk dance group from Macomb County were cast in a Polish wedding scene for the show. They taped the scene in August - over and over again all day long - on board the Detroit Princess.

PRCUA Directors Tom Lisiecki and Christopher Ozog of District #10, danced with Stephanie Buchalski and Pam Klesko in the scene. They recently joined family, friends and other members of the group at a home in Fraser to watch the episode.

The dancers were on the set for almost 12 hours. "The dance was taped from many different directions and angles, so we had to perform the dance over and over again," said Chris Ozog. Although they only got a few seconds of screen time, the dancers could not have been more excited. "It was a thrill just to be a part of it all," reported Chris Ozog. To see the film clip, go to:
http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/region/macomb_county/dancers-from-macomb-county-appear-in-detroit-187

**Ignacy Jan Paderewski:
Pianist, Composer and Statesman***Ignacy Jan Paderewski-1900*

The year 2010 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ignacy Jan Paderewski. This great musician led a remarkable life that took him all over the world. He loved Poland and was obsessed with seeing that partitioned country returned to the Polish people. His winning personality, international fame, political savvy and excellent oratory skills helped to make that dream become a reality and won for him a place in history as an outstanding pianist, composer and statesman.

Ignacy Jan Paderewski was born in 1860 in the village of Kurylowka, Podolia, Poland. At 12, his father enrolled him in the Warsaw Conservatory of Music and he lived with the Kerntopf family, producers of pianos.

Ignacy met renowned musicians in their house and went with Ed Kerntopf to many concerts and operas. Ignacy wanted to learn to play the piano and worked hard at it. After graduation, he worked at the Conservatory as a teacher for a short time.

He fell in love with a former student, Antonina Korsak, and they married. A year later, she gave birth to a son, Alfred, but died a short time later. Ignacy placed his infant son - who had infantile paralysis and would never walk unsupported - in the care of his mother-in-law, and later his father.

Ignacy went to Berlin to study Musical Composition at the Royal Academy of Music under Friedrich Kiel, a distinguished professor. In Berlin he also studied under Theodor Leschetizky. Paderewski met many other musical celebrities. One of them introduced him to the famous Shakespearean actress, Helena Modjeska, who became Paderewski's mentor and lifelong friend.

When Alfred was 8, Paderewski's secret lover offered to take Alfred into her home and care for him, although she was married and had her own child. Her name was Helen Gorska von Rosen, and after her divorce, she married Paderewski and they lived in Switzerland.

Paderewski became one of Poland's world renowned pianists and composers. Although he played his own compositions, which are well known, Paderewski was also widely praised for his renditions of Chopin. Some of his compositions include: *Caprice, Opus 14-3, Minuet, Op. 14-1, Legende, Op. 16-1, Cracovienne Fantastique, Op. 14-6, Chants du voyageur, Op. 8 number 3, and Tatra Album.*

In addition to delighting the world with his wonderful concerts for over 50 years, Paderewski also became one of Poland's great statesmen. At the beginning of World War I, Paderewski founded a relief committee to aid the Polish people and established branches in Paris, London and the United States. Paderewski's efforts, with support from the American government and the American people, helped Poland regain its freedom after World War I. Paderewski was one of the signers of the 1919 *Paris Peace Treaty*, which was responsible for re-establishing the borders of Poland - which had been occupied and partitioned by foreign governments since 1772. Upon Poland's Independence, Paderewski became its Prime Minister and Secretary of Foreign Affairs. He was the chief framer of the Polish Constitution of 1919 and also served as Poland's delegate to the League of Nations in Geneva.

When his political career was over, Paderewski returned to giving piano concerts. He became ill during a U.S. fund raising concert series to help the Polish people during World War II. He died in New York City on June 29, 1941. President Franklin Roosevelt decreed that Paderewski's remains were to be given a resting place in a crypt under the mast of the battleship *Maine* in Arlington Cemetery, VA until his body could be transported to a free and independent Poland, as was Paderewski's wish. This became a reality on June 28, 1992, when his body was returned to Poland by a large delegation of U.S. officials and representatives of American Polonia, led by U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle. He was laid to final rest with full honors in a crypt in St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw.

Paderewski had requested that his heart remain in the U.S.A., which he loved so dearly, therefore it rests in a commemorative bronze sculpture - designed by a Polish sculptor, Andrzej Pitynski, of New York - at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. His *Memoirs* are a fascinating book.

FREE WORKBOOK AND BOOKLET ON PADEREWSKI FROM PRCUA

In celebration of this anniversary year, the PRCUA has published two booklets on Ignacy Jan Paderewski. One is a workbook for youths, written and designed by Joann Ozog, that includes word and math puzzles, in addition to information about the life of Ignacy Jan Paderewski and photographs.

The other one, written by Joann Ozog and Kathryn Rosypal, is a biographical booklet on the life and accomplishments of Paderewski, designed for adults, with no workbook aspect but with more photographs and a list of his compositions.

Each of the books are available free-of-charge from the PRCUA, however there is a charge for postage of \$2.50 for the first book and 50 cents for each additional book. To order yours, send a check payable to "PRCUA" to: **PRCUA Paderewski Book, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642** and be sure to specify whether you want the **Paderewski Youth Workbook** or the **Adult Paderewski Booklet**.

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Fraternal Favorites by Polish Chef Robert Strybel

ROAST PORK & PRUNES: Rub a trussed, rolled, boneless pork shoulder roast all over with salt, pepper, marjoram and 1 - 2 buds crushed garlic. Place on rack in roasting pan; roast in 325° oven 25 min per pound, basting occasionally. To drippings in pan add 3 onions cut in 4 and 1 c unpitted prunes, and baste meat with 1/2 c dark beer. Bake until meat is tender.

PORK RIBS & SAUERKRAUT: Drain and rinse 2 qts sauerkraut, squeeze out moisture, chop coarsely, place in pot and scald with boiling water to cover. Cook on med-high 45 min. Cut 4 lbs pork spare ribs into 3-rib portions. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, dredge in flour and sauté in hot fat on both sides till browned. Transfer sauerkraut to baking pan, interspersing it with the ribs and 1 c pitted prunes. Add a bay leaf, sprinkle sauerkraut with 1/2 t caraway seeds and bake in 325° oven 2 to 2-1/2 hrs or until meat is very tender.

PRUNES AS FLAVORING: A few diced pitted prunes will enhance the flavor of any sauerkraut dish, stew or fricassee, meat casserole, baked beans or chili, many soups and savory sauces, without dominating them.

POLISH PORK STEW: Rinse and pat dry 1-1/2 lbs cubed stewing pork. Shake meat in flour-filled plastic bag to coat evenly. In heavy skillet, brown meat on all sides in 3 T hot fat. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon. In pan drippings lightly brown 3 sliced onions. Return meat to skillet, add 2 sliced carrots, 1/2 c diced pitted prunes, 1 bay leaf and 1/2 c beer. Reduce heat; simmer covered on low heat 45 - 60 min or until meat is tender, stirring occasionally. Add a little water if stew begins to sizzle. Drench with 1/2 c sour cream fork-blended with 1 T flour and simmer briefly. Dilute with meat stock or water if too thick. Season with salt & pepper, 1/4 t paprika, 1/4 t marjoram, 1/4 t crushed caraway seeds and 1 bud crushed garlic. Stir ingredients and simmer briefly.

PORK ROLL-UPS: Slice a 1-1/4 lb piece of center pork loin into 8 pieces. Pound each piece into a thin rectangle and thinly smear each piece with *powidla* (plum/prune butter) leaving a 1/2" border on edges, sprinkle with marjoram, place a slice of skinned smoked sausage on top and roll up. Salt & pepper roll-ups, bread them(dipping in flour, egg wash and bread crumbs) and fry in hot fat, seam-side down. Brown on all sides, reduce heat, cover and simmer on low 20-25 min, turning to ensure even cooking. Note: For very tender roll-ups, transfer to baking dish and keep in 325° oven for another 60 min.

ROAST DUCK & PRUNES: Preheat oven to 475°. Rub a well-rinsed, dried 4-5 lb duck with salt, pepper, marjoram and 2 buds mashed garlic. Place in covered roasting pan and let stand at room temp 1 hr. Fill cavity with halved pitted plums and/or peeled apple quarters tightly and sew up. Place in roasting pan and put uncovered into 475° oven. After 15 min reduce heat to 350°. Sprinkle duck with 1/2 c water and then baste occasionally with pan drippings. After 1 hr add 1 c pitted prunes to drippings and bake another 45 - 60 min.

HUNTER'S BIGOS: Drain 3 qts sauerkraut, reserving liquid, rinse, drain, squeeze dry and chop coarsely. Place in pot with 1 bay leaf, cover sauerkraut with cold water and cook uncovered 60 min, stir occasionally. With slotted spoon transfer sauerkraut to baking pan; add 2 qts various cooked cubed meat, 3 c smoked Polish sausage skinned and sliced, 8 oz washed, sliced Portobello mushrooms (fried in bacon drippings with 2 chopped onions), 1 c stewed tomatoes, 1 c chopped pitted prunes, 1/2 c dry red wine, 2 buds crushed garlic and 2 diced large peeled cooking apples. Mix well and bake uncovered in 350° oven 30 min. Mix again, cover pan and bake another 2 hrs at 325°. Salt & pepper to taste and add about 1/2 t caraway and 1 T marjoram. After switching off heat, leave bigos covered in oven until it cools to room temp. Refrigerate overnight. Reheat at 325° for 90 min before serving. Do this because the flavor improves the next day.

RICE & PRUNE STUFFING: Combine 4 c slightly undercooked rice, 1 c drained and diced, pre-soaked pitted prunes and 2 peeled, cored cooking apples, cubed. Sprinkle mixture with salt, pepper, marjoram and a little chopped fresh parsley and use to stuff chicken, duck or (increasing the recipe as required) turkey. Roast your bird as usual.

PLUM CAKE: Wash, dry, halve and pit 1-1/2 lbs ripe Italian plums. Separately, combine 2-1/3 c flour, 2-1/3 t baking powder, 3/4 t salt and 3/4 c sugar. Add 1/2 c soft butter, 2 eggs and 3/4 c milk and beat well. Pour into greased square baking pan, arrange plum halves on top, push into batter lightly. Bake at 350° about 40 min. Cool in pan.

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PRCUA Cadet Takes Control



Allyson Doran

Allyson Doran, 17, a member of PRCUA Society #1633, is the first female cadet to be appointed as Corps Commander at the Randolph-Macon Military Academy, Front Royal, VA, just thirty-six years after the Academy began accepting female cadets.

Ms. Doran will have many responsibilities, including managing the cadre, giving commands, and making sure everyone does their jobs and everything runs smoothly. Allyson, a senior, has a grade point average of 4.0 and is competing for the Yellow Jackets in volleyball, swimming, and softball. She believes that she has the right mix of attributes that will help make her a good Corps Commander as she strives to achieve her numerous goals.

Allyson Doran is the daughter of Joe and Mariola Doran and granddaughter to Raymond and Paulina Ortyl (Director of PRCUA's Echoes of Poland). The Air Force is in Allyson's blood. Her dad, grandpa, uncle and cousin are all in the service. It is no wonder that, after graduation, she plans to attend the Air Force Academy. This is one young lady who knows what she wants and is willing to work hard for it. Surely Allyson will succeed in everything she does. The PRCUA congratulates her on her prestigious appointment!

Submitted by Teresa Gibala

Looking through the Window...

by Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski



Dear Readers,

As I am writing this article, our area is awash with stunning and spectacular fall colors and warm weather. Let's not forget the sounds of the wind blowing around in some kind of dance routine, the crunch of dry twigs under your feet and the smell of apple pies baking - I do not know about you, but in my opinion, this season offers so much natural beauty that I just love it! So enjoy the warm autumn weather before the cold winds and chilly, rainy, or even snowy weather cool us off in the next few weeks. Autumn is the season that brings the holidays. I love Thanksgiving, the cooking, smell of the roasting turkey, baked pies and especially the family which is usually at this time of year in a cheery mood! It's the time of the year when we can truly be grateful for all that we have. It is time to give thanks for everything God has done for us. But truly, we should not wait for a designated weekend to give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us in one way or another. Let's be thankful every day for our family, friends, coworkers, good health, happiness and joy. We wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving Day and wish every day could be like Thanksgiving!

Let me share with you what has happened in the last few weeks: On

September 19, the Annual District 7 PRCUA Fishing Derby for youngsters was held at Busse Lake, in Illinois. Children age 1 to 15 years old were able to fish, thanks to the generosity of District #7 members, who sponsored this Derby. District #7 also provided bait and the fishing poles for those who did not have their own and provided free refreshments and hot dogs to everyone in attendance. The shore of the park's lake was lined with youngsters, parents and grandparents who were teaching the younger children how to cast and patiently wait. Some whole families came to the Derby and enjoyed the scene. Fish were biting for some, more than others. Some children caught as many as 20 fish and all the fish caught was gently released back into the lake. Awards were given in different age categories for the most fish caught. District #7 made sure that each participant received some kind of prize, so no child would leave empty-handed. We all had fun and are looking forward to the next year's Derby.

On Saturday, the 25th of September, the Farewell to the Summer Concert - Chopin's 200th Anniversary Concert - was held at Polish National Alliance headquarters. The huge stage was set outside on the PNA property. Although it was a very chilly and windy day, that did not stop the brave crowd of over 2,000 that came to hear this free concert, which was sponsored by the PNA.

The first part of the program presented three young students with amazing musical talents. Later, Michal Pecak, the classically trained pianist, performed and beautifully interpreted the music of Chopin, the best known composer in the world. The next to perform was "Alizma" - triplet sisters, Aleksandra, Izabela and Monika - the most amazing Polish professionally-trained violinists, who are not only beautiful but also very talented. They performed contemporary crossover with classical undertones and demonstrated their amazing range of vocal and musical talent. The last act to perform was internationally known Arek Religa, a multitalented instrumentalist and a local rock guitarist, who along with his band has been performing since coming to the U.S. in 2000. The concert ended with the 3 acts performing together. We want to congratulate and thank the PNA for their initiative and for undertaking such a complex task as organizing this great "Chopin's 200th Anniversary Concert". This Concert was a fabulous event and we were not disappointed. The music was wonderful, and it was obvious that all the artists were extremely talented and amazing. All who attended were touched and inspired.

On Sunday, September 26th, a Banquet in honor of the Polish Women's Alliance celebration of the 100th Anniversary of "Glos Polek", the PWA's official publication, was held. Over 100 people attended this celebration. The Cook County Judge, Aurelia Pucinski was Mistress of Ceremonies and the keynote speaker was Peggy Kusinski, Sports Broadcaster on NBC Chicago. On behalf of the PRCUA, we extend hearty congratulations to the PWA on the 100th Anniversary of the publication of "Glos Polek". One hundred years is a long time which is a remarkable achievement in any business. "Glos Polek" can pride itself on having explained PWA life, Polish culture and traditions to generations of Poles in this country. Congratulations to the entire staff for their dedicated and thoughtful work in reaching this



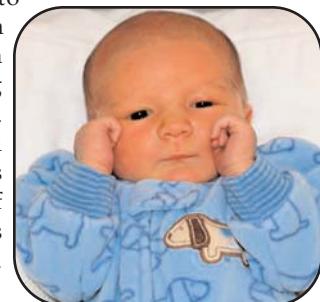
M.J. Robles, J. Frankowicz, A. Krysinski,
M. Sokolowski and granddaughter
Aurora Marron



J. Boruta with angler & Mom



Winner Xander Burt and other participants lining up to receive prizes



Lucas Zannetti

milestone. We wish for the continued success of "Glos Polek".

THANK YOU - Each October we celebrate "Employee Appreciation Day". The PRCUA employees make an important contribution to the success of our organization. The Executive Officers applaud and appreciate their loyalty, commitment, dedication and hard work. Sometimes we get busy and forget to say "thank you." A day like this reminds us that a simple thank you can really make a difference. We are truly privileged to have such dedicated, caring employees whom we wholeheartedly THANK for their service to us and to our members.

A special THANK YOU goes to the PRCUA Song and Dance Ensemble "Wesoly Lud", and Misia and Richard Jaminski, for inviting my husband and me to join "Wesoly Lud" on their trip to China. "Wesoly Lud" was invited to Shanghai, China in October to attend and showcase Polish culture at the Folk Dance Festival *Pudong Lujiazui Cup 2010* and at the *EXPO Shanghai 2010*.

Congratulations to "Wesoly Lud" for wonderful performances in China and for receiving a very prestigious award! More about the Festival and trip to China will be featured in a future edition of *Narod Polski*. (See note at end of article regarding the China trip photos.)

Thank you to all PRCUA employees for their wishes and gifts on Boss's Day. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

CONDOLENCES - Condolences are extended to our employees - Judy Hoffman and Claudine Wicker - and their families, on the death of their beloved father Raymond Wicker. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

BABY NEWS - We are proud to announce the birth of Lucas Joseph Zannetti to Michael and Megan Zannetti, Big Sister Caitlyn and Big Brother Jacob of Macomb Township. Proud grandparents are Edmund and Teresa Latawiec of Sterling Heights and Leo and Debra Zannetti of Rochester Hills. Lucas was 20 inches and 6 lbs. 12 oz. and born on 9/14/2010. Congratulations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Belated Happy Birthday and STO LAT to Judith Drobot, who celebrated her birthday in October. Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in November: Dorothy Bialek (receptionist), Danuta Czajkowski (auditing), Lidia Kowalewicz and Kasia Rosypal (editors), Lisa Terlecki (PMA), Robert Bielenda (VP), Rev. Msgr. Stanley Milewski (Vice Chaplain), Rosemary Lackey (Tatry Dancers Dir.), Cecylia Roznowska (NW Ctr. POLONIA Choreographer), Sabina Logisz (retired PMA), and Jerry Kucharski (past Res.VP). Also Happy Birthday to Sally Klamerus, Joann Ozog, Bernice Hyatt, Michaeline Drust, Marysia Bogun and Basia Foran and my "younger sister" Eva Maze.

Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in December: PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Diane Saczynski (Membership) and PRCUA Directors Joanne Zajac (D3), Richard Turkiewicz (D4). Also Dolores Spejewski (Past Res.VP), Paulina Ortyl (Echoes of Poland Artistic Dir.), Victoria Kushel, Irene Raczyński and Jenny Crissey. Very special Happy Birthday to our daughter, Basia, who will be celebrating her birthday on Christmas Day. "Dearest Basia - we wish you a happy birthday and may God bless you and keep you happy always! May you continue to brighten our lives with joy and happiness. We love you very much!"

Sto Lat and many happy returns to all! Hope that all of you have a great birthday filled with family, friends and lots of LOVE!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Best wishes for a Happy Wedding Anniversary to Maria and Richard Ciesla, who will celebrate during the Christmas Season. "Wishing you Happiness and Joy always and may your celebration be filled with fond memories shared with family and friends."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - Since my next article in English will be in January, I wish you all a Merry Christmas from our home to yours! Christmas is the time of giving and sharing. It is the time of loving and forgiving. May beautiful moments and happy memories surround you with joy this Christmas and may you and your family enjoy all the warmth that this season has to offer. Have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with faith, love, good health, peace and joy! Wishing you all a wonderful and magical Christmas season.

One of the greatest joys of Christmas is spending time with family. It is such a blessing to gather together for the traditional Christmas Eve meal. We recommend the PRCUA Cookbook "Sharing Our Best". All the recipes are clearly written, easy and suitable for many occasions. It also makes a nice gift! To order - send a check for \$15 (includes shipping) payable to PRCUA Cookbook and send to: PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642.

I look forward to receiving your comments, suggestions and ideas. Take care until next time. Let me know what's going on in your corner of the world; write to: fraternal.department@prcua.org or call 1-800-772-8632 or send letters to: Fraternal Department, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642. (See photos from above-mentioned events & the China trip on the Internet at www.prcua.org, go to News and Events, then Looking Through the Window.)



(L-r) Charles Komosa, Marian Grabowski, Teresa Abick, Sharon Zago, Anna Sokolowski, Peggy Kusinski and Paul Odrobina



PHILADELPHIA NEWSY-NEWS



BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES - JOHN ZELL celebrated a very special Birthday on September 18th. He and his wife, JEAN are members of SOCIETY 2001. Mr. Zell, here's hoping your birthday was special in every way.

TWO HEARTS BECAME ONE - On June 12, SOCIETY 2003's SUZANNE LYNN POHLIG married Keith Kearney at St. Philomena Church in Lansdowne, PA. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia. The couple traveled to Petit St. Vincent in the

Caribbean and are now residing in Lansdale, PA. Suzanne is a 2003 graduate of Penn State U. with a BS in Nursing. She works at Fresenius Medical Care and provides dialysis care to patients at Lansdale/Abington, Mercy Suburban and Chestnut Hill Hospitals. Dr. Kearney is a graduate of Scranton University and received a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He works with a gastroenterology practice in Sellersville. Suzanne is the daughter of SUSAN P. (Gerald) POHLIG and the sister of JONATHAN, CHRISTOPHER, GERALD, DANIEL, CHARLES and STEPHEN POHLIG, all members of SOCIETY 2003. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Kearney, let love and happiness remain with you forever.

CONGRATULATIONS - A round of applause is accorded to SOCIETY 2009's DONNA BLICHASZ, 3rd place winner of the 2010 Adam Styka Art Competition sponsored by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia. Her amazing artwork is entitled "The Gang's All Here". A reception was held to open the exhibit at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown; 24 artists took part in the competition presenting very impressive works of art featuring techniques with oil, acrylic, pen and textiles. Donna is the daughter of MICHAEL BLICHASZ, Pres., Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District and the sister of MARIAN who are members of SOCIETY 2009 as well.

FEELING SO PROUD - Congratulations to SOCIETY 2019's RICHIE BONCZAK of Mt. Ephraim, NJ on taking 1st place for the 2nd consecutive year at the Regional Finals of the *Phillies Home Run Derby Competition* on Aug. 6. Richie, 11, put on a stellar hitting performance earning 35 out of 50 points. He participated in the Championship Round at Citizen's Bank Park on Sep. 5 before the Philadelphia Phillies played the Milwaukee Brewers where he finished with 23 points. He plays for both Mt. Ephraim Little League and Audubon Avalanche of the Tri State Elite Baseball Teams as a pitcher and first baseman. Richie is a 4th generation PRCUA member. He is the son of RICHARD (Judy), brother of ANTHONY, grandson of RICH and AMELIA and nephew of STANLEY, LISA AND CHRISTINA. All the Bonczaks are PRCUA Members. SOCIETY 2019 is so very proud of Richie's sports achievements. What a way to go, Richie!

SOCIETY 1538 JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS - Belated Birthday



Dziadzi Leo Trzaskawka with his 7 grandchildren

(Nancy), MARK and daughter-in-law TaraJean, grandsons, MARK, JR., SAMUEL and GABRIEL and mother-in-law MARY BUZIAK, Pres. of Soc. 1538 are all members of PRCUA. It was a perfect birthday celebration. All the best to Leo!

BIRTHDAYS x 3 - There was even more partying in the TRZASKAWKA Family recently. SAMUEL celebrated his 4th birthday on June 21, GABRIEL celebrated his 2nd birthday on Sept. 30th

wishes are extended to LEO TRZASKAWKA who celebrated on August 26th with his family at Famous Dave's in Philadelphia. His wife, MARILYN, Fin. Secy. of SOCIETY 1538 along with his sons, LEON



The Trzaskawka's (l-r) Samuel, Gabriel and Mark, Jr.

and MARK, JR. celebrated his 7th birthday on Aug. 14 and is in the 2nd grade. The boys are members of SOCIETY 1538 together with their parents, MARK and TJ (TaraJean) Trzaskawka. Babci and Dziadzi MARILYN and LEO TRZASKAWKA enjoyed being part of the birthday celebrations.

CIRCLE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR - on Sat., Dec. 11, the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut St., Philadelphia will host a Polish Christmas Open House from 11 am to 2:30 pm. Free admission. Call 215-922-1700.

SENDING OUR LOVE FROM THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE - Best regards to MRS. JOANN OZOG, who is recuperating from surgery. "We hope a cup of cheer will add sunshine to your day and remind you just how warmly you're thought of."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all PRCUA members and friends, have a grand Holiday and a joyous month! *Staff of the Philadelphia Office*



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES - Our hearts are saddened indeed by the loss of a unique and dynamic lady - SOCIETY 2009's ALFREDA PLOCHA, who passed away at home on October 7 surrounded by the love of her family.

Everyone who knew ALFREDA PLOCHA, would agree that she was robust of energy, and filled with an enormous amount of vim, vigor and stamina. She loved her family dearly and was also profoundly passionate about the Union of Polish Women in America, where she served as Recording Secretary of Group 9 (1945-69), Financial Secretary of Group 9/Society 2009 (1953-2009), Counselor of UPWA Group 9 dance class, a Director of the UPWA Executive Board (1965-69), Third Vice-President (1969-73), Second Vice-President (1973-77), President General (1977-93) and Honorary President of the UPWA in 1993. Her aim was to increase membership. She earnestly worked to the best of her ability, and in doing so she placed first in numerous membership contests. ALFREDA PLOCHA had the distinct privilege of selecting a Quadrennial Convention Queen to represent Group 9 at the 10th through the 17th UPWA Conventions and among them were her three daughters, KAMILA GABBARD, MARJA GALAS and PAULA STRAKA. The pride and joy she derived from being a top membership producer for years and years was immeasurable. Even after the merger of UPWA with PRCUA, Mrs. Plocha continued her zealous efforts, and strived to procure new members and worked for the good of PRCUA.

Besides her ardent UPWA devotion, Alfreda Plocha was an active parishioner of St. Stanislaus Church and was well known in Polonia. In addition, she was President of the Philadelphia, PA and NJ Fraternals. She was a National Director of the Polish American Congress (PAC) Eastern PA District; and she served as Chair for the Polish Fund on the PAC's Committee for the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Former Mayor of Philadelphia W. Wilson Goode appointed her to the *Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations* where she served as secretary. In 1976 she was honored with the Achievement Award for service activities to Polish American youth. In 1981 John Cardinal Krol appointed Alfreda Plocha to work with Deborah Heart Hospital in Browns Mills, NJ, to bring children from Poland for heart operations that were not possible in Poland, thus saving hundreds of young lives. In 1982 the Polish Army Veterans Post #12 made Mrs. Plocha an honorary member and she was honored by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia for her outstanding humanitarian achievements. In 1984 the Italian Press Knights Legion enrolled Mrs. Plocha in the *Honoris Causa*. In 1985 she became an honorary member of the Polish Air Force Veterans Association and was the Grand Marshall of the Philadelphia Pulaski Day Parade. Above all, she valued the Papal Honor, *Pro-Ecclesia Et Pontifice*, bestowed upon her by her fellow countryman, Pope John Paul II, whom she had met on numerous occasions, before and after his ascent to the Papacy. Alfreda's generosity was portrayed in many instances. She hosted a mother and son from Poland and was instrumental in seeking treatment for the young boy at Shriners Hospital. She also was a big benefactor for the Institute for the Blind in Laski, Poland.

Alfreda Plocha is the beloved wife of the late ZYGMUNT, the devoted mother of three daughters, KAMILA (Gene) GABBARD, MARJA (Wojtek) GALAS and PAULA STRAKA and two sons, EDWARD (Helen) and LEON (JOANNE). She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, ANIA, ALICIA, ALEKSANDRA, LYDIA, ROMAN, JASIU, JULIA AND MAXIMILIAN. All the Plocha Family are members of Soc. 2009 (UPWA Grp. 9).

A viewing was held on October 10th. Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated at St. Stanislaus Church in Philadelphia by Father James Oliver, pastor, and ten other priests. Before Mass, the famed UPWA ritual was led by Father Thomas Kalita and a beautiful and meaningful eulogy was delivered by EDWARD PLOCHA.

"Farewell Alfreda Plocha, rest in peace. We solemnly vow to remember you always in our prayers". Sympathy is many hearts sharing one sorrow. Sincere condolences to the Plocha Family on their great loss. - Elaine Burkhardt, Phila. Office

PHILADELPHIA FRATERNALS' VOLUNTEER DAYS - Please join the Philadelphia Fraternals on Sat., Nov. 20 to pack food for seniors. Contact Sharon Quinn at 215-425-3807. Being a volunteer enables you to make an impact in your community and may give you some valuable experience in a number of ways.

- Sharon Quinn, Secretary-Treasurer/Phila. Fraternals



Alfreda Plocha

Farewell Luncheon Becomes an Occasion of Recognition and Gratitude

On Tuesday, September 14th, Felicia Krupinski, a PRCUA and Polish Museum of America (PMA) member, hosted a Farewell Luncheon for President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann, who has been very active as a PMA volunteer for 10 years. The event was held in the PRCUA Social Hall and was well-attended by many fellow fraternalists and friends.

Alice Robaczewski, who assisted in the planning of the event, welcomed the Ozogs with a corsage and boutonniere. Felicia Krupinski welcomed everyone to the luncheon. Fr. Andrew Maslejek gave the Invocation and everyone enjoyed the buffet.

President Emeritus and Mrs. Wallace Ozog thanked Felicia Krupinski for hosting this luncheon, Alice Robaczewski for doing the legwork on behalf of Felicia, and the rest of the committee. He also thanked Fr. Andrew Maslejek, Pastor of Holy Trinity Polish Mission, for taking time from his busy schedule to be with the Ozogs. "We would also like to thank all of you for joining us as we begin, for a second time, a life of retirement," said Mr. Ozog, "In 12 years you have become our 'Chicago Family.'...and now it is sad for us to leave our Chicago family. We have met many wonderful people. There are some individuals that we would like to give special recognition to this afternoon."

Since it was Joann Ozog who initiated the annual "Volunteer Appreciation Day" at the PMA, and who initiated numerous fundraisers for the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. she did not want to leave without extending her appreciation to all the many people who helped her with these events. She presented each of them with a red rose and/or a certificate of appreciation and group photos were taken which appear on the website.

The Ozogs recognized Kasia Bober, owner of Kasia's Deli for her generosity and support of the PMA and the PRCUA Education Fund, and her friendship. They also acknowledged one of her employees, Kasia's granddaughter, Elizabeth Jakubowicz.

Anna Hebal, owner of the Red Apple Restaurant, who provided cuisine at the PMA Wigilias and assisted in fund raising by giving pierogi- and golabki-making demonstrations, was thanked for her friendship and support.

Matthew Sularski was acknowledged for his friendship and for generously supporting the PMA and the PRCUA Education Fund. His children and the Ozog children met when they became Legacy Life Members of the Museum in the same year.

Then, they thanked the PRCUA Maria Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, whose President is Edward Muszalski, for supporting the PMA and the PRCUA Education Fund with their presence at fundraisers. Walter Dynowski, a member of that group, received a certificate for playing St. Nicholas at many PMA's Wigilias. Guests always enjoyed his presence and he brought great joy to children and adults alike.

Mr. & Mrs. Ozog thanked Sabina Logisz, a retired PMA & PRCUA employee for 65 years, for her inspiration and encouragement over the past 12 years and her friendship. They also acknowledged Polonia's dear friend, Pat Michalski, from Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas' office, and florist Barbara Pelt for their friendship and support.

Felicia Krupinski, who worked side-by-side with Mrs. Ozog for the PMA and PRCUA Education Fund was then recognized. She is an inspiration to everyone she meets. Over the years she has addressed thousands of envelopes and helped at numerous workshops. She is a hard worker whom the Ozogs acknowledged for her friendship, dedication and support.

Wallace Ozog then recognized the many volunteers and employees who went above and beyond to dedicate their time and talents to the PMA and/or volunteered for the PRCUA Education fundraisers that started in August 2008. They are:

VOLUNTEERS

Halina Biniewska
Joseph Boruta
Diane Cortesi
Michaeline Drust
Stasia Gasior
Ken Gill
Elizabeth Grabowski
Olga Kaszewicz

Frank Kociubinski
Camille Kopielski
Barbara Kozuchowska
Mark Kroplewski
Kevin Kucik
Stephanie Kunas
Rosalie Lindberg
Conrad Miczko

Lorene Pontarelli
Barbara Pawlowski
James Robaczewski
Lucia Seranko
Pam Tuytens
Virginia Witucke
Bogusia Yon

Julita Siegel
Lisa Terlicki
Fred Tuytens
Greg Wiley

Norm Schroeder
Bill Seranko
Mark Sorbi
Frances Surowiec
Pat Tropp
Anna Trush
Kim Wachowski
Anna Wolan
Mareola Wysocki
Jola Zachara

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Krystyna Grell
Paulina Jakubiec
Margaret Kot
Richard Kujawa

Dorothy Bialek
Roberta Brewster
Kasia Budzyn
Boguslawa Chrzanowska
Danuta Czajkowski
Mary Jane Czypura
Joseph Gancarczyk
Halina Glinczak
Maria Grzadziel
Judy Hoffman
Lidia Kowalewicz

Bob Kowalski
Emily Kurda
Agnes Migiel
Julie Prado
Michael Perzynski
Alice Robaczewski
Madia Robles
Mary Jane Robles
Kasia Rosypal
Kevin Ryba
Danuta Rybska

Polish National Alliance has cooperated with PRCUA and PMA and has worked together for the good of Polonia. The Ozogs thanked Frank Spula, PNA President for his friendship, support and cooperation, PNA Vice President Paul Odrobina and his wife, Jan and PNA Vice President Teresa Abick, for their continued friendship and support and working together for the good of Polonia.



Joann Ozog, luncheon hostess Felicia Krupinski and her assistant Alice Robaczewski

Polish Women's Alliance has also worked together with PRCUA and PMA for the good of Polonia. The Ozogs thanked Virginia Sikora, National President and her husband, Ray, for their continued friendship and support.

Other organizations present that supported many of the PRCUA and PMA events were: Polish Women's Civic Club, Legion of Young Polish Women, Council of



Virginia Sikora,
PWAA President



PNA V.P. Paul Odrobina, Joann Ozog,
PNA V.P. Teresa Abick and Wallace Ozog

Educators in Polonia and Polish Arts Club. The Ozogs thanked all of them for their support and interest.

Hon. Zygmunt Matynia, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, and his wife, were also acknowledged for their cooperation, support and friendship.

PRCUA retiring Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz was acknowledged and wishes an enjoyable and long retirement. Her replacement, James Robaczewski, was welcomed and wished well. Mr. Ozog also introduced and welcomed the new PRCUA National President, Joseph Drobot Jr. and his wife, First Lady Judy Drobot. The Ozogs wished them much success and said: "May those who have volunteered in the past continue to do so during your term of office," he said.

"All of these people, who have worked together for the good of the PMA and/or the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc., have made a difference! They helped to keep the Museum alive and vibrant. From 1998 to January 2009 over one million dollars was brought into the museum under the leadership of my wife. Since August 2008, almost \$74,000 was raised in donations for the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. These volunteers have made a difference in the lives of our young adults who want to receive a higher education. My wife and I hope that what was accomplished these past 12 years will continue for future generations, and we hope that new programs and fundraisers will also be introduced," said Pres. Emeritus Ozog. "We will miss you! We loved our 12 years in Chicago! We must have had fun because the time did fly by. Now it is time to relax a little, be with Joann's mom and enjoy our children and grandchildren. We thank you for your friendship and help. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers."

Various guests extended best wishes and/or presented special gifts to the Ozogs, including Secy.-Tres. Jim Robaczewski, Kevin Ryba, Past Tres. and Past Dir. Joseph Boruta - who presented Mr. Ozog with a Tom Zbikowski autographed football shirt - Felicia Krupinski, Kenneth Gill, Malgorzata Kot on behalf of the Polish Museum, Agnes Migiel and Anna Wolan, who presented flowers and a card



The Ozogs with Pat Michalski extends best wishes to President Emeritus Wallace and Joann Ozog in their retirement and a sincere Bog zaplac. (See additional photos from this event on the PRCUA website at www.prcua.org, click on News and Events, click on "Farewell Luncheon.")

Photos by Lidia Kowalewicz, Narod Polski Managing Editor



(Back, l-r) M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group
Pres. E. Muszalski, M. Drust, M. Brzezniak,
W. Dynowski, K. Bober; (front) F. Krupinski,
Pres. Emeritus W. Ozog, J. Ozog



Sabina Logisz, Felicia Krupinski, Fr. Andrew Maslejek and Camille Kopielski





Past Director Shirley Galanty Passed Away

*In loving memory of our mother,
who danced her way into eternal life on
September 20, 2010...*

It is our sad duty to report that PRCUA Past Director of District #10, Shirley Ann Galanty, 72, died in her sleep at her home in Dearborn Heights, MI on September 20, 2010.

Shirley Ann (Hojnacki) Galanty was born January 27, 1938 to Sophie (Hudy) and Stephen Hojnacki of Detroit, MI. She was the oldest of two sisters and three brothers. Both of her parents were proud Polish Americans who instilled in their children pride in their Polish heritage, as taught to them by their parents. Shirley attended St. Stephen Elementary School in Detroit and graduated from the Felician Academy in 1956.

Her love of dancing began at the age of 4. She studied ballet, pointe and tap for twelve years at the prestigious Enid Ricardeau Dance Studio in Detroit. For the next six years, Shirley was a member of Ray Binny's "Talent on Parade" travel troupe under the stage name "Shirley Ann Dare." At the same time, during her middle school years, Shirley became a member of the "Laur Society" and it was then that her love for Polish folk dancing began.

Upon graduation from high school, Shirley became the first PRCUA dance teacher in the State of Michigan. She taught at the PRCUA Westside Dance School in Detroit, now known as the Wieliczka Dance School. Her love for her Polish heritage was further fostered by a neighbor - Katherine (Pielch) Galanty - who was an active member of the PRCUA Women's Division. Shirley didn't know it then, but Katherine would become her mother-in-law just 4 years later.

Shirley Galanty was also instrumental in establishing and teaching at the PRCUA Warren Dance School, now known as Opole Dancers (1958). She also taught at the PRCUA Dearborn Heights School (now known as the Tatry Dance School). She was proud to be a Certified Choreographer and member of Dance Masters of America and Dance Masters of Michigan.

Shirley became the bride of Joseph Galanty in 1960. Together they had seven children, all of whom became PRCUA members and Polish folk dancers. While raising her family, she continued to teach at the PRCUA Westside Dance School and was offered positions to teach with the "Laur Society" in Detroit and the PNA Polonaise Dancers in Dearborn Heights.

Her enthusiasm for dance was contagious and her energy level was high. Shirley started a dance studio in the basement of her Norborne Street home in 1971 and called the group "The Shirley Galanty Line Dancers." Hundreds of students marched down those basement stairs to take lessons from her. There wasn't a child in Dearborn Heights who didn't take lessons and that included all seven of her own children. Every student learned elements of Polish folk dancing, as well as tap, ballet and jazz. Neighbors were even treated to nightly rehearsals in the street when recital season came around.

With a full schedule of dance already, Shirley took on yet another pet project in 1975, with the formation of the Syrena Dance Ensemble of Dearborn Heights. She introduced the first "Presentation Ball" honoring Syrena's graduating seniors. It was the Syrena Dance Ensemble from which all of her children graduated. She continued to teach both the PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble and the PRCUA Wieliczka Dance School until 2009.

In 1979, Shirley Galanty took on a more responsible leadership role within the PRCUA when she was elected as State Director in Michigan for District #10. She expended endless energy in organizing numerous events, such as youth groups among the dance schools, a Folklore Dance Gala, the organization and participation of all PRCUA Michigan dance schools at the festivities in Hamtramck surrounding two Papal visits, and the list goes on. As Director, she represented the PRCUA in numerous organizations, such as the Polish American Congress, Michigan Fraternal Congress and Central Citizens Committee, just to name a few. She also served in leadership roles as National President of the Orchard Lake's Ladies Auxiliary, President of the PRCUA Michigan Women's Division; President of Chapter 15 Ladies Auxiliary of Orchard Lake; a PRCUA Insurance Deputy; a Delegate to PRCUA Conventions and Financial Secretary of PRCUA Societies #1585 and #1614.

There were many sleepless nights for her, as she prepared for each fraternal or organizational event, always making sure everyone had what they needed and that everything ran smoothly.



Shirley Ann Galanty
1938 - 2010

Sadly, she lost her beloved husband to cancer in 1984, and still had all seven children at home. She worked harder than before and continued to promote her pride in her Polish heritage. She truly instilled this pride not only in all seven of her children, but also into each one of her Polish dancers. She demanded this of them and their ethnic pride was very evident when they danced on stage. Shirley always led by example. "The fact that she had the opportunity to express her lifelong passion for dance and turn it into a rewarding career was a constant source of joy for her," said her oldest son, Mark Galanty. "Striving for perfection was the ultimate goal, of course. But while she dearly loved her students, she could be a drill sergeant, if need be."

In 1991, she founded the PRCUA Michigan State Ball which would allow all graduating seniors from all PRCUA Michigan dance schools to have the opportunity to be formally introduced to Metro Detroit's Polonia and to the Executive Officers of the PRCUA. Founding this Ball was, by far, Shirley Galanty's crowning achievement. She was extremely proud of this elegant affair that recognized all the graduating seniors for their many contributions - not only to their respective dance schools but also in their communities. It has been the highlight in many students' lives and gives them a very special and memorable way of concluding the many years they devoted to Polish folk dancing. The upcoming 2011 Michigan State Ball will mark the 20th anniversary of this event. Shirley's family is extremely proud and grateful to President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. for the honor that he has bestowed upon their mother by having the Ball renamed the "Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball."

Besides her family, every aspect of Shirley's life included the PRCUA and dance. She was in "heaven on earth" with every dance class she taught and with every event she attended. This was her life and she lived life to its fullest. She was extremely devoted and dedicated to her dance classes. She attended national dance seminars in Polish folk dance and traveled to Poland on several occasions to perfect her artistry and share what she had learned with others.

Shirley was known for her great enthusiasm and zest for life. She knew how to encourage youths to be the best they can be. She was full of endless energy and she used that energy to make a positive difference in the lives of not only her students, but also everyone with whom she came into contact. Shirley Galanty left this world a better place in which to live. What a legacy!

Shirley Galanty was much loved and greatly respected. She has left a behind a huge group of family, friends and admirers who will never forget her.

Her daughter Kelly Malinowski said, "Mom's remarkable strength is what her family will look to when we are feeling sad and empty. We will hold close all the lessons and unforgettable memories she has given to each one of us, especially our grand holiday traditions. She truly was one of a kind and we are so proud and blessed to have had her as our mother."

"On behalf of the entire Galanty Family: Mark (Christine), Kelly (Duane), Malinowski, Gary (Shelly), Alan (Diane), Joel (Suzanne), Robin (John) Solak, Donna (Richard) Jewula, along with all nineteen of Busia's cherished grandchildren, Heather, Matthew, Joey, Steven, Robby, Duane, Tori, Michael, Holly, David, Jason, Dominic, Johnny, Patrick, Allison, Shane, Abigail, Nicholas, and Sophia, we want to thank you all for your support and sympathy during this difficult time," she added. "We especially want to thank President Drobot and Resident Vice President Sokolowski, President Emeritus Wallace Ozog - who is a former student of Shirley Galanty - and Vice President Robert Bielenda, for attending the wake and paying tribute to our mother; to all the dancers from present and past for visiting "Mrs. G" and dancing one last polka for her; and to PRCUA Vice Chaplain Rev. Monsignor Stanley Milewski and Fr. Timothy Whalen, Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, for celebrating Mom's Funeral Mass at St. Linus Church in Dearborn Heights and sending her to heaven in 'first class' style."

- Submitted by Kelly Malinowski, one of her daughters

Shirley Ann Galanty was buried in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights, MI. May her soul rest in eternal peace and may she be blessed a hundredfold for all the benefits she has brought into the lives of others.

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In a eulogy, given by PRCUA Resident V.P. Anna Sokolowski, she said:

... Mrs. "G" was dedicated and very involved in our organization, a hard worker, compassionate, outgoing, a fantastic dancer, talented choreographer and teacher, loving mother and grandmother, with a sense of humor, and without any ego at all.

If asked to describe Shirley Galanty in one word, it would be "Dancer." Dancing was her first love as a child and it remained her love throughout her life. The way she moved, with her shapely legs, on the dancing floor was breathtaking and, yes, she had the best dancing legs in the PRCUA. Shirley Galanty shared her knowledge of dancing with us. She wanted Polish American youth to know their Polish heritage, culture, customs, traditions and folk dancing. She was instrumental in the formation of several PRCUA dance schools in Michigan. Her expertise in Polish Dancing has been responsible for the instruction of hundreds, maybe thousands, of students throughout the years. She was an inspiration to our youth for over 50 years; she nurtured her students in the appreciation of Polish culture. Her life was a life of self-sacrifice, love and helping others... Let's try to remember all of the good times that we all shared with Mrs. "G" and try to do things in our lives that would make her proud.

Special 60th Post-Convention Campaign

A Limited Time Offer!

The PRCUA is proud to present an affordable life insurance benefit that is being offered exclusively to existing members in good standing and their immediate families - subject to underwriter approval, a guaranteed* issue permanent whole life insurance certificate with certain limitations. Immediate family includes your spouse, children, grandchildren, siblings, parents or grandparents.

This affordable membership benefit has been developed to ensure that current PRCUA members and their families have sufficient financial protection. PRCUA members may decide to take advantage of this special campaign to increase their current permanent whole life insurance coverage or share this special offer with an immediate family member.

The PRCUA is providing a voucher (see below) with two different options for this program:

==> A 60% voucher toward the payment of the first year's premium for the 5-, 10- or 20-pay permanent whole life (WL) insurance certificate.

==> A 6% voucher toward a single premium whole life (SPWL) certificate .

Note: vouchers are not transferable.

The following issue age, death benefit and plan limits apply in this membership campaign:

Issue Age	Max Face*	Plans Available
0 to 30	\$25,000	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
31 to 50	\$10,000	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
51 to 60	\$7,500	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
61 to 70	\$5,000	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
71 to 80	\$5,000	5WL and SPWL Only

*Minimum amount of insurance available for juveniles is \$10,000 on all life insurance plans in this Special 60th Post-Convention Campaign.

This fraternal benefit Special 60th Post Convention Campaign will be effective on all applications received from August 16, 2010 until December 17, 2010.

Our actuary has reviewed this program and has encouraged our participation.

If you have any questions regarding this campaign, please contact our Membership Department toll-free at 1-800-772-8632.



First Town Hall Meeting Was A Success

By President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.



(L-r) Toledo Director of the Board Larry Cieniewski, President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., 1st Lady Judy, District 5 Director Joan Sylak, and Toledo Chapter President Gary Boes

Toledo, OH - On Sunday, October 17th, I was invited by PRCUA Director Joan Sylak of District #5 to initiate the Town Hall Meetings that I announced at the Inaugural Ball. The occasion was the Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the PRCUA in District #5 and the meeting took place at Misiuda Hall in Toledo, Ohio. My wife Judy came with me.

It was a beautiful, bright sunny morning when we arrived. The Hall was set for approximately sixty members, with a table at the front, serving as the altar.

Mass was celebrated there by District #5's new chaplain, Father Paul Kwiatkowski. It was his first official function as a PRCUA District Chaplain. Father Kwiatkowski is also a new member of the PRCUA.

After Mass, a beautiful buffet breakfast was offered to all. Eggs, ham and bacon were plentiful, and certainly satisfied everyone's appetite.

Director Joan Sylak then introduced my wife, Judy, and myself. She noted that I am the recently-elected president and that I wanted to visit the districts and meet with members to hear what they are saying, or not saying, about the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Many questions were posed including discussions about annuity rates and life insurance. Topics such as "social members" and "home office operations" were discussed.

Afterwards, Judy and I mingled and socialized with many of the members. We thanked everyone for a wonderful first Town Hall meeting.

We left shortly after the official business meeting began at 1:00 pm.

(Photo: Marty Blaszczyk, Editor, LaGrange St. News, Toledo, OH)

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One of the participants in the Toledo meeting sent President Drobot the following email message later in the week, which summarizes at least one person's reaction to the meeting:

"I am sending this email to express a BIG thank you on three specific levels. First, I must say thank you very much for visiting the local Toledo PRCUA society yesterday."

[Secondly] "I truly feel everyone must share in the "labor of love" to secure a safe financial position for PRCUA. This necessary level of financial security will not come easily and certainly will not happen without the buy-in of all the members."

[Thirdly] "A successful campaign must start at the bottom and at the top with all in-between being on the same page. You are certainly accomplishing this by starting at the Grass Roots level of the organization, by going directly to the people and speaking. This is something that has been lacking for so many years. Most societies feel very disconnected from the home office. Your attendance proved that indeed Toledo is part of the National [PRCUA] and a welcomed part at that. Great Job!..."

Around Polonia...



Saturday, November 13 - The Polish American Cultural Club will hold its **Christmas Bazaar** from 10 am-2 pm at the American Legion Hall, 900 S. La Grange Rd., LaGrange, IL. It will include imports from Poland, crystal, oplatki, a Polish lunch entree from Rose Catering and free Polka lessons and Polka music as you browse. Free admission.

Saturday and Sunday, November 27 and 28 - Annual Polish Museum of America Gift, Crystal and Amber Holiday Sale, 11 am - 4 pm in the Great Hall at 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL, featuring Boleslawiec pottery, glass ornaments, Polish crystal, amber jewelry, wooden gifts, Polish Christmas cards, Oplatki, CDs, and much more. **A 10% discount will be taken off all items at the register!**

Michigan Fraternal Congress News: Mrs. Joann Ozog is "Fraternalist of the Year"



*Joann Ozog received MFC
Fraternalist of the Year award
from Jacquelynn Villareal*

The Michigan Fraternal Congress met with the Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counsellors in Frankenmuth, MI on October 7 and 8th. The meeting was filled with hands-on workshops and a genealogy session on searching for your roots. Philip Zeller gave a lecture on the Dale Carnegie Methodologies. There were Continuing Education classes at no charge for MFIC members on both days.

President Joe Annotti, CEO of the National Fraternal Congress gave an updated report on fraternal organizations and their future. For a start, the National Fraternal Congress is changing its name to the American Fraternal Alliance,

which will take effect in January of 2011. Although taxing of fraternal organizations will probably not take effect on the federal level, there is talk that fraternal organizations may be taxed on the state level because all the states are looking for additional income.

The MFC awarded a scholarship to a PRCUA member, Katelyn Mills, from Roosevelt High School.

One of the highlights of the MFC meeting is the collection of donated items needed by a specific charity. This year, Caregiving Network requested canned food items such as canned goods, sugar, coffee, pasta, breakfast bars and crackers; also non-food items such as detergent, soap, toothpaste, paper towels, razors, baggies, deodorant and shampoo.

Michigan PRCUA dance groups should be very proud of their charitable efforts. The monetary value of all the items that the MFC collected was \$2,357. Of that total, the PRCUA dance groups donated \$1,650. Also, a total of \$600 dollars in cash was received, of which the PRCUA donated \$100 and the MFIC gave \$500. The caregiving network representatives were well pleased.

The MFC "Fraternalist of the Year" award was presented to the PRCUA's Past First Lady, Joann Ozog, for all she has done for the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc., for helping to raise over a million dollars for the Polish Museum of America and for the many other charitable organizations in which she has been involved for many, many years.

The PRCUA salutes Mrs. Ozog and extends best wishes. A more appropriate recipient could not have been chosen.

- By PRCUA
VP Bob Bielenda



Donations from the PRCUA groups to the MFC's 2010 charity project



PRCUA members boxing the PRCUA donations (l-r) Bernice Adamkiewicz, Julius Szymczyk, President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and Eleanor Bielenda, wife of VP Bob Bielenda

Kudos Go to PRCUA National Director Mitchell Bienia

Congratulations go to National Director of District #5 in Cleveland Ohio - Dr. Mitchell Bienia. On Saturday, October 2, 2010, Director Bienia was elected to be one of the Directors on the Board of the Ohio Fraternal Congress (OFC).

He aspires to use this position to gain further knowledge about the concerns of local fraternal organizations and to be of greater assistance to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Best wishes from the PRCUA Dir. Mitchell Bienia, Dist. #5 administration, Board, employees and members.



John Paul II next in line for beatification?

Stanislaw Solty - Poland's Newest Saint

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw - Thousands of Poles were in St. Peter's Square in Rome to personally witness the canonization of Poland's newest saint, as millions of their countrymen followed the ceremony on live TV. Elevated to Catholic sainthood was 15th-century monk Stanislaw Solty Kazimierczyk. As a Canon Regular of the Lateran during Krakow's "Golden Age", he devoted his life to the Holy Eucharist and was an inspiring preacher and popular confessor who cared for the sick and the poor. He got the nickname Kazimierczyk from the Krakow suburb that he called home.

Stanislaw Solty (1433-89), who cared little for personal comforts and gave his all in the service of God and his fellowman, was regarded as a living saint by many of those who had come into contact with him. He was a personal friend of another saintly Pole, Jan Kanty. People began praying to him shortly after his death, and a local official, Starosta Komorowski of Oswiecim, had his sight restored after invoking the late monk's intercession. But Stanislaw could not be called *Blessed* until 1993, when he was beatified by Pope John Paul II.

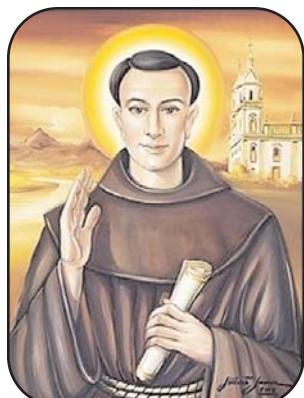
The canonization of St. Stanislaw Solty Kazimierczyk was presided over by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI. In his sermon, the German-born Pontiff cited the Polish monk as "an example and intercessor for us (...) He learned faith and piety from his mother and father in Kazimierz. There he worked as a priest and educator and was attentive to the care of the needy. In a particular way, he was devoted to the Eucharist, through his ardent love for Christ, living the mystery of the death and resurrection which take place in a bloodless way during Holy Mass."

Last June, Pope Benedict sent his canonization expert Archbishop Angelo Amato to preside over the Warsaw beatification of Father Jerzy Popieluszko. The 37-year-old Solidarity chaplain, who had been abducted, tortured and murdered by General Wojciech Jaruzelski's secret police in 1984, was proclaimed a martyr for the faith, and no miracle was required for his beatification. Pilgrims from all over Poland, Polonia and beyond, continue to flock to Fr. Jerzy's tomb in the forecourt of Warsaw's St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Attached to the two kneelers positioned at the foot of the grave is the text of a prayer to Blessed Jerzy:

"Lord God, the source of all good, I thank You that in Your love You bestowed the dignity of the priesthood upon Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko and sent him to fervently preach Your Word, dispense the Holy Sacraments, act in Your name and be close to everyone, calling them to forgiveness, unity and peace. You endowed him with the grace of martyrdom through which he came to resemble Christ on the Way of the Cross. We venerate and thank You, Lord, for this great gift to the Church, particularly because You have made him an intercessor in the bestowal of grace. In Your infinite mercy deign to receive him into the communion of saints and though his intercession grant me the grace to _____ (here a personal intention is inserted), for which in trust I beseech You. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

With the canonization of St. Stanislaw Solty, the ranks of Polish saints have increased to 30. Blessed Jerzy's beatification brought to 225 the number of Polish blessed. Among them are 108 martyrs of World War II, including one bishop, priests, nuns and lay people beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1999. The Polish-born Pontiff appears next in line for beatification, possibly some time in 2011.

Although Pope Benedict put Karol Wojtyla on a fast track to beatification shortly after his death in 2005, recently the process got stalled. Additional medical tests of the French nun, who claims she was cured after invoking John Paul's intercession, have raised doubts as to whether she had been afflicted with Parkinson's disease or not.



St. Stanislaw Solty

OPENING DAY FOR CLEVELAND PRCUA POLISH SCHOOLS

September 17 was opening day for the two PRCUA Polish schools in the Cleveland area. Stefan Batory School of Polish Language and Culture began classes in their old location on the second floor of the PRCUA building in Cleveland. Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School began classes in a new location at Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Cleveland suburb of Brook Park. Both groups were well on their way to a successful school year.

Carol Stafinski, co-director of the Stefan Batory School, had brochures ready which described the adult program of this school. Plans are to move classes to the first floor of the PRCUA building to accommodate persons with limited mobility.



Theme - Each year the Stefan Batory School selects a theme on which to focus. Previous years' themes were Warsaw, Krakow and Jasna Gora. This year the theme will be the Tri-Cities along the coast of the Baltic Sea, Gdansk, Gdynia and Sopot. Accompanying this article is a photo of a geographical diagram of Jasna Gora, the project of Norma Hanko for last school year.

Communicative Approach - This Stefan Batory School of Polish Language and Culture has traditionally used the

communicative approach, which enables students to use vocabulary and basic grammar to communicate with speakers of the Polish language. The goal of the program, according to teacher and co-director Iwona Gutowska, is "to give one student each week the opportunity to address the class in Polish, with current information of the day. The presentation will include a poster talk about weather conditions," she concluded.

Immersion Approach

Additionally, the class is adopting an immersion approach to learning the Polish language. Polish will be spoken in the classroom as much as possible. While learning language skills, students have the opportunity to learn Polish history, environment, geography, culture and folklore through individual and class projects.

Class meets on Friday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Ohio Office of the PRCUA.

Anyone wishing to join classes at the Stefan Batory School of Polish Language and Culture may call the PRCUA Ohio Office at (216) 883-3131 for further information.

Henryk Sienkiewicz School - Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School started classes with the largest enrollment in recent years. The school offers classes in Polish language, song and dance. Traditionally the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School has had a class specially geared for non-Polish speakers, i.e., primarily American-born children. The other classes are composed of children whose first language is Polish, and therefore need assistance maintaining proficiency in their native tongue.

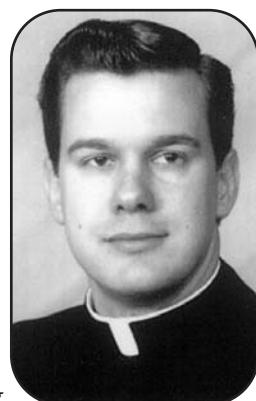
Youngest Group

The youngest students eagerly marched around the room to the rhythm of the piano, played by teacher Agnieszka Kotlarsik. When the tempo slowed, the children likewise slowed. And when the music ended with a huge "thud" on the base notes of the piano, all children dropped to the floor as if asleep. But they jumped up excitedly when the march was intoned again. Grazyna Siwik teaches Polish language and helps with the youngest group of students because it is so large.



Middle Group with teacher/principal Ewa Wiechec

November Remembrances



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

As we enter the month of November, most people would associate it with our celebration of Thanksgiving, that uniquely American holiday where we set aside time to gather with family and friends to offer thanks to Almighty God for the gifts we share: our country, our bounty and freedom, and each other. This is a wonderful thing and, in a sense, remains our purest, least commercialized of holidays. This is why it remains many people's favorite, because it hasn't had its meaning and significance compromised or diluted through the materialistic, cultural, and politically correct pressures which have so much affected our other holiday observances but which seem to have somehow overlooked this one.

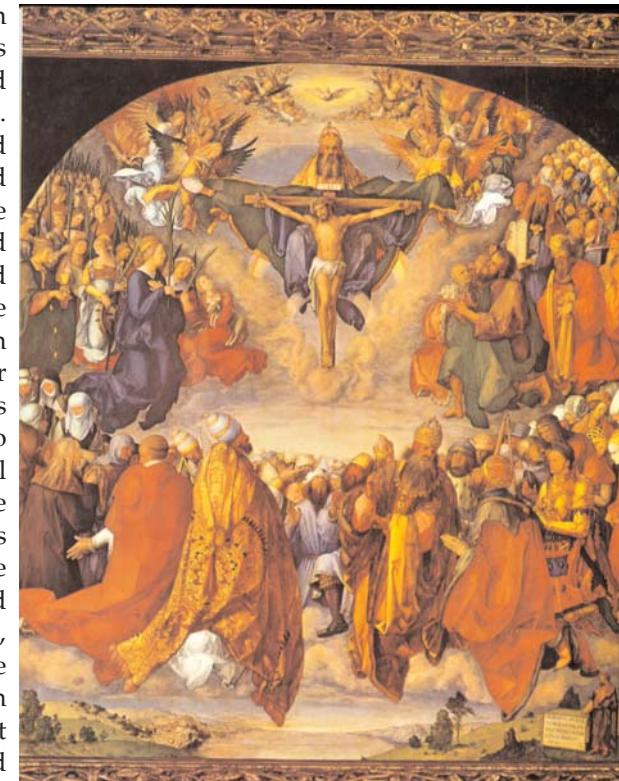
In the Church, the entire month of November has a different, yet similar, focus. We recall all of the holy souls, who have gone before us, marked with Sign of Faith. Many, we are sure, are already with God in Heaven and are commemorated on All Saints Day, November 1st. For all of the others who may still be on their way to Heaven, spending some time in Purgatory, we observe All Souls Day right afterwards, on November 2.

The celebration of All Saints Day is an ancient and significant holiday. When you realized that the canonized saints, those officially recognized and celebrated liturgically by the Church and which make up the "honor roll" of the Church's elect, amount to only a very small fraction of the virtually countless number of people who have existed throughout history, then certainly there are more people in Heaven than just those recognized formally. These latter ones are the

"regular" folk, those that will never have a church named after them or their own feast day. However, when you think of even those in your families and among your friends, who have lived good lives and whom we would expect to see in Heaven, it is precisely these who are celebrated on this day.

All Souls Day offers us a chance to remember the connectedness of the Church between we who are still living and those who have gone before us. We also, perhaps, do not have to think too hard to come up with examples from our own history of people, who, when the course of their earthly life was finished, maybe were not quite ready to meet the Lord. They may be in Purgatory, that place of purification and refinement, which prepares them to enter the glory of God's presence. Since they are now incapable of helping themselves, they rely upon us to remember them in our Mass intentions, our good deeds or sufferings offered-up for them, and, of course, our prayers. These remembrances speed them along to their Heavenly home and win us, their spiritual benefactors, a wonderful gift in return: friends in heaven.

Put together in this light, we might be able to see that these two November themes are not really exclusive at all ...for in our Thanksgiving gatherings, how can we overlook the wonderful people who have been such a significant part of our lives and who have now gone before us. There may be tears from separation that still appear, but they can and should be balanced by tears of gratitude for all the good that we shared to begin with! Maybe we can keep a truly "Catholic" dimension to our holiday celebration this month by remembering the holy souls in our prayers and our Thanksgiving this year.



"All Saints Day"

(Continued from page 13)

Middle Group - The middle group seriously "poured over" their Polish books, pondering the lesson of the day. But they cheerfully shouted "Dzien dobry," as a visitor entered the room. However, teacher, and also school principal, Ewa Wiechec, quickly corrected them with "Dobry wieczor!" as it was now evening.

Oldest Group - The oldest group was in the auditorium practicing their dance steps. What a joy to see the students dancing to recordings of Mazowsze, the world-famous folk and dance troupe of Poland. Teachers Andrzej Gutowski and Malgosia Kacki demonstrated the correct posture and position for the dance. The students eagerly imitated them.

Participation in Sacred Liturgy - Students from Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School regularly participate in liturgies at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cleveland's Slavic Village. This school year began with Polish school students conducting the lay segments of Mass on Sunday, Sept. 26. Students participated in the entrance procession dressed in traditional Polish folk attire, gave the 1st and 2nd readings and the prayers of the faithful. The smallest pupils presented the holy gifts to Fr. Andrej Knapik, Associate Pastor.

But most impressive was the children's choir. The congregation sat spellbound, as the pure and innocent voices sang contemporary, youthful music selections. The songs were peppy and bright. Some members of the congregation tapped their toes to the cheerful beat, and everyone had a smile on their face. Some of the numbers were sung in both Polish and English. Among them were "Hosanna in the Highest," "I Love You with the Love of the Lord," and "Sing Halleluiah to the King of Kings." The young people certainly loved these songs.

Soloists - Some songs featured soloists, who were accompanied by the choir for the refrain. Church organist, Dariusz Madej, explained that children are not very excited about the hymns of past generations but they love the new music designed especially for children. Agnieszka Kotlarsic, choir director, indicated, "children love the popular contemporary religious music. It has a snappy beat, in guitar style, with lots of rhythm."

Decorations - The Church was decorated with fall flowers, potted mums of seasonal colors, including brown, gold, yellow, deep purple, lavender, red and white.

Monument - In a corner in the front of the church stood the replica of the Solidarity Monument to the Gdansk Shipyard Workers, which commemorates the deaths of 45 shipyard workers killed by security forces during a strike in 1970.

The monument was moved here from St. Casimir Church before it closed its doors due to down-sizing in the Archdiocese of Cleveland. What a powerful reminder of Poland's struggle for independence!

The children seem to be having a wonderful time at Polish school. Don't let our language, or our proud Polish traditions and culture fall by the wayside. Call Principal Ewa Wiechec at 440 537-1485 about Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, please contact .



Teacher Malgosia Kacki and Andrzej Gutowski



Mirosława Suhak
and
Cecylia Dyczko

Article by Mitchell Bienia,
Director, District 5

✿✿✿ "Greetings to Martha!" ✿✿✿



Agnieszka Kotlarsik



KALENDARZ na LISTOPAD i GRUDZIEŃ

◆ 7 listopada (niedziela) - Wybory nowego zarządu w Dystrykcie #9 ZPRKA odbędą się o godz. 13:30 w Carmelite Fathers Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Dodatkowe informacje: Elizabeth Sadus - sekretarka protokołowa, tel.: (708) 481-6796

◆ 13 listopada (sobota) - obiad (Steak Roast) Tow. #162, Wyandotte, MI - w godz. 1 po poł. - 6 wiecz. Cena \$20 od osoby - w cenie: steak, pieczony ziemniak, sałata, deser. Otwarty bar. Bilety można kupować po godz. 18 w PRCUA Lounge lub telefonicznie dzwoniąc do: Kelly (734) 347-0508 lub Mike (734) 216-3911.

◆ 13 listopada (sobota) - Obiad i zabawa taneczna zespołu Echoes of Poland w PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Początek - godz. 18:00, obiad w stylu bufetowym - godz. 18:30, zabawa taneczna - godz. 19:30-23:45. Bilety - \$20 od osoby. Goście mogą przynieść swój alkohol. Informacje: (419) 531-8658 lub (419) 471-0751.

◆ 18 listopada (czwartek) - Zebranie Wydziału Kobiet na Stany Illinois/Indiana.

◆ 20 listopada (sobota) - 39. Bal Kopicuszek i Książę - Lexington House, Hickory Hills, IL. Koktajle - 18:30-19:30, obiad - 19:30. Bilety - \$65 od osoby. W sprawie informacji i rezerwacji prosimy dzwonić do Vicki Kroplewski tel. (708) 599-7129.

◆ 12 grudnia 2010 r. (niedziela) - Świąteczny Koncert Galowy zespołu Polonia ZPRKA - godz. 18:00 w Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago, IL. Bilety - \$20. Więcej informacji pod numerem telefonu (224) 622-1517.

◆ 12 grudnia (niedziela) - Zabawa bożonarodzeniowa Tow. #359 w Adams, MA. Prosimy rodziców o skontaktowanie się z: Marsha lub Kaz i poinformowanie, ile dzieci weźmie udział w zabawie (aby można przygotować upominki od św. Mikołaja). Msza św. o godz. 8 rano w kościele Papieża Jana Pawła II Wielkiego, po mszy śniadanie w American Legion Home przy Russel Field. Zgłoszenia udziału muszą napływać do 6 grudnia 2010 r. Informacje i rezerwacje: Marsha Mikuszewski (413) 743-0535, Susan McShane (802) 694-1593, Kaz Zabek (413) 743-1170.



**Biura ZPRKA nieczynne będą w dniach:
11, 25 i 26 listopada
24 i 27 grudnia
oraz 1 stycznia 2011 r.**

Archidiecezja Chicago zaprasza młodzież polonijną na warsztaty

Szanowni Państwo, Droga Młodzieży

W nadchodzące wakacje 2011 przygotowaliśmy dwa turnusy Muzycznych oraz Aktorsko - Teatralnych Warsztatów Młodzieżowych. Jest to program, na który zapraszamy osoby dorosłe i młodzież ze scholi i chórów parafialnych, organistów koordynujących śpiew i muzykę w waszych parafiach, a także tych wszystkich, którzy pragną profesjonalnie prowadzić grupy teatralne lub sprawdzić swój talent aktorski.

Podczas tygodniowego turnusu mamy w programie dwu dniowe rekolekcje, które poprowadzi ks. Stanisław Jankowski CR. Następnie rozpoczyna się program pracy w grupach z muzykami, aktorami oraz zapoznacie się z właściwymi zasadami i przepisami liturgicznymi.

Zajęcia poprowadzą zawodowi muzycy i aktorzy z Polski: Radek Pazura, Dorota Cholecka, Marcin Pospieszalski i inni. Zakończenie warsztatów przewidziane jest wspólnym koncertem wieczornym dla Polonii.

Warsztaty odbędą się w dniach 1-13 sierpnia 2011 r. w parafii św. Jadwigi, 2226 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL

Ze względu na ograniczoną liczbę miejsc, prosimy zgłaszać się do 30 grudnia 2010 roku, wysyłając formularz zgłoszeniowy na adres: Polish Youth Ministry, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60653, tel. (312) 534 8030.

Więcej informacji na stronie www.mlodziezpolaska.org.

Serdecznie zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału.

Terminy nadsyłania materiałów do "Narodu Polskiego"

Uwaga: Prosimy o nadsyłanie do redakcji "Narodu Polskiego" materiałów do dnia 15 każdego miesiąca - zostaną one wtedy opublikowane w następnym miesiącu.

Książę wolności

(część druga)

Ignacy Paderewski przemawiając do Polonii amerykańskiej w Chicago, powiedział: "Myśl o Polsce wielkiej i silnej, wolnej i niepodległej, była i jest treścią mego istnienia..." (Dziennik Zieliński, 29/5/1915, nr.127, s.1).

Od rozpoczęcia I Wojny Światowej Paderewski brał udział w działalności Komitetu Pomocy Ofiarom Wojny. Ignacy Paderewski w celu pomocy Polscie zjednoczył całą Polonię amerykańską, która dała mu pełnomocnictwo do podejmowania decyzji w sprawie Polski w imieniu całej Polonii amerykańskiej.

W polityce Paderewski nie kierował się personalnymi ambicjami a jedynie dobrem Polski. Paderewskiemu bardziej niż komu innemu zawdzięczamy, że prezydent Stanów Zjednoczonych Wilson włączył kwestię niepodległości Polski z dostępu do Morza Bałtyckiego do czternastu punktów Traktatu Pokojowego po zakończeniu I Wojny Światowej, powiedział prezydent George Bush podczas uroczystości pożegnalnej, przed przewiezieniem zabalsamowanego ciała Paderewskiego do Polski, 26 czerwca 1992 roku.

Olbrzymią zasługą Paderewskiego było uzyskanie zgody prezydenta USA na werbowanie ochotników na terenie Stanów Zjednoczonych do armii polskiej. Ochotnicy byli również werbowani w Kanadzie. Ogółem Paderewski i ludzie pomagający mu, zwerbowali w Ameryce 21 tysięcy ochotników, których później przewieziono na statkach do Francji. Ochotników z Ameryki włączono do nowo powstającej armii, tworzonej z ochotników i byłych jeńców w Europie pod komendą legendarnego generała Józefa Hallera.

Paderewski prowadził w Ameryce działalność charytatywną. Przed każdym swoim koncertem prosił w imieniu Polski o pomoc. Przez jego wstawiennictwo, późniejszy prezydent Hoover, jako przedstawiciel rządu amerykańskiego wysyłał do Polski, żywność, lekarstwa i personel medyczny pracujący na terenie Polski pod przewodnictwem Czerwonego Krzyża. Jeden z tych uczestników, młody lotnik amerykański, Cooper, przynosił żywność do okopów chłopcom broniącym Lwowa. Kiedy ci chłopcy zostali wymordowani to Cooper, u którego w domu jego rodziny w USA, w przeszłości przebywał Kościuszko, postanowił pomóc Polscie i zorganizował "Eskadrę Kościuszki" (Kościuszko Squadron), złożoną z doświadczonych pilotów amerykańskich, którzy bili się o wolność Polski wschodniej. Paderewski osobiste spotkał się w Paryżu z Eskadrą Kościuszki, przed ich wyjazdem do Polski. Jeden z pilotów amerykańskich (Murray) po wojnie napisał książkę o przebiegu ich bitew pod tytułem, "Wings Over Poland"

Inny z pracowników amerykańskich Czerwonego Krzyża na terenie Polski, major Charles Phillips napisał książkę pod tytułem "The New Poland", wydaną w 1923 roku przez Unwin Brothers, LTD, The Gresham Press, London, Great Britain.

Zanim Piłsudski został zwolniony z więzienia w Niemczech, Ukraińcy pod zwierzchnictwem Petlury napadli na Polskę pierwszego listopada 1918 r. W obronie Lwowa zginęło wielu chłopców i kobiet. Niemcy nie wyrazili zgody na przyjazd armii Hallera do Polski przez Gdańsk i przez pół roku odciągano jej przyjazd. Armia ta została przetransportowana do Polski pociągami od kwietnia do czerwca 1919 r. Armia gen. Hallera przyczyniła się do zapewnienia pokoju ziemiom Polski wschodniej.

Paderewski przybył do Polski przez Gdańsk w dniu Bożego Narodzenia 1918 r. Przypłynął on z Anglii na statku angielskiej marynarki wojennej "Concord" (Zgoda). Paderewski był w otoczeniu kilku wysokich rangą oficerów angielskich. Z Gdańskiem udał się pociągiem do Poznania, który był okupowany przez Niemców i Niemcy nie chcieli wpuścić Paderewskiego do Poznania. Po interwencji i groźbach oficerów brytyjskich, że skutki nie wpuszczenia Paderewskiego do Poznania będą na szczeblu państwowym niekorzystne dla państwa niemieckiego, oficerowie niemieccy w końcu zezwolili Paderewskiemu udać się do Poznania.

Przyjazd Paderewskiego do Poznania 26 grudnia 1918 r. związany był z demonstracją polityczną, która zapoczątkowała zwycięskie Powstanie Wielkopolskie. Paderewski zatem przyjechał z Gdanska do Warszawy, 2 stycznia 1919 drogą okrężną przez Poznań. Podeczas przejazdu z Poznania do Warszawy był entuzjastycznie witany na każdym przystanku. Paderewski wiele razy przemawiał do zgromadzonych ludzi podczas przedłużanego postoju pociągu na trasie. W Warszawie był witany jak bohater narodowy. Paderewski udał się na rozmowy z Piłsudskim w celu zorganizowania rządu koalencyjnego. Piłsudski nie zgodził się na kompromis. Paderewski wyjechał do Krakowa.

Pilsudski jednak wiedział, że Paderewski może Polsce pomóc na arenie międzynarodowej. Dla nich obu najwyższą dobrem była Polska. Piłsudski zatem zaważał Paderewskiego z powrotem do Warszawy przez jednego ze swoich zaufanych generalów, specjalnie podstawionym pociągiem. Paderewski niezwłocznie ofertę przyjął, wrócił w środki nocy do Warszawy i udał się na obrady z Piłsudskim.

W służbie dla swojego narodu, Paderewski został premierem rządu w zaraniu niepodległości. Na początku 1919 r. Paderewski zdał pojednać dwa zwalczające się rządy: Komitetu Romana Dmowskiego w Paryżu, uznawanego przez aliantów i rządu podlegającego naczelnikowi Piłsudskiemu w Warszawie. I. J. Paderewski stanął na czele rządu Polski wyzwolonej, łączącego oba te obozy.

Paderewski 16 stycznia 1919 r. przejął obowiązki prezesa Rady Ministrów i delegata na konferencję pokojową w Paryżu. Został on również Ministrem Spraw Zagranicznych.

Wcześniej znajomość Paderewskiego z Hooverem zadecydowała o tym, że Hoover bezzwłocznie, jako przedstawiciel rządu amerykańskiego, zaczął wysyłać pomoc do Polski. O wcześniej znajomości z Hooverem, Paderewski dowiedział się od samego Hoovera, kiedy ten powiedział Paderewskiemu, że "Ty wcześniej mnie ocaliłeś, a teraz czas nadszedł abym ja pomógł twojemu krajowi."

Chodziło o to, że Hoover kiedy był studentem w Stanford University, zorganizował koncert Paderewskiego w San Jose w Kalifornii. Wcześniej uzgodnił cenę z Paderewskim, a później ze względu na małą frekwencję nie miał wystarczającej ilości pieniędzy, aby zapłacić Paderewskiemu uzgodnioną cenę. Paderewski oprócz tego, że zgodził się na mniejszą zapłatę to jeszcze zapłacił młodemu Hooverowi i jego koledze za ich pracę. (cdn.) - Artur Wielgus

Zaproszenia na imprezy polonijne

Polsko-Amerykański Club Kulturalny zaprasza na doroczny Bazar Bożonarodzeniowy, w sobotę, 13 listopada 2010 w godz. 10:00-14:00 w American Legion Hall, 900 S. LaGrange Rd., LaGrange, IL. Na bazarze zakupić będzie można importowane z Polski lalki, ozdoby bożonarodzeniowe, kryształy, czekolady, opłatki i wiele, wiele innych. W loterii fantowej rozlosowane zostaną domowego wypieku ciasta. Uczestnicy będą mogli kupić lunch przygotowany przez Rose's Catering i wziąć udział w lekcji polki. Wstęp wolny.

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL, zaprasza na doroczną Wyprzedaż Świąteczną - w sobotę i niedzielę, 27 i 28 listopada 2010 r. w godz. 11:00-16:00 w sali głównej muzeum, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. W czasie wyprzedaży można będzie nabyć: importowane z Polski kryształy i wyroby ceramiczne (z Blesławca), biżuterię z bursztynu, książki, ozdoby choinkowe, ręcznie rzeźbione wyroby z drewna, kasety i płyty kompaktowe z muzyką świąteczną, kartki świąteczne, polskie słodycze i wiele, wiele więcej. Osoby kupujące otrzymają przy zakupie 10% zniżki. Dodatkowe informacje: (773) 782-2601.

WIA DOMOŚCI Z POLSKI

Centrum Edukacji i Badań Międzynarodowego Instytutu Technologicznego Hewlett-Packard w Polsce - Amerykański koncern otworzył pierwsze w Polsce Centrum Edukacji i Badań przy Zachodniopomorskim Uniwersytecie Technologicznym w Szczecinie. Placówka będzie kształciła wysokiej klasy specjalistów IT oraz zagwarantuje wykładowcom i studentom dostęp do najnowszych technologii. Polscy programiści oceniani są jako jedni z najlepszych na świecie. Wykładowcy przeszli już wymagane szkolenia w HP i na podstawie zdobytej wiedzy przygotowali kursy wplecone w program zajęć dydaktycznych. Studenci będą uczyć się m.in. sposobów przechowywania i przetwarzania danych czy technik optymalizujących moc obliczeniową. Po zakończeniu kursu studenci dostaną certyfikaty podpisane przez uczelnię i HP, które uprawniać będą do przystąpienia do egzaminu pozwalającego uzyskać tytuł inżyniera. HP zapłacił za Centrum Edukacji i Badań około 80 tys. dolarów (3/4 tej kwoty zostało przeznaczone na wyposażenie laboratorium, za resztę sfinansowano szkolenia dla 4 wykładowców bezpośrednio w HP). W laboratorium, w którym studenci będą poznawali nowe technologie, umieszczono m.in. osiem komputerów osobistych, cztery stanowiska terminalowe, serwery Blade System i macierz SAN. Podeczas ćwiczeń studenci będą mogli m.in. zdemonstrować poszczególne elementy i poznać ich budowę. W przyszłości CEiB będzie rozszerzało współpracę z HP - m.in. prowadzenie internetowych wykładów z udziałem specjalistów HP, stworzenie nowych kursów i projektów, a także rozpoczęcie nowych badań w dziedzinie inżynierii komputerowej i sprzętu telekomunikacyjnego.

Pomnik w hołdzie mieszkańcom Warszawy - W Parku Wolności, obok Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego odsłonięto "Pomnik Poległych, Zamordowanych oraz Wypędzonych Mieszkańców Warszawy".

Trwa odbudowa najstarszej murowanej budowli Gdańska - Odbudowa zbudowanego w drugiej połowie XIII wieku pomieszczenia dawnego klasztoru dominikańskiego oznajnięto półmetek. Dotychczas udało się przeprowadzić szersze prace archeologiczne wokół zewnętrznych ścian piwnicy, zrekonstruowano też i oddano renowacji część pomieszczenia. W przeszłym roku będą kontynuowane rekonstrukcje pozostały części piwnicy a następnie całość zostanie przykryta płytą. Opracowywana będzie również koncepcja ekspozycji, która znajdzie się wewnątrz. W pomieszczeniu, które mogło niegdyś służyć jako refektarz (klasztornej jadalni), znajdzie się w przyszłości skansen, którego otwarcie planowane jest na rok 2012. W odrestaurowanych pomieszczeniach znajdzie się nowoczesna ekspozycja prezentująca historię Gdańska oraz pewne wycinki z dziejów klasztoru dominikańskiego. Wystawa zostanie urządzona z zastosowaniem wszystkich najnowszych zdobycznych techniki. Wyeksponowane zostaną m.in. monety, dewocjonalia, ceramika oraz inne zabytki znalezione w czasie prac archeologicznych w piwnicy oraz jej najbliższym sąsiedztwie. Pomieszczenie będące pozostałością klasztoru dominikańskiego zostało odkryte w samym centrum miasta (na Placu Dominikańskim) na przełomie 2005 i 2006 roku, w czasie rutynowych badań archeologicznych prowadzonych w miejscu, gdzie spółka Kupcy Dominikańscy planowała budowę kilkudziesięciu straganów handlowych. Odkryte znalezisko zostało uznane w środowisku historyków i archeologów za sensacyjne. Obiekt, który znajdował się całkowicie pod ziemią, okazał się pochodzić z drugiej połowy XIII wieku (przed przybyciem do Gdańska Krzyżaków, którzy przejęli miasto od słowiańskich książąt w 1308 r.). Wg. archeologów, była to część klasztoru dominikanów - pierwszego zakonu, jaki przybył do miasta na zaproszenie lokalnych książąt. Pomieszczenie (ponad 50 m powierzchni), zachowało się w bardzo dobrym stanie, niemal w całości. Zabytek wzięto pod swoją pieczę gdańskie Muzeum Archeologiczne. Prace prowadzone są dzięki funduszom przekazanym przez Pomorski Urząd Marszałkowski, miasto Gdańsk oraz Ministerstwo Kultury.

Świąteczny obiad na Dzień Dziękczynienia

Pieczony indyk

Indyk o wadze 9-11 funtów, łyżka soli, 1/2 łyżeczki pieprzu, 1 funt suszonych śliwek, 4 filiżanki (cups) grubo posiekanych jabłek, filiżanka tartej bułki, 2 łyżeczki soku z cytryny, łyżka cukru, łyżeczka cynamonu, stopione masło do posmarowania brytfanny

Indyka wypłukać, osuszyć natrzeć wewnątrz i zewnątrz solą i pieprzem. Śliwki zalać wrzątkiem, odstawić na 2 godziny, osiąć,轻轻地 wymieszać z jabłkami, tartą bułką, sokiem z cytryny, cukrem i cynamonem. Indyka nadziać farszem owocowym, zaszyć lub spięć otwór, włożyć do brytfanny wysmarowanej masłem i wstawić do piekarnika nagrzanego do 430 stopni F. Piec, aż indyk się zrumieni - około 45 min. włacić 1,5 szklanki wody, przykryć, zmniejszyć płomień i piec do miękkości około 3-3,5 godziny.

Pierś z indyka - ok. 3 1/2 funta, 1 kieliszek żubrówki, 1 łyżka miodu, 3 1/2 uncji suszonych jabłka, 3 1/2 uncji suszonych żurawin, papryka w proszku, sól, pieprz, foliowy rękaw do pieczenia

Pierś natrzeć przyprawami. Owoce namoczyć w żubrówce. W pierś wyciąć kieszeń i włożyć wnią owoce, otwór zaszyć nicią. Mięso piec w foliowym rękawie wraz z alkoholem i 4 łyżkami wody. Po 1 1/2 godziny pieczenia w 355 stopniach F folię rozcisnąć i posmarować indyka miodem. Piec jeszcze 10 minut.

Ok. 8 funtowy indyk, 1 funt słoniny, 3 1/2 uncji wątróbki z indyka, 1 bułka, 3 1/2 uncji masła, 2 jajka, 1 cebula, szczypta mielonej galki muszkatołowej, 1 3/4 uncji rodzynek, po szczycie soli, pieprz i cukru, 1 butelka wytrawnego białego wina, 1 kostka masła

Indyka namoczyć w wodzie z winem przez noc. Osuszyć, natrzeć solą od środka i na zewnątrz. Posiekana wątróbka podsmażyć na maśle. Słoninę, cebulę i namoczoną i odciętą bułkę zmielić. Masę połączyć z żółtkami, pianą z białek i doprawić solą, pieprzem, startą galką muszkatołową i cukrem. Dodać na koniec sparzone rodzynki i delikatnie wymieszać. Indyka napełnić farszem i dokładnie zaszyć nicią kuchenną. Indyka naszpikować cienkimi paskami słoniny i włożyć do wysmarowanego masłem naczynia żaroodpornego. Polać stopionym masłem i skropić 3 łyżkami wody, piec 3,5 godziny w temperaturze 355 st.F. Podeczas pieczenia często polewać wodą z winem i tworzącym sosem.

1 indyk (10-12 funtów). 1/4 funta niesolonego masła, 1 cytryna (otrzeć skórkę i wycisnąć sok) 1 łyżeczkę świeże zsiękanych liści tymianku, sól, świeco zmielony czarny pieprz, 1 duży pęczek świeżego tymianku, 1 cytryna przekrojona na pół, 1 pokrojona w ćwiartki cebula (Spanish lub biała). 1 główka czosnku przekrojona w poprzek.

Nagrzać piec do 350 st. F. W małym rondelku stopić masło, dodać sok i startą skórkę z cytryny, 1 łyżeczkę zsiękanych liści tymianku, odstawić. Wyjąć z indyka podrobę, opłukać indyka, usunąć zbędny tłuszcz i oczyścić dokładnie z piór, osuszyćmięso. Ułożyć indyka w dużej brytfannie. Posolić i popieprzyć wewnątrz indyka, nadziać tymiankiem, przekrojoną na pół cytryną, pościątowaną cebulą i czosnkiem. Posmarować indyka na wierzchu przygotowanym wcześniej masłem, posypać solą i pieprzem. Związać nogi indyka sznurkiem oraz przywiązać pod spód skrzydełka. Piec indyka przez 3 1/2 godz. lub dopóki po nacięciu pomiędzy udkiem i nogą indyka nie wypłynie przezroczysty sos. Wyjąć z pieca i trzymać pod przykryciem jeszcze 20 minut.

Sos z żurawiny

1 funt mrożonych żurawin, 2 filiżanki (cup) soku pomarańczowego, 3 filiżanki ginger ale, 2 łyżki syropu klonowego, 2 łyżki jasnego cukru brązowego, 1/2 łyżeczki soli, skórka otarta z 1 pomarańczy

Wymieszać wszystkie składniki w rondlu (najlepiej stalowym), zagotować. Zmniejszyć ogień i gotować na małym ogniu, mieszając od czasu do czasu, przez 30-45 min., lub dokąd sos nie zmniejszy o połowę swojej objętości. Zmiksować sos aż będzie gładki i ew. doprawić wg. uznania.

Sernik dyniowy

Ciało: 1 3/4 filiżanki pokruszonych krakersów grahamów (graham cracker), 3 łyżki jasnego brązowego cukru, 1/2 łyżeczki mielonego cynamonu, 1/4 funta masła.

Nadzienie: 3 (8 uncjowe) serki kremowe (cream cheese), 1 (15 uncjowa) puszka przecieru z dyni (pureed pumpkin), 3 małe jajka, 1 żółtko, 1/4 filiżanki śmietany, 1 1/2 filiżanki cukru, 1/2 łyżeczki mielonego cynamonu, 1/8 łyżeczki świeże zmielonej galki muszkatołowej, 1/8 łyżeczki zmielonych goździków, 2 łyżki mąki, 1 łyżeczka ekstraktu waniliowego.

Nagrzać piec do temperatury 350 F. Przygotować spód ciasta: w średniej wielkości misce wymieszać dobrze pokruszone krakersy, cukier i cynamon. Dodać rozpuszczone masło. Wyłożyć do 9-calowej foremkę, dobrze ugnieść, odstawić. Przygotować nadzienie: ubić ogrzane do temperatury pokojowej serki kremowe na gładką, puszystą masę, dodać przecier z dyni, jajka, żółtko, śmietanę, cukier i przyprawy, na koniec dodać mąkę i ekstrakt waniliowy. Dobrze wymieszać. Wlać na przygotowany wcześniej spód, wyrównać wierzch. Piec w piecu przez 1 godzinę. Wyjąć z pieca na 15 min. Przykryć plastikową folią, po ostygnięciu wstawić do lodówki na co najmniej 4 godz.

Tłuczone ziemniaki z serem

3 funty ziemniaków (najlepiej Yukon Gold - pokrojonych na 1 1/2 calowe kawałki), 1 1/2 filiżanki (cup) startego ostrego sera Cheddar, 3/4 filiżanki maślanki bez thuszecu, 1 łyżeczka soli, 1/2 łyżeczki świeże zmielonego pieprzu, 1/4 filiżanki posiekanej szczypiorki

Ziemniaki zalać wodą (tak by woda tylko zakryła ziemniaki), zagotować aż będą miękkie (ok. 20-25 min.), zdjąć z ognia, odcedzić. Ziemniaki ubić tłuczkiem, dodać 1 1/4 filiżanki sera, wymieszać aż ser się rozpuści, dodać maślankę, sól, pieprz i dobrze wymieszać. Dodać 3 łyżki szczypiorki i delikatnie zamieszać. Wyłożyć na półmisek i posypać pozostałym serem i szczypiorkiem.



Zespoły "Mała Polonia" i "Młoda Polonia" uświetnili swoimi występami pierwszy Polski Piknik w Naperville.



Konsul Robert Rusiecki (l) i burmistrz miasteczka Naperville, George Pradel.

Naperville, z a c h o d n i e przedmieście Chicago, które liczy ok. 145,000 mieszkańców. Dzielnica ta należy do jednej z najlepszych dzielnic w USA. Ceni się Naperville za wysoki poziom szkolnictwa, najniższą przestępcość, ale też powinno się ją cenić za ambitnie działającą tam grupę polonijną. W Naperville mieszka ok. 10,000 Polaków i są oni c e n n y m i m i e s z k a n c a m i miasteczka. Sam pan burmistrz miasta George Pradel włącza się aktywnie w działalność polonijną (pono-



Solistka zespołu Polonia, Ola Podowski.



Taniec z miotłą - "Mała Polonia".



"Młoda Polonia".



"Mała Polonia".



"Młoda Polonia" w suicie opoczyńskiej.



Atrakcje dla uczestników pikniku.

NOWE STYPENDIUM NA UNIWERSYTECIE LOYOLA

Chicago, IL - 27 września 2010 r. odbyło się w budynku Piper Hall na uniwersytecie Loyola w Chicago, uroczyste przekazanie Funduszu Stypendialnego ustanowionego przez Fundację Charytatywną AK w Chicago.

Program rozpoczęła dyrektorka wydziału polskich studiów interdyscyplinarnych Bożena Nowicka McLees, która powitała serdecznie wszystkich zebranych, dziękując im za liczne przybycie. Wśród obecnych była liczna grupa weteranów, byłych członków AK z prezesem Fundacji Charytatywnej AK Wiesławem Chodorowskim, który zabrał głos jako następny.

Pan Chodorowski podziękował dyr. Nowickiej McLees i wszystkim uczestnikom uroczystości, po czym przedstawił krótką historię Fundacji Charytatywnej AK. Fundacja założona została w 1984 roku przez weteranów AK. Główne cele powstania Fundacji to przedstawienie prawdy o historii Polski i Państwie Podziemnym oraz pomoc b. weteranom i członkom AK. Przypomniał również, że nauka literatury i historii polskiej była w czasie wojny zakazana, młodzież uczęszczała więc na tajne komplety, gdzie mogła się dokszałcać w tych przedmiotach. Aby zachować pamięć o historii Narodu Polskiego, Fundusz Charytatywny AK postanowił ustanowić stypendia dla młodzieży polskiej w USA, pragnącej zgłębić wiedzę na ten temat. Powstanie takiego funduszu zalecił m.in. profesor John Kulczycki, a pierwszy fundusz przekazany został w 1997 r. na uniwersytet UIC. W 2007 r. powstała inicjatywa ustanowienia podobnego funduszu na uniwersytecie Loyola.

P. Chodorowski dodał, iż oficjalne przekazanie funduszu następuje w dniu, w którym ochodzona jest również 71. rocznica powstania Polskiego Państwa Podziemnego. Nadmienił też, że ustanowienie tego funduszu stało się możliwe m.in. dzięki donacji p. Karola Gliny oraz wielkiego wsparcia ze strony p. Bożeny Nowickiej McLees, a także red. Idalii Błaszczyk, która na antenie radiowej ogłaszała informacje o funduszu, pani Lucynie Migała, która zadektykowała jeden z koncertów zespołu "Lira Singers" na ten cel oraz studentom z uniwersytetu Loyola za włączenie się w akcję zbiórki funduszy.

Następny wystąpił dr. Marek Suszko profesor Wydziału Historii uniwersytetu Loyola, który bardzo ciekawie przedstawił historię II wojny światowej na terenie Polski oraz opisał historię powstania, cele i zadania Polskiego Państwa Podziemnego. Podziękował również obecnym weteranom za ich walkę o wolność Polski i za troskę w przekazywaniu historii polskiej kolejnym pokoleniom.

Dyr. Nowicka McLees przekazała mikrofon dr. Timowi Gilfoye, przewodniczącemu Wydziału Historii na uniwersytecie, który podziękował Fundacji Charytatywnej AK za przekazanie hojnej donacji oraz dyr. Nowickiej McLees za zorganizowanie tej uroczystości. Podkreślił również, iż historia bywa łatwo zapomniana, dlatego też ważne jest, aby przekazywać historię młodzieży, która z kolei przekaże ją następnym pokoleniom. Cele take spełnia za Wydział Historii.

Następnie p. Wiesław Chodorowski dokonał oficjalnego przekazania na ręce dr. Gilfoye czeka w wysokości \$31 tys. Stypendia w wysokości \$1 000 będą przyznawane rocznie studentom na studiach tzw. undergraduate, którzy studiować będą historię Polski. O pierwsze stypendium będą mogli ubiegać się studenci już w semestrze wiosennym w 2011 r.

Dr. Gilfoye podziękował Fundacji Charytatywnej AK i zapewnił, że Wydział Historii uniwersytetu Loyola będzie się starał o jak najrzetelniejsze przekazywanie historii Polski.

Z krótkim przemówieniem wystąpił również konsul RP Robert Rusiecki, który podziękował za zaproszenie na uroczystość oraz dodał, iż czuje się zaszczęcony, że może przebywać z ludźmi, którzy starają się przechować historię Polski, historia jest bowiem częścią naszej kultury i nigdy nie powinna być zapomniana, natomiast instytucje takie jak uniwersytety najlepiej są kwalifikowane do jej przekazywania. Wspomniał też wielkie zasługi jakie wniosła w życie Stanów Zjednoczonych społeczność polonijna.

Jako ostatni wystąpił dziekan w kolegium filozofii i nauk ścisłych dr. Frank Fennell, który podziękował Fundacji AK za ustanowienie stypendium. Podkreślił, że obecni na uroczystości weterani AK i armii polskiej, są żywym świadectwem wydarzeń historycznych z okresu II wojny światowej. Dodał też, że wydział studiów polskich jest jednym z szybcej rozwijających się wydziałów na uniwersytecie Loyola.

Dyrektor Nowicka McLees podziękowała wszystkim uczestnikom oraz zaprosiła ich do udziału w zaplanowanej na listopad konferencji nt. Paderewskiego i Chopina, która odbędzie się na uniwersytecie Loyola.

SPECJALNY PO-SEJMOWY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY

Przedstawiamy wyjątkową ofertę dla obecnych członków ZPRKA i członków ich najbliższej rodziny, na zakup po niskiej cenie ubezpieczenia na życie. Członkowie muszą mieć zapłacone wszystkie dotychczasowe opłaty i składki i zostać zakwalifikowani. Obowiązują pewne ograniczenia. Jako najbliższą rodzinę bierze się pod uwagę: współmałżonków, dzieci, wnuki, rodzeństwo, rodziców i dziadków.

Program ten został przygotowany z myślą o obecnych członkach ZPRKA i ich rodzinach, którzy chcieliby zwiększyć sumę swojego ubezpieczenia, aby zapewnić wystarczające zabezpieczenie finansowe swojej rodzinie w wypadku ich śmierci. Ofertę można wykorzystać w dwóch sposobach - wykupując dodatkowe ubezpieczenie dla siebie, lub dla osoby z najbliższej rodziny. ZPRKA oferuje w tym celu dwa kuponów:

- kupon 60% zniżkę przy pierwszej opłacie za wykupione ubezpieczenie stałe (Permanent Whole Life - WL), które opłacać można przez 5, 10 lub 20 lat.
- kupon 6% zniżkę przy wykupie ubezpieczenia stałego z jednorazową opłatą (Single Premium Whole Life - SPWL).

Po szczególne plany dostępne są w następujących grupach wiekowych:

Wiek	Maks. suma ubezpieczenia*	Dostępne plany
0-30	\$25 000	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
31-50	\$10 000	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
51-60	\$7 500	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
61-70	\$5 000	5WL, 10WL, 20WL, SPWL
71-80	\$5 000	5WL, SPWL

* Przy wykupie ubezpieczenia dla osoby małoletniej (poniżej 16 lat), wymagana minimalna suma ubezpieczenia wynosi \$10 000.

Do SPECJALNEGO PO-SEJMOWEGO PROGRAMU UBEZPIECZENIOWEGO kwalifikują się wszystkie podania nadesłane do ZPRKA pomiędzy 16 sierpnia a 17 grudnia 2010 r.

Program został skonsultowany z aktuarzem ZPRKA, który gorąco zachęca do skorzystania z tej oferty. Informacje nt. tego programu można uzyskać dzwoniąc do Departamentu Sprzedaży ZPRKA pod numer 1-800-772-8632.

Centrum Jana Pawła II "Nie lękajcie się" w Krakowie

Centrum Jana Pawła II "NIE LĘKAJCIE SIĘ" jest projektem, który został oficjalnie zainaugurowany 2 stycznia 2006 r. przez kardynała Stanisława Dziwisza, arcybiskupa metropolitę krakowskiego.

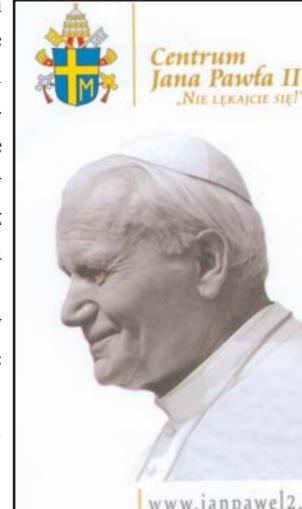
"Wszyscy pragniemy zatrzymać Go takim, jakim był, z jego nauczaniem, poezją i wrażliwością na piękno, a nade wszystko z jego miłością do nas wszystkich i do każdego człowieka" - powiedział kardynał Dziwisz.

Centrum Jana Pawła II to: muzeum, kościół, Instytut Jana Pawła II, dom spotkań dla młodzieży, dom rekolekcyjny z kaplicą, centrum konferencyjne, dom pielgrzyma, hotel i park medytacyjno-rekreacyjny.

W łączności duchowej ze sługą Bożym Janem Pawłem II i z Wielkim Dziełem jako Polonia w Stanach Zjednoczonych, nieśmy pomoc w budowie trwałego pomnika papieżowi Janowi Pawłowi II. Jedną z form takiej pomocy są "cegiełki" - "Pamiątkowy Medal Jana Pawła II", które można otrzymać w polonijnych parafiach w Chicago. Medale te będą nam również przypominały wielkość i świetność papieża Polaka.

Więcej szczegółów na temat budowy Centrum Jana Pawła II można otrzymać dzwoniąc do pana Jana Jaworskiego pod numer: (773) 715-8183 lub pisząc na adres: 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., Apt. 406, Chicago, IL 60646.

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W podziękowaniu wolontariuszom MPA

W piątek, 15 października odbyła się w godzinach wieczornych w sali głównej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce (MPA) uroczystość przygotowana z myślą o wolontariuszach PMA - w tym roku wyróżniono ponad 200 wolontariuszy, z tego około 90 osób uczestniczyło w uroczystości - wśród nich obecni również byli m.in. przedstawiciele środków masowego przekazu, członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji oraz pracownicy ZPRKA i członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji MPA.

Gości powitała prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla, która przedstawiła przybyłym nowego przewodniczącego Rady Dyrektorów MPA, prezesa PRCUA, Josepha A. Drobota, Jr. Pan Drobot podziękował krótko wszystkim zebranym, za pracę na rzecz muzeum, które jest wyjątkową instytucją i dumą całej Polonii w Stanach Zjednoczonych. P. Cieśla przedstawiła również żonę p. Drobota oraz dyrektora MPA p. Jana Lorysia.

W czasie uroczystości na ekranie wyświetlano były migawki z różnych imprez organizowanych przez muzeum, które w dużej części przygotowywane są i obsługiwane przez grupę zawsze chętnych do pomocy muzeum wolontariuszy.

Maria Cieśla wyczytała następnie listę wolontariuszy, którzy poświęcili swój czas na pracę dla muzeum w okresie od sierpnia 2009 r. do października br. Każdy z obecnych wyczytanych otrzymywał w podziękowaniu różę.

Następnie prezeska MPA wręczyła również dyplomy uznania tym wolontariuszom, którzy szczególnie zasłużyli się dla muzeum. Wolontariuszką roku została już po raz drugi Katarzyna Derus, która w przeciągu ostatniego roku przepracowała społecznie w muzeum 463 godzin. Michelle H. Kmiec otrzymała wyróżnienie za wiele godzin, które przepracowała społecznie dla muzeum na stanowisku skarbnika w zarządzie MPA.

Wyróżnienia otrzymali także: Mary Jane Robles, Esther Witek, Małgorzata Palka, David Majkowski oraz Jack Vishneski.

Geraldine Balut Coleman otrzymała wyróżnienie za ogrom pracy i poświęcenie, którymi się wykazała jako przewodnicząca Komitetu Renowacji Pokoju Paderewskiego.

Pani Cieśla wyraziła również wyrazy uznania pracownikom muzeum za czynne włączenie się w akcję zapisywania nowych członków do muzeum, którą przeprowadzili m.in. w różnych parafiach i stacjach radiowych na terenie metropolii chicagowskiej.

Wieczór zakończył się wspólnym pamiątkowym zdjęciem, goście mieli okazję pozostać dłużej i spędzić miło czas na rozmowie przy kawie, napojach chłodzących i przekąskach.



Grupa obecnych na uroczystości wolontariuszy z pracownikami Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce.

Uniwersytet Franciszkański zaprasza na pielgrzymkę do Polski w 2011 r.

Uniwersytet Franciszkański (Franciscan University) w Steubenville, OH zaprasza na 9-dniową pielgrzymkę do Polski, w dniach 2-10 lipca 2011 r. Pielgrzymom towarzyszyć będą J.E. biskup David A. Zubik i o. Dan Patter. Przewidywany koszt wycieczki \$3 100 plus \$395 - opłaty lotniskowe (dodatkowe koszty mogą ulec zmianie). Mottem przewodnim pielgrzymki jest "Życie i spuścizna papieża Jana Pawła II".

Pielgrzymka rozpocznie się w Częstochowie, gdzie uczestnicy wezmą udział we mszy św. na Jasnej Górze odprawionej w kaplicy Czarnej Madonny. W Krakowie atrakcją będzie spotkanie z Georgem Weigel, autorem biografii papieża Jana Pawła II. Uczestnicy zwiedzą pod okiem przewodnika miejsce narodzin Jana Pawła II - Wadowice, potem udadzą się do hitlerowskiego obozu koncentracyjnego w Auschwitz. Następnie zwiedzą Zakopane i najstarszą kopalnię soli w Europie - w Wieliczce. Na zakończenie udadzą się ponownie do Krakowa.

Organizacją pielgrzymki zajmuje się Peter's Way Tours. Inc. Depozyt w wysokości \$350 musi być wpłacony do dnia 8 grudnia 2010 r. Więcej informacji: Peters's Way Tours, 500 N. Broadway - Suite 221, Jericho, NY 11753-1065, tel. (516) 605-1551 lub 1-800-225-7662.

NA CZEŚĆ PP. JOAN I WALLACE OZOGÓW

We wtorek, 14 września 2010 r. w stołówce ZPRKA zebrali się pracownicy ZPRKA, PMA, wolontariusze, przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych i zaproszeni goście, aby wspólnie podziękować pp. Joann i Wallace Ozog, za ich pracę na rzecz ZPRKA, PMA oraz środowiska polonijnego w Chicago i okolicach.



**Proboszcz Misji św. Trójcy w Chicago,
ks. Maślejak odmówił inwokację
i prosił o dalsze laski dla pp. Ozogów.**

Smaczny posiłek przygotowany został przez wieloletniego sponsora różnorodnych imprez, które organizowało ZPRKA, Kasia's Deli.

W pożegnalnym lunchu pp. Ozogów udział wzięli przedstawiciele innych organizacji, m.in.: Teresa Abick i Paul Odrobina ze Związku Narodowego Polskiego, Virginia Sikora ze Związku Polek w Ameryce. Obecna była również Pat Michalski z biura skarbnika Powiatu Cook Marii Pappas, która wręczyła pp. Ozogom specjalną proklamację od skarbnik Pappas oraz przekazała im w jej imieniu najserdeczniejsze życzenia wszelkiej pomyślności i podziękowania za wieloletnią współpracę. Obecni również byli przedstawiciele Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, Legionu Młodych Polek, Rady Nauczycieli Polonijnych, Polish Women's Civic Club, Polskiego Klubu Artystycznego, Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej oraz pracownicy ZPRKA.



**Uroczysty toast wzniósł
Kevin Ryba.**

wydania różnego rodzaju książeczki dla dzieci i młodzieży.

W tej pracy wydatnie pomagała jej organizatorka lunchu pożegnalnego Felicia Krupiński, której pani Ozog serdecznie podziękowała za wszelką pomoc oraz za hojne donacje na rzecz MPA i ZPRKA.

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Felicia Krupiński wręczyła p. Ozog flagę US.

Inicjatorką i sponsorką tej uroczystości była wieloletnia wolontariuszka ZPRKA i PNA oraz osobista dobra znajoma pani Joann Ozog, pani Felicia Krupiński.

Program prowadził sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA James Robaczewski. Inwokację przed posiłkiem odmówił dyrektor Polskiej Misji Duszpasterskiej św. Trójcy w Chicago, ks. Andrzej Maślejak S. Chr. Uroczysty toast wzniósł informatyk ZPRKA Kevin Ryba.

Państwo Ozog podziękowali Felicii Krupińskiej za zorganizowanie tego pożegnalnego lunchu, a ks. Maślejakowi za wzięcie udziału i modlitwę w ich intencji.

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**Prowadzący spotkanie Jim Robaczewski
i organizatorka lunchu - Felicia Krupiński.**

Państwo Ozog otrzymali liczne życzenia, kwiaty i prezenty od przybyłych. Felicia Krupiński przekazała im na pamiątkę flagę Stanów Zjednoczonych, która powiewała w Waszyngtonie. Joseph Boruta wręczył panu Ozogowi koszulkę z autografiem gracza drużyny footballowej drużyny Baltimore Ravens, Toma Źbikowskiego.

Joann Ozog przez 10 lat pracowała społecznie na rzecz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, organizując kampanię członkowską, liczne warsztaty i obiady okolicznościowe, oraz na rzecz Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce, inicjując zbiórkę pieniędzy na Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA oraz organizując różnego rodzaju warsztaty, czy też przygotowując do wydania różnego rodzaju książeczki dla dzieci i młodzieży.

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zaangażowaniem starali się służyć Muzeum Polskiemu, ZPRKA oraz całej Polonii i mają nadzieję, że ich praca nie pójdzie na marne i będzie kontynuowana.

Na zakończenie pp. Ozog pokroili olbrzymi tort z napisem "Żegnaj Chicago, witaj Michigan", a ks. Maślejak odmówił inwokację.

Państwo Ozog kroją pożegnalny tort.

SPOTKANIA "TOWN HALL MEETINGS" Z PREZESEM DROBOTEM

Począwszy od 10 listopada odbywać się będą tzw. Spotkania "Town Hall Meetings" z prezesem ZPRKA Joseph'em Drobotem. Spotkania te mają na celu bliższe zapoznanie członków ZPRKA z naszą organizacją. Będzie to również doskonała okazja do zadawania pytań, wymiany poglądów, uwag i pomysłów, które pomogą w nawiązaniu lepszej współpracy pomiędzy członkami ZPRKA a zarządem i dyrekcją naszej organizacji oraz lepiej przygotują naszą organizację do realiów XXI wieku.

Zachęcamy wszystkich członków do licznego udziału i zaangażowania w dyskusję nad przyszłością ZPRKA. Spotkania "Town Hall Meetings" zaplanowane są na:

7 listopada (niedziela) - Dystrykt #9, Munster, IN - godz. 13:30, Carmelite Fathers Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster. Spotkanie połączone będzie z wyborami nowego zarządu w Dystr. #9. Informacje: Elizabeth Sadus - sekretarka protokołowa: (708) 481-6796.

8 listopada (poniedziałek) - Dystrykt #7, Chicago, IL - godz. 19:30 w jadalni ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL - Spotkanie odbędzie się w czasie zebrania Dystr. #7. Zarząd Dystryktu prosi o przyniesienie artykułów żywnościowych w puszkach i zapakowanych pudełkach, które przekazane zostaną jako donacja dla "kuchni dla ubogich". Dodatkowe informacje u sekretarki Shirley Dudzinski (773) 763-4069.

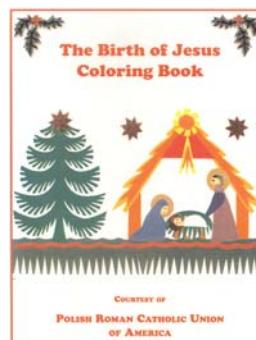
10 listopada (środa) - Dystrykt #5 ZPRKA, Cleveland, OH - godz. 19:00 w biurze ZPRKA przy 6966 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH.

13 listopada (sobota) - Spotkanie z byłymi członkami FLIA (Federation Life Insurance of America) - Milwaukee, WI - godz. 10 w Wilson Commons, 1400 W. Sonata Dr., Milwaukee, WI. Prosimy zgłaszać swój udział do Mary, tel. (414) 282-6260 lub na adres splewa19@gmail.com.

14 listopada (niedziela) - Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA, Chicago, IL - w godz. 14-18 w Sali Bpa Abramowicza przy parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników, 4327 S. Richmond St., Chicago. Prosimy uczestników o spisanie pytań, sugestii i pomysłów na małych kartkach, które zostaną zebrane w czasie spotkania.

Spotkania z dyrektorami i członkami innych Dystryktów planowane są na najbliższe miesiące. Informacje o spotkaniach opublikowane zostaną w kolejnych wydaniach "Narodu Polskiego".

Książeczki i broszurki o tematyce bożonarodzeniowej



ZPRKA oferuje swoim członkom wydawnictwa związane z Bożym Narodzeniem:

- **Książeczka do kolorowania o historii narodzin Pana Jezusa** (The Birth of Jesus Coloring Book) - 16 kartkowa książeczka, opowiadająca o Zwiastowaniu NMP oraz narodzinach i dzieciństwie Chrystusa. Książeczka jest darmowa, wymagana jest opłata za przesyłkę - \$1.50 za jedną książeczkę, dodatkowo 50 centów za każdą następną.

- **Polskie Boże Narodzenie: Zwyczaje, kolędy i przepisy kulinarne** (Polish Christmas: Customs, Carols and Cuisine) - Kolorowa książeczka z opisem zwyczajów Bożego Narodzenia w Polsce, 15 przepisami na tradycyjne potrawy wigilijne i świąteczne oraz słowami 17 kolęd w języku angielskim i 15 w języku polskim. Książeczka jest darmowa, wymagana jest opłata za przesyłkę - \$2.00 za jedną książeczkę i 50 centów za każdą następną.

Zamówienia można przesyłać na adres: PRCUA Fraternal Dept., 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 lub odebrać osobiście w biurze głównym ZPRKA.



LISTOPADOWE ŚWIĘTA I ROCZNICE

1 listopada - Dzień Wszystkich Świętych - Jest to święto obchodzone przedewszystkim w Kościele katolickim, obchodzone ku czci wszystkich znanych i nieznanych świętych. Początkowo obchodzone było dla uczczenia wszystkich męczenników, którzy oddali życie za wiare. W 610 roku cesarz podarował papieżowi Bonifacemu IV Panteon, starożytną świątynię pogańską, w której złożył wiele relikwii. Przemianowała ją i poświęcił na kościół pod wezwaniem Matki Bożej Męczenników. Od wtedy zaczęto w dniu 1 maja oddawać cześć wszystkim zmarłym męczennikom. W 731 roku papież Grzegorz III przeniósł święto na 1 listopada. W 834 roku papież Grzegorz IV nakazał, by od tego dnia była poświęcona pamięci męczenników oraz wszystkich świętych katolickiego Kościoła, po czym na prośbę złożoną przez cesarza Ludwika Pobożnego święto 1 listopada zostało rozszerzone na cały Kościół. W Dzień Wszystkich Świętych, powszechny jest zwyczaj uczestniczenia we mszach świętych i modlitwy w intencjach zmarłych oraz odwiedzania na cmentarzach grobów zmarłych z rodziną i dekorowania grobów kwiatami i zniczami.

2 listopada - Zaduszki - Dzień w którym wspomina się wszystkich zmarłych. W kościołach wierni modlą się za wszystkich wiernych zmarłych, których dusze przebywają w czyścu. Wielkim orędownikiem tej tradycji był benedyktyński opat z Cluny św. Odilon (zm. 1048). W 998 roku polecił on, aby we wszystkich klasztorach o regule benedyktyńskiej Dniem Zadusznym był 1 listopada. Z czasem władze kościelne przeniosły je na 2 listopada. Papież Benedykt XV zezwolił w 1915 r. na to, aby każdy kapłan mógł odprawiać tego dnia trzy msze święte w intencji zmarłych - jedną w intencjach własnych, drugą w intencji wszystkich zmarłych, a trzecią w intencji Ojca Świętego. W kościołach odczytuje się tego dnia tzw. wypominki za zmarłych i odmawia się zwyczajowe pacierze. Podobnie jak w Dzień Wszystkich Świętych, ludzie udają się na cmentarze, aby się pomodlić i zapalić znicze na grobach najbliższych.

11 listopada - Dzień Niepodległości (w Polsce) - to polskie święto państwowego, obchodzone dla upamiętnienia odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości po 123 latach rozbiorów. Święto narodowe 11 listopada wprowadziła ustanowiona Sejmem z 23 kwietnia 1937 roku. Dzień ten pozostawał oficjalnie świętym państwowym do 1944 roku. Po zakończeniu II wojny światowej w 1945 r. komunistyczne władze ustanowiły święto 22 lipca - w rocznicę ogłoszenia manifestu Polskiego Komitetu Wyzwolenia Narodowego. Święto 11 listopada zostało przywrócone przez Sejm IX kadencji ustawą z 15 lutego 1989 roku. Dzień ten jest w Polsce dniem wolnym od pracy. Główne obchody, z udziałem najwyższych władz państwowych, odbywają się w Warszawie na placu Józefa Piłsudskiego, przed Grobem Nieznanego Żołnierza.

11 listopada - Dzień Weteranów (w USA) - Veterans Day - to narodowe święto amerykańskie mające na celu uhonorowanie wszystkich weteranów służących w siłach zbrojnych USA, zarówno zmarłych jak i żywych oraz podziękowanie im za ich służbę krajową. Święto zostało ustanowione w 1919 r. przez prezydenta Woodrowa Wilsona pod nazwą Armistice Day aby uczcić rocznicę zakończenia I wojny światowej. Prezydent Dwight Eisenhower ustanowił ten dzień świętym narodowym pod nazwą Dzień Weteranów proklamacją z 1 czerwca 1954 r. Wtedy to oficjalnie zmieniona została nazwa święte z Armistice Day na Veterans Day - na wniosek weteranów II wojny światowej i wojny w Korei.

UBEZPIECZENIE TERMINOWE QUICK ISSUE TERM

Oprócz nowych planów na ubezpieczenia stałe (str. 15), ZPRKA oferuje także nowe polisy terminowe tzw. UBEZPIECZENIA TERMINOWE QUICK ISSUE TERM LIFE.

- Dostępne są ubezpieczenia na 10, 15, 20 i 30 lat.
- O ubezpieczenia terminowe na 10, 15 i 20 lat w tym programie mogą ubiegać się osoby w wieku 16-65 lat (pod uwagę brana jest najbliższa data urodzin).
- Ubezpieczenia terminowe na 30 lat w tym programie, dostępne są tylko dla osób w wieku 16-50 lat.*
- Suma ubezpieczenia w tej ofercie może wynosić od \$50 000 do \$250 000.*
- Istnieje różnica w wysokości składek dla osób palących i niepalących.
- Osoba ubiegająca się o ubezpieczenie musi wyrazić pisemną zgodę aby ZPRKA mogło uzyskać informacje o stanie jej zdrowia (Medical Inforamtion Bureau Notice i Authorization form).

* o powyższe ubezpieczenie może się ubiegać każdy, bez względu na wiek, zastosowane zostaną jednak wymagane procedury i ograniczenia.

Więcej informacji nt. powyższej oferty można uzyskać u naszych lokalnych agentów ubezpieczeń oraz we wszystkich biurach ZPRKA.

Słowo od Prezesa Droboty

Prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. pragnie poinformować, że w związku z przedłużającą się recesją i wciąż obniżanymi przez bank centralny US stopami procentowymi, również ZPRKA jest zmuszone obniżyć oprocentowanie na kontach Annuity, oferowanych przez ZPRKA.

Pamiętać należy, że do tej pory nasze konta Annuity miały bardzo korzystne oprocentowanie, a odsetki nie podlegają opodatkowaniu, do chwili wypłaty.

Począwszy od 1 listopada oprocentowanie na kontach z serii Millennium oraz Classic dostosowane zostanie do obecnej sytuacji rynkowej. Oprocentowania są różne dla różnych sum zgromadzonych wartości kont (obecnie w 3 przedziałach - poprzednio w 4).

Zmiany przedstawione są w poniższej tabelce. Zapewniamy, że pragniemy jak najlepiej służyć naszym członkom i z chwilą poprawy ekonomicznej na rynku finansowym, również nasze oprocentowanie zostanie odpowiednio zmienione.

(List prezesa na str. 1).

ZMIANY OPROCENTOWANIA NA KONTACH ANNUITY

W dniu 1 listopada wejdą w życie następujące zmiany oprocentowania rocznego na kontach Annuity oferowanych przez ZPRKA.

ZGROMADZONA WARTOŚĆ KONTA ANNUITY	SERIA		
	MILLENIUM	CLASSIC	PREFERRED
1. \$300,00 - \$49 999,99	3,125%	3,075%	3,000%
2. \$ 50 000,00 - \$99 999,99	3,250%	3,125%	3,000%
3. \$100 000,00 - i więcej	3,375%	3,250%	3,000%

Zmianom podlegają zarówno nowo założone konta Annuity, jak i już wcześniej istniejące. Prosimy, aby nie zapewniać klientów o gwarancji stałego oprocentowania, chyba, że dotyczy to minimum oprocentowania, które jest gwarantowane i nie może być niższe niż 3,00% przez okres posiadania konta Annuity. Minimum wpłaty we wszystkich seriach zmniejszono do \$300.

UWAGA: Zmiany oprocentowania na powyższych kontach są zależne od fluktuacji rynku. Wysokość oprocentowania wyliczona jest na podstawie naszych możliwości obniżenia kosztów ogólnych przy jednoczesnym silnym wykładniku wypłacalności. W celu uzyskania bieżących informacji o zmianach na kontach annuity, prosimy odwiedzać naszą stronę: www.prcua.org

Radości, pokoju i wszelkiej obfitości w Dniu Dziękczynienia



Thanksgiving Day, czyli Dzień Dziękczynienia, obchodzony jest w Stanach Zjednoczonych jako pamiątka pierwszego Dziękczynienia kolonistów w Plymouth. Jako pierwszy święto to przyjął w 1817 r. stan Nowy Jork, krótko potem kilka innych stanów zadecydowało obchodzić Dzień Dziękczynienia. Przez ponad 200 lat poszczególne kolonie i stany US obchodziły Dzień Dziękczynienia indywidualnie w różne dni. Dopiero w 1863 r. prezydent Abraham Lincoln wydał proklamację, na mocy której Dzień Dziękczynienia ustanowiony został świętem narodowym.

Obecnie Święto Dziękczynienia obchodzone jest w USA w 4 czwartek listopada.

Tradycyjne uważa się, że pierwszy Dzień Dziękczynienia był obchodzony w kolonii Plymouth w 1621 roku. Jesienią tegoż roku pielgrzymi, którzy przybyli do Ameryki na pokładzie statku Mayflower w 1620 r. postanowili uczcić pierwsze obfite żniwa. Świętowali wraz z grupą Indian z plemienia Wampanoag, którzy wraz z wodzem Massasoitem pomogli im przetrwać pierwszy rok. Święto trwało trzy tygodnie, w okresie między 21 października i 11 listopada 1621 r. Indianie dostarczyli na ucztę jelenie oraz ptactwo wodne (kaczki, gęsi). Oprócz uczestowania, święto obejmowało także wspólny wypoczynek oraz zabawę kolonistów i Indian.

Dzień Dziękczynienia jest świętem świeckim i jest traktowane jako okazja do rodzinnych spotkań i wspólne wyrażenie wdzięczności za wszelkie dobra i łaski, których doświadczyliśmy w przeciągu ostatniego roku.