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Results of Polish President's Meeting with U.S. President Obama

Washington, DC - On December 8, 2010, President of the Republic of Poland, Bronislaw Komorowski, began his official two-day visit to the United States by visiting the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. There, he made public for the first time that his family was one of many in World War II Poland who sheltered Jews from Adolf Hitler's Nazis.

In a moving ceremony at the Holocaust Museum, President Komorowski was reunited with Zeev Baran, who, along with his mother and a sibling, were hidden by the Komorowski Family when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, triggering World War II.

Mr. Baran, who moved to Israel after the war and who

serves as Consul General of Poland in Jerusalem, emotionally recalled how his father had been murdered alongside Bronislaw Komorowski, the Polish President's uncle and his namesake.

President Komorowski later met with US President Barack Obama amid a brewing storm over the diplomatic cables published by Wikileaks, which Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said have eroded the trust between Warsaw and Washington.



President Bronislaw Komorowski with President Barack Obama at the White House, Washington, DC

Nevertheless, President Barack Obama and President Bronislaw Komorowski reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the U.S.-Polish alliance by expanding strategic and defense cooperation, supporting deeper economic links, and

century.

Both Presidents applauded the outcomes of the Lisbon NATO Summit, including the allied commitment to reaffirm the primacy of our obligations to one another's security and to adopt territorial missile

promoting democratic institutions in Europe and around the world. The two leaders resolved to continue to work together to ensure that transatlantic ties remain strong and relevant to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st

defense as a core mission. President Obama confirmed the commitment of the US to implement the Phased Adaptive Approach to European missile defense, including basing land-based SM-3 interceptors in Poland as part of this program in the 2018 time-frame, and expressed his gratitude for Poland's commitment to host this system, which is an extremely valuable contribution to the development of a NATO missile defense capability.

The two leaders agreed to enhance bilateral defense ties in the spirit of the 2008 US-Polish Declaration on Strategic Cooperation. This includes increased cooperation between our two Air Forces with the aim of strengthening interoperability (Cont. on page 5)

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
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Dear Members and Friends,

In the January issue of the *Naród Polski*, a message from our Sales and Marketing Director Agnes Migiel indicated that 30% of US households have no individual or employer-provided life insurance. Families with the greatest need for coverage - 11 million households with children younger than 18 - have no life insurance. The primary reason for this is that people are financially strapped.

Your PRCUA is providing an answer to this great family life insurance void by introducing a family plan with a 10% discount on premiums to all who qualify. The plan is easy to understand and is very affordable.

Family life insurance is not a luxury; it is a necessary and important financial need for all families.

Please see page 3, and page 20 in Polish, for details and call one of our deputies, supervisors or Sales & Marketing Director Agnes Migiel to discuss how PRCUA can fulfill your family's insurance needs. You can also email us regarding this matter info@prcua.org or mail in the coupon on page 3.

Please seriously consider your family's life insurance coverage situation and explore this new PRCUA program that will save you 10% per year!

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., National President

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

FEBRUARY

5 WYANDOTTE, MI - ST. STAN'S vs WYANDOTTE #162 RYDER CUP FORMAT BOWLING on Sat., Feb. 5 at Cherry Hill Lanes starting at 12:00 pm, located on the corner of Cherry Hill & Inkster Rds. Register at 11:30 am; Afterglow at Ranndy's Bar & Grille on W. Warren (north side) between Telegraph and Beech Daly. First 24 men & 12 ladies from each Society. Cost for bowlers \$25. Contact: Bob Hojnacki 313-384-6255 or hoj606@hotmail.com

5 CLEVELAND, OH - PRCUA DEPUTY TRAINING on Sat., Feb. 5 at 10 am at Cleveland Office, 6966 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH. Register at <http://prcua.org/agentsupport.htm>

6 TOLEDO, OH - SUPER BOWL PARTY on Sun., Feb. 6 at Misuida Hall 5255 N. Detroit Ave. Toledo OH at 1:00 pm. Call 419-470-8710

10 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 MEETING on Thurs., Feb 10; Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing; a pot luck dinner at 6 pm. Contact: Tom Croff 517-627-0222

12 MUNSTER, IN - DIST. #9 ST. RAFAL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL DINNER DANCE on Sat., Feb. 12; Entry 6 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm at Carmelite Banquet Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Music by DJ Marcin, Polish dinner, raffle and performance by "Maly Slask". Proceeds go for school expenses. Donation: \$35 per person; \$17.50 for 12 yrs. and under; open bar. Contact: Malgorzata Rolniak at 219-696-1666 for reservations.

13 NEW HAVEN, CT, SOCIETY # 463 MEETING on Sun., Feb. 13 at 1 pm at Pol-Am Political Club, 194 W. Spring St., West Haven, CT (down the street from Veteran's Hospital). Members are invited to attend. Stas Wozniak will prepare zajac for attendees.

14 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT #7 MEETING on Mon., Feb. 14 at 7:30 pm PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski 773-763-4069

14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

17 CHICAGO, IL - ILL-IND WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING on Thurs., Feb. 17 at 10:30 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Irene Rush 630-295-5607

18 WARREN, MI - PRCUA ZAKOPANE POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE'S BOWLING FUNDRAISER on Fri., Feb. 18 at Regal Lanes, 27663 Mound Rd., Warren, MI; Check-in at 8:30 pm - Bowling starts at 9:30 pm; \$20 per person includes 3 Games, Pizza and Pop, Shoes, 1st and 2nd game mystery. Please RSVP by Feb. 4 to Tom Lisiecki 586-795-8901 or Colleen Bonkowski 586-219-1982

19-20 TOLEDO, OH - CITY-WIDE DART TOURNAMENT on Feb. 19 and 20 at 1 pm at Misuida Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo OH

20 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., Feb. 20 at 1 pm. at PRCU #162 Hall, 1430 Oak, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: L. Alexander, 1059 Molno, Wyandotte, MI 48192

20 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING on Sun., Feb. 20 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Call: Dir. Joan Sylak 419- 729-2126

20 LEMONT, IL - 7TH ANNUAL POLISH HERITAGE DAY on Sun., Feb. 20 at 2:30 pm at Fr. Gilewski Ctr., SS Cyril & Methodius Church, 607 Sobieski St., Lemont. Call 630-863-9304

22 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., Feb. 22 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz 586-573-7510

26 TROY, MI - PRCUA 20TH SHIRLEY ANN GALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL Honoring the 2011 Graduates on Sat., Feb. 26, at San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI; Cocktails 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm Donation \$50; \$45 student to age 20. Semi-formal attire. Music by Duane Malinowski. Contact: M. Jalkiewicz 586-979-5164

26-27 TOLEDO, OH - CITY-WIDE DART TOURNAMENT on Feb. 26 and 27 at 1 pm at Misuida Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH

MARCH

5 DEARBORN HTS., MI - ST. STAN'S ONE GAME BOWLING KNOCK-OUT on Sat., March 5 at Noon at Cherry Hill Lanes, Cherry Hill & Inkster Rds. Register at 11:15 am. Dinner/open bar to follow at the Stitt Post, 23850 Military, Dearborn Hts. Bowlers \$30; non-bowlers \$25. Contact Ron and Barbara Bak 734-394-8863. Note: Ladies may start a little later.

5-6 TOLEDO, OH - CITY-WIDE DART TOURNEY on March 5-6 at 1 pm at Misuida Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH

6 HICKORY HILLS, IL - 36TH ANNUAL SPRING FASHION SHOW LUNCH WITH ENTERTAINMENT on Sun., March 6, at Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Tickets: \$30 - proceeds for scholarships for 2012 Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball Candidates. Please support this fund raiser! Contact Liz or Walter Dynowski at 708-532-1541

7 PULASKI DAY (See page 4 for details)

8 LONGWOOD, FL - SOCIETY #1492 "PACZKI DAY" on Tues., March 8, 10-11 am for all PRCUA members who may be in Central Florida that day. Come in and enjoy delicious paczki and coffee, compliments of Society #1492 at Polonia Restaurant, 750 S. Highway 17-92, Longwood, FL.

10 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 MEETING on Thurs., March 10; Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing; a pot luck dinner at 6 pm. Contact: Tom Croff 517-627-0222

11 TOLEDO, OH - ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DINNER on Fri., March 11 at Misuida Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo from 4-8 pm. Dinner is 4 pierogi (your choice), salad, vegetable, bread/butter, dessert, coffee/punch; for Adult \$8, Child \$3. Call for advanced Pierogi Dozen orders \$8/dozen: Cheese, Potato, or Kraut 419-531-8658

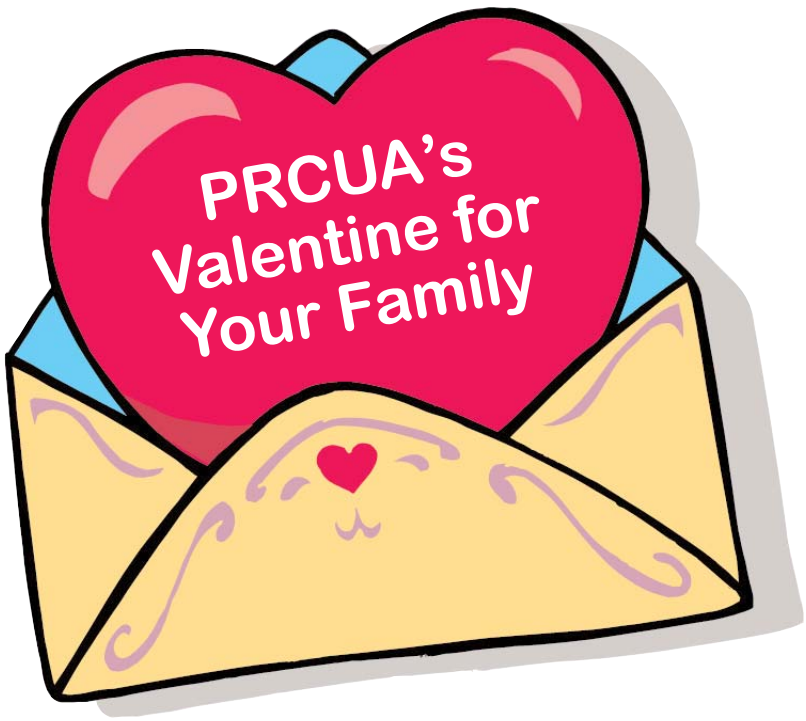
13 CHICAGO, IL - ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER catered by Ray Harrington; sponsored by PRCUA District 7 on Sun., March 13; Cocktails 1 p.m. - Dinner 2 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Cost: \$25. Deadline March 8. No tickets sold at the door. All reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. Make checks to: District #7 PRCUA; mail to: Irene DeLonka, 1323 Churchill Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195; Call: 847-882-3261

19 SOUTHGATE, MI - 77TH PRCUA NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT on Sat., March 19 at Aquinas Center, 15601 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI hosted by Sacred Heart Society#162, Kelly Salatowski, Chairperson. Accommodations at Holiday Inn Southgate, 17201 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI. Call 888-465-4329 or 734-283-4400. Singles or doubles, \$89.99 plus tax. Room reservation deadline is February 20. Entry deadline March 4th, 2011.

20 HAMTRAMCK, MI - ST. JOSEPH SOC. #261 ANNUAL MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION Sun., March 20, at St. Louis the King, 18891 St. Louis St., Detroit. Breakfast after Mass in St. Louis' cafeteria, followed by short Society meeting. Contact: Dir. Tom Lisiecki 586-795-8901.

CHANGE IN DATE
The Exhibit marking the 125th Anniversary of PRCUA Publications and the 115th Anniversary of *Narod Polski* at the Polish Museum will be held later in the year, rather than in March. Details in the future.

CORRECTIONS - In the last issue, the date of birth of Stacia (nee Koza) Ordyna-Bulsa on transposed. She was born in 1931, not 1913. Also on page 9, in the article about Alice Robaczewski, her grandson Tommy was referred to as Jimmy in the text. Sincere apologies.



INTRODUCING
PRCUA' s
FAMILY PLUS LIFE
INSURANCE SPECIAL



Open your heart this Valentine's Day
and start planning for those you love.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is offering a BRAND NEW Life Insurance promotion - just in time for this Valentine's Day, February 2011. It is called the FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL. And YOU DECIDE THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY.

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INSURED	GENDER	AGE	CLASS	INSURANCE PLAN	ANNUAL PREMIUMS
Primary	Male	35	Non-Smoker	\$25,000 Whole Life	\$306.00
				\$25,000 20-Year Term	92.50
Secondary	Female	35	Non-Smoker	\$25,000 Whole Life	269.25
Juvenile	Male	10	Non-Smoker	\$10,000 Whole Life	91.40
Juvenile	Female	10	Non-Smoker	\$10,000 Whole Life	84.90
TOTAL				\$95,000 Combined Life Insurance	\$844.05
LESS ANNUAL 10% FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL DISCOUNT					- 84.40
ACTUAL COST					<u>\$759.65</u>

NOTE: The above table is just one example of the FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL.
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Gen. Casimir Pulaski: Freedom Fighter



General Casimir Pulaski
1747-1779

to Joseph and Marianna Pulaski, of middle Polish nobility. Count Casimir Pulaski was educated locally. He then became a page in the court of Prince Charles of Courland (now Latvia), where he received his military training at Charles' military camp.

In 1764, Casimir returned to Poland. With his father and two brothers, they went to Warsaw to organize an armed uprising against the Russians, who were interfering in Polish politics. Supporters of the uprising formed the Confederation of Bar in 1768, of which Casimir was one of the founders. When his father died in 1769, Casimir became its military commander.

His greatest success was in taking and holding Jasna Gora at Czesochowa. His brilliant defense against the Russians brought him fame throughout Europe. He was falsely accused of plotting to kill the Polish King. He had to leave the country under an assumed name in order to escape alive. His family's lands were confiscated and he was exiled under penalty of death.

In 1773, Pulaski moved to Paris, France. He offered his services to Benjamin Franklin, an American diplomat who was there seeking French assistance for the War of Independence. After receiving a letter of recommendation from Franklin to General George Washington, Commander of the American Army, Pulaski sailed to America. On July 23, 1777, he landed near Boston, MA. He reported to General Washington at his headquarters in the Moland House in PA. (See article about the Moland House on page 13.) In a letter to Washington, Pulaski wrote, "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it."

On September 11, Pulaski took part in his first battle on American soil - the Battle of Brandywine - near Philadelphia, PA. While leading a scouting expedition, he saw the British were about to cut off the American Army's escape route. He gathered soldiers on horseback and led a daring charge that surprised the British and enabled the American Army to retreat. Washington was impressed with Pulaski's shrewd military tactics and his outstanding skill in fighting on horseback. Upon Washington's recommendation, Congress made Pulaski a brigadier general and the commander of the American cavalry. Thus Pulaski is known as "Father of the American Cavalry."

The best assessment of Pulaski's legion came from a British officer who called them simply "the best damned cavalry the rebels ever had".

On October 9, 1779, in an attempt to win back the City of Savannah from the British, the French allied forces and Pulaski's Legion joined together in a risky assault on the heavily-fortified city. When Pulaski saw that the French commander was wounded and the infantry were breaking ranks under heavy fire, Pulaski bravely charged into battle with his troops. He was mortally wounded in his thigh. Pulaski was carried from the battlefield and put aboard the ship Wasp that was docked in the nearby harbor. The ship was to take him to Charleston, SC for medical treatment. However, on October 15, General Pulaski died at the age of 32 aboard the ship. His body was brought ashore and on Greenwich Plantation in SC. On October 21, a symbolic hero's funeral was held in Charleston, SC, for General Pulaski. In 1793, posthumously, Casimir Pulaski's name was cleared of the charges of plotting to kill the Polish king. History was set straight so the truth of his innocence would be known forever more.

General Pulaski was very dedicated to the concept and ideal that all men should be free. He opposed tyranny in Poland and sacrificed his life for American freedom. The legacy of Pulaski reminds us that for the last 234 years, America and Poland have been linked together in their struggles for freedom.

In 1855, a monument to General Pulaski was erected in the City of Savannah and a metal box with the bones of General Pulaski exhumed from Greenwich Plantation was placed beneath the monument. The fact that he was buried there was forgotten until 1996 when rediscovered during repairs to the monument.

Invitation to State of Illinois Pulaski Day Celebration

The Polish Museum of America will host the State of Illinois' official Pulaski Day Celebration on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of the PMA at 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL.

Governor Pat Quinn is expected to be there, as well as Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and governmental representatives from the State of Illinois at all levels from Senators and Congressmen to Cook County and City officials to Aldermen. They will address the large crowd of constituents, an array of news cameras, who usually attend this patriotic event in honor of General Casimir Pulaski. Representatives of the Polish American community will also be present and give speeches.

After the program, a reception will be held in the Social Hall. The public is invited to attend.

On October 9, 2005, the remains of General Casimir Pulaski were ceremoniously laid to rest in a white marble crypt in front of the Pulaski Monument on Monterey Square in Savannah, GA, preceded by 5 days of ceremonies. The Polish government delegation included Poland's Undersecretary of State Andrzej Majkowski as well as 12 riders from a ceremonial-parade unit, several veterans from the "September 1939 Defensive Campaign," and Bishop General Tadeusz Ploski, Chief of the Polish Army Chaplains. From Poland's Embassy in Washington, D.C. was Ambassador Janusz Reiter, Military Attache General Kazimierz Sikorski, and others. An entourage of four dignitaries from Warka, Poland - the ancestral hometown of the Pulaski family, where a museum now stands dedicated to Pulaski's memory - was also present.

Ceremonies on Sunday, October 9 began before sunrise when Revolutionary War Re-enactors and patriotic groups gathered at the Visitors Center and, to the sound of fife and drum, marched to the nearby battlefield where a replica rampart had been erected. There, after a speaker recounted the course of the Battle of Savannah, wreaths were laid and a cannon shot sounded in salute to those who, like Pulaski, gave their lives for the cause of American Independence.

A Memorial Mass was then held at the Cathedral. Many various military units assembled on the steps leading to the church, including US Army color guard, an infantry unit, sailors from the USS Roosevelt, Knights of Columbus, Pulaski Cadets, 5 Polish military riders on horseback, veterans from Poland, a burial detail (in 19th century uniforms) from Arlington Cemetery, whose four white draft horses pulled a caisson that held Pulaski's casket, and a riderless horse.

Upon arrival, the casket was placed on a catafalque on the steps of the Cathedral where it remained throughout the Mass, guarded by sailors from the USS Roosevelt in white uniforms. Bishop Ploski was the main celebrant of the Mass, conducted mainly in Polish. Both the Cathedral Choir and a Polish Choir from Hamilton, Canada, sang appropriate hymns. Then the congregation followed the Bishop to the street and joined ranks with the units outside. The procession made its way down Abercorn Street toward the river, then turned onto Bull Street proceeding toward Monterey Square. It was a splendid sight with flags, horses, uniforms and flowers that wound its way over nearly twenty-two blocks.

Upon reaching Monterey Square, the marchers took their places and Bishop Ploski began the ceremony of Christian Burial. He was assisted by an Anglican priest, a member of the Savannah Masonic Lodge and the Rabbi from the nearby synagogue. With the casket in the crypt chamber, the solemnities concluded, and a twenty-one gun salute was fired and "Taps" sounded.

That evening, the officer and crew of the USS Roosevelt, with the Navy League, hosted an outdoor reception on a helicopter landing pad of the guided missile destroyer. A tour of the ship was afforded to all visitors. Commemorative USS Roosevelt plaques were presented to members of the Pulaski Jubilee Committee.

The following day a dedication ceremony was held at 10 am. By then the crypt had been sealed with its white marble capstone. After the choir from the First African Baptist Church sang, organizations paid respect by placing flowers and wreaths on the grave. Pulaski was inducted into the Georgia Military Hall of Fame and the Sons of the American Revolution. The ceremonies concluded with the reading of several proclamations, one of them from the President of Poland at that time, Aleksander Kwasniewski. Afterwards, the city hosted the Polish delegation at a special luncheon. There the Pulaski Identification Committee were awarded plaques from the city for their work. The Polish ambassador honored Paul Bosse for his special efforts in organizing and coordinating with international visitors and American Polonia. The visitors from Warka were awarded Pulaski-O'Neill medals for keeping the memory of Pulaski alive in Poland. The lunch concluded on a upbeat note promising a Sister City Partnership between Savannah and Warka, Poland.

A new documentary video on the life of Casimir Pulaski is available from the American Council of Polish Culture (ACPC) whose website is: www.polishcultureacpc.org. Click on "Ongoing Projects."

*Brothers
and Sisters*



ANDERSON, LORETTA	2015	PA	LEPAK, MYRON	1246	WI
BERES, JOSEPH	1486	IL	LEWANDOWSKI, FRANCES	471	IL
BOBOWSKI, JOSEPH	955	IL	MALNER, DOROTHY	2220	OH
BUKSA, DENIS	880	IL	MARTYNOWSKI, STELLA	2003	PA
BULAT, BERNICE	388	IL	MIEREK, CARL	540	NY
BUTKIEWICZ, SALLEY	428	MI	MILLER, WANDA	388	IL
BYTNAR, JOSEPH	766	MO	MOLES, ELEANOR	475	IL
DOMBROWSKI, ZYGMUNT	36/2159	OH	PHILLIPS, ESTELLE	1020	PA
DUDA, ANNE	1000	IL	PIASCIK, MARY	830	MA
DUDLEY, FLORENCE	224	PA	PIATKOSKI, ROSE	1124	MI
DWORZNIK, PAUL	2152	OH	PILCICKI, MARIE	2012	PA
DZWILEWSKI, STANLEY	2002	PA	REWOLINSKI, GERTRUDE	1423	WI
GORSKI, HENRY	247	OH	ROZYNSKI, HELEN	1032	IL
GULA, THOMAS	1004	IL	SADECKI, ALFREDA	1000	IL
GULICK, JOSEPH	1415	IL	SALYS, GENEVIEVE	542	IL
HARENZA, FRANK	327	IL	SENK, MILDRED	286	CT
HOFFARTH, PAULINE	765	NY	SEYDLITZ, WALTER	2144	OH
JANIK, RAYMOND	1598	IL	SIEDLECKI, ANNA	703	PA
KATA, MARY	286	CT	SIELICKI, RICHARD	2303	WI
KAZIKIEWICZ, ROSE	412	IL	SIUTA, THEODORE	572	NJ
KLUSKIEWICZ, ALICE	345	PA	SKULSKI, FLORENCE	540	NY
KOSTOVNY, MARTHA	2290	PA	STARANOWIC, HELEN	1556	PA
KOWALSKI, FLORENCE	428	MI	SWIETEK, SIGMUND	317	IL
KOZLOWSKI, CHARLES	162	MI	SYNOWIECKI, GENEVIEVE	179	IL
KOZLOWSKI, LEONARD	308	IL	SZYMENDERA, MARIE	2001/2012	PA
KRYSIK, MARIANNE	2003	PA	TOTH, CATHERINE	1000	IL
KUNKA, BERNICE	227	OH	WICHOWSKI, ALFONS	1000	IL
LALLI, JOANNA	1000	IL	WIECZOREK, CHARLES	517	NJ
			WOJTOWICZ, CECELIA	213	WV

Quigley Meets with Polish President



Washington - Rep. Mike Quigley (IL-05) met with Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski on December 9th to discuss Poland's relationship with the US, as well as Quigley's commitment to his Polish-American constituents and Poland's inclusion in the Visa Waiver Program.

Later in the afternoon, following President Komorowski's meeting with President Obama, Obama announced that he is also committed to extending the Visa Waiver Program to include Poland during his Presidency.

"It was an honor to meet with

President Komorowski and discuss ways to improve relations between our two great nations and the lives of the Polish-Americans in my district," said Quigley. "I look forward to working with President Obama to make sure Poland is included in the Visa Waiver Program."

Quigley also hosted a screening of *Tony and Janina's American Wedding* in the United States Capitol. The movie depicts the ongoing struggle of constituent Tony Wasilewski to reunite his family. His wife, Janina, was deported in 2007 after 18 years of marriage to her husband in Schiller Park. Quigley's staff has worked with the family on an ongoing basis.

Quigley's district is home to one of the largest Polish-American populations in the country. He traveled to Poland in July to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Community of Democracies and fought for Poland's inclusion in the Visa Waiver Program in the House of Representative's Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill.

The PRCUA is pleased to announce that Patrick Kosowski, an active member of St. Stan's Society #718 in Detroit, Michigan, a PRCUA deputy, and a participant and former co-chairman of many PRCUA national sports tournaments, was selected as the new PRCUA Bowling Coordinator.

Patrick is quite capable for this position. He has much knowledge about bowling, since he helped to coordinate many local bowling tournaments for several years. Also, he is an outstanding bowler. He rolled a perfect game in the 2004 PRCUA National Tournament!

We look forward to working with Patrick, and he will have our full support and cooperation. Our sincere congratulations to Patrick Kosowski!



Patrick Kosowski

*Anna Sokolowski, PRCUA Vice President
Fraternal Department*

Dozin' with the Dinos! Polish - American Overnight Group
Outing - Field Museum, Friday, March 4, 2011, Children age 6-12. Cost
 \$51.00 per person. For reservations & info. call PRCUA 1-800-772-8632 ext.2601

Polish American Day with the Chicago Wolves vs. Oklahoma City Barons, Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Allstate Arena, Rosemont, IL; Tickets available by phone; call Julie Seyller: (847) 832-1941
Trading Cards Give-away for first 5,000 fans; Postgame Autograph Session, presented by Kia Motors; St. Patrick's Day Jersey Auction and Raffle

Polish American Family Night with the Chicago Bulls, United Center **Tuesday, April 5th, 2011,** *Chicago Bulls vs. Phoenix Suns* at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30.00. For tickets, call PRCUA 1-800-772-8632 ext.2601

RESULTS OF POLISH PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH U.S. PRESIDENT OBAMA

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as NATO allies through regular joint training exercises and establishment of a US air detachment in Poland to support rotations of US military aircraft.

President Barack Obama expressed appreciation for Poland's contribution to increased worldwide nuclear security, including the removal of highly enriched uranium from a reactor in Poland.

President Komorowski expressed Poland's strong support for the prompt ratification of the New START Treaty, that would bolster Polish and European security and contribute to the Non-Proliferation Treaty's disarmament goals.

Both leaders highlighted their support for NATO's efforts in Afghanistan, where U.S. and Polish troops fight side-by-side. The U.S. will place 800 troops under Polish tactical command in Ghazni Province, a testament to Poland's military leadership, and will loan 20 more Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected (MRAP) vehicles to the Polish military.

Exports, Investments and Technology - The two leaders discussed their efforts to deepen mutual dialogue on energy security, and they agreed to enhance cooperation on scientific, technical and policy aspects of clean and efficient energy technologies. They underlined their readiness to cooperate on a broad range of energy-related issues, including civilian nuclear power, unconventional gas, energy efficiency, renewable energy and other clean power resources in Poland. They welcomed new and continuing efforts under the Global Shale Gas Initiative.

Promoting Democracy - President Obama cited Poland as a model for other countries striving to build democratic institutions and praised Poland's leadership. The Presidents reiterated their strong support for the EU's Eastern Partnership Initiative, designed to strengthen ties between the EU and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, and to spur reform and strengthen democracy in those countries. They hailed NATO's historic decision in Lisbon to create a strategic partnership with Russia. The US and Poland are pursuing complementary policies of strengthening ties with Russia.

Expanding Citizen Contacts - The two leaders committed to expanding the Fulbright program and to discussing the expansion of the Parliamentary Youth Exchange. They applauded the partnership between the Polish American Freedom Foundation and leading US companies to bring Polish university students and young professionals to the USA for internships in the private sector.

The meeting concluded with President Komorowski thanking President Obama and the American people for their hospitality, and he extended an invitation to President Obama to visit Poland.

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Fraternal Favorites

Get ready for Paczki Day - March 8!

Note: The alcohol in these recipes prevents the paczki from absorbing excess oil during frying.

PACZKI - This recipe yields 48 delicious paczki. All ingredients should be room temperature. Dissolve $\frac{3}{4}$ oz yeast in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup warm water. Warm 2 c milk; add to yeast. Add 3 c flour; mix well and let rise for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to create "a sponge". In a separate bowl, mix together: 2 c warm milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. butter, 2 T shortening, $\frac{1}{2}$ c sugar and 2 T whiskey, rum, vodka or bourbon. Mix in the sponge, add 6 eggs, pinch of salt, 9 cups flour and really mix well until it is a good textured dough. Let dough rise until double in bulk, punch down and then tear off 2-ounce pieces and form a ball. Place dough balls on a well-greased flat pan, let rise 30 to 45 min. Fry dough balls in 350 degree oil or lard until well-browned on both sides then put them on a brown paper bag to drain. Allow to cool. Then fill with *povidla* (prune butter), thick jelly, cooked vanilla pudding or any Solo-brand fruit pastry filling. Use a pastry bag, with a tip with a hole about the size of a pencil, to fill the doughnuts; roll in granulated or powdered sugar.

POLISH UNFILLED PACZKI: Add a pinch of saffron to 2 T. 190-proof grain alcohol (or vodka) and let stand several hours. If you do not want a yellow color, you can use straight grain alcohol or vodka without the saffron. In bowl, sift 1 c. flour and scald it with 1 c. boiling milk, mixing with wooden spoon until smooth and lump-free. Set aside to cool. Meanwhile, mix 1 stick room-temp. butter, $\frac{1}{3}$ c. honey, and 1 cake yeast. Stir in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour, add $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, knead until smooth, cover with cloth, and allow to rise in warm place. When it has doubled, work in 1 T. rum, the strained saffron-flavored alcohol, and 1 T. finely chopped candied orange rind (optional). Knead again briefly and set aside to rise once more. Tear off walnut-sized pieces of dough and roll between floured palms into balls. Arrange on floured board, cover with cloth, and allow to rise until doubled. Fry in hot oil, drain on absorbent paper, and, when cool, dust with powdered sugar.

Smaczego! Happy Paczki Day!

ATTENTION - PRCUA BOWLERS

It's time to think and plan for the 74th Annual National PRCUA Bowling Tournament. Mark your calendars, form your teams, fill out the entry form, make your reservations and prepare to have a great time in Addison.

Tournament dates are **April 8, 9, and 10, 2011, at Stardust Lanes, 37 East Lorraine Street, Addison, IL.** Walter Szarowicz and his District #7 Committee are preparing to welcome all the bowlers.

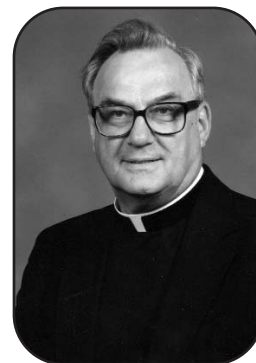
The host hotel for this tournament is: **Doubletree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Road in Downers Grove, IL.** Make your reservations with a credit card before March 15, 2011; the room rate is \$89.00 per night, plus tax. Ask for the PRCUA group rate; call them toll-free at 1-800-445-8667.

Look for additional tournament "info" in future NAROD POLSKI issues and also check us out on Facebook!

Patrick Kosowski
Bowling Tournament Director

† Higher Perspectives †

Will you be my Valentine?



*By Rev. Canon Anthony
D. Iwuc of Providence,
RI, PRCUA National
Vice Chaplain*

As I wondered what I should write about in the February issue of the *Naród Polski*, I came across the following letter by Fr. Patrick J. Tonry, SM, Spiritual Director of the Marianist Mission in Dayton, Ohio. Perhaps you have received a copy of this letter. I believe it bears repeating and is worth reading again. Those who have not received or read it, will find some interesting insights in it. I quote Fr. Tonry's letter:

God is love, and those who abide in Love abide in God, And God abides in them. (I John 4:16)

We all recognize St. John's faith-filled proclamation that "God is love." We all want to experience the love of God in our lives, especially as we experience that love coming from our families and our friends. And so, from the earliest days of the Christian community, we have the tradition associated with St. Valentine and his letters of support, written to those imprisoned for their faith, for their love of God.

That tradition appears in the many ways that children in grade school, young people in high school and college, and lovers of all ages ask the fundamental question: *Will you be my Valentine?* A question that, at first, may seem to be simply a Hallmark moment, a romanticized and sentimental part of a day for heart-shaped boxes of candy.

But if we examine the question, we can see how important both the question and the answer to it can be. For someone genuinely to be our Valentine means being someone who supports and nurtures us when times get tough, just as St. Valentine supported and nurtured the early Christians to whom he wrote. For someone genuinely to be our Valentine also means being constant in loving us even when we are not at our best. Finally, for someone to be our Valentine means persevering in loving us always and not just when it is easy.

Answering this seemingly simple question also involves more than just the word "Yes." Answering "yes" to this question means we are ready to invest our energy for the benefit of the other person. It means taking time for the other person when we think we have more important things to do. Above all, it means remembering the other person every day, even when we and the other person are far apart.

So, as we prepare to celebrate Valentine's Day, Jesus asks us to be a Valentine for all those we love, for our families, for our friends, for all those who are far away.

Will you be my Valentine? Will you remember me, will you pray for me, support me in good times and bad? Will you cherish me even when cherishing me is a challenge? Will you express the abiding love that St. John speaks of when recalling for us the simple but profound truth that God, indeed, is love?

Will you be my Valentine? I sure hope so! A happy, holy Valentine's Day to all our PRCUA members and *Naród Polski* readers and to all their Valentines.

What does your Polish name mean?

To find out what your Polish last name means, how it came about, how many people share it, where they live and whether a coat of arms goes with it, please airmail a \$16 check (adding \$9 for each additional surname) to:

Robert Strybel,
ul. Kaniowska 24 01-529,
Warsaw, Poland

For more information please contact: research60@gmail.com

John Paul II's Beatification

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw - Via electronic media, e-mails, blogs and text messages, news that Pope Benedict XVI has signed his predecessor's beatification document spread like wildfire across Poland and the country was overjoyed. Special Masses of thanksgiving were celebrated in churches around the country, and thousands gathered at venues associated with the late Pope John Paul II, Poland's favorite son.

Nowhere was the joy greater than in the sleepy, provincial town of Wadowice in the Tatra foothills, Karol Wojtyła's hometown, where he had lived until he was 18 before going to Kraków to study. Worshippers crowded the local church, where he had been baptized and served as an altarboy, to express their gratitude for the current Pope's decision.

"I am overjoyed. I thank Divine Providence for giving me a chance to live alongside someone destined to become a saint. He was a giant in spirit, heart and intellect," remarked octogenarian Eugeniusz Mróz, a Wadowice native and one of the late Pope's classmates.

In Kraków, some 30 miles away, hundreds of Poles - especially university students and young married couples with children - clustered beneath Poland's best-known window at 3 Franciscan Street. That is Kraków Archdiocese's Episcopal Palace, where Cardinal Wojtyła had lived and worked. During papal visits to his homeland he would appear in the window to chat and joke with students before turning in for the night.

"I am happy that 'Santo Subito' (Italian for 'sainthood at once'), which the people had requested is being fulfilled," said Kraków's Archbishop Stanisław Dziwisz, the late Pope's secretary and close friend, in a message to Benedict XVI. "Thank you, Holy Father or signing the decree recognizing John Paul's intercession in the miracle needed for beatification."

A medical commission confirmed that French nun Marie Simon-Pierre had been inexplicably cured of Parkinson's Disease overnight, after praying for the late Pope's intercession. According to the Vatican's saint-making rules, one miracle is needed for beatification, the penultimate stage leading to sainthood. A second miracle is required for canonization. No miracle is needed for the beatification of a martyr for the faith such as Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko, the pro-Solidarity priest who was beatified last summer.

A common, understandably impatient Polish reaction to the announcement went along the lines of: "At long last. This is what we have been waiting and praying for." Banners with the words "Santo Subito" were unfurled by Catholics in St. Peter's Square during John Paul's funeral in 2005. Within weeks, Pope Benedict XVI launched beatification proceedings.

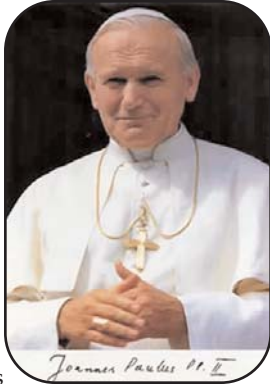
In Warsaw, Catholics marked the beatification announcement with a Mass at St. John's Cathedral, followed by a torchlight procession across town to Pilsudski Square, where the papal cross proudly stands. It was there in 1979 that the Holy Father uttered his prophetic appeal: "May Your Spirit descend and change the face of the land...this land!" A year later, Polish workers launched a strike wave that led to the emergence of Solidarność, the Soviet bloc's first independent trade union. The rest is history and includes the peaceful overthrow of communist rule across the continent, the dismantling of the iron curtain and the end of the cold war.

Former Polish president Lech Walesa, a devout Catholic, remarked: "I was delighted by the news. A man who was a living saint is now on the way to becoming an official one. Our Polish Pope did great things."

Pope John II is regarded by many in Poland as the greatest Pole ever to have walked God's good earth. Numerous surveys have shown that Karol Wojtyła is ranked by his countrymen ahead of such other unquestionable giants as Casimir the Great, Copernicus, Chopin, Kosciuszko, Madam Skłodowska-Curie, Marshal Józef Piłsudski and Lech Walesa.

He will now join the 280 Poles who have received the title of blessed so far, 154 of them beatified by Pope John Paul II himself. During his 27-year pontificate, Pope John Paul II also canonized nine of his compatriots.

The beatification of Pope John PAul II has been set for a week after Easter, on Divine Mercy Sunday, a most appropriate date because it is a feast day that was officially instituted by Pope John Paul II. Many Poles are planning to witness the ceremony at the Vatican, presided over by his German-born successor and close associate, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. Many Polish Americans are also likely to attend, as we love all major events connected with our beloved *Ojciec Święty Jan Paweł II*.



Moscow Blames Poles for Smolensk Air Disaster

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw - Russian investigators probing last April's air crash that killed the Polish head of state and the remaining 95 people on board have blamed the disaster on Polish pilot error. The Polish crewman had ignored warnings not to land due to bad weather in order not to upset the flight's main passenger, President Lech Kaczyński, who was running late, the one-sided Russian report* claimed. It also sought to absolve the Russian side from any blame for the tragedy.

The antiquated Soviet-designed plane taking the top-level delegation to the 70th anniversary commemoration of the Katyn Forest Massacre had crashed while trying to land in heavy fog just short of the runway of a disused military airport in Smolensk, Russia. None of the passengers or crew survived one of the greatest tragedies in Polish history, compared by some to another Katyn. Apart from Poland's First Couple, the victims included senior government officials, top military brass, lawmakers, bishops, war veterans and family members who had lost loved ones in Stalin's cold-blooded 1940 murder of 22,000 Polish officers.

At a special televised news conference in Moscow, the head of the Russian aviation committee Tatyana Anodina announced the findings of the investigation, emphasizing that the TU-154 jetliner had been technically sound when it took off from Warsaw. That echoed Moscow's initial reaction to the April 10th disaster which insisted that the plane had just undergone a major overhaul and was in excellent shape.

Anodina then proceeded to read off a litany of alleged Polish failings, shortcomings and unjustified risks on the part of the Polish crew. During the flight, the crew was repeatedly informed of inadequate weather conditions at Smolensk airport but refused to fly to an alternative airfield, she insisted.

She also accused the plane's captain and co-pilot of being poorly trained, because they feared the wrath of the president who was already late for the Katyn observance. The plane's black box had recorded one of the pilot saying in the flight's final minutes "On sie wkurzy" ("He'll get teed off"), suggesting that Kaczyński would have opposed changing the plane's destination.

The findings set forth in the Russian investigators' 210-page report included allegations that:

- The crew had failed to make the decision to land at another airport, as suggested by air traffic control;
- The pilot had not reacted properly, despite warnings issued by the automatic Terrain Awareness and Warning System;
- The crew attempted to land despite conditions below minimum requirements, thus assuming full responsibility for the consequences;
- The crew had decreased altitude at twice the safe speed;
- The presence of Poland's chief Air Force commander in the cockpit, and the predicted negative reaction of the main passenger had exerted pressure on the crew to land;
- The deficiencies of the airport's infrastructure and equipment were not the reason behind the catastrophe.

Contrary to the last allegation, shortly after the disaster, Polish TV viewers watched news footage of Russian workers hurriedly replacing the burned-out bulbs of the runway lights which were not working during the landing. Trees and bushes that had obstructed view of the runway were later removed. The report also found no blame on the part of the Russian control tower, although its performance had raised various misgivings. Many Polish observers feel the airport, withdrawn from service a year earlier, should not have received an international VIP flight of that caliber in the first place.

Jarosław Kaczyński, the late president's twin brother and former Polish prime minister, told a press conference that "the report makes a mockery of Poland." He also raised some questions the Russian probe failed to explain: "Why did (Russian) air traffic control state that the plane was on course and on the right flight path? Such was the information received by the pilots and that was the basic reason behind their actions. Why did the air traffic controllers not react correctly and passed on incorrect data, including the wrong altitude of the plane? Why is there no mention of telephone conversations between the control tower and Moscow?"

The Russian report was rejected as "absolute scandal" by a Polish lawyer representing the families of some of the victims. "The families want to truth, not the version of just one side," Attorney Rafał Rogalski told reporters.

The original Russian report was sent to Warsaw in October, where it was carefully studied. The Polish government expressed serious misgivings over Moscow's findings and even Prime Minister Donald Tusk, an advocate of improved Polish-Russian relations, called the report unacceptable. In December it was sent back to Moscow with a 148-page list of questions, doubts and ambiguities which were to have been cleared up in the final version. As it turned out, some 80 percent of the Polish reservations were not taken into account.



Russians investigating the deadly place crash in Smolensk



PHILADELPHIA NEWSY-NEWS



(Members' names are in capitals) **TWAS A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY** - So special belated birthday wishes are extended to SOCIETY 2001's JEAN ZELL who celebrated her birthday on December 21st. Hopefully it was a joyful day filled with cake and candles and laughter and sunshine. And on December 17th, JEAN and JOHN ZELL danced the Anniversary Waltz as they celebrated Anniversary #44. Here's to many more years of love and devotion. Happy 44th Anniversary. Might I add, JOHN ZELL is a frequent visitor to the Philadelphia Satellite Office and his continued interest and trust in PRCUA is surely appreciated.

CONDOLENCES - SOCIETY 2002 mourns the loss of long time member LAURA M. KOSZYLOWSKI who passed away on December 27, 2010. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Adalbert Church on January 4, 2011 with interment at St. Dominic's Cemetery. Heartfelt Sympathy is extended to the remaining members and friends of LAURA. May the departed soul of LAURA KOSZYLOWSKI rest in Eternal Peace.



Frances & Edward Staniszewski

60TH ANNIVERSARY - It's #60 for the Staniszewski's. Edward met his future wife at St. Laurentius Church and 60 years ago on November 23, 1950, FRANCES and Edward STANISZEWSKI were joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Laurentius Church and have been very active parishioners ever since. On November 20, 2010, they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Father Francis Gwiazda, Pastor. Members of the family and dear

friends participated. Afterwards, a celebratory dinner hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Eric Herr was held on the Moshulu at Penn's Landing. FRANCES was a very active member of SOCIETY 2012 ((UPWA Group 13) where she served as Trustee, Recording Secretary from 1982 to 1987 and Treasurer from 1977 to 1991. Dear FRANCES and Edward, in 60 years together you've shared so many things so that is why this very special anniversary brings to you a wish that love, laughter, joy and contentment will be yours to share for many more years to come. May God bless the STANISZEWSKI'S with good health. Happy 60th Anniversary.

1 CANDLE ON THE BIRTHDAY CAKE - Birthday Greetings go out to MELISSA ANNE SCHULTZ of SOCIETY 2013 who turned 1 on January 8, 2011. A year ago Melissa came home from the hospital immediately following a snow storm and it snowed on her birthday as well. Despite the cold weather and the snow, Melissa was surrounded by her family to celebrate her big 1st birthday. Family members think Melissa is their own "Suzy Snowflake". Melissa received cards and gifts from her cousins in Florida, HANNAH and WYATT DICKINSON together with Cioci JULIE and Uncle MATT, all PRCUA Members. Sharing in her cake were Melissa's mom and dad, SKIP and Michelle, Uncle NICK, Cioci MEGHAN, also PRCUA members, as well as Cioci JOANI, PRCUA District 3 Director, Pop-Pop Tom Devlin and the entire Devlin/Kletchek families. Melissa loved playing with her cousins and really had fun at her very first birthday



Melissa is 1 year old

party. Love, laughter and happiness flowed through the house that evening. Melissa, may you continue to grow in God's love and care. You are always surrounded by all who love you.

SURPRISE - That's what SOCIETY 2022's CHRISTINE WIELGUS of Clayton, New Jersey heard when she entered the caterer where a Surprise Birthday Party hosted by her sister, ELAINE (TABBIE) VIDOVIICH, was held in her honor on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Family members and friends had a grand time dining and dancing and keeping warm indoors while it



(L-r) Birthday Girl Christine Wielgus, Tabbie Vidovich, Billy & Elaine Mikelionis

snowed and was extremely cold outdoors. Christine celebrated a very special birthday on December 27, 2010 so the planned birthday party in January was totally unexpected. She is the mother of DYLAN AND DYANA, granddaughter of ELAINE MIKELIONIS, sister of ELAINE (TABBIE) VIDOVIICH AND BILLY MIKELIONIS, aunt of ALISSA, KRISTEN AND LAUREN VIDOVIICH, NICOLE AND JENNICA MIKELIONIS and great aunt of BABY EMMA, all PRCUA Members. Best Wishes always and may you enjoy many more Happy Birthday's, Chrissy.

EVERYBODY HAS A MANIA TO DO THE POLKA IN PENNSYLVANIA - Just a reminder to be sure to turn on your radio on Saturday morning from 11:00 AM to 12 noon at 1540 AM and listen to the Polka time and Variety Program in English hosted by MICHAEL BLICHASZ who is a member of SOCIETIES 125, 2009 and 2040 and President of Polish American Congress Eastern Pennsylvania District. Internet re-broadcast access is available from anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week @ www.PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW - It's what we've been hearing and experiencing recently in Philadelphia but please know despite weather conditions, the PRCUA Philadelphia Satellite Office is open for business and we're here to meet your insurance needs. Life insurance is vital so we urge you not to wait to buy life insurance until it's too late.

PRCUA's plans are very competitive - especially the new Family Plan that offers a whopping 10% discount on premiums - and we also offer various Annuity Plans as well. Stop by our office at 2636 E. Allegheny Avenue and we'll be more than happy to review our Insurance Plans with you. Being a member of PRCUA has many benefits, you know. If you cannot visit our office, call us and we'll set up an appointment to meet at your convenience.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY - Yes love is in the air and for sure it's the master key that opens the gates of happiness. It's perceived that "a bell's not a bell 'til you ring it, a song's not a song 'til you sing it and love in your heart wasn't put there to stay, love isn't love 'til you give it away". (Oscar Hammerstein II) Do take time to tell that someone special in your life how much they are loved and appreciated not only on Valentine's Day but as often as possible throughout the year. And so from the city of Brotherly "love" to all PRCUA members and friends, here's wishing you a very Happy Valentine's day!

Elaine, Philadelphia Satellite Office

Polish Falcons President Receives Medal

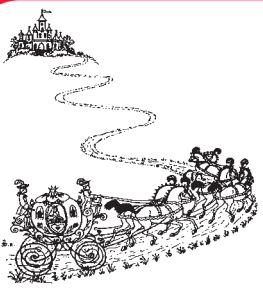


Polish Falcons of America President Timothy Kuzma (left) with Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski (rt) at the Order of Merit award presentation ceremony

Timothy Kuzma, President and CEO of the Polish Falcons of America, was honored with the Order of Merit medal from the Republic of Poland, on December 9, 2010. The award was presented personally by President Bronislaw Komorowski to President Kuzma for his contributions to activities supporting Polish education, culture and science. The award was presented at the Polish American Cultural Center of John Paul II, in Cleveland, Ohio as part of the Polish President's recent official visit to the US.

A native of Ambridge, PA, Pres. Kuzma has served the Polish Falcons for over 25 years. He began his career as Editor and Director of Communications, Vice President and Secretary/Treasury. Elected President in 2008. Pres. Kuzma plays an active role in the promotion of various programs that celebrate Polish culture throughout the US. Locally, he also serves as a Director for the Polish Cultural Council in Pittsburgh, and is the Treasurer for the Polish American Congress Western Pennsylvania Division.

Nationally, he is the Secretary of the Polish American Congress, a national umbrella organization comprised of U.S. Polish organizations and institutions. A non-profit fraternal benefit society, the Polish Falcons of America has provided for the physical, social and financial welfare of its 20,000+ members. Its headquarters is in Greentree, PA, a suburb of Pittsburgh. Congratulations, Polish Falcons!



PRCUA Cinderella & Prince Charming Ball

The 39th Annual Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball, sponsored by the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA, was held on Saturday, November 20 at the Lexington House in Hickory Hills, IL.

Twenty couples participated in this year's Ball. The elegant evening opened with Emcees Danielle Kroplewski and Thomas Frankowicz welcoming everyone. This was followed by a formal promenade of National PRCUA Officers and Directors, M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, Rev. Wojciech Baryski, S.Ch., Rev. Robert Stuglik, Candidates, Past Candidates, and the 2010 Cinderella Maria Tkacz and 2010 Prince Charming Marcin Burdzy.

A graceful Polonaise was expertly performed by the Candidates and their partners. The young ladies looked beautiful in their long white gowns and white gloves and the young men were exquisitely handsome in their black tuxedos. Choreographer and Dance Instructor for the Polonaise was Misia Jaminski, with musical arrangements by Richard Jaminski.

Anna Dron sang the Polish and American National Anthem. This was followed by Greetings extended by Cinderella Maria Tkacz and Prince Charming Marcin Burdzy.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Wojciech Baryski, S.Ch., Pastor of Five Holy Martyrs Parish and a Toast was proposed by Edward Muszalski, President of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group who sponsors the Ball each year.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner and afterwards, Benediction was offered by Rev. Robert Stuglik, Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish. With much appreciation, Edward Muszalski presented a bouquet of roses to Misia Jaminski, for her excellence as the Candidates' choreographer and dance teacher. The PRCUA thanks Mrs. Jaminski for a job well done.

Next came the official presentation of the Candidates by their proud parents. The Candidates' resumes were read by Natalia Paprocki, Cinderella 2009 and Matthew Skrzypiec, Prince Charming 2009.

Finally, the moment everyone was waiting for, had arrived. The royal couple's crowns were blessed by Rev. Wojciech Baryski, S.Ch. and the selection of the 2011 Cinderella by Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PRCUA National President commenced. PRCUA National Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski had the privilege of selecting the 2011 Prince Charming and the selection of the 2011 Cinderella and Prince Runner-Ups was performed by James J. Robaczewski, PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer.

The winners are: Cinderella Monica Marszalik and Prince Charming Robert Bukowski; First Runner-Up Cinderella Dominique Tarka and First Runner-Up Prince Charming Bartlomiej Tukendorf. Each of the winners received a scholarship from the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, as well as gifts, and all of the Candidates received lesser scholarships. The royal couple will represent the PRCUA at various events and functions throughout 2011.

The official program concluded with the promenade of the 2011 Cinderella and Prince Charming and with the Candidates dancing a waltz with their parents.



M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group with Richard and Misia Jaminski and the 2011 Cinderella and Prince Charming

Halina Avila and Bonnie Zawora, Fashion Show Scholarship Co-chairpersons; Candidate Coordinators Veronica Crouchelli & Gabriela Zuk; Alumni Coordinator Sue Buras; Reservations - Jolanta Stanek and Vickie Kroplewski; Program Book - Monica Pazdziora, and National Director of District 8 Krystyna Lech.

The outgoing Cinderella and Prince Charming are:

2010 Cinderella Maria Aleksandra Tkacz, 18, of Chicago, IL is the daughter of Andrzej and Joanna Tkacz. In 2010, she graduated from Whitney M. Young Magnet HS in Chicago and is now a freshman at Northwestern University in Evanston, where she majors in Pre-Med and Biology. She is a member of



2010 Cinderella Maria Tkacz & Prince Charming Marcin Burdzy



PRCUA First Lady Judith Drobot, 2011 Cinderella Monica Marszalik, 2011 Prince Charming Robert Bukowski and PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Marszalik. She is a senior at Plainfield East HS where she is on the high honor roll. Monica is a member of the National Art Honor Society, Key Club, and Art Club. Monica is a graduate of the JP2HS. She has danced with the Polanie Dancers of JP2PS for 2 years, was a member of the Kólko Plastyczne for 2 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2007. Monica is a member of PRCUA Society #1605. Congratulations, Monica!

2011 Prince Charming is Robert Bukowski, the 17 year old son of Andrzej and Mary Bukowski. He is a senior at Brother Rice HS in Chicago where he is on the honor roll. Robert is a member of the Varsity Swimming Team, Varsity Water Polo Team, Fishing Club and Croation Club. He enjoys playing the guitar, drawing, swimming and outdoor sports. He has been a member of Wesoly Lud since August 2010. Robert is a member of PRCUA Society #1634. Congratulations to Robert!



Runner-Ups Dominique Tarka and Bartlomiej Tukendorf

Cinderella Runner-Up is Dominique Catherine Tarka of Calumet City, IL, the 16 year old daughter of Gerald Tarka. She is a junior at Bishop Noll HS in Hammond, IN. Dominique is a member of the School Year Book, Student Council, and the Varsity Tennis Team. She attended Rafal Kalinowski Polish School. She is a member of PRCUA Society #1579.

The 2011 Prince Charming Runner-Up is Bartlomiej Tukendorf, 15, of Homer Glen, IL, the son of Stanislaw and Beata Tukendorf. He is a freshman at Lockport Township HS in Lockport. Bartlomiej enjoys snowboarding and sports. He is a graduate of the MKPGS. He has been a member of Wesoly Lud of PRCUA since September 2010. Bart is a member of PRCUA Society #1622.

Candidates included: **Alexandra Baczowski**, 15, of Schererville, IN who is the daughter of Krzysztof and Halina Baczowski. She is a sophomore at Lake Central HS in Schererville. She is a member of Student Council and N-Teens. Alexandra has attended the Rafal Kalinowski Polish Language School (RKPLS) in Munster, IN. She is a member of PRCUA Society #234.

Natalia Elizabeth Balenda of Oak Lawn, IL is the 15 year old daughter of Boguslaw and Teresa Balenda. She is a sophomore at Oak Lawn Community HS in Oak Lawn where she is on the high honor roll, a member of *Who's Who in America*, Junior Varsity Badminton, AV Club, Pep Club and Powder Puff Football. Natalia is in her 2nd year at the MKPHS. She has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of the Wesoly Lud for one year. Natalia is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Katherine Sylvia Bialas, 17, of Oak Lawn, IL is the daughter of Lucyna and the late Krzysztof Bialas. She is a junior at Oak Lawn Community HS where she is on the high honor roll. Katherine is a member of the Junior Advisory Board, Varsity Badminton Team, Varsity Dance Team and Relay for Life. Katherine is a graduate of the MKPHS. She attended the SWCPD for 9 years, and is currently an Assistant Dance Instructor. She has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. Katherine is a member of PRCUA Society #1622.

Michelle Budz of Burbank, IL is the 15 year old daughter of Jozef and Halina Budz. She is a freshman at Queen of Peace HS in Burbank. She is a member of the Junior Varsity Cross Country Team, and Human Aids Walk Club. Michelle is a graduate of the Maria Konopnicka Polish Grammar School (MKPGS). She has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. She belongs to Soc. #1622.

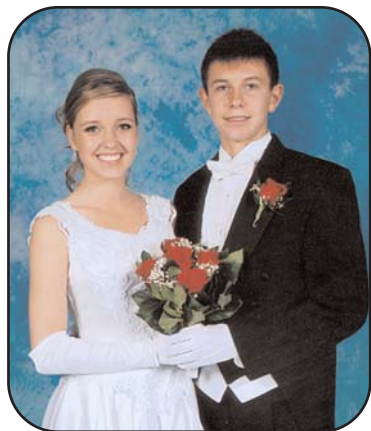
Deanna Halene Crouchelli of Burr Ridge, IL is the 14 year old daughter of Michael and Veronica Crouchelli. She is a freshman at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park, IL where she is on the high honor roll. Her mother was a past Candidate and Cinderella Runner-Up. Deanna is a member of the Junior Varsity Volleyball Team, and Snowball. She has attended the MKPGS for 3 years, and the St. Fabian Polish Grammar School for 2 years. She has attended the SWCPD for 9 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. Deanna is a member of PRCUA Society #1575.

Melissa Elisabeth Eckert of Aurora, IL is the 14 year old daughter of Thomas and Barbara Eckert. She is a freshman at Waubonsie Valley HS in Aurora where she is on the high honor roll. Her mother was a past Cinderella Ball

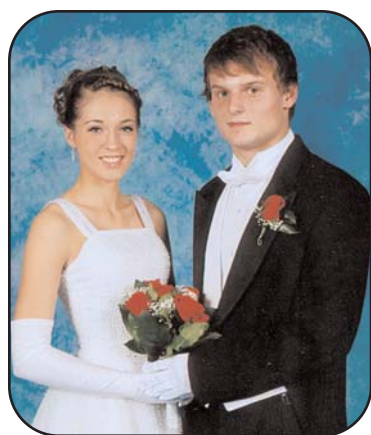
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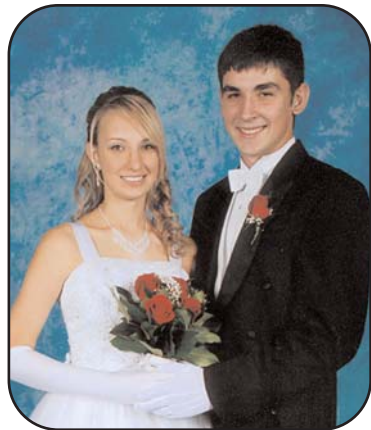
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Joanna Gorczyca &
Thomas Poznanski



Bernadette Grabowski &
Michael Nowobilski



Aleksandra Herdzik &
David Pietraszek



Ursula Marszalek & her escort
Paul Steczek

(Continued from page 9) Candidate. Melissa is a member of the School Newspaper, Student Council, the Junior Varsity Volleyball Team, Cheerleading, Chorus, Showchoir, Band and Drama Club. She spent a summer at a college level Showchoir Camp. She will be spending her summer helping build houses for Habitat for Humanity with her Church group. Melissa is a graduate of the John Paul II Polish Grammar School (JP2PGS), danced with the Polanie Dancers of the school for 7 years, and has been a member of the Kalejdoskop Dance Group for 4 years. She belongs to PRCUA Society #1622.

Victoria Marie Gavaghan, 17, of Orland Park, IL is the daughter of Brian and Irena Gavaghan. She is a senior at Carl Sandburg HS in Orland Park where she is on the high honor roll; she is also a member of the National Honor Society. Victoria plays the viola with the School Orchestra and is a member of the Marching Band. She enjoys playing the piano, and trumpet. She has attended the SWCPD for 8 years. Victoria is a graduate of the John Paul II Polish High School and she danced with its Polanie Dancers for 6 years. She has been a member of the Wesoly Lud of PRCUA since September 2007. Victoria is a member of PRCUA Societies #1622 and #1634.

Joanna Amanta Gorczyca of Homer Glen, IL is the 16 year old daughter of Kazimierz and Ewa Gorczyca. She is a junior at Lockport Township HS in Lockport where she is on the high honor roll. Joanna is a member of the National Art Honor Society, and Junior Leadership. Joanna is a graduate of the MKPGS. She has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. She is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Bernadette Elizabeth Grabowski of Munster, IN is the 15 year old daughter of Konrad and Director Elizabeth Grabowski of District #9. She is a sophomore at Munster HS and a member of the Student Council, and the Junior Varsity Basketball Team. Bernadette attended the Rafal Kalinowski Polish School in Munster, IN. She also danced with the Slask Dancers of the Rafal Kalinowski Polish School. She is a member of Society #234.

Aleksandra Maria Herdzik, 17, of Hickory Hills, IL is the daughter of Anna and the late Zbigniew Herdzik. She is a junior at Amos Alonzo Stagg HS in Palos Hills where she is on the high honor roll. Aleksandra is a member of Student Council, Counseling for Exceptional Children, and the Varsity Track Team. Aleksandra is in her final year at the MKPHS. She has attended the SWCPD, and is currently an Assistant Dance Instructor. She has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. She is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Sylvia Kupiec of Chicago, IL is the 15 year old daughter of Tadeusz and Barbara Kupiec. She is a sophomore at Queen of Peace HS in Burbank where she is on the honor roll. Sylvia is a member of the Junior Varsity Cross Country Team, Environmental Task Force, Hunger Awareness Task Force, and Ambassador. Sylvia is a graduate of the MKPGS. She has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2009. Sylvia is a member of PRCUA Society #1605.

Ursula Marszalik of Romeoville, IL is the 17 year old daughter of Janusz and Elzbieta Marszalik. She is a senior at Plainfield East HS where she is on the high honor roll. Ursula is a member of the National Art Honor Society, Key Club, and Art Club. Ursula is a graduate of the JP2HS. She has danced with the Polanie Dancers of JP2PS for 2 years, was a member of the *Kółko Plastyczne* for 2 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2007. She belongs to PRCUA Society #1605.

Evelina Anna Pabijanski of Burr Ridge, IL is the 15 year old daughter of Henryk and Danuta Pabijanski. She is a sophomore at Hinsdale South HS in Burr Ridge where she is on the high honor roll. Evelina is a member of the School Year Book, SAVE, SADD, Habitat for Humanity, Spanish Club, Math Club, and tutors students. Evelina is in

her 1st year at the MKPHS. She has attended the SWCPD, and is currently an Assistant Dance Instructor. She has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2009. Evelina is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Monika Justyna Prusak of Palos Hills, IL is the 16 year old daughter of Janusz and Krystyna Prusak. She is a junior at Amos Alonzo Stagg HS in Palos Hills where she is on the high honor roll. Monika is a member of the Varsity Cross Country and Track Team. Monika is a graduate of the MKPHS. She has attended the SWCPD for 9 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. She is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Megan Emily Richardson, 14, of Bridgeview, IL is the daughter of Mark and Anita Richardson. She is a freshman at Argo Community HS in Summit where she is on the honor roll. Megan's mother, the former Anita Skrzypiec, was Cinderella of 1985. Megan is a member of *Who's Who in America*, and Volleyball Team. Megan danced with the SWCPD for 10 years. She is a member of PRCUA Societies #1575 and #1622.

Kimberly Michele Skrzypiec of Orland Park, IL is the 16 year old daughter of Gregory and Barbara Skrzypiec. She is a sophomore at Lockport Township HS where she is on the honor roll. Kimberly's father was Prince Charming of 1984 and her mother was a Candidate. Kimberly is a member of the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad. She attended the SWCPD for 7 years, the Polanie Dancers of JP2PS for 2 years, and the Kalejdoskop Dance Group for 3 years. Kimberly is a member of PRCUA Society #1622.

Camilla Steczek of Palos Hills, IL is the 15 year old daughter of Marian and Ewa Steczek. She is a sophomore at Amos Alonzo Stagg HS in Palos Hills where she is on the high honor roll. Camilla is a member of CEC. She is in her 2nd year at the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish High School. She has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2009. She belongs to PRCUA Society #1634.

Victoria Maria Zupnik of Downers Grove, IL is the 18 year old daughter of Christopher and Ursula Zupnik. She is a senior at Downers Grove South HS where she is on the high honor roll. Victoria is a member of the Student Council, School Year Book Staff, and Spanish Club. Victoria graduated from the JP2GS. She has danced with the Polanie Dancers of JP2PS for 7 years. Victoria is a member of PRCUA Society #1605.

Candidates for Prince Charming included:

David Gregory Bialas, 15, of Oak Lawn, IL is the son of Lucyna and the late Krzysztof Bialas. He is a sophomore at Oak Lawn Community HS in Oak Lawn where he is on the honor roll and a member of the Fishing Team. David is in his 2nd year at the Maria Konopicka Polish HS. He has attended the SWCPD for 9 years and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. David is a member of Society #1622.

Michael Nikodem Crouchelli of Burr Ridge, IL is the 16 year old son of Michael and Veronica Crouchelli. He is a junior at Lyons Township HS in LaGrange, IL where he is on the honor roll. Michael's mother was a Candidate and Cinderella Runner-Up. Michael attended the MKPGS for 3 years, and the St. Fabian Polish Grammar School for 2 years. He also attended the SWCPD for 5 years. He is a member of Society #1575.

Paul Michael Cwyl, 15, of Orland Park, IL is the son of Robert and Renata Cwyl. He is a sophomore at Carl Sandburg HS in Orland Park where he is on the high honor roll. Paul is a member of the Junior Varsity Soccer Team, Chicago Magic Soccer Club, *Mu-Alpha-Theta* Club, and the Orland Youth Association Basketball Team. He was nominated to represent his school as a National Scholar at the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Paul graduated from the Jan Brzechwa Polish Grammar School. He has danced with the Polanie Dancers for 6 years, and the Kalejdoskop Dance Group for 3 years. Paul is a member of Society #1575.



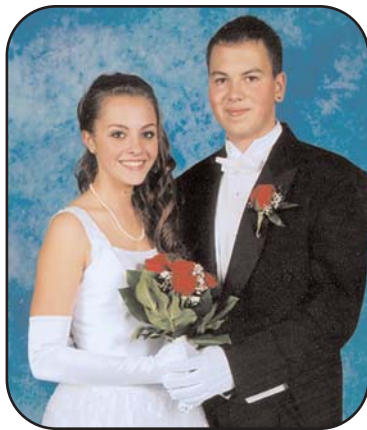
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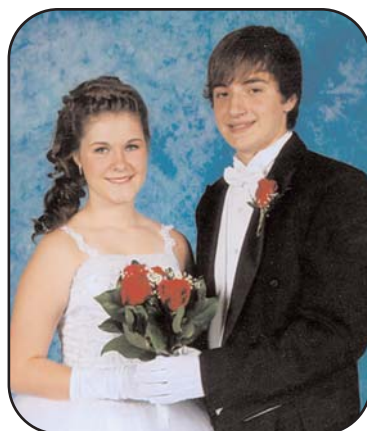
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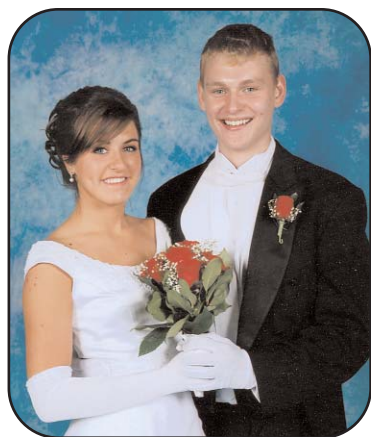
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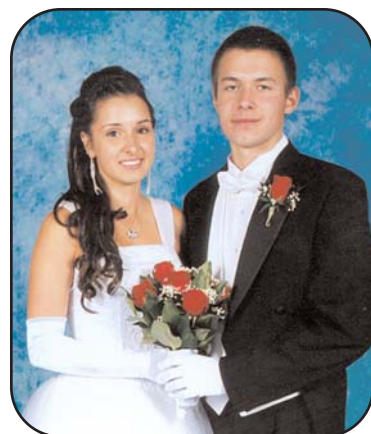
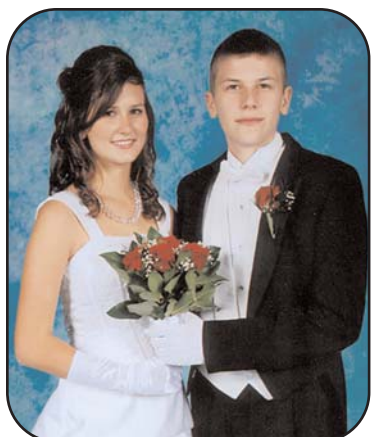
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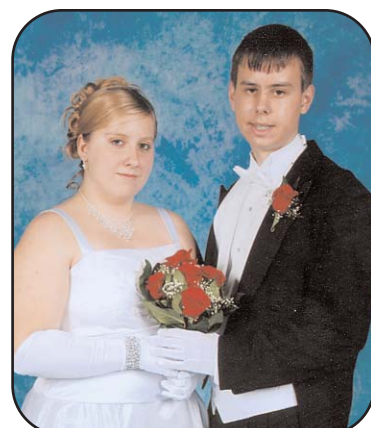
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Bartholomew Grabowski

Michelle Budz & Alexander Kopinski



Dominique Tarka & Thomas Lyzbicki

Natalia Balenda &
Christopher Gumienny

Timothy Adam Eckert of Aurora, IL is the 16 year old son of Thomas and Barbara Eckert. He is a sophomore at Waubonsie Valley HS in Aurora where he is on the high honor roll. His mother was a Cinderella Ball Candidate. Timothy is a member of the Junior Varsity Soccer Team, Junior Varsity Wrestling Team, Junior Varsity Volleyball Team, Bodybuilding Club, Special Olympics Coach, and Peer Ministry Team. He has spent a week this summer building houses for the poor with his church group. Tim graduated from the JP2PGS. He danced with its Polanie Dancers for 6 years, and has been a member of the Kalejdoskop Dance Group since 2007. He is a member of PRCUA Society #1622.

Bartholomew Joseph Grabowski of Munster, IN is the 17 year old son of Konrad and National Director Elizabeth Grabowski of District #9. He is a junior at Munster HS in Munster where he is on the honor roll. Bart is a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Soccer Team, Junior Varsity Track Team, and Ping Pong Club. He has attended the Rafal Kalinowski Polish School for 10 years and was a member of the school's Slask Dancers for 3 years. Bart is a member of PRCUA Society #234.

Christopher Gumienny of Chicago, IL is the 16 year old son of Eugene and Anna Gumienny. He is a junior at Jones College Prep HS in Chicago where he is on the high honor roll. He enjoys playing the piano, cello and soccer. Christopher is presently in his final year at the MKPHS. He has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. Christopher is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Alexander Tom Kopinski of Lockport, IL is the 14 year old son of Albert and Maria Kopinski. He is a freshman at Lockport Township HS where he is on the honor roll. Alexander's father was a past Candidate and Prince Charming Runner-Up. Alexander is a member of the Ski Club. He also enjoys playing the violin. He has danced with a Gorkaski Dance Group for 7 years. Alexander is presently in his 1st year at the MKPHS. He has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. Alexander is a member of PRCUA Society #290.

Thomas Lyzbicki of Berwyn, IL is the 14 year old son of Lucy and Patrick Lyzbicki. He is a freshman at Morton West HS in Berwyn where he is on the honor roll. Thomas is a member of the Varsity Swim Team. Thomas is a graduate of the St. Blase Polish Grammar School. He has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. Thomas is a member of PRCUA Society #1634.

Michael Joseph Nowobilski of Orland Park, IL is the 17 year old son of Jozef and Izabella Nowobilski. He is a senior at Lockport Township HS in Lockport where he is on the high honor roll. Michael is a member of the Varsity Swim Team, Varsity Diving Team, and Varsity Track. He is a graduate of the JP2PGS. He has danced with the Polanie Dancers of JP2PS and has been a member of Wesoly Lud of PRCUA since September 2007. He is a member of PRCUA Society #1605.

David Andrew Pietraszek of Crown Point, IN is the 17 year old son of Barbara Pietraszek. He is a senior at Andrean HS in Merrillville where he is on the high honor roll. David is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Varsity Track Team, Junior Varsity Soccer Team, Spell Bowl, and YARK. He enjoys working on cars, snowboarding, music and weight lifting. David has been a member of the Slask Dancers of the Rafal Kalinowski Polish School for 3 years. He belongs to Society #234.

Thomas Poznanski of Plainfield, IL is the 14 year old son of Janusz and Krystyna Poznanski. He is a freshman at Plainfield Central HS where he is on the high honor roll. Thomas is a member of the Varsity Soccer Team. He enjoys playing soccer, volleyball, and traveling. Thomas is in his 1st year at the Pope John Paul II Polish HS. He has attended the SWCPD for 10 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. Thomas is a member of PRCUA Society #1622.

Kamil Tadeusz Rozwadowski of Romeoville, IL is the 16 year old son of Andrzej and Krystyna Rozwadowski. He is a junior at Romeoville HS where he is on the high honor roll. Kamil is a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Cross Country, Student Government, Junior Council, and Interact. Kamil is in his 2nd year at the JP2PHS. He has danced with the Polanie Dancers of JP2PS for 6 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2007. Kamil is a member of PRCUA Society #1605.

Adrian Stanley Skwirut of Palos Park, IL is the 14 year old son of Jerzy and Danuta Skwirut. He is a freshman at Amos Alonzo Stagg HS in Palos Hills where he is on the honor roll. Adrian has attended the St. Fabian Polish Grammar School. He has danced with the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud of PRCUA since September 2010. Adrian is a member of PRCUA Society #1575.

David John Skwirut of Palos Park, IL is the 16 year old son of Jerzy and Danuta Skwirut. He is a junior at Amos Alonzo Stagg HS in Palos Hills where he is on the honor roll. David is a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team, and Youth and Government. David has attended the St. Fabian Polish School for 5 years. He has danced at the SWCPD for 8 years, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2008. He is a member of PRCUA Society #1575.

Jacob Stypula of Justice, IL is the 14 year old son of Jan and Danuta Stypula. He is a freshman at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills where he is on the honor roll and a member of the Junior Varsity Soccer Team. Jacob is a graduate of the Mikolaj Rej Polish Grammar School. He has attended the SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. Jacob is a member of PRCUA Society #1624.

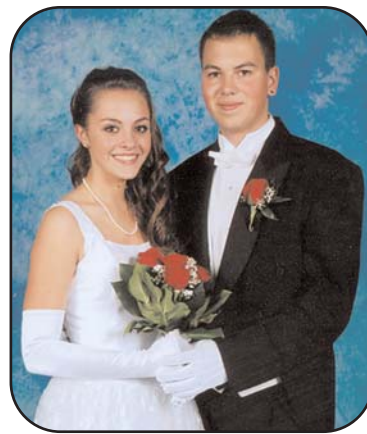
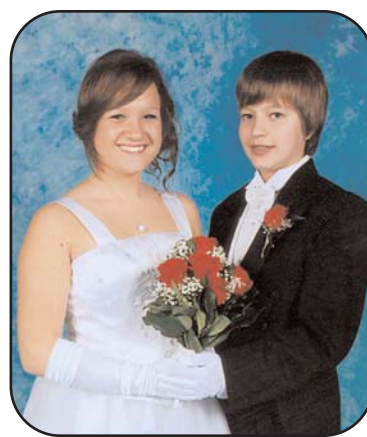
Daniel Michael Zuk, 14, of Burbank, IL is the son of Sylvester and Gabriela Zuk. He is a freshman at Reavis High School in Burbank where he is on the honor roll. Daniel enjoys playing basketball, soccer and baseball. He attended the MKPGS for 7 years, SWCPD, and has been a member of Wesoly Lud since September 2010. Daniel is a member of PRUCA Society #1622.

Congratulations to all the Candidates in the Ball. The 40th Anniversary Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Lexington House, Hickory Hills, IL.

All past Cinderellas, Prince Charmings and all past Candidates, with their families and friends, are invited to attend. Come join us for a Grand Anniversary Celebration. Save the date!



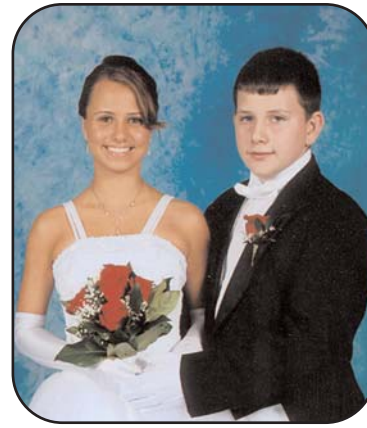
Royal Couples & Candidates with PRCUA officers
(front) Secy-Tres/Mrs. J. Robaczewski, Pres./Mrs. J. Drobot Jr., VP/Mr. M Sokolowski, Dir. K. Lech and Dir. J. Rustik, both of District 8

Kimberly Skrzypiec &
Adrian SkwirutAlexandra Baczowski
& Jacob Stypula

Sylvia Kupiec & Daniel Zuk



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Scholarship Recipients Say “Thank You”

In 2010, a grand total of 95 educational grants and scholarships were awarded to students by the PRCUA; 73 from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund and 32 from the PRCUA Education Fund. The following students sent a “thank you” to the PRCUA, and the editor would like to share these with our members:

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. I appreciate the help towards my education and furthering my career goal in becoming a pharmacist. With the significant increase in tuition, the scholarship is greatly appreciated. Thanks again. Jennifer Zisk

Thank you so very much for the check to help pay my tuition. I greatly appreciate it. Times are very hard and I'm lucky to be going to school since my parents can't afford it. I am forever grateful. God bless you! Sincerely, Katelyn M. Gulash

Thank you for the \$500 scholarship. I really appreciate it. I will use it to continue my education. Thanks again! Sincerely, Marisa Williams

Thank you in supporting me in my endeavors and awarding me another scholarship. The money is very much appreciated because optometry school is very expensive. Sincerely, Avalon Williams

I would like to thank you and the PRCU for helping me with my college expenses. I really appreciate it and every little bit helps. Thank you! Elise Jiganti

Thank you very much for the scholarship. It will benefit me greatly in furthering my education. I am very appreciative of the PRCUA and the scholarship programs offered. Sincerely, Amanda Michalski

I just wanted to thank you for awarding me a scholarship for college. I will use the money to help pay for books/supplies. Thank you for the opportunity. Caroline J. Mrowka

I would like to thank you for your generosity. I am currently in the midst of my fall semester and would not be here without your support. Again, my most sincere thanks! Bartosz Maska

Thank you for the generous scholarship for the year. I am so fortunate to be surrounded by a loving Polish Catholic community! Thank you for making my family's financial burden lighter. God Bless, Shannon Whitney

Thank you so much for awarding me a \$500 scholarship to further my education. I'm honored to be named as a recipient. Sincerely, Meagan Yothment

I am very grateful and excited that you selected me to be the recipient of the 2010 college scholarship program. I am very grateful and appreciate receiving the generous check. This has been put to good use and applied toward my tuition expense. I will continue to do well and be a worthy representative of the PRCUA. Sincerely, Alexander Hill

Thank you for your \$500.00 check on behalf of Karolina Frackowiak, a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Your assistance to this student is greatly appreciated. Office of Student Financial Aid, University of Illinois at Chicago

Thank you for your \$250.00 check on behalf of Steven Crissey, a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Your assistance to this student is greatly appreciated. Office of Student Financial Aid, University of Illinois at Chicago

I was the recipient of a scholarship. I would like to thank PRCUA for their consideration of this and for the scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will not be taken for granted. It has definitely helped with my college tuition, as I am paying for college on my own. I have been accepted into the Nursing Program at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan, where I have been in attendance the past two years. I am a month into the program and it is a lot of work that will all be worth it. The scholarship has allowed me to cut back on some of my work hours and be able to apply that time to studying. In closing, I would like to thank PRCUA again for this generous scholarship. Sincerely, Kaitlyn M. Belcher (Tatry Dancers Alumni - Teacher's Assistant)

Thank you for the check sent to Saint Vincent College to be applied to the account of Ashley Lemming. Saint Vincent College (*Continued in column to the left*) appreciates and encourages the efforts of private and corporate agencies to alleviate the financial burdens of young men and women who are eager to attend colleges and universities of their choice. In many cases, students could not attend the school of their choice but for the generous help made available to them by corporations who are sensitive to such needs. Thank you for your generosity on her behalf. Sincerely, David A. Collins, Assistant Vice President of Admission and Financial Aid, Saint Vincent College

I can't thank you enough for awarding me scholarship money. I greatly appreciate it. This money helps me to continue my education by going towards my tuition. I don't know what else to say other than thank-you. Shannon Ciuk

I really am grateful and hope that you know how happy I am to be telling you so! Will be put to good use. Stephanie Jaczkowski

PRCUA members are encouraged to donate to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc., to assist needy Polish American students to obtain a higher education. The PRCUA also offers the opportunity for individuals to start a scholarship with a donation of \$1,000 or more *in honor of* or *in memory of* a loved one or in their own name. Call President Joseph Drobot, Jr. (1-800-772-8632) to discuss the establishing a scholarship. Please send donations to:

PRCUA Education Fund, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101

Keeping PRCUA Traditions Alive

By Avalon Victoria Williams, Chicago, IL, PRCUA Soc. #1597

In conjunction with the PRCUA 60th Quadrennial Convention, an essay contest was held. Avalon Williams of Chicago, IL won \$75 and 2 books for a total value of \$137. Below is her winning essay:

Since its founding in 1873, the PRCUA has kept its forefather's traditions alive. Some of these traditions include preserving Polish culture, encouraging athletics, offering life insurance, providing spiritual guidance, and supporting higher education.

The first way that the PRCUA keeps its forefather's traditions alive is by protecting Polish culture. The PRCUA organizes Polish dance groups, Polish singing groups, art classes, and art shows. It also is a patron of the Polish Museum of America, which exhibits many aspects of Polish culture, including music, art, clothing, and accomplished Poles of many different fields. The Polish Museum of America houses 90,000 works in its library. The library is the perfect place for scholars to study Polish culture.

Another way the PRCUA keeps its traditions alive is by organizing athletic teams. National basketball, golf, bowling, and softball teams compete in championships. Local PRCUA lodges support many other sports such as soccer, gymnastics, tennis, and swimming, among other athletic activities. Team sports allow Polish people to unite to bolster friendships, competitiveness, and camaraderie.

The third way the PRCUA keeps its forefather's traditions alive is by offering life insurance. The PRCUA's life insurance and annuity programs fit all needs and pocketbooks. The life insurance programs allow Polish members to protect their future by protecting their children, relatives, and finances.

The next way the PRCUA preserves its traditions is by keeping its spiritual values. The PRCUA helped to build many Polish churches and schools. It promotes Roman Catholic values, organizes retreats, and supports the Catholic Church.

The final way the PRCUA keeps traditions alive is by providing loans and scholarships to students for higher education. Once these students graduate, they can continue to spread and contribute to Polish culture. I personally have received several PRCUA scholarships for my studies at Purdue University. I will be starting optometry school in the fall at the Illinois College of Optometry, and the PRCUA has helped me achieve my college goals and career dreams. I cannot wait to become an eye doctor and help people to see the world more clearly.

In conclusion, it is evident that the PRCUA has kept the traditions of its forefathers alive from the past to the future. The traditions include preserving Polish culture, organizing athletic activities, offering life insurance, encouraging religious devoutness, and supporting higher education. Through these traditions, one can see that the PRCUA has truly kept to its motto of "for God and country."

Galanty Still Sharing Love of Poland



Dearborn Hts., MI - “Shirley Galanty's passing did not stop her love for Poland,” reports Cass Wegzyn. After Christmas Mass, 6 of her 7 children and 16 of her 19 grandchildren gathered at her home in Dearborn Hts., MI to celebrate her memory.

After a visit by Santa, her final act of love for her Polish heritage was to pass it on to her grandchildren. This she did, by leaving them gifts from Poland: Polish sports jerseys, with “Poland” in bold letters to the oldest grandsons; Polish dolls in colorful Polish folk dress for the granddaughters; and Polish wooden carved chess sets for the younger grandchildren.

A gift from Busia, to them to remember their roots and the culture of their Polish Heritage. Yes, Shirley Galanty left a legacy for them, and for many to whom she taught Polish folk dancing - a legacy to admire.

Casimir Pulaski at Moland House

by Peter Obst



Exterior of Moland House, only the far left dates back to the 1700s

Lafayette, who lost his parents at an early age, came to regard Washington as a father figure. To the Moland House also came the Polish cavalryman, Casimir Pulaski, who volunteered to serve in the Revolutionary Army. He brought letters from France for the Marquis, earning both his friendship and gratitude.

After showing much courage and initiative at the Battle of Brandywine, the Continental Congress promoted Pulaski to Brigadier General in charge of the cavalry. In 2006, an updated historical marker with the pertinent facts, approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, was placed near the Moland House. Two bronze plaques, one for Lafayette (donated by Francis I. duPont) and another for Pulaski (gift of Edward Pinkowski) will eventually be installed on the walls of the house. The Pulaski plaque is among the first to bear the correct place and date of birth for the hero of Poland and America: Warsaw, March 6, 1745. This information was verified by Mr. Pinkowski and the Polish Academy of Science.

The house survived as a family home into the 20th century, while enduring various expansions and modifications. In the 1960s, former Bucks County Congressman Jim Greenwood, then a student, shared it with a man who raised turkeys on the property. Later, the house became a biker hangout and began to deteriorate. It was saved from an ignominious end by the Warwick Township Historical Society and slowly restored to reflect its former charm and grace. The work was financed by federal and state grants plus donors who also contributed period furniture and household items. Even now, George Washington would get a pleasant feeling of familiarity inside the home.

The house is a local attraction and a teaching site for students in the area. There are also frequent visitors who come on the regular days when this site open. Recently among them was Caroline Kenworthy and her family from Chicago, who were visiting her grandfather, Dr. Harry Kenworthy, in Bucks County. What seemed to be an ordinary family tourist excursion turned out to be a long remembered historical experience. Some time after Caroline returned to school in Chicago, located in an area with a large Polish population, she shared her experience at the house with her classmates during "Polish Days." When the name of Casimir Pulaski came up in discussion, she stood up and related the story of how, with her parents, she visited the very spot where Pulaski met George Washington for the first time, and included other details related to the campsite. Hearing about this made Warren Williams, retired teacher and former president of the Warwick Twp. Historical Society, very happy. It meant that his words of explanation, as a guide at the house, had indeed found fertile ground.

Warren specializes in telling the story of the house in the 18th century and its recent reconstruction. Last year, he wrote and published a children's book entitled "A Basket of Pears for General Washington" based on an oft-repeated local story that during the Neshaminy encampment, General Washington was presented with a gift of fruit by some of the local youngsters. This engaging story includes mention of the other historical figures who were present at Moland House and their significance in the American War of Independence. (For more information go to the website www.amazon.com)

Every year in August, a re-enactment takes place at the Moland House, including actors and volunteers who don authentic uniforms and arms portraying Continental era soldiers. Their wives enact the roles of the female support column without which no 18th century army could function. Tents are set up and various activities and crafts are demonstrated. It is fun and educational -- an encounter with history. More information can be found on the website: www.moland.org



Where Washington met with Pulaski



Illustration from Warren's book

During August 10-23, 1777, Washington's army encamped north of Philadelphia, in Hartsville, on the banks of Little Neshaminy Creek. While his troops had to make do with tents and makeshift shelters, George Washington rented a stone house, that stood near the stream, from John Moland's widow. This is where he made his headquarters and held meetings with his general staff. In this house he had a quiet talk with the Marquis de Lafayette, that henceforth was referred to as "The Great Conversation" by the younger man. After this,

St. Stan's PRCUA #718 Elects Officers for 2011



St. Stan's Soc. #718's Officers (l-r) Len Nasiatka, Recording Secy.; Fr. John Mikula, Chaplain; Ernest Pindzia, Sgt.-at-Arms; Patrick Kosowski, Financial Secretary; Gary Ewald, Vice-President and Jerome Nasiatka, President

St. Stan's Society #718 held their Corporate Communion and Election of Officers for the year 2011 at the PLAV Post #16 Hall in Dearborn Heights, MI on Sunday, January 9, 2011. Fr. John Mikula celebrated a noon Mass for the deceased members of Society #718, with 87 members in attendance. Following Mass, President Jerome Nasiatka gave the 2010 Activities Report with last year's accomplishments and the future activities planned for the Society. Patrick Kosowski followed with the Financial Report. Then the election and installation of officers took place. With compliments of St. Stan's Society #718, Chairpersons Len and Eileen Nasiatka hosted the affair, which included an open bar and a dinner of pork chops, meatballs, chicken, potatoes, salad, vegetables and dessert. Yes, 2010 was a good year for St. Stan's Society #718.

Submitted by PRCUA Nat'l Vice President Robert Bielenda

PRCUA Tournament Schedule for 2011

77th Basketball Tournament March 19, 2011 Aquinas Center 15601 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195] Entry forms can be obtained by calling the Fraternal Department toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601 or by downloading from the PRCUA website: www.prcua.org Entry form deadline is March 4, 2011.	K. Salatowski, Chairperson Sacred Heart Soc. #162
Holiday Inn Southgate 17201 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 888-465-4329 or 734-283-4400 Room reservation deadline is February 20, 2011.	Singles or doubles \$89.99 plus tax
74th Bowling Tournament April 8-10, 2011 Stardust Lanes 37 E. Lorraine St., Addison, IL 630-833-1040	W. Szarowicz, Director District #7
DoubleTree Guest Suites 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL 630-971-2000	Singles or doubles \$89.00 plus tax
59th Golf Tournament July 16, 2011 Hosted by Sacred Heart Soc. #1031	R. Lambert, Chairperson
57th Softball Tournament Aug. 20, 2011 Hosted by St. Stan's Soc. #718	J. Nasiatka, Chairperson
Entry forms will be available from the PRCUA Fraternal Department and can be downloaded from the PRCUA website www.prcua.org closer to the time of the tournament.	

CLEVELAND AREA POLISH SCHOOLS HOLD CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Christmas season was celebrated by both Cleveland area PRCUA Polish schools. The Stefan Batory Polish School held a Wigilia dinner on the last class before Christmas, and Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School celebrated with a traditional Christmas Play, called "Jaselka."

Adult Class - Teacher Iwona Gutowska prepared a wonderful handout for the adult class that outlined the order of prayers preceding the Wigilia dinner. In addition, the packet contained a delightful Holiday Crossword Puzzle, in Polish.

Wigilia - In the typical Polish tradition, the Wigilia began with the reading of the nativity of Jesus according to the gospel of St. Luke. The mother and son team of Phil and Teresa Sejnowski prepared the reading; Phil proclaimed the gospel in Polish, while Teresa presented the English translation. The gospel reading was followed by the carol "Wsrod nocnej ciszy!"

Then a number of students in class read petitions, to which everyone responded, "Ciebie prosimy, wysluchaj nas, Panie!" Everyone had the opportunity to add petitions of their own, which were very moving, as prayers were said for the family members, both those who are in good health as well as those who are ill. After a few more prayers read in Polish by class members, it was time to share the traditional Polish Christmas wafer, called "Oplatek."

PRCUA Greetings - Carol Stafinski, School Co-Director, and Mitchell Bienia, PRCUA District 5 National Director, extended Christmas wishes from the PRCUA, from both local and national levels. As a surprise gift, each student was invited to take a glass ornament from the beautiful centerpiece, which contained ornaments directly from Poland.

After the Wigilia prayer service, teacher Iwona Gutowska invited everyone to partake in a delicious meatless meal, each dish having been prepared by a different class member. What a joyful evening for the adult Polish class! It was good to see Polish language lessons put to use, as each student participated in some way. May the love, peace and harmony of Christmas continue throughout the coming year!

Jaselka by Henryk Sienkiewicz School - The typical Polish "Jaselka" recounts the events surrounding the Nativity of Jesus Christ. The little play tells the story of the shepherds going to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn Christ Child. The Three Kings arrive bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Angels sing "Glory to God in the Highest," and peasants dressed in regional costume also come to worship the Newborn King. Sometimes the "Jaselka" has allegorical and historical figures such as father time, King Herod, the devil and others.

The Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School's "Jaselka" was a series of Polish "koledy," or carols. The opening carol intoned, "Gdy sie Chrystus rodzi," or "When Christ Was Born." The children recited the words, "The star brightened all of Bethlehem, as Jesus lay in a manger."



Youngest Group - The smallest students, as young as 3, shyly whispered their verses into the microphone. Their efforts were rewarded with huge applause and shouts of "bravo" from the crowd, particularly from the delighted parents. The next carol was "Through the Still of the Night," sung in Polish by Klaudia Lesisz and Jamie Koscielski. Angels recited the next set of verses.

Christmas Verses and Carols - Suddenly the carol "Let Us Go to Bethlehem" rang out from the school chorus, as they sang the refrain of the hymn, "Praise on high, Praise on high. And peace on earth." At the manger, soloist Justyna Krupa sang "Lulajze Jezuniu," a very dear Polish carol. Triumphantly the chorus then sang. The children alternated Christmas verses with carols, so that every child recited a stanza from a poem. Then they sang "Dzisiaj w Betlejem," "Today in Bethlehem, a son is born to a maiden pure." This portion of the program ended with a joyous singing of the Polish carol, "Let us all go to the stable."

Piano Solos and Sing-Along - The second part of the program featured piano solos of Polish Christmas carols by Nicole and Jamie Koscielski from Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School. Then the audience participated in singing koledy, led by Agnieszka Kotlarsic, aided by several girls from the Piast Ensemble.

Folk Dances - The final segment of the Jaselka showcased the folk dancing ability of all the children. The youngest group danced the *Bialy Krakowiak*, followed by the middle group's rendition of the *Polonaise* and the *Krakowiak*. Piast Ensemble presented a *Beskid* and *Zywiec Suite* from the mountains of Poland. Three more carols, one with Highlander dialect, were sung: "Oj, Maluski, Maluski," by Basia Sychla, accompanied on violin by Zosia Prochoroff; Asia Sychla sang "Z Narodzenia Pana;" and Basia Sychla performed "Uciekali," a Christmas song from the Polish musical *Metro*, which was produced on Broadway in New York City in 1992.

Thanks - To conclude the program, Principal Ewa Wiechec offered sincere "thanks" to parents, teachers, and pupils for their hard work in preparation for this "Jaselka" program. Teachers Grazyna Siwik, Andrzej Gutowski, Malgosia Kacki and Agnieszka Kotlarsic deserve a special word of appreciation.

The children simply could not wait for the highlight of the afternoon, the arrival of Swiety Mikolaj, with his bag of goodies for everyone. Amid squeals of joy, children lined up to receive their gift from jolly old St. Nick.

To the delight of all, the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School Jaselka was presented again for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church parishioners in a capacity-filled church hall on January 8. A tasty array of Polish-style open-face sandwiches was served after the program with beverages and pastry. What a wonderful opportunity for the parish community to share the joy of the Christmas season! And how great it was that Henryk Sienkiewicz PRCUA Polish School could be a major part of it! Congratulations to the students, parents and teachers at Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School!

By Mitchell Bienia, PRCUA Director District # 5
(Photos by Henryk Kacki)



KALENDARZ na LUTY i MARZEC 2011

- ♦ 5 lutego (sobota) - Rozgrywki kręglarskie pomiędzy Towarzystwami: St. Stan's i #162. Cherry Hill Lanes przy skrzyżowaniu ulic Cherry Hill Rd. i Inkster Rd. w Wyandotte, MI. Rejestracja: godz. 11:30, początek rozgrywek o godz. 12 w poł. Po zakończeniu rozgrywek spotkanie w Ranndy's Bar & Grille on W. Warren pomiędzy Telegraph i Beech Daly. Do rozgrywek zakwalifikowanych zostanie pierwszych 24 mężczyzn i pierwsze 12 kobiet z każdego Towarzystwa, którzy nadeślą swoje zgłoszenia. Informacje: Bob Hojnacki (313) 384-6255 lub hoj606@hotmail.com.
- ♦ 6 lutego (niedziela) - Super Bowl Party w Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH. Początek o godz. 13:00. Informacje (419) 470-8710.
- ♦ 12 lutego (sobota) - Polska Szkoła Języka i Tańca im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN, Distr. #9 ZPRKA, zaprasza na KARNAWAŁOWĄ ZABAWĘ SZKOLNĄ (DINNER DANCE), w Carmelite Banquet Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321. Muzyka - DJ Marcin. W programie występ szkolnej grupy tanecznej "Mały Śląsk". Wstęp: 18:00 - Obiad: 18:30. Otwarty bar i loteria fantowa. Bilety: \$35 od osoby; \$17.50 dzieci 12 lat i poniżej. Rezerwacja biletów: p. Małgorzata Rolniak pod numerem (219) 696-1666
- ♦ 12 lutego (sobota) - ZABAWA WALENTYNKOWA Dystryktu #8 ZPRKA, Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Wstęp - 18:30, kolacja - 19:30. \$40.00 od osoby, płatny bar. Do tańca grać będzie zespół "Romeo". Rezerwacje/informacje - Krystyna Lech, 12551 Palos West Dr., Palos Park, IL 60464, tel. (708) 361-5029. Rezerwacje i kupony na loterię fantową należy przysyłać do 5 lutego.
- ♦ 18 lutego (piątek) - Mecz kręglarski i zbiórka funduszy Zespołu Taneczengo "Zajączek" - Regal Lanes, 27663 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Rejestracja: godz. 20:30, początek rozgrywek: godz. 21:30. \$20.00 od osoby - w cenie 3 mecze, pizza i napoje gazowane, wypożyczenie butów, niespodzianki w czasie I i II meczu. Osoby zainteresowane prosimy o zgłaszanie się do dnia 4 lutego do Toma Lisieckiego (586) 795-8901 lub Colleen Bonkowski (586) 219-1982.
- ♦ 19-20 lutego (sobota-niedziela) - Rozgrywki Wide Dart Tournament - Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH. Początek o godz. 13:00.
- ♦ 20 lutego (niedziela) - 7. Doroczny Dzień Polski w Lemont - Fr. Gilewski Center przy parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego, 607 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Tegorocznym mottem przewodnim jest: "Św. Maksymilian Maria Kolbie - Rycerz Niepokalanej Maryi". Więcej informacji: (630) 863-9304.
- ♦ 26 lutego (sobota) - 20. Doroczny Ball im. Shirley Galanty w Stanie Michigan na cześć absolwentów szkół tańca ZPRKA w Michigan. San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy, MI. Koktajle - godz. 17:30, obiad - godz. 18:30. Bilety - \$50 dorośli; \$45 - studenci do lat 20. Do tańca grać będzie: Duane Malinowski & Orchestra. W sprawie rezerwacji prosimy dzwonić do Marii Jalkiewicz pod numer: (586) 979-5164.
- ♦ 26-27 lutego (sobota-niedziela) - Rozgrywki Wide Dart Tournament - Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH. Początek o godz. 13:00.
- ♦ 5 marca (sobota) - Mecz kręglarski St. Stan's One Game Bowling Knock-Out - w Cherry Hill Lanes przy skrzyżowaniu ulic Cherry Hill Rd. i Inkster Rd. w Wyandotte, MI. Rejestracja: godz. 11:15. Po zakończeniu rozgrywek obiad (otwarty bar) w Stitt Post, 23850 Military (1 blok na wschód od Telegraph, na południe od Warren Ave. w Dearborn Heights, MI). Koszt uczestnictwa - \$30.00 dla zawodników, \$25.00 - dla osób towarzyszących. Uwaga: rozgrywki pań mogą się rozpocząć z opóźnieniem. Zainteresowani mogą się zgłaszać do: Ron i Barbara Bak (734) 394-8863.
- ♦ 5-6 marca (sobota-niedziela) - Rozgrywki Wide Dart Tournament - Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH. Początek o godz. 13:00.
- ♦ 6 marca (niedziela) - 36. WIOSENNY POKAZ MODY I LUNCH organizowany przez Grupę Kulturalną Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej - Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Bilety \$30.00 od osoby. Całkowity dochód przeznaczony na stypendia dla uczestników Balu Kopciuszek i Książę 2012. Dodatkowe informacje: Liz Dynowski lub Walter Dynowski, tel. (708) 532-1541
- ♦ 11 marca (piątek) - OBIAD PIEROGOWY zespołu Echoes of Poland - Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH. Godz. 16:00-20:00. Cena \$8.00 - dorośli, \$3.00 - dzieci. W cenie: 4 pierogi (do wyboru), sałatka, warzywa, chleb, masło, deser, kawa, poncz. Osoby chcące zamówić pierogi na wynos (\$8.00 za 12 pierogów) powinny się zgłosić pod numer: (419) 531-8658.
- ♦ 13 marca (niedziela) - Doroczny obiad "CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER" Distr. #7 ZPRKA przygotowany przez Ray'a Harringtona. Stołówka ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Koktajle - 1 po poł., obiad - 2 po poł. Wstęp - \$25.00 od osoby. Rezerwacje muszą być dokonane do 8 marca 2011. Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: District #7 PRCUA i przysyłać na adres: Irene DeLonka, 1323 Churchill Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195-3221, tel. (847) 882-3261.
- ♦ 19 marca (sobota) - 77. Turniej Koszykarski ZPRKA - Aquinas Center, 15601 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI. Gospodarzem jest Tow. #162 ZPRKA.

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Prosimy członków Towarzystw ZPRKA o sprawdzenie kalendarza na str. 2 - w celu zapoznania się z terminarzem planowanych na luty i marzec zebrań Towarzystw.

ORGANIZACJE POLONIJNE
ZAPRASZAJĄ

SPĘDŹ NOC Z DINOZAURAMI - Noc polsko-amerykańska w Muzeum Historii Naturalnej w piątek, 4 marca 2011 r. Cztery polonijne organizacje ponownie organizują ciesząc się ogromną popularnością wieczór zwiedzania Muzeum Historii Naturalnej w Chicago, przeznaczony dla dzieci w wieku 6-12 lat i ich rodziców. Koszt - \$51 od uczestnika - ilość miejsc ograniczona.

WYCIECZKA DO KASYNA - ZNP, ZPRKA, ZPwA oraz Sokolstwo Polskie zapraszają na wspólny wyjazd do kasyna Potawatomi Bingo and Casino w Milwaukee, WI. w środę, 16 marca 2011 r. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$22.00 od osoby (każdy uczestnik otrzyma \$10.00 gotówki oraz lunch w stylu bufetowym). W celu dokonania rezerwacji, prosimy przesłać swoje dane: nazwisko, adres, numer telefonu oraz zaznaczyć, w której lokalizacji osoba wsiądzie do autokaru: na północy, czy na południu. Do informacji należy dołączyć czek wystawiony na PNA i przesłać wszystko na adres: Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago, IL 60646. Uczestnicy muszą zabrać ze sobą aktualny dokument tożsamości ze zdjęciem. Ilość miejsc ograniczona. Po 28 lutego nie będą dokonywane zwroty w wypadku rezygnacji z udziału. Autokar odjedzie z dwóch lokalizacji: na północy z siedziby PNA, 6100 N. Cicero Ave, Chicago o godz. 8:30 i z południa z Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer Ave, Chicago, o godz. 8:00. Wyjazd z kasyna planowany jest na 14:20.

DZIEŃ POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKI Z DRUŻYNĄ CHICAGO WOLVES - niedziela, 20 marca 2011 r. Godz. 15:00. Allstate Arena, Rosemont, IL. Mecz drużyn hokejowych Chicago Wolves i Oklahoma City Barons. Bilety w cenach: \$30.00 (rzędy 2-7 off-glass), \$21.00 (rzędy center ice, lower level), \$14.00 (rzędy center ice, upper level). Dodatkowe atrakcje (pierwszych 5 tys. kibiców otrzyma kolekcjonerskie kartki ze zdjęciami zawodników; po meczu możliwość otrzymania autografów (dzięki uprzejmości Kia Motors), aukcja koszulki sportowej i loteria fantowa. Formularz zamówieniowy dostępny na stronie www.prcua.org pod hasłem News and Events.

NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA Z DRUŻYNĄ CHICAGO BULLS - Cena biletów obniżona o prawie 50% - United Center, sobota, 5 kwietnia 2011 roku o godz. 19:30. Bilety w cenie \$30.00. Zapraszamy wszystkie rodziny polsko-amerykańskie do wspólnego kibicowania chicagowskiej drużynie w czasie meczu Chicago Bulls z Phoenix Suns.

W celu otrzymania dodatkowych informacji nt. powyższych imprez, prosimy o kontaktowanie się z:

- ZPRKA (PRCUA) - (800) 772-8632 w. 2601
 - ZNP (PNA) - (800) 621-3723 w. 316
 - ZPwA (PWA) - (888) 522-1898 w. 208
 - Sokolstwo Polskie - (574) 289-2140
- Dodatkowe informacje dostępne są również na: PRCUA Facebook

Święto Matki Boskiej Gromnicznej - obchodzone jest w kościele katolickim 2 lutego. Oficjalna nazwa to uroczystość Ofiarowania Pańskiego i Oczyszczenia Najśw. Marii Panny. Pierwsze wzmianki o tym święcie można znaleźć już w IV w. Procesje z zapalonymi świecami znane były w czasach papieża Galezjusza (V w.), szeroko upowszechniły się w X w. Ludowa nazwa tego święta wzięła się stąd, że 2 lutego, we wszystkich kościołach ch święci się podczas nabożeństw świece, nazywane gromnicami. W tradycji kościoła gromnica symbolizuje święto wiary, łaskę Bożą i światłość wiekuistą. W tradycji ludowej, gromnica miała bronić przed żywiołami, burzą, piorunami i ogniem. Święto Matki Boskiej Gromnicznej kończy w Polsce okres śpiewania kolęd, trzymania w domach choinek i żłobków oraz okres wizyt duszpasterskich.

TURNIEJE SPORTOWE ZPRKA w 2011 r.

- 77. Turniej Koszykówki - 19 marca, 2011 r., Aquinas Center, 15601 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI.
- 74. Turniej Kręglarski - 8-10 kwietnia 2011 r., Stardust Lanes, 37 E. Lorraine St., Addison, IL.
- 59. Turniej Golfowy - 16 lipca 2011 r.
- 57. Turniej Piłki Softball - 20 sierpnia 2011 r.

Więcej informacji na str. 13 "Narodu Polskiego" lub na stronie www.prcua.org. Zachęcamy wszystkich członków ZPRKA do licznego udziału w turniejach i do kibicowania zawodnikom.

NOWY KOORDYNATOR TURNIEJÓW KRĘGLARSKICH ZPRKA

Pragniemy powiadomić uczestników naszych turniejów kręglarskich i wszystkich członków, iż nowym koordynatorem turniejów kręglarskich ZPRKA mianowany został Patrick Kosowski, członek Towarzystwa #718 ZPRKA, deputowany ZPRKA, uczestnik i współprzewodniczący wielu turniejów sportowych ZPRKA.

Patrick Kosowski jest odpowiednią osobą na to stanowisko, ma dużą wiedzę na temat gry w kręgle, pomagał w koordynacji lokalnych turniejów przez wiele lat. Jest również doskonałym graczem w kręgle - w czasie turnieju kręglarskiego ZPRKA w 2004 r. uzyskał maksymalny wynik.

Panu Kosowskiemu gratulujemy, życzymy wielu sukcesów i zapewniamy wsparcie w organizacji przyszłych turniejów.

Anna Sokołowski
wiceprezesa

WYDARZENIA POLONIJNE

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce zaprasza do udziału w KONKURSIE PLASTYCZNYM organizowanym z okazji ŚWIĘTA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA. Temat: POZNAJ POLSKĘ. Prace plastyczne powinny być inspirowane polskimi krajobrazami, miastami lub zabytkami sztuki. Bądź twórczy! Używaj wielu kolorów! Technika i wymiary prac są dowolne. Prace nadesłane na konkurs stają się własnością Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Prace powinny zostać nadesłane przed 18 kwietnia 2011 r. na adres: PMA Art Contest, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101. Konkurs przeznaczony jest dla uczniów klas 6-12. Nagrody przyznawane będą w dwóch kategoriach: klasy 6-8 i klasy 9-12. I nagroda - 100 \$, II - 50 \$, III - 25 \$. Na odwrocie pracy należy umieścić następujące dane: imię i nazwisko, adres, nr. telefonu, e-mail, nazwę szkoły, klasę, wiek uczestnika oraz imię i nazwisko nauczyciela plastyki. Dodatkowe informacje: Monika Nowak: (773) 384-3352 w. 101.

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce zaprasza na uroczyste obchody DNIA PUŁASKIEGO w poniedziałek, 7 marca 2011 r. o godz. 10 rano w Sali Głównej im. Sabiny P. Logisz w Muzeum Polskim, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. W uroczystości wezmą udział przedstawiciele instytucji stanowych i miejskich, politycy, działacze polonijni. Zostanie złożony wieniec pod obrazem Stefana Batowskiego "Bitwa pod Savannah". Po programie poczęstunek w sali jadalnej na parterze budynku. Zapraszamy całą Polonię do liczego udziału. Dzień Pułaskiego jest świętem stanowym w stanie Illinois.

WIADOMOŚCI Z POLSKI

Powstaje polska sieć tanich hoteli w Polsce - Polska Izba Hotelowa stworzyła sieć hoteli ekonomicznych pod nazwą "Chaber". Pierwszy taki hotel otwarty został w Krzywczycach w woj. małopolskim. Kolejne trzy powstaną w II kwartale 2011 roku w Łodzi, Białymstoku i Ciburzu. Planowane jest wybudowanie ponad 100 hoteli sieci Chaber w ciągu 10 lat. Jednym z elementów, które mają przyciągnąć klientów, ma być niska cena, zaczynająca się już od 80 zł za pokój dwuosobowy.

Więcej tanich mieszkań - Analitycy z firmy doradczej i pośredniczącej w obrocie nieruchomości, przeanalizowali sytuację na najważniejszych lokalnych rynkach mieszkaniowych w Warszawie, Krakowie, Wrocławiu, Poznaniu, Gdańsku, Łodzi i Katowicach. Liczba mieszkań wystawionych przez deweloperów na sprzedaż w tych miastach zmalała jedynie w Katowicach. Największe wzrosty liczby mieszkań odnotowano w Poznaniu i Łodzi. W Warszawie np. na klientów czeka dziś ponad 16,3 nowych mieszkań. Jednocześnie z rosnącą podażą maleją średnie ceny mieszkań. Jedyny wzrost zanotowano w Katowicach. W pozostałych miastach ceny nieznacznie spadły. Najbardziej staniały mieszkania w Łodzi (2,1%), w pozostałych miastach zmiany nie przekraczały progu 1%. Na rynek wprowadzane są mieszkania tańsze i lepiej przystosowane do obecnych wymogów kupujących

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STUDIA LETNIE W POLSCE

Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski,
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Wydział Języków Obcych University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, oferuje intensywne kursy jęz. polskiego na Katolickim Uniwersytecie Lubelskim w Lublinie.

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Kursy prowadzone są przez prof. dr Michael'a Mikoś, prof. katedry polskiej i literatury, który prowadzi podobne wyjazdy od 29 lat. Zainteresowani udziałem powinni zgłaszać się pod adres: Pof. Michael Mikoś; Dept. of Foreign Languages & Linguistics; Univeristy of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201; tel. 414-229-4151, Fax: 414-229-2741; e-mail: mikos@uwm.edu; www.lrc.uwm.edu/tour/

W związku z obchodzoną w USA
w poniedziałek, 21 lutego 2011 r.
Dniem Prezydentów (Presidents' Day),
biura ZPRKA będą nieczynne.

Książę wolności (dok.)

Polska scalona
Piłsudski dzielny, nie popełnił błędów
Napoleona, kiedy na Rosję szedł.
Zabiorcza Rosja zgrażała Polsce,
Piłsudski zatem wyruszył na wojnę.
Prowadził on sam polskie na bój armie.
Wcześniej podpisał pokój z Ukrainą.
Traktat warszawski podpisany w kwietniu,
tysiąc dziewięćset dwudziestego roku,
został wzmocniony militarnym paktem
pomiędzy Polską i Ukrainą.
Pakt podpisali: pan Walery Sławek
i Wołodimir Sinkler, dwudziesty rok,
kwiecień, dwudziesty czwarty, a na zajutrz
wyruszyła na Kijów ofensywa.
Generał Romer dowodził dywizją
konną na Wołyniu pod Koziatyniem.
Ułani w szarżach zwycięstwo odnieśli.
Piłsudski wysłał na front południowo-
wschodni sześćdziesiąt pięć tysięcy wojska
i błyskawicznie, zwyciężyła Polska.
Na wojnie udział brały też jednostki,
cnych ochotników polskich z Ameryki.
Rosyjskie armie pierzchnęły w rosyjsce.
Kijów wzięło wojsko siódmego maja.
Niedługo Rosja miała nową armię
wielką i Polskę nią atakowała
z dwóch stron; południe i północ znów brała.
Na Polskę, Rosji szły wielkie dwie armie.
Główne dowództwo wszystkich armii Rosji,
stu pięćdziesięciu tysięcy żołnierzy
w składzie trzydziestu sześciu sił dywizji
osiem dywizji było kawalerii -
Kamieniev, wódz miał, nadzorować Trocky.
Rosyjska każda armia zawierała
prawie dwadzieścia tysięcy żołnierzy.
Rosja wysłała osiem armii na Polskę,
a w każdej było pięć dywizji wojska.
Rosji Zachodni front miał Tukhachevsky
i dwadzieścia dwie dywizje, a w tym dwie
kawalerii pod dowództwem Gay-Chana
znajdowało się w czwartej armii Rosji.
Dowódcą czwartej armii był Siergiejev,
szefem jej sztabu był Dmitrij Szuwajew.
Zachodni Rosji Front pod Tukhachevskim
dzielił się na pięć doświadczonych armii:
czwartą, piętnastą, trzecią i szesnastą,
także pancerną była grupa Mozyr.
Grupa Mozyr pod dowództwem Chviesina
miała jedną dywizję i brygadę strzelców.
Litwa szła z Rosją przeciw Polsce zbrojnie.
Niemcy w Gdańsku nie dali Polsce broni.
Wojenne statki Francji ich zmusiły,
wyładować broń przywiezioną Polsce.
Innym razem robotnicy portowi
strajkowali, aby opóźnić dostawy.
W Gdańsku na statkach żywność się psuła,
a wynędniała ludność przymierała głodem.
Brytyjcy żołnierze, czasem pomogli,
wyładować broń ze statków dla Polski,
aby zatrzymać komunistyczną, Rosji
rewolucję, przed zalewem Europy.
Czesi broni dla Polski przez swój teren,
nie pozwolili transportować wcale,
ani nie przepuścili przez swój kraj
armii węgierskiej na pomoc Polsce.
Front południowo-zachodni Rosji miał
wódz Jegorov, pod nadzorem Stalina.
Stalin rzucił na Polskę Kozaków,
w sile szesnastu tysięcy żołdaków,
którzy mieli po części mongolską krew.
Władali wieki Rosją Mongołowie.
Kozacy gnali na Polskę do Lwowa,
bo Stalin chciał zdobyć Lwów przed Warszawą.
Za nimi Rosji dwie armie piechoty
szły, dwunasta i czternasta na tyłach.
Tukhachevski się zbliżał od północy,
w ślad Paskiewicza chciał zdobyć Warszawę.
Kawaleria ze wschodu z Budyonnym
na Polskę gnała wśród zgłiszcz i pożogi.

Wszystkim życzymy uśmiechu...

Polsko-Amerykańska Gala Bożonarodzeniowa Zespołu "Polonia" na Northeastern University

W okresie świątecznym, obok podniecenia dzieci i nostalgii dorosłych, gości w naszych domach czułość do stuletnich polskich tradycji, które sprawiają, że



wprowadzony przez małe reniferki i ubrani w jednakowe, świąteczne białe stroje tancerze "Wesołej Polonii" i "Małej Polonii". Po nim na scenę wbiegły najmłodsze dzieci z "Polonia Ensemble" - trzy-, cztero-letnie "Krasnoludki" przebrane za krasnoludki i mikołajki. Przy burzliwych oklaskach całej publiczności



gdziekolwiek los nas rzuci, nigdy nie przestajemy czuć się Polakami. I mimo, że dla nas wszystkich podtrzymywanie tych tradycji wydaje się ważne, tylko garstka z nas buduje wokół nich swoje życie i robi to za nas na codzień.

W niedzielę, 12 grudnia, na gościnnej scenie audytorium Northeastern University w Chicago odbył się przedświąteczny koncert, który na długo zostanie w pamięci artystów i publiczności. Organizatorem tego wyjątkowego koncertu był znany w Chicago zespół Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia" "ZPRKA pod dyktando Cecylii Rożnowskiej i Anny Krysińskiej. W ciągu 25 lat istnienia "Polonia" występuje w Chicago bardzo często z okazji miejskich i państwowych uroczystości. Od

wielu lat miesiące letnie zespół spędza na koncertowych tournée zagranicznych przywoząc z nich nagrody i wyróżnienia. Te wyczerpujące i kształtujące podróże mają swój urok, ale takich koncertów jak koncert w Northeastern University nie da się z nimi porównać.

Mimo śnieżnej i mroźnej pogody widownia sali teatralnej wypełniona była po brzegi. Barwna, zimowa scenografia wprowadzała publiczność w świąteczny nastrój. Koncert otworzył święty

Mikołaj



wykonały one amerykański standart; Jingle Bell Rock. Ktokolwiek, kto próbował nauczyć tańczyć trzyletnie dzieci doceni we tym momencie pracę choreograficzną Jaclyn Krysińskiej wnuczki założycielki zespołu, pani Cecylii Rożnowskiej, która z wielkim talentem prowadzi od kilku lat cztery grupy "Polonii". Jaclyn nie tylko przygotowała najmłodsze "Krasnoludki" do występu, ale w czasie programu musiała wykazać najlepsze pedagogiczne przygotowanie biorąc na ręce dzieci, które pierwszy występ na profesjonalnej scenie doprowadził do rozterki i płaczu. "Krasnoludki" ujęły widzów swoją odwagą, determinacją i



oprócz kolęd były tańce ludowe, takie jak warmia, rzeszów, kujawiak z oberkiem, śląsk. Innowacją tegorocznej Gali były tańce opoczyńskie w układzie choreograficznym Ani Majki i Marcina Komanieckiego - absolwentów Studium Choreograficznego w Lublinie oraz suita tańców żywieckich, przygotowana przez adeptów tegoż studium: Roberta Fiedorowicza i Angeli Wojnowskiej. Słowa uznania, gratulacje i życzenia dalszego zapału w roli tancerzy i przyszłych choreografów!

Wielkimi brawami został nagrodzony finałowy taniec w wykonaniu reprezentacji zespołu "Polonia" - mazur ze Straszego Dworu St. Moniuszki w choreografii Iwony Puc.

Świąteczny koncert zakończyła piękna kolęda "Cicha Noc", zaśpiewana przez wszystkich wykonawców. Opuszczająca salę publiczność powtarzała półgłosem życzenia przekazane przez zespół "Polonia": "Wszystkim życzymy uśmiechu. Niech od stycznia po grudzień przez dwanaście miesięcy uśmiechają się ludzie..."



Specjalne podziękowania "Polonia Ensemble" składa pani Murrell Duster - Dean of Academic Development/Diversity and Multicultural Programs w Northeastern Illinois University. Więcej zdjęć z koncertu można zobaczyć na stronie internetowej www.poloniaensemble.com.

zdjęcia: Zbigniew Nowicki





Anna Sokołowska, wiceprezesa

Patrząc przez okienko...



**Spotkanie z ministrem
Olgierdem Dziekońskim (l).**

Droży Czytelniczy,

Witam serdecznie wszystkich Szanownych Czytelników w Nowym Roku! Na wstępie chciałabym złożyć serdeczne, choć nieco spóźnione, życzenia noworoczne wszystkim Czytelnikom, Członkom i Sympatykom naszej organizacji. Życzę Wam nowych i ciekawych doświadczeń zawodowych i życiowych, zdrowia, szczęścia rodzinnego i wzajemnego zrozumienia!

Ostatni miesiąc 2010 roku miałam wypełniony wieloma ciekawymi i różnorodnymi zadaniami. Był to bardzo zajęty miesiąc.

W piątek, 3 grudnia gościł w naszym biurze oraz w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce sekretarz stanu z Kancelarii Prezydenta RP, Olgierd Dziekoński. Jego wizyta była związana z zapowiedzianą wizytą prezydenta RP Bronisława Komorowskiego w Stanach Zjednoczonych (prezydent RP odwiedził Stany Zjednoczone w połowie grudnia, m.in. miasto Cleveland - relacja z jego wizyty była opisana w styczniowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego"). Na zaproszenie prezesa ZNA i KPA Franciszka Spuli udaliśmy się na uroczysty lunch na cześć dostojnego gościa, na który zostali zaproszeni liderzy polonijnych i biznesowych organizacji z okolic Chicago. W swoim wystąpieniu minister Olgierd Dziekoński wspominał, że jego celem jest zapoznanie się z działalnością polonijnych organizacji i ich problemami. Mielśmy szansę porozmawiać z ministrem i zadać mu kilka pytań. Serdecznie dziękujemy prezesowi ZNP i KPA Franciszkowi Spuli za zaproszenie.

Zaraz po tym spotkaniu udaliśmy się na kwartalne walne zebranie dyrekcji naszej organizacji. Zjechali się wszyscy dyrektorzy Dystryktów ZPRKA z całych Stanów. Obrady trwały dwa dni, dyskutowaliśmy na tematy spraw finansowych, członkowskich, rozrywkowych.



Świąteczny obiad zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA na zakończenie kwartalnego zebrania.

Ponadto dyskutowaliśmy o przyszłości oraz planowanych przedsięwzięciach i akcjach w nadchodzącym roku. Ciepłe i nawołujące do współpracy słowa skierował do dyrekcji prezes naszej organizacji, Joseph Drobot, Jr. Następnie udaliśmy się na świąteczny obiad, na którym składaliśmy sobie życzenia i dzieliliśmy się opłatkiem. Po smacznym obiedzie mieliśmy sposobność pośpiewać kolędy pod dyktando naszego wicekapelana ks. Antoniego Iwucia. Zebranie zakończyliśmy mszą św., po której większość dyrektorów rozjechała się do swoich domów.

Okres Bożego Narodzenia jest z pewnością najpiękniejszym i najbardziej rodzinnym świętem. Przygotowania do Wigili, zapach choinki, prezenty dla najbliższych, a potem Pasterka - sprawiają, że magia nadchodzących świąt udziela się nam wszystkim. Toteż nic dziwnego, że zgodnie z tradycją również w naszych polonijnych organizacjach, szkołach, zespołach tanecznych, odbywały się tradycyjne coroczne spotkania opłatkowe i Jasełkowe. Nie we wszystkich mogłam uczestniczyć, niektóre odbywały się w ten sam dzień i nie sposób było być na każdej Jasełce czy spotkaniu.

W niedzielę, 5 grudnia odbył się doroczny Opłatek Wydziału Kobiet na Stany Illinois/Indiana. O dobry nastrój i świąteczny obiad zadbał Dystr. #7 ZPRKA z dyrektorką p. Anią Krysińską. Spotkanie rozpoczęło się przywitaniem przez p. Anię Krysińską oraz prezesa ZPRKA Josepha Drobota.



Kolejnym punktem programu była wspólna modlitwa, a następnie życzenia i tradycyjne "łamanie opłatka". Po obfitym obiedzie, rozpoczęła się część artystyczna, w której wystąpili tancerze Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca Mała Polonia i Krasnoludki z repertuarem kolęd i pastorałek,

zarówno tradycyjnych jak i współczesnych. W tej miłej i świątecznej atmosferze odbyło się wspólne śpiewanie kolęd. Pragnę pogratulować p. Ani Krysińskiej, za zorganizowanie tej uroczystości i całemu Zespołowi Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia", za ciepłe życzenia i śliczne kwiaty.

Opłatek Wydziału Kobiet na Stany IL/IN.

U góry: występ dzieci z zespołu "Mała Polonia".

U dołu: prezes Joseph Drobot i dyrektorka

Dystr. #7 ZPRKA Anna Krysińska, witają gości.



W poniedziałek, 6 grudnia w godzinach wieczornych uczestniczyłam w świątecznym spotkaniu polonijnych organizacji przygotowanym przez Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej Oddział na Stan Illinois. W imieniu zarządu prezesa KPA na stan Illinois, p. Mary Anselmo serdecznie wszystkich powitała i w imieniu zarządu złożyła życzenia świąteczne i noworoczne.

Następnie ks. Stanisław Staniszewski z parafii Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej w Cicero, IL przypomniał nam wszystkim zgromadzonym o pięknej, polskiej tradycji łamania się opłatkiem oraz udzielił wszystkim uczestnikom tego spotkania duszpasterskiego błogosławieństwa. Mimo, że na spotkanie przybyło więcej osób niż się spodziewano, spotkanie doskonale wypadło. Nie zabrakło życzeń, podzielenia się świątecznym opłatkiem oraz tradycyjnych potraw, barszczu z pasztecikami i grzybami, pierogów z kapustą i grzybami, ryb i tradycyjnego świątecznego ciasta.

W środę, 9 grudnia odbyło się spotkanie świąteczne zorganizowane przez Edwarda



**Spotkanie świąteczne
zorganizowane przez
p. Muszalskiego.**



Muszalskiego, kierownika sprzedawców ubezpieczeń w Dystr. # 8 naszej organizacji. Na doroczne świąteczne spotkanie z Dystr. #8 zaproszeni zostali sprzedawcy ubezpieczeń z małżonkami, prezes Joseph Drobot, Jr. z żoną Judith, sekretarz-skarbnik, James Robaczewski, kierowniczka marketingu ZPRKA Agnieszka Migiel-Bastrzyk. Pan Muszalski serdecznie podziękował za dotychczasową współpracę dla dobra naszej organizacji z nadzieją, że będzie ona kontynuowana a nawet rozwijana. Po świątecznej kolacji, przeprowadzone były szkolenia dla naszych sprzedawców ubezpieczeń, które poprowadził Bill Seranko z biura głównego. Serdecznie dziękujemy p. Muszalskiemu za jego wsparcie, pracę oraz za czekoladki dla wszystkich uczestników tego spotkania!

W sobotę, 11 grudnia po lekcjach w Polskiej Szkole im. św. R. Kalinowskiego, odbyło się przy kawie i ciastkach spotkanie z nauczycielami i rodzicami tej szkoły. Pani Agnieszka Migiel-Bastrzyk, kierowniczka marketingu ZPRKA przedstawiła atrakcyjne programy ubezpieczeniowe naszej organizacji i ich zalety. Bardzo serdecznie dziękujemy p. Eli Orsiuch i p. Agnieszce Feczatt wraz z całym zarządem, za zaproszenie, kawę i smaczne ciasto, a wszystkim przybyłym za zainteresowanie i przybycie.

W niedzielę, 12 grudnia podniosły i uroczysty nastrój udzielił się wszystkim, którzy w mroźne i śnieżne popołudnie uczestniczyli w świątecznym koncercie Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia" ZPRKA. Sala koncertowa była wypełniona do ostatniego miejsca. W repertuarze, oprócz tradycyjnych polskich kolęd i pastorałek, usłyszeliśmy na żywo świąteczną muzykę wykonaną przez członków zespołu pod dyktando utalentowanego p. Miecia Dziś oraz zobaczyliśmy w nastrojowych świątecznych aranżacjach tańce ludowe. Niektóre układy tańców po raz pierwszy zostały zareprezentowane publiczności. Duże brawa dla naszych choreografów, którzy w krótkim czasie przygotowali tancerzy do premiery. Oklaskom nie było końca. Gratulacje dla dyrekcji, a przede wszystkim dla naszych dzieci i młodzieży za udany koncert (artykuł ze zdjęciami z koncertu na str. 17).



Jasełka dzieci z Polskiej Szkoły im. Jana Pawła II.

W czwartek, 16 grudnia odbyło się doroczne spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe dla pracowników biura głównego i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Po wspólnej modlitwie, w świątecznej atmosferze, zgodnie ze staropolską tradycją łamaliśmy się wigilijnym opłatkiem i składaliśmy sobie bożonarodzeniowe życzenia. Spotkanie zakończyło się kolacją i wspólnym kolędowaniem.

W sobotę, 18 grudnia w Polskiej Szkole im. Jana Pawła II odbyły się tradycyjne Jasełka. Najmłodsi uczniowie zaprezentowali Jasełka, wprowadzając nas w atmosferę zadumy i refleksji nad tajemnicą narodzin Jezusa Chrystusa. Każde dziecko, które uczestniczyło w występie wcieliło się w jakąś rolę. Przyfrunęły Aniołki w bieli, byli pastuszkowie z owieczkami, Józef i Maria z dzieciątkiem Jezus, przybieżeli Trzej Królowie z darami, był też Diabeł z wiwającymi widłami. W pięknej scenografii oraz przemiłej świątecznej atmosferze dzieci bardzo przeżywały swój występ i wspaniale odegrały



Występ na sali gimnastycznej w szkole im. Jana Pawła II.

swoje role, a oglądający rodzice, dziadkowie i goście nie kryli wzruszenia i braw. Specjalne podziękowania dla nauczycieli, za przygotowanie Jasełek. Następnie na dużej sali szkolnej odbył się koncert kolędowy z polskimi tańcami ludowymi przeplatany kolędami i piosenkami o tematyce zimowej, wykonanymi przez zespół taneczny "Polanie". Po prezentacji tańców młodzież szkolna wraz z gronem pedagogicznym i zgromadzonymi gośćmi, wspólnie zaśpiewała wiankę kolęd i pastorałek. Następnie dyrektor szkoły p. Jolanta Tatara oraz prezes Komitetu Rodzicielskiego p. Krysia Rozwadowska złożyły uczniom, rodzicom, nauczycielom i gościom życzenia świąteczne i noworoczne. Na zakończenie młodzież szkolna oraz tancerze Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca "Polanie" zostali wynagrodzeni gromkimi brawami.



Koncert kolęd i tańców Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca Pol-Zach. Centrum Polskich Tańców.

Pragnę podziękować wszystkim naszym szkołom i zespołom za promowanie naszych polskich tradycji. Dziękujemy za Jasełka i imprezy świąteczne, które mogły zadowolić wszystkich widzów. Nasze świąteczne spotkania spełniły swoje oczekiwania, a wzruszenia i brawa stanowiły najlepszy dowód na to, że warto ciężko pracować i wpaść tym najmłodszym i tym starszym, jak ważne jest nasze pochodzenie, zwyczaje i tradycje. Na szczególną pochwałę zasługują wszyscy nauczyciele - szkół j. polskiego i zespołów tanecznych. Za ogrom pracy włożonej w przygotowanie Jasełek i koncertów świątecznych - serdecznie dziękujemy! To dzięki Wam Święta były dla nas wszystkich bardziej cudowne i magiczne. Dziękujemy wszystkim za przybycie i za poparcie. Życzymy, by zasłyszane na Jasełkach i koncertach kolędy jeszcze przez długi czas rozbrzmiewały w pamięci i pozwalały wrócić myślami do spokoju i radości świątecznych, które mogą i powinny nam towarzyszyć nie tylko w okresie Bożego Narodzenia ale przez cały rok.

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ŻYCZENIA

Serdecznie gratulujemy p. Patrick'owi Kosowskiemu za przejęcie obowiązków Koordynatora Turniejów Kręglarskich ZPRKA. Liczymy na obustronną współpracę dla dobra naszej organizacji i graczy. Mamy nadzieję, że to stanowisko pozwoli p. Kosowskiemu w pełni wykorzystać jego bardzo dobre kwalifikacje.

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Turniej Koszykówki odbędzie się w sobotę, 26 marca w Wyandotte, Michigan. Bardzo prosimy i zachęcamy, aby młodzież naszej organizacji, szkół i zespołów tanecznych, wzięła udział w turnieju. Więcej informacji na PRCUA web site i Facebook.

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BEATYFIKACJA SŁUGI BOŻEGO KAROLA WOJTYŁY - 1 MAJA 2011



Zakończył się proces beatyfikacyjny Jana Pawła II. Komisja kardynałów i biskupów z Kongregacji Spraw Kanonizacyjnych zaaprobowała cud za wstawiennictwem Jana Pawła II, potrzebny do jego beatyfikacji. Był to ostatni etap drogi papieża Polaka na ołtarze. Ojciec święty Benedykt XVI zgodził się na promulgację, czyli ogłoszenie dekretu, uznającego niewytłumaczalny z medycznego punktu widzenia cud wyzdrowienia francuskiej zakonniczki Marie Simon-Pierre z zaawansowanej choroby Parkinsona. Wcześniej, pod koniec grudnia, cud uznała najpierw komisja lekarzy, a potem teologów.

Uroczystość przypadnie w Niedzielę Miłosierdzia Bożego, święta ustanowionego przez papieża Polaka. Mszy beatyfikacyjnej w Rzymie będzie przewodził papież - będzie to pierwsza beatyfikacja, jakiej dokona Benedykt XVI, wcześniej bowiem zrezygnował on z przewodniczenia uroczystościom beatyfikacyjnym powierzając to zadanie swym delegatom. Podczas ceremonii papież ogłosi dzień liturgicznego wspomnienia Jana Pawła II oraz czym będzie on patronem.

Nad szczegółami organizacyjnymi uroczystości pracuje powołany w trybie pilnym komitet koordynacyjny, złożony z przedstawicieli władz włoskiej stolicy i Watykanu.

Wstępne plany przewidują, iż uroczystości związane z beatyfikacją Jana Pawła II potrwać dwa dni. 30 kwietnia na murawie antycznego stadionu Circus Maximus odbędzie się czuwanie modlitewne, w czasie którego szczególną oprawę będzie miało nabożeństwo Drogi Krzyżowej. 1 maja o godz. 10 rano rozpocznie się msza św. beatyfikacyjna. Na uroczystości nie będzie biletów, wstęp będzie wolny dla każdego. Plac św. Piotra i prowadząca do niego Via della Conciliazione mogą pomieścić najwyżej 250-300 tys. osób. Reszta osób, które przybędą na uroczystości, będzie mogła oglądać transmisję z placu św. Piotra na ustawionych w różnych punktach Rzymu telebimach.

Na terenach targowych Nuova Fiera di Roma na przedmieściach miasta władze Rzymu zaplanowały urządzenie ogromnego kempingu dla pielgrzymów. Szacuje się, iż do Rzymu może na uroczystości zjechać do 2,5 miliona uczestników.

Trumna ze szczątkami Jana Pawła II zostanie przeniesiona, zgodnie z przepisami kanonicznymi, z Grot Watykańskich do Kaplicy Świętego Sebastiana w Bazylice św. Piotra. Na marmurowej płycie nagrobnej zostanie umieszczony napis: *Beatus Ioannes Paulus II*. Kaplica św. Sebastiana znajduje się po prawej stronie od wejścia do bazyliki, między *Pietą* Michała Anioła a kaplicą Najśw. Sakramentu. Nie będzie ekshumacji, a ciało papieża "nie zostanie wystawione".

Jan Paweł II będzie 281 Polakiem, beatyfikowanym i ogłoszonym błogosławionym - 154 z nich było ogłoszonych błogosławionymi, a 9 zostało kanonizowanych za pontyfikatu Ojca Świętego Jana Pawła II.

Procedura kanonizacyjna regulowana jest przez konstytucję apostolską *Divinus Perfectionis Magister* wydaną 25 stycznia 1983 roku przez papieża Jana Pawła II. Kanonizacja jako kult w Kościele sformułowana została w 1234 roku, a ramy prawne spisano w 1625 i 1632 r.

Karol Wojtyła urodził się 18 maja 1920 roku w Wadowicach jako drugi syn Karola Wojtyły i Emilii z Kaczorowskich. 1 listopada 1946 roku kardynał Adam Stefan Sapieha wyświęcił Karola Wojtyłę na księdza. 4 lipca 1958 r. został mianowany biskupem tytularnym Ombrii, a także biskupem pomocniczym Krakowa. W 1962 r. został krajowym duszpasterzem środowisk twórczych i inteligencji. 13 stycznia 1964 roku został mianowany arcybiskupem metropolitą krakowskim. Podczas konsystorza z 26 czerwca 1967 został nominowany kardynałem. 29 czerwca 1967 r. otrzymał w Kaplicy Sykstyńskiej od papieża Pawła VI czerwony biret, a jego kościołem tytularnym stał się kościół św. Cezarego Męczennika na Palatynie. 16 października 1978 r., na zwołanym po śmierci Jana Pawła I drugim konklawe, Karol Wojtyła został wybrany na papieża i przybrał imię Jana Pawła II. Zmarł 2 kwietnia 2005 r. Jego pontyfikat trwał ponad 26 lat. Pogrzeb Jana Pawła II odbył się w piątek 8 kwietnia 2005 r. Uczestniczyło w nim 5 mln ludzi, w tym 200 prezydentów i premierów, a także przedstawiciele różnych religii światowych, w tym duchowni islamscy i żydowscy. Ciało Papieża-Polaka złożone zostało w grbowcu w Grotach Watykańskich.

13 maja 2005 r. papież Benedykt XVI zezwolił na natychmiastowe rozpoczęcie procesu beatyfikacyjnego Jana Pawła II, udzielając dyspensy od 5-letniego okresu oczekiwania od śmierci kandydata, jaki jest wymagany przez prawo kanoniczne. Od momentu zezwolenia na rozpoczęcie procesu beatyfikacyjnego Janowi Pawłowi II przysługiwał tytuł Sługi Bożego. Formalnie proces rozpoczął się 28 czerwca 2005 r., kiedy zaprzysiężeni zostali członkowie trybunału beatyfikacyjnego. Postulatorem procesu został polski ksiądz Sławomir Oder. 2 kwietnia 2007 r. zakończyła się faza diecezjalna procesu. Wszystkie akta zostały przekazane do watykańskiej Kongregacji ds. kanonizacyjnych. 19 grudnia 2009 r. papież Benedykt XVI podpisał dekret o heroiczności cnót Jana Pawła II.

NOWY PLAN UBEZPIECZENIOWY

Szanowni Członkowie ZPRKA i Przyjaciele,

W styczniowym wydaniu “Narodu Polskiego” dyrektorka Departamentu Sprzedaży i Marketingu ZPRKA, Agnieszka Migiel przedstawiła dane, z których wynika, że 30% rodzin amerykańskich nie posiada ubezpieczenia na życie, czy to wykupionego prywatnie czy też przez firmę, w której są zatrudnieni. Największe zapotrzebowanie na ubezpieczenie na życie jest w rodzinach, które posiadają dzieci poniżej 18 roku życia - takich rodzin jest 11 milionów. Przyczyną takiego stanu rzeczy jest trudna sytuacja finansowa tych rodzin.

ZPRKA pragnie pomóc rodzinom, które są w podobnej sytuacji, oferując im rodzinny plan ubezpieczeniowy z 10% zniżką przy opłatach, z której mogą skorzystać osoby kwalifikujące się.

Ubezpieczenie na życie absolutnie nie jest żadnym luksusem. Jest konieczną i ważną inwestycją finansową, którą powinny posiadać wszystkie rodziny.

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Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
prezes ZPRKA



PRZEDSTAWIAMY SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY ZPRKA “RODZINA PLUS”



Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce oferuje nowo przygotowany program ubezpieczeń na życie. Program wejdzie w życie w lutym 2011 r. Program nazywa się SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY “RODZINA PLUS” (FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL) i posiada opcję, w której wykupujący ustala definicję “rodziny”. I tak 2 (minimum) lub więcej osób, bez względu na pokrewieństwo stanowią definicję rodziny, np: rodzice i dzieci; samotny rodzic z dziećmi, dziadkowie z dziećmi, itp. Przynajmniej jedna osoba

musi być dorosła (powyżej 16 lat). W programie może brać udział nieokreślona liczba członków rodziny, pod warunkiem, że ich stan zdrowia jest na tyle dobry, że kwalifikują się do wykupienia ubezpieczenia. Koszt ubezpieczenia oparty jest na rocznych opłatach, jednak możemy zaaranżować opłaty miesięczne, kwartalne, lub półroczne

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<u>OSOBA UBEZPIECZONA</u>	<u>PŁEĆ</u>	<u>WIEK</u>	<u>KLASA</u>	<u>RODZAJ PLANU UBEZPIECZENIOWEGO</u>	<u>ROCZNA OPŁATA</u>
podstawowe ubezpieczenie	mężczyzna	35	niepalący	\$25,000 ubezpieczenie stałe	\$306.00
				\$25,000 ubezpieczenie 20-letnie terminowe	92.50
druga osoba ubezpieczona	kobieta	35	niepaląca	\$25,000 ubezpieczenie stałe	269.25
nieletni	mężczyzna	10	niepalący	\$10,000 ubezpieczenie stałe	91.40
nieletni	kobieta	10	niepaląca	\$10,000 ubezpieczenie stałe	84.90
OGÓLNIE				\$95,000 suma ubezpieczenia dla całej rodziny	\$844.05
				MINUS 10% ROCZNEJ ZNIŻKI RODZINNEJ	- 84.40
				<u>KOSZT WYKUPU UBEZPIECZENIA</u>	<u>\$759.65</u>

UWAGA: Każda rodzina wykupująca ubezpieczenie w ramach SPECJALNEGO PROGRAMU UBEZPIECZENIOWEGO “RODZINA PLUS” stworzy swój unikalny program. SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY “RODZINA PLUS” zostanie przygotowany indywidualnie dla każdej rodziny.

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