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U. S. President Obama Visits Poland

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw - In May, President Barack Obama paid a longawaited visit to Poland's capital, the last leg of a week-long, fournation European tour. Security precautions limited Obama's he could only smile and wave to well-wishers on the streets as he traveled across town in his black, seven-ton, armored Cadillac limousine from behind four-inchthick bullet-proof windows.

But, to the dismay of throngs of Secret Service agents, he broke rank and greeted and chatted with onlookers, including World War II veterans, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where he laid a wreath. At the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Monument, he shook hands with elderly Holocaust survivors and other

Jews including Poland's Chief US-born Rabbi, Michael Schudrich. Obama spoke admiringly of the Museum of Polish Jews being built at the site and said he would like to come with his family to its dedication in 2013

In a bid to show that America contact with ordinary Poles, and had not forgotten the eastern half of the continent, Obama extended a message of trans-Atlantic unity to some 20 Central and Eastern European leaders attending a Warsaw summit. On more than one occasion he said: "Poland is one of our strongest and closest allies in the world," and described the Polish people as "a living example of what is possible when countries take reform seriously." He added: "The incredible transformation that's taken place over the last 25 years here in Poland is now making it a leader in Europe."

Apart from the "feel-good rhetoric", Obama pledged close cooperation in a new air defense plan replacing the Bush-era "missile shield" - including an American force detachment in Poland that will help train pilots on the US-made aircraft. At least in a symbolic way, that will fulfill Warsaw's longstanding request for "US boots on the ground". Officials here are convinced that the physical presence of even a handful of American GIs on Polish soil will bolster the country's security vis-à-vis its giant eastern neighbor.

Obama praised the Poles for helping Tunisia and Libya in their pro-democracy struggle and condemned the crackdown on the opposition in autocratically ruled Belarus, where a Polish journalist is in prison for criticizing that country's dictator Lukashenka. "It is important to encourage Belarus to build a democratic society," he

Dr. Theodore C. Compall. PRCUA Medical Director, Passed Away



Republic of Poland Pres. Komorowski with U.S. President Barack Obama at the Presidential Palace in Poland

stressed.

In the business realm, he pledged American investments (Cont. on page 10)

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Theodore C. Compall, M.D.

Theodore C. Compall M.D., age 89, PRCUA Medical Director for the last 29 years, passed away on Sunday, May 29 in Chicago, IL.

He was born in Lviv (then Poland, now the Ukraine), immigrated to the USA with his parents in 1925 and settled in Chicago, IL. His parents owned several businesses, including a millinery shop in Pilsen and a restaurant in Wicker Park

The eldest of three sons, Theodore joined the U.S. Army after high school graduation. He later graduated from Loyola University in Chicago and was a 1947 graduate of Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine.

After becoming a General Practice Physician, he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he worked as the squadron commander of the

6th Tactical Hospital at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, NM. Returning to Chicago, he met and married his wife, Lillian, who is a retired nurse. They settled on the Northwest Side of Chicago and he established his medical practice at 5645 North Milwaukee Avenue, where he practiced until he retired in 2003.

Dr. Compall practiced surgery for over 50 years at both St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago, and Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines, IL, where he was a founding physician.

Dr. Compall was a member of PRCUA Society #878. He became Medical Director in 1982. He and his devoted wife were proud of their Polish heritage and they attended many of the functions sponsored by the PRCUA, as well as its National Conventions.

Dr. Compall is survived by his wife, Lillian (nee Pozdol); three Thad (Ivey). Tom and John (Debbie) Compall: 7 grandchildren Thad Compall, Kate Compall, Danielle (Jay) Kaplan, Marcie (Tim) Melendy, and Alyse, Tim and Claire Compall; one great-grandchild; and brothers Mark and John (Shirley) Compall.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, followed by interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL.

PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski and President Emeritus Edward Dykla and other PRCUA members represented the PRCUA at the Funeral Mass.

May Dr. Theodore C. Compall rest in eternal peace and may he be remembered as a loving and dedicated physician, family man and PRCUA Medical Director.

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20 LIVONIA, MI - 57TH PRCUA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT on Sat., Aug. 20th. Hosted by St. Stan's Soc. #718, Jerry Nasiatka, Chairperson. Anyone interested in participating in the Legends bracket, ages 50+, should contact Jerry Nasiatka (734) 620-3557 or e-mail jnasiatka@mi.rr.com



Does Your College Checklist Include Life Insurance?

As students prepare themselves for the Fall semester, which will begin in just over a month, families are assisting financially and emotionally to make sure children are ready for the next academic year.

While it may seem that almost no young student would need life insurance coverage, permanent life insurance can be a very helpful tool for the future.

Permanent life insurance for children is something that will only **benefit** them down the road. While it may seem to a college student that almost anything would be better than a gift in the form of a whole life certificate, it must be recognized and communicated to the younger generation that there are benefits to having such a certificate - one such benefit is cash value growth.

Once college graduates begin to build their lives, they can borrow against their permanent life insurance certificates for a down payment on a home - just as an example. If the loan is not repaid, it is deducted from the death benefit.

Purchasing permanent life insurance for young adults also provides the benefit of purchasing life insurance at a time when premiums are still affordable due to the younger age and good health of the insured. Locking in these premium rates will assist young adults in obtaining the proper amount of life insurance when they begin their families and also start thinking about financially protecting their own children's education and family's future.

For example, a 19-year-old, non-smoker female would have a premium of \$150.00 annually for a \$10,000 permanent life insurance certificate which would be payable for only 20 years. Thus, by the time she is age 39, she will already have \$10,000 of permanent life insurance coverage on which she no longer has to pay premiums. Alternatively, the same 19-year-old female may consider paying \$158.00 annually for a \$25,000 traditional whole life insurance certificate.

Equally important for parents considering the purchase of life insurance for their children is the consideration of purchasing enough life insurance for themselves. If parents are funding a child's college education from their cash flow, an adequate amount of life insurance coverage for the parents is very important to make sure that funds will continue to be available to cover educational expenses if a parent passes on while children are in college.

For any parents interested in obtaining life insurance, along with their children, the **PRCUA Family Special** offers an additional incentive to provide life insurance protection for the entire family at an annual **10% discount!**

PRCUA college students with permanent life insurance have additional benefits - such as qualification for educational scholarships, loans and grants. Having life insurance with PRCUA then entitles a member to not only borrow against the certificate, if necessary, but also to apply for a PRCUA home mortgage.

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PRCUA' S FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL



The PRCUA is offering a 10% discount with the FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL. And you decide the definition of "family." Any two (2) individuals (or more) will be considered a family, for example: husband/wife and child(ren); single parent and child(ren), grandparent and grandchild(ren), siblings, etc. At least one individual must be an adult (age 16 and up). If medically

qualified, as long as 2 or more individuals are covered, you qualify as a family and are eligible to participate in the FAMILY PLUS SPECIAL.

This plan offers life insurance that applies to a PRIMARY INSURED and a SECONDARY INSURED and can include as many family members as you choose. YOU DECIDE what type of Life Insurance best suits your current financial needs and budget. For example, the Primary Insured must have a minimum of \$50,000 in Whole Life Insurance or a combination of \$25,000 Whole Life and \$25,000 20-Year Term Life Insurance. The Secondary Insured must have a minimum of \$25,000 Whole Life Insurance or a \$25,000 20-Year Level Term Life Insurance Certificate. YOU decide who is primary and who is secondary and the coverage for each insured. If the Secondary Insured is a Juvenile (under the age of 16), the minimum face value of Whole Life Insurance for a Juvenile is \$10,000. The total premium would be calculated as follows:

<u>INSURED</u>	<u>GEN.</u> <u>AGE</u> <u>CLASS</u>			<u>INSUR.</u> <u>Plan</u>	ANNUAL PREMIUMS
Primary	Male	35	Non-Smoker	\$25,000 Whole Life	\$306.00
				\$25,000 20-Year Tern	n 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	nce \$844.05	
LESS ANNUAL 10	<u>- 84.40</u>				
	<u>\$759.65</u>				

NOTE: The above table is <u>just one example</u> of the FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL. A unique Plan will be created just for you and your family, based upon your individual circumstances.

The premium rates are calculated based upon the usual pricing guidelines for each individual, but for the FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL, after the entire cost is determined for each individual covered, **TEN PERCENT (10%) WILL BE DEDUCTED** from the total premium **THIS YEAR** and **EACH YEAR** that you pay this premium in the future. Although the ACTUAL COST is based upon an annual premium payment, for your convenience, either monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual premium payments can be arranged.

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This cookbook contains every traditional Polish recipe that would be needed by a Polish American. It is an excellent cookbook for a Polish or Polish American parent or grandparent to pass on to the younger generation. Although it contains only 42 recipes - the selection of recipes is perfect! It encompasses all the recipes required to serve traditional holiday meals, as well as everyday favorites that no Polish cook should be without. These recipes include: Cabbage Rolls, Pierogi Dough with 5 different fillings and even Lazy Pierogi.

The cookbook includes photos of how to shape *Uszki* filled noodles and how to roll Cabbage Rolls, as well as giving time-saving versions of some recipes.

Appetizers and Salads include such favorites as Cucumber Salad (Mizeria), Crepes with Sauerkraut and Mushrooms and Marinated Beet Salad. Soups range from Classic Beet Soup to Chilled Fruit Soup and Dill Pickle Soup. And, of course, the Entrees include Hunter's Stew (Bigos Mysliwski), Pork Cutlets and Beef Rolls.

For the Vegetarian in the family there are recipes for Potato Pancakes, Vegetables Polonaise and Noodles with Poppy Seeds. Finally, the book ends with a smart selection of favorite Polish pastries, including: Plum Cake, Poppy Seed or Nut Rolls, Angel Wing Crisps (Chrusciki) and Baba with Raisins, to make a few.

All of the instructions are easy to follow and each is presented with a colored photograph of the food. Personally, I found the photography distasteful because the close-up shots of the food are too close, thereby taking away from the normal beauty of the food. Who wants to look at a radish the size of your fist, a green pea bigger than your thumb or one little uszka bigger than your entire open hand? On one page, a close-up of three-quarters of one cooked potato pancake takes up an entire page. It's so close that you can see the grease dripping off the food - not what I call appetizing!

"Kudos" to the authors for the recipes - "thumbs down" for the photography. However, the inside covers of the cookbook depict two lovely colorful full-page *wycinanki* (traditional Polish paper cuttings), which add a nice touch to the book.

I highly recommend this cookbook for all those who love to eat Polish food, from time to time, but who are only interested in the classics that Mom or Babcia used to make. This is an excellent book to give as a gift.

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POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT IN CHICAGO

WHITE SOX VS. DETROIT TIGERS

Tuesday, July 26th, 2011

7:10 p.m. U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago, IL

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Brenda Ozog, a member of Father Al's Society in Michigan, is working on recruiting families to host a foreign exchange student for the 2011-2012 school year. Brenda is working with *Cultural Homestay International (CHI)*, which has been placing exchange students with families for about 30 years. There are students available from over 40 different countries, who are looking for an opportunity to learn in and about the United States.

Matthew and Brenda Ozog will be receiving an exchange student from Warsaw, Poland, in August.

If you are interested in opening your home to

Brenda Ozog

an exchange student, you can contact the local academic coordinator Brenda Ozog at 734-674-9734 or email her at <u>ozog@hotmail.com</u>. All host families must fill out an application, complete a

background check and be able to provide two character references. The students who are placed in homes are responsible for their own costs in regards to travel, hygiene and extracurricular activities. This can be a positive and rewarding experience for both the student and the hosting family. It's the perfect example of putting Christian love into action. Please consider in this opportunity.

For more information about the program, go to www.chinet.org

57TH P.R.C.U.A. SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT Hosted by St. Stan's Soc. #718, Woodhaven, MI



The 57th National Softball Tournament will be held Saturday, August 20, 2011, at the Henry Ford Field, Hall and West Roads, Woodhaven, MI. Dan Gdowski and the committee from Society #718 have activities planned for the players and guests. Lunch served at the pavilion adjacent to the field; Saturday banquet to be held in the hotel.

Out-of-town players and guests will stay at the Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI, during the tournament. The room rates are \$66.00 per night, plus tax. Make your room reservation with a credit card or one night's deposit as soon as possible; deadline is August 13, 2011. Note: No more than 4 persons to a room. Contact the Best Western today at 734-676-8000; please ask for the P.R.C.U.A. room block when making your reservations.

Entry Forms are available on the PRCUA website at www.prcua.org or by calling the Fraternal Department at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE PRCUA MEMBERS. Entries must be postmarked by August 8, 2011.

Please note: Local softball rules apply in this tournament.

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50-Year Members Honored In June, President Joseph A. Drobot awarded 50-Year Membership gold pins with a diamond chip to the following PRCUA members:

Mary T. Rogos, Soc. 1228, Victoryville, CA Lorraine M. Kasper, Soc. 1493, White Lake, MI Leonard A. Kasper, Soc. 1493, Wixom, MI Francis Majcher, Soc. 977, Barberton, OH

Congratulations to these loyal members. Anyone who has belonged to the PRCUA for 50 years or more is entitled to receive a 50-year PRCUA pin and certificate. Just contact the PRCUA Home Office toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 or contact your local Society Secretary, so he/she will pass on your request to the Home Office.

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Brothers and Sisters										
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KURDEZIEL, WILLIAM	2308	WI	WALICZEK, HELEN	2290	PA					
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KUTCHEK, JOHN	997	WI	WRONA, HENRY	2109	OH					
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MAY, PHYLLIS	1598	IL	ZWOLAK, THADDEUS	237	PA					
MAYER. LYDIA	179	IL	ZYHOWSKI, ANNE	855	PA					

May they rest in eternal peace.



Francis Thomas Iwuc (1921-2011)

Francis T. Iwuc, 89, passed away on May 23, 2011 in Merritt Island, FL. Born in Central Falls, RI, he graduated from Attleboro High School (MA) in 1939. He then enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corp. During WWII, he served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre. Following his honorable discharge, he spent most of his life working for General Electric in the Space Program in: Cape Canaveral, FL; Cheyenne, WY; Spokane, WA; Roswell, NM; and Vanderburg AFB, CA.

Frank was an active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Community on Merritt Island and a life-long member of Society 896 of the the PRCUA.

Francis Iwuc was preceded in death by his first wife, Stasia (nee Ladysz); his parents Bronislaw and Adolfina (nee Zamoida); his sisters - Lottie Byrnes, Jane Zielinski, Jessie Jendrejec; his brothers, Joseph and Edward; and two nephews, Russell Byrnes and Robert Iwuc.

Francis is survived by his wife, Eleanor, his sons, Commander Francis T. Iwuc, U.S. Navy (retired) and Michael (Susan Kirschner) Iwuc, Senior V.P. of Grand Cypress Florida; stepdaughters Carol (Joe) Tosto and Patty (Will) Warner; granddaughter Stasia Iwuc; sister Stella Rarus; and brothers Charles of South Attleboro, MA, Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc - PRCUA Vice Chaplain and Pastor Emeritus of St. Joseph Parish in Central Falls, RI and Stephen of Cumberland, RI; 18 nephews and 11 nieces.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on May 28 in Divine Mercy Church, Merritt Island, FL. Rev. Anthony D. Iwuc, Frank's brother, was the main celebrant and homilist. The concelebrants were Rev. Michael A. Farrell, Pastor, and Rev. Paul J. Henry, Director, Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine. The lectors and commentators were Frank's brother, Stephen, and his wife, Florence. Stasia Iwuc, Frank's granddaughter, was the cantor and soloist. The gift bearers were nieces Charlene Iwuc and Patricia Iwuc. The pallbearers were all nephews: Dr. John, Paul, Joseph and Christopher Iwuc, William Byrnes and Stanley Zielinski. Interment was at Florida Memorial Gardens. May he rest in eternal peace.

t Higher Perspectives

The Price of Our Salvation

With Easter falling later this year than usual, we're already into summer and some of the great seasonal observances in the Church associated with this time have not all passed us by as yet.

We hopefully honored our Mother, Mary, during the month of May and observed the appropriate *Majowe* devotions in our parishes, just as we are currently doing this month of June regarding the Sacred Heart with the accompanying *Czerwcowe* devotions. We recently celebrated both Pentacost - the descent of the Holy Spirit and birthday of the Church - and Trinity Sunday - that foundation doctrine of our Faith in our triune God: Father Son and Holy Spirit - and look forward to the great feast of *Corpus Christi*, which as I write, will be this coming weekend.



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By Fr. Eric Orzech, St. Peter Parish Lorain, Ohio

One feast and monthly observance which yet awaits us is united this year on the calendar with that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Precious Blood. Again, because of Easter's late date, the Feast of the Sacred Heart is not even in the month of the Sacred Heart (June) this year but rather falls on Friday, July 1st. That day also happens to begin the month of the Precious Blood, which is July.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is certainly one known to readers of *Narod Polski*, given the PRCUA's long-standing traditions surrounding its patron. It is a reminder of how the heart of Jesus beats out of love for us, and how, through its piercing while He hung upon the cross, the blood and water which flowed from it have become the "Fountain of sacramental life in the Church." Given to us through the visions of St. Margaret Mary at a time in history when there was a wide-spread negative view of human nature, it reminds us that Jesus, as one like us in all things but sin, has restored and raised our fallen nature and invites us and enables us to be like Him.

From the wounds of the crucifixion come July's dedication: devotion to the Precious Blood. It is a reminder of the price of our salvation. God did not spare His only Son - *obediens usquae ad mortem* - who was obedient even unto death. It is a striking testimony to God's love for us and our worth in His eyes. While God certainly doesn't need us - we need Him. He chose not to forsake us when we wandered away in sin. He literally, came-up with a plan of salvation and redemption far beyond our imagining. We are to be the grateful beneficiaries of His love poured out, provided that we accept it and ratify it by the manner in which we live our lives.

I would encourage all readers to make a point to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart by attending Mass on Friday, July 1st and joining the Church in offering the prescribed prayers of reparation assigned for that day. I further invite you to make a point of getting a copy of the *Litany of the Precious Blood* (most prayer books have one; if not, ask your parish priest or go online to **www.churchyear.net/litany.html**) and making good use of it throughout the month of July. If you do, you will be powerfully reminded of God's great love for you and, at the same time, be strengthened to live your life in a way that also demonstrates your love for God.

Submit YOUR FAMILY'S PHOTO for Publication in Narod Polski Photos of 100% PRCUA Families to be Featured in the October Narod Polski

In celebration of "October - Polish American Heritage Month", the PRCUA will feature a photo collage of 100% PRCUA families in the centerfold of its October issue. If your family is a 100% PRCUA family, send us a photo listing the names of family members depicted in the photo from left to right. If there are more members of your immediate family who are PRCUA members but they are not in the photo, list their names too. Also list the town and state where the oldest person in the photo lives. (Example: Anthony and Stella Figlock of Hudson, PA, their children Eleanor (Joseph) Sobol and Francis (Annette) Figlock and their grandchildren Annette, Claire, Karyn, John and Robert.) If additional generations (your deceased parents or grandparents) also were members, list their names too!

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VEGETARIAN MUSHROOM GOLABKI: Many younger Pol Ams are now into vegetarian fare, so rather than turning them off, why not consider these meatless golabki? In 4 T butter, margarine or oil sauté 12-16 oz fresh Portobello mushrooms (washed and chopped) with 2 medium chopped onions. Combine with 4 c slightly undercooked rice or barley. Add 1 raw egg and mix to blend ingredients. Salt & pepper to taste and garnish with 1 T chopped fresh parsley and 2 T chopped dill. Fill pre-wilted cabbage leaves with mixture, roll up and tuck the loose ends on the sides into cabbage roll with your finger. Drench with 1 can cream of mushroom soup combined with 3 c boiling water in which 1 mushroom bouillon cube has been dissolved, and bake, covered, in preheated 350° oven for at least 2 hrs.

GRILLED KIELBASA: Cut smoked kielbasa into 3" to 4" pieces, make shallow slits along the side of the kielbasa and cook on grill, turning to brown evenly on all sides. This can be served as a main course with potatoes and the braised cabbage/sauerkraut (below), with bread and a splotch of horseradish or brown mustard and a dill pickle on the side or in a crusty bun. *Note: Some Pol Am butchers offer wiener-sized smoked kielbasa that are ideal for serving in a bun.*

BRAISED CABBAGE & SAUERKRAUT: Drain 1 qt sauerkraut (reserving liquid) and cook in water to cover 60 min or until no longer crunchy. Shred 3 large heads of cabbage, place in pot, scald with boiling water to cover, bring to boil and cook uncovered 30 min. Drain. Combine drained sauerkraut and cabbage, add ¼ lb diced, thick-sliced bacon browned with 2-3 onions, 1 mushroom or beef bouillon cube, 2 peeled, diced cooking apples, 2 peeled diced tomatoes, toss ingredients and cook on med-low at least 60 min. If not tart enough, add the reserved sauerkraut juice and simmer a while longer. Season with salt, pepper, caraway seeds or fresh chopped dill. If too soupy, pour off some excess liquid, sprinkle kapusta with a little flour, stir in and cook a while longer.

SUMMER BIGOS: Remove the skin from 1 lb smoked kielbasa and dice or slice into thin rounds. Place in pot, add boiling water to cover and simmer covered 30 min. Wash well 1 head baby cabbage at the loose-leaf stage (not yet formed into a compact head). Trim away base and any wilted or damaged leaves. Chop cabbage coarsely and add to sausage pot. Mix well and simmer until tender. In saucepan lightly brown 2 T flour in 2 T bacon or fatback drippings and stir into cabbage. Simmer covered another 5 min. Season with salt and pepper, sour to taste with lemon juice (1-2 t) and garnish with chopped dill. *Note: Mature cabbage may also be used, but requires somewhat longer cooking.*

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AROUND POLONIA

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The Festival draws thousands of friends and families from all around Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois. Our spirited festival features live music and dancing. Highlighting our Festival are several "Special Performances" from the finest Michigan Polish Dance Ensembles. Try our delicious Polish Kitchen, the Polish Pub-n-Grub, Beer Tent or visit anyone of the many vendors that take part in this event. There will be a Traditional Polish Mass on Sunday at 12:00 Noon. Stroll our Outdoor Craft Show featuring over 50 different crafters displaying their fine works. Admission to the festival is free to the public, although a \$5.00 daily parking fee is required.

Friday, July 8: Festival opens at 6:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. Craft Show 6-9 p.m. Music & Dancing 6:00 p.m-12:00 p.m by The Polish Muslims alternating with The Kielbasa Kings Special evening performance by Wawel Dance Ensemble.

Saturday, July 9: Festival hours 10:00 a.m – 1:00 a.m Craft Show 10am-9 p.m. Music & Dancing by The K-Tones Polka Band. 12-4:00 p.m and 4:00-Midnight Darrell Weltin's New Brass Express alternating with Jimmy K and Ethnic Jazz.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES by PRCUA Halka Dance Ensemble, 1:00-1:30 p.m. and by PRCUA Zajaczek Dance Ensemble, 2:30-3:00 p.m.

DUPLICATE BOOK SALE AT POLISH MUSEUM

The PMA Annual Duplicate Book Sale and Items from the PMA Attic Sale, will also include traditional Polish items: paintings, pottery, ornate frames, etc. on **Saturday, July 23**, **2011, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 24, 2011, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Location: First Floor Social Hall, Polish Museum, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL. Questions? Call 773-384-3352 ext. 101.

The funds we gather through the sale will be used to make improvements to the 96-year old library. The items we sell mostly come from donations.

The books not sold during the sale will be available at discounted prices at our library through July 31, 2011. The Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. If you need more information, please do not hesitate to call us at 1-773-384-3352 ext. 101.

Submitted by Malgorzata Kot & Krystyna Grell, Librarians

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING

Meeting will be held at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2011**, at the Arlington Heights Library, 500 N. Dunton, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Michael Mulholland will present "**How Libraries Can Help With Your Genealogy Research.**" He will then give a tour of the genealogy collection in the Arlington Heights Library. The library opens at 12:00 noon and closes at 5:30 p.m.

Michael is the Local History/Genealogy Librarian at the Arlington Heights Library. He has been doing genealogy for over 32 years. While living in Salt Lake City for 2 1/2 years, he did personal and freelance genealogy research. His research has taken him to the ethnic neighborhoods of Chicago, downstate Illinois, Wisconsin, California, Ireland, and Poland. He has presented programs for local and state genealogical societies, libraries, and various civic organizations.

PGSA members have been invited to utilize the genealogy room at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library before the regular August 14 meeting at 2:00 p.m. Any member who is interested in taking advantage of the genealogy room at AHML or who may have research questions for the volunteers can do so between Noon and 2 p.m. The library has a Wi-Fi connection and therefore laptops can be used.



by Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski

Dear Readers.

This year winter seemed to last forever and spring was not even here. As I am writing this article, beautiful summer days are staring us hard in the face, the sun is shining, the sky is blue and much of our country is experiencing near record high temperatures with heat advisories. Oh well, it seems like we are never happy with our weather, but scientists say we'd better get used to it. So let's enjoy what we have!

The month of July signifies the birth of our nation; it's time for patriotism, love of country and celebration of our independence. God bless our wonderful country each and every day, all the people who have made this country great and let's not forget our troops. Happy Birthday, America!

Let me share with you just some - due to the limited space - of the events that I attended in the month of May and June.

The Chicago Polish Constitution Day Parade, which celebrates the anniversary of the ratification of the Polish Constitution of May 3rd 1791, took place on May 7th. The theme was "John Paul II: Saint for our Times" paying tribute to the late Pope, Blessed John Paul II. The Grand Marshal was Thaddeus Makarewicz and Vice Marshall Lucy Bucki. All of the PRCUA sponsored dance groups and language schools, together with the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group and 2011 Cinderella and Prince Charming as well as some PRCUA Home Office employees and Executive Officers participated in this year's parade.

On Saturday morning May 21, at the Philadelphia Satellite Office, a Town Hall meeting was held with the PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr., the Executive Officers and District #3 National Directors, Joanne Zajac and Edward Kaplaniak. After the meeting, a Sales Training Seminar was conducted by Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Director of Sales and Marketing and the Executive Officers. It was an informative training seminar for our current PRCUA sales representatives, as well as those interested in becoming a PRCUA sales representative. Our special thanks go to PRCUA Philadelphia employees, Sharon Quinn and Elaine Burkhardt, and the District #3 National Directors, for hosting this informative and well-attended event.



2011 Graduates of PRCUA's Maria Konopnicka Polish Language High School

guests and over 600 graduates from 33 Chicago-area Saturday Polish Language Schools. The Mass was celebrated by Father Karpinski, Chaplain - Polish Teachers Association of America; Rev. Michal Osuch, Pastor of St. Hyacinth Basilica; and St. Mary of the Angels Associate Pastor Rev. Adam Piasiecki. After Mass, Polish Teachers Association President Ewa Koch, and Consulate General of RP Zbigniew Matynia handed the diplomas and awards to the graduates. The beautiful ceremony ended with speeches from various organizations, including the PRCUA.

Warmest congratulations go to all of our graduating students. Dear Graduates - work hard; try your best each and every year. The diploma that you were awarded is not simply a piece of paper, it is an opportunity to follow your dreams, whatever they may be. You can go to college or a trade school. After college graduation you can start a career in a vocation that interests you. You can start a business and serve your community. Take advantage of the great opportunities that lie before you. Be involved with our organization - we look forward to hearing from you! To all our graduates - we wish you the best of luck and continued successes in the future.

The month of June was full of graduation parties, weddings, banquets, festivals, picnics, anniversaries and meetings. On Sunday June 5, M. Konopnicka Soc. #1622 held its annual picnic, which featured delicious food, wonderful games for children of all ages and adults. Once again, we all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to next year's picnic.

On June 8-11, here at the PRCUA, we had our Annual Budget and Grievance Meeting and the Quarterly PRCUA National Directors meeting. The overall theme of those meeting was sales, encouraging our members to be active in our organization, and that recruiting new members should be our primary focus. As many of you know, the PRCUA offers wonderful insurance products - contact our offices, your sales representatives or go to our website - www. prcua.org. Please help us grow!!!



V. Kroplewski, J. Frankowicz, A. Sokolowski and B. Frankowicz at Soc. #1622 Picnic

On June 10, the Polish Museum of America held its Annual Summer Ball. This event was held at Sheraton Chicago with over 150 guests in attendance. This year, the Museum honored Alex Starozynski, President of Kosciuszko Foundation, with its prestigious Polish Spirit Award for his outstanding contributions to the Polish American Community. Special thanks go to Betty Uzarowicz, the Summer Ball Chair and to the PRCUA employees who donated their time helping with this event.



On Sunday June 12, the Annual Sacred Heart Mass was celebrated in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of Polonia Dance and Song Ensemble at St. Ferdinand Church on Chicago's Northside. After Mass, a luncheon was held at Grota Restaurant. District #7 National Directors Anna Krysinski and Robert Bugielski chaired this event. Special thanks go to St. Ferdinand Parish and its pastor Rev. Jason Torba, and the Polonia Dancers for participating in the Mass, especially for their very beautiful singing.

After the lunch,

we rushed to White Eagle Banquets in Niles where the 25th Anniversary of the PRCUA POLONIA Song and Dance Ensemble was held. It was a very beautiful evening, with over 450 guests in attendance. The emcees for the evening were Mark Dobrzycki and Anna Krysinski. The dancers - in different age groups

presented choreography, singing and dancing



spectacular show. The RP Consul Robert Rusiecki (center) with Polonia Ensemble dignitaries (l-r) Mieczyslaw Dzis, costumes, music, Celina Roznowska, Anna Krysinski & Iwona Puc

were excellent and they thrilled the audience. Hats off to all choreographers - Celina Roznowska, Iwona Puc, the wonderful Music Director and musician Mieciu Dzis, all the dance instructors you did an awesome job and all your hard work was really evident at this event. Thank you to the parents for their patience and support for so many years. It is with great joy and sincerity that we extend our heartiest congratulations to POLONIA Polish Song and Dance Ensemble on its 25th Anniversary. Thank you for keeping Polish heritage and traditions alive throughout the world through your love of dancing and singing. Your dedication and continuing efforts to preserve Polish traditional dancing is appreciated and applauded. Continue to enrich our community with your dance programs and maintain your pride in our Heritage. The PRCUA is very proud of all your outstanding accomplishments. May you celebrate many more anniversaries and experience much success in the years to come.

On Tuesday, June 14, PRCUA employees, Executive Officers and some PRCUA retirees, along with PMA employees and volunteers, participated in the Annual Observance of Flag Day. The ceremony was held at the flag pole on the PRCUA lawn. We all sang our Anthem, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and listened to ta brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance, as it was explained by one of our officers. Later, a traditional American lunch of hot dogs and apple pie was served in the PRCUA Social Hall. Luncheon ended with a prayer and singing of America the Beautiful. We truly appreciate all of our employees and guests for making this annual observance a truly patriotic experience.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Happy Birthday to all of our readers who are celebrating their birthday in the months of July and August. We wish you all good health, happiness and success. May God give you all that you desire and may every single day be wonderful for you. STO LAT TO ALL! Due to limited space I will mention by name only the PRCUA employees: JULY - Julie Prado, general office supervisor; Mark Sorbi, general office; and Emily Kurda, Controller; AUGUST -Maria Grzadziel, general office; fraternal agent William Seranko.

CONDOLENCES - It is our sad duty to inform you that Ronald C. "GOPHER" Robles, father of PRCUA employee Madia Robles and ex-husband of my secretary Mary Jane Robles passed away Saturday, June 4, 2011. Dear Madia and Mary Jane, please accept our condolences. His sudden death is heartbreaking. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as you grieve. May he rest in eternal peace.

BON VOYAGE - To our dance groups - "Wesoly Lud" and "Polonia" who will travel to Poland this summer to partake in a very prestigious International Festival of Polish Folk Dance Ensembles in Rzeszow - have a safe and unforgettable journey. President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and I will join them at the festival. We are very excited for everyone and will be cheering you every step of the way. We are looking forward to seeing all of your photos and hearing stories of your wonderful trip of a lifetime. Come home safely.

Also, we wish safe and wonderful vacations to all PRCUA members who will be traveling this summer!

Dear Readers, Summer is here, so I will take a break; I will be back with my column in September. I wish you all a safe, enjoyable and sunny summer! Let me know how you spent your summer. Send your comments, ideas, news to: fraternal.department@prcua.org or call 1-800-772-8632.

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(L-r) Stanley and Dolores Krysztofik, Jennifer and Stavros; (front, l-r) Andrew and Stavi Georgaras

COLLEGE CONGRATULATIONS - Achievement, commencement plus accomplishment is how you spell success! On Monday, May 16th, RONALD BURKHARDT graduated *Cum Laude* from the University of Pennsylvania and took part in the 255th Commencement Exercises held at Franklin Field. The commencement address was delivered by Denzel Washington and the ceremony featured the conferral of degrees to over 6,000 graduates.

Ron earned a Master's Degree of Science in Organizational Dynamics. He is a graduate of St. Adalbert Parochial School in Port Richmond and North Catholic High School for Boys. He was awarded an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Marketing upon

graduating from Community College of Philadelphia and in 1999 he graduated from Temple University with a B.A. in Psychology. He's employed by the University of Pennsylvania. Ron is a 3rd-generation lifetime member of SOCIETY 2022. He is the husband of KIM and the daddy of CECILIA, KATHRYN and EMILY and the son of RON and ELAINE BURKHARDT, all PRCUA members. We're all so proud of your success. Congratulations Ron, may the future grant you a whirlwind of opportunities and fulfillment of all your hopes and dreams.



Dylan Wielgus

on June 14th. Dylan and the members of his senior class spent a great week in Orlando, Florida where they visited Disney World, the Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios, Epcot and dined at the Medieval Times in Orlando. After his magical adventures, a graduation party at Rowan University was enjoyed by Dylan and the high school seniors from 11 pm to 5 am where everyone took part in swimming, bowling, playing arcade games and ending with a delicious breakfast back at the high school. Dylan was a member of the Clayton High School football and baseball teams and is currently playing

HIGH SCHOOL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to SOCIETY 2022's DYLAN WIELGUS

who graduated from Clayton High School in Clayton, NJ

football and baseball teams and is currently playing baseball for the Glassboro U-18 Del Val league. He will continue his education at Cumberland County Trade

School for HVAC training. Dylan is the son of CHRISTINA (CHRISSY) (Walt), brother of DYANA, and grandson of ELAINE MIKELIONIS, all PRCUA members. His aunt, uncle and many cousins are members of SOCIETY 2022 as well.

Congratulation Dylan, you did it. Here's to happy endings, new beginnings and a successful future.



TWO COUPLES ARE DANCING THE ANNIVERSARY WALTZ - On June 16th SOCIETY 2022's ANTHONY CLARK of Quakertown, PA and his wife Stefanie celebrated 10 years of wedded bliss. Since Anthony and Stefanie are passionate dancers, without a doubt I'm sure they were dancing the anniversary waltz around the kitchen table along with their four children.

Congratulations to another Anniversary couple. On July 17th, SOCIETY 2022's RON and KIM BURKHARDT of Glenolden, PA will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. They say that time flies by when you're having fun.

It's a pleasure to congratulate the two contented couples. We wish you even happier tomorrows and may God Bless you with many more years of love, peace and joy. Happy 10th Anniversary.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION - On

Sunday, May 22nd, SOCIETY 2019's STAVROS (STAVI) GEORGARAS of Boca Raton, Florida received his 1st Holy Communion at St. John Evangelist Church by Father Michael O'Flaherty. STAVI is a second grade student at Sandpiper Shores School in Boca Raton. He is a member of the cub scouts and enjoys playing soccer. He's the son of JENNIFER AND STAVROS and the brother of ANDREW of SOCIETY 2019. DOLORES KRYSZTOFIK, Financial Secretary of SOCIETY 2019 and hubby STANLEY traveled to Boca Raton to be a part of an important day in their grandson's life.



Ronald Burkhardt

POLKA-MANIA - "Strike up the music the band has begun" and of course you can listen to your favorite polka bands on 860AM radio which serves Southeastern PA., New Jersey, Northern Delaware as well as the entire world on the internet. The variety program broadcast in English which can be heard every Saturday morning from 11 am to 12 noon is hosted by PRCUA Member MICHAEL BLICHASZ, President of Polish American Congress Eastern PA District. Michael accepts requests and dedications. Make it a point to turn your radio dial to 860AM for an hour of fine listening pleasure.

GO PHILLIES - Polish American Night at the Citizen's Ball Park on Monday evening June 6th was a definite success. It was a perfect weather day but naturally the heat and excitement accelerated on the field during the course of the evening. Before game time, entertainment was provided by the Polish American String Band and the PKM Dancers. Red and white were the predominant colors and it was the second largest crowd to ever cram into Citizen's Bank Park for a regular season game. Even the Philly Phanatic himself danced the polka and enjoyed waving the Polish Flag. Yeah, the score was



GO Phillies! PRCUA members Nick Schultz holding Goddaughter Melissa Schultz and Liam Ward with his Mom Gail Ward

Phillies 3 - Los Angeles Dodgers 1. Because so many members were in attendance, PRCUA had the privilege of having its name listed on the announcement billboard along with 22 other Polish American Groups. Among PRCUA members and friends were two tiny tot members, 1 ½ year olds LIAM WARD of SOCIETY 2003 and MELISSA SCHULTZ of SOCIETY 2013 who were captivated by the cheering crowds. SOCIETY 2015's GAIL GASPER celebrated her birthday at the ball park and was serenaded by the spectators in the section where she was seated. Special thanks to the Polish American Cultural Center for giving PRCUA the opportunity to be a part of the Polish American Night. Thanks also to members MICHAEL BLICHASZ, President of Polish American Congress and SHARON QUINN, PRCUA Office Manager for their outstanding co-ordinating efforts.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY - "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand and one nation ever more!"

- Oliver Wendal Holmes Whether you're enjoying a parade, attending a barbecue with family or friends or just simply relaxing at home, we hope your 4th of July is sparkling in every way.

SUMMERTIME - The livin' is easy. Just a reminder that the Philadelphia Office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and we're eager to assist you with any questions you may have concerning your life insurance needs. We are promoting the new Family Plus Life Insurance special with an annual 10% discount on premiums in addition to our other favorable plans of life

insurance. Perhaps we can interest you in a PRCUA Annuity? Cool off, enjoy a sweet treat and let us help you step in the right direction and become a member of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and reap the many benefits by being a member. Until next month, "Live well, laugh often and love much".

BABY CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to *Narod Polski* Executive Editor Kathryn (Kasia) Rosypal, who became the proud grandmother of another grandson -Dylan James Miller, born June 4, 2011. He is the son of Jeffery and Elizabeth (Rosypal) Miller of Hammond, IN. Elizabeth was PRCUA Cinderella of 1991. Best wishes to the Millers.

- Elaine, PRCUA Philadelphia Satellite Office

VISIT PHILADELPHIA THIS SUMMER! There is so much to see and do in Philadelphia

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Executive Editor Kasia Rosypal with grandson Dylan James Miller

Administrative Changes at Orchard Lake Schools

Part 2 - This article is the conclusion of a two part article on the administrative changes at Orchard Lake Schools (OLS). The first part, published last month, covered some important history of OLS, the situation at OLS just before Fr. Timothy Whalen came to OLS in 2000 and the arrival of Msgr. Charles Kosanke five years later.

Then we spoke about the changes at OLS and the status of where it is today. It has a growing prep school, a relationship with the Felician-run Madonna University to use the former St. Mary's College buildings, as well as the growth and direction of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, the continuously improving financial conditions, and a strong commitment to Polonia through the establishment of the Polish Mission. It also covered why the top administrators are leaving.

In order to understand the changes that are occurring at OLS, two points are important for the reader to keep in mind: 1) Both of the priests who are leaving were only on temporary loan from their home diocese. 2) The Bishops of their home diocese have the privilege to call them back at any time.

Let's make a business analogy: Let's view OLS as a division within a very large corporation. If this division was in great difficulty, and the leaders of other larger divisions felt that this smaller division deserved to be saved, they would lend some of their best executives to do so. After a period of time, the Corporation and its large divisions may begin to have great difficulties. So what do the top executives do? They recall the executives they lent out, who were incredibly successful, because they need their critical skills for the larger corporation now. It is that simple!

OLS has the internal resources and the fundamental vision to maintain and continue its growth and success. The Bishops who lent their key personnel want OLS to be successful. To help insure that this is the case, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron has allowed for Auxiliary Bishop Francis Reiss to be the temporary Chancellor if no Chancellor has been found by July 1, 2011. Bishop Reiss, who has known both Fr. Whalen and Msgr. Kosanke for many years, has always been kept in the loop through detailed conversations over the years.

SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary—In the last issue, we spoke briefly of the transformation of the Seminary. As we are all aware, there has been a serious decline in the number of priestly vocations in America. Yet the demand is still there.

The solution to this supply/demand problem was to bring Polish-born seminarians to America for their final years of education at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. Then, upon being ordained, for the most part, they would be placed in Polish-American parishes. Furthermore, these priests would serve the many small Polish émigré' communities that are scattered throughout the United States. Serving these small communities is, in many ways, one of their great joys! After all they too are émigrés.

The transformation of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary to help solve this supply/demand problem represents a remarkable organizational change. Just think about it. There were the challenges of finding the right people to run the Seminary, the need for the cooperation of the Church in Poland, and the development of the right selection process for new seminarians.

Achieving this transformation required priests, who had great vision and who were capable of conceiving and effectively implementing such change. Both Fr. Whalen and Msgr. Kosanke have told us that they believe that it was the hand of God that allowed this to happen.

Msgr. Kosanke, Rector of the Seminary, spoke of the great importance of Father Whalen receiving a second term as Chancellor in his agreeing to accept the position of Rector of the Seminary.

There was also the challenge of finding a respected priest of great influence in Poland, who understood the need for "Polish-born seminarians" to go to America and minister in Polish-American parishes. That person turned out to be Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Kraków.

It should not be surprising that it was Cardinal Dziwisz, Pope John Paul II's Personal Secretary at the Vatican for many years. After all, it was Pope John Paul II, who before he became pope twice stayed at Orchard Lake. Consequently, the Pope knew and understood what OLS is, and the importance of the Seminary. After he became pope he continued to receive priests from Orchard Lake, some of whom he has known for many years. At his coronation in 1978, he explicitly said: "Fill Orchard Lake to capacity, sustain Orchard Lake. We need Orchard Lake.". In another instance he said, "If there was no Orchard Lake Schools, it would be necessary to create them." No doubt Blessed John Paul II shared his thinking about Orchard Lake with many individuals including now Cardinal Dziwisz.

Fr.Whalen, who reads and writes in Polish and gives sermons in Polish, and Msgr. Kosanke, realized that they did not speak Polish to the extent that would have been necessary. To them it was clear that they needed someone who was bi-lingual, who understood Poland, the Polish view of the world, as well as the situation in America. In addition, this person had to be administratively skilled and capable of carrying out the practical elements of the transformation of SS Cyril and Methodius at Orchard Lake and the related Polish Seminary in Kraków.

The person chosen to take on this important role was Father Miroslaw Król, who became and is the Vice Rector and Dean of Human Formation of the Seminary. In addition to handling many of the practical details of the transformation, Father Król had the opportunity to develop a strong rapport with Cardinal Dziwisz.

In our interviews with them, both Father Whalen and Msgr. Kosanke highly praised Fr. Król's accomplishments and the important role that he played in the transformation of the Seminary. Father Whalen said: "Father Król was absolutely critical to the successful transformation of SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary. With the blessing of Cardinal Dziwisz, Fr. Król led that critical effort to establish the Polish Seminary, to provide for seminarians who would receive their final education at SS Cyril and Methodius. The importance of his contribution cannot be overstated and I hope will be fully and gratefully appreciated by all of Polonia." The Polish Seminary in Kraków is the responsibility of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary with the blessing of Cardinal Dziwisz.

Fr. Król's Next Assignment - It was announced by Msgr. Kosanke on March 24, 2011 that Fr. Król has been appointed Director of the "John Paul II - Be Not Afraid Foundation" by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz the Archbishop of Kraków and Archbishop John J. Meyers of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey. The purpose of the foundation is to promote the legacy of John Paul II and raise funds for the foundation. (Newark, NJ is Father Król's home diocese)

In addition, he has been appointed Pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Linden. NJ, Saint Theresa's is one of the largest Polish-American Catholic parishes in New Jersey. His appointment begins on July 1, 2011.

Msgr. Kosanke's Next Assignment - It has been announced that Msgr. Kosanke will become the pastor of St. Regis Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI effective July 1, 2011. Concurrently, he has been given another as yet unannounced appointment by Archbishop Vigneron. These are significant appointments which we believe demonstrates the great regard that the Archdiocese holds him in. He has certainly done a remarkable work at the Seminary and as Treasurer at OLS.

Father Whalen's Next Assignment - Fr. Whalen returned to Pittsburgh effective July 1, 2011 for an unannounced position.

Vice Chancellor, Father James K. Mazurek, returned earlier this year to Pittsburgh to become the pastor of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Saint Joseph Parish. Fr. Mazurek had been a member of the administration of OLS for 25+ years when Fr. Whalen appointed him Vice Chancellor in 2001. Fr. Mazurek was at OLS for over 34+ years.

The Polish Mission - One of Fr. Whalen's greatest accomplishments for Polonia was his decision to create the Polish Mission. The purpose of the Polish Mission is to preserve and promote Polish and Polish-American culture, tradition and history for present and future generations. The Polish Mission organizes programs, courses and events that achieve this objective.

One of the most interesting and important developments within the Polish Mission was the creation of the Polish American Research Institute (PARI), under the direction of Cecilia Jensen. Ms. Jensen is an American of Polish descent who is also much interested in her own family's roots in Poland.

As Father Whalen explained, it is important to appreciate that in the future more and more Americans of Polish descent will want to find out about their roots. They now have little resources available to help them. The goal of PARI is to implement technology, provide resources and access to information, both here and eventually in Poland, that will help them find their personal family history.

Remembering - For many of us in Polonia the greatest mark of a person is his/her ability to remember a friend and the final wishes of that friend. Father Whalen, during last year's visit of Cardinal Glemp, related attending the burial service of Msgr. Peszkowski. In his pocket was a packet of earth from under the Katyn Memorial at Orchard Lake. He related: "Msgr. Peszkowski was being buried in the new Basilica of Divine Providence in Warsaw. There were thousands of people in attendance and the pageantry was beautiful to experience. Near the end of the service, just before the casket was to be sealed in its crypt, Msgr. Peszkowski' personal secretary Anna said to me: "Ziemia, Ziemia". Remembering the packet of earth, I quickly handed it to her and she immediately handed it to a Polish soldier who quickly placed this packet of earth on his casket at the last moment as his crypt was to be sealed."

As some of us know, it was the final wish of Msgr. Peszkowski to be buried at Katyn, where many of his brutally slain friends and colleagues lay, or to be buried at Czestochowa. However, it was decided to give him a prominent place of burial in Warsaw. This was to be above the tomb of the famous priest and one of the most acclaimed Polish poets of our time, Father Jan Twardowski.

Yet perhaps for Msgr. Peszkowski this simple packet of earth, a remembrance of Katyn, was the most important honor of all. Father Whalen remembered Msgr. Peszkowski's deep love for Orchard Lake where he spent many years. He also remembered the help he received from Msgr. Peszkowski who was to become his friend and adviser. In a very real sense Fr. Whalen came as close as was possible to honor his friend's last request to be buried at Katyn. He remembered!

The Legacy of Father Whalen - Fr. Whalen is a true visionary who has had the remarkable ability to see the potential, not only for the Orchard Lake Schools, but also the potential within each individual with whom he has interacted. He has that unique ability to inspire people by placing confidence in them and genuinely supporting them in their efforts to achieve goals that were mutually agreed upon.

He came to Orchard Lake with a deep emotional connection to it. Not only he, but also his father and youngest brother, attended Saint Mary's Prep. His uncle/godfather was trained as a seminarian here. We can imagine him walking the grounds late at night during a warm summer's evening, with the aroma of the evergreens hanging heavy in the air, and the moon drifting lazily over the lake. Perhaps he was reflecting on how much of his life, and that of his family, had been intertwined with Orchard Lake.

We can also imagine Father Whalen stopping at the statue of Fr. Dabrowski on a winter's eve with the snow gently falling and thinking of his personal responsibility to preserve the legacy of the Orchard Lake Schools. Whoever chose Fr. Whalen must have seen not only someone who would be an effective leader in a period of rapid cultural and financial change, but also someone who understood, at a very deep level, the mission of Fr. Dabrowski.

Fr. Whalen's legacy is the strong and growing Orchard Lake Schools that successfully exist in a rapidly changing and demanding world. At the same time he has managed to preserve the mission that Father Dabrowski created over 125 years ago. A remarkable legacy!

Concluding Remark - Just prior to coming to Orchard Lake, as Chancellor, Fr. Whalen went on retreat to Czestochowa, Poland, where he stayed at the monastery, Jasna Góra. It was there that he dedicated himself to Our Lady of Czestochowa and asked for her continual guidance. As he now leaves Orchard Lake, he commends the Orchard Lake Schools to her protection and guidance. Polonia has been greatly blessed with the presence of Father Whalen. Now it is time for us to remember! By Alicja Karlic & Frank J. Dmuchowski

[Excerpts from The Polish Weekly, April 17-18, 2011, Detroit, MI]

U.S. President Obama Visits Poland

(Cont. from page 1) and technological support for shale-gas development in Poland, believed to have Europe's largest deposits of the fuel.

But the main message that many Poles and Polish-Americans awaited concerned the visa situation which has long been a major irritant in two-way ties. "We get patted on the back for being 'America's most loyal ally' and we can shed our blood in US-led military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, but we have to patiently wait in line for a visa if we want to visit America," sums up the general feeling of many Poles. More so, since nearly all European Union members can now travel to the US without a visa.

Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski raised the issue during his visit to Washington last December and joked about the US visa application he was forced to complete, which asked him if he wasn't a Nazi. "My expectation is that this problem will be solved during my presidency," Obama told a news briefing at that time.

During his first visit to Poland, Obama said he wanted to change existing US regulations to ease the visa restrictions. In a letter to Congress, the president wrote: "Countries that are willing to cooperate with the United States on our global priorities, including on counterterrorism initiatives, information sharing, and prevention of terrorist travel, deserve the opportunity to become part of our Visa Waiver Program. I also share your support for Poland and disappointment that this close NATO ally has been excluded from the VWP to date."

The US president met with former members of the anti-communist Solidarity and democratic opposition, as well as present-day political leaders. Conspicuously absent was Solidarity founder and former president Lech Walesa who said it didn't fit his schedule. Some Poles felt he had snubbed Obama, while others believed the opposite was true. "Walesa would have been glad to meet Obama, a fellow Noble Peace Prize laureate, at a separate one-on-one meeting, but did not want to be lumped together with a throng of ordinary politicians," one analyst commented.

Obama seems to have gone a long way to offset some of the resentments many Poles and Polonians have felt. During his election campaign he had pandered not only to fellow-Afro-Americans but also to Hispanics, Jews, Italians and Irish but failed to address a single Polish-American gathering. Although, on more than one occasion he had been not far from the Polish border while visiting Germany and the Czech Republic, he failed to go that extra mile to visit Poland.

A volcanic-ash eruption had prevented him from attending President Lech Kaczynski's state funeral last year, so he paid his respects at a Warsaw Memorial to Kaczynski and 95 other victims of the April 2010 plane crash in Smolensk.

A likable, charismatic figure, Obama used all his charm during his Warsaw sojourn, and his visit cannot hurt his 2012 re-election bid with Polonia. His appearance at the Warsaw Ghetto site received the most international media coverage. And although he did not claim any Polish ancestry the way he had invoked Irish and British roots during the earlier legs of his tour, he did remark: "I feel a little bit Polish. If you're from Chicago, if you're not at least a little bit Polish there's something wrong with you."

2011 PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass in District 7



PRCUA flagbearers



Readers from Polonia Ensemble

Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski with his wife, Elaine, and their two sons Joey and Tommy; Vice Pres. Robert Bielenda and his wife, Eleanor; Res. Vice Pres. Anna Sokolowski and her husband, Mark; PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot Jr. and First Lady Judith Drobot. The priests followed, including Pastor Rev. Jason Torba, Vice Chaplain Rev.



M. Dzis with Ola & Nicole Kwasny Mass so special.

Leaders and members of the PRCUA gathered at St. Ferdinand Church, 5900 Barry St., in Chicago to celebrate the Annual Sacred Heart Mass on Sunday, June 12. The Mass was concelebrated by PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Walter Ptak, Vice Chaplain Rev. Anthony Iwuc and Rev. Jason Torba, Pastor of St. Ferdinand's Parish.

The Mass began with a procession led by the PRCUA flag bearers: Steven Delonka of D7, John Frankowicz of D8 and Paul Pawlowski of D9. They were followed by members of PRCUA's Polonia Song and Dance

Ensemble - which was celebrating its



Fr. J. Torba, Fr. W. Ptak, Fr. A. Iwuc

25th anniversary - under the direction of Director Anna Krysinski, Choreographer Cecylia Roznowska, Choreographer Iwona Puc, and Music Director Mieczyslaw Dzis. Then came President Emeritus Edward Dykla; President Emeritus and Mrs. Francis Rutkowski; President Emeritus and Mrs. Wallace Ozog; Past V.P. Lorie Gorny and her son Robert; Past Secy.-Tres. Joyce Szarowicz and her husband Walter, Pres. of D7; Past Dir. of D6, Sharon Haberski; Past Dir. of D7 Stephan Delonka and his wife, Irene; General Counsel Norman Schroeder and his wife, Joan Smuda, Chair of the 60th Quadrennial Convention. Members of the Board of Directors followed, including: D1 Dir. Marsha Mikuszewski; D3 Dir. Joanne Zajac; D4 Dir. Richard Turkiewicz; D5 Dir. Joan Sylak; D 5 Dir. Mitchell Bienia; D6 Dir. Constance Bonin; D7 Dir. Robert Bugielski and his wife, Dona; D7 Dir. Anna Krysinski and her husband, Janusz; D8 Dir. Krystyna Lech and her husband, Ted; D8 Dir. James Rustik with his wife, Past Dir. D8 Barbara Rustik and their lovely daughter, Gillian; D9 Dir. Elizabeth Grabowski and her husband, Konrad; D10 Dir. Thomas Lisiecki and D10 Dir. Christopher Ozog. Next came

Anthony Iwuc and PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Walter Ptak, main celebrant.

During Mass, Father Ptak prayed for the living and deceased members of the PRCUA. We are particularly saddened by the recent death of our long-time Medical Director Doctor Theodore Compall - may he rest in peace.

The Polonia Song and Dance Ensemble sang several lovely hymns toward the end of Mass, accompanied by Mieczyslaw Dzis on the accordion and Ola Kwasny and her sister, Nicole, on the violin. Fr. Torba called President Drobot to the podium. He addressed the group and thanked the Parish, Fr. Torba, the Parish Music Director and the Polonia Ensemble for welcoming the PRCUA and making the



Pres. Joseph A Drobot, Jr.

After Mass, lunch was served at nearby Grota Restaurant, organized by District 7. Directors Anna Krysinski and Robert Bugielski. Father Ptak gave the Invocation and everyone enjoyed a luncheon of delicious Polish food.

(Photos from the Mass and lunch are on www.prcua.org, click on News and Events, and Sacred Heart Mass.) Photos: K. Rosypal



V.P. Robert Bielenda, D9 Dir. Lorie Gorny

(L-r) John Frankowicz, 2011 Cinderella Monica Marszalek and Ed Muszalski, Pres. MK Adult Culture Group







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guests to the

luncheon and

PRCUA

Pres. Emer. Ed Dykla & Mary Gorny



D7 Dir. Robert & Dona Bugielski



M. Dzis & Celina Roznowska





Elizabeth Grabowski and Past V.P.

Archbishop Vigneron Appoints New Rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius

The Orchard Lake Schools – SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory, and the Orchard Lake Polish Mission – have announced the appointment by His Excellency Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, of Rev. Canon Thomas C. Machalski, Jr., as Rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary (SSCMS) effective July 1, 2011. The current Rector of SSCMS, the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles G. Kosanke, was called back to priestly duties in the Archdiocese of Detroit by Archbishop Vigneron in March.



Rev. Canon Thomas C. Machalski, Jr.

Following Archbishop Vigneron's appointment, the Board of Regents of Orchard Lake Schools acted to appoint Fr. Machalski as Chancellor-Elect of Orchard Lake Schools as well. Fr. Machalski will become Chancellor on January 1, 2012, following the expected departure at that time of Rev. Timothy F. Whalen, who was called back to his home Diocese of Pittsburgh by his Bishop for further assignment. Effective January 1, 2012, Fr. Machalski will be Chancellor/Rector of the Orchard Lake Schools, a structure which has been in place for many decades throughout the Schools' 125-year history.

The OLS Board of Regents' selection of Fr. Machalski, who is an alumnus of both St. Mary's Preparatory (1976) and St. Mary's College (1980), was based on his many qualifications and personal qualities which they determined to be essential to the continued success of the Schools. Fr. Machalski holds a Masters of Divinity degree from New York's Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, a Master's of Science in Education Degree from Fordham University, and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. Fr. Machalski, who has lived in Poland, has served for many years as an officer of the Polish American Priests Association (PAPA), including two terms as President. "His strong interests in Polish culture and connections to the Polish community in America will be important in carrying out the Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools," Fr. Whalen said. "The fact that he spent his formative years here at Orchard Lake attending the Prep and St. Mary's College, gives Father Machalski a personal knowledge of the OLS mission and a sense of our history."

Lud Koci, Chairman of the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents, said, "The Orchard Lake Schools has been blessed with good leadership during a difficult economic period in the United States. Both the Prep and the Seminary have recently received renewals from their respective accreditation agencies and are anticipating strong enrollments for the upcoming academic year. Fr. Machalski's qualifications assure that the progress made in the Schools and the development of our Orchard Lake Polish Mission as a recognized resource and center of Polish culture, will continue."

Born from the vision and needs of Polish-Catholic immigrants, the Orchard Lake Schools were established by Fr. Joseph Dabrowski in 1885, with the expressed mission of sustaining the Catholic faith tradition of Polish immigrants.

Located on the eastern shore of Orchard Lake, 25 miles northwest of Detroit and five miles southwest of Pontiac in Orchard Lake, Michigan, the Orchard Lake Schools are a private, Catholic center of formation and education. The 115acre campus, which encompasses SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory, the Orchard Lake Schools Polish Mission, as well as Madonna University's Orchard Lake Center and the Polish American National Sports Hall of Fame, have been designated a Michigan Historical Site and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The OLS have remained united by their tri-cultural – Catholic, Polish, and American – heritage, as well as by their shared commitment to faith formation in the Catholic tradition, excellence in education, and community service for more than 125 years. The PRCUA supports the mission of the Orchard Lake Schools.

Baseball Shows Off the Color, Music & Dancing at Polish-American Night

By Raymond Rolak, Past Chairman of the NPASHF

'Paws' was front and center as he entertained the crowd of 34,046 on a misty Friday evening. The a n i m a t e d mascot of the Detroit Tiger's was dressed in colorful Polish



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Krakowiak(L-r) Fr. Walter Ptak, PRCUA Chaplain; PRCUA Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr;, PRCUA VP Bob
Bielenda; PNA VP Paul Odrobina; Pres. Mariusz Szajnert, PAC MI Div.; Pres. Stella Szczesny,
folk attire. It
was a high-PNA Council 122; Pres. Carol Surma, FP; Mayor Karen Majewski, Hamtramck, Art "Pinky"
Deras (2011 National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame Inductee (Photos: R. Rolak)

Night at Comerica Park.

Lackowski & The La De Das.

light, as young and old approached to touch and talk with the

popular cheerleader. The color, music and dancing were part

of the pre-game festivities for the 41st annual Polish American

baseball action, and the spectacular color display from the

dancing troupes, there was the added value of post game

fireworks sponsored by Pepsi. Pre-game music was provided

by: The Natural Tones, The Kielbasa Kings and Big Daddy

Deras before the game. Deras is one of the 2011 inductees into

the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame and was

acknowledged on the field before the game. The game was

the Polish and American National Anthems and then pre-

telecast to Boston and regionally thru Fox Sports-Detroit.

game Emcee Rob Wolchek decreed, "Play ball."

dignitaries on the field during the the pre-game festivities.

Tiger's manager Jim Leyand acknowledged the

For those in attendance, besides the anticipated

Leyland spoke with former baseball sensation Pinky

Rob Szczublewski of Toledo, Ohio did great service to



PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. had the privilege of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. The evening started with great expectations and high hopes by having Rick Porcello on the mound for the Tigers. The Boston Red Sox had a five run third inning that sent the Tiger starter to the showers and dimmed some of the evenings merriment. Leyland said after the game, "He was just out of sync." Tiger rookie Charlie Furbush was a highlight with five innings of shutout relief. With the home team losing 6-3, the post game Polka concert left most departing the

stadium in good spirits. A special promotion was sponsored by the Polish Roman Catholic Union and the Michigan Division of the Polish American Congress. Those who purchased a special ticket package received tee-shirts with "Who's your Tiger" in Polish on the back, (*Twoj Ulubiony, TIGER*?).

Veteran talk-radio host Ron Cameron, along with good friend George Eichorn, saluted Ed Browalski. Browalski was one of the driving forces of Polish-American Night and he headlined the formation of the NPASHF. "Big Ed", as he was affectionately known, was a respected baseball and bowling writer. He was also the longtime official scorekeeper for the Detroit Tigers. Veteran pro-wrestling ambassador Kurt Schneider told humorous Browalski tales about how the players would lobby to get an error erased from the stats.

In keeping with the theme, the press box kitchen at Comerica Park featured a Polish style dinner and snacks. Polish 'Angel-Wing' cookies (*Chrusciki*) were even featured. "These are awesome," exclaimed radio stringer Rich Curbelo, as he enjoyed the tasty confections.

Deras, who was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals out of Hamtramck High School for a big bonus, told Jim Conrad, "At my first day of spring training in St. Petersburg, Stan Musial came up to me and said, 'Come on Polish boy, how about some catch."

"That shook off the butterflies," added Deras. "What a class act to help out a rookie like that." Musial was the first NPASHF inductee in 1973.

At a concession stands, Fr. Walter Ptak, PRCUA Chaplain and Pastor of Wyandotte's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, invited those within earshot to their August Polish Festival. Polish native and first time baseball attendee Jan Borowski acknowledged with a smiling and heartfelt, *"Tak, tak, bardzo dobrze."*

Boston Red Sox pitching ace Jon Lester met with 17-year old-Tim Myszenski of Warren, Michigan. Myszenski, a big baseball enthusiast is suffering from the effects of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The meeting was arranged by the *Make-A-Wish Foundation* program.

NOTE: In Chicago, Polish-American Night, hite Sox vs. Tigers at U.S. Cellular Field will be Tuesday, July 26, 2011. Tickets can be purchased from the PRCUA, 1-800-772-8632, ext. 2601.

PRCUA DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, PA



(Front, l-r) Dir. J. Zajac, E. Burkhardt, Sales & Mktg. Dir. A. Bastryzk, S. Quinn, Dir. E. Kaplaniak (*back*, *l*-*r*) Pres. J. Drobot, Jr., Res. V.P. A. Sokolowski and Secretary-Treasurer J. Robaczewski outside the Philadelphia PRCUA Office

A-N-T-I-C-I-P-A-T-I-O-N is probably the most accurate way to describe the feeling that prevailed at the Philadelphia Satellite Office during the planning stages of the Town Hall Meeting.

The Philadelphia Satellite Office welcomed the PRCUA Executive Officers and Sales and Marketing Director with open arms on Saturday morning, May 21st. The aura of the upstairs board room, where the meeting was held, was filled with the spirit of harmony. The simple fact that our clergy, members and friends wanted to be a part of the Philadelphia Town Hall Meeting was undeniably gratifying. Babka, cake, fruit, coffee and tea were served before the meeting was called to order.

Upon his election as National PRCUA President, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. stated that Town Hall Meetings are an important aspect of his management style. To be accessible and responsive to member's concerns is exactly what President Drobot is really about. This type of informal gathering is a positive approach where everyone in attendance can voice opinions and also hear the issues and aims concerning the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Father Jerome Pohl opened the meeting with a prayer. Office Manager Sharon M. Quinn introduced the clergy present, along with the Executive Officers, Director of Sales and Marketing Agnes Bastrzyk and National District 3 Directors Joanne Zajac and Edward Kaplaniak.

Pres. Drobot emphasized the fact that PRCUA does not want to lose its ethnic connection and flavor. He stated that "PRCUA is a fraternal insurance organization and rejuvenating membership and increasing business is vital." "Energizing sales within PRCUA is important and we need a team to make an organization strong as far as profit is concerned."

Of course, in the present recession of the country, the financial stress of PRCUA is a concern. Like all organizations, PRCUA is constantly seeking ways to be cost effective. President Drobot spoke briefly about the PRCUA Polish Museum and its history and beauty. He invited everyone to stop by the Museum and to visit the Home Office as well, if and when they are in the Chicago area. In ending, President Drobot added that "fraternal activities within societies should be encouraged and implemented by all means".

Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski spoke about her connection and duties as far as the fraternal department is concerned or as she called it "the fun department". She reiterated that involvement within the organization is important and appealed to everyone in attendance to take part in the PRCUA sponsored activities such as bowling, basketball and other tournaments. She encouraged the members to make sure their children, grandchildren and other relatives are all PRCUA members. Mrs. Sokolowski advised that for the computer-savy members, PRCUA is on facebook and urged everyone to log on and to read the PRCUA page. "We are family," Mrs. Sokolowski reminded everyone and she recommended that members submit news of interest to be included in the Philadelphia page of the *Narod Polski*.

Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski spoke about his duties as a newly-elected officer and also encouraged everyone to become involved in PRCUA. Among his duties



Treasurer are taking care of all internal issues. He then introduced the Director of Sales and Marketing Agnes Bastrzyk who primarily deals with deputies. She is c o n s t a n t l y working to i m p r o v e

Secretary-

communications with PRCUA. Agnes spoke about how important she felt it was to market PRCUA products either via the news media or at festivals, thus enlightening folks in the hope of increasing their awareness of PRCUA and our membership.

Before the Town Meeting came to an end, President of Polish American Congress Eastern PA District Michael Blichasz was introduced. A long-time PRCUA member, he concurred with President Drobot that involvement is crucial and "that he is always in tune to the spirit of the community". He spoke of the importance of promoting jobs here in the USA and feels this cause must be embraced even by PRCUA because, if you are not earning a salary, how can you purchase life insurance? Mr. Blichasz complimented the Philadelphia Satellite Office for its support and involvement in affairs sponsored by Polish American Congress. Polish American Congress Vice-President Theresa Romanowski, also a PRCUA member, addressed the guests and cordially invited the PRCUA Executive Officers from Chicago and everyone else to stop by the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia at their convenience. Rev. Thaddeus Gorka proudly mentioned that a concert was being held at St. Adalbert Church at 5:00 pm on May 29th in memory of Blessed John Paul II.

In his concluding comments, President Drobot explained how important it is for PRCUA to help its members but in order to do so, Philadelphia and the surrounding vicinity must inform the home office of their concerns. The attendees were then encouraged to pose questions. Among the concerns were the continued existence of the Philadelphia Satellite Office and annuity interest rates.

The Philadelphia Town Meeting sponsored by District 3 was a success. An agenda which was well prepared by the Executive Officers was navigated effectively. The purpose of the meeting was clear and we fully understand how revitalization here in Philadelphia is necessary and important. The camaraderie was definitely enjoyable



among the participants and members welcomed the opportunity to meet face-to-face to develop a group identity with the officers they read about in the Narod Polski.

Among the comments heard were "a meeting like this at the Philadelphia Office was certainly long over-due".

Members were elated to see how the Executive Officers took time to chat individually with those in attendance, others simply stated they were happy to be a part of the Philadelphia Town Meeting. We also heard that the gathering at the Philadelphia Office was refreshing and made members feel they are a part of one big happy family.

A luncheon and refreshments were served before the PRCUA Training Session began. President Drobot warmly welcomed all sales representatives and prospective sales representatives. Sales and Marketing Director Agnes Bastrzyk spoke about the new, exciting promotion for Societies called *Filling Santa's Sleigh with Life* and the new *Family Plus Life Insurance Special* with an annual 10% discount on premiums for our members. She reviewed the new Deputy Life Insurance Commission Schedule and explained that in order to assist the current and future sales force, PRCUA has been and will continue to host training seminars.

Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski reviewed all PRCUA Life Insurance Plans and Rate Schedules. Secretary-Treasurer Jim Robaczewski clarified the proper way to complete the various Life Insurance Applications. It was an informative training session and the individual Life Insurance Rate Brochures that agents received were a definite plus. The Executive Officers, Sales and Marketing Director, National Directors of District 3, as well as Sharon Quinn and Elaine Burkhardt of the Philadelphia Satellite Office, then attended 5 p.m. Mass at St. Adalbert Church, located just across the street from the office..

Special thanks to Father Thaddeus Gorka, Parochial Administrator Pro-Tem of St. Adalbert Parish and Father Jerome Pohl for honoring us with their presence. We appreciate having Michael Blichasz among those in attendance and would like to extend our deep appreciation to him for advertising PRCUA and the Philadelphia Town Meeting on his weekly polka variety radio program every Saturday morning . Thanks also go to Theresa Romanowski for her attendance as well. Kudos to PRCUA District 3 National Director Edward Kaplaniak, who traveled from Johnstown, PA to attend the meeting, and last but not least, thanks to our dedicated members and friends for taking time out of their busy Saturday schedules to be part of the Town Hall Meeting at the Philadelphia Satellite Office.

A wholehearted thank you to President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and Director of Sales and Marketing Agnes Bastrzyk for traveling to Philadelphia.

A true spirit of fraternalism prevailed at the Philadelphia Satellite Office and, without a doubt, we welcome you back to the *City of Brotherly Love* any time. You set the motion, we feel energized and our main focal point is precisely to increase membership in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas. - *Elaine M. Burkhardt*, *PRCUA Philadelphia Office*

(Photos by Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski)

(L-r) Rev. Thaddeus Gorka and Rev. Jerome Pohl



PRCUA General Counsel Admitted To Bar of United States Supreme Court

Norman P. Schroeder, General Counsel of the PRCUA, was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in a ceremony held in the Supreme Court courtroom at Washington, D. C., on Monday, June 6, 2011. The PRCUA warmly congratulates him!

Attorney Schroeder was one of 45 members of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) admitted to the Supreme Court Bar. The Honorable John G. Roberts, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, granted the motion submitted by ISBA President Mark D. Hassakis to admit Attorney Schroeder and his colleagues. The ISBA honored Mr. Schroeder and his fellow admittees during a reception at the historic Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., two blocks from the White House.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor (front left) & Gen.

"To be admitted to the Supreme Court Bar is an *Counsel Normal Schroeder (right)* experience like no other for an attorney," said Mr. Schroeder. "To take an oath while standing just a few feet before all nine Supreme Court justices in the courtroom where so many important issues have been decided compels an attorney to reflect on the unique history and importance of the American legal system."

Admittees to the U.S. Supreme Court bar must apply and be endorsed by at least two attorneys. The Court requires each candidate lawyer to certify that he has served his local jurisdiction in good standing for at least three years. Attorney Schroeder has served as General Counsel of PRCUA since 2001. He also serves as Legal Counsel to the Assessor of Cook County, IL. He is a native of Chicago, IL, who earned his law degree from the DePaul University College of Law after he worked as a radio and television journalist in multiple U.S. cities

His wife, Hon. Joan Ellen Smuda, accompanied him to the ceremony in Washington. She also belongs to the Supreme Court Bar and is Chairman of the PRCUA 60th Quadrennial Convention and former PRCUA General Counsel. Both are active in the Advocates Society and the National Advocates Society, in addition to the Illinois State Bar Association. Both groups are professional associations dedicated to serve the legal profession while promoting and preserving their Polish culture and heritage.

PRCUA 2011 Junior Bowling Tourney

The Annual Junior Bowling Tournament and Grandparent's Roll-Off was held this year at Countryside Bowl in Countryside, IL on Saturday, June 16th. Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski was director of the event, which included children from PRCUA Districts 7, 8 and 9.

After bowling, lunch of pizza and soda was served, which was enjoyed by adults as well as the children. The presentation of trophies to the winners took place, and then participation trophies were awarded to everyone present.

Congratulations are extended to the winners, announced below:

Ages 4-6 - Boys, 1st - Alexander Williams; 2nd - Nicholas Williams;

3rd - Mikolaj Kloczkowski

Girls

Girls 1st - Kinga Grabowski; 2nd - Daniela Gal; 3rd -Wiktoria Williams Ages 7-9 - Boys, 1st - Tomasz Benko; 2nd - Dawid Balenda

3rd - (tied) Nicholas Ryba and Esteban Robles

1st - Katarzyna Burdzy; 2nd - Joanna Burdzy; 3rd - Joanna Staron

Ages 10-13 - Boys, 1st - Matthew Julecki; 2nd - John Slubowski; 3rd - Kacper Kaczmarczyk Girls 1st - Cynthia Kaldon; 2nd - Katarzyna Staron; 3rd - Emily Prado

Ages 14-16- Boys, 1st - Dariusz Wilkowski; 2nd - Joshua Potrawski; 3rd - Pawel BzdziuchGirls1st - Alexandra Bzdziuch; 2nd - Meggie Szaflarski; 3rd - Emily Matson

Grandparent Winners were: Judy Roszak and Richard Roszak. Anna Sokolowski, Resident Vice President



(Left) Boys who won trophies

(Below) Girls who won trophies

(Photos: Anna Sokolowski)



(L-r) Mary Jane Robles (scorekeeper) with Grandparent Winners Richard and Judy Roszak & VP A. Sokolowski



JOIN HANDS DAY: SUCCESS IN NORTHEAST OHIO

Most of the Join Hands crew at the Polish Cultural Gardens



The number of participants increased to 16 in Northeast Ohio's 4th annual Join Hands Day project held on April 30, which is sponsored by the National Fraternal Alliance. New faces from PNA District 9 joined forces with the Union of Poles Division of the PNA and with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America



to clean the Polish Cultural Garden in Cleveland's Rockefeller Park.

PNA District 9 will hold a Debutante and Squires Ball this year, and one requirement is for the Debs and Squires to do community service work. Debutantes Sara Katrenich, Andrea Swejk and Izabella Trybucki, together with squire Matthew Sochin, donned work gloves, grabbed rakes, and removed debris that accumulated throughout the winter. Adults from PNA District 9 who also helped are

Director Bernadette Zubel, Cathy Katrenich, Christina Brych and Mike Swejk. Commissioner Jason Brych joined the group later in the morning. Thanks to Jason for loading the trash into his vehicle for

removal from the site.

Members from the Union of Poles Division of the PNA who participated in the project are Commissioner Mark Relovsky, Commissioner Jane Ptak, Alex Ptak and Eric Ptak. Mark brought his lawn mower and blower to assist in the effort. Mark also stopped early in the morning to pick up sandwiches made by The Little Polish Diner with ingredients supplied by Krakow Deli. The snacks were purchased through the generosity of the Polish American



Congress.

Although a little under the weather, PAC Director Gary Kotlarsic also joined the group with his 6-year-old son Gustav.



Director Mitch Bienia

were also able to get credit for community service projects, which are required by many area high schools. As part of the educational component of the Deb and Squire program, Mitchell Bienia gave a brief lecture about the history of the famous Poles whose busts grace the Polish Cultural Garden. They are Nicholas Copernicus, Maria Sklodowska Curie, Frederic Chopin, Henryk Sienkiewicz, and soon to be replaced busts of Adam Mickiewicz and Maria Konopnicka. The grand finale of the day was a rehearsal for the polonaise which the debs and squires will be

PRCUA Director Mitchell Bienia of District 5

helped to coordinate the event as both a Join Hands Day

fraternal benefit society project, and a clean up project

to prepare the Cultural Garden for wreath laying ceremony for Polish Constitution Day. The students

polonaise, which the debs and squires will be performing at their Debutante and Squire Ball. Cathy Katrenich directed the rehearsal, while strains of the polonaise wafted from the cd player of Jason Brych's

vehicle. Since not all of the debs and squires could be present for this activity, adults who were present were asked to "fill in" for missing couples. What a thrill to dance the polonaise under the trees of the Polish Cultural Garden with busts of famous Poles looking on!

Congratulations to participants in the Debutante and Squire Ball, and thanks to all the adults who worked together, from various fraternal organizations, to make this project a success! By Mitchell Bienia, PRCUA Director Photos by H. Kacki

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HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ POLISH SCHOOL ENDS YEAR WITH GALA

The 2010-2011 school year ended for students at Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School in PRCUA District 5 with a gala stage program at the PRCUA Ohio building on May 22, 2011.

WELCOME - Principal Ewa Wiechec welcomed the gathering. She also thanked many people who assisted the Polish school during the past year. Ligia Borkowski, Cecilia Dyczko and Mirka Suchak were specifically singled out for gratitude, along with parents of the children who support the school by bringing their children to class every week.

OPENING PRAYER - The Rev. Andrzej Knapik, from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, led the audience in prayer, also thanking parents, and concluding with wishes for a good summer.

WITAJ W NASZEJ BAJCE - The title of this year's program was "Witaj w Naszej Bajce," or "Welcome, to Our Fairytale." Children wearing costumes representing spring and summer filled the stage. There were flowers, bumblebees, butterflies, frogs and lilypads, roosters, parrots and ladybugs.

POEMS AND SONGS - All the students recited verses from poems about spring. The entertainment also included many songs highlighting activities of summer and spring.

FOLK DANCES - During a short intermission refreshments were served, after which several folk dances were performed by both the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and members of PIAST Folk Ensemble. The intermediate students skillfully danced the traditional "Trojak," and the tiniest students presented the Poleczka, a lively little polka. PIAST Ensemble confidently executed their Gorale Suite, with song, dance and feats of skill led by the male dancers.

JOHN PAUL II IS HONORED - A segment of the program was dedicated to Blessed John Paul II, in honor of his recent beatification by Pope Benedict XVI in the Vatican on May 1, 2011. Poems and verses were recited to recall the many contributions of John Paul II.

CERTIFICATES - The program concluded with the awarding of certificates to all members of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, and members of PIAST who are graduating from high school, thus concluding their career with PIAST.

THANKS - The PRCUA wishes a safe and restful summer to parents, students and teachers



of both Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and the PIAST Ensemble. Special thanks go to Principal Ewa Wiechec, teachers Andrzej Gutowski, Malgorzata Kaski, Agnieszka Kotlarsic and Grazyna Siwik. In recognition of their dedication and hard work, teachers were presented with baskets of hanging flowers for their homes or gardens.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, District 5







(Top) A high school Graduate receives awards

(Bottom) A student receives his certificate

(Right,l-r) Agnieszka Kotlarsic, Grazyna Siwik, Andrzej Gutowski, Malgorzata Kacki and Ewa Wiechec

(Below) Piast Dance Ensemble

















KALENDARZ na LIPIEC i SIERPIEŃ 2011

◆ 16 lipca (sobota) - 59. doroczny turniej golfowy ZPRKA. Gospodarzem jest Tow. #1031. Briar Leaf Golf Club, La Porte, IN. Rozgrywki odbywać się będą w dwóch turach - o godz. 7:00 i o godz.13:00. Goście mogą zatrzymać się w Best Western La Porte Hotel, 44 Pine Lake Avenue w La Porte. Cena grupowa za pokój wynosi \$75.00 + podatek. Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc pod numer (219) 362-4585 lub 1-800-780-7234. Prosimy o zgłaszanie rezerwacji do 15 czerwca 2011 r.

• 26 lipca (wtorek) - Noc Polsko-Amerykańska na stadionie U.S. Cellular Field. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Chicago White Sox i Detroit Tigers. Godz. 19:10. Bilety można zakupić dzwoniąc do ZPRKA pod numer 1-800-772-8632, w. 2601. Miejsca tzw. LOWER BOX SEATS - \$23.50 (cena regularna \$47). Bilety należy zamówić do 11 czerwca 2011 r. Liczba miejsc ograniczona - bilety będą sprzedawane aż do wyczerpania.

♦ 6 sierpnia (sobota) - Piknik Rodzinny Tow. #718 ZPRKA (St. Stan's Society) - godzina 12 w południe do 8 wieczorem w Hines Park-Nankin Mills (Hines Dr. i An Arbor Trail), Westland, MI. Park będzię zamknięty dla ruchu kołowego od Farmington Rd. do Outer Dr. Zapraszamy wszystkich członków Towarzystwa oraz ich rodziny do miłego spędzenia popołudnia. Planowane są różnego rodzaju gry i atrakcje, poczęstunek (w godz. 13:30-15:00) i napoje chłodzące. Więcej informacji: Denny i Tina Churchvara (313) 561-7464.

◆ 14 sierpnia (niedziela) - 21. Dystrykt #9 ZPRKA zaprasza wszystkie Towarzystwa należące do tego Dystryktu, szkoły tańca i języka polskiego ZPRKA, które działają w Dystrykcie #9 oraz wszystkich przyjaciół i sympatyków na 2. doroczny Zjazd Towarzyski Dystryktu oraz 21. doroczny Piknik Tow. św. Józefa (St. Joe Society). Piknik odbędzie się na terenie Polish-American Community Fair Grove, 18600 Glenwood-Thornton Rd. (Vincennes Ave.) w Glenwood, IL w godz. 10-19. Przewidziano wiele atrakcji dla wszystkich uczestników. Msza św. - godz. 12 w południe. Wręczenie stypendiów dla młodzieży studenckiej - godz. 14:00. Muzyka w wykonaniu Ted Tomczak's Five - godz. 15:00. Bilety - \$10.00 dorośli, dzieci - wstęp wolny. Rezerwacje do dnia 5 sierpnia, 2011 u Elizabeth Sadus, 847 Marian Way, Chicago Hts., IL 60411. Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: PRCUA District 9. Informacje: Elizabeth Grabowski (219) 923-6613 lub Barbara Pawłowski (708) 207-5692.

◆ 20 sierpnia (sobota) - 57. Turniej Piłki Sofball ZPRKA - Henry Ford Field, Hall i West Roads, Woodhaven, MI. Gospodarzem tegorocznego turnieju jest Towarzystwo #718 (St. Stan's Society). Dan Gdowski i komitet organizacyjny turnieju zaplanowali dla uczestników turnieju i gości różne imprezy i atrakcje, m.in.: lunch w pawilonie przy boisku oraz bankiet w hotelu. Goście przyjezdni mogą zatrzymać się w Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI. Cena pokoi wynosi \$66 za noc plus podatek. Osoby zainteresowane noclegiem powinny dokonać rezerwacji przed 13 sierpnia 2011 r. Uwaga: maksimum 4 osoby mogą zostać zakwaterowane w jednym pokoju. Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc do Best Western pod numer (734) 676-8000; należy poprosić o umieszczenie w pokoju zarezerwowanym w sekcji dla ZPRKA (P.R.C.U.A. room block). Wszyscy zawodnicy muszą być członkami ZPRKA i muszą do 8 sierpnia nadesłać wypełniony formularz oraz opłatę w wysokości \$50.00 od drużyny. Więcej informacji można uzyskać kontaktując się z Departamentem Braterstwa ZPRKA (Fraternal Department).

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

ZMIANY OPROCENTOWANIA KONT ANNUITY

Z dniem 1 maja 2011 r. weszły w życie zmiany oprocentowania rocznego na nowe konta Annuity oferowane przez ZPRKA. Gwarantowane minimum oprocentowania na nowe konta wyniesie nie mniej niż 2% przez okres posiadania konta Annuity. Zmiany oprocetowania są zależne od fluktuacji rynku. Wysokość oprocentowania wyliczna jest na podstawie możliwości obniżenia kosztów ogólnych przy jednoczesnym silnym wykładniku wypłacalności. W celu uzyskania bieżących informacji o zmianach na kontach annuity, prosimy odwiedzać naszą stronę: www.prcua.org lub skontaktować się z jednym z biur ZPRKA.

Jesteście 100-procentową rodziną ZPRKA? Przyślijcie nam swoje zdjęcie!

W październiku obchodzić będziemy Miesiąc Dziedzictwa Polsko-Amerykańskiego. W związku z tym na środkowych stronach "Narodu Polskiego" pragniemy zamieścić zdjęcia 100-procentowych rodzin ZPRKA.

Zwracamy się do wszystkich członków o nadsyłanie zdjęć swoich rodzin do redakcji "Narodu Polskiego". Prosimy o załączenie nazwisk osób przedstawionych na zdjęciach (w kolejności od lewej do prawej). Prosimy również o wymieninie nazwisk członków rodziny, którzy są również członkami ZPRKA ale nie znajdują się na zdjęciu. Również prosimy o załączenie nazwy miejscowości, w której mieszka najstarsza osoba na zdjęciu (np: Anthony i Stella Figlock z Hudson, PA; dzieci Eleanor (Joseph) Sobol i Francis (Annette) Figlock oraz wnuki Anette, Claire, Karyn, John i Robert. Jeśli w Wasi zmarli dziadkowie lub rodzice byli również członkami ZPRKA, prosimy o zamieszczenie ich nazwisk.

Zdjęcia i nazwiska prosimy przesyłać na adres: Narod Polski Editor, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 lub prosimy przesłać zdjęcie w formacie JPEG pocztą elektroniczną na adres: kathryn.rosypal@prcua.org. Prosimy o wpisanie słowa OCTOBER w linii SUBJECT. Prosimy również o poinformowanie redakcji czy życzycie sobie, aby zdjęcie zostało zwrócone.

POLSKA OBEJMUJE PREZYDENCJĘ W UE

1 lipca 2011 roku Polska stanie po raz pierwszy na czele Rady Unii Europejskiej (UE). Polska przystąpiła do UE 1 maja 2004 r.

Prezydencja Rady Unii Europejskiej to okres, w którym dane państwo członkowskie przewodniczy pracom Rady UE i jej organów pomocniczych (komitety i grupy robocze), przewodniczy posiedzeniom Rady i reprezentuje Radę wobec innych instytucji (Komisji Europejskiej i Parlamentu Europejskiego), a także na arenie międzynarodowej, przy współpracy z wysokim przedstawicielem ds. polityki zagranicznej i bezpieczeństwa oraz komisarzem ds. stosunków zewnętrznych. Prezydencja jest pełniona przez okres półroczny, rotacyjnie przez wszystkich członków Unii Europejskiej w ustalonej wcześniej kolejności. Obecna kolejność prezydencji została określona w Decyzji Rady z dnia 1 stycznia 2007 r. w sprawie porządku sprawowania prezydencji w Radzie (2007/5/WE, Euratom). Porządek sprawowania prezydencji w Radzie został ustalony do połowy 2020 r.

Od 2007 trwały przygotowania organizacyjne do polskiej Prezydencji. W 2008 r. powołany został Pełnomocnik rządu ds. Prezydencji, a w styczniu 2009 r. polski rząd przyjął kompleksowy program przygotowań do tego historycznego wydarzenia. W 2009 roku zabezpieczone zostały środki finansowe na organizację oraz rozpoczęto przygotowania logistyczne i szkolenia dla polskich urzędników oraz pierwsze działania informacyjno-promocyjne.

W okresie prezydencji Polska będzie pierwszym państwem tria: Rzeczpospolita Polska – Królestwo Danii – Republika Cypryjska.

Na okres prezydencji Polski w UE zaplanowano szereg wydarzeń i imprez towarzyszących, m.in.: inaugurację w Warszawie (1 lipca), szczyt Partnerstwa Wschodniego w Warszawie (wrzesień), liczne koncerty, Europejski Kongres Kultury we Wrocławiu (8 - 11 września), szczyt Unia Europejska-Indie w Delhi (grudzień). Wewnętrznym wydarzeniem polskim będą jesienne wybory parlamentarne oraz planowany szczyt Trójkąta Weimarskiego i Rosji.

BOŻE CIAŁO

Boże Ciało (inaczej - Święto Ciała i Krwi Pańskiej) w Kościele katolickim: uroczystość liturgiczna ku czci Najświętszego Sakramentu. W Polsce Boże Ciało obchodzi się w czwartek po oktawie Zesłania Ducha Świętego, jest to święto ruchome wypadające zawsze 60 dni po Wielkanocy. Święto to zostało ustanowione na skutek widzeń bł. Julianny z Cornillon. Pod ich wpływem bp Robert ustanowił w 1246 r. takie święto dla diecezji Liege. W 1252 r. zostało ono rozszerzone na Germanię. W 1263 r. miał miejsce cud eucharystyczny w Orvieto, gdy hostia w rękach wątpiącego w transsubstancjację księdza zaczęła krwawić. W 1264 r. papież Urban IV bullą Transiturus ustanowił to święto dla całego Kościoła. Uzasadniając przyczyny wprowadzenia tego święta wskazał: zadośćuczynienie za znieważanie Chrystusa w Najświętszym Sakramencie, błędy heretyków oraz uczczenie pamiątki ustanowienia Najświętszego Sakramentu, która w Wielki Czwartek nie może być uroczyście obchodzona ze względu na powagę Wielkiego Tygodnia. Ze względu na śmierć Urbana IV bulla ta nie została ogłoszona, a tym samym święto nie zostało ustanowione. Uczynił to dopiero papież Jan XXII, który umieścił powyższą bullę w Klementynach. W Polsce po raz pierwszy wprowadził to święto bp Nanker w 1320 r. w diecezji krakowskiej. W Polsce obchody świętą wiążą się z procesją z Najświętszym Sakramentem po ulicach parafii. Procesja zatrzymuje się kolejno przy czterech ołtarzach, przy których czytane sa fragmenty z każdej z Ewangelii zwiazane tematycznie z Eucharystią. W Polsce Boże Ciało jest dniem ustawowo wolnym od pracy.

CZY SKORZYSTAŁEŚ ZE SPECJALNEGO PROGRAMU UBEZPIECZENIOWEGO "RODZINA PLUS"

ZPRKA oferuje specjalny program ubezpieczeń na życie, tzw. SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY "RODZINA PLUS" (FAMILY PLUS LIFE INSURANCE SPECIAL). Wykupujący ustala definicję "rodziny". I tak 2 (minimum) lub więcej osób, bez względu na pokrewieństwo stanowią rodzinę, np: rodzice i dzieci; samotny rodzic z dziećmi, dziadkowie z wnukami, 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

Program "Rodzina Plus" dotyczy następujących osób: podstawowego ubezpieczonego oraz innych osób ubezpieczonych. Osoby ubezpieczające się mogą zadecydować, jakie ubezpieczenie odpowiada najlepiej ich potrzebom i możliwościom finansowym. Osoba posiadająca podstawowe ubezpieczenie musi wykupić polisę opiewającą na \$50 tys. ubezpieczenia stałego lub ubezpieczenie mieszane: \$25 tys. upezpieczenia stałego (Whole Life Insurance) i \$25. tys. ubezpieczenia terminowego (Term Life Insurance). Osoba posiadająca drugorzędne ubezpieczenie musi wykupić polisę o wartości minimum \$25 tys. ubezpieczenia stałego lub \$25 tys. ubepieczenia 20-letniego terminowego (20 Year Level Term Life Insurance). Jeśli drugi ubezpieczony jest nieletni (poniżej 16 roku życia), wymagane jest wykupienie polisy o wartości minimum \$10 tys. ubezpieczenia stałego.

SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY "RODZINA PLUS" zostanie przygotowany indywidualnie dla każdej rodziny.

Wysokość składek wyliczona zostanie przy użyciu standartowych obliczeń oraz wieku i płci osób ubezpieczonych, wybranego planu, wysokości ubezpieczenia, itp. Każda rodzina wykupująca SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY "RODZINA PLUS", otrzyma 10% zniżkę na roczną opłatę przy wykupie ubezpieczenia oraz przy następnej każdorazowej rocznej opłacie.

ABY SIĘ DOWIEDZIEĆ JAK SKORZYSTAĆ Z TEJ WSPANIAŁEJ OFERTY, prosimy skontaktować się z lokalnym agentem sprzedaży lub z jednym z biur ZPRKA: w Ohio - (800) 318-8234; w Pennsylwanii - (800) 558-8792; w biurze głównym w Chicago - (800) 772-8632 lub (773) 782-2600.

IMPREZY POLONIJNE

BIBLIOTEKA MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE zaprasza na wyprzedaż duplikatów książek, która odbędzie się w sobotę, 23 lipca (od 10 do 16) i niedzielę, 24 lipca 2011 roku (od 11 do 15) w sali jadalnej na parterze Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce (pod adresem 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL). W tym roku będą także sprzedawne pamiątki z Polski. Książki nie sprzedane podczas wyprzedaży zostaną przecenione i będą dostępne do 31 lipca w godzinach otwarcia biblioteki, czyli w poniedziałek, wtorek, piątek i sobotę: 10:00-16:00 oraz w środę: 13:00-19:00. Wyprzedaż jest corocznym przedsięwzięciem biblioteki Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Składa się na nią roczna praca bibliotekarzy i wolontariuszy. Dochód z wyprzedaży jest przeznaczony na rozwój placówki, która jest instytucją niedochodową. Biblioteka istnieje już 96 lat. W ciągu bieżącego roku biblioteka MPA będzie przechodziła zmianę oprogramowania. Książki wystawione na sprzedaż pochodzą z darów i przedstawiają ogromną rozmaitość tematów. Dodatkowe informacje 1-773-384-3352 wew. 101. Darmowy parking przy budynku - prosimy używać wejścia od parkingu.

POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB zaprasza na obiad i zabawę w niedzielę, 31 lipca 2011 r. w Glendora Banquets przy 10225 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL. Impreza ma na celu zgromadzenie funduszy na stypendia dla młodzieży studenckiej. Do chwili obecnej Polish American Cultural Club przyznał stypendia w wysokości ok. 130 tys. dolarów. W programie: obiad w stylu rodzinnym (ok. godz. 13:00), muzyka taneczna w wykonaniu zespołu "Ampolaires" (godz. 14:30-17:30). W czasie zabawy odbędzie się loteria fantowa i loteria pieniężna. Cena biletów \$45.00 dorośli; \$15 dzieci w wieku 4-10 lat; \$12.00 - osoby, które przyjdą tylko na zabawę taneczną. Płatny bar otwarty będzie w godzinach 12:00-17:30. Informacje i bilety: George Rutkowski (708) 354-7741. Rezerwacje muszą zostać dokonane do 15 lipca 2011 r. Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: Polish American Cultural Club (PACC) i przesyłać na adres: George Rutkowski, 525 N. Stone Ave., LaGrange Park, IL 60526.



Więcej nowych mieszkań w Warszawie - W Warszawie na chętnych czeka aż 18 tysięcy nowych mieszkań. W ciągu miesiąca na rynek trafiło 1,5 tys. lokali. Deweloperzy wykorzystują tanie grunty, możliwości finansowe i doświadczenie i starają się budować mieszkania dopasowane do potrzeb klientów. W kwietniu w całej Warszawie sprzedało się ok. 950 lokali (ponad 13% lepszy od odnotowanego rok wcześniej). Również deweloperzy w innych miastach wierzą w dobra koniunkturę. Na rynku krakowskim odnotowano w ofercie prawie 6,6 tys. mieszkań (25% więcej niż w kwietniu 2010 r.). Wrocław stał się trzecim miastem - po Warszawie i Krakowie - w którym deweloperzy intensywnie budują prowadzone jest tam 160 inwestycji - 6,4 tys. lokali (rok wcześniej 4 tys. mieszkań). Kupujący najczęściej poszukują dwóch pokoi na najwyżej 45 mkw., i trzech - do 60 mkw. Średnia cena ofertowa nowych mieszkań w głównych miastach w Polsce wynosiła na koniec maja prawie 7,2 tys. zł za mkw. Cena lokali sprzedanych - 6,7 tys. zł za mkw. Cena jest wciąż najważniejszym kryterium wyboru mieszkania. Nabywcy oczekują odpowiedniej jakości za odpowiednią cenę. Deweloperzy starają się więc dodatkowo uatrakcyjnić ofertę, proponując chociażby korzystne formy płatności: np. w systemie 10/90 - klient 10% wartości mieszkania wpłaca przy podpisaniu z deweloperem umowy przedwstępnej, resztę - gdy lokal jest już gotowy. Coraz większe znaczenie dla klientów ma także architektura budynku. Do standardowej oferty deweloperów należy też dodatkowa pomoc przy indywidualnej aranżacji lokalu. Ważne są także place zabaw, przedszkola i tereny zielone wokół budynków.

Umowy czasowe coraz popularniejsze - Większość firm w Polsce stosuje umowy na czas określony (co czwarta umowa). Według GUS (Główny Urząd Statystyczny) pracuje tak ponad 3 mln spośród blisko 13 mln zatrudnionych na etatach. Firmy i pracownicy, choć mogą, nie korzystają powszechnie z innych form uelastycznienia zatrudnienia. Popularna jest także praca w niepełnym wymiarze godzin stosowana przez 55% badanych firm oraz zatrudnianie na podstawie umowy cywilnoprawnej (39% przedsiębiorstw). 28% firm przyznaje, że stosuje wiecej niż jedna czasowa umowe o prace z tym samym pracownikiem. Przeciętnie są cztery, a ich średni czas trwania to niespełna dziesięć miesięcy. Większość przedsiębiorców, bo 80%, pracownikom tak zatrudnianym proponuje potem stały etat, w przypadku 9% są to inne formy współpracy. W pierwszym kwartale br. na ponad 12,7 mln pracowników ponad 3,19 mln miało umowy czasowe. Mamy największy w Europie procent umów czasowych w stosunku do stałych. Umowy czasowe są oferowane młodym ludziom przeciętnie trzy razy częściej niż osobom z doświadczeniem zawodowym. Aby ten trend uległ zmianie należy odbudować system szkolnictwa zawodowego i technicznego, wprowadzenie do szkolnictwa krajowych ram kwalifikacji i dostosowanie ich do ram europejskich, tak by kwalifikacje polskich absolwentów były porównywalne z kwalifikacjami absolwentów w innych krajach europejskich. Pracodawcy zwracają uwagę na to, że nie wszyscy pracownicy mogą mieć umowy stałe. Z perspektywy firmy, utrzymywanie trzech czwartych stałego zatrudnienia i rotacja jednej czwartej jest odpowiednia. Choć umowy czasowe są akceptowane przez ponad 40% pracowników, to częściej niż przedsiębiorcy wskazują oni na ryzyko rotacji zatrudnienia oraz na wahania wynagrodzenia. W Polsce jest nadal wysokie bezrobocie – w I kwartale br. na 1000 pracujących przypadało 1000 osób biernych zawodowo i bezrobotnych. W urzędach pracy pod koniec kwietnia zarejestrowanych było ponad 2 mln osób, a stopa bezrobocia wyniosła 12,6%. Wśród grup wiekowych najbardziej narażone na bezrobocie są osoby młode, szczególnie te z najniższym wykształceniem.

Relikwie Jana Pawła II trafią do bazyliki w Szczecinie – W szczecińskiej bazylice pod wezwaniem św. Jana Chrzciciela zostaną złożone relikwie Jana Pawła II. Będą to jedyne relikwie pierwszej klasy bł. papieża w diecezji Szczecińsko-Kamieńskiej. Proboszcz parafii ks. prałat Aleksander Ziejewski otrzymał je od pewnego księdza wraz z wszystkimi pieczęciami i certyfikatami potwierdzającymi ich autentyczność wystawionymi przez Stolicę Apostolską. Relikwie - kosmyk włosów Jana Pawła II - zostaną wniesione do kościoła, a następnie zainstalowane na ołtarzu podczas uroczystej mszy św., którą odprawi abp Andrzej Dzięga. W ołtarzach szczecińskiej bazyliki spoczywają już relikwie pierwszej klasy m.in. św. siostry Faustyny, bł. Matki Teresy z Kalkuty, bł. ks. Jerzego Popiełuszki. Bazylika pod wezwaniem św. Jana Chrzciciela ma szczególne znaczenie dla katolików na Pomorzu Zachodnim. Była to jedyna katolicka świątynia w protestanckim niemieckim Szczecinie. Pierwsza parafia katolicka w tym mieście działała od 1809 r. Uzyskała zgodę władz i zebrała fundusze na budowę świątyni, którą konsekrowano w 1890 r. Kościół jest obecnie bazyliką i kościołem Farnym, czyli najważniejszą świątynią miasta.

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BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE Alex Storożyński laureatem nagrody "Ducha Polskości"



Pracownicy PMA sprzedają gościom bilety na loterie.

W piątek, 10 czerwca odbył się w jednej z sal balowych hotelu Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers w śródmieścu Chicago, 31. Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. O godz. 19 goście spotkali się przy koktajlach.

Bal oficjalnie rozpoczęła i gości powitała przewodniczaca balu, Betty Uzarowicz. Hvmnv narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych odśpiewały Halina Misterka Geraldine Balut-

Coleman. Krótka inwokację odmówił ks. Stanisław Czernecki, S.J., przełożony Jezuickiego Centrum Milenijnego w Chicago. Uroczysty toast na cześć gości oraz za pomyślność





Goście 31. Balu Letniego Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce wzniosła prezeska PMA Maria Cieśla.

W czasie uroczystej kolacji goście słuchali różnorodnych utworów muzycznych w wykonaniu orkiestry Antoniego Kawałkowskiego.

Po kolacji prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla, dyrektor MPA Jan Loryś oraz przewodniczący Rady Dyrektorów MPA i prezes Zjednoczenai Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., wręczyli kwiaty i przekazali podziękowania grupie tzw. "Białych Kruków", czyli sponsorów, którzy przekazali na Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce donacje w wysokości \$1000 lub więcej. W grupie "Białych Kruków" były zarówno organizacje jak i osoby prywatne: Deborah Greenlee; pp. Alicia L. i Dr. Robert Dutka; Col J.N. Pritzker, ILARNG; Polskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne w Ameryce; Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce; pp. Judy i Joseph A. Drobot; pp. Maria i Richard Cieśla; Związek Polek w Ameryce; pp. Joan i Donald Versen; Kenneth P. Gill - ku pamieci śp. Marlene Wilczyński Gill; Virginia Cudecki - ku pamięci Mary J. Palasz i Maryann S. Palasz; donacja złożona na renowację Galerii Sztuki MPA; pp. Anna i Mark Sokołowscy; Betty Uzarowicz; Joan Kosiński; Thaddeusz J. Makarewicz; Chicago Society Foundation.

Następnie przedstawiony został tegoroczny laureat nagrody "Ducha Wyróżnienie to Polskości". przyznawane jest od 1987 roku osobie prywatnej lub organizacji, która szczególnie zasłużyła sie w propagowaniu polskości w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Tegorocznym laureatem nagrody został dziennikarz, laureat nagrody Pulitzera, pisarz, obecnv prezes Fundacii Kościuszkowskiej, Alex Storożyński.

Alex Storożyński urodził sie w polskiej dzielnicy w nowojorskim Greenpoincie. Jest synem synem imigrantów polskich Ireny (z d. Krzyżanowskiej) i Dionizego Storożyńskich. Studiował w State



University of New Your oraz Columbia University. gdzie uzyskał tytuł magistra na wydziale dziennikarstwa. Pracował i pisał artykuły dla takich wydawnictw jak Philadelphia Inquirer. Boston Globe, New York Daily News, amNewYork, Wall Street Journal. Chicago Tribune, New York Post, Newsday, Empire State Report i innych. W latach 1985-87

był stypendystą na



Ks. Stanisław Czarnecki, S.J. odmówił inwokację, uroczysty toast wzniosła prezeska Muzeum Polskiego Maria Cieśla.

Uniwersytecie Warszawskim i miał okazję przprowadzić wywiady z Lechem Wałęsą i innymi ówczesnymi przywódcami "Solidarności". W 1991 r. był wykładowcą w Charles University w Pradze.

Od wielu lat prowadzi w uczelniach w USA, Polsce i Kanadzie wykłady na temat Tadeusza Kościuszki. Wielokrotnie wystąpił w programach telewizyjnych w Nowym Jorku i w Europie. Jest również częstym gościem Programu I Radia Polskiego.

Za swoje artykuły redakcyjne otrzymał szereg nagród: Pulitzer Award (1999), George Polk Award (1999), Sigma Delta Chi Award (1999), Deadline Club Award (1999 i 2001), Associated Press Award (1996, 1997, 1998, 2000), Silurian Award (1997, 2001).

Otrzymał wiele wyróżnień i tytułów: w 2006 r. prezydent RP przyznał mu order Złotego

Krzyża Zasługi, w 2005 roku gazeta Polish-World American nadała mu tytuł "Człowieka roku". W 2004 r polski magazyn Przegląd nazwał p. Storożyńskiego 'nowvm typem przywódcy polskiej społeczności" oraz uznał go jako jednego ze 100 najbardziej wpływowych Polaków

mieszkających zagranicą.



Laureat nagrody "Ducha Polskości" Alex Storożyński (drugi z prawej) z członkami zarządu i dyrekcji PMA.

Alex Storożyński jest autorem biografii Tadeusza Kościuszki "The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Era of Revolution", wydanej przez St. Martin's Press, w 2009 r. oraz eseju "From Serfdom to Freedom: Polish Catholics Find A Refuge," opublikowanego w kolekcji Catholics in New York, Society Culture, and Politics, 1808-1946.

Od. 2010 r. zajął się aktywnie prowadzeniem międzynarodowej kampani mającej na celu skorygowanie amerykańskich środków przekazu, które wina za Holokaust obarczaja Polskę, a nie Niemcy, a od br. kampani przeciwko informacjom, które podają iż obóz koncentracyjny Dachau znaidował sie na terenie Polski.

Przekazując nagrodę "Ducha Polskości", Maria Cieśla podkreśliła iż Muzeum Polskie wręcza to wyróżnienie p. Storożyńskiemu z wielką dumą i wdzięcznością.

Prezeska Maria Cieśla przedstawiła również gościom balu p. Stephena Kuśmierczaka, który jest sponsorem prac renowacyjnych w Galerii Sztuki MPA, która będzie nosić imię rodziców p. Kuśmierczaka - pp. Elizabeth i Stephena Kuśmierczak i otwarta zostanie w listopadzie 2011 r.

Na zakończenie części oficjalnej odbyło się losowanie nagród w loteriach, które

sprzedawane były w czasie balu przez pracowników i wolonatariuszy MPA. W balu uczstniczyło ok. 150 osób. Wśród gości obecni byli m.in. zastępca konsula RP w Chicago Robert Rusiecki, przedstawiciele Zwiazku Narodowego Polskiego. Związku Polek w Ameryce, Związku Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, chicagowskiego oddziału Fundacji Kościuszkowskiej oraz Związku Lekarzy Polskich w Ameryce z prezesem Józefem Mazurkiem, który w czasie balu przekazał na ręce przeseki Marii Cieśli czek w wysokości \$5000.

"Białe Kruki" - hojni ofiarodawcy, którzy przekazali na Muzeum Polskei donacje w wysokości \$1000 lub więcej.

Z ZESPOŁEM "POLONIA" W KOLEJNE 25-LECIE SREBRNY JUBILEUSZ ZESPOŁU PIEŚNI I TAŃCA "POLONIA"

W niedzielę, 12 czerwca 2011 r. odbyła się w salach bankietowych "Białego Orła" w Niles, IL Biesiada jubileuszowa "Z Polonią przez świat" zorganizowana z okazji obchodzonego przez Zespół Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia" jubileuszu 25-lecia istnienia.

Na stołach wokół sali ustawione zostały plansze, na których wystawione były zdjęcia z licznych podróży zespołu po Stanach Zjednoczonych i świecie.

Gości powitała dyrektorka zespołu Anna Krysińska, która przedstawiła założycielkę i Cecylia Rożnowska i prowadzący program choreografkę zespołu oraz dyrektorkę

artystyczną, Cecylię Rożnowską, która w tym roku obchodzi również jubileusz 55-lecia pracy artystycznej. Po krótkim wystąpieniu pani Rożnowskiej, Anna Krysińska przedstawiła współprowadzącego wraz z nią imprezę Marka Dobrzyckiego oraz przedstawicieli organizacji, którzy obecni byli na sali.

Program artystyczny rozpoczął Wiesław Spirala, który zarecytował wiersz przez siebie wiersz. zadedykowany p. Cecylii Rożnowskiej.

Następnie wystąpily różne grupy dzieci i młodzieży. Koncert rozpoczeły najmłodsze dzieci, czyli "Krasnoludki" przebrane za elfy. Do nich dołaczyli inni mali tancerze przebrani za zwierzątka i małe baletnice. Zaprezentowali oni obrazki "Tam za lasem" i "Dżungla, dżungla". Następnie pojawili się mali piraci, którzy wykazali się talentami tanecznymi i

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gimnastvcznvmi obrazku "Piraci znad Bałtyku".

Z kolei wystąpiła starsza grupa tancerzy "Młoda Polonia", która zaprezentowala taniec rosvjski. Najstarsi tancerze Reprezentacji, ubrani w szlacheckie stroje polskie, przedstawili mazura z opery "Straszny dwór".

Precyzyja i profesjonalizm, z jakim wykonali taniec, wywolały burze oklasków.

piosenkę zadedykowaną zmarłej niedawno pani Marlene Wilczyński Gill, która była wielbicielką zespołu i w dniu biesiady obchodziłaby swoje urodziny.

Następnie "Młoda Polonia" zprezentowała tańce kurpiowskie, "Polonia" - suitę tańców z okolic Nowego Sącza, a "Mała Polonia" zabawy rzeszowskie. W czasie kolejnej przerwy między tańcami goście wysłuchali recytacji wiersza "Kto ty jesteś, Polak mały". Wystep zakonczyły krakowiak w wykonaniu "Radosnej Polonii", obrazek "Na krakowskim rynku' "Polonii" oraz wykonana przez caly zespół

w wykonaniu piosenka jubieluszowa autorstwa Wiesława Spirali do muzvki Mieczysława Dzisia.

Po zakończeniu programu artystycznego dyrektorka Anna

Krysiński choreografowie Cecylia Rożnowska i Iwona Puc oraz dyrektor muzyczny Mieczysław Dziś



Marek Dobrzycki.





Małe elfy (u góry), zwierzątka i baletnice.



Mazur w wykonaniu Reprezentacji.

W przerwie miedzy tańcami, Ola Podowski zaśpiewała

Solo Oli Podowskiej.



Taniec rosyjski.



Ewa Wszołek, Bogusia Partyka, Danuta Podowski, Edyta Mosz, Ania Rożko, Konsul Robert Rusiecki, dyrekcji zespołu i tancerzem serdeczne Robert Wójciak.



Monica Cholewiński, Joanna Tomaszewski, Justvna Kościelniak, Peter Kościelniak, Marta Milewski, Jessica Maslowiec, Phillip Sobon, Małgosia Rożko.



Drugi rząd: Krzystof Ptaszek, Konsul Robert Rusiecki, Jonathan Krysinski, Mateusz Podowski, Robert Federowicz. Front: konsul Aleksandra Krystek, Ania Majka, Paulina Partyka, Jaclyn Krysiński, Magdalena Rożko, Angela Wojnowski, (założycielka oraz przez 30 lat dyrektor i Ola Podowski.



Tomek Tarnowski, James Robaczewski, Joseph Drobot, Anna Sokołowski, Jacklyn Krysiński, Cecylia Rożnowska, Mieczysław Dziś, Anna Krysiński, Iwona Puc, Krzysztof Ptaszek,



otrzymali wiazanki kwiatów.

Prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot wręczył pani Cecylii Rożnowskiej pamiątkową plakietę, w podziekowaniu za 55 lat pracy artystycznej i 25 lat pracy jako choreograf i dyrektor artystyczny zespołu "Polonia".

Inwokację przed obiadem odmówił proboszcz parafii św. Ferdynanda, ks. Jason Torba.

Po obiedzie zastępca konsula RP w Chicago, Robert Rusiecki, złożył gratulacje w imieniu konsulatu oraz wręczył pamiatkowe dyplomy rodzicom, którzy są bardzo zaangażowani w działalność zespołu oraz tancerzom, którzy występują w zespole od ponad 10 lat.

Dyrektorka zespołu Anna Krysińska wręczyła dyplomy uznania tancerzom, którzy są w zespole od 24 lat. Wiceprezeska ZPRKA Anna Sokołowski przekazała na ręce dyrekcji zespołu plakietę uznania.

Na zakończenie odśpiewano wspólnie "Sto Lat". Wieczór zakończyła zabawa taneczna.



Prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot wręczył Cecylii Rożnowskiej pamiątkową plakietę.

Skrócona historia zespołu

W 1984 r. Cecylia Rożnowska choreograf ZPiT "Warmia" w Olsztynie)

> jej córka Anna Krysińska, rozpoczęły organizowanie zespołów pieśni i tańca ludowego dla dzieci i młodzieży w Chicago.

> Początkiem dzisiejszego 160osobowego zespołu "Polonia" było "Jackowo", utworzone przy Parafii św. Jacka w Chicago, w centrum polonijnej dzielnicy. Wiceprezeską ZPRKA była w tym czasie p. Regina Oćwieja, a

Konsul Aleksandra Krystek. Tadeusz Pacyniak, Teresa Pacvniak. Ewa Cholewiński, Wiesław Spirala, Maria Majka, Marianna Dziś, Wanda Tomaszewski. Roman Tomaszewski.

dyrektorką Dyst. 7 p. Shirley Dudzinski.

W 1985 r. powstał zespół "Mała Polonia". Potem co roku przybywały nowe grupy małych tancerzy i śpiewaków, składające się z dzieci i młodzieży od lat 2,5 do 25. Dziś w skład Zespołu wchodzą grupy: "Polonia", "Młoda Polonia", "Mała Polonia", "Radosna Polonia" i "Krasnoludki".

W ciągu 25-letniej działalności, dzieci i młodzież brały aktywny udział w życiu kulturalnym i społecznym środowiska polonijnego i amerykańskiego.

Tancerze "Polonii" występowali przed premierem Polski Tadeuszem Mazowieckim, prezydentem Lechem Wałęsą, prymasem Polski Józefem Glempem oraz arcybiskupem Chicago kard. Francis George. W 1996 roku dzieci wzięły udział w Światowym Festiwalu Polonijnych Zespołów Ludowych w Winnipeg w Kanadzie, w latach 1997-99 w Festiwalu Polskim w Milwaukee i Wisconsin Dells oraz w trzeciomajowych uroczystościach na Florydzie i w Dallas Teksas. Przy różnych okazjach młodzieź występowała w Konsultacie RP w Chicago. Wielokrotnie zespół występował na uroczystościach organizowanych przez władze miasta Chicago i stanu Illinois. Kilkakrotnie zapraszany był do prywatnej rezydencji gubernatora stanu w Springfield, II, występował na Taste of Chicago i w Navy Pier. Brał też udział w wielkiej imprezie organizowanej przez burmistrza miasta Chicago Richarda Daley, 31 grudnia 1999 r. w siedzibie Towarzystwa Historycznego w Chicago, dla uczczenia nowego milenium, tańcząc dla delegacji z całego świata. Zespół "Polonia" prezentował także swój program w Planetarium Adlera z okazji otwarcia wystawy "Od Kopernika do Heweliusza".

Do tradycji przeszły już niemal bale i zabawy organizowane przez komitety rodzicielskie. W programach zespołów są takie imprezy jak: Halloween, Mikołaj i Choinka z przedstawieniami jasełkowymi i Wigilią, powitanie wiosny - święconka czy uroczyste zakończenie roku szkolnego połączone z wręczeniem świadectw. Ze środków wypracowanych przez rodziców, nauczycieli oraz zespoły zostały zakupione w Polsce oryginalne kostiumy oraz aparatura nagłaśniająca.

Zespół Polonia podbił publiczność, zyskał sympatię i odnosił sukcesy nie tylko w USA, ale i na całym świecie. "Polonia" miała dwukrotnie zaszczyt występować dla papieża Jana Pawła II oraz brała udział w licznych festiwalach tańca ludowego w kilku krajach na świecie: Tajwan (2002), Polska (2003 i 2007), Węgry (2004), Bułgaria (2005), Peru (2006), Brazylia i Puerto Rico (2007), Hiszpania i Portugalia (2008), Ekwador (2009), Kolumbia i Kanada (2010). W tym roku zespół wyjedzie w lipcu do Polski, gdzie weźmie udział w Festiwalu Tańca Ludowego w Rzeszowie.

"Polonia" zyskuje coraz większe uznanie. Imponujący dorobek artystyczny, wysoki poziom wykonania oraz zaangażowanie zespołu w życie chicagowskiej Polonii sprawiło, że zespół jest serdecznie zapraszany do udziału zarówno w festiwalach międzynarodowych jak i lokalnych uroczystościach politycznych.

Kilka miesięcy temu Zespół Polonia otrzymał od dziekana Departamentu Kultury Uniwersytetu Northeastern (uczelnia ma wśród swoich studentów pokaźną liczbę Polaków), Pana Shayne Cofer, zaproszenie do zaprezentowania warsztatów tanecznych dla studentów i wykładowców tej powszechnie znanej uczelni. Zadaniem tego pokazu połączonego z wykładem na temat pochodzenia wybranych tańców polskich, było podkreślenie znaczenia kultury ludowej w kształtowaniu tradycji i wartości narodowych. Założeniem warsztatów było wprowadzenie tańca polskiego na stałe do programu nauczania na Uniwersytecie Northeastern, co zostało osiągnięte. Od nowego semestru jesiennego 2011 "Taniec Polski" będzie jako przedmiot wykładowy w ramach programu 101.

Tak rozległa działalność popularyzująca polską kulturę oraz szeroko pojęta edukacja kulturalną dzieci i młodzieży jest możliwa dzięki ogromnemu zaangażowaniu społecznemu dyrekcji, grona nauczycieli oraz wspaniałych rodziców. Wytężona praca w okresie 25 lat zaowocowała wieloma sukcesami, z których najważniejszym jest to, iż ogromna rzesza dzieci i młodzieży poznała i pokochała polski taniec, piosenki, zwyczaje i tradycje. Wśród młodzieży rozwinęło się zainteresowanie polską sztuką i pięknem języka polskiego, nawiązały się przyjaźnie pomiędzy uczniami, a także pomiędzy rodzicami.

Polonia zawdzięcza swoj sukces kadrze nauczycielskiej. Od 23 lat kierownikiem muzycznym i akompaniatorem jest Mieczysław Dziś, znakomity muzyk, nauczyciel śpiewu i akompaniator. Z okazji Jubileuszu nagrodzony został odznaką Zasłużony dla Kultury Polskiej. Nauczycielką w przedszkolu artystycznym Krasnoludki, Radosnej, Małej i Młodej Polonii jest wnuczka pani Cecylii Rożnowskiej, absolwentka Studium Polonijnego dla choreografów - Jaclyn Krysinski. Od 2010 roku choreografem "Poloni" jest Iwona Puc - wieloletnia tancerka i choreograf polskich zespołów ludowych. W latach ubiegłych współpracowały z zespołem: Mirosława Szabla, Jadwiga Kościelniak-Malewicka, Monika Derdas, Krystyna Fijor-Borys oraz Olga Turos.

Od początku istnienia dyrektorką zespołu z ramienia ZPRKA jest Anna Krysiński, tancerka Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca "Warmia" w Olsztynie. Anna Krysiński odznacza się ogromnym talentem organizatorskim oraz zdolnością nawiązywania kontaktów z ludźmi. Za swoją działalność w środowisku polonijnym została nagrodzona Złotą Odznaką "Zasłużony dla Kultury Polskiej", "Złotym Krzyżem Zasługi" oraz nagrodą skarbnika stanowego stanu Illinois.

Filarem i duszą całego Centrum jest dyrektor artystyczny i choreograf, zasłużony pedagog z Polski, Pani Cecylia Rożnowska, której determinacja, energia i zapał, rozległa wiedza i 55letnie doświadczenie przyczyniły się do tego, że zespół osiągnął obecny, wysoki poziom i odniosł tak wiele znakomitych sukcesów w USA i na świecie.

W 2003 r., dzięki pomocy adwokata Lewisa Matuszewich, "Polonia" otrzymała status organizacji charytatywnej 501-c. Zespół posiada Radę Doradczą, przepiękne stroje dla zespołu szyją panie Ewa Wszołek i Agnieszka Woźny. Stronę internetową zespołu utworzyli i prowadzą pp. Wanda i Roman Tomaszewscy. Dzięki Copernicus Foundation, która w 2004 r. objęła opieką najmłodszą grupę "Krasnoludki", w budunku fundacji odbywają się też próby "Radosnej" i "Młodej Polonii". Bogatą dokumentację pracy Zespół zawdzięcza środkom masowego przekazu.

Ksiądz Andrzej Wypych nowym biskupem pomocniczym w Chicago



Papież Benedykt XVI powołał dwóch księży na biskupów w archidiecezji chicagowskiej. Jednym z nowo mianowanych biskupów został ksiądz Andrzej Wypych, proboszcz parafii św. Franciszka Borgii w Chicago. Stolicą tytularną nowego biskupa została Naraggara. Ksiądz Wypych zastąpi biskupa Tomasza Paprockiego, który sprawuje obecnie posługę w Springfield.

Sakrę biskupią otrzymał również ks. Alberto Rojas z kościoła Dobrego Pasterza. Ks. Rojas zajmie miejsce zwolnione przez Gustavo Garcię – Sillera, który został arcybiskupem w San Antonio.

Biskup pomocniczy Archidiecezji Chicago. ks. Andrzej Wypych.

Ks. Andrzej Piotr Wypych urodził się 5 grudnia 1954 roku w Kazimierzy Wielkiej. Przygotowywał się do kapłaństwa w

Wyższym Seminarium Duchownym archidiecezji krakowskiej, gdzie uzyskał magisterium z teologii. Święcenia kapłańskie przyjął w 1979 r. z rąk ówczesnego kardynała Karola Wojtyły. Następnie pracował duszpastersko w parafiach świętych Apostołów Szymona i Judy Tadeusza w Kozach (1979-1981) oraz św. Marcina w Jawiszowicach (1981-1983).

W 1983 przybył do Chicago i w 1989 r. został inkardynowany do tamtejszej archidiecezji. Pracował najpierw jako wikariusz a następnie proboszcz różnych tamtejszych parafii: Pięciu Braci Polaków i Męczenników, St. Giles, St. Władysława i św. Pankracego. Od maja 2002 roku był proboszczem parafii św. Franciszka Boargii. Od 2009 r. jest dziekanem dekanatu IV-D archidiecezji chicagowskiej. Poza polskim i angielskim zna włoski i francuski.



Zmarł dr. Theodore C. Compall

W niedzielę, 29 maja zmarł w Chicago w wieku 89 lat doktor Theodore C. Compall (wł. Compala), który przez około 30 lat (od 1982 r.) był dyrektorem ds. medycznych w ZPRKA.

Dr. Compall urodził się we Lwowie (przed II wojną światową Polska, obecnie Ukraina). W wieku 3 lat przypłynął wraz z rodzicami do Stanów Zjednoczonych na pokładzie statku SS Veendam w 1925 r. Osiedlili się w Chicago, gdzie jego rodzice prowadzili kilka interesów, m.in. sklep modniarski w miejscowości Pilsen, restaurację w Wicker Park i tawernę pod nazwą Quo Vadis.



Dr. Theodore Compall był najstarszym z trzech

synów. Po ukończeniu szkoły średniej wstąpił do **Śp. dr. Teodore C. Compall.** wojska. Po zakończeniu słuzby wojskowej studiował na Uniwersytecie Loyola. Ukończył szkołę medyczną Loyola Stritch School of Mecidine w 1947 r. Następnie wstąpil do lotnictwa, gdzie został komandorem 6 Taktycznego Szwadronu Szpitalnego w bazie Walker Air Force Base w Roswell, N.M.

W 1955 r. dr. Comapll powrócił do Chicago, ożenił się z Lillian Pozdol i założył rodzinę. Panstwo Lillian (która była pielegniarką) i Theodre Comapll osiedli w północno-zachodniej części Chicago, gdzie również dr. Compall otworzył swoją przychodnię medyczną przy 5645 N. Milwaukee Ave. Praktykę tę prowadził do odejścia na emeryturę w 2003 roku.

Dr. Compall pracował również w szpitalach St. Mary of Nazareth w Chicago oraz Holy Family w DesPlaines, którego był jednym z założycieli. W szpitalach pracował jako chirurg, często operując za darmo pacjentów, którzy nie mogli zapłacic za opiekę medyczną.

Dr. Compall był członkiem Towarzystwa #878 ZPRKA. Dr. Theodore Compall zawsze podkreślał dumę ze swojego polskiego pochodzenia i brał aktywny udział w życiu Zjednoczenia oraz był obecny na wielu Sejmach ZPRKA.

Sp. Dr. Theodore Compall pozostawił żonę Lillian, trzech synów: Thad (Ivey), Tom i John (Debbie) Compall oraz siedmioro wnuków.

Msza św. pogrzebowa odprawiona została w kościele Niepokalanego Poczęcia w Chicago. Dr. Compall pochowany został na cmentarzu św. Wojciecha w Niles, IL. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać Panie!

MSZA ŚWIĘTA **KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA**



Procesja do kościoła - z przodu b. prezes ZPRKA Edward Dykla, b. prezes Francis Rutkowski z małżonką oraz inni b. członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji.

Chicago, IL - 12 czerwca w przedpołudniowych godzinach członkowie ZPRKA zebrali się w kościele św. Ferdynanda w Chicago, aby wspólnie uczestniczyć w dorocznej Mszy św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa, odprawionej w intencji wszystkich żyjących i zmarłych członków Zjednoczenia.

Organizatorem i gospodarzem tegorocznej uroczystości był Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA z dyrektorami Anną Krysińską i Robertem Bugielskim na czele.

Mszę św. poprzedziła uroczysta procesia do kościoła prowadzona przez poczet sztandarowy w osobach: Steven DeLonka (Dyst. #7), John Frankowicz



Ks. Antoni Iwuć wygłosił kazanie.

Zespół Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia", który obchodzi w tym roku jubileusz 25-lecia swojego istnienia, ubogacił tegoroczną mszę oprawą muzyczną w wykonaniu członków zespołu, pod kierownictwem dyrektora muzycznego, Mieczysława Dziś.

Homilię wygłosił ks. prałat Antoni Iwuć. W homilli nawiązał do święta Trójcy Świętej (uroczystości

obchodzonej w pierwszą niedzielę po Zesłaniu Ducha Świętego, a więc w 56 dniu po Wielkanocy), które obchodzone było tej niedzieli.

Na zakończenie przemówił krótko prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot, Jr., który podziękował dyrektorom kapelanom ZPRKA, ks. Torbie za przygotowanie Mszy św. w parafii Ferdynanda, dyrektorom ŚW. Dystryktu #7 Annie Krysińskiej i Robertowi Bugielskiemu za zorganizowanie uroczystości i lunchu po mszy św., dyrekcji i nauczycielom oraz członkom zespołu "Polonia" za



Obecny prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot z małżonką oraz księża koncelebransi.



Koncelebransi: (l-p) ks. Jason Torba, ks. Władysław Ptak, ks. Antoni Iwuć.

(Dyst. #8) oraz Paul Pawłowski (Dyst. #9), oraz dzieci i młodzież z zespołu pieśni i tańca 'Polonia" ZPRKA, ubrane w piekne barwne ludowe stroje polskie. Za tancerzami szli byli członkowie dyrekcji i zarządu ZPRKA obecni dyrektorzy i zarząd ZPRKA z rodzinami, kapelani ZPRKA ks. Władysław Ptak i ks. Anthony Iwuć oraz proboszcz parafii św. Ferdynanda ks. Jason Torba.

Ks. Torba powitał wszystkich oraz podziękował ZPRKA za zorganizowanie dorocznej mszy w parafii św. Ferdynanda.

W czasie mszy lektorami byli członkowie ZPiT "Polonia", dary mszalne przynieśli do ołtarza członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA.



Dzieci i młodzież z ZPiT oraz uczestnicy mszy św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa.



Młodzież przyniosła dary mszalne do ołtarza.



Dystr. #7 Robert Bugielski i Anna Krysińska oraz

kapelan naczelny ZPRKA, ks. Władysław Ptak.

uroczystości. Pogratulował też zespołowi okazji obchodzonego jubileuszu podziękował za wiele lat działalności w Zjednoczeniu i propagowanie polskiej kultury i tradycji W Chicago, Stanach Zjednoczonych

i w świecie. Po mszy św. część uczestników udała się na lunch zorganizowany w restauracii Grota Banquets w Chicago.

DZIEŃ FLAGI W ZPRKA

Jak to już jest od lat tradycją w Biurze Głównym ZPRKA, dniu 14 czerwca pracownicy biura

pracownicy i wolontariusze Muzeum Polskiego w

Ameryce oraz emerytowani pracownicy ZPRKA, spotykają się wspólnie w porze lunchu, aby oddać hołd fladze amerykańskiej z okazji przypadającego w tym dniu w USA

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B. pracownicy Ray Kania (l) i Frank Kociubiński.

odśpiewali pieśni patriotyczne oraz wysłuchali faktów dotyczących historii flagi i wspólnie zasiedli do lunchu składającego się z parówek (hot dogs) oraz ciasta jabłkowego (apple pie).



Przy grillu Bob Kowalski (l) i Kevin Ryba (p).

odbyła się na zewnątrz budynku pod masztem z flagą.

Uroczystość z okazji Dnia Flagi.

Zebrani złożyli przysięgę fladze,



Poczęstunek w sali jadalnej