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PRCUA Executive Officers and spouses with Kasia Budzyn, and Southwest Center dancers holding the PRCUA banner [Photo Pawel Szubzda]

CHICAGO, IL - On Sat., May 5th, the Alliance of Polish Clubs organized the 121st Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade in Chicago. Its theme was "One Voice - United Polonia." Over 100 units participated in the parade. The PRCUA had a strong presence in the parade, which is the largest Polish parade outside of Poland. It celebrates the anniversary of the ratification of the Polish Constitution on May 3, 1791.

Marching in the parade were the PRCUA Executive Officers President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife, Judy; Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski and her husband, Mark; Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, his wife Elaine and sons Joey and Tommy Robaczewski.

PRCUA Cinderella Sylvia Kupiec, Prince Charming Pawel Cwyl and Runners-Up Kim Skrzypiec and Tim Eckert, rode in a horse-drawn carriage. Other marchers were: M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group; and PRCUA schools: District 8 - M. Konopnicka Polish Language

School, Southwest Center of Polish Dancing; Polanie Dancers and John Paul II Polish Language School of Lemont; Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.; and District 9 - Rafal Kalinowski Polish Language School & Dancers.

The Polish Museum of America also took part in the parade.

Grazyna Zajaczkowska, Director of Immigration Services for the Polish

PRCVA Had Strong Presence in Chicago's May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade

American Association, was chosen as the 2012 Parade Grand Marshal. This year, the Polish American Association (PAA) is celebrating its 90th anniversary of serving those most in need in Chicago's Polish and Polish American community.

According to Conrad Nowak, PAA Chairman of the Board, Ms. Zajaczkowska was selected because, "During a career that exceeds more than 20 years with the Polish American Association, Grazyna has been a strong voice and advocate not only for our organization, but for the community at large. Her



(L-r) Judge Aurelia Pucinski, Anna Anders, Grand Marshall Grazyna Zajaczkowska and PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski

distinguished work has enabled many Polish immigrants to achieve the American Dream." Queen of the parade was

Arletta Gromek. The Polish Constitution was

celebrated throughout the entire weekend in Chicago and the PRCUA was at each event. The celebration began with Illinois Governor Pat Ouinn's Reception at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago on Friday, May 4th. That evening a Reception and Concert were held at the Polish Consulate in Chicago, which was attended by PRCUA Executive Officers.

On Saturday morning, a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Gen. Kosciuszko Monument near Adler Planetarium, with leaders of Pol-Am fraternal groups participating.

This was followed by a Pre-Parade (Continued on pg. 14)



(L-r) PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski with Most Rev. Bishop Wieslaw Lechowicz of Tarnow, Poland, at the Breakfast



Poland's President B. Komorowski and General William Enyart. The PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Polish army has partnered with

CHICAGO, IL - While in Chicago for the NATO Summit, Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski made several important visits.

On Sunday, May 20, Pres. Komorowski flew to Marseilles, to bestow Poland's IL Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit upon Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and Guard Major

the Illinois National Guard and

guardsmen have co-deployed with every Polish rotation to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003. Prior to deployment, Polish soldiers travel to Illinois for training at Marseilles Training Center.

On Monday, May 21, President Komorowski met with over 100 representatives of Chicago's Polonia - including PRCUA Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr. and V.P. Anna Sokolowski - at the Blackstone Hotel. He awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland to Maria Ciesla, President of the Polish Museum of America; Zygmunt Biernat, aviation veteran; and Pol-Am businessman,

Stanley Stawski. The Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland was presented to: Wieslaw Chodorkowski, PNA and PAC President Frank Spula, Arie Zweig, Ted Czajkowski, Zygmunt Dyrkacz, Jerzy Kenar, Dr. Marek Rudnicki and Teresa Skawski.

On the morning of May 22, President Komorowski was hosted by Consul General Zygmunt Matynia at the Polish Consulate in Chicago, where he met with 35 young Pol-Am professionals. "I see a climate here that I dream of in Poland," Komorowski said. "You have a great attitude, independence and ambition." Several of the young professionals said they wanted the president to know that they support Poland and value their Polish heritage.

Later, he met with U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk in Chicago, Mayor of

Chicago Rahm Emanuel and U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley. President Komorowski awarded Senator Kirk the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit. The honor was given for distinguished contributions to Poland. Kirk and Quigley have worked tirelessly to get Poland included in the U.S. visa waiver program. Congratulations to all recipients!



President B. Komorowski with Senator Mark Kirk



Calendar of PRCUA Events

JUNE

1 DETROIT, MI - POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT AT COMERICA on Fri., June 1, Tigers vs. Yankees, Polka music 5:30 p.m., Polish dancing on the field at 6:30 p.m., Game 7:05, post game fireworks. Cost: \$43 pkg. includes upper-box infield seat, t-shirt, hot dog/chips/soda and \$3 donation to Soc. #1593 Scholarship Fund. Contact W. Ozog at 586-751-8168 or **corey.bell@detroittigers.com**

2 STERLING HTS., MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. YOUTH BOWLING FUN DAY on Sat., June 2 at Five Star Lanes, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Hts., MI. Open to all. Bowling starts at 10 am. Fee for PRCUA members \$5 per child-includes lunch, 3 games regular bowling or 2 games bumper bowling, shoes and prizes. PRCUA non-members \$6 for bumper bowlers; \$8 for regular bowlers. Lunch for adults -\$3. Contact: Valerie Brumm at 248-622-8949.

3 NILES, IL - PRCUA POLONIA FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT on Sun., June 3 at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles. Entry 4:30 pm, Dinner 5 pm, Concert 6 pm; Adults \$35, Youth \$25 - Children \$18. Contact: Anna 847-529-2555

10 ANNUAL SACRED HEART MASS on Sun., June 10 at 2 pm at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 West 131st St., Orland Park, IL. Buffet Luncheon following Mass at Hackney's of Palos Park, 123rd + LaGrange Rd., Palos Park, IL. Donation: \$25. Please RSVP by 6/5/12 to: Krystyna Lech, 12551 Palos West Dr., Palos Park, IL 60464 or call 708-361-5029

TOLEDO, OH - THE ECHOES OF POLAND SPRING CONCERT on Sun., June 10 at Notre Dame Academy Auditorium, 3535 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH at 3 pm, Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$7, Children: \$3, Under 10 Free. Contact: Paulina at 419-531-8658

LANSING, MI - SOC. 2342 MEETING AND POT LUCK on Thurs., June 14 at 6 pm, Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact Betty Seckinger 517-339-4604

JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., June 19 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

22-25 WARREN, MI - TEXAS HOLD'EM - BLACK JACK - ROULETTE NIGHT at Pampa Poker Room, 31925 Van Dyke Ave., (N of 13 Mile Rd), Warren, MI. Fri., June 22 to Mon. June 25, 7 pm to 2 am. Proceeds to benefit Pope John Paul II Soc. #1593. Contact: Wallace Ozog at 586-751-8168

24 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC #162 MEETING on Sun., June 24 at 1:00 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: Pres. Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230

26 WARREN, MI - SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., June 26 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz 586-573-7510

JULY



Let us celebrate our nation's Independence!

12 LANSING, MI - SOC. 2342 MEETING AND POT LUCK on Thurs., July 12 at 6 pm at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact B. Seckinger 517-339-4604

JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., July 17 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

18 CHICAGO, IL - PRCUA SOC. 475 MEETING on Wed., July 18 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL Contact: B. Jura 773-685-3134

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20-21 TEMPERANCE, MI - NATIONAL PRCUA GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place in Temperance, MI. (See details on page 6. St. Stan's will have their annual practice round on Friday July 20, 2012. If interested in golfing on Friday 7-20-2012 contact Frank Nasiatka at 313-212-7775 or e-mail fjnasiatka@comcast.net



POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT - CHICAGO Tuesday, July 3, 2012 - 7:10 P.M. U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago, IL WHITE SOX VS. TEXAS RANGERS

PRCUA's "Wesoly Lud" will perform. Discounted lower box seats, only \$20. Deadline: Orders must be placed by **Monday, June 18**. For tickets call: **PRCUA 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2601**

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Monday, June 25, from 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. If enough interest - a Pot Limit Omaha Hi - Lo Table For information call 586-751-8168



Sacred Heart Mass June 10th, 2:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Woods 10731 West 131st Street

Orland Park, IL

Buffet Luncheon following Mass at Hackney's of Palos Park 123rd and LaGrange Road, Palos Park, IL Donation: \$25.00 Please R.S.V.P. to: Krystyna Lech 12551 Palos West Drive Palos Park, IL 60464 708-361-5029 by Tues., June 5, 2012



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\$12,000	\$2,400	\$14,400
\$13,000	\$2,600	\$15,600
\$14,000	\$2,800	\$16,800
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$18,000
\$16,000	\$3,200	\$19,200
\$17,000	\$3,400	\$20,400
\$18,000	\$3,600	\$21,600
\$19,000	\$3,800	\$22,800
\$20,000	\$4,000	\$24,000

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- Plan is dividend-participating and accumulates cash values

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If you have any questions, please contact your local PRCUA Sales Representative or call 800-772.8632 ext. 2631 or 2632.

You can also reach us by email: **sales@prcua.org**.

*All applications are subject to Underwriting

Announcing the PRCUA Final Expense Program!

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is proud to announce the addition of the Final Expense Program to our portfolio of life insurance products!

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WHY IS THE PRCUA FINAL EXPENSE PROGRAM A GOOD CHOICE?

- Coverage of funeral expenses, medical bills, debt and other obligations
- Cash value accumulation
- Cash liquidity
- Benefits of up to \$25,000 in tax-free funds*
- NO physical exam required (Acceptance based on 3 short health questions)**
- Premiums NEVER INCREASE and benefits NEVER DECREASE
- Available in Single Premium and 5-Year Limited Pay plans (based on age)

Individuals between the ages of 50-75 are eligible for \$2,500 to \$25,000 in benefits. Those between the ages of 76 and 85 are eligible for benefits ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

No prior health issues will automatically disqualify you from receiving coverage.

Sample Rates for Non-Smoker, Female, Final Expense Plus (figures rounded)

Age	Amount Insurance	Single Premium	5-Year Pay
60	\$25,000	\$12,209	\$3,413
70	\$25,000	\$16,659	\$4,526
80	\$15,000	\$12,540	N/A

Frequently Asked Questions

Do the PRCUA Final Expense plans have a waiting period or limited benefits, or are full benefits provided instantly?

Once your application is approved, your beneficiary(ies) are entitled to the full death benefit <u>immediately</u>.

Who is allowed to receive the proceeds of my certificate?

Generally, you select a primary beneficiary (or beneficiaries) like a relative, spouse, someone with a vested interest in you (like a business partner), a charity, etc. <u>State laws may limit whether a funeral home can be named as a beneficiary - ask your State's Insurance Department.</u> Additionally, you can select a contingent beneficiary(ies) in the event the primary beneficiary is no longer available.

Can PRCUA cancel my coverage if I get sick after I'm already accepted/covered?

A <u>change in your health</u> will not cancel your life insurance coverage. However, you must take note of when your premiums are due and pay on time in order to keep your coverage during the payment stage.

Alternatively, <u>if you intentionally omit information</u> at the time of application about a current condition that may have had an impact on our underwriting decision, it is possible for PRCUA to void the insurance coverage.

• Once I'm insured, will my premiums ever change on my Final Expense plan?

No. The premiums are level. They will stay the same until you finish paying for your coverage. Additionally, the death benefit will never decrease over the life of the certificate and may even increase if you purchase the Final Expense Plus product.

• Can I cash in my certificate at any time?

Yes. You are free to cash in your certificate at any time, as long as your certificate is in force at the time of the cash disbursement request.

What is the application process like for the Final Expense program?

There is a simple, short application that must be completed. A possible follow-up phone interview may occur in the event something on the application was missed or needs clarification.

◆ Are the proceeds paid tax-free?

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Yes. One of the attractive features of the Final Expense plans is that proceeds are paid promptly (within 24-48 hours of receipt of necessary documents) and are generally tax-free to beneficiaries.*

For more information about the Final Expense program or any other life insurance products, contact your local PRCUA representative or the PRCUA Home Office toll free: 800-772-8632 or e-mail: sales@prcua.org.

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Polish Roman Catholic Union of America First Quarter Operating Results Quarter ending March 31, 2012

	INCOME:	<u>31-Mar-2012</u>	<u>31-Mar-2011</u>
	Life and Annuity sales Investment Income Other Income	\$2,149,016 2,342,452 <u>16,490</u>	\$2,385,779 2,227,386 <u>10,628</u>
l	Total Income	<u>4,507,958</u>	<u>4,623,792</u>
	EXPENSES: Life and Annuity General Expenses	3,157,623 946,358	3,537,564 1,031,696
l	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>4,103,981</u>	<u>4,569,259</u>
	NET OPERATING INCOME Other Income (expenses)	403,976 <u>10,263</u>	54,533 <u>93,160</u>
	NET INCOME	\$414,239	\$147,693

Net income for the first quarter of 2012 showed an improvement over the same period in 2011. Life and Annuity sales declined but investment income increased. A decline in lexpenses from the Life and Annuity programs, as well as in General Expenses, led to this improved profit result.

PRCUA Executive Committee



The Echoes of Poland Spring Concert Sunday, June 10, 2012 Notre Dame Academy Auditorium 3535 W. Sylvania Ave Toledo, Ohio 43623 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Seniors: \$7.00 Children: \$3.00 **Under 10 Free** For Ticket Information contact Paulina at 419-531-8658

Polonia Folk Dance Ensemble PRCUA SPRING CONCERT Sunday, June 3, 2012



6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Entry 4:30, Dinner 5:00, Concert 6:00 Concert, dinner and great fun for the whole family Adults \$35, Youth \$25, Children \$18 Information and reservation: Anna Krysinski (847) 529-2555

White Eagle Banquet Hall

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to the family of Jane Siuta, 83, who was a member of PRCUA Soc. #1000 and a former PRCUA home office employee. She was born in 1928 in Poland and immigrated to the USA. She lived on the northwest side of Chicago. She died on April 17, 2012 and was buried at Eden Memorial Cemetery in Schiller Park, IL. She is survived by a daughter, Grace Reorowicz. May she rest in eternal peace.

"Phenomenon of Solidarity" **Exhibit at Notre Dame**



Back row: Rev. Leonard Chrobot, Julia Banasikowski, Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr., Dr. Mikolaj Kunicki, Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, Dr. Anthony Monta, Consul General Zygmunt Matynia, Artur Laciak, Michael Langer (behind), Christina Kuklinski, Matt Smith; front row: Matt Mleczko, Paul Kuczynski, Marta Michalska, Torey Tokarski [Photo: Mark Sokolowski]

SOUTH BEND, IN - The year 2011 marked the 30th anniversary of the birth of the Solidarity movement in Poland, which led the fight against the communist regime that ruled Poland from the end of World War II until 1989, and was an inspiration to other subsequent anti-communist movements around Eastern Europe. To celebrate this monumental observance, the Institute of National Remembrance in Poland created an exhibit called the "Phenomenon of Solidarity" commemorating the movement in pictures and descriptions on over 30 panels. Since its release in 2011, this exhibit has travelled throughout Europe and the US.

On April 23 it arrived at the University of Notre Dame in IN, the highest-ranked Catholic University in the US. On April 27, the University, with help from the Nanovic Institute of European Studies, the Polish Club of Notre Dame, and several faculty members, held a reception in honor of the exhibit.

The reception suitably complemented the mood that the exhibit emanated. Located in a long hallway of the Hesburgh Library, black drapes elegantly surrounded the area, isolating the reflective mood of guests who were moved by the display. Songs by Jacek Kaczmarski, a popular anti-communist Polish singer and songwriter, were played in the background, setting a solemn tone for all who socialized before the presentation of the exhibit.

Guests included the Polish Consul General of Chicago Zygmunt Matynia with his wife, Bozena; PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and his wife, Judy; Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, and her husband Mark; many administrators of Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute of European Studies, professors and friends and family of students of the Polish Club of Notre Dame.

Dr. Anthony Monta, Associate Director of the Nanovic Institute, introduced and thanked the speakers before and after the presentation. Hon. Zygmunt Matynia opened the official speeches with personal stories of his experience in communist Poland and his activity within the Solidarity movement. Julia Banasikowski, a student and officer of the Polish Club of Notre Dame and organizer of the arrival of the "Phenomenon of Solidarity", commented in her speech that she hopes the exhibit can "be a tool for education through this university and the Nanovic Institute, so that others may see the movement that helped bring down communism in Eastern Europe and later the Soviet Union." More personally, however, as a daughter of an immigrant family, she said she hopes that the display will stand as a reminder to Polish families that the younger generation still remembers and honors the strife that the country of their forefathers has endured. Lastly, Dr. Mikolaj Kunicki, a Polish professor at Notre Dame who specializes in modern European history, spoke about the historical context of Solidarity and how the exhibit came here.

After the presentation, many people reconvened to exchange their thoughts and share their personal stories of their involvement with Solidarity or that of their family. Although guests came from South Bend, IN, Chicago, IL, and even Minneapolis, MN, what united them all was their common heritage and remembrance of Solidarity.

By Julia Banasikowski

Dearly Departed PRCUA Brothers and Sisters

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BONCLER, ELEANOR	412	IL	OLSZEWSKI, JULIA	20	NJ
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CIHY, EDWARD	213	WV	RAFACZ, IRENE	119	PA
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ERNEY, GERALDINE	2220	OH	ROSOCHACKI, ANNE	1593	MI
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May they rest in eternal peace.

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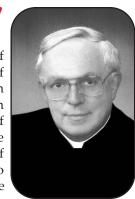
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Higher Perspectives

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thank you!

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The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a time when the National Officers, Board of Directors and Chicago-area members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America gather together at a Mass in honor of our organization's patron, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass is dedicated to all of the members of the PRCUA, living and deceased, asking the Sacred Heart of Jesus for His special blessings upon us all. There is no better time for me to express to *Narod Polski* readers the immense gratitude I have for the recent special blessings that I, personally, received from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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By Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski, National Vice Chaplain, PRCUA

Saturday, March 17, was a typical day in my daily life routine, that is until I found myself on the floor in my residence, not knowing how I got there or when. My

efforts to get off the floor were useless. As we priests live alone, in most cases, help was not easily available. After an unknown number of hours, when campus friends came to visit, they discovered my dilemma. A quick call to 911 brought a roomful of people to my rescue.

A quick ride to Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield, Michigan, resulted in immediate admission and diagnosis. Mind you, I'm writing this based on information received from eyewitnesses who played such an important part in what followed. One would think that what happened to me was no big deal. Well, what the result of those hours on the floor was, surprised and continues to surprise me.

I was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit and connected to a ventilator. My hands were affixed to the bed rails, a whole slew of medications were administered via several needles; I was unconscious. The doctors told those concerned about my welfare that I had a 5% chance of survival - and I hadn't even been celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

For an entire week, I was unconscious. I was not aware of anything that happened to me. There was pneumonia setting in, renal failure was beginning, the heart experienced atrial fibrillation - just to mention but a few things that can occur if you fall on a carpeted area and are unable to get up to call for help.

I spent two weeks in the hospital, which was followed by four weeks at the Heartland Rehabilitation Center. At my insistence, I left the Rehabilitation Center to be at the May opening of the praying of the rosary at the Grotto here on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools.

Now, I am receiving home therapy and walking with the assistance of a walker and may be graduating to the use of a cane soon. I have learned that it doesn't take long to experience a near-death situation.

I look forward to acknowledging the hundreds of Get-Well cards which I

received during these past weeks and the prayers of so many, that surely were the remedy for my lifethreatening experience.

There is no doubt in my mind that the prayers offered for my recovery to the Sacred Heart of Jesus were the healing remedy which enables me to write these words to you now. The doctors were wonderful in doing what they did for me without my knowledge of what it was they did. The therapists were great, too.

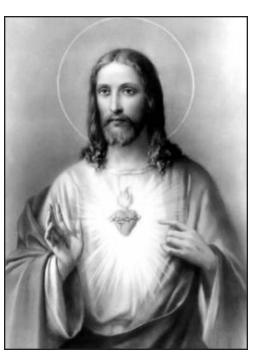
The opportunity to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Rehabilitation Center, throughout April, was a gift from God. To the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I express my love and gratitude for hearing the prayers of my friends that enable me to share this experience with you.

Thank you, if you are one of those

who have prayed for me. If not, may I please ask you to do so now? I will remember all of you, dear readers, in my Masses and prayers. I sincerely suggest - if you have no one living with you - that you look into

the purchase of a LIFE ALERT SYSTEM whereby you can summon help should something similar happen to you. The doctors said that if I had not been "discovered" within two more hours, I would have died - from a fall in my bedroom, on a carpet, as my muscles, kidneys, brain and heart would have failed.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love you. Thank you. Have mercy on me.







POLISH ROAST BEEF - In pot, combine 1 c. water, 6 whole peppercorns, 4 whole allspice, 1 bay leaf and 1 sliced onion. Bring to a boil. Cool and add 1/4 c. white distilled vinegar. Pour over a 2 lb. rump roast in a glass or metal bowl (not plastic). Cover and refrigerate overnight. Baste occasionally. Turn at least once. Remove meat from marinade and dry with paper towels. Roll in flour and brown on all sides in 4 Tbsp. lard or oil to seal in the juices. Transfer to a Dutch oven pot or a covered baking dish. Add the onions and spices from the marinade and 1 c. water and cook 1.5 to 2 hrs. on low heat in stove-top Dutch oven or bake covered in oven at 350 degrees. Replace liquid that evaporates during cooking. Turn meat over once. When done, strain drippings, save the liquid, discard spices, force onions through the sieve and combine with ³/₄ c. sour cream that has been fork- blended with 2 Tbsp. flour. Add 1 tsp. Maggi liquid seasoning or Worcestershire sauce and a little reserved liquid for added zest. Salt and pepper to taste. If gravy is too thick, dilute with a little boiling water.

CREAMED CABBAGE - Remove core from 1.5 lb. cabbage head. Cut cabbage in four sections. Place in a pot and scald with 2 c. boiling water and cook uncovered until cabbage is tender. Meanwhile, in a separate pan, fry 1 heaping Tbsp. of diced salt pork until golden. Remove from heat, stir in 3 Tbsp. flour, stirring constantly; mix until smooth. Then, stirring constantly, add 1 c. whole milk or 1/2 c sour cream forkblended with 1/2 c, milk. Add mixture to cabbage, mix well, salt and pepper to taste, and simmer briefly. Serve with the roast beef. Optional: Season with a pinch or two of caraway seeds or marjoram and/or garnish with a little chopped dill. If desired, peeled, quartered, potatoes can also be added to the cabbage at the beginning.

PRCUA GOTH ANNUAL NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE THIS YEAR IS \$5,000!

The 60th Annual National PRCUA Golf Tournament will be held at the Giant Oak Golf Club in Temperance, Michigan on Saturday, July 21, 2012. Gary Boes, President of District 5, along with his committee, are excited to host this event.

Accommodations for the event will be at: Fairfield Inn and Suites, 5686 Benore Road, Toledo, Ohio 419-725-0050. Room rate is \$89.95 for double/king; \$99.95 king suite (plus tax).

Make your reservations by calling 419-725-0050. Please mention that you are with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) National Golf Tournament when making the reservation. The cut-off date for reservations is June 20.

All PRCUA members 16 years and up are welcome to join in the tournament. Come and enjoy the friendship and fraternalism of this popular sports event. The entry fee is \$50.00, which must be mailed along with your entry form to the PRCUA. The fee includes 18 holes of golf and golf cart rental. Your entry must be postmarked by Friday, July 6, 2012. No late entries will be accepted.

An entry form will automatically be mailed to previous tournament players. An entry form can also be downloaded and printed from this website. Or you can call toll-free and request an entry form from the Fraternal Department at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601.

LAST CALL **PRCUA** Scholarship and **Education Fund** Grants Available to **Members**

Each year, the PRCUA offers scholarships from its Scholarship Fund, as well as Educational grants from the PRCUA Educational Fund, Inc. <u>The deadline for</u> <u>application to both</u> programs is July 1st.

Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time sophomore, junior, senior, graduate student professional student in an accredited institute of higher learning.

Applicants must have successfully completed their freshman year of undergraduate studies before the deadline for filing an application. An official transcript or other documentation from the applicant's school must be attached to the completed application form or sent directly by the Educational Institution to the PRCUA on or before the deadline of July 1st.

Full-time enrollment shall conform to those guidelines established by the federal financial aid program. (A minimum of twelve (12) credit hours for day students or eight (8) credit hours for evening students.) Part-time graduate or professional students are eligible.

Awards are made in August and sent directly to the designated educational institution.

For information go to PRCUA website: the www.PRCUA.org and click on Member Benefits.

Condolences

The PRCUA extends sympathy to the Dudzinski Family on the passing of Alice Dziurgot, mother of pas-PRCUA District #7 National Director Shirley Dudzinski Mrs. Dziurgot died on May 18, 2012. May she rest in eternal peace.

From the Office of the Secretary-**Treasurer** James J. Robaczewski



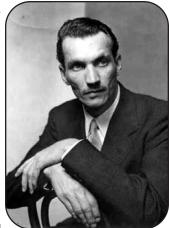
We need the current address for the following members. If you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to: James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call (773) 782-2600 or 1-800-772-8632.

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Jan Karski to Receive The **Presidential Medal of Freedom**

WASHINGTON, DC - On April 23, at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., President Obama announced that he will award a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom to Jan Karski, a former officer in the Polish Underground during World War II. He was among the first to provide eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust to the world.

Karski was a long-time member of The Kosciuszko Foundation and The American Center of Polish Culture (ACPC), which were heirs of his last will and testament. On April 7, 2011, Kosciuszko Foundation President Alex Storozynski and Kaya



Jan Karski

Ploss, former Director of the ACPC, wrote to President Obama asking him to honor Jan Karski with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Foundation was later joined in this quest by The Jan Karski Centennial Campaign and numerous legislators, including Congressman Dan Lipinski, who led 66 members of Congress in urging President Obama to recognize Dr. Karski for his courage.

The Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who made exceptional meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the U.S., to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

President Obama said, "We must tell our children about how this evil was allowed to happen - (*Continued on page 9*)



by Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski

June is finally here, a wonderful month where we begin to enjoy the warm weather. June is full of graduations, weddings, reunions, barbeques and summer vacations. In June we also proudly celebrate Flag Day, a day to show respect to our flag by proudly displaying the flag on your home on June 14 for everyone to see. Our flag has a proud and glorious history; many people have died and made sacrifices to protect our country and our freedom.

The third Sunday of June is Father's Day. It is a very special day and an opportunity to make our Dad feel truly special and loved. It is a day to thank our Dad for all he has done for us, while not asking anything in return. Happy Father's Day to all Dads and Grand-Dads; may you have a blessed day!

Let me share with you a couple of the previous month's events. The PRCUA's 75th National Bowling Tournament hosted by District # 2 was held on April 20, 21, 22, in Cheektowaga, NY. Congratulations and thanks to those who took part in the event. A Special THANK YOU to Patrick Kosowski and Mary Jane Robles for the terrific job they did for the tournament and all their help in coordinating this event. Tournament results are posted on the PRCUA website. Read Tournament Director Patrick Kosowski's article on page 10. The 2013 tournament will be held in Wyandotte, MI, and will be hosted by Society #162.

On April 23rd a concert was held in Orchestra Hall at the Symphony Center Chicago in honor of the First Anniversary of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II. It was organized by the Archdiocese of Chicago, along with other groups (including the PRCUA). Entitled "Peace Through Music," the concert was the brainchild of Sir Gilbert Levine, who for 17 years was the chosen conductor of John Paul II. The two-hour concert opened with a moving version of Bogurodzica. This well-known Polish hymn, that dates back 1000 years, was performed by Chicago's Holy Trinity Choir. Later the orchestra performed symphonies by the favorite composers of Blessed John Paul II - Johann Sebastian Bach and Ludwig von Beethoven. The concert ended with a standing ovation.

On Friday, April 27, the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN held the opening of the exhibition "The Phenomenon of Solidarity: Pictures from the History of Poland, 1980-1981". The exhibit was prepared by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, and Julia Banasikowski a member of the Polish Club at the University of Notre Dame. This exhibit presented the important events starting from the strikes of August 1980 to the imposition of martial law in December 1981. The exhibit also depicted the path which led to the Solidarity Trade Union's establishment, its relations with the communist regime, and the attitude of society towards the trade union within the context of the most important political, social and economic events of Poland. Thank you to the Polish Club and especially to Julia Banasikowski for an invitation and their hospitality. (See the article on page 4.)

On Saturday, April 28, the Polish National Alliance held its 66th National Bowling Tournament in South Bend, IN. PNA V.P. Paul Odrobina invited Polish fraternals for the opening ceremonies. Over the last few years, the Vice Presidents of Polish fraternals have been cooperating and working together in a joint effort to make our organizations more visible. It was so nice to be a part of an excellent and well attended tournament. Congratulations to PNA on running a great event. Thank you to PNA VP Paul Odrobina for his invitation and his very kind words.

On Sunday, April 29, the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing held its Annual Spring Recital. It was an absolutely FANTASTIC show! Dancers in beautiful and colorful costumes skillfully preformed popular Polish folk dances from different regions of Poland. A special guest performance was made by Wesoly Lud II. The Spring Recital ended with an award presentation to dancers who were dancing with the group for 5 years or more. Flowers and small gifts were given to choreographers and dance instructors. PRCUA President Joseph Drobot Jr., Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and I also received a beautiful bouquet of flowers for which we are sincerely grateful.

Speaking of recitals, we would like to thank all of the PRCUA dance groups for their wonderful recitals. All the dancers did an excellent job performing on stage. A special thank you to all our school directors, choreographers and dance instructors who did an outstanding job teaching all of our dancers this school season. We would like to thank each of you for your support and for choosing our PRCUA dance schools. Thank you for being a part of our PRCUA family. We wish you many blessings, a wonderful fun-filled and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September!

The first week of May was very busy with May 3rd Polish Constitution Day observances. On Friday, May 4, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, Consul General Zygmunt Matynia of the Republic of Poland, the Illinois National Guard and Polish civic organizations honored Polish Constitution Day at the James R. Thompson Center and Daley Plaza. Gov. Quinn mentioned that this year also marks the 20th Anniversary of the Illinois National Guard's partnership program with Poland. William Enyart of Belleville, Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard added that it is also one of the largest and second oldest partnership programs in the National Guard. At the end of the ceremony, Gen. Envart presented RP Consul General Zygmunt Matynia the Illinois Military Medal of Merit.

Later that evening, the Polish Consulate in Chicago with RP Consul General Zygmunt Matynia and his wife, Bozena, hosted a celebration of Poland's May 3, 1791 Constitution with a reception at the



PRCUA Pres. Drobot, PAC IL Div. Pres. M. Anselmo & PAC & PNA Pres. F. Spula laying the wreath

Consulate. The reception began with U.S. and Poland's National Anthems being sung by PRCUA member and POLONIA Ensemble dancer, Alexandra Podowski. Hon. Matynia addressed the guests and mentioned the role that the May 3 Constitution played in the history of Europe. He also mentioned that Poland and the United States always had a special bond and right now both countries work together in the war against terrorism, and participate in the international mission in Afghanistan. He then honored two prominent Polish-Americans, Henrietta Nowakowski and Barbara Lemecha, with the Gold Cross of Merit of the Republic of Poland for their contributions to the American Consul for Polish Culture, affiliated with Friends of Polish Art in Detroit and their involvement in the National Conference for Social Studies. We congratulate Henrietta and Barbara on receiving this highest and most prestigious honor in the name of the Republic of Poland. The evening ended with a very beautiful concert.

Saturday, May 5th was very busy. Prior to the parade and breakfast reception, there was a wreath-laying ceremony at the General

Thaddeus Kosciuszko monument located at Solidarity Drive in Chicago. Among the many speakers, PRCUA President Drobot spoke in fluent Polish and said: "We gather together at the Monument of General Kosciuszko, devoted supporter of a strong and independent Poland, to celebrate another anniversary of the May 3rd Constitution. We are proud of our ancestors who proclaimed the first constitution

in Europe and second in the world, a constitution of justice and nobility. May the pride and care about Polonia and our fathers' country unite us at today's parade."

Around Noon, one of the largest parades outside Poland took place, led by Grand Marshall Grazyna Zajaczkowska, Director of Immigration Services for the Polish American Association. The PRCUA is very proud of all the PRCUA dance and language schools who participated in the parade, along with the PRCUA Executive Officers. I would like to thank Szymek Budzyn and Joey and Bishop Wieslaw Lechowicz Tommy Robaczewski who joined us in the

parade.



The next day, on Sunday, a Special Mass of Thanksgiving in observance of Polish Constitution Day was held at Holy Trinity Church. The Mass was celebrated by visiting Bishop Wieslaw Lechowicz from Tarnow, Poland and included Bishop Andrew Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop - Archdiocese of Chicago, and priests from Chicago Polonia's parishes.

Later in the afternoon "May Fest" - or 3-cio Majowka - was held at the Copernicus Center, where the celebration continued with many dance and song groups performing. The PRCUA was represented by 'Wesoly Lud" who skillfully presented folk dances from different regions of Poland and "Polonia" Ensemble who took part in a special play "History of the May 3rd Constitution", where they presented national dances of Poland - Polonez and Mazur. Congratulations to Wesoly Lud and Polonia for the beautiful performances, where we were able to experience the richness and excitement of Polish culture!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and Sto Lat to all who are celebrating a birthday in June, especially PRCUA employees: Anna Wolan, Membership Dept.; Michael Perzynski, Maintenance; Halina Misterka, PMA Archivist; Malgorzata Kot, PMA Head Librarian; to PRCUA Directors Mitch Bienia (D5) and Robert Bugielski (D7); also Frieda Zabek, Past Dir. (D1); Richard Jaminski, very talented choreographer of Wesoly Lud and SWCPD; Patricia Steven, Syrena Director; Ursula Walton, Toledo, OH Polish language teacher; and Ewa Trzeciak, past PRCUA employee. Happy Birthday and STO LAT to our son- in-law, Sean Ackerman and a very special Happy 5th Birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Aurora.

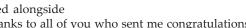
Happy Birthday to all readers celebrating their birthday in July, especially PRCUA employees: - Julie Prado, General Office Supervisor; Mark Sorbi, General Office; and Emily Kurda, Controller; also to Fred Tuytens, very friendly Polish Museum guide, Rogalin-Gym Director, Maryann Davis and Gillian Rustik. Very special 2nd Birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Annika. Wishing you all a special, happy day!

CONGRATULATIONS to Richard Jaminski on his 25th year as a choreographer of Southwest Center of Polish Dancing.

Our warmest congratulations go to all of our graduating students in the 2011/12 school year. We wish you all good luck. May you reach all your goals and may success always come your way in life. Happy Graduation!

HAPPY WEDDING **ANNIVERSARIES** to National PRCUA V.P. Robert Bielenda and his lovely wife, Eleanor, who are celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary in June; and to our friends: Basia & Janusz Frankowicz, Marlene & Andre Bober, Marysia & Bolek Bogun. Best wishes to all of you!

THANK YOU - I am truly humbled to be the recipient of the prestigious Gold Cross of Merit from the Republic of Poland. I personally feel that this award belongs to all of those who Eleanor and V.P. Robert Bielenda helped me and worked alongside



me over the years. Thanks to all of you who sent me congratulations, flowers and chocolates. I am very touched by your thoughtfulness. Serdeczne Bog Zaplac!

CONDOLENCES - Our heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to PNA VP Paul Odrobina on the death of his beloved Mom, Casmira Odrobina. You're in our thoughts and pravers.

See more photos of all events at www.prcaa.org, under my column. Send ideas and news to: fraternal.department@prcua.org



BELATED BIRTHDAY BUZZ - On March 4th, SOCIETY 2003's GERALDINE MILLER celebrated an extra special Birthday. Her son GARY, daughter GAIL and grandson LIAM are all members of SOCIETY 2003 as well. GERI is President of SOCIETY 2003 and served as the Counselor of the UPWA Debs and Manayunk Dance Class. Dear GERI, these birthday wishes may be a smidgen late but we hope you know the good wishes are for always.

ONE SINGULAR SENSATION EVERY LITTLE STEP SHE TAKES Congratulations to SOCIETY 2009'S AUBREYLYN ZAZYCZNY who was chosen to participate in the 61st Bucks County Music Festival in the Choral Concert at Central Bucks South High School on March 3rd. On March 8 and 10, she also performed in the school play at Holicong Middle School where she is in 9th grade. The play was Xanadu and AUBREYLYN had the leading role, playing Kira. Her brother AIDEN, sister ANNELIESE, grandmothers MONICA CIEPLINSKI and MARTHA ZAZYCZNY who are all PRCUA members along with her entire family are so very proud of her ambitions. Look out Broadway!



Introducing Aubreylyn Zazyczny

Martha Zazyczny, Anneliese Zazyczny and Monica Cieplinski) MONICA CIEPLINSKI AND MARTHA ZAZYCZNY, all PRCUA Members.

- SOCIETY 2022'S TAYLOR HAMM of Collegeville, PA received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 31st by Bishop John J. McIntyre at St. Eleanor's Church. Her sponsor was her big sister, ERIN. TAYLOR is in the 6th grade and attends Perkiomen Valley Middle School East. She is a fantastic sports enthusiast and plays field hockey, basketball and softball. She also enjoys reading, roller blading and biking. Because of her love of sports, she chose Sebastian as her Confirmation name as St. Sebastian is the patron saint of sports. TAYLOR is the daughter of LINDA (Brian) and the sister of ERIN, RACHEL and DANIELLE all SOCIETY 2022 members.



Taylor and Erin Hamm

We're wishing ANNELIESE ZAZYCZNY and TAYLOR HAMM every blessing as the Holy Spirit was welcomed into their hearts and into their lives. HAPPY 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE - Congratulations and best wishes

to SOCIETY 2011'S REV. MSGR. BERNARD E. WITKOWSKI on his 50TH Anniversary of Ordination. MONSIGNOR



Rev. Msgr. Bernard Witkowski

WITKOWSKI is retired and resides at Maternity B.V.M. Rectory in Philadelphia. He was ordained on May 19, 1962 by Archbishop John Cardinal Krol and was named a monsignor on May 29, 1991. His primary assignments included assistant pastor of All Saints Chapel, St. Hedwig's in Chester, PA, a faculty member at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA, administrator at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, pastor of St. Ladislaus Church and St. John Cantius Church and resident priest and parochial vicar at Maternity B.V.M. Parish. He was also director of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland. Congratulations on the Jubilee of your Priesthood. God Bless you on this milestone of devotion and service, MSGR. WITKOWSKI.

IT'S AN EXTRA SPECIAL ONE - We'll soon be blowing up balloons and icing a cake so we can all celebrate WANDA MUSIAL'S very special Birthday on June 18th. WANDA has been a member of SOCIETY 2022 since she was born and is also a member of SOCIETY 2009. She was a UPWA Debutante presented in 1963, served as a Counselor of the UPWA Allegheny Dance Class for many years and also served as a Director of the UPWA Executive Board. And so Wanda.....as you celebrate this birthday with full charm of life, may you enjoy overflowing joy, good health and God's Blessings throughout the year. Happy Birthday.

IN SYMPATHY - Condolences to SOCIETY 2015 members, REGINA and TED FILIPCZAK on the loss of their devoted son-in-law, David Sucharski who passed away on March 21st. Mr. Sucharski is also survived by many other family members of PRCUA. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Roman's Catholic Church with interment at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Springfield, PA.

- SOCIETY 2026 in Frackville, PA mourns the loss of long time member REGINA A PETRONKA who passed away on April 18th. REGINA served as Financial Secretary for many years. She will be sadly missed by her daughter, MARIA HUTH, daughter-in-law, YVONNE PETRONKO, grandchildren, ANGELA KO and ROBERT PETRONKO all members of SOCIETY 2026. She is also survived by her son, Gerard and a great-granddaughter. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ann Church in Frackville with interment in Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox Cemetery.

Peace to the FILIPCZAK and PETRONKO Families on their great loss.

THANKS SO MUCH - We're indeed grateful to SOCIETY 2040's THERESA ROMANOWSKI and SOCIETY 2001'S JOHN ZELL for dropping off aluminum tabs that we are still collecting. PRCUA District 3 Director JOANNE ZAJAC is elated that folks here in Philadelphia are still mindful of this important project.

ONE MOMENT IN TIME - Joining the Brain Injury Association of PA at the Run-Walk or Roll for brain injury at Tyler State Park in Newtown, PA on Saturday, April 14th was SOCIETY 2047'S MICHAEL HRABOWSKI and his wife Karen of Langhorne, PA. The funds received from this benefit walk event helps to support the Brain Injury Association's mission of preventing brain injury and improving quality of life for people who have experienced brain injury and their family members through support, education, advocacy and research. The Heads On Straight Support Group with whom MICHAEL and Karen walked, raised the most money and next year will have the privilege of having their name on the front of the shirts. MICHAEL and Karen are the son and daughter-in-law of SOCIETY 2047'S long-time President, HELEN HRABOWSKI who is a little lady with the biggest heart. Kudos to MICHAEL and Karen, PRCUA SOCIETY 2047 acknowledges your outstanding efforts and strength. We're indeed so very proud of you.

GO PHILLIES - Just a reminder that Polish American Night at the Phillies Citizens Bank Park is on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 7:05 PM Phillies vs. Colorado Rockies. Hope you purchased your tickets, we'll see you there!

PRCUA MEMBERSHIP - Are you a member of our fine fraternal? Now is the time to make sure you and everyone in your entire family is adequately insured. The "insurance specials" that we are currently offering are something you should especially take advantage of. Without further ado, stop by the PRCUA Philadelphia Satellite Office and allow us to discuss our various plans of insurance with you. We're here to meet your insurance needs and make it a favorable experience for you. If you don't have the time to stop by, give us a call and we'll assist you in any way that we can.

DID YOU KNOW? Sing, sing a song, sing out loud...and you can create instant distraction from stress. It's been known that it's because it releases mood-boosting hormones, thus lowering your heart rate and decreasing your blood pressure. So if you're feeling stressed, go ahead and sing as loud as you can.

SPELLING IT LIKE IT IS: F-fantastic and friendly A-amazing and awesome T-terrific and talented H-honorable and happy E-eager and excellent and R-remarkable and reasurring = FATHER. Happy Father's Day

RELAX - Simple pleasures are life's greatest treasures. Stressed is just dessert spelled backwards so sit back, relax and have a chocolate. Here's hoping your June is joyous in every way!

Elaine Burkhardt, PRCUA Philadelphia Office

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS: SOCIETY 2009'S ANNELIESE

ZAZYCZNY of New Hope, PA was Confirmed on March 10th at Our Lady of

Guadalupe Church in Buckingham, PA by Bishop Michael Fitzgerald. Her class was the first to be confirmed at this beautiful new church. Her sponsor was her grandmother, MARTHA ZAZYCZNY of SOCIETY 2022. On March 29th and 30th, ANNELIESE was in the chorus at her school play at Buckingham Elementary School where she is in the 6th grade. The play was Big Bad Musical which was a courtroom comedy. She's the sister of AIDEN

and AUBREYLYN and granddaughter of

PIAST, SIENKIEWICZ POLISH SCHOOL **REPRESENT PRCUA IN OHIO**

PIAST Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble, as well as the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, have well represented the PRCUA throughout the spring season in northeast Ohio at a number of events.

Polish Constitution Parades - With 2 parades in greater Cleveland, PIAST and the Polish School students were very busy. On April 29 the Warszawa District of Cleveland held a parade in Slavic Village. Both PIAST and the Polish School participated, representing the PRCUA. Dennis Yurosko of Soc. 2220 and Dist. 5 Dir. Mitch Bienia, carried the PRCUA banner. Thanks, Dennis!

Polish American Congress (PAC) Celebration - On May 6 the PAC held its 64th Annual Polish Constitution Day Parade for the 3rd year in Parma, OH, a suburb of Cleveland, where much of Polonia has migrated. PIAST and the Polish School represented the PRCUA with music, dance and a banner. Wieslawa Pikus of Soc. 2220, carried the PRCUA banner with Dir. Bienia. Thanks, Wieslawa!

PIAST performed at the PAC Polonia Ball on May 5. The crowd was delighted with the presentation.

Miss Polonia, Junior Miss Polonia & Parade Queen are all PRCUA Members! - Bernadette Wielgus was crowned Miss Polonia Ohio and Elizabeth Suhak won the title Junior Miss Polonia at the PAC Ball. Bernadette was a member of PIAST and the Polish School. Elizabeth is a current member of both groups.

Alina Stepien of Soc. 2220, was crowned Queen of the Warszawa District Parade on April 28, the day before that parade. Congratulations to all the girls. May you always be proud of your Polish heritage.



Wieslawa Pikus and District 5 National Director Mitchell Bienia marching in the PAC parade



Elizabeth Suhak, Bernadette Wielgus and Alina Stepien riding in the parade

Park Dedication - On Saturday, May 12, PIAST represented the PRCUA at dedication the of Thaddeus Kosciuszko Park in Dublin, OH, a suburb of Columbus. PIAST performed two rendered to Continental Army. His last

Malgorzata Kacki (left), Alex Storozynski and PRCUA District 5 Director Mitchell Bienia (center), Agnieszka Kotlarsic (right) - with PIAST Dancers

the money to be used to buy freedom for slaves in America. The freed slaves were to be provided with houses and farming equipment. Unfortunately, these directions were ignored.

Main speaker at the dedication was Kosciuszko Foundation President Alex Storozynski, author of Peasant Prince, a best seller about the life of Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

On behalf of PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr., best wishes were extended by Dir. Mitchell Bienia and past-PRCUA President Francis Rutkowski. Accompanying them were Michael Polichuk, Treasurer, Polonia Foundation of Ohio; Mark Relovsky, President, Cleveland Society of Poles and Commissioner, Union of Poles Division of the PNA; and Cleveland Polka Association V.P. Wayne Machnicki.

PIAST also performed at the Cleveland Society of Poles "Good Joe" banquet on March 24, at which George Sobieraj was honored with the Polish American Heritage Award. Congratulations, George!

Bravo to PIAST choreographer Agnieszka Kotlarsic and to Malgorzata Kacki, Mirka Suhak and Gary Kotlarsic for their dedication to PRCUA through the PIAST dancers and Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, which spread the good word about our fraternal organization.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, District 5 [Photos: Malgorzata Kacki and Henryk Kacki]

Farewell to Natalia Grabowski

MUNSTER, IN - Not many of our School's alumni kept their ties to St. Rafal Kalinowski School for 20 years, as dance choreographer Natalia Grabowski has done. She attended our school for 13 years, then for the last 7 years she taught Polish folk dance classes.

Natalia held many positions from teacher's assistant to head choreographer. She is a long-time member of PRCUA, which sponsored her Polish Dance Choreography studies in Poland. She also danced for years with Wesoly Lud Dance Ensemble.

On Saturday, May 12th, with heartfelt thanks, the school officially bid farewell to Natalia, and thanked her for many years of great work with our students.

Her assignment was to teach Polish folk dance to students in all grade levels including the after-school dance group "Slask". The fruit of her labor showed during school performances. Her last showcase performance crowned our Mother's Day program, when all grades performed dances, specially choreographed by Natalia, for their mothers.

Natalia has been busy between her job in Chicago and Milwaukee, teaching at our school, and commuting. With best wishes for her success, School Board President Malgorzata Rolniak, Principal Agnieszka Fezatt, the Teacher's Assembly and students joined together to say good-bye. THANK YOU, NATALIA FOR ALL YOUR WORK! By Agnieszka Fezatt, Principal

Candidates for Vacancy for District #9 Director

The following candidates have filed applications with the Home Office for the position of District #9 Director. The matter will be voted upon at the June Quarterly Board Meeting.

Michaeleen (Mickie) A. Lamont 6632 Jefferson Ave., Hammond, IN Member St. Ladislaus, Society #418 Occupation: Hearing Healthcare Specialist Education: South Park High School Member since 1974

Elizabeth A. Sadus

847 Marian Way, Chicago Heights, IL Member: St. Joseph the Worker, Society #1579; St. Barbara, Society #354 Occupation: Independent Contractor-Instructional Design Education: Purdue University-**BA-Social Studies** Purdue University - MS -Secondary Education Prairie State University- AA-Liberal Arts Member since 2004

Richard Sobilo

1832 LaPorte Avenue, Whiting, IN Member Our Lady-Queen of Poland Society #413 Occupation: Mechanical Engineer Education: St. Mary's University University of Notre Dame -BS-ME Member since 1979

Gerald A. Tarka

315 Mason, Calumet City, IL Member Our Lady- Queen of Poland, Society #413 Occupation: City Treasurer Education: DePaul University -**BA-Political Science & History** Member since 1979







Jan Karski to Receive The Presidential Medal of Freedom

(Cont. from page 6) because so many people succumbed to their darkest instincts; because so many others stood silent. But let us also tell our children about the Righteous Among the Nations. Among them was Jan Karski -a young Polish Catholic - who witnessed Jews being put on cattle cars, who saw the killings, and who told the truth, all the way to President Roosevelt himself. Jan Karski passed away more than a decade ago. But today, I'm proud to announce that this spring I will honor him with America's highest civilian honor - the Presidential Medal of Freedom."

Karski served as an officer in the Polish Underground during WWII and carried eye-witness accounts of the Holocaust to the world. He worked as a courier, entered the Warsaw ghetto and the Nazi Izbica camp, where he saw first-hand the atrocities occurring. Karski later met with the Polish government-in-exile in London, with British government officials and in the U.S. he met with President Roosevelt. No one could believe such atrocities were really happening.

Karski moved to the U.S., published Story of a Secret State, earned a Ph.D at Georgetown University, and became a professor at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. He became a U.S. citizen in 1954 and died in 2000.

Other Poles honored with this distinction are: Pope John Paul II, Lech Walesa, Director at the Polish section of Radio Free Europe Jan Nowak Jezioranski, pianist Artur Rubinstein, and President Jimmy Carter's security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The successful achievement of obtaining this most deserved award for Jan Karski is proof positive of what the Polish American community can do when we pull together for a common cause.



numbers: Krakowiak, and Old Warsaw Polkas. The parkland was part of 5,000 acres given to Kosciuszko for services the

will and testament directed that the land be sold, and

75th PRCUA National Bowling Tournament Held in Buffalo, NY



PRCUA Exec. Officers, Dist. 2 Director Greg Olma, Tournament Chair Bill Nowakowski, Dist. 5 Dir. Joan Sylak and First Lady Judy Drobot with members of the 2012 Bowling Tournament



(L-r) Past Dir. W. Nowakowski, Dir. C. Ozog,, Dir. R. Bugielski, Dir. R. Turkiewicz, Past V.P. D. Spejewski, Dir. C. Bonin, Dir. M. Mikuszewski, Dir. J. Sylak, Secy.-Tres. J. Robaczewski, V.P. R. Bielenda, Pres. J. Drobot, Jr. & Past Secy.-Tres. J. Szarowicz [Photos: Res. V.P. A. Sokolowski]



2011 Winning Team C.1.5 were presented with their awards



2011 Winners Main Sporting Goods receiving their awards



(L-r) Pres. J. Drobot, Jr., Past Secy-Tres J. Szarowicz, 2012 Joe Osmanski Award Winner Regis Surmacz of Soc. #855 in Trafford, PA, Res. V.P. A. Sokolowski and Patrick Kosowski



Bowling Tournament Director Patrick Kosowski with the 2012 Women's Team Winners - Alley Cats

The 75th PRCUA National Bowling Tournament was successfully hosted by District 2 in Buffalo, New York on Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the AMF Thruway Lanes. About 200 PRCUA bowlers traveled to Buffalo to participate, some from as far away as Florida and Oregon!

The opening ceremony was held on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. National Bowling Tournament Director, Patrick Kosowski and PRCUA Res. Vice President Anna Sokolowski welcomed the bowlers to Buffalo and wished them high scores. Res. VP Sokolowski thanked Patrick Kosowski and her Exec. Asst. Mary Jane Robles for the terrific job they did and introduced the PRCUA dignitaries: President Joseph

Dist. #4 Richard Turkiewicz, Dist. #5 Joan Sylak,



Drobot, Jr., V.P. Robert Bielenda, Secretary- (L-r) Dist. 2 officers Dave Pfaff & M. Turkiewicz, Dist. 6 Dir. Connie Treasurer James Robaczewski; National Directors - Bonin, Tourney Chair Bill Nowakowski and Dist. 2 Dir. Greg Olma -Dist. #1 Marsha Mikuszewski, Dist. #2 Greg Olma, Connie received a trophy for 45 yrs. of bowling tournament attendance

Dist. #6 Constance Bonin, Dist. #7 Robert Bugielski, Dist.#10 Christopher Ozog; Past Res. V.P. Dolores Spejewski, Past Secy-Tres Joyce Szarowicz, Past Dist. #2 Dir. Bill Nowakowski. Dist. #5 National Dir. Mitch Bienia was present at the closing ceremony.

Regis Surmacz of Society #855 (Trafford, PA) was recognized as the 2012 Joe Osmanski "Bowler of the Year" winner and received a commemorative jacket. His Grandfather was a charter member of PRCUA Soc. #855 in 1915 and his 5 sons - Regis' father, Brownie, John, Henry, Edmond and Leo - were all members and bowlers in the PRCUA tournaments in the 1950s. Regis has been a member since 1967 and has been bowling almost every year since 1980. He is married and has 4 children. Congratulations Regis, on a well deserved honor! The opening ceremony commenced with President Drobot throwing the ceremonial first ball.

After 3 days of competitive bowling, the winners were crowned. We have new winners in the heralded team event! Congrats to the winners of the Men's Team Event - THE COMEBACK KIDS from Pittsburgh, PA (Anthony Tedesco, Mark Ostoich, Tom Filbert, Jan Cavacini, Dave Conrad). Congrats to the winners of the Women's Team Event - ALLEY CATS of Hammond, IN - Soc. #413 (Marcie Wallin, Jinx Phillips, Marian Rusher, Jan Clark, Anne Gaddin). Other winners are MEN'S: Single - Rick Lambert; Double - Joseph Tomasi & Doug Zywicki; All Events - Doug Zywicki; WOMEN'S: Single - Katie Hyso; Doubles - Angela L'Esperance & Cindy Zelasko; All Events - Katie Hyso.

Be sure to check the PRCUA website at www.prcua.org under News and Events for the complete lists of winners, all results and lots more photos. (See related article on page 12 about bowlers John Janiec and John Pawelek.)

No perfect game this year but we had some great individual scores such as Katie Hyso of Soc. #1618 in MI who shot an astounding 278 game and finished 7 pins shy of an actual 700 series in the Singles event. Nice bowling, Katie!

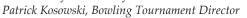
PRCUA District 2 presented a special "longevity" trophy to PRCUA District 6 National Director Constance Bonin for attending every PRCUA Bowling Tournament for 45 consecutive years! Congratulations, Connie!

It is fitting to tip our hats to the folks from District 2 for hosting this annual event and showing all in attendance a wonderful time. Festivities included a well-attended hospitality room on Thursday and Friday evening at the Adam Mickiewicz Library and Dramatic Circle. Many bowlers attended a special Mass, which was celebrated on Saturday at St. Stanislaus Church. On Saturday evening, a banquet was also held at the Adam Mickiewicz Library and Dramatic Circle. It featured the lively polkas and music of the Al Kania band. Many in attendance enjoyed dancing to the tunes, and the hall was packed with many old friends reminiscing and sharing laughs!

Thanks to tournament chairperson, Bill Nowakowski, and his team from District 2 for treating us all to a fine

tournament. Bill and his team did a wonderful job creating a tournament that truly commemorated the significance of its 75th anniversary. I also extend a thank you to Res. V.P.Anna Sokolowski and her Executive Assistant, Mary Jane Robles, for their amazing patience, guidance and teamwork in working with me on this year's tournament!

Lastly, I would like to recognize the amazing run that the PRCUA has had with its bowling tournaments. Seventy-five years is a tremendous accomplishment for any event! The longevity of this event is a true testament to our fraternal love for one another and our desire to see our old friends year after year. I wish us all many more successful tournaments and I personally look forward to continuing to get to know each of you over the coming years. We will continue our wonderful string of events next year in Wyandotte, MI as Society #162 hosts the 76th Bowling Tournament. (The date for this tournament will be released shortly.) PRCUA Society #162 President, Stan Pasko, and his team are busy planning a wonderful event, and hope to host the biggest tournament in years! See you there!





Two members of the The Comeback Kids 2012 Men's Winning Team receiving awards

Narod Polski

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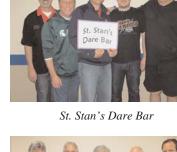
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Brownie's Boys



Toledo Gorls





La Flama Blanco 11

La Flama Blanco



Bob's 718 Bombers



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Kaisertown Killers



Statius of Liberty



Young Turks





Mix 'n Match



Loraine Women's Team





The Team



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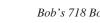












Na Zdrowie







PRCUA Member Marlena Dzis in Concert



On May 11th, PRCUA member Marlena Dzis, a Lyric Coloratura Soprano, performed an evening of art songs and arias by Moniuszko, Chopin, Delibes, Mozart, Offenbach, Dell'Acqua and Bellini at the Polish Museum of America

Duet with Natalie Chami and Marlena Dzis

in Chicago, IL. She was accompanied by Jennifer McCabe. Her concert also included duets with Natalie Chami, mezzo-soprano, and Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. baritone -President of the PRCUA.

JOSEPH A. DROBOT, JR. has been singing since childhood. In grammar school and high school he was a lead singer in recitals and plays. He

was exposed to opera music Accompaniest Jennifer McCabe playing when he worked for a men's for Baritone Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. clothing store as a young man.

In adulthoood, this appreciation prompted him to received operatic training for several years under Jan Purty, a local Michigan operatic voice coach. Although he had not performed for many years, he sang selections from Verdi and Mozart, as well as a duet with Marlena.

MARLENA DZIS was born in Poland and immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 4. She is the daughter of Mieczyslaw and Marianna Dzis, who is Music Director of the PRCUA Polonia Dance Ensemble in Chicago, IL. Her parents are both musicians.

As a child, she studied classical piano, ballet and sang and danced with PRCUA's Polonia Ensemble. With Polonia, she performed in Taiwan, Hungary, Poland, Israel, and Rome – where she sang for John Paul II in 1998. Ms. Dzis attended Polish school and maintains Polish traditions and language.

Upon graduating from high school, Ms. Dzis studied at Loyola U. New Orleans, where she studied with Mona Bond and Amy Pfrimmer. She sang with the New Orleans Opera Chorus, performing in Verdi's *La Traviata* and a special concert with Placido Domingo. She won the vocal division of the University's *Concerto/Aria Competition*. In 2009, she graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in Music Education and a minor in Jazz.

Ms. Dzis then studied at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL with Sunny Joy Langton and performed in Northwestern's operatic production of *The Ghosts of Versailles*. In 2010, she graduated with her M.A. in Vocal Music Education. She sang with the Northwestern U. Chorus.

Ms. Dzis has been accepted to study at the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. AIMS is an intensive sixweek summer program offering specialized instruction in opera study by international clinicians, coaches, and teachers. The program offers opportunities to perform with the AIMS Festival Orchestra, as well as audition for European agents while in Austria. In existence for 43 years, it is one of the oldest summer programs available to young professional singers. Ms. Dzis is very excited about this opportunity and looks forward to continued growth.

The PRCUA wishes Ms. Dzis continued success. (See more photos at: www.prcua.org, News & Events, Marlena Dzis Concert



Marlena Dzis with her parents, PRCUA officers and friends

nnifer McCabe playing

competitive spirit. Two seasoned veterans from PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 in Detroit, MI, John Pawelek and John Janiec

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St. Stan's Bowlers John Pawelek

and John Janiec

National Bowling Tourna

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Pawelek and John Janiec were in the leader spot for the Doubles Event heading into Sunday's squads. While they were narrowly beaten by a young team from Buffalo (consisting of Joseph Tomasi and Doug Zywicki) they still managed to finish in second place, out of nearly 50 teams! The amazing aspect of this story is that John and John have been bowling in these PRCUA tournaments for a longer period of time than perhaps the combined age of the individuals that edged them out.

Without revealing John and John's ages, I will say that they are both still in the prime of their careers, and have been for the past 50-60 years! You may have caught John and John throwing strikes at the bowling alley or maybe you saw them at the St. Stan's Hall enjoying a beverage and being the last ones to leave!

Their fraternal and competitive spirit is a great example for us all! I personally would like to congratulate John Pawelek and John Janiec on a great tournament and on the accomplishment of their 2nd place finish in the Men's Doubles Event. I look forward to watching them claim the doubles crown in Wyandotte, MI next year at the 76th Bowling Tourney!

- Patrick Kosowski, PRCUA Bowling Director

PRCUA DANCE GROUPS AT POLISH FESTIVAL IN TROY, MI



TROY, MI - The First Annual Polka Festival was held on Sunday, April 15th was sponsored by and held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI.

Many of the PRCUA's eleven Polish dance groups in Michigan participated in this new event, which took place from 1 in the afternoon to 8 p.m.

These Gwiazda dancers who stole the show! The entire Gwiazda



PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers (above and below)

Ensemble, under the leadership of Dir. Cynthia Cervenak, presented the "Helena Polka." The event also featured the PRCUA Opole Dancers DANCING the "Hoe Down Polka."

Also performing was the Wawel Folk Ensemble. Although this is not a PRCUA dance group, many PRCUA members are members of this group, including: Donna Skurski, PRCUA Opole



Choreographer; Rachael Kasperek - PRCUA Zajaczek Choreographer; Beth Thacker - PRCUA Opole Director; Basia Grabas - PRCUA Gwiazda Choreographer; Jessica Wendt -PRCUA Gwiazda Director.

Christopher Ozog, National PRCUA Director of District 10, was also present. After the polka performances, the audience spent the afternoon toe-taping to the musical styling of *Big Daddy Lackowski & the La Dee Das* and the *Polka Family. Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski, Gwiazda Secretary*

and 1997 Alumnus



Alyssa Frankowski, Kaitlyn Johns, Kristen Johns and Emily Guirey PRCUA Opole Dancers

Southwest Center of Polish Dancing Recital

COUNTRYSIDE, IL - Hats off to another great year at the PRCUA's Southwest Center of Polish Dancing! The children were working really hard all year and they all shined at our 27th Annual Recital held on April 29th at Park Place of Countryside Banquets. The children were amazing. They showed their Polish pride and had a wonderful performance.

Best of luck to teacher Danielle Kroplewski. She hung up her jazz shoes so that she can spend more time with her four children, including her newest addition, Anthony Robert, who was born on April 2nd. Also, congratulations to teacher Andrew Lech on his upcoming wedding to his fiancé Patricia Zupnik. Can't wait to celebrate!

A big BRAVO and many hugs to Richard Jaminski for his 25th year as choreographer with the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing. Congratulations. Richard's choreography has had a big impact upon countless students whom he taught to appreciate their Polish culture through song and dance!

A great big "thank you" goes to the entire staff at SWCPD. They are the heart and soul of this school and help keep the school running. The staff should be proud of themselves and their children. We also thank the PRCUA officers who came to the recital and always support us.



SWCPD Staff and PRCUA officers: Standing (l-r): Andrew Lech, Virginia Gavaghan-Stekala, Richard Jaminski, Annette Nowakowski, Mark Sokolowski, PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, School Director Ania Kraszewski, PRCUA Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr., First Lady Judith Drobot, National Director of District 8 Krystyna Lech, Danielle Kroplewski, PRCUA Secy-Tres. James Robaczewski, and Michael Dziadkowiec; Kneeling (l-r): Kasia Avila, Evelina Pabijanski, Stephanie Anhalt, Kasia Bialas, and Ola Herdzik

Starting with the oldest group, **WESOLY LUDEK** danced suites from the Zywiec Mountain Region and then performed dances from the upbeat region of Rzeszow. Job well done, everybody! Happy 10th year anniversary to Martha Guziak, Alicia Kaleta, and Kasia Presz. Happy 5th year anniversary to Damien Hosaniak and Annie Rangel.



 WESOLY LUDEK - Standing (l-r): Annie Rangel, Emily Stoch, Alicia Kaleta, Ania Cieplucha, Jessica Gewont, Sylwia Koziel, Kasia Presz, Martha Guziak, Michelle Szaflarski, and Diana Piatek; Kneeling (l-r): Alex Labudzki, Daniel Budz, Daniel Czerwien, Caroline Nowak, Sara Socha, Maciej Brzyski, and Adam Benko (not pictured: Damien Hosaniak)

MLODY LUDEK, performed dances from the the region of *Leczycy*, a region not featured very often. Then, they showed off the cute and upbeat *Polka Jazzowa*. Fantastic Job! Happy 10th year anniversary to Weronika Niedzielski and happy 5th year anniversary to Karolina Gewont.

After they did a great job performing dances from *Lowicz*, **LUDKOWIE** changed costumes and performed dances and songs from *Warmia*. Awesome job! Happy 10th year anniversary to Kasia Staron and happy 5th year anniversary to Michal Kaluzny!

MALY LUDEK sang and danced the Krakowiak and then performed the fast and lively *Wiosna Suite* in their beautiful new vibrant costumes. Super job! Happy 5th year anniversary to Olivia Duda, Jakub Niedzielski, Wioletta Stasinski, and Gabriella Stoch.

LUDZIKI took us for a ride around Poland in their *Pociag Suite*. After that, they changed into their party clothes and performed a super cute Swing - a Southwest Center first! Well done. Happy 5th year anniversary to AnnaMaria Williams!

Our youngest stars, **KRASNOLUDKI**, touched our hearts and then surprised their Mommies with flowers at the end of their dance full of preschool games. Wonderful!

WESOLY LUD II entertained us with dances from *Gorny Slask* and we all did the Celebration Polka. Part of WESOLY LUD was at another performance with Artistic Dir./Choreo. Misia Jaminski and new Asst. teacher, Camilla Steczek. We missed them.

To register, email swcpdancing@hotmail.com. - Ania Kraszewski, School Director

MLODY LUDEK -Standing (L-R): Matthew Kawiecki, Nicolas Schab, John Slubowski, Kamil

Kawiecki, Bart Szumiec, Anthony Plewa, Kacper Kaczmarczyk,

Assistant Teacher Michael Dziadkowiec; Sitting

(L-R): Stephanie Labudzki, Sarah Styrczula, Kayla

Leonhard, Weronika Niedzielski, Karolina Gewont, Nicola Szaflarski, and Sabina Slubowski



LUDKOWIE - Standing (l-r): Olivia Bednarczuk, Stephanie Skrypek, Kasia Staron, Caroline Kukulski, Veronica Guziak, and Asia Staron

Kneeling(l-r): Alan Krolikowski, Christopher Kaleta, Tom Benko, Michal Kaluzny, Max Morawski, and Szymon Szczepaniak

MALY LUDEK -Standing (l-r): Sofia Strozak, Caroline Strozak, Maria Thurman, Olivia Duda, Ania Gogola, Izabella Pikul, Claudia Sawic, Victoria Styrczula, and Teresa Czerwien Kneeling: Tomas Czerwien, Wiktor Kuzmiuk, Adam



Ciecierski, Matthew Schab, Mikolaj Kloczkowski, and Jakub Niedzielski; Sitting: Asia Burdzy, Ania Ciecierski, Kasia Burdzy, Wioletta Stasinski, Ania Tumiel (not pictured: Gabriella Stoch)



LUDZIKI -Standing (l-r): Aleksandra Wozniak, Izabella Plewa, Jenna Thurman, Jessica Wenc, Victoria Pikul, Marcel Duda, Karolina Mikulec, AnnaMaria Williams, Weronika Zielak, Natalia Hatala

Kneeling (l-r): Weronika Kaczmarczyk, Magdalena Truta, Joseph Strozak, Daniela Gal; Sitting (L-R): Mark Hanacek, Julia Skowyra, Emily Szaflarski, Asia Pietura, and Ryan Solecki (not pictured: Patricia Stasinski)

KRASNOLUDKI - Teachers (l-r): Assistant Teacher Evelina Pabijanski, Teacher Virginia Gavaghan-Stekala and Volunteer Assistant Stephanie Anhalt Standing (l-r): Victoria Williams, Ruby Konopacki, Karolina Kroplewski, Emily Cesarz, Emilia Kroplewski, Elizabeth Bahena, Maja Stefaniak, Liliana Gal; Sitting: Maverick Krynski-Fabbi, Zachary Skrzypiec, and Evan Solecki (not pictured: Maya Chrzanowska) (See more photos at **www.prcua.org**, News & Events, SWCPD Recital.)





Breakfast held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, across the street from Grant Park, where the Parade began. Among the special guests were Bishop Andrew Wypych, Aux. Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Bishop Wieslaw Lechowicz of Tarnow, Poland.

After speeches and delicious а breakfast, participants walked over to Columbus Drive and Balboa Street. The Parade began and was televised by ABC 7's Alan Krashesky. It aired on Saturday, May 5, 2012, 1:00-2:00 p.m. It was also covered by Polish TV and media. On Sunday, a

Mass at Holy Trinity Mission Church in Chicago was concelebrated by Bishop Wieslaw Lechowicz, Bishop

Andrew Wypych and priests from Polonia's parishes in the Chicago area.

On Saturday and Sunday, a May Fest was held at the Copernicus Foundation on Lawrence Avenue in Chicago. Performances by popular bands, singers and Polish Folk Dance groups such as PRCUA's Polonia Ensemble and Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., highlighted the program. There was even a theatrical play presenteed by Polishdrama American students based on the historical founding of





Pope John Paul II Polish Language School, Lemont, IL





St. Rafal Kalinowski School, Hammond, IN



the Polish Constitution in 1791. It was a most appropriate ending for a fun-filled weekend celebrating Poland's May 3rd Constitution.

> - Kathryn Rosypal, Executive Editor [Photos: Anna and Mark Sokolowski]

PRCUA Prince Charming Pawel Cwyl, Cinderella Sylvia Kupiec, Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski, Runners-Up *Kim Skrzypiec & Tim Eckert at the* Pre-Parade Breakfast

District 2 Hospitality Excelled at Tournament!

BUFFALO, NY - Social gatherings are a big part of fraternalism. In the PRCUA, bowling tournaments are one of the Union's most popular fraternal activities. So, it stands to reason that hospitality rooms are a great way for PRCUA members to enjoy each other's company. But hospitality rooms at recent bowling tournaments have been modest affairs.

District 2 went all out for the 75th Annual Bowling Tournament Hospitality Party. The three-night bash was held at the historic clubrooms of the Adam Mickiewicz Library & Dramatic Circle on Fillmore Avenue, in the heart of Buffalo's old east side Polonia. Tournament participants thronged to the club and many said it was the best hospitality room that they have experienced at a bowling tournament.

Former District 2 PRCUA Board Member William Nowakowski organized the tournament, along with District 2 President Mary Turkiewicz, Vice President Robert Sienkiewicz, Treasurer David Pfaff and District 2 National Director Greg Olma. Nowakowski said, "We weren't satisfied with just renting a room and dumping beer in ice in the bath tub. The committee wanted to make this event special." The setting served that goal well.

The Mickiewicz Library is Buffalo's oldest Polish organization, founded in 1895. The hall was built in 1898 and a major addition of a bar room was made in 1917. It is also Buffalo's oldest active theater. It's partner Torn Space Theatre produces 6 to 8 productions a year in the rear hall. There is also a thriving social scene in the club. Mickiewicz's almost 500 members enjoy a free full-size pool table and the nation's best selection of Polish

beers, vodkas and liqueurs. District 2 holds its meetings there.

The Friday, April 20, the Hospitality Party included PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Resident V.P. Anna Sokolowski, V.P. Robert Bielenda and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, as well as National Directors Dist. 1 Marsha Mikuszewski, Dist. 2 Greg Olma, Dist. 5 Joan Sylak, Dist. 6 Connie Bonin, and Dist. 7 Robert Bugielski. Also mingling with group were PRCUA Sales Dir. Robert Fattore and Fraternal Dept. Exec. Secy. Mary Jane Robles; and from District 2 Pres Mary Turkiewicz, V.P. Robert Sienkiewicz and Treasurer David Pfaff.



Mary Jane Robles & Past

Saturday's dinner was sold out with over 80 in attendance. Traditional Polish American favorites and a well-stocked dessert table Res. V.P. Dolores Spejewski were enjoyed by all. Award presentations were made after the meal. The highlight was the presentation of a trophy honoring National Director Connie Bonin of District 6 for her attendance at over 45 consecutive annual tournaments!

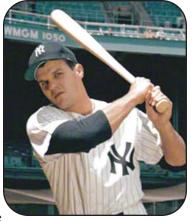
The up-beat tempo of classic East Coast style polkas added a flare to the dance held after dinner. Local favorite Al Kania's Band, Polka Smiles, East Coast Style mesmerized the crowd. Chair Nowakowski said, "We were lucky to get Al. He has one the tightest schedules in town." Kania's band mates are professionals who play with local orchestras. - Dir. Greg Olma, District 2

Bill 'Moose' Skowron Died

CHICAGO - Bill " Moose " Skowron, a member of PRCUA Soc. #1580 and a close confidante of PRCUA President Emeritus Edward Dykla, died on April 26, 2012 of a heart attack at the age of 81.

Born William Joseph Skowron on Chicago's North Side, he said he was given the nickname Moose at the age of 7 after his grandfather gave him a crew cut that caused kids to nickname him "Mussolini" - after the Italian fascist leader. It was shortened to "Moose."

Bill attended Weber H.S., where he starred as a football player. Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski said of him: "He was a legend at Weber and was always a great supporter of the school." After graduation, Skowron accepted a football



Bill 'Moose' Skowron

scholarship at Purdue because that University also offered baseball. He kicked the longest field goal of 81 yards against Northwestern U. and on the baseball team he hit .500 in his sophomore year, which was a Big Ten record.

Skowron played for the NY Yankees from 1954-62 and won four championships - 1956, 1958, 1961 and 1962. In 1963, he was traded to the Dodgers and helped them win the World Series. He also played with the Washington Senators (1964), the White Sox (1964-67) and the California Angels (1967). He was an All-Star from 1957-61, appearing in both games in 1959 and 1960, then again in 1965. He was named to 8 All Star teams, helped win 5 World Series and played in 8. He played with Micky Mantle, Roger Maris, and fellow Pol-Am Tony Kubek.

During his career, Skowron played in the Majors for 14 years; he hit 211 home runs and had a batting average of .282 and 888 RBIs. Bill Skowron is an elite member of the Polish American Sports Hall of Fame in Orchard Lake, MI.

"There weren't many better guys than Moose," said Yankees Hall of Famer Yogi Berra. "He was a dear friend and a great team man. A darn good ballplayer, too."

After Skowron's playing career, he returned to Chicago, and worked for the White Sox since 1999 in the team's community relations department, making appearances.

Yankees Manager Joe Girardi said of Moose, "He had a real zest for life. Loved the game, [he] loved to talk about the game." He liked to reminisce about his time with the baseball greats. He often told fans "I shaved four times the night I went to dinner with Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio."

In 1975, then PRCUA Pres. Edward Dykla signed Moose up with the PRCUA. Moose attended a PRCUA Softball Tournament that was held in East Chicago, IN and many of the pregame ceremonies at Polish American Nite at White Sox Park in Chicago. He was proud of his Polish heritage.

Bill Skowron is survived by his wife, Lorraine "Cookie;" 3 children: Lynnette (Steve), Greg (Sheryl) and Steve; 4 grandchildren: Addyson, Jordan, Grant and Blake; brother Edward (Dorothy) and niece Lisa.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Queen of All Saints Basilica in Chicago. May he rest in eternal peace, knowing that he lived his life to its fullest. Let us fondly remember Moose.

KALENDARZ na CZERWIEC i LIPIEC 2012

◆ 1 czerwca (piątek) NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NA STADIONIE COMERICA - Detroit, MI. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Tigers i Yankees. Program rozpocznie o godz. 17.30, mecz o godz. 19.05. Koszt uczestnictwa \$43.00. Informacje: Wallace Ozog 1-586-751-8168 lub: corey.bell@detroittigers.com.

• 2 czerwca (sobota) - DZIEŃ POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKI W SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA - Gurnee, IL; Bilety w cenie \$28.00 od osoby: Mary Jane Robles 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601; dzieci do 2 lat za darmo.

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◆ 3 czerwca (niedziela) - KONCERET WIOSENNY ZPiT "Polonia" ZPRKA, sala bankietowa "Białego Orła", 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. Początek godz. 16:30. Koncert, obiad i wspólna zabawa dla całych rodzin. Cena biletów - \$35 dorośli, młodzież - \$25.00, \$18 - dzieci. Informacje i rezerwacje: (847) 529-2555.

◆ 10 czerwca (niedziela) - DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA - godz. 14.00, Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131 St., Orland Park, IL. Po mszy św. lunch w Hackney's of Palos Park, 123rd i LaGrange Rd., Palos Park, IL. Koszt lunchu - \$25 od osoby. Rezerwacje - do 5 czerwca u Krystyny Lech, 12551 Palos West Dr., Palos Park, IL 60464, tel. (708) 361-5029.

10 czerwca (niedziela) - KONCERT WIOSENNY ZPiT "Echoes of Poland", Notre Dame Academy Auditorium, 3535 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH, w godz. 15.00-17.00. Bilety: Dorośli: \$10, Emeryci: \$7, Dzieci: \$3 (poniżej 10 roku życia - wstęp wolny). Inforamcje i bilety: Paulina (419) 531-8658.

• 22-25 czerwca (piątek-poniedziałek) - 3 NOCE GIER: Texas Hold'em, Black Jack, ruletka. Pampa Poker Room, 31925 Van Dyke Ave. (na północ od 13 Mile Rd.), Warren, MI. Gry rozgrywane będą w godz. 19:00-2:00 rano. Dochód przeznaczony zostanie na działalność Tow. Jana Pawła II #1593 ZPRKA. Szczegółowe informacje: Wallace Ozog (586) 751-8168.

◆ 3 lipca (wtorek) - NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA na stadionie U.S. Cellular Field. Mecz rozegrają White Sox i Texas Rangers. Początek o godz. 7.10 wiecz. Przed meczem program artystyczny - wystąpi ZPiT "Wesoły Lud" ZPRKA. Rezerwacje do 11 czerwca 2012 r. Miejsca LOWER BOX SEATS - \$20.00. Bilety: ZPRKA 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601.

• 4 lipca (środa) - DZIEŃ NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI - Amerykańskie święto narodowe obchodzone 4 lipca w rocznicę ogłoszenia Deklaracji Niepodległości Stanów Zjednoczonych od Wielkiej Brytanii, w 1776 roku.

21 lipca (sobota) - 60. DOROCZNY KRAJOWY TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA, Giant Oak Golf Club,
Temperance, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Gary Boes (313) 212-7775 lub fjnasiatka@comcast net.
Dodatkowe informacje na str. 16.

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

Zapisy do Poł-Zach. Centrum Polskich Tańców



Południowo-Zachodnie Centrum Polskich Tańców Ludowych ZPRKA ogłasza zapisy na rok szkolny 2012-2013. Miejsca zapisów: czwartek, 23 sierpnia 2012 r. w sali parafialnej parafii St. Albert the Great, 5555 S. State Road, Burbank, IL 60459 w godz. 18.00-20.30. Wcześniejsze zapisy drogą pocztową, prosimy przesyłać na adres: SWCPD, 5007 S. Knox, Chicago, IL 60632.

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Pierwszy dzień zajęć: 6 września w dawnym klasztorze przy prafii St. Albert the Great, 5555 S. State Road, Burbank, IL, w godz. 18.00-21.00. Rozkład zajęć może się zmienić w zależności od wieku dziecka Więcej informacji lub pytań: Anna Kraszewski - dyrektor szkoły, tel. (773) 972-0012.



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Kandydaci na stanowisko Dyrektora Dystryktu #9

Michaeleen (Mickie) A. Lamont - zamieszkała w Hammond, IN. Należy do Tow. św. Władysława #418 ZPRKA. Z zawodu jest specjalistą ochorny zdrowia słuchu. Ukończyła South Park High School. Do ZPRKA należ od 1974 r.

Elizabeth A. Sadus - zamieszkała w Chicago Heights, IL. Należy do Towarzystw Św. Józefa Robotnika #1579 i Św. Barbary #354 ZPRKA. Pracuje jako niezależny projektant instruktażowy. Jest absolwentką Purdue University i Prarie State University. Do ZPRKA należy od 2004 r.

Richard Sobilo - zamieszkały w Whiting, IN. Jest członkiem towarzystwa Matki Boskiej Królowej Polski #413 ZPRKA. Z zawodu jest inżynierem mechanikiem, Jest absolwentem St. Mary's University i University of Notre Dame. Do ZPRKA należy od 1979 r.

Gerald A. Tarka - zamieszkały w Calumet City, IL. Jest członkiem towarzystwa Matki Boskiej Królowej Polski #413 ZPRKA. Pracuje jako skarbnik miasta. Jest absolwentem DePaul University. Do ZPRKA należy od 1979 roku.

Zmarł Bill "Moose" Skowron, członek ZPRKA i gwiazda baseballu



26 kwietnia zmarł w wieku 81 lat słynny zawodnik baseballu Bill "Moose" Skowron, który był członkiem Tow. #1580 ZPRKA. Wychowywał się w Chicago gdzie ukończył szkołę średnią Weber High School, w której był gwiazdą football'u.

Studiował na Purdue University, w którym otrzymał stypendium piłkarskie, tam też dał się poznać jako

wybitny baseballista.

Po ukończeniu studiów zaczął zawodowo grać w baseball. Dla NY Yankees, z którą zdobył cztery tytuły mistrzowskie, grał w latach: 1956, 1958, 1961 i 1962. W 1963 roku grał w drużynie Dodgers, pomagając im wygrać tytuł mistrzowski przeciwko NY Yankees. W 1964 r. grał dla Washington Senators, w latach 1964-67 dla White Sox a w 1967 r. dla California Angels. W sumie grał w 8 zespołach gwiazd w latach 1957-61 i 65.

Z drużynami, w których grał, ośmiokrtonie grał o tytuł mistrzowski, pięć z nich zdobyło tytuł. W czasie swojej kariery Bill Skowron osiągnął średnią odbitych piłek 282 i 211 tzw. "home runs". Skowron, który pracował przez parę ostatnich lat jako przedstawiciel ds. kontaktów publicznych drużyny White Sox, mieszkał w Schaumburg, IL. Pozostawił żonę, Lorraine "Cookie", 3 dzieci: Lynnette (Steve), Greg (Sheryl) i Steve; 4 wnuków: Addyson, Jordan, Grant i Blake; brata Edwarda (Dorothy} i bratanicę Lisę. Msza św. pogrzebowa odprawiona została 29 kwietnia w bazylice Królowej Wszystkich Świętych w Chicago.

Niech spoczywa w wiecznym pokoju!

Biura Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce będą zamknięte w środę, 4 lipca 2012 r. w związku z obchodzonym w tym dniu w USA Dniem Niepodległości (Independence Day)

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60. doroczny Krajowy Turniej Golfowy ZPRKA rozgrywany będzie w Giant Oak Golf Club w Temperance, MI w sobote, 21 lipca 2012 roku. Gary Boes, prezydent Dystr. #5, wraz z jego komitetem cieszą się, że mogą być gospodarzami tego turnieju.

Uczestnicy mogą się zakwaterować w Fairfield Inn and Suites, 5686 Benore Rd., Toledo, OH. Cena - \$89,99 za pokój double/king, \$99,95 za apartament king (plus podatek). Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc pod numer: (410) 725-0050. Prosimy nadmienić, że jesteście uczestnikami Krajowego Turnieju Golfa ZPRKA podczas robienia rezerwacji. Rezerwacje będą przyjmowane do 20 czerwca, 2012 r.

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piątku, 6 lipca 2012 r. Późniejsze zgłoszenia nie będą akceptowane. Formularze zgłoszeniowe zostaną automatycznie wysłane do uczestników poprzednich turniejów. Formularz można również pobrać i wydrukować ze strony internetowej prcua.org lub zadzwonić do Departamentu Braterstwa ZPRKA pod bezpłatny numer 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601 i poprosić o przesłanie formularza.

NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NA STADIONIE COMERICA PARK

1 czerwca 2012 r. Program rozpocznie o godz. 17.30 w rytmie polki, o godz. 18.30 wystąpią zespoły tańca ludowego. Mecz rozpocznie się o 19.05. Po zakończenieu meczu pokaz fajerwerków. Koszt uczestnictwa \$43.00 - w cenie miejsca w tzw. upper box infield, koszulka T-shirt, kanapka z parówką, chipsy i napój gazowany oraz donacja w wysokości \$3.00 na Fundusz Edukacyjny Tow. #1593 ZPRKA. Informacje: Wallace Ozog 1-586-751-8168 lub: corey.bell@detroittigers.com.

NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NA STADIONIE U.S. CELLULAR FIELD

Po raz kolejny zapraszamy całą Polonię na Noc Polsko-Amerykańską, we wtorek, 3 lipca 2012 r. Mecz rozegrają drużyny White Sox i Texas Rangers. Początek o godz. 7.10 wieczorem. Przed meczem polski program artystyczny. Gościnnie wystąpi ZPiT "Wesoły Lud" ZPRKA. Liczba miejsc ograniczona, prosimy o dokonywanie rezerwacji do poniedziałku, 11 czerwca 2012 r. Miejsca LOWER BOX SEATS - \$20.00 (regularna cena - \$40). Bilety na mecz można zakupić dzwoniąc do: ZPRKA, tel. 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601.

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Upływa termin nadsyłania podań! na stypendia i dotacje dla studentów ZPRKA

Każdego roku Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce przyznaje młodzieży studenckiej stypendia Funduszu Stypendialnego ZPRKA i dotacje edukacyjne z Funduszu 💐 Edukacyjnego ZPRKA.

Termin nadsyłania podań na pomoc finansową ZPRKA upływa 1 lipca 2012 r.

Ubiegający się o stypendium studenci muszą być na 2 (sophomore), 3 (junior) lub 4 (senior) roku studiów licencjackich (undergraduate) lub studiów magisterskich (graduate), albo zawodowych (professional) w akredytowanej uczelni lub szkole wyższej. Muszą również uczęszczać na studia w pełnym wymiarze godzin.

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Decyzja o przyznaniu pomocy finansowej podjęta zostanie w sierpniu, a stypendia i dotacje przesłane zostaną bezpośrednio do instytucji naukowej, w której uczy się student.

Szczegółowe informacje i formularze podań można znaleźć na stronie: www.PRCUA.org pod hasłem Member Benefits.

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NIEZWYKŁY WIECZÓR ARII OPEROWYCH



Marlena "Marley" Dziś w wykonaniu jednej z arii. Przy fortepianie - Jennifer McCabe.

Jennifer McCabe.

Na wyjątkowy wieczór, złożyły się utwory takich kompozytorów jak Moniuszko -"Prząśniczka" i "Polna Różyczka", Chopin -"Aime-moi", Bellini - "Ah! non credea" i "Ah! Non giunge" z opery "La Sonnambula" ("Lunatyczka"), Mozart - "La ci darem la mano" z opery "Don Giovanni), Offenbach -"The Doll Song" ("Pieśń lalki") z opery "The Tales of Homffmann" ("Opowieści Hoffmanna"), Delibes - "The Bell Song" i



"Di Provenza" z opery "La Traviata" Verdiego, w wykonaniu prezesa Josepha A. Drobota.

University w Evanston (studia magisterskie). W Nowym Orleanie śpiewała w Operze Nowoorleańskiej, gdzie wystąpiła u boku Placido Domingo.

Drugim kierunkiem muzycznym, który studiowała jest



Prezes Drobot i Marlena Dziś w "La ci darem la mano" z opery "Don Giovanni.

na uroczystościach rodzinnych, szkolnych i kościelnych. Śpiewu operowego uczył się u Jan Purty. W czasie wieczoru zaśpiewał solo oraz w duecie z Marleną Dziś.

Artyści z konsulem Robertem Rusieckim i przedstawicielami organizacji polonijnych. W piątek, 11 maja, zorganizowany został w Sali Głównej im. Sabiny P. Logisz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, niecodzienny koncert, w którym wystąpiła Marlena Dziś, liryczny sopran koloraturowy. W programie zaśpiewała również w duetach z Natalie Chami, mezzosopran oraz prezesem Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce, Josephem A. Drobot, Jr., baryton. Akompaniowała na fortepianie



The Flower W duecie z Natalie Chami "The Flower Duet" z opery "Lakme".

Duet" z opery "Lakme", Verdi - "Di Provenza" z

opery "La Traviata". Program prowadziła z dużym wdziękiem objaśniając treść przedstawianych arii, Kate Jedeluk. Marlena Dziś, jest absolwentką wydziału

muzycznego Loyola University w Nowym Oreanie i Northwestern

est dem est de

> Program prowadziła Kate Jedeluk.

jazz. Od małego tańczyła w Zespole Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia", z którym miała okazję występować w Tajwanie, Izraelu, Polsce, na Węgrzech oraz w Rzymie dla papieża Jana Pawła II. Wyjeżdża wkrótce do Grazu koło Wiednia, na letnie warsztaty operowe.

Natalie Chami jest kompozytorem, nauczycielem śpiewu i artystką. Ukończyła uniwersytet Northwestern University, w chwili obecnej nagrywa swoją drugą płytę.

Jennifer McCabe jest prywatnym nauczycielem i arbitrem gry na fotepianie oraz nauczycielem śpiewu. Jest absolwentką NIU.

Joseph Drobot od najmłodszych lat zajmował się śpiewem amatorsko, występując



Prez. Komorowski odznaczył przedstawicieli chicagowskiej Polonii



Prezydent RP Bronisław Komorowski (l) i ambasador RP Robert Kupiecki.



Odznaczona - prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla z mężem i prez. Komorowskim.

Prezydent RP Bronisław Komorowski przebywał w Chicago w związku z odbywającym się w "Wietrznym Mieście" w dniach 20-21 maja, 25. szczytem NATO.

W poniedziałek, 21 maja prez. Komorowski spotkał się z przedstawicielami Polonii chicagowskiej w hotelu Blackstone w śródmieściu Chicago.

W czasie spotkania prez. Komorowski wręczył odznaczenia działaczom chicagowskiej Polonii. Krzyżem Komandorskim Orderu Zasługi RP odznaczeni zostali: prezeska Muzeum

Polskiego w Ameryce Maria Cieśla, weteran lotnictwa Zygmunt Biernat oraz znany biznesman polonijny, Stanisław Stawski. 8 osób otrzymało Krzyże Kawalerskiej Orderu Zasługi RP: Wiesław Chodorowski, Frank Spula, Arie Zweig, Ted Czajkowski, Zygmunt Dyrkacz, Jerzy Kenar, dr Marek Rudnicki i Teresa Skawski.

W uroczystości udział wzięło ponad 100 osób, obecni byli prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot Jr. oraz wiceprezeska Anna Sokołowski.

Wszystkim odznaczonym składamy serdeczne gratulacje i wyrazy uznania za pracę dla Polonii.

Dystrykt #8

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Mszę św.

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W poniedziałek, 21 maja prez. Komorowski spotkał się z gubernatorem stanu Illinois, Pat'em Quinn i żołnierzami Illinois National Guard.

We wtorek, 22 maja, prezydent Komorowski spotkał się z senatorem Markiem Kirkiem, którego również odznaczył Krzyżem Komandorskim Orderu Zasługi RP, za jego pracę nad ustawą dotyczącą włączenia Polski do programu ruchu bezwizowego.



**Rezerwacji należy dokonać** do 5 czerwca 2012 r. Prosimy przesyłać rezerwacje do: Krystyna Lech 12551 Palos West Drive Palos Park, 1L 60464 708-361-5029

## Dedykacja Parku Kościuszki w Dublin, OH

W sobotę, 12 maja odbyła się w miejscowości Dublin w stanie Ohio, uroczystość nadania imienia Parku Kościuszki 35-akrowemu terenowi leśnemu. Park jest częścią 500-akrowego obrszaru, który przyznany został gen. Tadeuszowi Kościuszce za jego zasługi dla Armii Kontynentalnej.

W czasie akademii, która miała miejsce w Scioto Park, przemawiali m.in. prezes i dyr.



Uczestnicy uroczystości - w drugim rzędzie (trzeci z lewej) dyr. Bienia.



Konsul Małgorzata Kozik.

wykonawczy Fundacji Kościuszkowskiej Alex Storożyński oraz konsul RP Małgorzata Kozik. W programie artystycznym wystąpiły zespoły tańca ludowego oraz Tom Katrenich Orchestra, a w godzinach popołudniowych odprawiona została w jęz. polskim msza św. ZPRKA reprezentował dyrektor Dystr. #5 ZPRKA, Mitchell Bienia.

e Flower . Kirkiem, którego również o pracę nad ustawą dotycząca ovenza" z

## "Egzamin dojrzałości w Polskiej Szkole im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster - Refleksja"

Egzamin dojrzałości zawsze skłania do refleksji i to zarówno uczniów, jak i nauczycieli. Uczniowie patrzą raczej w przyszłość, nauczyciele analizują proces nauczania i osiągnięte przez uczniów wyniki egzaminu. W polskich szkołach na emigracji, ta refleksja ma szczególny wymiar. Doświadczenia wielu pokoleń emigrantów, wychowujących dzieci na obczyźnie uczą, że proces asymilacji i wypierania własnej kultury postępuje zwykle bardzo szybko, jeśli brak jest jej kultywowania.

Pracując z uczniami poza Polską,



Maturzyści podczas egzaminu z j. polskiego (l-p): Nicole Mielnicki, Penny Czosnyka, Conrad Czosnyka.

nauczyciel staje przed szczególnym zadaniem: powinien realizować program podtrzymywania znajomości języka polskiego i wychowywania ucznia w kulturze polskiej, a jednocześnie uwzględnić i wykorzystać doświadczenia edukacyjne ucznia zdobyte w szkole lokalnej. Do szkoły miejscowej chodzi przez cały tydzień, przebywa na co dzień w odmiennym kulturowo i językowo środowisku. Do szkoły polskiej przychodzi, by podtrzymać i doskonalić znajomość języka ojczystego, historii i tradycji, w której został wychowany lub którą chce poznać. Wpływ dwóch kultur, jest różny i zależy od warunków domowych, decyzji rodziny o wyborze języka, którym posługuje się w domu, intensywności kontaktów z Polska.

Lekcje i kontakt bezpośredni z uczniami nauczyciel wykorzystuje, aby przekazać podstawowe wiadomości z języka polskiego, historii, geografii i informacji o współczesnej Polsce. Rozwijanie i utrwalanie tej wiedzy odbywa się jednak najlepiej poza formalnymi ramami lekcji. Najważniejszą sprawą jest zainteresować ucznia tą wiedzą, którą ma przyswoić. Każde zagadnienie, zwłaszcza z literatury, czy historii Polski można przedstawić uczniowi w taki sposób, żeby poczuł się w środku

tych wydarzeń, żeby poczuł się bezpośrednio nimi zainteresowany, żeby odczuł, że sprawy, o których się uczy, dotykają jego samego poprzez jego rodzinę, poprzez rodaków zamieszkujących w ojczyźnie jego przodków.

Właśnie uczniowie na poziomie licealnym są już gotowi do takiego odbierania wiedzy o Polsce, o jej tradycjach i historii. Oni potrafią zobaczyć piękno polskiej ziemi i pokochać ją, choć jest tak daleko i tak rzadko odwiedzana. Lekcje historii, czy literatury polskiej nie muszą być nudnym przekazywaniem wiedzy, ale powinny stać się lekcjami patriotyzmu i uczyć miłości do języka i tradycji polskich.



Ogłoszenie wyników Matury 2012.

Moi tegoroczni Maturzyści biegle posługiwali się językiem polskim, więc lekcje w klasie maturalnej przekształciły się w ciekawe zajęcia, na których czytaliśmy wspólnie najpiękniejsze dzieła polskiej literatury, dyskutowaliśmy nad poezją, śledziliśmy aktualne sprawy Polski. Nikt się nie nudził, a udawało się w ten sposób dużo zapamiętać. Uczniowie postanowili, że będa zdawać historię Polski na maturze w formie ustnej, a nie w formie testu. Wynik zaskoczył pozytywnie nawet komisję egzaminacyjną, ponieważ wszyscy Maturzyści zdali historię Polski na ocenę celującą. Również ustny egzamin z literatury polskiej został oceniony przez komisję na celująco.

Satysfakcję z tak wspaniale zdanej matury mieli nie tylko uczniowie, ale i nauczyciele. Kiedy nauczyciel zobaczy u ucznia ten błysk zainteresowania, rzeczywistego odczucia piękna polskiej literatury, przejęcia się tym, co usłyszał z historii Polski, to jest to najpiękniejsza zapłata za trud włożony w cały proces nauczania. Osobiście uważam, że najpiękniejsze, co usłyszałam od moich Maturzystów, którzy przecież już urodzili się na obczyźnie było to, że ich dzieci z pewnością będą wychowywane w polskiej tradycji i oczywiście będą mówiły po polsku (niechby spróbowały nie mówić!)

Wyniki naszych całorocznych spotkań lekcyjnych zaskoczyły pozytywnie zarówno mnie, jak i maturalną komisję egzaminacyjną. Słuchając odpowiedzi naszych tegorocznych Maturzystów poczuliśmy wszyscy, że oni autentycznie czują się Polakami i są dumni ze swojego pochodzenia. Uważam, że to właśnie jest rola liceum w polskiej szkole, która nie tylko uczy dzieci czytać i pisać po polsku, ale przede wszystkim uczy młodych ludzi prawdziwej polskości.

Dr Małgorzata Czachor, wychowawca.



Komisja egzaminacyjna z maturzystami.

### Dziękujemy Pani Natalii Grabowskiej

Polska Szkoła im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN żegna P. Natalię Grabowski i życzy jej samych samych sukcesów na przyszłość!

Niewielu naszych absolwentów może pochwalić się tak długim związkiem z naszą Szkołą jak Pani Natalia Grabowski, która związana jest z naszą szkołą od ponad 20 lat. Początkowo jako uczennica, potem jako instruktor/choreograf tańca (ostatnie 7 lat). Pani Natalia jest wielotetnim czlonkiem ZPRKA, które było sponsorem Jej studiów choreograficznych otrzymanych w Polsce. Pani Natalia jest również byłym członkiem wspaniałego zespołu tańca ludowego - "Wesoły Lud".



W czasie Parady 3-majowej.

Wielu naszych uczniów, od najmłodszych po najstarszych, miało przyjemność nauczenia się tradycyjnych, polskich tańców pod opieką

Pani Natalii, czego przykłady mogliśmy ogladać wielokrotnie podczas Zabawy Szkolnej, akademii i występów pozaszkolnych.

Podczas ostatniego roku szkolnego, Pani Natalia dzieliła swoje obowiązki zawodowe pomiędzy pracą w Chicago i Milwaukee a nauczaniem w naszej szkole,



Podczas pracy z najmlodszymi uczniami. dojeżdzając co sobotę na zajęcia. Z oczywistym smutkiem, lecz z życzeniami wszelkiej pomyślności w życiu osobistym i zawodowym na przyszłe lata, w sobotę 12 maja 2012 r. pożegnaliśmy Panią Natalię, dla której mijający rok szkolny 2011-2012 był ostatnim w roli instruktora/choreografa tańca. Zarówno rodzice jak i uczniowie, tańczący pod kierunkiem p. Natalii, dołączyli się do podziękowań za Jej pracę i

Po występie z uczniami.

Jeszcze raz składamy Pani Natalii Grabowski podziękowania za jej pracę i życzenia wszelkiej

pomyślności i sukcesów w życiu osobistym i zawodowym. W imieniu wszystkich uczniów, rodziców oraz nauczycieli,

Agnieszka Fezatt, Dvrektor Polskiej Szkoły im. św. R. Kalinowskiego



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## Zespół Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia" ZPRKA w hołdzie Konstytucji 3-Maja

rozpoczęły



W ramach obchodów 3-cio majowego święta w Chicago w tym roku w Fundacji Kopernikowskiej, można było przenieść się w czasie do lat, kiedy to w zniewolonej zaborami Polsce w 1794r. król Stanisław August Poniatowski zatwierdził Konstytucję. Najwyższej klasy mistrzowsko wykonany przez chicagowskich aktorów i Zespół Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia" spektakl teatralnotaneczny, nie tylko przybliżył widzom tak ważne momenty historyczne, ale rozbawił szlacheckim humorem i dał obficie nasycić dusze przepięknymi tańcami, muzyką z tamtych czasów, oraz nacieszył widokiem przebogatych strojów.

króla Stanisława Augusta

słodkie dźwięki pozytywki Wiesław Spirala w roli melodią "Witaj Maj, 3-ci Maj..." W tym czasie na tle wyświetlonego dworku jaki Poniatowskiego. zostawił w Polsce Adam

Spektakl

Mickiewicz, wybiega jak w Panu Tadeuszu Zosia. Za nią inne, w pięknych sukniach dziewczęta, dołaczają,



by po raz ostatni zatańczyć mazura ze swoimi najukochańszymi

Biały mazur - jeszcze jeden krąg dokoła, jeden uścisk bratni, trąbka wzywa na koń woła mazur to ostatni...

młodzieńcami, mężami i by pożegnać ich błogosławiąc przed odejściem na wojnę. Na tle tych wzruszających serca chwil Adam Mickiewicz "wieszcz na wygnaniu", przenosi swoja duszę utęsknioną "na ojczyzny łono". Tam wrze od buntu przeciwko niesprawiedliwym rządom zaborców. W tych ciężkich chwilach nie umiera wiara w Polskę i Juliusz Słowacki przepowiada Polsce największą chlubę - Polskiego Wielkiego Papieża. Wspólnie wszystkie grupy społeczne: szlachta, mieszczanie, chłopi próbują odzyskać utraconą władzę nad swoim krajem i jak to powiedział Hugo Kołłataj przychodząc do króla Stanisława Augusta przekazują mu dokument Konstytucji. Król ją zatwierdza i cały dwór wraz z hrabiostwem, dworkami, szlachtą, książętami,

Znany aktor Andrzej Krukowski w roli Słowackiego.

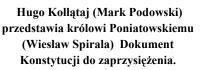
mieszczaństwem, chłopstwem i tancerzami zespołu "Polonia", ruszają w tany. Ogrom wrażeń i doznań przerasta największe oczekiwania, a przepiękne układy

taneczne poloneza, menueta, mazura, krakowiaka, niemal onieśmielają swoja elegancją, gracją, a zarazem rytmiką i skocznością. Całe to niezwykłe dzieło, pełne wielkich, patriotycznych i historycznych wartościowych treści wieńczy Hymn Polski

odśpiewany na tle ogromnego orła polskiego. Publiczność przerywa oklaski i stojąc, włącza się we wspólne śpiewanie.

W tym królewskim przedstawieniu, po mistrzowsku odegrali swoje role aktorzy p. Andrzej Krukowski, pan Krzysztof Arsenowicz, pani Dorota Wojciak, pan Paweł Florczak, Marek Podowski oraz Adam Niedbalec. Scenariusz spektaklu słownego z odpowiednim repertuarem tańców, opracowany został przez panią Iwonę Puc i Wiesława Spiralę, biorącego także udział w spektaklu.

W tą pełną historycznych i artystycznych wydarzeń



n i e z w y k ł y m kunsztem i gracją tancerze zespołu "Polonia". Do repertuaru wybrano pełne wymowy tańce: Biały Mazur rozczulający smutkiem rozstania, polonez - z elegancją, gracją i dżentelmeństwem, menuet - z dostojnością manier i zalotnych ukłonów, siarczysty mazur oraz rozpoczęty Hejnałem Mariackim Krakowiak.

przeszłość okresu

Na świetność i sukces tego tak wartościowego historycznie i artystycznie przedstawionego przedsięwziecia złożyła się współpraca ponad stu zaangażowanych w różnych dziedzinach profesjonalistów, począwszy od najdrobniejszych detali w kostiumach, aż po najbardziej techniczne detale zsynchrinizowania dźwieku, świateł, akcji i przezroczy. Nad całością spektaklu czuwała pani Iwona Puc i dyr. zespołu Anna Krysinski. Obecna na spektaklu założycielka i dyrektor artystyczny "Polonii" Cecylia Rożnowska, z dumą patrzyła jak jej wychowankowie wyrośli na wspaniałych tancerzy i aktorów. Do historycznych scen teatralnych zespół



W sali królewskiej w oczekiwaniu na przyjście króla: hrabina Potocka, szlachcianki i szlachcice.



Menuet na dworze królewskim.



pożyczone

Krakowiak "Na wiwat".

nie byłoby możliwe do zrealizowania bez wielkiej pomocy Fundacji Kopernikowskiej oraz Konsulatu RP w Chicago. Spektakl zaszczycili swoją obecnością konsul Robert Rusiecki, wiceprezeska ZPRKA Anna Sokołowski, prezeska KPA na stan Illinois Mary Anselmo i John Wojciechowski z Fundacji Kopernikowskiej.

Wszystkim osobom dobrze nam życzącym, wolontariuszom, rodzicom oraz tłumom publiczności tak entuzjastycznie oklaskujacym wiele momentów tańców w przedstawieniu, z głębi serca dziękujemy i cieszymy się, że wielki trud i praca tylu ludzi zostały uwieńczone



Polonez w wykonaniu tancerzy zespołu "Polonia".

wyjątkowym sukcesem. Za to dziękujemy Bogu. W związku z nieprzewidzianymi zmianami pogody, cały

program uroczystości w Fundacji Kopernikowskiej, został przesunięty wcześniej. Wszystkich, którzy nie mogli z tego powodu obejrzeć tego przedstawienia, serdecznie przepraszamy obiecujemy, że powtórzymy spektakl w późniejszym czasie.

Danuta Podowski



W otoczeniu wykonawców widowiska (l-p): Iwona Puc, John Wojciechowski w glębi p. Anna Krysiński, z prawej p. Mary Anselmo, z tyłu Jaclyn Krysiński.



## **ZPRKA licznie reprezentowane** w Paradzie 3-Majowej



Prezes Dorbot przemawia w czasie uroczystości pod pomnikiem Kościuszki.

lecie. Królową parady była studentka Loyola University, Arletta Gromek. Hasło parady brzmiało: "Jeden

głos - zjednoczona Polonia".

W tegorocznej paradzie wzieło udział około 100 jednostek marszowych. Obecni byli przedstawiciele stanu, miasta, organizacji, szkół, środków masowego przekazu i wiele, wiele innych.

ZPRKA reprezentowali członkowie zarządu ZPRKA: prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. z żoną, wiceprezeska Anna Sokołowska z mężem, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski z żoną i synami; "Kopciuszek i Książę" czyli Sylvia Kupiec i Paweł Cwyl oraz ich zastępcy, Kim Skrzypiec i Tim Ekcert; przedstawiciele Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych ZPRKA, szkoły języka polskiego ZPRKA: Marii Konopnickiej, Jana Pawła II, Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego oraz zespoły "Wesoły Lud", "Soutwest Center of Polish Dancing", "Polanie".

Oficjalne obchody rozpoczęły się w piątek, 4 maja przyjęciem zorganizowanym przez gubernatora Illinois Pata Quinna w James R. Thompson w Chicago oraz

przyjęciem koncertem Konsulacie RP w Chicago. Sobotnie uroczystości 📲 rozpoczęło złożenie wieńca pod pomnikiem

Generała

Chicago, IL - W sobote, 5 maja przemaszerowała ulicami Chicago, doroczna parada organizowana przez Związek Klubów Polskich, z okazji obchodów rocznicy Konstytucji 3-Maja Marszałkiem tegorocznej parady była Grażyna

Zajączkowska ze Zrzeszenia Polsko Amerykańskiego, które w tym roku ochodzi swoje 90-



ZPRKA - członkowie zarządu z rodzinami.



"Kopciuszek i Książę" oraz ich zastępcy.



Szkoła im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego.



ZPiT "Wesoły Lud".

Kościuszki w śródmieściu Chicago. W niedzielę, odprawiona została uroczysta msza św. w kościele św. Trójcy, koncelebrowana przez bpa Wiesława Lechowicza z Tarnowa, bpa pomocniczego archidiecezji chicagowskiej, Andrzeja Wypycha oraz księży z parafii chiacagowskich.

Obchody zakończyły liczne występy artystyczne, które odbywały się w sobotę i niedzielę Centrum w Kopernikowskim w Chicago.



Koncelebrowna msza św. w kościele św. Trójcy w Chicago.

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  - posiada wartość gotówkową



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- ubezpieczenia do 25,000 dla osób do 75 lat
- ubezpieczenia do 15,000 dla osób w wieku 76-85

- 5-letni plan ubezpieczeniowy lub jednorazowa opłata (do 75 roku życia) & jednorazowa opłata (dla osób w wieku 76-85)

#### INNE KORZYŚCI Z WYKUPU PLANU FINAL EXPENSE:

- dostarcza spadkobiercom funduszy na pokrycie kosztów pogrzebowych

- ulga podatkowa od podatku majątkowego (prosimy skonsultować się ze specjalistą od rozliczeń podatkowych)

- możliwość wykorzystania programów emerytalnych do zakupu ubezpieczenia - sposób na redukcję opodatkowania majątkowego lub aktywów

- fundusze na pokrycie kosztów utrzymania w domu spokojnej starości i kosztów medvcznvch

- natychmiastowy dostęp do funduszy (wartość gotówkowa)

\* Departament ubezpieczenia zastrzega sobie prawo do sprawdzenia historii medycznej

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