Introducing Our 2012 PRCUA Christmas Special!
From November 1, 2012 through January 6, 2013, receive a **10% DISCOUNT**
on Life Insurance for Children to age 15. In addition, receive a
**FREE TEDDY BEAR** and qualify for a chance to **WIN an Apple® iPod touch®**.
(See details on page 3.)

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Happy Thanksgiving

Give Thanks for All!

Thanksgiving Blessings 2012

The leaves have turned from green to gold and red, and a chill is
in the air. It won't be long until Thanksgiving will be here again!
As we prepare to celebrate this truly great American Holiday,
we, your Chaplains, give thanks to God for your presence in our
beloved Fraternal, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.
May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly,
as we pause to give thanks to God, from Whom all blessings flow.

**A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to All!**

Fr. Walter J. Ptak, National Chaplain
Fr. Anthony D. Iwuc & Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, P.A., Vice Chaplains

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Giving to Our Own - An Important Polish American Tradition

The season between Thanksgiving and Christmas is recognized as the traditional “Season of Giving” in the United States. During this time, our thoughts turn to the less fortunate, as we reach out to help them any way we can - by volunteering our help, or by giving a donation to assist them or better their welfare in some way.

Since Poles first came to this country, they have banded together and helped each other in times of need. In fact, this was one of the ideals upon which the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America was founded nearly 140 years ago. Today, the PRCUA helps students to obtain a higher education.

On page 9 of this issue of *Naród Polski*, you can read the thank you letters that 2012-2013 PRCUA scholarship and grant recipients sent to the PRCUA office. Each student expresses his or her sincere appreciation for the money they were awarded toward their higher education. The PRCUA was able to award these scholarships and grants to the students because concerned members, like you, generously donated to the PRCUA Scholarship Fund and the PRCUA Education Fund.

On page 13, PRCUA Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc talks about the importance of giving thanks, not only on Thanksgiving, but all year long. What better way to demonstrate your thanks to God for all our blessings than to share our abundance with those Polish Americans who urgently need it - PRCUA college students.

On page 6, you will find a donation coupon for the PRCUA Educational Fund. All PRCUA members and friends are urged to share their blessings with our own Polish American students, who are striving for a better future, by generously giving whatever you can to the PRCUA Education Fund.

The Education Fund is also a very meaningful way to memorialize a loved one by creating a scholarship in their name. A special scholarship like this can be a one-time award or a perpetual scholarship, depending upon the amount of money donated. Starting a scholarship is also a wonderful way to preserve your own memory for posterity - especially for persons without family. Polish pride and love for others can be memorialized by making the Education Fund the beneficiary of your estate or life insurance. Anyone wishing to start a special scholarship is asked to contact President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. toll-free at 800-772-8632.
12:30 pm, SunnyBrook Lanes Conference Rm., 7191 E. 17 Mile Rd. (btwn VanDyke on Sun., Nov. 25 at 25 STERLING HTS., MI - ST. JOSEPH SOC. #261 ELECTION MEETING on Tues., Nov. 13 at 7:30 pm; Donation $65. For reservations, contact: Vicki Kroplewski at 708-599-7129.

13 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR’S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., Dec. 18, 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

14 CHICAGO, IL SOC. #475 MEETING on Wed., Nov. 14 at 7:30 pm, PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: B. Jura 773-685-3134

15 CHICAGO, IL - ILL-IND WOMEN’S DIVISION MEETING on Thurs., Nov. 8 at 6 pm, St. Anne’s H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: B. Adamkiewicz 517-339-4604

16 WARREN, MI - MI WOMEN’S DIV. OPLATEK DINNER on Sun., Dec. 16th at 2 pm (See details below.)

18 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR’S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., Dec. 18, 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

In Sympathy

The PRCUA extends condolences to PRCUA District 7 Director Robert Bugielski and his wife, Dona, on the passing of Bob’s brother Dennis E. Bugielski on Friday, October 12, 2012. May he rest in eternal peace.

Condolences are also offered to PRCUA General Counsel John Chitkowski and his family on the death of his beloved father, David T. Chitkowski, who passed away on October 12, 2012. May he rest in eternal peace.

INVITATION

PRCUA MI Women’s Division Annual Oplatek Dinner

Join the PRCUA Michigan Women’s Division in celebrating “Holidays in a Polish Village,” presented by PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers. The dinner will be held at DeCarlo’s Banquet Center located at 6015 E. 10 Mile Rd Warren, MI on Sunday, December 16th, 2012 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $16 per person. Please make your reservation before Dec. 1st. Contact: Jessica Wendt at 313-682-3031 or Basia Nowakowski at 313-433-4929.

INVITATION

PRCUA DISTRICT # 8
ON BEHALF OF ILLINOIS/INDIANA WOMEN’S DIVISION

cordially invites you to attend the

ANNUAL OPLATEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
ENTRY: 12:00 PM - LUNCH: 12:45 PM

CANDLE LIGHT BANQUETS

10625 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Chicago Ridge, IL
Donation $27.00
Reservation Deadline Nov. 27, 2012
Please send reservations to: Krystyna Lech
1281 Palos West Drive, Palos Park, IL 60464
708-361-5029
Make check payable to: PRCUA District 8.
Tickets will be held at the door.
Attention: Grandparents, Parents, Uncles and Aunts!

Announcing Our PRCUA 2012 Christmas Special

You can SAVE 10% on your purchase of a $5,000, $10,000 or $25,000 Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) Single Pay Life Insurance Certificate for your little loved one up to age 15. Each applicant will also receive a FREE GIFT - a lovable little PRCUA TEDDY BEAR and a chance to WIN an Apple® iPod touch®.

Highlights of the Single Pay Life Insurance:
- Builds Cash Value
- Coverage can never be cancelled
- Enjoy membership benefits such as college scholarships and educational loans
- Lifetime of Security for your loved one

Beginning November 1, 2012 through January 6, 2013, each life insurance applicant will receive a PRCUA TEDDY BEAR in addition to the 10% SAVINGS BENEFITS. And there’s more: each application received during this period will entitle the applicant to one entry ticket into our raffle for an Apple® iPod touch®. Applications with face amounts of $25,000 will receive 2 entry tickets per application which will give you twice the chance to win. The drawing will take place on January 7, 2013. Visit www.PRCUA.org and Facebook after January 7th to see the winning recipient. The winner will also be announced in the February 2013 Narod Polski.

The PRCUA 2012 Christmas Special is a Single Pay Whole Life Certificate discounted 10%. Please contact your local PRCUA Sales Representative or contact the Home Office at 1-800-772-8632 for purchase, or you can complete the application on pages 4 and 5 yourself, and return with your check made payable to PRCUA for the selected amount, using the rate schedule below.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Robert Fattore, Director of Sales at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2631
or email robert-fattore@prcua.org
or Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Director of Marketing at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2632
or e-mail agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcua.org

All applications** for the PRCUA 2012 Christmas Special must be received by January 6, 2012. (Application on pages 4 and 5)

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** Use the proposed insured’s nearest age. (Ex: If he/she is 8 yrs. 5 mo. use 8 years; if he/she is 8 years 7 months, use 9 years.) All applications are subject to underwriting.
PRCUA 2012 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
SAVE 10% - Get a FREE GIFT of a Cuddly Teddy Bear
AND a Chance to Win an Apple IPod Touch

POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA
A Fraternal Benefit Society
984 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101
773-782-2600 - Fax 773-278-4991 - (800) 772-8632 - www.prcua.org

APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE
For Amount under $25,000

PROPOSED INSURED'S INFORMATION:
1. Society # ___________ 4. Age ________
   Adult ☐ Juvenile ☐
2. Name First __________________________ 3. Male ☐ Female ☐
5. Address Street __________________________ City __________________________
6. Phone # ___________ 7. Date of Birth __________________________
8. Soc. Sec. # __________________________ 9. Occupation _______________

OWNER’S INFORMATION
15. Premium Amt.: Single $ ___________ Annual $ ___________ Semi Annual $ ___________ Quarterly $ ___________ Monthly $ ___________
16. Primary Beneficiary __________________________ 17. RELATIONSHIP __________________________
18. Contingent Beneficiary __________________________ 19. RELATIONSHIP __________________________
20. Is this insurance intended to replace any now in force? Yes ☐ No ☐
21. Is Proposed Insured a PRCUA member? Yes ☐ No ☐
22. Dividend election (choose one):  Paid in Cash? Yes ☐ No ☐ Purchase Paid-Up Additions? Yes ☐ No ☐

APPLICANT’S INFORMATION (IF PROPOSED INSURED IS A JUVENILE.)
23. Name First __________________________ 24. Male ☐ Female ☐
25. Address Street __________________________ City __________________________
26. Relationship __________________________

PERSONAL HEALTH STATEMENT OF PROPOSED INSURED
27. Height___________Weight___________
28. Doctor’s Name __________________________
29. Dr.’s Address __________________________ 30. Dr.’s Phone # ( )

If you answered "YES" to questions 31-33, explain details below. Attach a separate page if additional space is needed.
31. Is Proposed Insured currently hospitalized, bedridden or confined to a wheel chair? Yes ☐ No ☐
32. In the past 5 years, has the proposed insured had or been treated for, or been advised to obtain treatment for medical or surgical condition including cancer, heart condition, kidney and liver disease, vascular disease, diabetes, muscular condition, stroke, elevated cholesterol, or drug and alcohol dependency? Yes ☐ No ☐
33. Is Proposed Insured currently taking any medication? Yes ☐ No ☐
34. Is Proposed Insured currently confined to a mental institution? Yes ☐ No ☐
35. Is Proposed Insured confined to a nursing home? Yes ☐ No ☐
36. Is Proposed Insured a PRCUA member? Yes ☐ No ☐
37. Is Proposed Insured a minor? Yes ☐ No ☐
38. Has Proposed Insured ever been treated in any hospital, mental institution, or drug rehabilitation center? Yes ☐ No ☐
39. Is Proposed Insured a drug abuser? Yes ☐ No ☐
40. Is Proposed Insured a habitual drunkard? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date __________________________ Name and Address of Physician and Hospital __________________________
Specific Reason & Results __________________________

Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree. Any certificate issued as a result of material misstatement or omission of facts may be voided and the company’s only obligation shall be to return the premiums paid.

1) I AGREE that the statements and answers contained in this application and in any medical examination required by the Union are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. 2) I AGREE to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Union, which are now in force or may hereafter be adopted by the Union. 3) I AGREE that the insurance applied for will become effective when the first premium due is paid and while the Proposed Insured’s health, habits and occupation remain as described in this application on the date of issuance of a life insurance certificate by the Union. 4) I AGREE that if I am not a member of the Union, this application serves as a membership application.

SIGNED AT __________________________ this day of ________, 20___

Proposed Insured’s Signature (Must be 16 yrs. or older) __________________________

Owner’s Signature, if other than Proposed Insured __________________________

Applicant’s Signature __________________________

Witness/Authorized Representative __________________________

Form 101-2007

Home Office approval __________________________

Narod Polski
November 1, 2012
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION

This Authorization complies with the HIPAA Privacy Rule
By executing this Authorization, I authorize all health care providers that have been involved in my care, diagnosis or treatment (including but not limited to, physicians, hospitals, clinics, medical practitioners and other medically related facilities) to disclose my medical records (including, but not limited to patient histories, progress notes, test results, x-rays and other diagnostic information) to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America or its reinsurers for the purpose of:

Determination of Eligibility for Life Insurance
I understand that the information in my health record may include information relating to sexually transmitted diseases, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It may also include information about behavioral or mental health services and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.
I also understand that when my medical records are disclosed pursuant to this Authorization, my medical records and the information contained in those records may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal privacy laws.
I understand that I may revoke this Authorization, except to the extent that any health care provider or the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has acted in reliance upon this Authorization: My revocation of this Authorization must be submitted in writing to: Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Privacy Comp. Officer, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101

This Authorization will expire six (6) months after the date upon which the Authorization was signed.

________________________________________________ ________________________________
Signature of Individual Whose Information is to be Disclosed Date
Printed Name

________________________________________________ ________________________________
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If Applicable) Date
Printed Name

DISCLOSURE NOTICE - FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

As part of our routine selection procedure, we may request that an investigative Consumer Report be made. These reports include information as to identify character, general reputation, personal characteristics, verification of residence, marital status, estimate of worth and income, occupation, avocations, general health, habits and mode of living. Information is obtained from several different sources. Confidential interviews may be conducted with neighbors, friends, associates and acquaintances. Personal discussions may be arranged with you or your family and public records may be carefully reviewed. Upon written request to the Underwriter at the PRCUA, further information on the nature and scope of the report will be provided. Our experience shows that information from investigative reports usually does not have an adverse effect upon our underwriting decision. If it should, we will notify you in writing and identify the reporting agency. At that point, if you wish to do so, you may discuss the matter with the reporting company. All of these rights are guaranteed to you by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which took effect in April, 1971.

Notice to ________________________________ ________________________________
Proposed Insured’s Signature (Must be 16 yrs. or older) Date

CONDITIONAL RECEIPT
NO COVERAGE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATE DELIVERY UNLESS AND UNTIL ALL CONDITIONS ON THIS RECEIPT ARE MET. IF: (1) an amount equal to at least one month premium, for the plan and amount applied for, is submitted; (2) all underwriting requirements, including any medical examinations required by the rules of the Union are completed; and (3) the Proposed Insured is, on the date indicated on this receipt, a risk acceptable for insurance exactly as applied for without modification of plan, premium rate, or amount under the rules and practices of the Union. THEN insurance under the certificate applied for shall become effective on the latest of (a) the register date of application, (b) the date of the last of any medical examinations, and (c) any date of issue requested in the application.

THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE WHICH MAY BECOME EFFECTIVE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATE DELIVERY SHALL NOT EXCEED $100,000, which amount includes any additional benefits for death by accident. If any of the above conditions is not met, the liability of the PRCUA shall be limited to the return of the amount submitted.

NO REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF THIS RECEIPT.

Submitting $_________ from ________________________________ on the Life of:

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in connection with an application for life insurance with the same date as this receipt. This payment is made and accepted subject to the above conditions.

POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA
Chicago, Illinois

________________________________________________ ________________________________
Agent/Deputy/Home Office Signature Date

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Holiday Fraternal Member Benefits...
Free Calendar...
Carol Brochure...
Customs Booklet
Coloring Book

Holiday Freebies from the PRCUA Fraternal Department

As a fraternal benefit, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is offering to our members the following four “freebies” in conjunction with the holiday season:

- **CHRISTMAS CAROL PAMPHLETS** - Members are also eligible to receive a free Christmas Carol Pamphlet with the words to 11 English and 10 Polish Christmas carols. To receive yours, call the Katrina Odrobina at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2636 or e-mail katrina-odrobina@prcua.org.

- **POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS, CAROLS AND CUISINE BOOKLET** - Also available to members is the Polish Christmas Customs, Carols and Cuisine in full color. It includes traditional Polish Christmas customs, information on Wigilia (the traditional family meatless meal eaten on Christmas Eve), 15 recipes for foods served at Wigilia, and the words to 17 English and 15 Polish Christmas carols. The booklet is FREE but postage is $1.50 for the first booklet and 50¢ for each additional one. Or members can pick up the booklets at our Philadelphia office or Chicago office. See ordering instructions below.

- **BIRTH OF JESUS COLORING BOOK** - The PRCUA also has something special for our juvenile members: “The Birth of Jesus” coloring book. It features scenes from the life of Jesus from the Annunciation to His return from Egypt. It is FREE to members but postage is $1.50 per book and 50¢ for each additional book or members can pick up the books at our Philadelphia or Chicago office. See ordering instructions below.

- **2013 CALENDAR** - The 2013 PRCUA’s 140th Anniversary Calendar, featuring images from our history, will be available in November. If you are interested in receiving a calendar, please contact Katrina Odrobina at 773-782-2636 or toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2636 or e-mail katrina-odrobina@prcua.org.

TO ORDER: Indicate the items and quantity you are requesting. Send a check made payable to PRCUA and mail to: PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642-4101 - Attention: Katrina
Polish Folk Dance Instructor
Needed in Traverse City, Michigan

A group is looking for a Polish Folk Dance Instructor in the Traverse City, Michigan area. Interested persons are requested to e-mail Kathleen Hughes at k Hughes@centurytel.net. When e-mailing - Make sure that in the Subject area you put - Polish Dance Instructor.

POLISH LANGUAGE & DANCE SCHOOL
OF ST. RAFAEL KALINOWSKI IS LOOKING FOR A POLISH FOLK DANCE CHOREOGRAPHER/INSTRUCTOR

This PRCUA school is located at the Carmelite Father's Monastery in Munster, Indiana, just 15 minutes south of Chicago. The school is looking for someone who knows and loves Polish folk dances and wants to share that enthusiasm with children. Requirements include previous teaching or dancing experience, as well as the ability to work on Saturday mornings and early afternoons. For more information, please call 1-219-671-9834 or e-mail swkalinowski@gmail.com. See the website at: www.polskaszkolakalinowskiego.org

PRCUA EDUCATION FUND, INC. DONATION

As you organize your 2012 gift giving, please remember to help our fellow PRCUA members who are struggling to obtain a higher education. What could be more meaningful than donating to the PRCUA Education Fund and helping Polish American youth become better educated?

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

Donation amount $ __________________________

In Honor of ___________________________________________________________

In Memory of _________________________________________________________

Name _______________________________________________________________

Street _________________________________

City/State/Zip __________________________

☐ I do not want my donation to be publicized.

Please make check payable to: PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. and send to:

President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

PRCUA

984 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101

If you are interested in establishing a specific scholarship in your own name for postentry, or "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one, please call President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2602 for more information.

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.

SOCIETY NAME

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LAST KNOWN ADDRESS

1620 Brian Mircowicz 1511 Mitchell Dr, Mt Prospect, IL 60056
1622 Oliva Bednarzuk 6340 S. Lockwood, Chicago, IL 60638
1622 Lucyna Brzozka 9710 S. 8th Ave, Palos Hills, IL 60465
1622 Richard Wodzinski 720 N. Riverside Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031
1622 Elizabeth Presh 1216 Janus Ln, Lemont, IL 60439
1622 Matthew Wodzinski 720 N.Riverside Dr, Gurnee, IL 60031
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1623 Elizabeth Hajost 3536 W. 30th St, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
1623 Cecilia + Adrian Lee 224 Macawen Pk Rise, NW Calgary Alberta CD N15 2S3
1623 Katharine Lee 1715 Clarence Dr, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
1624 Caroline Grochowich 15151 Town Lind Rd, Liberville, IL 60048
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1627 Tyler Thomas 1548 Longdale Temperance, MI 48186
1627 Todd Hochdell 3718 Mapleway Dr, Toledo, OH 43614
1633 Michelle H. Dussia 3353 W. Laskey Rd, Toledo, OH 43623
1633 Sebastian Pekala 8905 Knight Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60016
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2009 Marina Prusinowski 816 S. Howard St, Philadelphia, PA 19147
2026 Charles A. Cipione 2035 Edin Ave, Carroll, TX 75006
2049 Brian B. Beaver 100 S. Main St, Shenandoah, IL 61776

... (full list of members with their addresses)

Chester Solak Passes

DETROIT, MI - St. Stan’s 1718 long time member Chester Solak passed away at the age of 89 on September 27, 2012. Chester was one of nine siblings and was the eldest active participant at all our Society functions. He was, for years, the unofficial photographer for St. Stan’s, ensuring that our members had a remembrance of all the good times we shared as a group. Chester was a great supporter of the PRCUA and St. Stan’s. He could be found at many of the National Tournaments along with our local events. A World War II Navy veteran, he was honored with a military funeral that touched the hearts of all in attendance at St. Frances Church in Detroit, MI. He was one of the nicest, kindest and gentlest men I ever had the honor of knowing. Chester was laid to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI on October 2, 2012. May Chester rest in peace which he rightly earned.

- Jerry Nasiatka

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the latest PRCUA members who were awarded their 50-year pin and certificate by Pres. Drobot: Joseph J. Kosek of Soc. 540 of Bullston Lake, NY Arthur J. Lewandowski of Soc. 750 of Silver Creek, NY Walter A. Miller of Soc. 1451 of Chandler, AZ Bertha Nogas of Soc. 459 & 869 of New York Mills, NY If you have been a member for 50 years or more, call toll-free to request your pin & certificate: 1-800-772-8632
Fall is officially in full swing. November starts with All Saints Day, when we can reflect on the nature of saintliness and celebrate the holy men and women whose faithful lives and deeds continue to inspire us. On Nov.11, Veteran’s Day, we solemnly commemorate all the faithful dead to pray for the dead.

Novemver’s most important holiday is Thanksgiving, when we give thanks and celebrate with our family. We hope you will enjoy this Thanksgiving with friends and family. We all have so much to be thankful for, and on behalf of PRCUA we want to thank each of you for your membership in this great organization, and your support. May God Bless you at Thanksgiving and always. Happy Thanksgiving!

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BIRTH NEWS! Congratulations to Agnieszka Bastrzyk (Marketing Dir.) on the birth of her daughter Natalia (Sept. 2) and to my Exec. Asst. Mary Jane Robles on the birth of her grand-daughter Charlize Addison Robles (Sept. 1.)

Let me know what’s going on in your corner of the world; write or call. Frank Kociubinski and Jerry Nasiatka of St. Stan’s #718, who is recovering from knee surgery, You’re in our prayers. Get well soon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all born in Nov.: Dorothy Bialek, receptionist; Danuta Czajkowski, auditting, Lidia Kowalewicz and Kasia Rostowska (POLONIA Choirleader), Judy Drobot, Paulina Ortyl (Echo of Poland Artistic Dir.), Diane Szczysny, Jenny Crissey and Irene Raczynski. Very special Happy Birthday to our daughter, Basia, who will celebrate her birthday on Christmas Day. “Dearset Basia - may your special day be filled with sunshine, smiles, laughter and love.” To all of you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in November and December - Best Wishes Always!

Speaking of Birthdays, I would like to extend my sincere THANK YOU to all the employees, friends, family and everyone who remembered me on my birthday. Thank you so much for all your good wishes, exquisite flowers, cards-mails, gifts and chocolates! I was very touched by all your good wishes, and your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Best wishes for a Happy Wedding Anniversary to Maria and Richard Ciesla, who will celebrate in December. We wish you many more happy years together.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS - Since my next English column will be in January, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our home to yours! May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth, peace, hope, happiness and love. I hope you can look back on a year of good memories. I hope you can experience the joy of sharing with friends, family, and with strangers in need. True happiness is attained only by sharing with others. We wish you good health, surrounded by laughter, family and friends, and a warm fire. We hope that you will enjoy the simple pleasures - now and always. It is such a blessing to gather together with family for the traditional Christmas meal. I recommend the PRCUA Cookbook, “Sharing Our Best”. It is suitable for all occasions and makes a nice gift! To order, send a $15 check (includes postage) payable to PRCUA Cookbook and send to 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642.

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CONDOLENCES - Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Joe Brzezinski of South Milwaukee, who passed a brother, Dennis Bugielski, and to the family of PRCUA General Counsel John Chitkowski, on the death of his beloved father, David Chitkowski. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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(Left Officers & spouses at Great Wall (Above) Wesoly Lud group in China)
PHILADELPHIA'S 2012 PULASKI DAY PARADE, October 14, 2012

- The PRCUA Philadelphia Satellite Office and the city of Brotherly Love warmly welcomed PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer Jim Robaczewski, who honored us with his presence at the parade.

- The day began with Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral in center city Philadelphia, followed by a Pulaski Tribute Program at the portrait of Pulaski in Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral.

- In attendance were Secretary-Treasurer Jim Robaczewski, District 3 Director Joanne Zajac and Sharon Quinn, Manager of the Philadelphia Satellite Office.

PRCUA parade contingent (l-r) M. Monachino, Dir. J. Zajac, S. Quinn, Secy.-Tres. J. Robaczewski, M. Monachino

A great display of Polish pride and culture was evident at the Pulaski Day Parade along Benjamin Franklin Parkway. There was live TV coverage on WPVI Channel 6, ABC, narrated by Soc. 2009’s Michael Blichasz, Pres., PAC Eastern PA District and TV reporter Alicia Vitarelli. Free seating at Logan Circle added to the delight of the spectators. Polish flags, red and white bows and balloons, folks dressed in Polish costumes or red-and-white attire were visible everywhere. Polish music played by the Polish American String Band set the pace and created a simultaneous pulsating energy for spirits to soar.

The Choo-Choo Trolley departed from the Philadelphia PRCUA Office with members and friends who were eager to march in the parade. The trolley was decorated with big red-and-white bows and PRCUA banners and medallions. PRCUA was in the 3rd contingent. The Divisional Marshals were Jim Robaczewski, Joanne Zajac, Sharon Quinn and Geraldine Miller, Pres. of Soc. 2003. Megan and Maria Monachino of Soc. 2003 proudly carried the PRCUA banner. There definitely was a fine PRCUA representation. Our juvenile members happily carried balloons and were full of smiles for the TV cameras.

Participants from the PRCUA were Soc. 2003 members Helen Melnick, her daughter, Ann Marie and granddaughters Megan and Maria Monachino; Geraldine & Joe Miller with son, Gary, daughter Gail Ward and grandson Liam; Soc. 2022 members Ron & Kim Burkhardt and daughters Cecilia, Kathryn and Emily; Michele (Burkhardt) Sop and Sean Sop and daughter Allison; Paige Yancer with her mom, Chissy; Zachary Smithson with his mom, Jacqueline; Elaine Mikelsonis with daughter Tabbie Vidovich and granddaughter Lauren, daughter Christine Wielgus and granddaughter Dyanza; the Hrabowskis of Soc. 2047, Helen, Michael and Karen; and the Trzaskawskas of Soc. 1538, Grandpa Leo, his son Mark and Gabriel, his son Mark Jr., Gabriel, Samuel and Julie and Granddaughter Marilynn who attended as a spectator. Tarajean designed shirts for her family so that everyone knew they were proud PRCUA members.

Worthy of mention is the fact that many PRCUA members participated in the parade in other contingents from their parishes. Seeing 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation members displaying their Polish pride was gratifying. Before everyone left, PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer Jim Robaczewski bid a fond farewell and expressed his appreciation to all participants. Joanne and Sharon were grateful as well and wanted everyone on the trolley to know that hopefully we’ll be doing this again in 2013.

After the parade, pizza, snacks and refreshments were enjoyed at the Philadelphia Satellite Office. The children were happy with the PRCUA logo duffle bags they received as a thank you for their enthusiasm.

Special thanks are extended to Michael Hrabowski, Ron Burkhardt and Leo and Mark Trzaskawka for their assistance throughout the day. We are all truly grateful and could not have managed without them. Tom, the trolley driver, was very accommodating and helpful to the passengers. Thanks to all of you.

Soc. 2009’s Michael Blichasz and Soc. 2040’s Theresa Romanowski, PAC E. PA Div. V.P. and parade contact, together with all committee members deserve recognition for the efforts they all put forth to make the 79th Pulaski Day Parade a great success.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!
Thank You Letters from 2012-2013 PRCUA Scholarship & Grant Recipients

PRCUA Education Fund Committee,
Thank you so much for honoring me with not only your loan, but also your scholarship. They are being put to good use with my educational pursuits this year.
Courtney L. Hepler of Conshohocken, PA

Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for your support of my education through your generous scholarship gift. It is an honor to be chosen as a recipient. As a freshman, I chose to study computer engineering to use the talents God has given me to contribute to society. Thanks to your support in my education and those who have helped me along my journey, I am entering my senior year of college at the University of Missouri-Columbia and have already accepted a job offer for graduation. The company I will work for creates technologies and software for the healthcare industry. I am so excited to be able to use what I have learned in school to positively effect the lives of others. I am so blessed to have your financial support during my time in college to help my goals reach a success. Dziekuje.
Julie A. Whitney of St. Louis, MO

Dear Mr. Drobot, Mrs. Sokolowski and Mr. Robaczewski,
I am in receipt of your correspondence dated August 20, 2012 that I am the recipient of a $500.00 PRCUA Student Scholarship Grant for 2012/2013. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your assistance on my selection for the grant. I was ecstatic to learn I would receive this award and I am deeply appreciative of your support.
I promise to work hard and utilize this grant to take me one step closer to accomplishing my goal of becoming an attorney. The generosity of the PRCUA has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. I hope one day I will be able to help students alleviate the financial burden of college, as you have done for me... Thank you again for your financial support.
Victoria M. Smiegocki of Lambertville, NJ

Dear PRCUA,
Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this blessing. This is a fantastic fraternal organization to be a part of. Thank you for awarding me the scholarship money. It will come in handy to help me succeed in my future. Thanks for your support!
With gratitude, Katherine Blankenship of Crown Point, IN

To the honorable officers,
I wish to thank you most sincerely for your award of a PRCUA scholarship toward my educational goals. Through your generosity, the PRCUA demonstrates its commitment to education by supporting students such as myself. My dream of attaining an engineering degree from the University of Iowa will, in part, be due to your support. I and my family value our relationship with the PRCUA. Our heritage and traditions continue to remain at the forefront of our family values. Thank you again for your support.
Steven E. Czechowski of Elk Grove Village, IL

Dear PRCUA Scholarship Selection Committee,
Thank you very much for your consideration for your scholarship. It is much appreciated, and I will put it to good use. Thanks.
Chris Youthment of Munster, IN

Dear Scholarship Committee of PRCUA,
I am writing to sincerely thank you for the generous scholarship I received from the PRCUA. I was so thrilled when I heard the news! I am so grateful to have come in contact with a great institution like yours, which has been funding academic awards for so many years now. It took me all summer to work for the same amount I was awarded, so I am very fortunate to have been chosen as one of the recipients. I look forward to staying in touch with the PRCUA and possibly soon visiting Chicago to stop by the offices and the Polish Museum of America. Again, thank you so much for the scholarship! Dziekuje.
Julia Baniasikowskki

To the Executive Officers of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America,
Thank you for your consideration and acceptance of my scholarship application. I truly appreciate your support! Your assistance will greatly help me reach my goal of a Bachelor’s degree in Education. Once again, thank you very much.
Katrina Odrobina of Chicago, IL

Dear PRCUA Scholarship Committee,
I am just writing to thank you very much for the scholarship award you recently offered me. I can’t thank you enough for it, and it will certainly be useful in the fall. I would also like to thank you for your generous work to the Polish American community and for helping students like me make higher education a reality. Thank you again and God Bless.
Michael Chrusciel of Riverview, MI

Dear President Drobot and Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for the $250 scholarship. I am greatly appreciative. This money will without a doubt help me to forward my education at Kettering University. I am thankful for your support, as well as that of PRCUA.
Zachary Schultz of Saginaw, MI

To the Executive Officers and the Scholarship Committee,
I want to express my thanks for the scholarship award that I received. I am extremely grateful to the PRCUA for allowing me to continue my degree in education at Northwestern University and concentrate on my studies instead of my financial situation. I know the award was given out based on my responses to the inquiries on the application, but I appreciate the PRCUA for supporting its fraternal members, especially young people. I am the fourth generation descendant of Polish immigrants to the United States. It is through my membership in the PRCUA and the activities it sponsors for members that I have kept my heritage alive. I now know as a scholarship recipient that the PRCUA is interested in fostering the next generation of Polish Americans and also working to promote the future legacies of Polonia. Thank you again for the scholarship award and I am looking forward to promoting Polish history, culture and the achievements of Polish Americans once I graduate and become a high school history teacher.
Daniel Williams of Chicago, IL

Dear Mr. Drobot,
I was the recipient of a scholarship. I would like to thank PRCUA for their consideration of this and for the scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will not be taken for granted. It has definitely helped with my college tuition, as I am paying for college on my own. I am in the Nursing Program at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan, where I have been in attendance the past three years. I have just started my last year in this program and am enjoying every minute of it. I plan on graduating in April of 2013. The scholarship has allowed me to cut back on some of my work hours and be able to apply that time to studying.
In closing, I would like to thank PRCUA again for this generous scholarship.
Sincerely, Kaitlyn M. Belcher, Tatry Dancers Alumni - Teaching Asst. of Dearborn area of Michigan

Dear Mr. Drobot,
Now that the fall semester is underway, I would like to take a moment to thank you, the Executive Officers of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and the Scholarship and Education Committee for awarding me a scholarship for my junior year at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.
I really appreciate receiving the scholarship which will help defray the cost of my education. I am looking forward to an exciting year that will include classes that focus specifically on my area of interest and future professional career. Thank you again!
Sincerely, David J. Kamiński of Stevens Point, WI

Thank you for your donations!
The year 2012 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and the "Piast" Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble in Cleveland, Ohio. For 20 years the school has been teaching Polish language, history, culture and customs, including folk dance and songs, to Polish-American youth. The "Piast" Ensemble has been thrilling audiences throughout the state of Ohio. "Piast" has been featured on WVIZ and local television stations.

Upcoming Banquet - The Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and the "Piast" Ensemble will celebrate with a Gala Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Crystal Party Center in Parma, Ohio, starting at 7:00 pm. For reservations, call 440-537-1885, or 440-506-5915.

Established in 1992 - The establishment of a Polish school in Cleveland, Ohio was the dream of John Borkowski, who became President of the Alliance of Poles of America in 1992. He started the school shortly after his installation. Originally called "The Polish School," later the name Henryk Sienkiewicz was adopted, to honor the Nobel-Prize winning Polish novelist.

In 2005, the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and the "Piast" Ensemble came under the patronage of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, when the Alliance of Poles merged with the PRCUA.

"Piast" Membership - At first the group was composed of adults, managed by Andrzej Gutowski; Andrzej Kapyciak was the choreographer. In 1996, Agnieszka Ross (Ruszcak) and Agnieszka Kotlarsic (Klimek,) both directly from Poland, became choreographers. Malgorzata Kacki was the dance instructor. Today, members range from 13 to 20 years. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 11:30 am to 2 pm. New members are always welcome.

From the beginning, the mission of the Polish school was to promote the heritage of the Polish people in America, increase national pride, and prepare loyal and creative members of Polish-American society. Patriotism and responsibility for the future of the Polish children and youth in the United States were always among the top priorities.

The name "Piast" is the family name of the first dynasty of Polish kings, who ruled Poland from 960 to 1370. They helped establish Christianity in Poland, unified the country, and developed it into one of the most powerful states in Europe.

Repetoire - The repertoire of the "Piast" Ensemble consists of the five national dances of Poland, i.e., Polonez, Mazur, Kujawiak, Oberek and Krakowiak. Regional dances in "Piast"s” repertoire include Kurpie of the Green Forest, mountaineer dance of the Beskid and Zywiec region, and Old Warsaw Polkas. The Ensemble has different costumes for each dance, most of which are original designs tailored for the group and imported from Poland.

During its anniversary season, "Piast" has made many appearances. On Sunday, October 7, "Piast" performed at the annual Polish Festival of Cleveland’s St. Stanislaus Parish, which has recently been placed under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Eric Orzech, a regular contributor to the Narod Polski.

Mistress of Ceremonies - Ashley Budzilo was Mistress of Ceremonies during the Polish Festival performance. She introduced "Piast" with glowing words, and clearly described the dance, music, costumes and traditions associated with each number in the repertoire. Ashley performed a solo dance, the Kujawiak. She expressively interpreted the emotions of melancholy, surprise, and happiness regarding the love of her life. The entire Ensemble performed a spirited Krakowiak, which inspired the audience to clap to the rhythm. Basia Sychla sang two solo numbers, Zela Dzieciestew, and Cerwone Jagody, in Polish, to the delight of the audience. "Piast" concluded the program with a suite of "Old Warsaw Polkas" - dances from the Bielany Forest near Warsaw, music from the shady neighborhoods of Warsaw, the tango, waltzes and finally, polkas, which were popular in Warsaw in the late 19th century. The performance earned "Piast" a standing ovation. The full complement of 18 dancers made for an impressive performance.

Cleveland Museum of Art Performance - On October 28, "Piast" performed at the dedication of the Cleveland Museum of Art’s new Atrium, a 7-year, $350 million renovation project. It was a day-long celebration of Cleveland’s nationalities. "Piast" presented a Krakowiak suite with Lajkonik (Poland on hobbyhorse) and trumpeter who played the "Hejnal Mariacki." Grace, charm and precision characterized the "Piast" performance.

The students and dancers represent Polonia at various events, including Polish Constitution Day, Polish Independence Day, church holidays, organization picnics, and wherever Polish heritage should be celebrated.

Staff - Currently there are five teachers at the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and "Piast" Ensemble: Ewa Wiechec, Principal, who also serves as a Polish language teacher; Grazyna Siwik, who teaches Polish language; Agnieszka Kotlarsic teaches music and eurhythmics; Andrzej Gutowski and Malgorzata Kacki teach Polish folk dance. Agnieszka Kotlarsic is artistic director and choreographer of the "Piast" Ensemble, ably assisted by Malgorzata Kacki. Together, the staff provides a well-rounded curriculum for the students, highlighted by special programs for Polish holidays.

Parent Involvement - Mirosława Suhak is the parent representative of the school, who also holds the position of treasurer. Mirosława is regularly accompanied by her husband Zdzisław, who is always willing to lend a hand. Mirka and Zdzisław’s daughter, Elzbieta, has been attending the Polish school for eight years, and is now performing with "Piast." She is currently enrolled in the Dental Assisting Program at Normandy High School in Parma, Ohio, but her ultimate career goal is to be a dentist. The Suhaks, and many other dedicated parents, support the projects and programs of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School.

Congratulations to the entire organization of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and "Piast" Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble! Sto lat!
ORCHARD LAKE, MI - On Sunday September 23, ladies and some gentlemen gathered on the grounds of Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake MI for the 2012 Ladies Day Gala. Its purpose was to monetarily support the seminarians and students and to honor the Friends of Polish Art on their 75th Anniversary.

The day began with Mass in the Shrine Chapel, celebrated by the Chancellor-Rector of the Orchard Lake Schools, Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. Machalski, Jr. After Mass, guests proceeded to the Banquet Hall in the Dombrowski Field House where everyone socialized, bought chances on a variety of raffle prizes, and enjoyed a selection of hors d’oeuvres. The event was topped off with a delicious buffet.

After dinner, Chairperson Mary Kaye Neumann, Chancellor-Rector Rev. Msgr. Thomas Machalski, Jr. and Headmaster of St. Mary’s Prep James Glowacki gave welcome and appreciation speeches. Committee Member Mary Ellen Tyszka read a brief history on the Friends of Polish Art. A certificate was presented to Carol Surma, President of the PRCUA, for the 75 years that the Friends of Polish Art has been dedicated in promoting and preserving the history, art and beautiful customs and traditions of Poland.

Committee Members Barbara Toboy, former PRCUA National Director of District 10 and Joann Ozog, former 1st Lady of PRCUA, presented $1,050.00 to Rev. Msgr. Machalski, Jr. as a donation made by PRCUA members and Friends of Orchard Lake. In years past, individuals and organizations made such monetary presentations. However, in recent years, this practice is being done less and less. Bravo to Barbara and Joann, who decided to reactivate it.

Deep appreciation goes to the following donors: Dr. Richard Ozog (Michigan), Felicia Krupinski (Illinois), PRCUA St. Rita Society (Michigan), Helen Wojcik (Illinois), Victoria Niedbala (Michigan), Mich. PRCUA/APA Circuit XI (Michigan), Wallace Zielinski (Pennsylvania), PRCUA #2274 (Michigan), Ron & Barb Martin (Michigan) and Wallace & Joann Ozog (Michigan). We thank these individuals and organizations for their interest and commitment to the Orchard Lake Schools.

Many PRCUA members attended this event. Present were National PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Walter Plak, Eleanor Bielenda, wife of National PRCUA Vice President Robert Bielenda, Sacred Heart Society #162 members and Pope John Paul II Society #1593 members.

Orchard Lake is an important part of our Polish and religious heritage and it is up to us to support this Polish institution to ensure its continued existence for future generations.

- Joann Ozog, Past PRCUA First Lady

CLEVELAND, OH - The Polonia Foundation of Ohio honored three PRCUA members on Sunday, October 7, 2012 during the 49th Annual Pulaski Scholarship and Recognition Awards Banquet. Walter Borkowski of Society 2220, Alina Czernec (Bak) of Society 2220 and Sylvia Rucinski of Society 2144 received the Polonia Foundation Heritage Award for distinguished community service. During the gala banquet, the Polonia Foundation also awarded 24 scholarships to deserving college students.

Walter Borkowski - Walter’s professional career has been in the mortgage industry. He has worked for several mortgage companies, always distinguishing himself as a “Top Producer,” which led to offers of management positions. With a college friend, Walter started his own mortgage company called Consumers Choice Mortgage, Inc., but philosophical differences later caused them to part ways. Walter retired from the mortgage industry in 2009, but he continues as a part time Mortgage Consultant with Trust In Equity.

At the age of 24, Walter became the youngest ever elected director of the Polonia which merged with the PRCUA in 2005. During his two terms as a director, he served on many committees and chaired many events. Twice Walter had the thrill of singing the U.S. National Anthem for Polish Day at Jacobs Field before the start of Cleveland Indians baseball games.

Walter is currently recording secretary for the Cleveland Society of Poles, and national director of the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress. He is the son of Ligia and John Borkowski, long-time president of the Alliance of Poles of America.

Alina Czernec (Bak) - Alina Czernec was born in Poland. As a child, she and her family were deported by the Soviets to Siberia. Her family escaped to Uzbekistan, and later lived in refugee camps in Iran, Pakistan and India. At the end of World War II, her family joined their father in England, where Alina attended Polish secondary schools. In 1952, she and her family immigrated to the U.S., settling in Cleveland, OH. Alina married her husband, Steve, in 1959.

Alina attended college part-time and worked for a Polish daily newspaper, Wiadomosci Codzienna. After the birth of three children, she became a full-time mother. She volunteered at nursing homes, which eventually led to a position as director of admissions at Broadview Nursing Home. In 1985, she and her daughter Lisa purchased Heights Drapery Company where she worked until she retired in 2004.

Alina has always been involved in Polonia in Cleveland, with youth groups of Gmina 6, PNA and Alliance of Poles. As president of Gmina 6 parents committee, she worked with youth groups, planning trips, making costumes for dancers, and utilizing her skills and business experience.

She has been involved with St. John Cantius Church and the Polish American Cultural Center in Cleveland. She contributed time and effort in the interior decoration of the Center, as well as in the preparation of food for weekly Sunday lunches and special events at the Center.

Sylvia Rucinski - Sylvia Rucinski is a life-long resident of Cleveland, who attended Cuyahoga Community College and John Carroll University. Sylvia played the clarinet in high school marching band, and she also worked in various school and neighborhood libraries.

Sylvia used her high school business courses to further her career at Grabler Manufacturing, Harris Seybold, and at the Alliance of Poles/PRCUA, from which she retired after 22 years, having worked her way to the position of office manager. She still maintains her Ohio license to sell insurance.

Sylvia has been involved with Polish organizations, earning awards and honors for serving as officer, director, and member of the Polonia Foundation, Alliance of Poles Federal Credit Union and Polish American Congress.

Sylvia was a volunteer usher at the Front Row Theater and Playhouse Square in Cleveland. She loves to travel, and belongs to several garden clubs.

The Polonia Foundation honored a fourth individual, Gregory M. Sadlek, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Cleveland State University, who worked to establish a program of Polish Studies there.

The PRCUA extends congratulations to Walter, Alina and Sylvia. May you continue to work within Polonia, and may your rewards be great!
CHICAGO, IL - Polonia Ensemble of the PRCUA is very proud to have been selected to participate in the prestigious Luoyang International Cultural Tourism Festival in Luoyang, China, held from September 21, 2012 to September 25, 2012. Eighteen dancers, ranging in age from 17 to 26 years, participated, along with Dir. Anna Krysinski, Choreographer Iwona Puc, singer Wesley Spirala and parents Teresa and Ted Pacyniak and Wanda Tomaszewski. The experience was artistically and culturally enriching.

The festival, located near Beijing, was sponsored by the Government of Luoyang Municipality and the China National Tourism Administration.

Polonia Ensemble performed a variety of Polish dances and songs at the five-day festival, along with more than 1000 artists from 40 countries from all over the world, who came together to showcase their country’s dances, songs and culture.

Five top awards were presented at the Festival for Excellent Performance, and Polonia Ensemble was honored to be the recipient of one of these awards.

Between performances, the group also had the opportunity to visit the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall of China, a Guanlin Temple, a Shaolin Temple, Longmen Grottos, Longstan Grand Canyon and a restaurant.

Congratulations are extended to Polonia Ensemble from PRCUA along with our thanks for making us so proud of the Ensemble!

- K. Rosypal, Exec. Editor, Narod Polski
On Thursday, November 22, we Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Like the 4th of July, it is the most thoroughly American of all holidays. It celebrates the very beginning of our nation. It originated as a day of gratitude for our country and its magnificent blessings. Originally, it was celebrated by the Pilgrims and the Native Americans to give thanks to God after that first harvest in 1621. On that first Thanksgiving Day, our Pilgrim Fathers had no great plenitude of goods, shelter, clothing or culture. But they were together, and in that togetherness they found freedom, peace of soul and joy.

In 1863 - amidst the Civil War - President Abraham Lincoln officially declared that the last Thursday in November should be observed as a National Day of Thanksgiving. In 1941 it was changed to the fourth Thursday in November. We Catholics should be grateful to the Puritan founders of our country and to Abraham Lincoln for having given us this great national feast day.

In the past few years, thank God, Catholics are realizing more and more that Thanksgiving is best celebrated not only with a football game and a big turkey dinner, but also with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - the greatest prayer of thanksgiving. In the Gospel account of the Last Supper, Jesus "gave thanks." He spoke a prayer of thanksgiving and said, "Do this in remembrance of me." There is no more effective, no more pleasing way to give thanks to God. The word "eucharist" means "thanksgiving." The Sacrifice of the Mass is our greatest prayer of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is not a one-day-a-year affair! It is an everyday duty. Thanksgiving means giving. The happiest people are those who share what they have. Thanksgiving is best expressed by "thanksliving." Misers are miserable. We have to give thanks and we have to live thanks.

In old Anglo-Saxon, the words "thankfulness" and "thinkfulness" mean the same thing. Differing only in one vowel, the words have the same idea. If we "think", we will "thank". And if we "thank", it is because we "think". There is a story about a man who died and went to heaven. St. Peter took him on a tour. They stopped at a room where many angels were scurrying about, answering letters, telephone calls, faxes, e-mails, etc. St. Peter explained that this was the Receiving Department. All the prayer requests that come to heaven come through this room.

They came to a second room, and again there was a host of angels working busily stuffing envelopes, wrapping boxes, sealing cartons, etc. St. Peter explained that this was the Distribution and Shipping Department, where all prayers and requests were answered.

Then they continued to a third room. It was a very small room with only one angel sitting at a desk with, sadly, nothing to do. St. Peter explained, "This is our Thank You Department." The quiet was overwhelming.

Likewise, in the New Testament, we read that Jesus cried ten lepers of their dreaded disease. Only one of the ten returned to Jesus, fell on his face at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? Where are the nine?"

The country that is most blessed, should be the nation that is most thankful. With all its shortcomings and imperfections, the United States of America is still the greatest country on earth. We don't find too many Americans buying a one-way ticket out of the country. But you will find literally millions of people (an estimated 12 million) all over this planet trying to find their way into this country. These are people who would give their right arm to settle in this country.

In America, we enjoy not only unprecedented material wealth, but even more precious blessings - such as the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We still have to admit - and thank God for it - that life is better for us in America than for most people elsewhere - and better elsewhere because of America.

May they rest in eternal peace.
HONEY CORDIAL: In saucepan combine 1 c honey and 1/2 c water gently bring to boil, cover, cool, cover, set aside until cooled to room temperature. Stir in the freshly squeezed juice of 1 lg lemon. Transfer to sterilized quart jar and fill up with 100 proof vodka, seal and store in dark place, shaking every few days. This will be ready in a few weeks. Filter into decanter through cotton-filled funnel.

HONEY-SPICE CORDIAL: In saucepan simmer 1 c honey with 1 t pumpkin-pie seasoning until lightly browned. Cover and set aside until cooled to room temperature. Add 1 t vanilla extract, 1/2 t each lemon and orange zest and transfer to sterilized quart jar. Fill it up with 100 proof vodka, seal and store in dark place. Shake every few days. Filter through cotton-filled funnel into pint bottles and tighten cap. Serve as sterilized quart jar. Fill it up with 100 proof vodka, seal and extract, 1/2 t each lemon and orange zest and transfer to decanter through cotton-filled funnel.

CHERRY CORDIAL: It’s best to pay a little extra for pure cherry syrup at a Polish del. Pour 1-1/2 c cherry syrup into a sterilized quart jar and fill up with 100 proof vodka. Seal, shake and store in dark place, shaking every week or so. It should be good in time for Christmas. Filter through cotton-filled funnel as above.

HOT SPICED BEER: In pot mix 1 qt beer, 3-4 T sugar, fruit syrup or honey, and a pinch each of ground cinnamon, cloves, ginger and pepper. Heat to just below boiling; serve at once.

DRIED-FRUIT COMPOSTE: Soak for 2 hrs 1 lb mixed dry fruit, 3 dried figs, 4 pitted dates and 1/2 c raisins in water to cover. Add water if all has been absorbed, bring to a boil and simmer 15 min on low. Chill, stir in juice of 1/2 lemon and serve in dessert bowls. To make a drink, add 2 qts. water or apple juice before boiling. Sweeten to taste.

WHEAT PUDDING: Prepare 2 c bulgur wheat according to pkg directions. Leave wheat in pot until cooled to room temp. Stir in about 3/4 c Solo brand poppyseed filling (more or less to taste). Optional: plumped raisins and 1/2 c ground or chopped almonds or walnuts may be added. You can substitute cooked rice or barley in place of the wheat.

POPPYSEED COOKIES: Sift together 2-3/4 c flour, 2/3 c confectioner’s sugar and 2 1/2 t baking powder. Work in 1/4 c butter, 2 egg yolks, 1 whole egg, 3 T sour cream and 3 T poppyseeds. Knead well several min to combine; refrigerate 20 min. Roll out 1/8 inch thick and cut into circles or other shapes with cookie cutter. Place on greased baking sheet and bake at 375° about 10 min.

LAYERED GINGERBREAD: Sift together into bowl 2 c all-purpose flour and 1-1/2 c rye flour. Bring 1 c honey to boil, pour over flour and mix well with wooden spoon. Beat 4 egg yolks with 1 c confectioner’s sugar until fluffy and add to flour-honey mixture. Sprinkle with 2 1/2 T Polish honey-spice seasoning or American pumpkin-pie seasoning. Dissolve 1 T baking soda in 3 T cold water and mix into dough. Grease loaf pan, sprinkle sides and bottom with plain dry bread crumbs and fill 1/2 full with dough. Brush top with water and bake in preheated oven at 325° for 1 hr. When cooled to room temp, remove from pan, cut cake in half lengthwise, spread with Polish plum butter or apple butter, replace top and dust cake with confectioner’s sugar or glaze top with icing.

GINGERBREAD COOKIES: Bring 1 c honey to boil and let cool till lukewarm. Sprinkle 4 c flour with 2 t pumpkin-pie seasoning and sift together. Separately beat 4 eggs with 1 c sugar until thick and creamy. Dissolve 1 T baking soda in 3 T cold water and add to egg mixture. Then fold in the flour and honey and mix well to blend ingredients. On floured breadboard roll out dough 1/4 inch thick and cut into circles, hearts, diamonds or whatever. Bake on greased baking sheet and bake at 350° 10-15 min or until lightly browned. When cooled, glaze with white or chocolate icing, if desired.

What does your Polish last name mean?

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If you’re interested in finding out the meaning behind your family name (surname), contact Robert Strybel, our Warsaw correspondent, who will research your last name for you! You can find out what your Polish surname means, how it originated, how many people use it, where they live and - if a coat of arms is found - a color illustration will also be included.

This invaluable report includes a useful genealogical contact chart, which has helped many Polish-Americans discover their Polish roots. The organizations and individuals genealogists listed are experts at researching public records, drawing up family trees and may even help to photograph or videotape ancestral homesteads, family graves, etc.

The nominal fee for this several-page long custom-researched analysis of your Polish surname is only $19 for the first surname and $10 for each additional name (such as a mother’s maiden name, grandparents names, etc.)

What a great Christmas gift this would make for anyone with Polish roots. If interested, kindly airmail a personal or cashier’s (bank) check or money order to:

Robert Strybel
ul. Kaniowski 24
01-529 Warsaw
Poland

News from PRCUA Society 1413

Anthony David Lackey - a third generation PRCUA member and the grandson of Tom and Rose Lackey, Director of PRCUA Tatry Dancers - celebrated his first birthday on July 3rd at the home of his parents, Todd and Susan Lackey in Dearborn, Michigan. The gala outdoor party prepared by his parents included guests from as far away as Alabama and Georgia, such as his cousins Sara, Grace, Dane and Ava Lackey - all PRCUA members. Anthony is the great-grandson of David Armstrong and Toni Borchert and the godson of PRCUA member Tom Lackey and Kerri Lackey. Congratulations!

Director Christopher Ozog Attends MI Fraternal Alliance Meeting

TRaverse City, MI - On October 4 and 5, PRCUA Director of District 10 Christopher Ozog attended the Michigan Fraternal Alliance and Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors Joint Annual meeting in Traverse City, MI. This year’s theme was “Fraternalism is our Focus.” It involved one day of conferences and a half-day of meetings.

The highlights of the conference dealt with the Youth and Baby Boomer Generation and How to Keep Fraternalism Alive. The presentations dealt with the young generation and keeping them involved with fraternals, as well as involving the baby boomers and addressing their needs. Regarding keeping fraternalism alive, discussions about leadership’s role and ways to lead were influencing new and innovative ways to promote fraternalism in our communities.

Sixty-six people attended the Conference with eleven fraternal organizations represented. The Alliance collected and donated goods and money for the Father Fred Foundation - a food pantry serving northern Michigan. Two Thousand Nine Hundred dollar’s worth of goods and money were donated; included in that total, the PRCUA District 10 Dance Schools donated $1500 worth of goods and money. This was greatly appreciated by the foundation. Dir. Ozog personally thanks all those donors who contributed so much.

Michigan Fraternal Alliance is a group dedicated to promoting fraternalism: http://fraternalalliance.org. Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors accredits professional insurance agents who understand, promote and follow fraternal values and ethics - http://nafic.org. These organizations have an important impact upon fraternalism. PRCUA is part of the Fraternal Alliance and many of our agents are Fraternal Insurance Counselors (FIC).

MI PRCUA Directors + Choreographers Attend National Dance Workshop


The Workshop highlighted the Polish national dances, Oberek, Kujawiak, and Mazur. The workshops were taught by Zofia & Jan Czecklewski, who spent years as soloists, dancers, and managers of Poland’s world famous Slask Ensembles.

The workshop attendees included: Josephine Widt (Giwzida Director), Basia Nowakowski (Giwzida Choreographer), Tommy Lisiecki (Nat’l Dir., Halka and Zakopane Choreographer), Donna Skurski (Opole Choreographer), Beth Thacker (Opole Director), Kasia Schemsianki (Wieliczka Choreographer), Tomek Schemsianki (Wieliczka Choreographer), Rachael Kasperek (Zajaczek Choreographer), and Tricia Zajac (Zajaczek Choreographer).

The event also featured a tour of Denver, a polka party, Mass at St. Joseph’s Polish Church, and a gala performance from all of the attending groups. Mrs. Skurski, Ms. Schemsianki, and Mr. Schemsianki performed in the gala with the Wavel Folk Ensemble of Detroit, MI. Mr. Schemsianki was selected by the Czecklewskis to perform a solo during the Oberek portion of the gala performance.

Slask gave a performance in Michigan at the end of October 2012, which was well attended by appreciative Polish Americans.

- Written and submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski (PRCUA Giwzida Dancers Secretary and 1997 Alumni)
KALENDARZ na LISTOPAD i GRUDZIEŃ 2012

- 1-2 listopada (czwartek-piątek) - WSZYSTKICH ŚWIĘTYCH I ZADUSZKI.
- 11 listopada (niedziela) - DZIEŃ WETERANA w USA.
- 11 listopada (niedziela) - NARODOWE ŚWIĘTO NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI w Polsce.
- 17 listopada (sobota) - 41. BAL KSIAŻĘCY "KOPCIUSZEK I KSIAŻĘ" ZPRKA - ogłoszenie na str. 19.
- 17 listopada (sobota) - ZABAWA DOŻYNKOWA W RTYMIE POLKI Towarzystwa #162 ZPRKA, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI; gospodarzem jest parafia O.L. Mt. Carmel; do tańca w godzinach 19:00-23:00 grać będzie zespół New Brass Express; poczęstunek i napoje alkoholowe do kupienia na miejscu; bilet do odebrania przy wejściu. Dodatkowe informacje: (734) 284-9135.
- 22 listopada (czwartek) - DZIEŃ DZIECKOCZYNIENIA (THANKSGIVING DAY).
- 2 grudnia (niedziela) - ZABAWA BOŻONARODZENIOWA DLA DZIECI Tow. #162 - godz. 13:00, 1430 Oak Str., Wyandotte, MI. Dla dzieci w wieku 0-10 lat. (734) 281-7036.
- 9 grudnia (niedziela) - PRZYJĘCIE BOŻONARODZENIOWE DLA SENIORÓW Tow. #162 - godz. 13:00, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. $10 od osoby - w cenie obiad i napoje. Wymagane rezerwacje: (734) 281-7036. Prosimy o przyniesienie jakiegoś dania do podzielenia się z terminarzem zebrań Towarzystw, planowanych na najbliższe miesiące.

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Zainteresowana osoba powinna posiadać doświadczenie taneczne (np. współpracę z zespołem tańca ludowego) i zamiłowanie do pracy z dziećmi. Po więcej informacji prosimy pisać pod adres: e-mailowy: SWKALINOWSK@GMAIL.COM lub dzwonić pod numer: 1-219-671-9834 www.POLSKASZKOLAKALINOWSKIEGO.ORG

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Użyte, ostemplowane znaczki pocztowe mają również swoją wartość. Misionarze katolikcy proszą o przesyłanie wyciętych z kopert (ok. 1/4 cała doskona znaczka) znaczków na adres: Felician Sisters, Villa Maria Convent, 600 Doat St. Buffalo, NY 14211.

Czy zmieniłeś się Twój adres zamieszkania?
Jeśli w ostatnim czasie zmieniłeś Państwo miejsce zamieszkania, prosimy o nadesłanie nowego adresu, abyśmy mogli uaktualnić Wasze dane i abyście nadal mogli otrzymywać “Naród Polski”.

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Jeśli Ty lub ktoś kogo znan, chciałby się podjąć tego wyzwania, przejdź do wypołanie informacje: Polish Dance Instructor.

Proszę o przesyłanie artykułów w formacie Word lub napisanych ręcznie bez użycia miksera lub papieru do kraju. Prosimy o umieszczenie w rubryce Subject oraz podpisanie na stronie 10: Polish Dance Instructor.

Informacja jak skontaktować się z jednym z dwóch redaktorów "Narodu Polskiego"?

1. Jeśli chcielibyście otrzymywać "Naród Polski" w wersji cyfrowej, prosimy o wskazanie na stronie: www.PRCUA.org/narodpolski, po czym wybrać opcję: "Start your digital Naród Polski subscription".

2. Jeśli chciebiecie otrzymywać papierowe wydanie "Narodu Polskiego", prosimy o kontakt na adres: Katrina-odrobina@prcua.org lub telefonicznie do katriny Odrobiny (800) 772-8632 w. 2636. Możecie również wypełnić poniższy formularz i przesłać na adres: Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, 984 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642; Attn: Katrina Odrobina, Subscribe

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Poszukiwany instruktor ludowego tańca polskiego

Poszukiwany jest pilnie instruktor ludowych tańców polskich do Traverse City w stanie Michigan. Osoby zainteresowane proponowane są o zgłaszanie się do: Kathleen Hughes - k Hughes@centurytel.net.
Prosimy o umieszczenie w rubryce Subject informacji: Polish Dance Instructor.

Nowy adres: _________________________________________
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Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!

Drody Bracia i Siostry, uczestnicy tej Eucharystycznej Ofiary, drody Rodacy!

J. E. Ks. Arcybiskupa Józefa Kowalczyka, metropolity gnieźnieńskiego, przemówienie podczas Mszy Świętej sprawowanej w warszawskiej archikatedrze pw. Męczeństwa św. Jana Chrzestnika na rozpoczęcie IV Zjazdu Polonii i Polaków z Zagranicy

Warszawa, 24 sierpnia 2012 r.

Niech będziemy dumni ze swego zdrowia, gdybymy zrozumiali, że jedynym narzędziem, które nasze ręce trzymały, było bowiem to, co zniesienie, co zniszczenie. Przyszłość naszej kultury, naszej narodowej duszy nie wyrasta z postrzegania samego narodu, nie wyrasta z postrzegania samej narodowej czynności czy działania, ale wyrasta z postrzegania wspólnych dziejów, wspólnego języka (czasem może to samość narodów, a jej zatracenie może prowadzić do zatracenia duszy i tradycji narodu).

Ukrainie i w Rosji.


Nasze dzieje spotkały się na zaprośenie Stowarzyszenia "Współnota Polska". Stowarzyszenie te jest organizacją pozarządową, działającą pod patronatem Senatu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Zostało ono powołane w lutym 1990 roku z inicjatywy marszałka Senatu RP, Stanisława Grochowskiego, w dniu przed 100. rocznicy odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości.

Słowa naszego Wielkiego Rodaka, bł. Jana Pawła II, Przemówienie do Polaków w Meksyku, Meksyk, 27.01.1979 r.):

Osoby przebywające na emigracji jest bardzo ważne, gdy ktoś ma pomóc im podjąć decyzje o wyborze długich lat...
### Z historii budynku Zjednoczenia

W Narodzie Polskim z dn. 6 listopada 2012 r. czytamy, jak wyglądać będzie Dom Zjednoczenia:

- **W Narodzie Polskim z dn. 6 listopada 2012 r. czytamy, jak wyglądać będzie Dom Zjednoczenia:**

  Czwarte piętro.

  ![Diagram Czwarte piętro](image1)

  **Rozmiar poszczególnych stancji:**

  - Maszynerya 20x24 stóp.
  - Galerya 25x50 stóp.
  - Przedpokój 12x14 stóp.
  - Buffet 18x25 stóp.
  - Parlor damski 14x22 stóp.
  - Scena 20x30 stóp.
  - Garderoba 12x14 stóp.
  - Biblioteka 16x26 stóp.
  - Prywatne biura 12x16 stóp.
  - Kancelarie 11x11 stóp.
  - Prawne biuro 16x26 stóp.

  **Gmach ogniotrwały**

  Cały dom będzie elegancko wyplastrowany z wyjątkiem piwnic, sala będzie miała system zebrań masowych, przedstawień, koncertów itd. Małżeństwa mogą tutaj podzielić się wyjazdem, a w tym samym miejscu mogą przygotować się na znak na węzeł bożonarodzeniowy. W budynku będzie się również mieścić salonikowy, który ułatwić będzie 1 500 funtów. Gmach będzie zaopatrzony w drabiny bezpieczeństwa potrójne. Główne wejście będzie szerokie i piękne a przykrywać je będzie elegancka, miedziany baldachim podtrzymywany łańcuchami. Wszystkie ściany wyłożone będą od frontu zdobną cienką cegłą (press brick), boczne zaś cegły zwględnie. Ozdobę frontowe będą z terakoty – u dołu dołu wspierać się będą na dużych kamieniach budowlanych.

  **Rozumiar poszczególnych stancji:**

  - Składki cztery 20x70 stóp.
  - Składki dwie 20x60 stóp.

  **Doroczny Obiad i Opłatek ZPRKA**

  Doroczny Obiad i Opłatek ZPRKA

  Zapraszamy do włączenia się w obchody „Świat na wsi” przygotowane przez tancerzy zespołu Gwiazda ZPRKA.

  Prosimy o zgłaszanie rezerwacji przed 1 grudnia 2012 r. oficjalnie przez Jessica Wendt (313) 682-3031 lub Basia Nowakowska (313) 433-4929.
Zespół Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia" ZPRKA na festiwalu w Chinach
Rozmowa z Anną Kryślińską - dyrektorem zespołu

To już 17 wyjazd międzynarodowy "Polonii". Jesteście ambasadarami polskiej kultury na świecie. Jak należy pracować, by być zapraszonym na prestiżowe festiwale?

- Przygotowania trwały dwa lata. Wymagało to wiele pracy, przygotowań, wymiany korespondencji. Warunkiem koniecznym do zakwalifikowania się było wysłanie CD z nagraniami naszego programu. Dopiero wtedy komisja kwalifikacyjna wydała decyzję uczestnictwa w festiwalu. Kto zaprosił "Polonii" do Chin?

Parę lat temu byliście na festiwalu w Taiwanie. Czy te festiwale były podobne?

- Nie ma porównania. Na Tajwanie był klasyczny, rutynowy festiwal, a w Chinach wręcz ekstrawagancki. Ten kraj zadziwia pod każdym względem, jest coś specyficznego w tym narodzie. Chiny to przecież jedna z najdłuższych tradycji państwowych. Ile krajów uczestniczyło w festiwalu?

- Czternaście zespołów z 25 krajów świata, głównie Europa i Azja. Z Ameryki Południowej był tylko zespół z Brazylii. Jak wyglądało wasze artystyczne tourne?:

- Koncertowaliśmy w Luoyang, ale najpierw powiemy o turystyce. Zdobyliśmy Pekin i Luoyang. Pekin nie muszą zachwycać, bo to stolica, ale Luoyang też błyszczy kunsztom, natasą też był kiedyś stolicą Chiny. W Pekinie byliśmy cztery dni. Co was najbardziej oczarowało?

- Egzotyka i tajemniczość chińskiej architektury oraz niezwykła odmienność chińskiej sztuki. A mur chiński?

- Otwarcie była ta para, maszerowaliśmy aż trzy kilometry. Zatrzymanyśmy się w siedmiu miejscach przed trybunami z oficjelami, demonstrując 2,5 minutowy program. Przyjmowano nas nader wesoło.

A sukcesy festiwalowe?

- Zdobyliśmy jedną z pięciu głównych nagród. Przywieźliśmy piękną statuetkę, na której wygrawerowano napis: "Luoyang Heluo Cultural Tourism Festival Award of Excellent Performance". Otrzymaliśmy dyplom uznania, bardzo specyficzny pisany po chińsku, za nasz program artystyczny. Jakie wrażenia przyzwoiciciele do USA?

- Same pozytywne, doskonale aranżacja, życie w chińskich domach. Wszyscy byliśmy wrażeni przez to, jak bardzo gościnni i pracowici byli ludzie. Gratuluję zatem kolejnego sukcesu, a najbliższej plany "Polonii"?

- Ciągle tańczymy, to nasz żywioł, to ogień nie do ugasiienia. 9 grudnia wystąpiemy w drugiej edycji widowiska "Magiczne Święta", który jest organizowany przez Centrum Kopernikowskie. W styczniu zapraszamy tradycyjnie na Uniwersytet Northeastern na nasz zimowy koncert. Zapraszamy dzieci i młodzieży w nasze szeregi. "Polonia" odnosił wielki sukces w świecie. Rozmawiał: Janusz Kopec

Zespół "Polonia" w czasie 7-kilometrowej parady

Zwiadzaliśmy najstarszą świątynię Chińczyków, Shaolin Temple, podziwialiśmy mnichów. Byliśmy na pokazie kung fu, aż wierzycie nie chce ile oni osiągają poprzez perfekcyjność ciała i ducha. W ostatnim dniu pobytu występowaliśmy w Huangcheng i zwiadzaliśmy słynny Dom Chancellora. Jaki program artystyczny prezentował "Polonia". Co się najbardziej podobało?


Jak wyglądały wasze przemarsze wśród publiczności. Jak was przyjmowali Chińczycy?

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Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych ZPRKA serdecznie zaprasza na doroczną 41. Bal Książęcy „Kopciuszek i książę”
sobota, 17 listopada 2012 r.
Lexington House
7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL
Koktajle - 18:30-19:30  Kolacja - 19:30
Cena biletów: $70.00 od osoby
Rezerwacje: Vicky Kroplewski, tel. (708) 599-7129

Księdzu kapelanowi Władysławowi Ptak składamy z okazji Jubileuszu 25-lecia święć kapłańskich, gratulacje i życzenia Wszelkiego Błogosławieństwa Bożego, Światła Ducha Świętego i Opieki Matki Bożej. Życzymy również dużo zbożia, pogody ducha i wiele radości każdego dnia oraz wielu dalszych lat w najpiękniejszej posłudze Pana. Msza św. Jubileuszowa odprowadzone zostanie w niedzielę, 11 listopada 2012 r. o godz. 13.30 w kościele Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 976 Pope John Paul II Ave., Wyandotte, MI

Recenzja książki “Podstawy patriotyzmu Jana Pawła II”

Książka, p. J. Jaworskiego jest ciekawym opracowaniem patriotyzmu Jana Pawła II. Autor zaszczycono bierze pod uwagę czynniki, które kształtowały postawą patriotyczną Papieża. Dlatego pojęcie i ewolucję patriotyzmu Ojca Świętego osadza bardzo mocno na bazie historycznej ewolucji II Rzeczypospolitej, na tradycji narodu przeżywanej w perspektywie uniwersalnej, na tradycji Kościoła w dziejach narodu. Stąd też stwierdza, że patriotyzm Papieża jest konkretny, zazwyczaj w konieczności uznawany w narodzie, a jednocześnie unikany w perspektywie Kościoła, Europy i rodziny ludzkiej. Zatem nie ma on rywali etycznych, a także w czasie II Rzeczypospolitej ukształtowały się jego trzy wymiary widzenia Ojczyzny: jako pamięć przeszłości, jako ziemi rodzinnej i jako członka wielonarodowej rodziny ludzkiej, zwłaszcza europejskiej.

Również p. Jaworski omawia czasy komunizmu, w których widzi Papieża jako polityka zaangażowanego w niszczenie zachodnich iluzji w postawie wobec systemu komunistycznego. Charakteryzuje Go jako polityka ostrego, a jednocześnie odważnego i zdecydowanego, zaangażowanego w niszczeniu zachodnich iluzji w postawie wobec systemu komunistycznego.

Badania p. Jaworskiego prowadzą do wniosku, że patriotyzm nie jest tylko “uczuciem”, ale powinność, postawą bezinteresownej służby. Jest on konkretny i realistyczny w powinnościach, ugruntowany w chrześcijaństwie, a więc w hierarchii tych powinności.


Ks. Stanisław Urbański
Dziekan Wydz. Teologicznego na Uniwersytecie Kard. Wyszyńskiego w Warszawie

Książkę pt. “Podstawy patriotyzmu Jana Pawła II” wydaną nakładem Norbertinum w Lublinie, można zamawiać telefonicznie u autora pod numerem telefonu (773) 715-8183. Cena egzemplarza $15.00 plus koszty przesyłki.

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce zaprasza na doroczną TRADYCYJNĄ POLSKĄ WIGILIĘ piątek, 7 grudnia 2012 r. w godz. 18:30-20:30

W programie m.in.: tradycyjne polskie postne dania wigilijne, piękne polskie i amerykańskie kolędy, prezentacja polskich tradycji.

$25 - dorosli i młodzież powyżej 13 lat; $15.00 - dzieci 4-12 lat (dzieci muszą być pod opieką dorosłych)

Rezerwacje: 773-384-3352 w. 104

Książeczki i broszurki o tematyce bożonarodzeniowej

Po raz kolejny ZPRKA oferuje swoim członkom kilka wydawnictw, związanych z Bożym Narodzeniem:

- Broszurki z kolędami - 11 najpopularniejszych kolęd w j. angielskim i 10 w j. polskim. Broszurkę można otrzymać bezpłatnie dwonocie do Katryna ZPRKA pod numer: 1-800-772-8632 w. 2366.

- Polskie Boże Narodzenie: Zwyczaje, kolędy i przepisy kulinarne (Christmas Customs: Customs, Carols and Cuisine) - Kolorowa książeczka z opisem zwyczajów Bożego Narodzenia w Polsce, przepisami na tradycyjne potrawy wigilijne i świąteczne oraz słowami 17 kolęd w języku angielskim i 15 w j. polskim. Książeczka jest darmowa, wymagana jest opłata za przesyłkę - $1.50 za jedną książeczkę i 50 centów za każdą następną.

- Książeczka do kolorowania “Narodziny Jezusa” (“Birth of Jesus Coloring Book”). Książeczka jest darmowa, opłata za przesyłkę - $1.50 za jedną książeczkę i 50 centów za każdą następną.

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Dystrykt # 8 ZPRKA

w imieniu Wydziału Kobiet na stany Illinois/Indiana zaprasza członków ZPRKA oraz z rodzinami i przyjaciółmi na "OPŁATEK"

Candle Light Banquets
10628 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago, IL

niedziela, 2 grudnia 2012 r.

Wejście: 12:00 w pol. Odw: 12:45
Koszt uczestnictwa: $27 od osoby

Termin rezerwacji upływa 27 listopada 2012 r.

Rezerwacje można wysyłać na adres: Kristyna Lech
12551 Palos Drive West
Palos Park, IL 60464
(708) 361-5029
Loteria fantowa oraz pieniędzy (Split the Pot)
Mike widziane nagrody na loterię
Bilet do odebrania przy wejściu

Prosimy wypisać czek na: PRCUA District # 8

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Narod Polski
SPECFALNA OFERTA BOŻONARODZENIOWA

1 listopada 2012 - 6 stycznia 2013

Zaoszczędź 10%
Otrzymaj w podarunku upominek i weź udział w losowaniu Apple® iPod touch®

Doskonała okazja do zaostrzenia 10% przy wykupie polisy ubezpieczeniowej Single Pay o wartości 5 - 10 - 25 tysięcy dolarów dla dzieci i młodzieży do 15 roku życia.

Korzyści z wykupienia ubezpieczenia Single Life:

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- nie może być amłowiona
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- daje trwałe zabezpieczenie dla ukochanej osoby

Począwszy od 1 listopada 2012 r. do 6 stycznia 2013 r., każdy wnioskodawca o ubezpieczenie na życie otrzyma symboliczny pluszowy misia ZPRKA jako dodatek do stypendia na uczelni czy kredyty edukacyjne.

Single Pay o wartości 5 - 10 - 25 tysięcy dolarów dla dzieci i młodzieży do 15 roku życia.

10% oszczędności przy wykupie ubezpieczenia. Ale to nie wszystko - każdy złożony w tym okresie wniosek będzie uprawniał występujący o ubezpieczenie do jednego biletu na loterii, w której do wygrania jest kieszonkowy odtwarzacz MP3 Apple® iPod touch®.

Wszyscy, którzy wystąpią o ubezpieczenie o wysokości 25 tys. dolarów, otrzymają 2 bilety na loterii, podważając tym samym szanse wygranej!

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Skontaktujcie się ze swoimi lokalnymi sprzedawcami ubezpieczeń ZPRKA lub zadzwonimy do biura gównego ZPRKA pod numer 800-772-8632, aby dowiedzieć się więcej szczegółów na temat naszej Specjalnej Oferty Bożonarodzeniowej.

UWAGI:
- Osoba ubiegająca się o ubezpieczenie może być właścicielem polisy lub wyznaczyć jednego z rodziców/opiekunów dziecka jako właściciela.
- W zależności od stanu, w którym mieszka osoba ubezpieczana, ZPRKA może wymagać wypełnienia dodatkowych formularzy.
- Upominek zostanie natychmiast wysłany a nazwisko osoby ubiegającej się o ubezpieczenie, zgłoszone do udziału w loterii.

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NAJWAŻniejsze CECHY TO:

- stały program ubezpieczeniowy nie wymagający badania lekarskiego*
- plany mogą lub nie muszą posiadać dywidendy z zysków
- ubezpieczenia są aktywne dożywotnio
- opłaty nigdy nie wzrastają, wzrasta natomiast wartość gotówkowa
- proces wykupu ubezpieczenia jest uproszczony
- do 25,000 dla osób do 75 lat i 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)

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- możliwość wykorzystania programów emerytalnych do zakupu ubezpieczenia
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Liście zmieniły barwę z zielonej na czerwoną i złotą, a chłód zagościł w powietrzu. Ani się nie obejmuje, jak ponownie obchodziemy Dzień Dziękczynienia!

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