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Easter Blessings-Wesołego Alleluja



"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

Blessed John Paul II

As the warm April sun fills the world with its light, the Joy of the Resurrection fills our hearts with His love. Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! Rejoice for a great day has dawned for us. May the joy of Christ risen fill your hearts and homes with His love.

**A Blessed and Happy Easter to all!
Wesołego Alleluja!**

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State of Illinois Celebrated Pulaski Day at the PMA



PRCUA President and PMA Chairman of the Board Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. welcomes dignitaries and guests to the PMA for the State of Illinois' Pulaski Day program (Photo: T. Potasiak)

CHICAGO, IL - With much enthusiasm, the State of Illinois' Annual Pulaski Day program was held at the Polish Museum of America (PMA) in Chicago, IL on Monday, March 3, 2014. Before the program, dignitaries mingled at a breakfast reception in the PRCUA Board Room, meeting with officers of the PRCUA and PMA.

At 10:00 a.m., with members of the Kosciuszko Guards attired in 18th century quasi-military uniforms serving as an honor guard, dignitaries entered the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall and took their seats on the dais and in additional reserved VIP seating. The Hall was filled to capacity with standing room only.

Jan Lorys, PMA Historian, warmly welcomed everyone and introduced PMA President Maria Ciesla and PMA Chairman Joseph Drobot, Jr., who both served as Masters of Ceremonies. Most Reverend Andrew Wypych, (Continued on page 44)

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

APRIL

- 5 DEARBORN HTS., MI - SYRENA ENSEMBLE RECITAL** on Sat., April 5 at 3 pm, Riverside Middle School Aud., 25900 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts, MI. Tickets \$5. Contact: Pat Steven 313-563-1761
- 4-6 PLYMOUTH, MI - PRCUA NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT** hosted by St. Stan's #718 from Fri., April 4 to Sun., April 6 at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. Hospitality Friday at Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI, from 7 to 10 pm
- 6 WYANDOTTE, MI - ROGALIN GYMNASTICS RECITAL** on Sun., April 6, 2 pm, Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI
- 8 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., April 8 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905
- 9 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., April 9, Potluck at 6 pm at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting 7 pm. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311
- 11 TOLEDO, OH - ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI-BY-THE-DOZEN SALE** on Friday, April 11 at PRCUA Hall, 5255 Detroit, Toledo, OH from 10 am to 6 pm Cost: \$9; cheese, potato, kraut or potato/cheese. Order by March 28. Call 419-531-8658
- 12 LINCOLN PARK, MI - ROGALIN DANCE RECITAL** on Sat., April 12 at 3 pm, Lincoln Park H.S., 1701 Champaign St., Lincoln Park, MI. Tickets \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door, 3 yrs, and under free. Contact: Michelle Stechschulte 734-283-4589
- 13 WARREN, MI - HALKA DANCE RECITAL** on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. Recital at Van Dyke Comm. Auditorium (Lincoln H.S.), 22500 Federal, Warren, MI. Tickets \$7.00. Graduates are asked to participate; please contact: Tom Lisiecki 586-795-8901
- 13 OAK LAWN, IL - SOUTHWEST CTR. OF POLISH DANCING RECITAL** on Sun., April 13 at 2 pm, Oak View Comm. Ctr., 4625 W. 110th St. Oak Lawn, IL. \$10 advance tickets only; limited seating, no tickets sold at the door. Children under 5 Free. Contact: Ania Kraszewski 773-972-0012
- 16 TROY, MI - CIRCUIT XI MEETING** on Wed., April 16 at Noon at American Polish Cultural Ctr., 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: B. Wozniak 586-731-3692
- 20 HAPPY EASTER!**
- 22 CHICAGO, IL - SOC. #657 AND SOC. #1620 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Tues., April 22 at 7 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: 847-254-0694
- 27 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING** on Sun., April 27 at 1:00 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI 48129. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: Pres. Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230
- 27 WARREN, MI - CELEBRATING CANONIZATION OF BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II AND 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRCUA SOC. #1593** on Sun., April 27, 8:45 am Mass, St. Anne's, 3200 Mound, Rd., Warren, MI. breakfast and exhibit at School Cafeteria after Mass. Contact: Wallace Ozog 586-751-8168
- 29 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 ELECTION OF DELEGATES MEETING** on Tues., April 29 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: J. Ozog 586-751-8168

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- 3 CENTER LINE, MI - OPOLE DANCE RECITAL** on May 3, 2 pm, Center Line H.S. Aud., 26300 Arsenal, Center Line, MI; Tickets \$7 at the door. Contact: Beth 586-944-9683
- 4 WARREN, MI - POLSKIE MAKI RECITAL** on Sun., May 4 at 2 pm at Van Dyke Aud., Lincoln H.S., 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. Tickets \$7. Contact: Maria Jalkiewicz 586-979-5164
- 4 CHICAGO, IL - SOC. #308 DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING** on Sun., May 4 at 2 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Av., Chicago, IL.
- 5 SUMMIT, IL - MARIA KONOPNICKA SOC. #1622 MEETING** on Mon., May 5 at 7 pm, St. Joseph's, 7240 W. 57th St., Summit, IL. Contact Ed Muszalski 708-937-3812

5 CHICAGO, IL - DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING FOR SOC. #408, SOC. #683, SOC. #795 AND SOC. #1012 on Monday, May 5 at 4 pm, PRCUA Social Hall 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL. Contact: Maria Grzadziel at 630-915-9976.

11 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



- 11 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET** on Sun., May 11, 8-12 Noon at Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI
- 12 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT #7 MEETING** on Mon., May 12 at 7:30 pm at PECUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. May crowning of the Blessed Mother. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski 773-763-4069
- 13 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., May 13 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905
- 14 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., May 14, Potluck at 6 pm at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting at 7 pm. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311
- 15 CHICAGO, IL - ILL-IND WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING** on Thurs., May 15 at 10:30 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Crowning of Blessed Mother and honoring Mother of the Year. Contact: Irene Rush 630-295-5607
- 16 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 WINE, BEER & SPIRITS TASTING** on Fri., May 16, 7-10 pm, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Tickets: \$25 in advance - buy at Hall Lounge; \$35 at the door. Must be 21 yrs. old
- 17 DEARBORN HTS., MI - ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 (HOST) VS. WYANDOTTE SOC. #162 RYDER CUP GOLF** on Sat., May 17, registration 12:30 pm at Warren Valley Golf Course; Afterglow at Randy's Bar & Grille. Contact: Mike Halberstadt at mhalbers@wyan.org or sign up at lounge
- 18 ORLAND PARK, IL - DISTRICT 8 MEETING** on Sun., May 18 at Noon, after 11 am Mass at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL
- 18 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING** on Sun., May 18. 15 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: J. Sylak 419-729-2616
- 18 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING** on Sun., May 18 at 1 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, #462, Detroit, MI 48201

CELEBRATION OF CANONIZATIONS

The Tatry Foundation invites Chicago area Catholics to celebrate the canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII, which will take place Sunday, April 27th. On Sat., April 26, there will be a bus tour to parishes with statues and displays on Pope John Paul II. A bus will depart from Holy Trinity Church, 1118 N. Noble St., Chicago, IL at 9 a.m. for St. Blasé Church in Summit, IL to worship at the relics of St. John Paul. Then, the bus will go to Resurrection Cemetery; Cistercian Fathers of Our Lady Mother of the Church in Willow Springs; St. Cyril's in Lemont, Five Holy Martyrs, St. Hyacinth's, and St. Helen's in Chicago. We will finish at the Polish Museum of America to see their display. The cost is \$30; reservations can be made via email at info@tatrafoundation.org or by calling 708-728- 0464.

ALL NIGHT CELEBRATION - Later that same Saturday, from 6-9 p.m., a procession will take place from Willow Springs City Hall to the Cistercian Fathers of Our Lady Mother of the Church, 116 Hilton Street, Willow Springs.

At 8 p.m. there will be an artistic program and wreath laying at the statute to soon-to-be St. John Paul. At 10 p.m., we will move inside the church for devotional prayers. At 3 a.m. on Sun., April 27, a live transmission of the Mass of Canonization from Rome will be publicly broadcast. The event will conclude with a Sunrise Mass at 6 a.m. on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions, email info@tatrafoundation.org or call 708-728-0464. Please spread the word. All are invited and encouraged to wear traditional costumes of our beloved Poland.



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61st Convention

Life Insurance

During the first half of 2014, PRCUA will be preparing for a very important event – the 61st National Convention. The Convention will be held in Toledo, Ohio beginning Sunday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Elected delegates from all of our societies will represent our membership and express our members' wishes as they relate to the direction our organization should take as we go forward into the future.

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Pulaski Day (Continued)

(Continued from page 1) Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, offered the Invocation, followed by the Polish and American National Anthems being led by soloist Aleksandra Podowski, accompanied by pianist Wladyslaw Stechly.

Chairman Drobot introduced U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley (IL-5th), who was the first to speak. He reiterated how tirelessly he has advocated Poland's inclusion in the Visa Waiver Program. He said, "The Visa Waiver Program should allow Polish citizens and their families to travel to the U.S. visa-free for a stay of 90 days or less" and pledged his continued support.

Brigadier Gen. Jaroslaw Strozyk, Defense, Military, Naval, and Air Attache for the Republic of Poland then gave remarks. He said the today's military generals and soldiers invariably pursue the same values that guided General Casimir Pulaski so long ago: to defend their homeland. Although they all hope it will not be necessary, they are ready, as was Gen. Pulaski, to defend freedom.

Hon. Robert Rusiecki, Vice Consul, Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, addressed the audience. He noted that some Polish Americans have joined Chicago's Ukrainian community in urging the U.S. government to step up its opposition to the recent actions in the Ukraine by Russian President Vladimir Putin.



(L-r) Hon. Rahm Emanuel, Chicago Mayor; Hon. Robert Rusiecki, Vice Consul, Republic of Poland in Chicago; Bishop Andrew Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago

During his remarks, the Mayor spoke about how intertwined the roots of Polish Americans and the history of Chicago are, and the importance of the Polish community in Chicago.

U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, a true friend of Polonia, then spoke. He led the bipartisan movement to gain posthumous Honorary U.S. citizenship for Gen. Casimir Pulaski. Senator Durbin also donated a saber - used by General Pulaski - to the Polish Museum. The saber is on display in the PMA's Great Hall. Senator Durbin met with Chicago's Ukrainian community over the weekend, and said that he can't promise a U.S. military intervention, but supports diplomacy and an economic response to the crisis. "At this point, I don't see any sentiment in this country for sending our forces anywhere in the world, so I'm not calling for that. I want to make that crystal clear, but there is a lot more that we can do short of that," Sen. Durbin said.

PMA Pres. Maria Ciesla then called upon the Scholarship Committee - Dr. Geraldine Balut-Coleman, Richard Kujawa and Jon Osada - to present two \$1,000 PMA Pulaski Day Scholarships to deserving college students. The 2014 winners are: Joanna Jaros and Beata Staszewski.

Hon. Sheila Simon, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois, gave her brief remarks, saying that the Revolutionary War should remind people about



(L-r)
Chicago Mayor
Rahm Emanuel,
scholarship winners
Joanna Jaros and
Beata Staszewski,
Lt. Gov. Sheila
Simon and
U.S. Senator
Dick Durbin



Brig. Gen. J. Strozyk

"Poland will not tolerate Russian actions in Ukraine," said Deputy Consul Robert Rusiecki, calling for an end to the violence in Ukraine.

Leslie Combs, representing Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky, (IL - 9th), gave her remarks, followed by Mayor of the City of Chicago



Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon

the importance of freedom. She also called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Ukraine.

Hon. Judy Baar Topinka, Comptroller, State of Illinois, spoke about General Pulaski and how important it is for the Polish American community to continue to acknowledge his contribution to American freedom.

Next, Hon. Aurelia Pucinski, Justice, Illinois Appellate Court, addressed the assembly. In the 28 years that these annual celebrations have been held, Judge Pucinski has consistently been present year-after-year, taking great pride in her Polish heritage.

PMA President Ciesla then recognized Jerry Furby, Executive Vice President and Business Banking Market Manager for PNC Bank for underwriting the 2014 Pulaski Day Program with a check to the PMA for \$5,000.

Polish American Congress President Frank J. Spula, who is also President of the Polish National Alliance, spoke on the need in Ukraine for a modern day Pulaski and stated that Poland and the U.S. are in solidarity with Ukraine.



Maria Ciesla & PNC Exec, VP Jerry Furby



PAC Pres. Frank Spula

Remarks continued by Hon. Anita Alvarez, State's Attorney, Cook County; followed by Hon. Maria Pappas, Treasurer, Cook County; and Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Alderman Ariel Reboyras, 30th Ward, City of Chicago, also addressed the audience.



Hon. Anita Alvarez

The benediction was given by Most Rev. Andrew Wypych, followed by the singing of "God Bless America." A wreath-laying ceremony at the painting of "Pulski at Savannah" by S. Batowski, then took place, with the primary dignitaries participating. Guests were then invited to a reception in the PRCUA Board Room on the second floor with food provided by Kasia's Deli.



Hon. Maria Pappas



Ald. Ariel Reboyras

This year, there were a large number of governmental VIPs present at the event, including: Hon. Konrad Zielinski, Deputy Consul, Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago; Marta Almodovar, Admin. Supervisor, Cook Co. Judicial Circuit Court; Hon. John Arena, Chicago Alderman, 45th Ward; IL Congresswoman Maria Berrios (39th District); Hon. Joseph Berrios, Assessor, Cook Co.; Hon. Edward Burke, Chicago Alderman, 14th Ward; Hon. Michael Carbonargi, Comm., Cook Co. Board of Review 2nd District; Hon. James Chmura, Mayor, Village of Norridge, IL; Hon. Mark Dobrzycki, Trustee, Village of Harwood Heights, IL; Hon. Kenneth Gunn, 1st Deputy Comm., City of Chicago Human Relations; IL State Senator Daniel Kotowski (28th District); Hon. Daniel Kubasiak, Judge, Cook Co. Judicial Circuit Court; Hon. Thaddeus Stephan Machnik, Assoc. Judge, Cook Co. Judicial Circuit Court; Hon. Diann Marsalek, Judge, Cook Co. Judicial Circuit Court; Hon. Edward and Ann Marsalek, Judge Emeritus; IL Congressman Robert F. Martwick Jr. (19th District); Hon. Marya Nega, Circuit Court Judge, Judicial Subcircuit #6; Hon. Mona Noriega, Comm., City of Chicago Human Relations; Hon. Dan Patlak, Comm., Cook Co. Board of Review 1st District; John Normoyle, Asst. to U.S. Sen. Durbin, (D-IL); Joanna Skupien, Official of the Village of Norridge, IL; Hon. Mariyana Spyropoulos, Comm., Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Hon. Gerald A. Tarka, Treasurer, Calumet City, IL; Hon. Krzysztof Wasowic, Mayor, Village of Justice, IL; and Hon. Karen A. Yarbrough, Recorder of Deeds, Cook Co.



Hon. Dorothy Brown

Many dignitaries from Polonia were also present, including: Mary Sendra Anselmo, Pres., Legion of Young Polish Women and PMA Dir.; Stanley Balzekas, Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture; PMA Dir. Harlan and Pamela Berk; Virginia Cudecki, PMA Dir.; Frank & Darlene Czaja, Past Pres., Chicago Society, PNA; Past Dist. #7 PRCUA Dir. Stephan & Irene DeLonka; Judith Drobot, PRCUA First Lady; Shirley Dudzinski, Past Dir. PRCUA Dist. #7; Walter Dynowski, Tres., M. Konopnicka Adult (Continued on page 5)



(L-r) U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley, Judge Aurelia Pucinski, IL State Rep. Rob Martwick and Judy Baar Topinka, IL State Comptroller



Dignitaries and veterans who participated in the wreath-laying ceremony



Soloist Aleksandra Podowski and PMA Chair Joseph Drobot, Jr.

(Cont. from page 4) Culture Group; Camille Einoder, PMA Life Member; Victoria Granacki, PMA Dir.; Bogdan & Mira Horoszowski; David Huber, High Chief Ranger, Catholic Order of Foresters; Delphine Huneycutt, Pres., Polish Women's Alliance (PWA); John Kielczewski, Pres. and CEO, CSA Fraternal Life; Allison Kopel, American Fraternal Alliance; Jessica Jagielnik, Dir. of Music Dev., Holy Trinity H.S.; Anna Kadzielawa, Dist. Mgr., Parkway Bank; Gary Kenzer, Exec. Dir., Polish American Assoc.; Camille Kopielski, Pres., American Council for Polish Culture; Stephen Kusmierczak, PMA Dir.; Michelle Kurzydowski, PMA Dir.; Patrick Madigan, Dir. of Finance, Polish American Assoc.; Thaddeus J. Makarewicz, PMA Dir.; William Marutzky, Attorney; Pres. Romuald & Christine Matuszczak, Polish American Businessmen's Club; Robert Maycan, Tres., Polish American Congress (PAC); George Migala & Grazyna Migala, WCEV 1450 AM; Irene Moskal-DelGuidice, Pres., PAC IL Div.; Edward Muszalski, Pres., M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group; Jaroslaw Niedzinski, Pres., Polish-American Engineers Assoc.; PNA V.P. Paul and Janice Odrobina; Mark Orwat, Pres., Chicago Society, PNA; Atty. John Pikarski, of Gordon & Pikarski; Atty. Thomas Pikarski, of Gordon & Pikarski; Mario Pucharich, Integra Communications, Inc.; L. Steven Rakowski, Pres., Advocates Society; James Robaczewski, PRCUA Secy.-Tres.; Chet Schafer, WPNA & WCEV Radio Host and Pres., Polish-American Numismatic Assoc.; PRCUA Res. V.P. Anna and Mark Sokolowski; Mark Sorbi, Pres., Polish Military Society of America; Tomasz Surma, Pres., Polish American Police Assoc.; Past PRCUA Secy.-Tres.



Narod Polski(L-r) Judy Drobot, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, PRCUA Res. V.P.

Joyce Szarowicz; Pres. PRCUA District #7 Walter Szarowicz; Raymond J. Szydlo, Crissie Insurance Group; Betty Uzarowicz, PMA Dir.; and Jolanta Wisnicki, Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, Branch Manager. Thanks are extended to all who attended, to the sponsors - PNA Bank, Kasia's Deli, PRCUA, PNA, Polish Military History Society of America, Mark Sorbi, President, Zbigniew Habina & Czeslaw Moglinski - and committee members whose work made this annual event a success. A big "thank you" also goes to the photographers for sharing their photos with us: Julita Siegel, Teresa Potasiak and Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski.

- K. Rosypal, Executive Editor

PRCUA District 7 Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

CHICAGO, IL - The Leprechauns of District 7 greeted a sell-out crowd of guests to their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. It was held on Sunday, March 9th, at the PRCUA Social Hall in Chicago, IL.



Nat'l Dir. of District #7 Bob Bugielski with Fr. Gregory Helminski, C.R., Chaplain

District 7 President Walter Szarowicz welcomed the guests. Fr. Gregory Helminski, CR, District #7 Chaplain, opened the festivities with a prayer of thanks for those who prepared the food, those who served it, those who were present and to God.

Among the many guests present were: President Joseph Drobot and his wife, Judy; Res. Vice President Anna Sokolowski and her husband, Mark; Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and his wife Elaine; President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann; Past President Francis Rutkowski and his wife, Pat; Past Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz and her husband, Walter. Current National Directors present included: Joan Sylak (D5), Mitchell Bienia (D5), Constance Bonin (D6), Robert Bugielski and his wife, Dona (D7), Anna Krysinski (D7), Krystyna Lech and her husband, Tadeusz (D8), James Rustik (D8), and Elizabeth Sadus (D9). Past National Directors present were: Sharon Haberski; Shirley Dudzinski, Lillian Stempinski and her husband, Ralph; Steve DeLonka and his wife, Irene; and Barbara Toboy.



Misia Jaminski and District #7 President Walter Szarowicz



Royal Couple J. Stanek & G. Suarez

Other dignitaries included Robert Fattore, Director of Sales, PRCUA; Maria Ciesla, President of PMA and her husband, Richard; Geraldine Kowalski, President of IL/IN Women's Division, PRCUA; members of M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group; Richard and Misia Jaminski, of Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.; PRCUA 2014 Cinderella Gabriella Suarez and Prince Charming Jeremiah Stanek.

As is customary, a Lad and Lassie were chosen from the guests to reign supreme over the festivities. The lucky winners were Lad Paul Pawlowski, President of PRCUA District #9, and Lassie National Director Joan Sylak of District 5. They received a corsage and boutonniere and a box of chocolate mints as a token gift.

After enjoying a delicious dinner prepared by Ray Harrington, a raffle of 25 assorted donated prizes and a cash raffle was conducted before the event concluded. District #7 gave each guest a very nice green



Dist. #7 V.P. Stephan DeLonka serving as bar tender

cloth shopping bag with the words St. Patrick's Day on each side.

Thanks go to the members of the committee for doing a great job: Walter and Joyce Szarowicz, Steve and Irene DeLonka, Steve DeLonka, Jr., Robert Bugielski, Shirley Dudzinski, Anna Krysinski, Mary Gorny, and Lillian Stempinski.

- By Lillian Stempinski



Members of M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group

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39th Annual Spring Fashion Show

HICKORY HILLS, IL - East year, the PRCUA's M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group hosts a Spring Fashion Show to raise funds for scholarships given to the candidates involved in their Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball. The talents of Cinderella and Prince Charming Ball candidates, moms, dads, and Adult Culture Group members were showcased in this year's 39th Annual Spring Fashion Show. It was held on Sunday, March 2, at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills, IL, chaired by Liz Dynowski to the theme of "A Fashionating Year."

The show opened with 2014 Prince Charming Jeremiah Stanek, and his "Calendar Girls" modeling fashions as each girl held decorated monthly signs Vanna White-style and took us through all the holidays for each month of the year. Commentators Teresa Skorusa and Tom Frankowicz described the fashions brought to us by ABA Tuxedo, Deb's, Dress Barn, Christina's Bridal, Kimberly Bond Boutique, Rue 21 and Windsor. Terri and Tom with grace and charm celebrated a year full of fashions as they presented the models, their parents, and the guest dancers.

The show continued with a surprise appearance of "Frosty the Snowman." The models "placed a silk hat on his head and they began to dance around." For Valentine's Day, a romantic duet was performed by Gabriel Morales and Gigi Aggozino from HHPD Company Dancers, directed by Liz Dynowski).

The Candidates' moms modeled Easter outfits in the "Easter Parade". Prepared for April showers with twirling umbrellas, our models saw sunshine when proud grandmothers and their grandchildren modeled formal wear. Christina's Bridal and ABA Tuxedo provided attire for our June wedding. PRCUA's 2014 Cinderella Gabby Suarez, was walked down the runway by her father, Jose Suarez, giving him a taste of what it will feel like to give his little girl away to her Prince Charming.

Next, some firecracker outfits were modeled as our Yankee Doodle girls went down the runway. After the girls celebrated summer, the boys looked relaxed and ready to go "back to school" wearing casual outfits. September brought some football, tailgating. Wesoly Lud dancers under Artistic Directors/Choreographers Misia and Richard Jaminski, performed their "Killer Bee" dance. The music and choreography had everyone dancing in their seats.

The audience enjoyed Halloween represented by the Candidates' moms modeling to "Thriller." The Fashion Show concluded with a production of all our models. Dressy gowns were worn by the girls as they thanked their dads "for being my friend" and the boys looked especially handsome in their tuxedos as they celebrated "the most wonderful time of the year" with their moms. The moms looked exquisite in lovely gowns and the young ladies wore beautiful gowns to celebrate New Years Eve with their dads. All candidates and their parents, along with our guest dancers from Wesoly Lud and HHPD, celebrated the New Year with a countdown and final bows.

Edward Muszalski, President of the M. K. Adult Culture Group, thanked everyone for making the show a huge success. He presented a bouquet of roses to Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski in appreciation for all she has done to support the M.K. Adult Culture Group, since this is her final year as Res. V.P. He also appreciated all the hard work done by committee members: Liz Dynowski Chairperson; Model Coordinators: Danuta Stypula and Gabby Zuk; Reservations: Walter and Liz Dynowski, Stanley Dron and Angie Muszalski; Raffles: Mary Brzezniak, Veronica Crouchelli, Diane Cortesi, Stan and Mary Dron, John Frankowicz, Vickie Krolewski, Danielle Krolewski, Krystyna Lech, Anita Skrzypiec, Jola Stanek, Danuta Stypula and Gabriela Zuk; Stage manager/Program Book: Monica Pazdiora; Music Coordinator: Richard Jaminski; Fashion Show Choreographers: Misia Jaminski, Richard Jaminski and Liz Dynowski.

In addition, Chairperson Liz Dynowski is grateful for all the people who contributed to the success of this *Fashionating* year. From the behind-the-scenes preparation with Misia Jaminski, Richard Jaminski and Monika Pazdiora, to the late hours with Walter Dynowski arranging table places, to coordinating the stores with Gabby Zuk, Donna Stypula and Betty Cislo and to *ooing* and *aahing* the beautiful centerpiece dolls put together by Krystyna Rozwadowski and her team of parent and Adult Culture Group volunteers. This Show would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of so many volunteers, parents and group members. Thank you for all your hard work, it is greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to a 40th Anniversary Fashion Show next year.

There was more excitement as guests won money raffles and a raffle of prizes donated by many organizations, businesses, and PRCUA members, for which we are most grateful. Mark your calendar for the 43rd Cinderella and Prince Charming Ball on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Lexington House in Hickory Hills. For more information regarding the Ball, please contact Edward Muszalski (708) 937-3812.

NOTE: We are looking for the updated addresses of all past Cinderella and Prince Charmings, as well as former Candidates. Please contact Monika Pazdiora at nikapaz@gmail.com. Your support and attendance at the next Ball and the 40th Anniversary Fashion Show will be greatly appreciated.

- Liz Dynowski, Chairperson

(Photos: Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski)



Looking through the Window...

by Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski



Dear Readers,

Our calendar tells us that spring is here, but Mother Nature is most likely relaxing under a palm tree and forgot about us. Let's think "warm" thoughts as we wait for her to bring sunshine and warmth soon!

Happy Easter to all! May the Blessings of the Lord guide you, protect you on Easter and always. Wesolego Alleluja, Smaczneho Jajka i Mokrego Dyngusa!

Let me share with you some of the events that I attended in the last several weeks.

On Sat., Feb. 15, the PRCUA Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School from Chicago and Oak Lawn, IL celebrated its 40th Anniversary. This Polish language school, which offers classes from grammar school through high school. (See article on page 11.) Also, on Sat., March 1, PRCUA's St. Rafal Kalinowski Polish Language School from Munster, IN celebrated its 45th Anniversary (See article on page 17.). Polish language schools in the USA play a strategic role by educating children of Polish heritage in Polish language and culture. Students attend on Saturdays for 4 hours, learning spoken and written language, as well as Polish geography, history and culture. Both of the schools held a wonderful anniversary banquet, which featured recollections of school founders, a presentation of its long history and achievements as well as entertainment. Special tribute was paid to the founders, teachers and guests.

A special thank you is extended to the school teachers and the school board who work relentlessly for the benefit of the students in the Polish Language Schools. Guests, alumni, staff, parents and students had a wonderful evening with great food, music, dancing, and most of all great fellowship. Congratulations on your special anniversary and may your school continue to exhibit the success in teaching our children and young adults the language, history and culture of our forefathers. Special thanks go to the Wesoly Lud Folk Dance Co. of the PRCUA, who performed at the M. Konopnicka Polish Language School event. Many Konopnicka School students, over the years, have joined Wesoly Lud. Also thanks to the St. Rafal Kalinowski Polish Language School Maly Sacz Dance Ensemble. Personally, I would like to thank both schools for their kind words and beautiful flowers.



On Sat., February 22, the Annual Shirley Galanty Michigan State Ball was held. It was an exciting evening as the graduates from PRCUA Dance Schools in the Detroit area were honored and recognized for their accomplishments and perseverance through years of dance classes. It was also a great opportunity to celebrate with their family and friends, and a time to reflect on how much they have achieved. The emcee was Thomas Z. Lisiecki, PRCUA National Director, District #10 and the very talented choreographer of Halka and Zakopane Dance Ensembles.

The Ball was attended by all the PRCUA National Officers. It started with a cocktail hour, which gave us an opportunity to mingle and chat with the school directors, choreographers, guests and the graduates. A formal promenade of dance school directors, choreographers, dignitaries and graduates - in elegant white gowns and black tuxedos with red vests - took place. The highlight of the evening was the dance performance of a very beautiful and breathtaking "Stardust Waltz" by the graduates and their escorts. Later, each honoree was formally introduced by their choreographer. President Drobot and I then presented each graduate with a special medallion. We also had the great honor to speak to our graduates, congratulate them and wish them every success and a bright future. The evening ended with a scholarship drawing and winner presentation. PRCUA National Vice-Chaplain, Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski bestowed the traditional family blessing to the graduates and their parents. At the end, the graduates and their escorts performed the Polonez. The Ball was beautifully organized. The musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski Orchestra was great and the music selections were to the liking of these young people. It was an enjoyable and unforgettable evening; everyone had a wonderful time. It was a truly magical evening and may this wonderful tradition carry on for many years to come.

I would like to thank all the graduates presented at this Ball over the last 23 years, and say that I am very proud of all of you - especially those in the last 11 years while I have been Resident Vice President. It has always been a real thrill for me to take part in the Ball and award the medals to the graduates. Thank you, graduates, for your commitment and dedication. You faced many challenges since you entered the PRCUA dance schools. You have undoubtedly changed in many ways. You refined your dancing skills and learned about Poland's history, traditions and rich heritage. The dedication and determination you displayed with your involvement in your PRCUA dance group is exceptional. We are so proud of you, but make us prouder still. Remember where you came from and who you are. Preserve your Polish culture and identity. Remember the values that your parents, grandparents and teachers have instilled in you. Remember that you are part of our PRCUA family. I encourage the graduates to continue your involvement in the PRCUA. I wish you continued success! Always be proud of your Polish heritage!

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to convey my best wishes and sincerest "thank you" to the PRCUA Dance School directors, choreographers and instructors for your commitment and interest in

playing a significant role in the lives of our youth. Through your wide variety of outstanding programs, you have been at the forefront in preserving and promoting the heritage and culture of Poland.

Many thanks go to Kelly Malinowski, the Ball Choreographer, and her late Mom - our beloved Shirley Galanty, the foundress of the Michigan State Ball - for their tireless passion, dedication and commitment to our youth. Their talents and their development of innovative steps and dance movements always added a special touch to this magical evening.

Finally, a SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to all of you for making this Ball so special to me personally. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your constant support and love. I was so touched by your warm words, honored by your dedicating this Ball to me, and thankful for your beautiful flowers and gifts. I am forever grateful; "thanks" to each one of you. (See article on pages 12-14.)

The 39th Annual Fashion Show organized by the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA was held on Sunday March 2, in the Sabre Room, Hickory Hills, IL. The Fashion Show featured a reception followed by a luncheon and runway show. Every year this event sells out quickly with 300+ people in attendance. It was a fun-filled afternoon, with a runway fashion show, information about the sponsoring stores and fashion boutiques, and a raffle. The show featured a mix of new, modern, classic and designer fashions. The talents of the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball candidates, their parents, members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group and their grandchildren were showcased in the event. I should not forget the beautiful entertainment by PRCUA Wesoly Lud Folk Dance Company, under the direction of Misia and Richard Jaminski, and the HHPD Dance Group, under the direction of Liz Dynowski. Thanks go to the PRCUA M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group Committee, its President Edward Muszalski, and Fashion Show choreographers Misia and Richard Jaminski and Liz Dynowski, for their dedication and commitment to raising significant funds to support annual scholarships for the PRCUA Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball Candidates. Thank you to all who supported this event! Please accept my personal thanks for your very beautiful bouquet of flowers and kind words. THANK YOU AGAIN! (See article on page 6.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Let's sing *Sto Lat* to all with April birthdays: Kevin Ryba, our I.T. Wizard; Robert Fattore, Dir. Of Sales; Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Marketing Dir. & Exec. Asst. to the President; Nat'l Dir. James Rustik (D8); Past Nat'l Dir. Elizabeth Grabowski (D9) and her husband, Konrad; Past Nat'l Dir. Steven Cieslicki (D8); Teresa Gibala, Fin. Secy. Soc. #1633 & Supervisor of Sales Dist. 12; Dariusz Kwasniewski, Angela Muszalski; Frank Kociubinski, Walter Dynowski, Janice Odrobina, Mary Gorny and Pres. Emeritus Ed Dylka. Wishing you all much happiness.

Happy Birthday and *Sto Lat* to all who are celebrating their special day in May: PRCUA employees Anna Trush, Underwriting; Jolanta Zachara and Roberta Brewster, Gen. Office; Danuta Rybska, Accounting Dept; Claudine Wicker, Treasurer's Office; and Mary Jane Cypura, Claims Dept. Also best wishes to Dir. Thomas Lisiecki and Christopher Ozog (D10); Jaclyn Krynski, Polonia Choreographer; Kristi Mihalic, Wieliczka Dir.; Alina Rozwadowska, Anna Zmarzlinska, Kazik Myslinski, Kasia Budzyn and to our daughter Alicia, who will celebrate her birthday on May 30th. "Dearest Alicia, we wish you happiness and may all your dreams come true, not only on your special day, but always!"

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations on the recent engagement of PRCUA National Director Dist #10 Chris Ozog and Barbara Withers, and Sarah Porada and Alexander Wolicki. Congratulations to both couples and we look forward to watching you build a wonderful life together.

Congratulations and best wishes to friends of Polonia and the PRCUA: Walter L. Sojka - on the 60th Anniversary of the WALTER L. SOJKA FUNERAL HOME; Kasia Bober of KASIA'S DELI, famous for delicious pierogi etc. - the 40th Anniversary of coming to the USA.

GET WELL WISHES - Sending our get well wishes to Felicia Krupinski and Camille Kopielski. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we wish for a complete and restful recovery.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes to Alina and Lucjan Rozwadowski on their Wedding Anniversary. The love and happiness that you shared in sickness and in health is an inspiration to those around you.

Happy 50th Anniversary to Gerry Zimny (former PRCUA employee) and her husband, Frank. May your golden wedding anniversary be filled with joyous memories and new adventures.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of you who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in April and May!

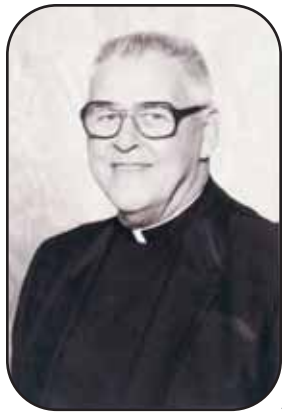
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 11, so let's not forget to say "thank you" to her and convey in words and deeds how much you love her and care for her. To our beautiful Moms, we wish you all a Happy Mother's Day and we LOVE YOU!

Until next time, take care. Send comments, ideas, and news to:

fraternal.department@prcu.org or call 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2643.



News from Philadelphia District #3



Reverend Monsignor
Anthony E. Jaworowski
PRCUA Honorary
Chaplain

PRCUA HONORARY CHAPLAIN REV. MSGR. ANTHONY E. JAWOROWSKI, age 96, died on February 22, 2014 at Saint Francis Country House, Darby, PA. Monsignor Jaworowski was a retired priest with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, who served the faithful for 69 years. He was ordained June 3, 1944 by Bishop Hugh Lamb and was given the rank of Monsignor in 1976. He served as an associate pastor at St. Anthony of Padua, Cumbola; St. Hedwig, Chester, PA; St. Mary of the Assumption, Coaldale, PA; St. Casimir, Shenandoah, PA; and as a faculty member of Pius X High School, Pottstown, PA. He was a Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights, and retired as Pastor of St. Adalbert Parish, Philadelphia after 22 years of service in 1994. Once retired, he resided at Sacred Heart Rectory, Swedesburg, PA for 16 years, where he celebrated Mass daily. He then moved to the Villa St. Joseph for clergy in Darby, PA.

Msgr. Jaworowski was involved with church and community activities, especially in the Parish community, and was a member of the Parish Priest Consultors, the Diocesan Consultors, and the Council of Priests.

Monsignor Jaworowski, who was proud of his Polish heritage, was one of the founding members of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum. He was a personal friend of Blessed Pope John Paul II, whom he first met while serving as the Regional Chairman for the 41st International Eucharist Congress in 1976, when the former Karol Cardinal Wojtyla headed the delegation from Krakow, Poland. Msgr. Jaworowski was also on the committee for the visit of Pope John Paul II to Philadelphia in October, 1979. The two became friends and corresponded regularly until the Pope's death in 2005.

Msgr. Anthony Jaworowski was the son of the late August and Kazimiera Jaworowski, the eighth child of a family of ten children. He is survived by his sister, Veronica Gromelski, many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 27 by Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., CAP., Archbishop of Philadelphia, along with Rev. Msgr. Albin J. Grous, Rev. Edward P. Kuczynski and Rev. Joseph J. Zingaro. Father Zingaro was the homilist.

Monsignor Jaworowski was Chaplain of the Union of Polish Women in America when it merged with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in 1997, at that time the PRCUA bestowed upon him the title of Honorary Chaplain of PRCUA.

We will always remember Monsignor for his caring heart and his words of wisdom, especially during UPWA Board Meetings. Monsignor was also known for the notes that he would send to people, along with his list of funny sayings, and the holy card he always included that seemed to have special meanings for things that were going on in the recipient's life. He will truly be missed by all. May he be blessed a hundredfold for all the good he did and may he rest in eternal peace, satisfied that he lived a good life in service to God and His people.



Jennie Rybicki
President of PRCUA
Society #2005

JENNIE RYBICKI, age 93, President of PRCUA Society #2005, passed away on November 27, 2013, at St. Mary's Home in Cherry Hill, NJ. Formerly of Magnolia, she was the beloved wife of the late Stanley Rybicki. Loving mother of Carole A. Rybicki, SSF, Theresa Stasny (John) and Evelyn Carfagno (Anthony). Devoted grandmother of John Stasny, Jr., Susan Stasny (Adam Miller) and David Stasny. she is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Jennie was a member of the UPWA for many years before it merged with the PRCUA. She served as Vice President and then President of PRCUA Soc. #2005. Jennie was an active member of the former St. Gregory's RC Church.

On December 3, a Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Child Parish, St. Teresa's R.C. Church, Runnemede followed by interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing. Jenny was very proud of her Polish heritage and demonstrated that pride whenever possible. May she rest in eternal peace.

INVITATION TO PMA SUMMER BALL

PRCUA Member Joann S. Ozog Chosen as PMA's 2014 Polish Spirit Award Recipient



Joann S. Ozog
2014 Polish Spirit Award
Recipient

CHICAGO, IL - The Polish Museum of America (PMA), 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL, warmly invites PRCUA members to attend its 34th Annual Summer Ball, on Friday, June 6, 2014. The Ball will be held at Galleria Marchetti, 825 West Erie Street, Chicago, IL. The black-tie event begins with cocktails at 7:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the renowned Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra. Individual tickets are \$200 each. A portion of the ticket price, and donations made to the PMA, are tax deductible.

This year, the PMA will honor Joann Shirley Ozog as recipient of the esteemed *Polish Spirit Award*. Joann, a lifelong resident of Michigan, is the daughter of the late John and Victoria Kushel. She is married to Wallace Ozog, PRCUA President Emeritus, and they have three sons: Michael, Mark, and Christopher, and two grandchildren Grace and Ryan. She was First Lady of the PRCUA from 1998 to 2010 and is still a very active member and Financial Secretary of Society #1593.

From 1998 to 2009, Joann volunteered at the Polish Museum of America, often putting in a 40-hour week, graciously serving as Membership Chair, Events Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. When she began volunteering, the Polish Museum was simply a repository of Polish and Polish American artifacts - little known outside of the circle of Chicago's Polonia. Mrs. Ozog recognized the value of this important institution and was determined to make the Polish Museum well-known throughout the USA.

In 1999, when a Nationwide Membership Campaign was launched, she spent much time recruiting new members. That campaign brought in about \$500,000 which was used for museum renovations, maintenance of exhibits, much-needed materials and new programs.

Joann re-established the quarterly *PMA Newsletter*, which had been defunct for years. Next, adding on as the years went by, she initiated workshops on Polish Christmas Ornaments, Palm Weaving, Pisanki Making, Easter Egg Painting, Wycinanki, Polish Genealogy and Pierogi Making. These workshops reached out into the community, giving Pol-Ams the opportunity to learn Polish folk arts through first-hand experience.

As a former teacher, Joann especially focused on activities for youth, to increase their awareness about their Polish heritage and preserve Polish culture and traditions - art contests, concerts, dinners and "October - Polish American Heritage Month" events. She noticed that students who came to the Polish Museum were often bored by the tour, so she created an interactive workbook for students that guided them through the Museum's exhibits, challenging them to find certain objects, which made the experience enjoyable and more educational. With design help from PMA Newsletter editor Kasia Rosypal, Joann also wrote workbooks about General Casimir Pulaski, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, and Polish Immigrants in Chicago.

She initiated the PMA's "Save the Book" project that has repaired over 200 rare, old books with the nearly \$20,000 in donations that was received during her tenure. Joann also started a "Photo Restoration" project to scan, catalogue and preserve the PMA's photograph collection. Approximately, \$40,000.00 was donated for this project by 2009.

Joann's "Michigan Friends of the PMA" donated generously toward specific projects, including renovating a storage room into a Conference Room, renovating the Archives and the Library, as well as purchasing computers, printers, a copier, TV, video equipment and donating toward the Photo Restoration project. During Joann's tenure, that group donated over \$35,000.

With a track record like this, it is no wonder that Joann Ozog was chosen for this well-deserved honor from the Polish Museum of America. She accomplished her goal of making the Polish Museum a well-known institution throughout America. Thousands have benefited from the programs that she initiated, and hundreds of Pol-Ams have learned a greater appreciation for their Polish customs through the workshops she held. Without a doubt, Mrs. Ozog's efforts have resulted in her making a worthwhile contribution to the preservation of Polish culture, customs, traditions and heritage in America - a feat that makes the PRCUA proud of her accomplishments. Bravo!



TICKETS - The Summer Ball is the PMA's largest yearly fundraising event, with all proceeds going to the Museum. For tickets, please call 773-782-2601 by May 27th. Raffle tickets (\$10 each, 3 for \$25, or 8 for \$50) are available for purchase at the PMA for a chance to win. 1st prize is \$2,500; 2nd prize - \$1,000; 3rd prize - \$750; and 4th prize - \$500. Winner need not be present.



61st Convention Notices

NOTICE ON CONVENTION REPRESENTATION

The 61st Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA is quickly approaching. The Secretary-Treasurer reminds all officers of PRCUA Societies of a very important provision in the Constitution and By-Laws governing the representation of Societies at the Convention.

Section Three, Article 03E, Delegates to the Convention, Paragraph 6

“A Society delinquent to the UNION more than two (2) months in its assessments loses its rights to representation at the Convention.”

The accounts of a majority of Societies are current, therefore this notice does not apply to them. However, any Society which is delinquent is encouraged to bring their accounts up-to-date immediately, so that your Society will meet the qualifications of the Constitution for representation at the Convention, which is the most important gathering of our fraternal organization.

James Robaczewski, FIC, Secretary-Treasurer

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES SEEKING PRCUA NATIONAL OFFICES

The Candidates Qualifications Committee has announced that all candidates seeking to run for election to a national office in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America must contact the Secretary-Treasurer for an application. All applications must be submitted to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer and postmarked by May 30, 2014.

Candidates must meet the following requirements as set forth by the PRCUA Constitution. Although the Constitution uses masculine terminology, the information applies to male and female equally. **Article 03K Nomination of Officers and Directors**

- Only a Delegate meeting the following requirements shall be nominated for the position of Officer or Director for the UNION and may be a candidate for that office in the UNION:
 - the Delegates must personally be present and registered at the Convention within the timeframe of the first session on the second day of the Convention;
 - must have been a member of the UNION for at least five (5) years;
 - is a citizen of the United States of America;
 - has indicated his desire to aspire for the specified office or his name has heretofore been presented by a Society or a Circuit with the consent of the candidate. Such an announcement must be forwarded to the Candidates Qualifications Committee and **postmarked by May 30** of the Convention year. Once approved by the Candidates Qualifications Committee, all qualified candidates must be published in an issue of the official publication of the UNION thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. A candidate for the office of Director must be a resident of the District and he must be a member of a Society, which is located in the District.
- No two members of a nuclear family shall be permitted, during the whole or any part of the same term, to be members of the Board of Directors. Nuclear family shall mean familial relationships only including husband and wife, parent and child and brother and sister. If and in the event that two or more members of a nuclear family shall, at a Convention, run for and receive enough votes to be entitled to be a member of the Board of Directors, then only that member of the nuclear family who has received the most votes from the Delegates at the Convention shall be entitled to take the oath and serve the Term of Office provided for the position for which that member sought election.

Please request an application in person or by telephoning the Secretary-Treasurer's Office at 773-782-2600 Ext. 2605 or toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2605. Or send your request for an application by REGISTERED MAIL to:

James Robaczewski, FIC, Secretary-Treasurer
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984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

BUDGET & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE NOTICE

The PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee has announced that any PRCUA member who has a complaint, suggestion or grievance should file it - in writing - with the Budget and Grievance Committee. It should be **postmarked by May 30, 2014**. The PRCUA Convention will only accept complaints, suggestions and grievances that have been officially filed with this Committee.

A meeting of the Budget and Grievance Committee will be held after receipt of responses from the membership.

Eileen Hanley, Chairperson
Nicole Bencik
Patrick Kosowski
Teresa Gibala, Secretary
Michael Turkiewicz

Send your complaints, suggestions and/or grievances to:
Budget and Grievance Committee
PRCUA
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INSTRUCTIONS TO PRCUA SOCIETIES REGARDING CREDENTIALS FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE CONVENTION

After the election of delegates and alternates is held by your PRCUA Society, please complete the delegate and alternate credentials with all the necessary information. Have it signed by the President and Financial Secretary of the Society and mail only the **DUPLICATE** to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. It must be **postmarked by May 30, 2014**.

The **ORIGINAL** must be given to your Society's delegate or alternate, who must present it when registering at the PRCUA Convention.

Please send credential duplicates to:
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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PRCUA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The Constitution Committee is accepting proposed changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. Any PRCUA member, Society, Circuit or District in good standing has the right to propose changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. These changes must be submitted **IN WRITING** to the Constitution Committee by June 1, 2014 for consideration. Please follow the format below when submitting proposed changes. The Committee will accept proposed changes until June 1, 2014. Thank you.

Proposal to the Constitution Committee

Name _____

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Phone: Day (_____) _____

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Your PRCUA Society Number _____

Changes proposed to these articles:

Chapter _____ Article _____ Page(s) _____

Title of Article _____

Reason for proposed change: _____

Proposed wording: _____

Send proposed changes by **June 1, 2014** to:
PRCUA Constitution Committee, Secy-Tres. James Robaczewski, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101



Painted eggs with floral designs

general, support their customs and traditions with heart and soul.

In Poland, the Easter season is exceptionally rich with traditions, including many festivals and competitions re: Easter egg decorating, palm making, Passion Plays, visiting the tomb of Jesus, blessing of Easter food baskets and Sprinkling Day (Smigus-Dyngus) on the Monday after Easter. Tradition is not just folk lore in Poland; it is truly alive. During the build-up to Easter, Polish cultural and religious traditions are very rich indeed.

The largest Easter egg decorating competition in Poland is a Pisanki Festival, held at the Ethnographic Museum in the southeastern town of Tarnow. In addition to Easter Eggs, the competition also includes making and decorating palms for Palm Sunday, Easter displays and Easter table presentations. The event is called the *Regional Competition for Folk Easter Eggs and Artistic Rituals*.



Traditional Batik-style Pisanki

modern. Traditional techniques, motifs and colors are used with great care to preserve their historical accuracy. Modern Easter eggs may be made from artificial elements including glue, markers, sequins, string, thread and yarn, etc.

Pisanki are the typical batik technique of drawing designs on eggs with a stylus, filled with melted beeswax, and dipping the egg into multiple dyes to



Skrobanks

used to bathe the eggs in various earth tones, and the mallow flower produces a lovely violet color. *Nalepianki* are decorated with petals of elderberry and flowers, layers of paper and/or cloth. *Oklejanki* are made by applying

Easter Customs Celebrated at Festivals in Poland

Poland, as a country, is extremely rich in customs, traditions and special holiday celebrations. What strengthens the traditions is the fact that Poland is a homogenous nation. Nearly 95% of the population declare themselves to be Catholic, and very few residents of Poland were born abroad. A melting pot, Poland certainly is not. Poles hold to their way of life very strongly, and in



Eggs etched with delicate lacey designs

During the week before Palm Sunday, thousands of decorated Easter eggs, palms, Easter table displays, and foods are entered into the competition by more than 200 exhibitors from the Malopolskie Province of Poland, which is in the SE central region of Poland.

Rooms at the Museum are filled to overflowing with every imaginable type of decorated Easter eggs. The Egg Competition includes two categories: 1) traditional, and 2)



Oklejanki - made with yarn



Pacenkis - painted eggs

bulrush pith or yarn - these are popular in the Padlaskie Region. *Pacenkis* are painted eggs. *Skrobanks* - also called *Drapankis* - are eggs that have first been colored and then have a design scratched or etched into them.

The more modern eggs are decorated with crocheted covers, which include animal features, the most common being the rooster. Eggs are decorated with all kinds of natural elements, such as tree bark, twigs, dried flowers, and ribbons.

One of the most unusual techniques is carving of the eggshell into intricate, lace-like patterns. The artist uses a tool similar to a dentist's fine drill to remove portions of the empty eggshell. A slim file is used to smooth away additional fragments of the shell. The result is a perfectly symmetrical egg shell with exquisite, delicate lace-like detail.

The Easter Display category of competition entries is presented as a cluster of Easter eggs, beautifully arranged in a wicker basket, sometimes with palm branches added. Since palm trees do not grow in Poland, people make "palms" from a straight stick covered with many different layers of colored flowers and ribbons. They come in all sizes, from a foot long to over 10 feet high. (Last year's Easter issue of *Narod Polski* featured an in-depth article and photographs about such Polish palms.)



Easter lamb

The Easter Table category has tables set for the Easter breakfast, which occurs immediately after Resurrection Mass. The Easter lamb - made of sugar, butter or raised dough - is the centerpiece of every Easter table. Easter *Paska* (a sweet bread) and other pastries, mounds of fresh and smoked meats, ham and sausages, eggs, salads of all types, salt, pepper and horseradish complete the table displays.

Prizes are awarded on Holy Saturday in categories for children, youth, adults, and institutional organizations in the region. Additional prizes are given for palm decorating. Easter display and Easter foods presentation. The purpose of the Pisanki Festival is to cultivate the art of making pisanki, sponsor competitions and document pisanki traditions for Easter Sunday.

The Tarnow Regional Competition for Folk Easter Eggs and Artistic Rituals is a grand start to the final days of preparation before the Easter holiday.

GYPSY CULTURE - As an added bonus, the Museum also maintains a permanent display of Gypsy culture. The Gypsy emmigration maps show the path of Gypsy travel to western Europe and the Americas as starting in India, and passing through Egypt, hence the origin of the name *Gypsy*. Nowadays these nomadic people prefer to be called *Roma*. Outdoors, at the rear of the museum, several Gypsy caravan wagons are on display.

- By National Director Mitchell Bienia, District 5
Photos: M. Bienia



Entries in the modern egg category



Polish "palms"



Easter Tables



Gypsy caravan wagon

Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School Celebrated 40th Anniversary



Maria Konopnicka

CHICAGO, IL - It seems like 40 years have passed in just a day!

Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School was founded 40 years ago, by a community that was concerned for keeping young Polish Americans linked to their Polish heritage, language, customs and traditions. In many ways, this School is an institution with a unique past – as was revealed in the many photos and stories that were on display at its Anniversary Banquet held on February 15, 2014.

The School began in 1974, when a group of parents, including the Kos, Rozwadowski, and Tarnas families, chose to further the Polish education of their children. With the assistance and cooperation of Bishop Alfred Abramowicz, then Pastor of Five Holy Martyrs Parish, classroom space was provided free-of-charge at the Parish.

There were a number of challenges which the founders of the School encountered, but eventually the institution came under the patronage of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. With this added support, Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School soon became a significant educational institution in Polonia. In fact, its development was so dynamic that it soon became the largest Polish Language School on the south side of Chicago, with a peak of 900 students in a single school year. A great event took place about that time - a meeting of the School's representative with Pope John Paul II - when he came specifically to Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Chicago to celebrate a Papal Mass 35 years ago.

With the increase of Polish Americans in the south and southwest suburbs of Chicago, the need arose for the a second School location in the suburbs. Classes are now conducted in Chicago and Oak Lawn, both offering classes from kindergarten through high school, as well as religious preparation for the Holy Sacraments. Currently, there are almost 400 students enrolled in the schools.

The School's 40th Anniversary Banquet was



Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School leaders, directors, teachers, staff, and founders with Bishop Andrew Wypych and PRCUA officers and director



School Founders Mr. & Mrs. Lucjan Rozwadowski

preceded by a Celebratory Mass held on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Five Holy Martyrs Church in Chicago, IL. Attendees included Hon. Robert Rusiecki, Deputy Consul for the Republic of Poland in Chicago, PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and his wife, Judith, parents, students, teachers, other staff, the Board of Directors, and management of the school.

Less than a week later, a wonderful Anniversary Banquet was enjoyed by more than 200 guests. Representing PRCUA were Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski and her husband, Mark, and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and his wife, Elaine. During our celebration, students presented an amazing tongue-in-cheek program based on the works of Maria Konopnicka. After a dose of good humor, our guests heard a few words from our guests of honor. His Excellency Bishop Andrew Wypych and PRCUA Res. Vice President Anna Sokolowski each spoke passionately about the need to care for the education of young Polish Americans.

Founding members Louis Kos as well as Mr. and Mrs. Lucjan Rozwadowski, shared their important insights with the audience. Then School Director Stanislaw Skubisz thanked everyone for making the significant 40-year history of Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School possible. This was followed by a rousing dance performance by Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, under the leadership of Misia Jaminski. Many of the performers are former or current students of the School.

After the "official" part of the evening was concluded, the floor was filled with dancing and exhilarating fun began for all in attendance.

What do we wish for Maria Konopnicka School during such a special time? Certainly 40 more years of fantastic students and faithful, devoted parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lucjan Rozwadowski each said that the years in which they worked for the School were the best years of their lives. Such was the feeling of a job well done, which we've come to expect from the excellent teachers and the leadership of the school.

School Director Skubisz and Assistant Director Teresa Kaczmarczyk, have both stressed that school officials of an institution with such strong traditions, have an obligation to stay true to the ideals of the School's founders. School Board President Sylwia McHenry stated that, despite the rapidly changing times, we must make every effort to ensure that successive generations of young Polish Americans do not lose contact with the language, history, or customs and traditions of their ancestors.

With this kind of commitment by its leaders, Maria Konopnicka Polish School looks forward to a bright future contributing to the lives of young Polish Americans in the Chicago area. Much gratitude goes to the leaders and staff of the School for their hard work and dedication. Sto Lat!

- Marek Adamczyk, Teacher,
Maria Konopnicka Polish
Language School
(Photos: Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski)



(Above) Maria Konopnicka students performing



(Above) Maria Konopnicka staff honored with flowers

(Below) Dancers of Wesoly Lud with Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski (ctr)



Wesoly Lud and their Director Misia Jaminski



2014 PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball

"Honoring Our Graduates"



Max Anthony Bazinski



Rebecca Ann Dajos



Claire Marie Diven



Madison Bergt Hulswit



Joseph Francis Jaczkowski



Erin Virginia Koehler



Megan Michelle Kozikowski



Amanda Marie Krotkiewicz



Yvonne Marie Lewsley



Alyssa Nicole Logie



Hanna Marie Mandernach



Samantha Nicole Mihalic



Samantha Marie Raggio

SOUTHGATE, MI The PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was held on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The 23rd annual event was held at the elegant Crystal Gardens Banquets in Southgate, MI, and was well attended by over 400 guests. The Michigan dance school directors and teachers proudly presented 21 graduates from their schools to PRCUA dignitaries, community leaders, family and friends.

Rooted in European history and pageantry, a Debutante Ball, in olden days, was a way to introduce young ladies into society, in the hope that they would find a spouse of a similar pedigree and class. Today, the PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball is held to recognize qualifying male and female graduating seniors of the PRCUA Michigan dance schools, and to celebrate their many accomplishments within their parishes, local communities, high schools and PRCUA dance schools. The Ball is a highly anticipated magical evening that our graduates look forward to for years in advance.

The Ball opened with the introduction and promenade of the dance school directors, who comprise the Ball Committee, and their respective dance school teachers/choreographers. They remained in front of the audience as they welcomed the promenade of PRCUA dignitaries including: National President Joseph and First Lady Judith Drobot, Resident Vice President Anna and Mark Sokolowski, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, Vice President Robert and Eleanor Bielenda, Dist. #10 National Director Christopher Ozog and his fiancée, Barbara Withers, National Chaplain Rev. Walter J. Ptak, National Vice-Chaplain and Chancellor Emeritus of the Orchard Lake Schools Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski, Associate Sales and Marketing Dir., Ted and Sally Klamerus, President Emeritus Wallace and Joann Ozog, Artistic Directors and Choreographers for Wesoly Lud Dance Company Richard & Misia Jaminski, and Rector President of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski. The Master of Ceremonies was Thomas Lisiecki, District #10 National Director and Choreographer of Halka Dance School and Zakopane Folk Dance Ensemble.

After a formal welcome of *Witamy*, Pat Steven, Dir. of Syrena Dance Ensemble, on behalf of the PRCUA Michigan Dance school directors and teachers, made a special presentation to the matriarch of all PRCUA dancing schools, Mrs. Anna Sokolowski, saying: "In this your final year as Resident Vice President, we must seize the moment to thank you for all that you have done for our schools. You have been a special friend to each one of us and have made it a priority to get to know all of our schools. Mrs. Sokolowski has made all things possible for all of our schools and we are all so very grateful to her." With so much to say and with so little time, Mrs. Sokolowski was honored to have the 2014 State Ball dedicated to her, and she was made an "Honorary Debutante" for the evening. Mrs. Sokolowski was presented with flowers, crowned with a rhinestone tiara, and gifted with a basket of goodies.

Promenading to *Radetsky's March*, the honoree couples - elegantly dressed in white gowns and black tuxedos - entered the ballroom to loud applause. Lined up across the dance floor, they made a beautiful backdrop for President Drobot to sing the Polish and American national anthems. National Chaplain Fr. Ptak gave the invocation, and after his hearty "*Smacznego*," dinner was served.

After dinner, the MC acknowledged the graduates and their escorts for attending weekly classes in preparation for the Ball, despite snow storms, icy roads and below-zero temperatures. Collectively, the 21 graduates have achieved a total of 243 years of dance experience, and they have proven themselves to be prominent ambassadors of the PRCUA. Impressive resumes told the story of each honoree's commitment to their high schools, communities, parishes and their individual PRCUA dance schools.

An invitation to our Honorary Debutante, Mrs. Sokolowski, was extended for her to join the graduates - escorted by Dir. Tom Lisiecki - as they made their grand entrance into the ballroom. One by one, each graduate was introduced to the audience by Ball choreographer, Kelly Malinowski. The graduates and their escorts showcased their dancing talents as they performed to the elegant *Stardust Waltz* and one of Poland's national dances, the fiery *Mazurka*. The PRCUA Michigan dance school teachers then formally presented each of their respective honorees and read their PRCUA resumes. This year's graduates included:

Max Anthony Bazinski, 18, is the son of Derek and Donna Bazinski of Rochester Hills, MI. He is a member of Soc. #1618 and has been a PRCUA dancer for 10 years, currently with the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. Fellow Zajaczek graduate, Erin Koehler, was his dance partner.

Rebecca Ann Dajos, 17, is the daughter of Ann Marie and Phillip Dajos of Riverview, MI. Rebecca is a 15-year member of Rogalin Dance Troupe and is a member of Soc. #162. Noah Bias escorted her.

Claire Marie Diven, 17, is the daughter of Kurt and Julie Diven of South Lyon, MI. She is a 13-year Polish dancer, the last 9 years with Zajaczek Dance Ensemble and she is a member of Soc. #1618. Fellow Zajaczek dancer, Zachary Beller was Claire's escort for the evening.

Madison Bergt Hulswit, 18, is the daughter of Shannon Bergt and John Hulswit of Royal Oak, MI. Madison danced with Halka Dancers for 14 years and belongs to Soc. #261. Her escort was fellow Halka Dancer Antonio Federico.

Joseph Francis Jaczkowski, 17, is the son of Joe and Donna Jaczkowski of Clinton Twp., MI. He is a 14-year PRCUA dancer, the last 9 years with Zajaczek and is a member of Soc. #1618. Joseph's dance partner for the evening was fellow Zajaczek graduate Yvonne Lewsley.

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(Continued from page 12) **Erin Virginia Koehler**, 17, is the daughter of David and Theresa Koehler of Clarkston, MI. She is a 12-year PRCUA dancer, the last 9 years with Zajaczek and is a member of Soc. #1618. Fellow Zajaczek graduate, Max Bazinski, was Erin's escort for the evening.

Megan Michelle Kozikowski, 18, is the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Kozikowski of Clinton Twp., MI. She has danced with Mala Polska Folk Ensemble for 15 years and belongs to Soc. #1618. Megan's escort for the evening was former Gwiazda graduate, Krzysztof Luzinski.

Amanda Marie Krotkiewicz, 17, is the daughter of Robert and Debra Krotkiewicz of St. Clair Shores, MI. Amanda has been a Halka Dancer for 15 years and is a member of Soc. #261. Amanda's escort for the evening was Zajaczek dancer Frank Slanczka.

Yvonne Marie Lewsley, 17, is the daughter of Bob and Cathy Lewsley of Shelby Twp., MI. She is a 15-year PRCUA dancer, the last 9 years with Zajaczek Dance Ensemble and is a member of Soc. #1593. Fellow Zajaczek graduate, Joseph Jaczkowski, was her escort.

Alyssa Nicole Logie, 17, is the daughter of Mark and Melissa Logie of Linden, MI. She has danced with Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for 15 years and is a member of Soc. #718. Her escort was Nicholas Logie.

Hanna Marie Mandernach, 17, is the daughter of Daniel and Ann Mandernach of Brownstown, MI. She has been a member of Rogalin Dance Troupe for 13 years and is a member of Soc. #162. Her escort for the evening was Garrett Burton.

Samantha Nicole Mihalic, 17, is the daughter of Kristi and Joseph Mihalic of Canton, MI. She danced with Wieliczka Ensemble for 13 years and is a member of Soc. #87. John Boudreau was her escort.



Emily Ann Sigler

Samantha Marie Raggio, 17, is the daughter of Michael and Karen Raggio of Sterling Hts., MI. She is an 11-year PRCUA dancer, the last 8 years with Zajaczek Dance Ensemble and she is a member of Soc. #1618. Fellow Zajaczek dancer, Michael Smigiel escorted Samantha.

Emily Ann Sigler, 17, is the daughter of Jerry and Kim Sigler of Riley, MI. Emily has been a Halka Dancer for 15 years and belongs to Soc. #261. Fellow Halka Dancer, Alexander Palencik, was her escort.

Melissa Rose Stepaniak, 18, is the daughter of Eric and Donna Stepaniak of Southgate, MI. She has danced with Rogalin Dancers for 15 years and is a member of Soc. #162. Larry Stec was Melissa's escort.



Melissa Rose Stepaniak

Andrew Peter Tabaczynski, 18, is the son of Timothy and Michelle Tabaczynski of New Baltimore, MI. Andrew has been a Halka dancer for 16 years and is member of Soc. #261. Fellow Halka dancer, Hunter Gersch, was Andrew's dance partner for the evening.

Karina Ann Trypus, 18, is the daughter of Kimberlee Hancasky and Daniel Zaliwski, and the daughter of Jamie Trypus of Sterling Hts., MI. She has been a Gwiazda Dancer for 15 years and is a member of Soc. #261. Former Graduate, Brandon Hejza, was her escort for the evening.



Andrew Peter Tabaczynski

Megan Nicole Ulicny, 18, is the daughter of Bob and Donna Ulicny of Clinton Twp., MI. She has been a member of Mala Polska Folk Ensemble for 10 years and is a member of Soc. #1618. Matt Koper, a past Gwiazda graduate, was Megan's escort for evening.

Alexa Van Scyoc, 18, is the daughter of William and Rita Van Scyoc of Dearborn Hts., MI. She has danced with Rogalin Dance Troupe for 5 years and belongs to Soc. #162. Nathan Schulte was her escort.

Felicia Marie Wojciechowski, 18, is the daughter of Joseph and April Wojciechowski of Eastpointe, MI. She has been a Polskie Maki Dancer for 10 years and is a member of Soc. #1587. Felicia's escort for the evening was Antonio Guzman.



2014 Graduates of the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools: (Row 1 center) Emily Sigler; (R2, l-r) Max Bazinski, Andrew Tabaczynski, Megan Ulicny, Melissa Stepaniak, Joseph Jaczkowski; (R3) Karina Trypus, Hanna Mandernach, Felicia Wojciechowski; (R4) Alyssa Logie, Amanda Krotkiewicz, Samantha Raggio; (R5) Yvonne Lewsley, Madison Hulswit, Emily Wolffe; (R6) Claire Marie Diven, Samantha Michalic, Alexa Van Scyoc; (R7) Rebecca Dajos, Erin Koehler, and Megan Kozikowski

Emily Ann Wolffe, 18, is the daughter of Ken and Marie Wolffe of Dearborn, MI. She has danced with Tatry Dancers for 14 years and is a member of Soc. #1413. Her escort for the evening was Joey DeSantis.

Next, President Drobot and Res. V.P. Sokolowski bestowed upon each graduate the State Ball medallion, extending best wishes to each of them, followed by making their official congratulatory remarks.

After this, the honorees made monetary presentations of \$565.00 to Zygmunt Szczepkowski and the American Polish Assistance Association, \$500.00 to Monsignor Machalski for the Orchard Lake Schools, and \$500.00 to President Drobot for the PRCUA Educational Fund. All contributions were made on behalf of the 2014 State Ball Honorees, State Ball Committee and the PRCUA Michigan Women's Division.

With much anticipation, the school directors took to the floor for the 3rd Annual State Ball Scholarship drawing. Ball Co-Chair, Rita Cerankowski, announced that this year the Ball Committee was pleased to award a total of 6 scholarships of \$250 each. By lottery drawing, the school directors pulled the names of the scholarship winners: Max Bazinski, Claire Diven, Joseph Jaczkowski, Samantha Mihalic, Megan Ulicny and Felicia Wojciechowski. Congratulations!

Our beautiful Ball tradition of the *Family Blessing* followed, whereby the parents of each honoree stood beside their child as Monsignor Milewski blessed the graduate and their parents. The formal program concluded with the honorees and their escorts performing Poland's oldest national dance, the *Polonez*. It was now time to relax and let loose. But before the dance floor was opened for our guests to enjoy, the honorees and their escorts entertained the audience with a dance presentation to "You Can't Stop The Beat."

The 23rd Annual PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was a huge success. Ball founder, Shirley Ann Galanty is surely smiling down upon the Ball. Sincere appreciation is extended to the State Ball Committee: Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda), Co-chair Rita Cerankowski (Halka), Monica Ziezulewicz (Mala Polska), Beth Thacker (Opole) Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki), Co-chair Kelly Malinowski, Michelle Stechshulte (Rogalin), Pat Steven (Syrena), Rose Ann Lackey (Tatry) Kristi Mihalic (Wieliczka) and Colleen (Continued on page 14)



Karina Ann Trypus



Megan Nicole Ulicny



Alexa Van Scyoc



Felicia Marie Wojciechowski



Emily Ann Wolffe

Michigan State Ball (Continued)



PRCUA National Officers, Michigan School Directors, teachers and dignitaries: (front row, l-r) Res. V.P. A. Sokolowski, 1st Lady J. Drobot, Pres. J. Drobot, Jr., Secy.-Tres. J. Robaczewski; (R2, l-r) M. Sokolowski, R. Cernakowski, Pres. Emeritus W. Ozog, J. Ozog, Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools Msgr. T. Machalski, Vice Chaplain Msgr. S. Milewski; (R3) Dist. #10 Dir. C. Ozog, E. Bielenda; (R4) T. Dennis, V.P. R. Bielenda, C. Bonkowski, R. A. Lackey, D Skurski, T. Klamerus; (R5) J. Vilag, M. Jalkiewicz, P. Steven, K. Schemanski; (R6) K. Lubiarz, M. Stechschulte, S. Porada, K. Michalic; (R7) M. Ziezuliewicz Osentoski, K. Malinowski, T. Schemanski, (R8) B. Nowakowski, J. Wendt, T. Kielar, and Dist. #10 Dir. T. Lisiecki

(Cont. from page 13) Bonkowski (Zajaczek) for all their time and efforts in keeping up with the standards and traditions set forth by Mrs. Galanty, and for making this Ball the best yet.

The Committee would also like to recognize the Michigan Dance School teachers and choreographers, who are the heart and souls of their schools, for instilling in their students love for their Polish heritage through song and dance: Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda), Tommy Lisiecki (Halka), Thomas Kielar (Mala Polska), Kelly Malinowski (Polskie Maki), Janet Vilag (Rogalin), Sarah Porada (Syrena), Karen Lubiarz (Tatry), Tommy Schemanski (Wieliczka), Kasia Schemanski (Wieliczka), Rachel Kasperek (Zajaczek) and Tricia Dennis (Zajaczek).

Sincere appreciation is also extended to the escorts who performed alongside the graduates, for their commitment to the Ball and the necessary weekly practices: Zachary Beller, Noah Bias, John Boudreau, Garrett Burton, Joey DeSantis, Antonio Federico, Hunter Gersh, Antonio Guzman, Brandon Hejza, Mateusz Koper, Nicholas Logie, Krzysztof Luzinski, Alexander Palenzik, Nathan Schulte, Frank Slanczka, Michael Smigiel and Larry Stec.

Special thanks go to PRCUA members Mary Ann Gruda-Prysiadnuik -for her floral artistry displayed on the arms and lapels of our honorees, escorts and dignitaries - and to Duane Malinowski for his musical talents throughout the evening.

Best Wishes to our Honorary Debutante Mrs. Sokolowski for a happy retirement! And last but not least, congratulations to all the State Ball Honorees! Here's hoping that the memory of this evening will last a lifetime. You deserve all the accolades that you received. May all your dreams come true.

- By Kelly Malinowski, Ball Co-Chair and Choreographer



(Left) (l-r) Wesoly Lud Director Misia Jaminski, MC Tom Lisiecki and Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski
(Photo: Mark Sokolowski)

(Right) President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. with PRCUA Associate Sales and Marketing Director Ted Klamerus
(Photo: Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski)



News from PRCUA #1593 Blessed Pope John Paul II Society

WARREN, MI - On Tuesday, February 25, PRCUA Blessed Pope John Paul II Society #1593 held election of its officers. The 2014 officers are: Wallace Ozog-President, Julius Szymczyk-Vice President, Judy Burzynski-Recording Secretary, Celeste Grabowski-Treasurer, Joann Ozog-Financial Secretary, Irene Raczynski, Ralph Raczynski and Ted Rost-Trustees and Valerie Brumm-Sports Director.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Discussion took place on the various National PRCUA Sport Tournaments and also Youth Bowling Fun Day that will be held this year. Anyone interested in participating can contact Valerie Brumm, Sports Director at 248-622-8949.

Polish American Night at Comerica Park will take place on Friday, June 13, 2014, Texas vs Tigers. For further information, contact Christopher Ozog at 586-524-4907 or Wally Ozog at 586-751-8168.

This year Pope John Paul II Society will be hosting four Texas Holdem fundraisers, April 7-10, May 17-20, June 26-29 and July 20-23. Anyone interested in working or playing, contact Wally Ozog at 586-751-8168.

Blessed Pope John Paul II Society will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year. A Mass and Luncheon is planned for June. Further details will be in the *Narod Polski*.

The National PRCUA Convention will be held August 10-13 in Toledo Ohio. Election of delegates will take place at the April or May Society meeting. Look in the *Narod Polski* for the exact date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBER - On Saturday, February 22, the Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was held at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, Michigan. Yvonne Marie Lewsley, a member of Blessed Pope John Paul II Society was one of the graduates. Yvonne is the daughter of Bob and Cathy Lewsley, and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cilva, who were very active with the Syrena Dance School when the late Shirley Galanty was Choreographer.



Joann Ozog, Graduate Yvonne Lewsley, and Pres. Emeritus Wallace Ozog

Yvonne has danced with PRCUA for 15 years, the last 9 with Zajaczek. She attends Utica High School where she is President of the National Honor Society and also a member of the International Thespian Society and various band programs. Ms. Lewsley plans to attend Michigan Technological University and plans to receive a double major in Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering.

The officers and members of Blessed Pope John Paul II Society congratulate Yvonne for her dedication to 15 years of Polish dancing with PRCUA, and we wish her the best with all of her future endeavors.

- Joann Ozog, Financial Secretary

Past National Director Irene Martha Ziol 1916 - 2014



Irene Martha Ziol

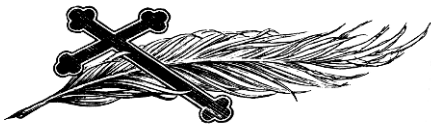
Richmond Hill, GA - Irene Ziol, 97, of Richmond Hill, GA, died on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 after a short illness. She was born in Gary, IN on April 15, 1916 to Frank and Eleanor Grunwald Peda. She was living with her daughter in GA since 2003, where she was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, Council of Catholic Women and Christian Social Services.

When she lived in Indiana, Irene Ziol had served as Financial Secretary of PRCUA Holy Trinity Soc. #337 for 30 years! She was a National Director of PRCUA District #9 for 2 terms, from 1974-1982, and belonged to American Legion Aux. Post 207, Queen of Peace PWA #815, Daughter of Isabella Bishop Noll Circle, Silver Member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Orchard Lake Alumni Association, and the St. Anthony Benevolent Society.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Ziol, and he son Ronald Ziol, two brothers, Edmund and Raymond Peda, and a sister, Loretta Nozrick. She is survived by daughter Bernadine (Gilbert) Robinson, four grandchildren Heather Robinson (Donald) Tucker of Tullahoma, TN; Aleece Robinson (Reese) Browher of Rincon, GA; Kathleen Ziol Guest of New York, NY and Ronald Ziol of Demotte, IN; and five great grandchildren: Colten, Cayden, and Colby Tucker and Ella and Ava Browher.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Feb. 3, 2014 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Richmond Hill, GA. Irene was buried next to her husband, Joseph, at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. May she rest in eternal peace.

Dearly Departed PRCUA
Brothers
and Sisters



MEMBER	SOC.	STATE			
Adamczyk, Martha	33	IL	Kulesza, Shirley A.	1552	IL
Antos, Rev Paul V.	397	IL	Kurek, Sophie	308	IL
Baczewski, Barbara	1591	OH	Kwilos, Valentine M.	87	MI
Badish, Mary	1000	IL	Ligocki, Cecile	1202	WI
Bigos, Adolph	1407	PA	Lotkowski, Pauline	2003	PA
Braibish, Edward	450	MO	Luboski, Harriet	2145	OH
Brzozowy, Margaret F.	1202	IL	Luboski, Helen	1031	IN
Burkhardt, Ronald	2022	PA	Mateczun, Mary	868	NY
Chislo, Mildred	1081	PA	McNeely, Brian	1543	IL
Danielczuk, Stanley	463	CT	Mush, Florence M.	893	MN
Depa, Stella	300	IL	Oleszczuk, Lucy	317	IL
Dewitt, Alice	2145	OH	Paruch, Rose M.	718	MI
Franczak, Stanley	356	MI	Paszcor, Marie	308	IL
Gabaly, Josephine	1556	PA	Peca, Sophia	539	MO
Gembala, Bernard	2144	OH	Pietrusinski, John A.	237	PA
Glowacki, Steven	1415	WA	Porlier, Suzanne	308	IL
Grygiel, Helen	1486	IL	Pudlowski, Jennie	1000	IL
Gurka, Mabel	718	MI	Santana, Helen	317	IL
Harris, Edna	1579	IL	Sierak, Caroline	869	NY
Helminski, Frank	87	MI	Sobieniak, Mathew	540	IL
Holtyn, Mary	356	MI	Solak, Irene T.	160	NY
Hybol, Rita C.	308	IL	Stawicki, Ronald	2152	OH
Janeczek, Theodore C.	291	IL	Szuba, Kazimere E.	2100	OH
Janyszek, Bertha	2022	PA	Tacik, Aurelia	2048	DE
Jordan, Diane J.	2308	MI	Tanski, Frank	1591	OH
Jurewicz, Josephine	2220	OH	Tokarz, Maria	896	IL
Kawczynski, James E.	1617	OH	Warrick, Florence M.	213	WV
Kowalewski, Gerald W.	162	MI	Winiowicz, Matthew	1580	IL
Kratson, Robert	572	NJ	Wroblewski, Helen V.	111	NY
Kuchcinski, David A.	1617	OH	Yonker, Donald	105	IL
			Ziol, Irene M.	337	IN

May they rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718
One Game Knock-Out

On March 1st, St. Stan's #718 of Detroit held its 12th Annual One Game Knock-Out at Cherry Hill Lanes. There were 59 men and 19 ladies who participated in this event. In the men's bracket, Jack Harris beat out Patrick Bondar and Bob Kapanowski to take this year's title. In the ladies bracket, Barbara Withers beat out Misty Nasiatka, to win this year's title.

Thanks go to Tim and Carol Michalski, Mona Kret, and Harry Muszynski for handling the raffles and jackpots. Special thanks go to Kathy Bondar for scorekeeping, and bracketing the bowlers. A Polish Dinner was enjoyed by all at the Stitt Post American Legion Hall in Dearborn Heights, MI. A good time was had by all.

- Ron & Barb Bak

POLISH-AMERICAN NIGHT

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† Higher Perspectives †

St. John Paul II, Pray for Us!

What a joy it is to begin this column with the above exclamation! Later this month, on the Feast of Divine Mercy - a feast that he instituted and a feast which, on its vigil in 2005, he went forth to his Father's house - our beloved Polish Holy Father will be proclaimed a Saint! In order to prepare for this historic celebration, I thought I would share with you my first experience with Blessed John Paul II and some of my thoughts and experiences with our newest Saint. Those who know me well, know that he is at the top of my list of favorite persons and for sure, my #1 Hero!

In the autumn of 1978, I was beginning my senior year of high school when the sad news came that Pope John Paul I, the smiling pope, had died after a month in office. This sadness was soon replaced by joy at the election of Cardinal Wojtyła of Kraków, who took the name of Pope John Paul II. As he burst onto the world stage with such strength of character, I knew things would never be the same. For about a year, I had been thinking about the priesthood quietly, and his election was the last push I need to make me realize that I probably had a vocation to the priesthood, and should do something about it. I credit his example and election as the main reason that I am a priest today. Looking back, I can say that I am in the first group of priestly vocations of the John Paul II era in the Church.

A year later, I found myself enrolled at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, in the Program of Priestly Formation at the Polish Seminary. When it was announced that Pope John Paul II would visit America that October, all of us in the seminary at Orchard Lake made the trip by bus to be there with him in our nation's capital. This would be my first "live" look at him and what an impression he made! Since the crowds were so large, we knew our chances would be slim to get up close to him, so a clever plan was devised. The transitional deacons with us found out where the Pope would spend the night. We went immediately to that place and began to sing Polish folk songs outside of his overnight residence. Within a few minutes, Pope John Paul II appeared in the window and imparted his blessing to the now sizable crowd that had gathered. His appearance bolstered those of us there and we wanted more. We began to sing louder and with more passion as "our" Holy Father stayed with us as we serenaded him with our Polish songs. After some time, the Pope gestured his approval and blessed us again and the curtain closed. As we were preparing to leave, beaming from the experience, the front door opened and Pope John Paul II was heading toward us. A startled Secret Service entourage scrambled into action and stopped the Pope before he could reach us. This confirmed the often reported fact that the new Pope was indeed the "people's Pope" and we were well pleased! That first meeting with our future Saint is as vivid today as it was some 35 years ago when it happened in Washington, D.C.

Over the ensuing years, I was fortunate enough to meet Pope John Paul II about a dozen more times in Rome, up close and in person. Each time was special and meaningful and to be in his presence was a unique blessing I will never forget. He had a real sense of holiness about him and a way of making one feel at home and very comfortable in his presence. Being present in his private chapel for morning Mass a few of those times is still indescribable, and the thought of those privileged moments gives me 'goose bumps' to this day.

Over the many years of his extraordinary Pontificate, watching him grow old and suffer was never easy. Looking back on it now, he showed us how to live courageously with extreme suffering and we watched and learned. He faced suffering head on, never looking for the "why" of suffering but rather the "how to," setting an example for us to follow. He remained faithful to the end, trusting in Divine Mercy and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

My last encounter with him took place in November of 2004, about five months before his death. I was privileged to have two nephews with me in that small group meeting with him inside the Papal Apartment. It was very apparent that he was suffering greatly, yet he took the time to greet and bless each one in our group individually, as he continued to fulfill his role as Vicar of Christ among us. I often return, in my mind, to that last meeting with him and thank God for him and his ministry among us. Indeed, he changed the face of the papacy and the Church forever and brought so many people back to the Church and sacraments.

I am looking forward to his canonization for many reasons. I know it will be the crowning event of his life. His influence on the Church and the world will be a continuation of what began long ago on May 18th, 1920 when Karol Józef Wojtyła first made his appearance in this world in Wadowice, Poland. Hold on, the best is yet to come... Saint John Paul the Great, intercede for us!



By Fr. Walter Ptak
PRCUA National Chaplain
and Director of Human
Formation, SS. Cyril &
Methodius Seminary,
Orchard Lake, MI



Fraternal Favorites

by Polish Chef
R. Strybel

RED PICKLED EGGS: Use the liquid from pickled beets to drench as many shelled hard-cooked eggs as it covers. You can stretch the liquid with a little cider vinegar. Keep the eggs submerged in the red marinade overnight or longer. Pat the red eggs dry with paper towel and intersperse them among the white shelled eggs for a colorful accent.

EASTER SALAD: Combine 2-3 c cold, cooked, diced potatoes, 1 can drained peas & carrots, 2 cans drained navy beans, 4 diced dill pickles, 1 bunch chopped green onions, 1 bunch diced radishes, 2-3 peeled, diced apples and 2-5 diced hard-boiled eggs. Toss ingredients gently, season with salt & pepper, garnish and lace with mixture of 1/2 c mayonnaise, 1/2 c sour cream, mixed with 1 T spicy brown mustard.

GREEN-PEA SALAD: Combine 4 c drained canned peas with 6-8 coarsely-grated radishes, 2-3 finely chopped dill pickles and 2-3 chopped hard-boiled eggs. Toss and lace with 1/2 c mayonnaise, 1/2 c sour cream, mixed with 1 T spicy brown mustard to coat ingredients.

ROAST PORK LOIN: Mince and mash 2 cloves garlic into a paste with 1 t salt and rub into 3 lb boneless pork loin. Place in roasting pan, cover and let stand at room temp 2 hrs. Remove loin, dust with flour (through sieve) and brown in hot fat on all sides to seal in juices. Place loin in roaster, fat side up on rack, sprinkle with caraway seeds, pepper and marjoram. Roast uncovered at 450° 15 min, then reduce heat to 350°. Add 1 c water to pan and baste occasionally with drippings. Roast 90 min or until liquid that comes out of meat when pricked is white, not pinkish. Remove from oven and cool to room temp. Refrigerate overnight and slice when cold. Serve cold with bread or as a hot entrée, using the drippings as a gravy base.

RED CABBAGE BRAISED IN WINE: Cut med. head of red cabbage in half and slice thin with knife. Place in pot, add 1 - 1-1/2 c cold water and bring to boil. Stir, reduce heat and simmer covered about 20 min. Meanwhile, fry 1/8 lb diced salt pork, adding 2 chopped onions when nuggets are golden and fry to golden-brown. Stir in 1 slightly heaped T flour and fry into a golden roux. Remove from heat and stir in 1/4 c vinegar. To cabbage add 1 lg peeled, coarsely grated apple and the vinegar-roux mixture and stir well. Add 1 T sugar, salt & pepper and simmer covered 10 min or so.

EASY NO-KNEAD BABKA

In a bowl that holds at least 1 c place 1/4 c very warm water 110-115°F, sprinkle 1 (.25 oz) pkg activate dry yeast on the water and stir well. Set aside until yeast becomes frothy. In lg bowl, beat 3 eggs with 3/4 c sugar, add the yeast mixture. Heat 1 c milk to very warm and dissolve 3/4 c unsalted butter in it. Let cool slightly. Add to the yeast/egg mixture. Add 4-1/4 c flour, 1 t salt, 2 T grated lemon rind (opt.), 1 t vanilla extract and 1/2 c dried fruit (cranberries, raisins) or nuts. Mix well to blend all ingredients, but do not knead.

Grease a 9-1/2 inch Babka pan, brioche mold, Bundt pan, or other tube pan and fill with the dough to about 1/3 full (or use two 8" fluted bundt pans.) Cover with cloth and let stand in warm place for about 2 hours until the dough has doubled in size. Towards the end of the rising, preheat the oven to 350°. When risen, place the Babka in oven and bake for about 40-45 minutes. (Note, if you use bakeware that is dark or colored on the outside, set the oven at 325°F.) It is fully baked when a wooden pick comes out clean. It should be a medium brown. If too light it will be underdone and moist inside. Remove Babka from the oven and let cool for a few minutes. Carefully remove from pan, dust it with confectioner's sugar or glaze with icing. **Icing:** Combine 2 T lemon juice, 2/3 c confectioners' sugar, and 1 T boiling water in a small bowl and mix well. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired. Drizzle or spread over Babka.



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Pulaski's Birthday in Savannah, GA

By Peter J. Obst



Knights of Columbus color guard enters Montgomery Square

SAVANNAH, GA - This year's Gen. Casimir Pulaski Birthday Commemoration in Savannah, GA, was held on March 1, in Monterey Square, location of a tall marble column that memorializes the hero of two nations. Ceremonies began with the customary greeting to friends and visitors delivered by Edward Krolikowski, chairman of the Savannah General Pulaski Committee of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). Sounds of fife and drum were heard in a street adjacent to the square. Soon there appeared a color guard composed of the Knights of Columbus in full regalia carrying

flags of the United States, Poland and the State of Georgia. Along with them, providing marching music were members of the Coastal Heritage Society, dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms complete with muskets. They were followed by wreath-carriers from the committee. The national anthems of Poland and the U.S.A. were sung to the accompaniment of a trumpeter. This was followed by remarks by Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson and State Representative Ron Stephens.

An invocation by Fr. Adam Kasela preceded a ceremonial laying of wreaths from the Poles in America Foundation and the ACPC, whose board members had scheduled their annual Spring meeting in Savannah to be present at the ceremony. Also present was the eminent Polish-American historian, founder of the Poles in America Foundation, Edward Pinkowski. He was accompanied by his son Jack and Monica Pinkowski. Edward Pinkowski provided the inspiration for this Pulaski Birthday observance, and the Poles in America Foundation was a major sponsor of the ceremony. After the wreaths were placed, the musket team fired a memorial salute. Closing remarks were delivered by committee treasurer Andrew Boguszewski. Afterwards, the out-of-town visitors had an opportunity to meet Mayor Jackson and State Representative Stephens.



Dignitaries at the Gen. Pulaski Birthday Celebration: (standing, l. to r.) Raymond Glembocki, Robert Dutka, Peter Obst, Savannah Pulaski Committee Chairman Edward Krolikowski, Camille Krolikowski, Robert Synakowski (sitting, l. to r.) historian Edward Pinkowski, Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson, Henrietta Nowakowski

A lunch was held at Johnny Harris Banquets, which gave ACPC board members the opportunity to become acquainted with the local group of members who worked so hard to make the event a success. Frank Sulkowski, Sports Dir. at WJCL TV in Savannah, delivered an address that spotlighted Polish Americans in American sports. Mr. Pinkowski spoke about his research into the life of General Pulaski.

It should be remembered that Casimir Pulaski was born on March 6, 1745, as indicated by records at the Church of the Holy Cross in Warsaw, where the baptism took place. These records were discovered by Sławomir Górczyński in 1992 and later incorporated into an updated entry for Pulaski in the *Polski Słownik Biograficzny*, an official source for biographical sketches of famous Poles. Pinkowski's research helped to uncover Pulaski's real birth date.

The Poles in America Foundation (www.poles.org) and the ACPC (www.polishcultureacpc.org) invite interested parties to view additional information presented on their respective websites. (Photos: Jackie Kolowski)



State Rep. Ron Stevens, Jack & Monica Pinkowski

45th ANNIVERSARY ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL



St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School founder, directors, and teachers with dignitaries & anniversary cake

MUNSTER, IN - In life, there are exceptional moments that inspire us to reflect and reminisce. We wait long periods of time for precisely such moments, and recall them just as long afterwards. For the St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School in Munster, IN, such a moment occurred on March 1 & 2, 2014, when our school celebrated the 45th anniversary of its founding.

Since 1968, when a group of Polish enthusiasts decided to establish a Polish Language & Dance School in South Chicago, IL, the school has grown and relocated several times, until it found a home at the monastery of the Polish Discalced Carmelite Fathers in Munster, IN. For over 20 years, the School has been the only Polish school functioning in Northwest Indiana, on the Illinois border. Recent Polish immigrants, as well as various generations of Polish-Americans, live in this area, and want their children to cherish their Polish heritage as well as to learn the language and culture of their forefathers. The school program serves their needs, offering classes from pre-school through 8th grade, and since 2000, has also offered a 3-year high school curriculum, concluding with final *matura* examination.

On the occasion of the 45th anniversary, a Solemn Mass took place on Sunday, March 2, at the church of the Carmelite Fathers in Munster, IN. The night before, on March 1 - the last Saturday before Lent - a gala Dinner-Dance was also held in honor of the School's Emerald Anniversary at the Carmelite Fathers Monastery Banquet Hall in Munster, IN.

The Dinner-Dance began with the singing of the Polish and American National Anthems, after which School Director Małgorzata Czachor greeted dignitaries, parents, students, graduates, and invited guests in attendance. Before the dinner itself, Prior of the Carmelite Fathers, Rev. Francis Czaicki, gave the invocation.



*School founder
Barbara Pawłowski*

Among the honored guests attending the jubilee celebration was one of the School's founders, Barbara Pawłowski. She colorfully recounted how she, together with her husband, Casey, and members of PRCUA District 8, established our school, which the PRCUA continues to sponsor.

Thanks to this support, our students are taught Polish folk dances in the "Mały Śląsk" ("Little Silesia") Dance Group. PRCUA National Officers were present, including President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and First Lady Judith Drobot; Resident V.P. Anna Sokołowski, with her husband Mark; Dir. of District #8 Krystyna Lech, Dir. of District #9 Elizabeth Sadus, Past Dir. of District #9 and School Director Elizabeth Grabowski. Past School Directors Barbara Pawłowski, Bożena Matson and Elżbieta Orciuch were also present.



In brief remarks, Res. V.P. Anna Sokołowski extended her congratulations and best wishes to the school. Deputy Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Konrad Zieliński, honored us with his presence, while Honorable Ryszard Schnepf, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C., sent a congratulatory letter.

Also present at the dinner-dance were representatives of the Polish Teachers Association, Polish Schools of the Greater Chicago Area, the Pulaski Citizens Club, the Polish Army Veterans' Association, and the Maria Konopnicka Adult Culture Group. Former school directors, principals and teachers of the Polish school were also in attendance.

Since our Polish School's anniversary was a celebration for Polonia to recall and relive fond memories, the next part of the program was a screen presentation depicting the history of the school, its achievements, school presentations and the recollections of former students. A bi-lingual commentary in Polish and English was presented by two of our 2nd-year high school students: Natalia Kuźbiel and Chrystian Studzinski.

School Board President Ewa Sobula, extended her best wishes and congratulations, as well as gratitude to the groups who consistently contribute to the school: the members and workers on the school board, the Carmelite Fathers, the students, their parents, as well as all those who through the last 45 years have assisted and supported the school.

Two teachers, Lidia Wilkowski and Jolanta Czosnyka, as well as Director Małgorzata Czachor, received certificates of recognition and gratitude for their many years of dedicated service in teaching our children. Past School Directors Barbara Pawłowski and Elżbieta Grabowski - along with PRCUA dignitaries - received bouquets of flowers. Likewise, two former Directors/Principals, Bożena Matson and Elżbieta Orciuch, were given flowers and best wishes on behalf of all those who have guided our school over the past years.

Previous teachers also present at the gala were: Ewa Baszewska, Grażyna Biestek, Michael Gibson and Marzena Potrawska.

The Mały Śląsk Dance Group performed an artistic program which included Polish folk dances such as the *Kaszubski Kowal*, *Krakowiak*, *Poleczka*, and *Kujawiak*.

After dinner, the anniversary cake with lit candles made a grand entrance, to mark the 45 years of the school's existence. Our distinguished guests, teachers and school board blew the candles out in unison. The youngest school children recited verses of poetry for the occasion, as the voices of all rang out in song with the traditional "Sto lat!"

Along with the cake and the dessert table, guests enjoyed the rhythms of music by DJ Marcin, who skillfully intertwined selections of Polish dances with contemporary American music. Between dances, there was a raffle in which over 50 different prizes were awarded.

The celebration ended after midnight, with guests expressing their immense satisfaction. As was typical of this year's winter, Mother Nature blessed us, yet again, with an abundance of falling snow, making travel by car quite difficult for our guests.

Thanks are extended to the staff: **School Director/Principal/Teacher** Dr. Małgorzata Czachor; **Teachers:** Jolanta Czosnyka, Barbara Golko, Elżbieta Orciuch, Teresa Studzinski, Elizabeth Szklarz, Agata Wilgocki, Lidia Wilkowski; **Catechists:** Brother Bartłomiej Kolankiewicz, and Brother Bartłomiej Stanowski; **School Board:** Pres. Ewa Sobula, V.P. Pres. Kasia Firlej, Tres. Małgorzata Blachut, Secy. Sandra Sternberg, and Members: Gibek Grażyna, Angelina Nawrocki, Małgorzata Rolniak, and Agnieszka Williams.

"Sto lat" to St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School!

- Małgorzata Czachor (translated by Michael Gibson)
(Photos: Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski)

KALENDARZ na KWIECIEŃ i MAJ 2014

- ◆ 5 kwietnia (sobota) - RECITAL ZESPOŁU "SYRENA". Godz. 15:00. Riverside Middle School, 25900 W. Warren, Dearborn Hts., MI; bilety - \$5. Informacje: Pat Steven (313) 563-1761.
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WAŻNE ZAWIADOMIENIA NA 61-szy SEJM ZPRKA

UWAGA KANDYDACY NA URZĘDY W ZARZĄDZIE I DYREKCJI ZPRKA

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Kandydaci na stanowiska muszą spełniać warunki przedstawione w Konstytucji ZPRKA:

Sekcja Trzecia, Artykuł 03K. Nominacje i wybór urzędników zarządu i dyrekcji

“1. Tylko delegat spełniający następujące wymagania może zostać mianowany na stanowisko w zarządzie lub dyrekcji Zjednoczenia i może być kandydatem do tego urzędu w Zjednoczeniu:

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b) musi być członkiem Zjednoczenia przynajmniej pięć (5) lat;

c) musi być obywatelem Stanów Zjednoczonych;

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984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
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Komitet Kwalifikacji Kandydatów

Wybór delegatów Tow. # 408, 683, 795, 1012

Zebranie w celu wyboru delegatów na 61-szy Sejm ZPRKA, z Towarzystw #408, 683, 795, 1012, odbędzie się o godz. 16:00 w poniedziałek, 5 maja 2014 r. w stołówce w budynku biura głównego ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. W celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji, prosimy się kontaktować z Marią Grządziel, tel. (630) 915-9976.

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Zgodnie z zaleceniami Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA, Towarzystwa ZPRKA muszą w miesiącach kwietniu lub maju 2014 r. dokonać wyboru delegatów i ich zastępców na 61. Sejm ZPRKA.

Członkowie Towarzystw powinni skontaktować się ze swoimi sekretarzami finansowymi w celu otrzymania informacji na temat zebrania, na którym odbędzie się wybór delegatów i ich zastępców.

Wybrani delegaci i zastępcy powinni wypełnić niezbędne informacje na dostarczonych formularzach, które muszą być poświadczone przez prezesa lub sekretarza finansowego Towarzystwa. **DUPLIKAT** formularza musi zostać wysłany pocztą do biura sekretarza-skarbnika **do 30 maja 2014** (pod uwagę brana będzie data stempla pocztowego).

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INFORMACJE DLA ZARZĄDÓW TOWARZYSTW W SPRAWIE PRZEDSTAWICIELSTWA NA SEJMIE

61. Sejm ZPRKA szybko zbliża. Sekretarz-skarbnik przypomina wszystkim zarządom Towarzystw ZPRKA o bardzo ważnym przepisie w Konstytucji i Statucie, regulującym reprezentację Towarzystw na Sejmie.

Sekcja trzecia, Artykuł 03E, Delegaci na Sejm, Paragraf 6

"Towarzystwo zaległe z opłatami składek dla ZPRKA przez więcej niż dwa (2) miesiące, traci swoje prawo do reprezentacji na Sejmie".

Większość Towarzystw ma w obecnej chwili opłacone wszystkie składki, dlatego ta informacja nie odnosi się do nich. Jednakże zachęcamy wszystkie Towarzystwa, które są opóźnione z opłatami, o jak najszybsze wyrównanie zaległości, w celu dostosowania się do wymogów Konstytucji w sprawie reprezentacji Towarzystwa na Sejmie, który jest najważniejszym wydarzeniem naszej braterskiej organizacji.

James Robaczewski, FIC
sekretarz-skarbnik

PROPOZYCJE POPRAWEK DO KONSTYTUCJI I STATUTU ZPRKA

Komitet d.s. Konstytucji przyjmuje propozycje poprawek do Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA. Propozycje poprawek może przedstawić każdy indywidualny członek, Towarzystwo, Okręg lub Dystrykt ZPRKA, który ma uregulowane wszelkie opłaty. Aby propozycje zostały rozpatrzone przez Komitet ds. Konstytucji, muszą być przedstawione na piśmie i nadesłane do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji do dnia 1 czerwca 2014 r.

Osoby zainteresowane wniesieniem poprawek powinny wypełnić formularz zamieszczony na str. 9 “Narodu Polskiego” i przesłać do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji.

ZAWIADOMIENIE KOMITETU BUDŻETU, SKARG I ZAŻAŁEŃ

Komitet Budżetu, Skarg i Zażaleń podaje do wiadomości wszystkich członków i członkiń ZPRKA, iż wszystkie skargi, wnioski i zażalenia, muszą być zgłoszone do Komitetu na piśmie do dnia 1 czerwca 2014 r. Tylko skargi, wnioski i zażalenia, które oficjalnie zostaną wniesione do Komitetu, zostaną przyjęte do rozpatrzenia przez Sejm ZPRKA. Komitet Budżetu, Skarg i Zażaleń zbierze się po otrzymaniu powyższych od członków i członkiń ZPRKA.

Eileen Hanley, przewodnicząca

Wnioski, skargi i zażalenia należy przysyłać na adres:

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Bł. Jan XXIII

rolnikami. Pierwszą Komunię przyjął w 1888 r., rok później został bierzmowany.

Ukończył trzyklasową wiejską szkołę powszechną. Od 8 roku życia uczył się łaciny. W 1891 r. rozpoczął naukę w gimnazjum w Celana. W 1893 r. w wieku 12 lat rozpoczął naukę w seminarium duchownym w Bergamo. Ukończył gimnazjum i liceum, a mając 19 lat był już na trzecim roku teologii. 3 stycznia 1901 r. został przeniesiony do seminarium papieskiego św. Apolinarego w Rzymie jako stypendysta fundacji księdza Casaroli. Rok później na kilka miesięcy przerwał naukę, aby odbyć zasadniczą służbę wojskową. W grudniu 1903 r. otrzymał święcenia diakonatu. 8 czerwca 1904 r., po ukończeniu czwartego roku teologii, złożył wniosek o święcenia prezbiteriatu, które otrzymał 10 sierpnia. Trzy tygodnie przed święceniami uzyskał doktorat z teologii.

Pod koniec 1904 r. zapisał się na wydział prawa kanonicznego, w kwietniu 1905 r. przerwał studia, gdyż otrzymał funkcję sekretarza biskupa Bergamo Giacomo Radiniego-Tedeschi, którą pełnił do śmierci Radiniego w sierpniu 1914 r. Wykładał również w seminarium duchownym historię Kościoła oraz apologetykę. Był diecezjalnym kapłanem Akcji Katolickiej kobiet. W 1908 r. opublikował swoją pierwszą książkę – „Kardynał Cezary Baroniusz. Z okazji trzechsetlecia śmierci”, w 1912 r. monografię „Wyższe miłosierdzie w Bergamo i inne dzieła dobroczynne zaprowadzone przez Zgromadzenie Miłosierdzia”.

W 1915 roku, na początku I wojny światowej, został powołany do wojska, gdzie początkowo był sanitariuszem, a następnie kapłanem (służbę pełnił do 1918). W 1925 r. papież Pius XI mianował go Oficjałem w Bułgarii i tytularnym arcybiskupem Areopolis. W 1931 został nominowany delegatem apostolskim w Bułgarii, a w 1935 r. delegatem apostolskim w Turcji i Grecji. Po wybuchu II wojny światowej korzystając ze statusu dyplomatycznego pomagał ludziom prześladowanym przez hitlerowców. W 1944 r. papież Pius XII mianował go nuncjuszem apostolskim w Paryżu, a od 1951 stałym obserwatorem przy UNESCO.

12 stycznia 1953 r. został mianowany kardynałem, a trzy dni później patriarchą Wenecji. Był członkiem trzech kurialnych dykasterii: Kongregacji ds. Kościołów Wschodnich, Kongregacji Rozkrzewiania Wiary i Kongregacji ds. Zakonników. Po śmierci papieża Piusa XII w dniu 28 października 1958 r. kardynałowie wybrali go za "papieża przejściowego", ze względu na zaawansowany wiek (77 lat).

Wkrótce po wyborze Jan XXIII zwiększył liczebność Kolegium Kardynałów, postanowił zwołać synod i sobór powszechny, a także zrewidować kodeks prawa kanonicznego. Pierwszy w historii Rzymu Synod Biskupów odbył się w dniach 24-31 stycznia 1960 r. Najdonioślejszym wydarzeniem pontyfikatu Jana XXIII był zwołanie II soboru watykańskiego. Sobór trwał od 11 października 1962r. do 8 grudnia 1965 r. Sobór został zwołany w celu uwspółcześnienia Kościoła katolickiego.

5 czerwca 1960 utworzył Sekretariat Jedności Chrześcijan, 20 grudnia 1960 r. spotkał się z arcybiskupem Canterbury Geoffreyem Fisherem, było to pierwsze od 400 lat spotkanie abpa Canterbury z papieżem. Udzielał się w reformie liturgii: zatwierdził nowy brewiarz i mszał, a także wprowadził do kanonu mszalnego wspomnienie św. Józefa. W pierwszym roku swojego pontyfikatu napisał cztery encykliki. W 1962 r. został Człowiekiem Roku magazynu „Time”. Był pierwszym papieżem od 1870 r., który odbył oficjalne spotkanie poza Watykanem – wizyta w więzieniu i jednym ze szpitali w 1958. W 1962 odbył także podróż do Asyżu i Loreto.

W 1962 r. u papieża zdiagnozowano raka. Ostatnie publiczne wystąpienie Ojca Świętego odbyło się 11 maja 1963 r. Jego ostatnia publiczna wypowiedź, dzięki przekazowi radiowemu, została skierowana do pątników zgromadzonych w sanktuarium u stóp Matki Boskiej Piekarskiej w Piekarach Śląskich. Jan XXIII zmarł w Watykanie 3 czerwca 1963 roku o godzinie 19:49. Pochowany został w krypcie w podziemiach Bazyliki Świętego Piotra. Po beatyfikacji, jego ciało zostało złożone u stóp ołtarza św. Hieronima w Bazylice św. Piotra w Watykanie. Proces beatyfikacyjny rozpoczął się 18 listopada 1965 r. Jan XXIII został ogłoszony, razem z Piusem IX, błogosławionym przez papieża Jana Pawła II 3 września 2000.

Jan XXIII był autorem 8 Encyklik i autorem innych dokumentów. Przez organizacje protestanckie jest uważany za reformatora chrześcijaństwa.

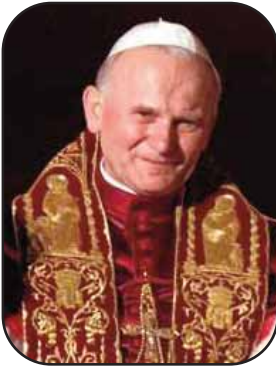
Jan Paweł II (Karol Józef Wojtyła) urodził się 18 maja 1920 roku w Wadowicach 50 km od Krakowa. Był drugim synem urzędnika wojskowego Karola Wojtyły i Emilii Kaczorowskiej. Jego starszy brat Edmund - lekarz, zmarł w 1932 roku, a siostra Olga - zaraz po urodzeniu.

Został ochrzczony 20 czerwca 1920 r. w kościele parafialnym w Wadowicach, przyjął Pierwszą Komunię Świętą w wieku dziewięciu lat i został bierzmowany, mając 18 lat.

Po ukończeniu czteroklasowej szkoły ludowej uczył się w państwowym gimnazjum męskim im. Marcina Wadowity. Po maturze w 1938 r. rozpoczął studia polonistyczne na Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim w Krakowie. W czasie wojny (w latach 1940-44) pracował w kamieniołomach i fabryce chemicznej Solvay, aby nie zostać wywiezionym na roboty do Niemiec.

Od roku 1942 uczęszczał na wykłady podziemnego seminarium zorganizowanego przez arcybiskupa Krakowa, kardynała Adama Stefana Sapiechę. Równocześnie był jednym z założycieli tajnego Teatru Rapsodycznego. Po wojnie kontynuował studia w Wyższym Seminarium Duchownym w Krakowie oraz na Wydziale Teologicznym Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego. Święcenia kapłańskie przyjął 1 listopada 1946 r.

Następnie został wysłany przez Kardynała Stefana Sapiechę do Rzymu, gdzie rozpoczął studia doktoranckie. Pod kierunkiem wybitnego teologa, dominikanina Reginalda Garrigou-Lagrange'a napisał rozprawę doktorską „Zagadnienie wiary u świętego Jana od Krzyża (Questio de fide apud sanctum Ioannem de Cruce)”. Podczas studiów rzymskich w okresie wakacji pracował duszpastersko wśród Polonii mieszkającej we Francji, Belgii i Holandii.



Bł. Jan Paweł II

Do Polski wrócił w 1948 r., został wikarym w parafii w Niegowici, niedaleko Krakowa, a następnie w parafii świętego Floriana w Krakowie. W 1951 r. rozpoczął studia filozoficzne i teologiczne i został duszpasterzem studentów. W 1953 r. habilitował się na Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim. Został następnie wykładowcą teologii moralnej i etyki w seminarium krakowskim i na Katolickim Uniwersytecie Lubelskim.

4 lipca 1958 r. papież Pius XII mianował go biskupem tytularnym Ombri i biskupem pomocniczym w Krakowie. Sakrę biskupią przyjął 28 września 1958 r. w katedrze wawelskiej. 13 stycznia 1964 r. papież Paweł VI mianował go arcybiskupem Krakowa, a 26 czerwca 1967 r. kardynałem.

Brał udział w Soborze Watykańskim II i uczestniczył w 5 synodach biskupów zwołanych przed jego pontyfikatem.

Na zwołanym po śmierci Jana Pawła I drugim konklawe w dniu 16 października 1978 r. Karol Wojtyła został wybrany na papieża i przybrał imię Jana Pawła II. Pontyfikat, który trwał 27 lat, rozpoczął w dniu 22 października 1978 r.

W czasie swojego pontyfikatu odbył 146 podróży apostolskich na terenie Włoch, odwiedził 317 z 333 parafii rzymskich. Odbył 104 pielgrzymki zagraniczne. Przeprowadził około 1200 śródowych audiencji generalnych, w których uczestniczyło prawie 18 milionów pielgrzymów, niezliczone audiencje prywatne i ceremonie religijne. Przyjął przywódców państw w trakcie 38 wizyt oficjalnych oraz udzielił 738 audiencji i spotkań z głowami państwa, odbył 246 audiencje i spotkania z premierami.

Jan Paweł II zapoczątkował tradycję dorocznych Światowych Dni Młodzieży. Przewodniczył 147 ceremoniom beatyfikacyjnym, w czasie których ogłosił 1338 błogosławionych i 51 uroczystościom kanonizacyjnym ogłaszając 482 świętych. Przewodniczył 9 konsystorzom i mianował 231 kardynałów. Przewodniczył 6 zebrań plenarnym Kolegium Kardynalskiego.

W trakcie swojego pontyfikatu zwołał 15 synodów biskupów: 6 synodów generalnych zwyczajnych, jeden synod generalny nadzwyczajny i 8 synodów specjalnych.

Był autorem: 14 encyklik, 15 adhortacji apostolskich, 11 konstytucji apostolskich i 45 listów apostolskich. Napisał też 5 książek: „Przekroczyć próg nadziei”, „Dar i Tajemnica: w pięćdziesiąt rocznicę mojego kapłaństwa”, „Tryptyk rzymski, Medytacje w formie poezji”, „Powstańcie, idźmy”, „Pamięć i tożsamość”.

Jan Paweł II zmarł 2 kwietnia 2005 roku o godz. 21:37. Pogrzeb odbył się w piątek 8 kwietnia. Uczestniczyło w nim na placu św. Piotra ok. 300 tysięcy wiernych oraz 200 prezydentów i premierów. Został pochowany w podziemiach bazyliki św. Piotra na Watykanie.

28 czerwca 2005 r. rozpoczął się proces beatyfikacyjny Sługi Bożego Jana Pawła II. Został ogłoszony świętym przez papieża Benedykta XVI w niedzielę 5 kwietnia 2011 r. w Watykanie. We Mszy św. beatyfikacyjnej na Placu św. Piotra wzięło udział półtora miliona pielgrzymów z całego świata.

5 lipca 2013 r. papież Franciszek spotkał się z kardynałami ze świata i wyznaczył na dzień 27 kwietnia 2014 (Niedziela Miłosierdzia Bożego) kanonizację dwóch papieży: Jana Pawła II i Jana XXIII[59]. Będzie to pierwsza podwójna kanonizacja papieży w XXI wieku i zarazem pierwsza kanonizacja głowy Kościoła od czasu kanonizacji Piusa X w 1954.

POMOC FINANSOWA DLA STUDENTÓW ZPRKA

ZPRKA oferuje swoim członkom pomoc finansową na studia w formie trzech oddzielnych programów: Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA (PRCUA Education Fund, Inc), stypendia ZPRKA i pożyczki studenckie. Każdy program wymaga wypełnienia odrębnego podania.

Pomoc jednorazową:

\$1500 - “Ku pamięci Aleksandra, Anny, Jana i Waltera Kuszel” przeznaczone dla studentów formacji religijnej;
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“Ku Pamięci Adele Szumilus Sularski” - bez wyszczególnienia kierunku studiów.

Rada Dyrektorów ZPRKA może ustanowić dodatkowe stypendia, w wypadku gdy dostępne będą dodatkowe środki finansowe.

Podania o pomoc w ramach Funduszu Edukacyjnego, stypendia, pożyczki studenckie można znaleźć na stronie: www.prcua.org, gdzie należy wybrać: Member Benefits, a następnie jedną z trzech możliwości: Educational Scholarships, Student Scholarship Grant Program, Educational Loans. W sprawie otrzymania wniosków można również pisać na adres: PRCUA Educational Benefits, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101.

Wypełnione podania, weryfikacja danych oraz potwierdzenie średniej ocen należy przesłać do biura ZPRKA do 1 lipca 2014 r.

Sezon podatkowy - Wykorzystaj to, co ZPRKA ma do zaoferowania!

Czy już zaplanowaliście jaką sumę, niepodlegającą opodatkowaniu, wpłacie na swoje konto emerytalne Traditional IRA Annuity w ZPRKA? Pamiętaj: Nasza oferta jest bardzo konkurencyjna - minimalna gwarantowana roczna stopa procentowa na naszych kontach emerytalnych wynosi 2,0%!

Tradycyjne konta IRA i Roth IRA

Opodatkowanie za lata 2013 i 2014:

Roczna wpłata na tradycyjne konta IRA i Roth IRA nie może przekroczyć: 5500 dolarów (6500 dolarów dla osób w wieku 50 lat i starszych) lub nie może być wyższa od Waszych rocznych dochodów, które podlegają opodatkowaniu.

UZYSKANIE ZWROTÓW PODATKOWYCH? JAK JE WYKORZYSTAĆ?

Zdajemy sobie sprawę, jak istotne jest dokonanie oszczędności na "złote lata". Dlatego niezbędna jest dywersyfikacja środków finansowych potrzebnych do uzupełnienia świadczeń Social Security i planów emerytalnych uzyskanych z pracy, jeżeli takie posiadamy. Najwyższy czas, aby otworzyć konto, które płaci konkurencyjne odsetki roczne, z gwarantowaną minimalną stopą procentową w wysokości 2%, pozwala na elastyczne dokonywanie depozytów i jest oferowane przez organizację z ponad 140-letnim doświadczeniem.

Wykorzystanie zwrotów podatkowych w celu zwiększenia wysokości posiadanego konta emerytalnego lub wykupienie nowego planu jest również formą zabezpieczenia. Jeśli będziecie zwlekać z zakupem planu emerytalnego, całkowity dochód z planu emerytalnego wykupionego w przyszłości może być mniejszy niż gdyby konto emerytalne zostało otwarte teraz. Zwrot podatku może Wam pomóc rozpocząć zabezpieczanie swojej przyszłości.

Plany emerytalne ZPRKA charakteryzuje:

- Narastające oprocentowanie odroczone od opodatkowania
- Minimalne roczne oprocentowanie 2% na okres istnienia planu
- Brak kar za wypłaty w wysokości do 10% wartości konta
- Depozyty mogą być dokonywane w każdej chwili (szczególnie w okresie rozliczenia podatkowego)
- Brak opłaty za posiadanie konta
- 140 lat doświadczenia ZPRKA
- Różnorodność oferowanych planów emerytalnych, w tym IRA!

* Ponieważ konta annuity są traktowane jako konta emerytalne, rząd federalny może naliczyć karę w wysokości 10% w przypadku wcześniejszego wycofania pieniędzy z konta przed osiągnięciem wieku 59 ½. Istnieją pewne wyjątki.

Ponieważ ZPRKA jest organizacją braterską, dodatkową korzyścią wykupu planu emerytalnego lub ubezpieczenia na życie są nasze programy, do których uprawnieni są nasi członkowie, jak np: program zniżek na recepty na leki, turnieje sportowe, stypendia i pożyczki na studia, lokalna działalność w Towarzystwach, i inne.

Zgłoś się już dziś!

Aby otrzymać więcej informacji o oferowanych aktualnie programach emerytalnych, ubezpieczeniach na życie, lub jeśli masz jakiegokolwiek pytania, prosimy o kontakt z lokalnym przedstawicielem handlowym lub bezpośrednio z biurem ZPRKA: 1-800-772-8632.

Zabezpiecz przyszłość swojej rodziny, wspieraj ZPRKA i skorzystaj z tego, co mamy do zaoferowania!

Czy nadszedł termin wypłaty z Twojego konta CD lub IRA? Czy otrzymujesz najwyższy możliwy procent?			
ANNUITY	PORTFOLIO SERIES		
PRZYROST KAPITAŁU	MILLENNIUM	CLASSIC	PREFERRED
\$300.00 – i więcej	2.750%	2.625%	2.500%

Uwaga: Powyższa roczna stopa procentowa może w przyszłości ulec zmianom ze względu na zmieniające się warunki rynkowe. Obecne warunki na światowych rynkach finansowych dyktują powyższą zmianę. Odwiedź www.prcua.org/annuity, w celu zapoznania się z obecnymi stopami procentowymi na kontach emerytalnych ZPRKA.

PROGRAM SPECJALNY

ubezpieczeń na życie

Z OKAZJI
61. SEJMU

W pierwszej połowie 2014 roku Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie przygotowuje się do ważnego wydarzenia, jakim jest 61. Sejm. Rozpocznie się on 10 sierpnia w niedzielę, a zakończy 13 sierpnia w środę w Toledo, Ohio.

Aby uczcić to wydarzenie, ZPRKA oferuje specjalne ubezpieczenie na życie – 5 Year Limited Pay Whole Life, które jest ważne do 31 grudnia 2014. Oferujemy cztery różne spłaty roczne do wyboru – 261 \$, 361 \$, 461 \$ i 561 \$ i każda z nich odzwierciedla sumę ubezpieczenia. Aplikacje ubezpieczeniowe zostaną wynagrodzone upominkiem (magnesem).

Ubezpieczenie w tym programie zapewnia

- plan dostępny od 0-80 lat
- dostępny łatwy elektroniczny przelew pieniędzy – (EFT)
- przyrost wartości gotówkowej
- możliwość ubiegania się o stypendium na studia lub pożyczkę edukacyjną
- ubezpieczenie nie może być zerwane przez ZPRKA, jeżeli składki są opłacane
- ubezpieczenie spłacane przez 5 lat jest ważne do końca życia
- dywidendy dla ubezpieczonego

W celu wykupienia ubezpieczenia, skontaktuj się z lokalnym przedstawicielem ZPRKA lub biurem głównym:

Agnieszka Bastrzyk, dyrektor marketingu
Tel (800) 772-8632 ext. 2603 • Agnieszka-Bastrzyk@prcua.org

* Prosimy o podanie wieku zbliżonego do daty urodzin. (Przykład: 30 lat i 5 miesięcy – podajemy wiek 30 lat. 30 lat i 6 miesięcy – podajemy wiek 31 lat.)

Oferta nie może być połączona z innymi ofertami specjalnymi. Tylko roczne spłaty.

Wszystkie wnioski podlegają szczegółowemu rozpatrzeniu.

61. Sejm ZPRKA
10-13 sierpnia 2014 r.

Dzień św. Józefa w ZPRKA

W środę, 19 marca 2014 pracownicy Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce wspólnie obchodzili przypadający tego dnia Dzień św. Józefa, tradycyjnym spotkaniem w czasie lunchu.

Modlitwę odmówił, pobłogosławił potrawy i udzielił błogosławieństwa wszystkim zebranim ks. Zdzisław Torba z parafii św. Ferdynanda w Chicago.

W uroczystym lunchu udział wzięli zaproszeni przedstawiciele organizacji braterskich: wiceprezes Związku Narodowego Polskiego w Ameryce Paul Odrobina z żoną Janice, prezeska Związku Polek w Ameryce Delphine Huneycutt, oraz wiceprezeska Związku Polek w Ameryce Sharon Zago.

Z okazji przypadających w tym dniu wg. tradycji polskiej imienin Józefa, pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA wręczyli prezesowi Drobotowi bukiet kwiatów i złożyli imieninowe życzenia. Sto Lat odśpiewano również panu Odrobinie z okazji obchodzonych przez niego urodzin.



Goście: (l-p) Delphine Huneycutt, Janice i Paul Odrobina, Sharon Zago



Prezes ZPRKA
Joseph Drobot
z imieninowym
bukietem



Ks. Torba modli się przy
figurze św. Józefa. Z tyłu
członkowie zarządu ZPRKA:
(l-p) James Robaczewski,
Joseph Drobot,
Anna Sokołowski

40 lat minęło jak jeden dzień...



Konsul Robert Rusiecki i pp. Drobot z nauczycielami i dyrekcją szkoły po mszy jubileuszowej

Cała historia rozpoczęła się w 1974 roku, kiedy to grupa rodziców postanowiła zadbać o wykształcenie swoich dzieci i założyła szkołę. Byli wśród nich państwo Kos, Rozwadowscy i Tarnaś. Pomocy udzielił im śp. biskup Alfred Abramowicz, proboszcz parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników w Chicago, oferując bezpłatne udostępnianie pomieszczeń. Pokonując wszelkie trudności jej twórcy rozwijali ją i starali się, aby stała się znaczącym elementem polnijnego oświaty, temu między innymi służyło objęcie

placówki patronatem Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko – Katolickiego. Jej rozwój był na tyle dynamiczny, że wkrótce stała się największą polską szkołą na południu Chicago. W

szczytowym okresie liczba uczniów

wynosiła prawie dziewięćset. Wielkim wydarzeniem było spotkanie przedstawicieli szkoły z Janem Pawłem II podczas mszy papieskiej 35 lat temu, właśnie na terenie parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników. Wraz z przemieszczaniem się polskiej ludności, zaszła potrzeba otworzenia drugiej lokalizacji na przedmieściach. Obecnie nauka prowadzona jest w dwóch oddziałach, w Chicago i w Oak Lawn, oferując nauczanie od przedszkola do klasy maturalnej, wraz z religią i przygotowaniem do sakramentów świętych. W bieżącym roku szkolnym naukę pobiera prawie czterystu uczniów.

Bankiet czterdziestolecia szkoły został poprzedzony uroczystą mszą świętą 9 lutego, w kościele Pięciu Braci Męczenników, z udziałem konsula Roberta Rusieckiego, prezesa ZPRKA Joseph'a Drobota, rodziców, uczniów, nauczycieli, Zarządu oraz dyrekcji szkoły. Niespełna tydzień później

odbyła się wspaniała jubileuszowa impreza na której bawiło się ponad dwustu gości. W czasie jej trwania uczniowie przedstawili niesamowity program artystyczny oparty na utworach Marii Konopnickiej, potraktowanych jednak z przymrużeniem oka. Po takiej dawce dobrego humoru zaproszeni wysłuchali przemówień gości honorowych. Jego

ekscelencja ksiądz biskup Andrzej Wypych i wiceprezes Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko – Katolickiego Anna Sokołowska w pięknych, wzruszających słowach mówili o konieczności troski dbania o wychowanie młodych Polaków w Ameryce. Okoliczności powstania szkoły przybliżyli zebrani jej założyciele: Ludwika Kos i państwo Rozwadowscy. Na koniec głos zabrał dyrektor szkoły Stanisław Skubisz, dziękując wszystkim za ostatnie czterdzieści lat istnienia Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej. Następnie w porywającym występie zaprezentował się zespół tańca „Wesoły Lud”, w którym wielu tancerzy to byli lub obecni uczniowie dostojnej jubilatki. Po smacznym obiedzie nadszedł czas na wręczenie pamiątkowych upominków dla honorowych gości oraz byłych i obecnych nauczycieli. Wszyscy zaproszeni otrzymali pięknie wydane szkolne pamiątki, mogli także zapoznać się z historią szkoły oglądając wystawione kroniki z dawnych lat oraz pokaz zdjęć podczas obiadu. Po części oficjalnej parkiet zapełnił się tańczącymi i rozpoczęła się szampańska zabawa.

Czego wypada życzyć Szkole Konopnickiej w tak wyjątkowej chwili? Z pewnością, parafrazując słowa piosenki, czterdziestu nowych lat. Tak jak dotychczas, fantastycznych uczniów oraz wiernych i

oddanych rodziców. Państwo Rozwadowscy w swoim wystąpieniu mówili, że okres pracy dla szkoły to najlepsze lata ich życia. Takiego właśnie poczucia dobrej wykonanej pracy możemy się spodziewać po znakomitych nauczycielach i kierownictwie szkoły. Dyrektor Stanisław Skubisz oraz jego zastępca Teresa Kaczmarczyk zgodnie podkreślają, że sprawowanie urzędu w placówce o tak bogatej tradycji zobowiązuje do wierności ideałom jej założycieli. Prezes Zarządu Sylwia McHenry dodaje natomiast, że mimo zmieniających się czasów musimy dołożyć wszelkich starań, aby kolejne pokolenia wychowanków Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej nie zatraciły kontaktu z kulturą, językiem i tradycją kraju swoich przodków. Nie będzie zatem przesady, w zaproszeniu państwa już dziś, na kolejne jubileusze Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej.

Marek Adamczyk

nauczyciel Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej w Chicago – Oak Lawn



Dyrektor i zarząd Komitetu Rodzicielskiego Polskiej Szkoły im. M. Konopnickiej

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Polska Szkoła im. Marii Konopnickiej

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77-my Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA

77-my Krajowy Doroczny Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA odbędzie się w dniach 4-6 kwietnia 2014. Turniej rozgrywany będzie w Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. Tegorocznym organizatorem jest Tow. St. Stan Society #718 ZPRKA.

Plan rozgrywek: gra pojedyncza/pary - piątek, 4 kwietnia - 9 rano i 12:30; gra zespołowa - sobota, 5 kwietnia - 9 rano i 13:00 (uroczyste otwarcie o 12:30); gra pojedyncza/pary - niedziela, kwiecień 6 - 9 rano. Aby zapewnić optymalny termin należy niezwłocznie nadesłać wypełniony formularz zgłoszeniowy, wraz z odpowiednią opłatą. Formularze zgłoszeniowe są dostępne do pobrania na stronie internetowej ZPRKA: www.prcua.org, lub można je uzyskać z Departamentu Braterskiego. Termin składania zgłoszeń upływa w piątek, 14 marca 2014.

Uczestnicy i goście mogą zatrzymać się w Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia, MI. Rezerwacje; (734) 464-1300 - proś o Polish Roman Catholic Union of America group rate - cena w tej ofercie wynosi \$89 (plus podatek) i obejmuje również śniadanie dla 2 osób na każdy pokój. Zadzwoń wcześniej, aby zapewnić sobie rezerwację.

Wieczorek gościnny - w czwartek, 3 kwietnia w godz. 19-22 w Doc's Sports Retreat, kilka minut od obiektu hotelowego i kregielni - dwa bezpłatne napoje i pizza dla każdego z gości!

Msza św. odprowadzona zostanie w sobotę, 5 kwietnia o 7 wiecz. w sali Superior Ballroom w hotelu Holiday Inn.

Bankiet - bezpośrednio po mszy św. w Superior Ballroom. Do tańca grać będzie w godz. od 20 do północy Randy Krajewski Trio. W czasie bankietu wręczone zostaną nagrody i podane przekąski i desery (płatny bar - Tow. St. Stan pokryje część kosztów).

Patrick Kosowski, dyrektor turnieju



Program przygotowany przez uczniów szkoły

JUBILEUSZ 45-LECIA POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO



O. Franciszek Czaicki
wygłosił inwokację

W życiu każdego człowieka, jak i każdej zbiorowości są chwile, wobec których nie można przejść obojętnie; momenty wyjątkowe, skłaniające do refleksji i przemyśleń. Na takie właśnie chwile czeka się długo i równie długo wspomina.

Dla Polskiej Szkoły im. Świętego Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN taka wyjątkowa chwila nadeszła, kiedy w dniach 1 i 2 marca 2014 r., Szkoła obchodziła 45-tą rocznicę swojego założenia.

Od 1968 roku, kiedy grupa polskich pasjonatów postanowiła założyć szkołę tańca i j. polskiego w South Chicago, IL, szkoła rozrastała się i przemieszczała, oddalając się od skupiska Polaków w Chicago, aż znalazła swoją stabilizację przy klasztorze Ojców Karmelitów Bosych w Munster, IN. Od dwudziestu już lat Polska Szkoła im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego jest jedyną polską szkołą działającą w północno-zachodniej Indianie, przy granicy z Illinois. Tu także mieszkają Polacy i tu także są polskie dzieci, których rodzice, choć często są już pokoleniem urodzonym w Ameryce i sami nie zawsze dobrze mówią po polsku, chcą aby ich dzieci nie traciły tożsamości i poznawały język i kulturę swoich przodków. Szkoła prowadzi przedszkole, 8-letnią szkołę podstawową i od 2000 roku – 3-letnie liceum, zakończone maturą.



Uroczysta Msza św. z okazji jubileuszu odbyła się w niedzielę, 2 marca, w kościele O.O. Karmelitów w Munster.

1 marca, w ostatnią sobotę karnawału 2014 roku, w sali bankietowej Ojców Karmelitów w Munster, miała miejsce uroczysta gala z okazji Szmaragdowego Jubileuszu Szkoły.



Uroczystość rozpoczęła się odśpiewaniem hymnów amerykańskiego i polskiego, po czym dyrektor Małgorzata Czachor powitała licznie zgromadzonych na sali rodziców, uczniów i absolwentów szkoły oraz zaproszonych gości.



Na obchody jubileuszu przybyła jedna z założycielek Szkoły – Barbara Pawłowski, która w barwny sposób opowiedziała, jak wraz z mężem i członkami Dystryktu 8 PRCUA powołali do życia naszą Szkołę. Od tamtego też czasu PRCUA stale otacza opieką i sponsoruje szkołę. Dzięki tej pomocy dzieci naszej szkoły mogą uczyć się polskich tańców ludowych, tańcząc w szkolnym zespole „Mały Śląsk”. Oczywiście na gali obecni byli przedstawiciele PRCUA, na czele z prezesem Josephem A. Drobot Jr. i wiceprezes Anną Sokołowski oraz dyrektorem Dystryktu 9, na terenie którego znajduje się Szkoła, Elizabeth Sadus. Wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski w krótkim przemówieniu złożyła Szkołę gratulacje i życzenia.



Program artystyczny w wykonaniu uczniów szkoły

Jubileusz zaszczylił swoją obecnością konsul Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Konrad Zieliński, a ambasador RP w Waszyngtonie, Ryszard Schnepf, przysłał list gratulacyjny.

Wśród obecnych na gali znaleźli się także przedstawiciele Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, polskich szkół z aglomeracji chicagowskiej, Klubu Pułaskiego, Stowarzyszenia Weteranów Armji Polskiej, Grupy Marii Konopnickiej. Przybyli również zasłużeni byli dyrektorzy, kierownicy i nauczyciele Szkoły.

Jubileusz polskiej szkoły, to święto Polonii, to okazja, aby przywołać i ożywić wspomnienia. Dlatego też kolejnym punktem programu była projekcja, ilustrująca dzieje szkoły, jej dorobek, imprezy szkolne i wspomnienia byłych klas, z komentarzem w j. polskim i angielskim, czytany przez uczniów klasy II liceum: Natalię Kuźbiel i Chrystiana Studzińskiego.

Następnie prezes zarządu Szkoły Ewa Sobula złożyła życzenia i gratulacje z okazji jubileuszu oraz podziękowania gronu pedagogicznemu, rodzicom - pracownikom zarządu,



Życzenia złożyła szkole wiceprezeska ZPRKA Anna Sokołowski (l). Obok b. dyrektorki szkoły: (l-p) Barbara Pawłowski, Elżbieta Grabowski, dyr. Dyst. #9 ZPRKA Elizabeth Sadus oraz prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot

Barbara Pawłowski i Elżbieta Grabowski oraz przedstawiciele PRCUA otrzymali bukiety kwiatów. Także na ręce dwóch, obecnych na gali, byłych dyrektorów i kierowników Szkoły: Bożeny Matson i Elżbiety Orciuch, zostały złożone życzenia i kwiaty dla wszystkich, którzy w przeszłości kierowali Szkołą.



Jubileuszowy tort

Karmelitów O. Franciszek Czaicki. Po obiedzie, na salę wjechał tort urodzinowy dla Jubilatki, na którym świeczki ilustrujące 45 lat istnienia, dmuchali razem wszyscy znakomici goście, nauczyciele i zarząd Szkoły. Najmłodsze dzieci wygłosiły okolicznościowe wierszyki i zabrzmiało gromkie „Sto lat”.

Przy torcie i słodkim stole bawiono się w takt muzyki DJ Marcina, który zgrabnie przeplatał polskie kawałki taneczne, współczesną muzyką amerykańską. W przerwie między tańcami odbyła się loteria, w której zgromadzono ponad 50 różnych fantów.

Zabawa zakończyła się po północy; goście wyrażali swoje zadowolenie. Nie dopisała tylko pogoda, ponieważ, jak to bywało już ostatniej zimy, obficie sypnął śnieg, który utrudniał bardzo jazdę samochodom.

Małgorzata Czachor
zdjęcia: Anna Sokołowski

Grono Pedagogiczne Szkoły im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego – stan obecny:

Dyrektor: dr Małgorzata Czachor; Nauczyciele: Małgorzata Czachor, Jolanta Czosnyka, Barbara Golko, Elżbieta Orciuch, Teresa Studziński, Elizabeth Szklarz, Agata Wilgocki, Lidia Wilkowski; Katecheci: O. Bartłomiej Kolankiewicz, O. Bartłomiej Stanowski

Zarząd Szkoły: Prezes: Ewa Sobula, Wiceprezes: Kasia Firlej, Skarbnik: Małgorzata Blachut, Sekretarz: Sandra Sternberg

Członkowie: Gibek Grażyna, Angelina Nawrocki, Małgorzata Rolniak, Agnieszka Williams

Byli dyrektorzy obecni na gali: Barbara Pawłowski, Elżbieta Grabowski, Bożena Matson, Elżbieta Orciuch; byli nauczyciele obecni na gali: Ewa Baszewska, Grażyna Biestek, Michael Gibson, Marzena Potrawska.

ŚRODA POPIELCOWA W ZPRKA

W Środę Popielcową odwiedził biuro ZPRKA dyrektor Misji św. Trójcy w Chicago, ks. Andrzej Maślej, który odmówił modlitwę, przypominając jednocześnie kruchość życia ludzkiego i nawołując do poprawy i wewnętrznego przygotowania do Świąt Wielkanocnych. Następnie poświęcił popiół, którym na znak pokuty posypał głowy pracowników ZPRKA i MPA.





*“Nie poddawajcie się rozpacz. Jesteśmy ludźmi Wielkanocy,
a naszą pieśnią jest Alleluja.”*

Bł. Jan Paweł II

Tak jak ciepłe kwietniowe słońce rozświetla świat, niech radość ze zmartwychstania wypełni nasze serca Bożą miłością. Chrystus Zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał! Radujmy się z tego dnia który Nam nastał.

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Wicekapłan

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Obchody Dnia Pułaskiego w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce



Hymny odśpiewała Ola Podowski

okazji obchodzonego w stanie Illinois Dnia Pułaskiego.

Jak co roku, na obchody przybyli licznie politycy stanowi i chicagowscy, liderzy polonijnych organizacji, przedstawiciele duchowieństwa oraz liczne grono Polaków i Amerykanów polskiego pochodzenia, zamieszkających w metropolii chicagowskiej.



J.E. Bp Andrzej Wypych

Goście honorowych weszli w asyście członków Stowarzyszenia Polskich Ułanów im. T. Kościuszki. Zebranych oficjalnie powitał historyk MPA, Jan Loryś. Program prowadzili prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla i prezes ZPRKA oraz przewodniczący zarządu MPA, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Hymny narodowe polski i amerykański odśpiewała tancerka ZPiT “Polonia”, Aleksandra Podowski. Krótką modlitwę odmówił J.E. ks. biskup Andrzej Wypych, który również udzielił błogosławieństwa na zakończenie uroczystości.

Przy okazji obchodów Dnia Pułaskiego, okolicznościowe przemówienia wygłosili: burmistrz Chicago Rahm Emanuel, wicegubernator Illinois Sheila Simon, konsul RP w Chicago Robert Rusiecki, kongresman Mike Quigley, senator Richard Durbin, rewident stanowy Judy Baar Topinka, skarbnik stanu Illinois Maria Pappas, sędzia Sądu Apelacyjnego Aurelia Puciński, sekretarz Sądu Okręgowego Dorothy Brown, randy miejski 30 Okręgu Ariel Rebyras, prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej i Związku Narodowego Polskiego w Ameryce Frank Spula, wiceprezes i manager Business Banking Market Jerry Furby, prokurator powiatu Cook Anita Alvarez, gen. brygady Jarosław Stróżyk.



Konsul Robert Rusiecki

W swoich przemówieniach, podkreślali wszyscy bohaterskie zasługi generała Kazimierza Pułaskiego, jego zasługi w walce o wolność i demokrację.

W związku z wydarzeniami, które mają miejsce na Ukrainie, mówcy wyrażali również swoje zaniepokojenie

Chicago, IL - W poniedziałek, 3 marca sala im. Sabiny Logis z Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce w Chicago, zgromadziła ponad 100 osób na uroczystej akademii z



Kongresman Mike Quigley



Senator Richard Durbin



Wręczenie stypendiów: (l-p) burmistrz Rahm Emanuel, Joanna Jaros, Beata Staszewski, wicegubernator Sheila Simon, senator Richard Durbin, prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla

Po akademii goście spotkali się na poczęstunku.

zdjęcia: Julita Siegel

Goście honorowi złożyli wieniec pod obrazem Batowskiego

zdjęcie: Anna Sokolowski

sytuacją na Krymie oraz swoje poparcie dla niepodległościowych dążeń opozycji ukraińskiej.

Politycy skorzystali także z okazji, aby ponownie wyrazić poparcie w sprawie konieczności zniesienia wiz dla obywateli polskich, przybywających w celach turystycznych do Stanów Zjednoczonych. Wspomniano również o przypadających w tym roku rocznicach, między innymi 15-rocznicy przystąpienia Polski do NATO.

Co roku w czasie obchodów Dnia Pułaskiego wręczane są stypendia dla młodzieży, przyznawane są zwycięzcom konkursu na pracę pisemną. W tym roku dwa stypendia w wysokości \$1 000 każde, ufundowane przez



Burmistrz Rahm Emanuel



Rewident stanowy Judy Baar Topinka

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce w ramach programu (The Polish Museum of America Pulaski Day Scholarship Program) otrzymały: Joanna Jaros i Beata Staszewski.

Na zakończenie uroczystości goście honorowi złożyli wieniec pod obrazem Stefana Batowskiego “Pułaski pod Savannah” i odśpiewana została pieśń “God Bless America”.

