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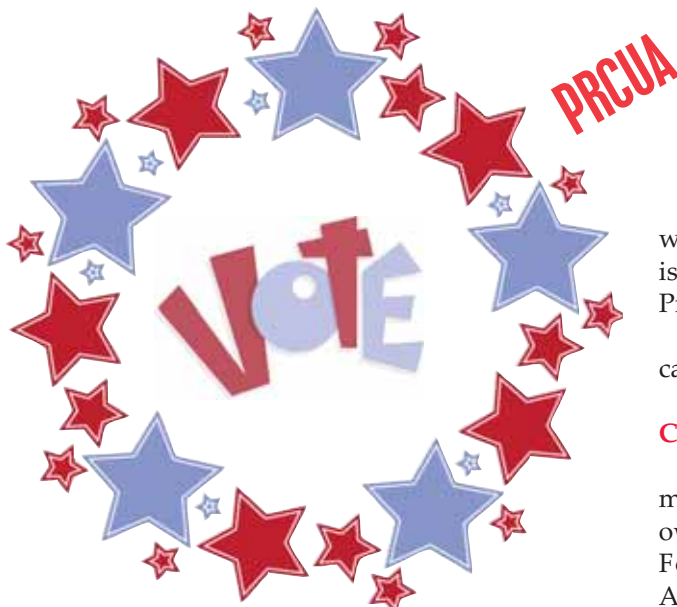
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Candidates for National Offices

CHICAGO, IL - The 61st National Quadrennial Convention of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will take place from Sunday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at the Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 444 Summit Street in Toledo, Ohio. The highlight of the Convention will be the election of PRCUA national officers for the 2014-2018 term. The following applications were received and accepted by the Candidates Qualifications Committee:

CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. of Chicago, IL, a member of St. John Society #843 and St. Stan's Society #718. He is the current National President of PRCUA and has been a member of the PRCUA for more than 50 years. He graduated from the University of Detroit

with a BA in accounting and a MA in economics. He is unopposed and will be the incumbent National President for 2014-2018.

The new PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws calls for one Vice President rather than two.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Micheline I. Jaminski of Homer Glen, IL, is a member of Polonia Society #1597. She is a business owner, Director of the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, and a 1974 graduate of Alliance College. She has been a member of the PRCUA since 1977.

Paul A. Pawlowski, of Chicago, IL, is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Society #509. He works for Wal-Mart, is President of District #9 and a 1984 graduate of Chicago State University. He has been a member of the PRCUA since 1960.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Mary Sendra Anselmo of Chicago, IL, is a member of John Paul II Society #1605. She is a county court director of training and a 1976 graduate of Mundelein College. She received a Teaching Certificate from Governor's State University/Illinois Benedictine College in 1977 and has been a PRCUA member since 1999.

William E. Nowakowski of Buffalo, NY, is a member of Holy Name of Jesus Society #750. He is

an attorney who graduated from Erie Community College, State University College of Buffalo (1981), Claude Pettit Law School and SUNY at Buffalo Law School. He is a Past National Director of District #2 and has been a PRCUA member since 1989.

James J. Robaczewski, FIC, of Chicago, IL, is a member of Knights of St. Michael Society #412, St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1593 and Polish Clergy Society #15. He is the current PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer. In 2000, he received a BA from De Paul University. He has been a PRCUA member since 1971.

The number of National Directors from each District (indicated in parenthesis) remains the same as in the previous 2010 election.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL DIRECTOR: DISTRICT 1: (1) - No Applicant

DISTRICT 2: (1) Gregory B. Olma of Buffalo, NY, is a member of St. Ladislaus Society #540. He works as a consultant and is the current National Director of District #2. He graduated in 1992 from SUNY Law School. He has been a member since 2004.

David B. Pfaff of Kenmore, NY, is a member of St. Ladislaus Society #540. He is a political consultant and a 1982 graduate of SUNY in Albany. He has been a member of PRCUA since 2005.

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50 Countries Attended Poland's Freedom Day Celebrations

President Obama Visits Poland, Pledges Support

WARSAW – Arriving in Warsaw's Okecie Airport on June 3rd, at the start of a four-day visit to Europe, U.S. President Barack Obama was met by Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski. Moments after landing, Pres. Obama set the tone by striding into an aircraft hangar to inspect U.S. fighter jets in Poland for a joint program with the Polish Air Force. "We need to make sure that the collective defense... is robust, is ready, and is properly equipped," he told the press.

"As friends and allies, we stand together and forever," Obama said, calling Poles "one of America's best and most loyal allies."

Pres. Obama visited Warsaw for two days during Poland's Freedom Day Celebrations, marking the 25th anniversary



Poland's President B. Komorowski (rt) welcoming U.S. President B. Obama to Warsaw at his Belweder residence on June 3rd

of semi-free June 1989 elections in Poland that led to the emergence of its first non-communist post-WWII government after decades of rule by the USSR.

He praised Poland for its emergence as a vital democracy and called it a model for other developing nations -- including Ukraine, now under assault from Russia.

"Poland understands, as few other nations do, that every nation must be free to chart its own course," Obama said in his main speech before a crowd of 6,000 at Royal Castle Square. He continued, "The blessings of liberty must be earned and renewed by every generation, including our own." Right now, Obama said, that means standing with Ukraine in the face of Russia's illegal annexation of the Crimea peninsula and ongoing (Cont. on pg. 5)



Calendar of PRCUA Events

JULY

4 CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY!



8 **JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., July 8 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

9 **LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 POTLUCK + MEETING** on Wed., July 9, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting at Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311

16 **CHICAGO, IL - PRCUA SOC. 475 MEETING** on Wed., July 16 at 4:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL Contact: B. Jura 773-685-3134

19 **RIVERVIEW, MI - NATIONAL PRCUA GOLF TOURNAMENT** hosted by Soc. #162 on Sat., July 19 at Riverview Highlands Golf Club, Riverview, MI. Banquet at 7 pm at Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. *(Details on page 6.)*

26 **WESTLAND, MI - ANNUAL ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 PICNIC** on Sat., July 26 for members and family at Nankin Mills (Hines Park) from noon to 8 pm. Entrance is south of Ann Arbor Trail at Hines Dr., between Merriman & Wayne Rd., on west side of Hines Park. Food and drinks are complimentary. Contact: Denny and Tina Churchvara 313-561-7464

28 **CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT # 7 MEETING** on Mon., July 28 at 7:30 pm, PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski, Secy. 773-763-4069

AUGUST

9 **TOLEDO, OH - PRCUA NATIONAL CONVENTION GOLF OUTING** *(Details to the right above.)*

10-13 **TOLEDO, OH - 61ST NATIONAL PRCUA CONVENTION** from Sun. to Wed. at Grand Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, 444 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio

12 **JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., Aug. 12 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

13 **LANSING, MI - SOC. 2342 POTLUCK + MEETING** on Wed., Aug. 13, 6 pm potluck, 7 pm meeting at Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311

17 **ORLAND PARK, IL - DISTRICT 8 MEETING** on Sun., Aug. 17 at Noon, after 11 am Mass at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL.

23 **CANTON, MI - PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** hosted by Fr. Al's Society #1493 on Sat., Aug. 23. Holiday Inn Express, 3950 S. Lotz, Canton, MI, 734-721-5500, \$84.99 per room, includes hot buffet breakfast. Games at Canton Sports Center. *(Details to the right.)*

SEPTEMBER

6 **BROWNSTOWN, MI - ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 MIXED GOLF OUTING** on Sat., Sept. 6, 9 am Sultana's Golf Course, 22201 Pennsylvania Rd., Brownstown. Limited to the first 162. Golfers \$35; Non-Golfers \$25, includes golf, lunch, dinner + refreshments. Contact Dan Gdowski 734-497-2681

7 **ARLINGTON HTS., IL - DISTRICT #7 FISHING DERBY** on Sun., Sept. 7. 10-2 *(Details on page 6.)*

9 **JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., Sept. 9 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

10 **LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., Sept. 10, potluck 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311

ANNOUNCEMENT - CHOREOGRAPHER/DANCE INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

MUNSTER, IN - St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language School in Munster, Indiana is looking for a Polish Folk Dance choreographer/dance instructor. If interested, please contact:

Malgorzata Czachor - School Director

by e-mail at misia@mkc.pl or

Polska Szkoła im. Sw. Kalinowskiego (St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School) at:

swkalinowski@gmail.com

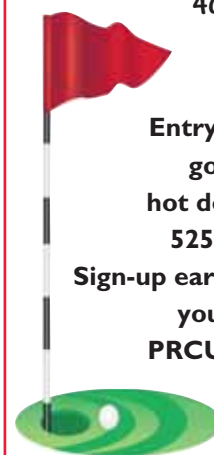
PRCUA 2014 National Convention Golf Outing

Saturday, August 9, 2014

11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Detwiler Park Golf Course

4001 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH 43611



- Open to all PRCUA Members -

Entry fee: \$45.00 per person, includes:

golf cart, prizes and afterwards,

hot dogs and beer at the PRCUA Club

5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH.

Sign-up early! Send a list of the golfers' names and your entry fees, made payable to:

PRCUA Preconvention Committee to

PRCUA

VikkiJean Mixon

5255 N. Detroit Avenue

Toledo, OH 43612

60th PRCUA Softball Tournament

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Canton Sports Center

46555 West Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI

Hosted by Fr. Al's Soc. #1493, Detroit, MI. Chair Joseph Ozog Jr. and his Committee plan a welcome hospitality gathering on Friday, 6-9 pm at the Holiday Inn in Canton.

Sat. lunch and banquet will be held at the Sports Complex, with the banquet beginning around 7 p.m.

Out-of-town guests will stay at: **Holiday Inn**

3950 S. Lotz, Canton, MI. Call: 734-721-5500

\$84.99 price per night plus tax, includes a buffet breakfast

Ask for the PRCUA room block.

Make reservations by July 22. No more than 4 to a room.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE PRCUA MEMBERS. Entry forms have been mailed and are also available on-line at www.prcua.org. Entry must be postmarked by August 1.

2014 Proclaimed by the Republic of Poland as "The Year of Jan Karski"

Sunday, July 13, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Polish Center of Wisconsin

6941 S. 68th St., Franklin, WI

The PAC - Wisconsin Division invites all to a special afternoon lecture, followed by a beautiful musical performance to commemorate and celebrate the many special Polish anniversaries of 2014.

Igor Lipinski, Concert Pianist, Northwestern University

Professor Neal Pease, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Refreshments Served - Donations Accepted

Funded by numerous Polish American fraternal and organizations, including the PRCUA.

Questions? Call the Polish Center of Wisconsin at 414-529-2140 or markpienkos2012@gmail.com or 262-325-8039

CORRECTION: The photo caption on pg. 10 in the June N.P. bottom. rt. should be: PWA Pres. Huneycutt and V.P. Sokolowski with Most Rev. Jozef Kowalczyk Archbishop of Gniezno and Primate of Poland. Our apologies.

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PRCUA Insurance Coverage at a Glance

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Whether you're looking for the affordability of term life insurance, the lifelong protection and cash value of permanent life insurance, or a combination of both, we have options to fit your needs and budget.

	<u>Term Life Insurance</u>	<u>Whole Life Insurance</u>
Advantages	Simple, affordable coverage for a period of time	Lifetime coverage with access to cash value
What It's Used For	Appropriate for short-term coverage needs	Life insurance for life-long needs
Guaranteed Death Benefit	Yes Provided premiums are paid as required	Yes Guaranteed for the life of the certificate provided premiums are paid as required
Cash Value	No	Yes Cash value growth is tax-deferred
Lifetime Level Premiums	No	Yes Guaranteed for the life of the certificate
Lifetime Coverage	No	Yes Guaranteed for the insured's lifetime, if premiums are paid as required
Flexible Premiums	No	No
Dividends	No	Yes Eligible to earn dividends; however dividends are not guaranteed
Available Plans	5 yr. Renewable Level Term 10 yr. Renewable Level Term 20 yr. Renewable Level Term 30 Renewable Level Term 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 Year Mortgage Decreasing Term	Traditional Whole Life Single Premium Whole Life 5 yr. Limited Payment Whole Life 10 yr. Limited Payment Whole Life 15 yr. Limited Payment Whole Life 20 yr. Limited Payment Whole Life Final Expense - Single Premium Whole Life Final Expense Plus - Single Premium Whole Life Final Expense - 5 yr. Limited Payment Whole Life Final Expense Plus - 5 yr. Limited Payment Whole Life

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PRCUA 61st Convention Life Insurance

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The PRCUA will hold its 61st National Quadrennial Convention in Toledo, Ohio from Sunday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Elected delegates from all Societies will represent our membership and express our members' wishes, as they relate to the direction that our fraternal organization should take as we go forward into the future. The election of national officers and directors will also take place.

In honor of this event, the PRCUA is offering a 61st Convention Life Insurance Special, 5 Year Limited Pay Whole Life Plan until December 31, 2014. Take advantage of this special and choose between four annual premium options: \$261, \$361, \$461, or \$561. This plan offers annual payment mode only.

Special Highlights:

- Ages 0-80
- Cash value growth
- Dividend participating
- Coverage can never be cancelled by PRCUA (as long as all premium payments are made)
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments are available
- Eligibility for membership benefits such as college scholarships, grants and loans
- Five annual premium payments for a lifetime of coverage
- Riders available – ask your PRCUA Sales Representative for details
- Cannot be combined with any other life insurance special

All applications are subject to Underwriting.

PRCUA CONVENTION YEAR QUIZ

This year is a Convention Year for the PRCUA. In celebration, *Narod Polski* is holding a Convention Quiz Contest in May, June and July of 2014. Each month, a 5-question quiz will be published. PRCUA members can enter the contest by either emailing answers to july-contest@prcu.org or by mailing the answers to the editor.

Each PRCUA member who correctly answers all 5 questions will have their entry placed in a raffle. Three top prizes of \$100 will be awarded to the lucky winners – one prize per quiz. The winners will be chosen at the 61st Convention and announced in the September *Narod Polski*. All PRCUA members - except national officers, board members or employees - are eligible to submit one entry in each monthly quiz. All entries must be received by Monday, August 4, 2014. Good luck.

Convention Year Quiz – Month of July

Subject: Polish American History

1. Which Polish General fought in the American Revolutionary War?
a) Jan Sobieski, b) Tomasz Kosciuszko, c) Casimir Pulaski, d) Jozef Radziwill
2. In what state was the first permanent Polish settlement in the USA located?
a) Illinois, b) New York, c) Pennsylvania, d) Texas
3. Which priest is recognized as the founder of the Polish Seminary in Detroit, MI?
a) Fr. Vincent Barzynski, b) Fr. Leopold Moczygemba, c) Fr. Teodor Gieryk, d) Fr. Joseph Dabrowski
4. In which two states do the largest number of Polish Americans reside today?
a) NY and IL, b) TX and IL, c) IL and MI, d) IL and AZ
5. What is the name of the national umbrella organization under which all Pol-Am groups are united in the USA?
a) United Poles of America, b) Polish American Association, c) Polish American Congress, d) Polish National Alliance

July Quiz Entry Form

Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Name _____

Street _____

City/St/Zip _____

PRCUA Society. # _____

Deadline: August 4, 2014.

Send to: **PRCUA Contest,
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60642**

Or e-mail: july-contest@prcu.org

WIN \$100.00 by Sharing Your Ideas Special Convention Essay Contest

For decades, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has openly acknowledged that we need to find meaningful ways to get the youth of the Polish American community involved in our fraternal organization. At each Convention, the Youth Committee presents a report to the delegates, offering its advice on how this can be accomplished. Many of their ideas have been adopted, such as the social media forums that PRCUA is involved in, for example.

However, the problem still remains: How can we get our youth - especially teens and young adults - involved in our organization in a successful way? What can the PRCUA offer them to attract their attention and to sustain their involvement?

With the 61st National Convention just a month away, PRCUA members are being asked to write an essay presenting new ideas and new ways by which the PRCUA can get our young people more involved in our organization.

The Youth Committee, headed by the PRCUA's youngest Director, Beth Sadus of District #9, will read and judge the essays, announcing one winner at the Convention. A prize of \$100.00 will be awarded.

The Committee members may use the ideas presented in those essays to develop their recommendations to the delegates on the floor of the Convention.

RULES: Contest is open to all PRCUA members, officers, board members and employees. Limit essay to 1,000 words. Include your name, address, and Society Number.

Send to: **PRCUA Essay Contest, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101** or email to: essay-contest@prcu.org

Place an Ad in the PRCUA Convention Program Book for Posterity

Anyone who is interested in placing an ad in the PRCUA 61st National Convention Banquet Program Book can contact Teresa Gibala at 734-848-4296 to receive an Ad Contract. Prices are \$15 for one-line Well-Wisher, \$30 for 2-line (larger text) Patron; \$100 for a quarter-page, \$150 for a half-page; \$200 for a full page, or \$300 for a gold page. All are black and white print. Photos are an extra \$15 each, available for quarter-page and up. Color text and/or designs are \$50 extra, available for half-page and up. The book will be preserved in The Polish Museum's Archives.

St. Stan's #718 Captures 2014 6th Annual Golf Ryder Cup

DETROIT, MI - Rouge Golf Club in Detroit, MI was the site where 84 golfers from PRCUA Society #162 in Wyandotte, MI, and St. Stan's Society #718 in Detroit, MI, gathered to vie for the Golf Ryder Cup. St. Stan's #718 prevailed with a 45 – 39 win.

History of Ryder Cup

2014, 2011, 2009 St. Stan's # 718
2013, 2012, 2010 Wyandotte #162

The format:

- 1st 6 holes 2-person scramble with your partner (1 pt)
- 2nd 6 holes is alternate shot with you partner (both people tee off, playing the best tee shot and alternating each shot from there) (1 pt)
- 3rd 6 holes is individuals (A vs. A golfer, B vs. B golfer.)

Dinner and refreshment were served afterwards at Randy's Bar and Grill in Dearborn Heights, MI.

Congratulations to Bob Hojnacki and his team for coordinating this event.

Submitted by PRCUA National V.P. Robert Bielenda

News From Society #239



Jacqueline Piasecki

NILES, IL - St. Hyacinth Society #239 congratulates it's member Jacqueline Piasecki who received her Master of Social Work degree, with a specialization in Health, from Loyola University, Chicago, on May 8,2014. She is the daughter of Andrew & Mary Ann Piasecki and sister of Joseph Piasecki. The Piaseckis are a 100% PRCUA family. She is pursuing her profession and we wish her the very best. Her proud grandparents are Lorraine, Financial Secretary of Society #239. and Richard Piasecki, also 100% members. Congratulations, Jacqueline!

President Obama Visits Poland

(Continued from page 1) violence by pro-Russian separatists in southern and eastern Ukraine.

"I have come to Warsaw today on behalf of the United States and the NATO Alliance, to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to Poland's security...An attack on one is an attack on all. Poland will never stand alone. Estonia will never stand alone. Latvia, Lithuania and Romania will never stand alone," he said to loud applause from an audience that included presidents, crowned heads and high-ranking officials from some 50 different countries.

Pres. Obama touted a proposed \$1 billion in security assistance for Ukraine, NATO allies and other Eastern European nations that feel threatened in light of Russia's actions. These nations will not "stand alone," Obama said, citing "unbreakable commitments backed by the strongest alliance in the world and by the armed forces of the United States of America -- the most powerful military in history."

While in Warsaw, Pres. Obama met with Ukraine President-elect Petro Poroshenko. Afterwards, Obama praised Poland's skyscrapers, super highways and budding high-tech industry, as well as its steadfast opposition to Russian adventurism in neighboring Ukraine.

Pledging to back the security of all European nations, Obama said, "We stand together because we believe that people and nations have the right to determine their own destiny -- and that includes the people of Ukraine." He offered \$5 million in new American aid -- including body armor, night vision goggles and other equipment -- as Ukraine's government battles with pro-Russian insurgents. Saying he does not accept Russia's seizure of Crimea, and accusing it of fomenting violence in Ukraine, Obama said that "bigger nations must not be allowed to bully the small, or impose their will at the barrel of a gun or with masked men taking over buildings. And the stroke of a pen can never legitimize the theft of a neighbor's land."

Pres. Obama also discussed the Ukraine situation at the start of a Group of Seven Economic Summit in Brussels, later in the week, from which Russia had been expelled for its illegal annexation of Crimea.

The White House also said it would review permanent troop deployments in Europe in the light of the Ukraine crisis -- though that fell short of a firm commitment to put troops on the ground that Poland and some of its neighbors had sought. Stationing troops permanently in Eastern Europe would be tricky: many NATO members in Western Europe would balk at the cost, and a big increase in U.S. forces could prompt reciprocal steps by Moscow and spiral into an arms race.

According to Our Warsaw Correspondent, Robert Strybel: *Poland used the Freedom Day Celebrations to remind the world that collapse of the Soviet "Evil Empire" began in Poland with the June 4, 1989 election. Over the past quarter-century, that message has been drowned out by world media assertions that it all started with the collapse of the Berlin Wall, which actually occurred more than 6 months later. The Wall was a dramatic symbol of the Iron Curtain, so its destruction stuck in the public's mind.*

Some observers called Obama's remarks the most pro-Polish speech ever delivered by a U.S. President. Others were quick to point out that his pledges may have been easier to make than fulfill. The \$1 billion to beef up the defenses of former Soviet-bloc countries is a drop in the bucket, for which Obama first has to ask Congress. The defense budget of Poland alone amounts to \$10 billion.

But there was general agreement that the Ukrainian crisis had forced the former "soft on Russia" Obama Administration to change its tune. Obama is remembered for trying to "reset" America's relations with Moscow by scrapping Bush-era plans for an anti-missile shield in Poland.

How the new pledges turn out in reality, remains to be seen, but Eastern Europe is hopeful.

- Kathryn Rosypal, Executive Editor

Candidates for National Offices

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DISTRICT 3: (2) Sharon M. Quinn, FIC, of Philadelphia, PA, is a member of St. Michael Society #2015. She is a graduate of Little Flower High School and is Past Office Manager of the PRCUA Philadelphia Office. She has been a member of PRCUA since the 1997 UPWA merger. She is running unopposed.

Joanne I. Zajac of Philadelphia, PA, is a member of Monsignor Jaworowski Society #2013. She is a bank statutory deposit analyst who studied at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a current National Director of District #3. She has been a PRCUA member since the 1997 UPWA merger. She is unopposed and therefore will be the incumbent Director of District #3.

DISTRICT 4: (1) Eileen T. Hanley of Sparks, MD is a member of St. Stanislaus Society #527. She is a human relations consultant and a 1977 graduate of Towson State University. She is a Past National Director of District #4 and is a 50+ year member of PRCUA. She is running unopposed.

DISTRICT 5: (2) Mitchell J. Bienia of Cleveland, OH is a member of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Society #2220. He is a retired teacher, travel agent and a current Director of District 5. He received his Ed. D. degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1989. He has been a PRCUA member since 1994.

Aggie M. Dahar of Toledo, OH is a member of Society #1617. She is a retired city worker and a part-time office manager and bookkeeper. She graduated from St. Autzenberger University in 1969 and Capital University in 1998. She has been a member of PRCUA since 1990.

Thomas D. Jesionowski of Maumet, OH is a member of PRCUA Society #719. He is a retired vice president of operations and a 1976 graduate of the University of Toledo. He has been a member of PRCUA since 1999.

DISTRICT 6: (1) Constance L. Bonin of Athens, WI is a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #283 and Queen Mary of Poland Society #413. She is retired from AT&T and graduated from Thornton Fractional High School North. From 1990-2002, she served as National Director of District #9, when she lived in Indiana. She is the current National Director of District #6. She is unopposed and therefore is the incumbent Director. She has been a PRCUA member since 1968.

DISTRICT 7: (2) Anna Kryszinski of Glenview, IL, is a member of Mala Polonia Society #1624. She is a real estate agent and Director of PRCUA's Polonia Ensemble. She graduated from the University of Warsaw, Poland, in 1977. She is a current National Director of District #7 and has been a PRCUA member since 1984.

Kevin M. Kucik of Chicago, IL is a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1598. He is area manager for AT&T and graduated from Bradley University with a BA in 1976 and from DePaul University with an MBA with Distinction in 1986. He has been a PRCUA member since 1994.

William F. Marutzky of Chicago, IL is a member of St. Fidelis Society #878. He is an attorney, CPA and professor. He graduated with a BA (1968) and a MA (1972) from Northern Illinois University; with a CPA from the University of Illinois; from IIT Kent College of Law in 1977, and DePaul University College of Law in 1980. He has been a member since 1981.

DISTRICT 8: (2) Krystyna J. Lech of Palos Park, IL, is a member of St. Joseph Society #1634. She is a Patient Care Technician, a Certified Licensed Practical Nurse and a current Director of District 8. She studied at the University of Illinois - Chicago and has been a PRCUA member since 1998. She is unopposed and will become an incumbent Director of District #8.

James A. Rustik of Woodridge, IL, a member of Sacred Heart of Mary Society #880. He is an attorney who graduated from DePaul University (1988) and John Marshall Law School (1992) with a JD degree. He is a current Director of District 8 and has been a PRCUA member since 1991. He, too, is unopposed and therefore will become an incumbent Director of District #8.

DISTRICT 9: (1) Elizabeth Sadus of Chicago Heights, IL, is a member of St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579 and St. Barbara Society #364. She is a self-employed instructional designer who graduated from Prairie State University, then Purdue University (2001) and received a MA from Purdue University in 2010. She is the current National Director of District #9; who is unopposed; she will be the incumbent Director of District #9. She has been a member of PRCUA since 2004.

DISTRICT 10: (2) Colleen K. Bonkowski of Warren, MI, is a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1618. She works as a restaurant hostess and prep. specialist and is Director of PRCUA's Zajaczek Dancers and Zakopane Ensemble. She graduated from Macomb Community College in 1983. She has been a PRCUA members since 1995. She is unopposed.

Thomas Z. Lisiecki of Warren, MI. He is a member of St. Joseph Society #261. He is a senior computer programmer, a graduate of Macomb Community College and he studied at Wayne State University. He is the current National Director of District #10. He is unopposed and therefore will be the incumbent Director of District #10. He has been a member since 1968.

The officially-credentialed delegates to the 61st National Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA will vote for our fraternal's national officers, and the results will be reported on-line on the PRCUA website www.prcua.org, as well as in the September issue of *Narod Polski*.

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CALLING ALL GOLFERS... 62ND ANNUAL PRCUA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

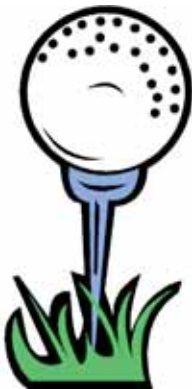
RIVERVIEW, MI - The 62nd National PRCUA Golf Tournament will be held at Riverview Highlands Golf Course in Riverview, MI, on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #162 is hosting this tournament.

This year's tournament will have an entirely new look. The entire outing will be a **FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLES TOURNAMENT**; the divisions are Ladies, Mens, Mixed and Seniors (62 and over). The golf fee is \$50 per golfer.

The **Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road in Southgate, Michigan, 734-283-4400**, will be the headquarters for the tournament.

Stan Pasko, along with his Committee, is excited to host this event. For those arriving early, Society #162 will host a hospitality time at their lounge on Thursday and Friday nights, at 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI.

On Saturday, Riverview Highlands Golf course will be the site of the tournament and lunch. The Banquet will be



held at the Soc. #162 Lounge, with a complete dinner and music by the New Brass Express; dinner is free for all golfers, and a charge of \$10 for non-golfers. Cash bar available.

We hope to see you at the tournament! The Golf Tournament Entry Form is available for downloading from the PRCUA website at **www.prcua.org** or you can call the Fraternal Department toll-free at **1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601**.

- PRCUA Executive Committee

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**Arlington Hts. Rd. to
Biesterfield, West on
Biesterfield to Bisner,
turn North.**

Open to ages 1 to 15 yrs. - PRCUA members and non-member friends and youths of all PRCUA Districts

Fish stocked: largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, walleye, sunfish, crappie and channel catfish. Bait provided. Seniors over 65 yrs DO NOT need a license to help youths bait a hook but ages 16-64 need a valid IL hook & line fishing license.

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Questions? Call Walter Szarowicz 847-577-7274

From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer



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Partially-free elections got the ball rolling
**25 Years Ago Poles
Voted for Freedom**

by Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW – The 25th anniversary of Poland’s regained independence is being celebrated with heavy TV coverage, including documentary footage and interviews with prominent figures who helped topple the communist regime. “Oaks of Freedom” have been planted in 25 Polish localities, and the festivities will include exhibitions, concerts and patriotic programs.

Since so much has occurred worldwide over the past 25 years, many people have forgotten that it was the partially-free elections of June 4, 1989, which led Poland to freedom and democracy after 45 years of Soviet-imposed communist rule. That raises the logical question: **How could an election that was largely undemocratic lead to full democracy?** The answer reflects the convoluted meanderings of Polish politics that included the peaceful Solidarity revolution, the communist regime’s martial-law crackdown and several intermittent stages leading to the June 4th parliamentary contest.

General Wojciech Jaruzelski’s December 1981 martial-law clampdown had effectively quashed labor unrest, but the economy kept deteriorating until a new wave of strikes swept the country in the late 1980s. The communists decided to sit down to a roundtable in spring 1989 and negotiate, rather than violently suppress the protests. The more liberal Soviet leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev was open to such dialogue. At the roundtable, the Solidarity opposition surprisingly agreed that the election to the Sejm would be only 35% democratic, with 65% of the seats reserved for the ruling communists and their allies. As leading dissident Jacek Kuroń put it, “they (the regime) have the army and police, control the state apparatus and the airwaves, so that counts for about 65%.”

There were, of course, Solidarity radicals who said that anything less than 100% free elections were a sell-out and betrayal. But the tactical compromise of Solidarity’s moderates carried the day. This made Poland the first Soviet-bloc country in which the opposition got a real say in the governing process. Solidarity scored a landslide by winning all of the freely contested seats and 99 seats in the newly restored, democratically-elected 100-member Senate.

Under a “your president/our prime minister” proposal floated by dissident Adam Michnik, Jaruzelski became President of Poland by a single vote and Catholic journalist Tadeusz Mazowiecki, as Prime Minister, headed up Poland’s first post-communist government. But Mazowiecki agreed to include two communist generals in his cabinet, as an interim arrangement to ease the transition. That evoked outrage in many Solidarity quarters, but the moderates knew that the Polish ship of state was sailing in uncharted waters at a time when 70,000 Soviet troops were still based on Polish soil. Even two years later, Moscow witnessed a failed attempt to restore the Soviet order. In 1989, no one knew how things would play out.

It was only after the Eastern Bloc’s first non-communist government was in place that the Berlin Wall came tumbling down, and one Soviet-style regime after another collapsed. The following year, in fully-democratic elections, Lech Wałęsa was chosen as Poland’s first popularly elected President. But the country did not follow a smooth and straight road to freedom and prosperity – rather it was more like a bumpy, winding path strewn with pitfalls and obstacles.

The hardships caused by Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz’s shock-therapy reforms, coupled with constant bickering in Parliament, where 29 different political parties were represented, caused a political backlash in which Poles returned former communists - called “social democrats” - to power. And ex-communist Aleksander Kwaśniewski narrowly defeated Wałęsa in 1995, quashing his bid for re-election.

Although governments have come and gone, one cannot deny that overall the country has progressed over the past quarter-century. Cities have been modernized, highways have been built, home and car ownership has expanded, and Poles are better educated than ever before.

Apart from the June ’89 election, other milestones this year include the 15th anniversary of Poland’s admission to NATO, and the 10th anniversary of European Union membership. Although, like most everything else, those moves have had their downsides, all-in-all they have firmly anchored Poland on the side of the Free World. That development became all the more valuable in view of the recent Ukrainian turmoil east of Poland’s border. Unemployment still remains high at around 14%, while the country simultaneously suffers a shortage of specialists and skilled workers, who emigrated to Western Europe. Nevertheless, not many Poles would want to go return to communist times.



Timeline of Polish Freedom

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW – June 4th, the anniversary of the partially-free 1989 election is being celebrated as the silver anniversary of Poland’s regained independence. In actuality, that event was but one of the stages leading to freedom. It could not have occurred, were it not for Solidarity’s peaceful revolution, the regime’s 1981 martial-law crackdown and the resurgence of labor unrest in the late 1980s which finally brought the communists to the bargaining table.

But why did Solidarity emerge in the first place? What was it rebelling against and why? Answers to those questions go back many decades, to World War II and its aftermath, in which Poland was turned into a Soviet-controlled captive nation.

1939: On September 1st, Nazi Germany attacked Poland, starting War World II, the bloodiest conflict in the annals of mankind. On September 17, Soviet Russia invaded Eastern Poland, and Hitler and Stalin divide up the country in half.

1944: The victory of Poles in the Allied Army over the Germans at Monte Cassino, Italy, uplifted Polish spirits. On August 1st, freedom-fighters launched the Warsaw Uprising against the Nazis. The 2-month uprising was crushed when the Red Army, which in July had set up a Soviet puppet regime in Lublin, refuses to help.

1945: In the Yalta Agreement, FDR and Winston Churchill consigned Poland to the post-war “Soviet sphere of influence” that inaugurated 45 years of Poland’s Soviet subjugation.

1945-55: Hard-line Stalinist rule attempted to crush the Polish nation by killing and jailing Polish patriots, nationalizing private property, collectivizing agriculture, destroying the Church and breaking the Polish people’s will.

1956: “Bread and Freedom” riots in Poznan ushered in “The Thaw.” Stalinist abuses were exposed. Cardinal Wyszyński was released from custody, forced collectivization stopped, and an attempt was made to create “socialism with a face.”

1968: Polish nationalist communists won a power struggle against Jewish Stalinists, and most of Poland’s Jews were forced to emigrate in the resultant anti-Semitic purge.

1970: Bloody worker riots on the Baltic coast toppled the regime of Wladyslaw Gomułka and ushered in a decade of rule by the more pro-Western Edward Gierek, who got the country into debt by obtaining excessive Western credits.

1976: Price-hike protests erupted in Ursus and Radom; leftist dissidents set up the Worker Defense Committee (KOR) to assist sacked and jailed workers and their families.

1980-81: A strike at the Gdansk Shipyard spread across Poland and led to the emergence of Solidarność, the Soviet bloc’s 1st independent trade union - a 10-million-strong movement of Poles from all walks of life. Solidarność sought to democratize Poland but was temporarily stopped by martial law in December of 1981.

1982-1988: Troops and tanks patrolled Polish cities, 10,000 activists were jailed and industry was militarized, as Gen. W. Jaruzelski tried to restore communist rule. Underground opposition, led by Solidarność, continued to defy the regime. New strikes erupted in 1988, forcing authorities to negotiate with Solidarność.

1989: Roundtable negotiations between the communist regime and Solidarność led to an agreement to hold partially-democratic elections. Despite restrictions, Solidarność scored a surprising victory at the polls in June, leading to the emergence of Poland’s 1st non-communist post-war government several months later. Poland’s example led to the domino-like collapse of one communist regime after another across Eastern Europe.

Over the next decade, joining the European Union and NATO became Poland’s top foreign-policy priorities.

1990: Lech Wałęsa, leader of the Solidarity Trade Union, became Poland’s first popularly-elected President.

1993: Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia signed an association treaty with the EU, which was expected to lead to full membership by 2000. The same year Soviet troops pulled out of Poland. Former communists, calling themselves social democrats, won the parliamentary election.

1995: President Lech Wałęsa lost his presidential re-election bid to former communist Aleksander Kwaśniewski. The surprise upset sent shockwaves across Poland and Polonia.

1997: The Solidarity-led government of Jerzy Buzek carried out 4 major reforms, including replacing Poland’s 49 tiny voivodships (provinces) with 16 big ones.

1999: Despite Moscow’s opposition, Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); Polish troops set up joint forces with Ukrainians and Lithuanians, who were still not members of NATO.

2003: Poles approved their country’s membership in the European Union in a June referendum.

2004: Poland and 9 other countries joined the EU on May 1st, but only 3 EU countries opened their job markets to Poles. Now, Poles can travel across EU borders with only their ID cards.

Thus, Poland’s initial foreign policy goals were achieved.

Wojciech Jaruzelski Dead at 90

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW – Poland’s former communist dictator General Wojciech Jaruzelski died on May 25, 2014 in a Warsaw military hospital of circulatory and respiratory failure. The people of Poland remember him as the man who had plunged his country into martial law in December 1981. He went to his grave claiming he had chosen “the lesser of two evils.” By using Polish troops to crush Lech Wałęsa’s 10-million-strong Solidarność, he said he had averted an alleged Soviet invasion. Except that the Kremlin later admitted they had no plans to invade in 1981. In 1968, he sent Polish troops to help the Soviets crush a peaceful democratic movement in Czechoslovakia and purged the Polish armed forces of Jewish officers. In 1970, Jaruzelski’s troops opened fire on and killed dozens of protesting workers on the Baltic coast. Since 1990, when Lech Walesa replaced him as President, Jaruzelski spent his life finding ways to avoid being convicted of his political crimes and nursing his deteriorating health.

He was born to Catholic gentry in eastern Poland’s Kurów area. During WWII, his family was arrested and deported into Siberia as slave laborers. The snow-blindness he contracted in Siberia permanently damaged his eyesight, causing him to wear his trademark dark glasses. He claimed he did not get free in time to join the Polish army of General Anders, so he signed up for a Soviet-created Polish force instead.

After the war, he gave 50 years of faithful service to his Kremlin masters. He betrayed his gentry class, abandoned his Catholic faith, and betrayed his country of Poland by supporting Russia. He even betrayed his own mother by refusing to attend her Catholic funeral for fear that it may harm his career.

But his years of self-promoting public relations efforts seem to have worked, because a large number of Poles now believe martial law was justified. Many others scorn the Soviet-trained general as a Soviet puppet and traitor. Poland’s post-communists regard him as a hero, and left-leaning liberals consider him to be a statesman and co-architect of today’s free Poland. One thing seems certain – the debate about his virtues, vices and motives will go on endlessly - but he will be judged by the Lord our God.

Chicago Heights: A Proud Polish-American Sister City



(L-r) Past PRCUA Insurance Supervisor Barbara Pawlowski, PRCUA National Director of District #9 Elizabeth Sadus, Chicago Heights-Wadowice Sister Cities Chair Eugene Sadus, Lorraine Kozlowski and Chicago Heights Mayor David Gonzalez

Chicago Height, IL- From a parish priest to bishop, cardinal and pope, the native son from Wadowice, Poland, Karol Wojtyla, reached the summit of the Roman Catholic Church on April 27, 2014 when he became Saint John Paul II.

A capacity crowd of local citizens of all faiths gathered at a special city council meeting in Chicago Heights on May 5, 2014, to recognize the canonization of John Paul II, born in Wadowice, a sister city to Chicago Heights since 2001.

Attending the council meeting were leaders of various Polish clubs and organizations. Representatives included: Polish Roman Catholic Union of America District 9, Polish American Club of Chicago Heights and Auxiliary, Polish Falcons of America Nest 42, Polish National Alliance Lodge 590 and The Polish American Community Fair. The Chicago Heights-Wadowice Sister Cities Committee organized the event.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor David Gonzalez read and presented a proclamation to the Chicago Heights-Wadowice Sister Cities Committee congratulating the City of Wadowice and honoring Saint John Paul II.

Eugene Sadus, Committee Chairman, addressed the council and audience with regard to Chicago Heights' relationship with Wadowice, and how they are proud knowing it is the birthplace of John Paul II. He also said that the purpose of a sister city relationship is to promote goodwill and understanding among cultures, and to create world citizenship among nations.

Wadowice became a Sister City to Chicago Heights on April 22, 2001, and is one of five Polish Sister Cities in Illinois. On February 17, 2003, a part of Chicago Road (IL Route 1) in front of City Hall was named Honorary Wadowice Way.

Sadus introduced Former Mayor Angelo "Sam" Ciambone, Mayor at the time Chicago Heights-Wadowice sister cities program was established. Ciambone spoke of his visit to the City of Wadowice in April 2001 to sign a reciprocal agreement. The trip included a visit to Pope John Paul II's home (birthplace) museum and the church where he was baptized. Ciambone said "It was an awesome experience, one that I will never forget."

During the week following John Paul II's canonization, the Polish flag waved proudly alongside the American flag in front of City Hall in recognition of the city which gave birth to the most influential and beloved leader of the 20th century, now and forever: Saint John Paul II.

Submitted by Elizabeth Sadus, National Director of District #9

The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools Participates in D-Day 70th Anniversary

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Allied Forces wreath-laying ceremony with dignitaries, military leaders and reenactors at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum Courtyard

ABILENE, KS - A delegation from The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake, MI, attended a Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day in Abilene, Kansas, held at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum on June 6 and 7. The group included Polish Mission Chairman Dr. Stan Majewski, Teresa Wontor-Cichy from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland Konrad Zielinski, Polish Mission Director Marcin Chumiecki and St. Mary's Prep. Headmaster Cormac Lynn.

Representing the efforts of the Republic of Poland in WWII, the group traveled together and led a comprehensive educational effort with participation in the *Forbidden Art* exhibit, and sharing artifacts from The Polish Mission that are now on display as part of the *Be Ye Men of Valor* Exhibit.

The formal program began on Friday with the *Star Spangled Banner* sung by the Kansas State University Summer Choral Institute. Then the Chorus gave an exceptional performance of "*Mazurek Dąbrowskiego*." The event continued with a Remembrance Ceremony, Presentation of the Colors, Allied Forces Wreath Laying, Order of the Day Reenactment and a rifle salute. Military re-enactors narrated weapons demonstrations throughout the weekend.

The Film "*The Ritchie Boys*" was shown. As teenagers, these men from escaped the Nazis and came to the USA. Here, they trained in intelligence work and psychological warfare, and returned to Europe as US soldiers. They were Jewish and called themselves *The Ritchie Boys*, since they trained at Camp Ritchie, MD. The film ended with the defeat of Germany in May of 1945. *The Ritchie Boys* interrogated German prisoners, defectors and civilians, collected information of tactical and strategic importance: about troop size and movements, and the inner workings of the Nazi-regime. Dr. Guy Stern, from the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington, MI - who was an original Ritchie Boy - gave a very moving talk about "Life as a Ritchie Boy" and shared his heroic encounters and memories. He is the recipient of a Bronze Star. His family sadly perished in the Warsaw Ghetto. Today he is Distinguished Professor for German at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Steve Goldman, from the Holocaust Memorial Center, accompanied him to Kansas.

In the evening, a Gala Reception was held in the courtyard, followed by the Opening of three exhibits: 1) *Be Ye Men of Valour: Allies of World War II* - the forgotten stories of smaller Allied countries, such as Poland, during WWII; 2) *Forbidden Art* - on loan from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum of Poland and the Polish Mission - which featured photographs of art created by prisoners of the Auschwitz concentration camp. (It was illegal for the prisoners to create art, yet many did so at great risk.) And finally 3) *World War II Remembered: Leaders, Battles & Heroes*. Each day, Exhibit Talks were presented on each of these subjects. There were also exhibit supplements which featured: Operations Overlord (D-Day/France), Bagration (Eastern Europe), Ichi-Go (China), and Forager (Mariana Islands).

Polish Mission Director Marcin Chumiecki was awarded the prestigious *Army Engineers Pin*, awarded yearly by the U.S. Army Spouse of the Year - this year Misti Stevens - to an individual or organization credited with constructing partnerships that shape a better future. Congratulations to the Polish Mission!

On Saturday, a special CBS program *D-Day Plus 20 Years: Eisenhower Returns to Normandy* was shown. Reported by Walter Cronkite, it opened with Cronkite and Eisenhower at Southwick House, Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force. Eisenhower recalled the strategy of the attack and discussed the choice of Normandy as the site. Eisenhower also discussed his journey on D-Day, and Winston Churchill. At Normandy, he reconstructed the attack on Pointe Du Hoc and Omaha Beach, and discussed the landings.

This was followed by a talk on *Eisenhower's Not-So-Famous Last Words when Launching D-Day* by Timothy Rives, Eisenhower Library Deputy Director. A panel discussion on *Life on the Home Front and Life on the Battlefield* took place, followed by a presentation by Nigel Hamilton, author of a 3-vol. biography of Field Marshal Montgomery on *D-Day: 70 Years Ago*.

There was a Flyover by C-47s (over 1,000 C-47s dropped paratroopers behind enemy lines in Operation Overlord - the plane was on view at the Abilene Airport that day); and the event concluded with a Concert by 1st Infantry Division Band.

The Eisenhower Library is the most prestigious of the 13 US Presidential Libraries and is worth a visit. The Polish Mission delegation has solidified numerous educational opportunities to fulfill the vision of its most generous Orchard Lake benefactor, Dr. Wikiera, and it can claim responsibility for unprecedented recognition of Poland in WWII by the U.S. government.

The Polish Mission is especially grateful to Polish Mission Chair Dr. Stanley Z. Majewski; Consul General of the Rep. of Poland in Chicago Paulina Kapuscinska; Dir. of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Dr. Piotr Cywinski; Pres. of the Eisenhower Foundation Stephen McLean; Dir. of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home Karl Weissenbach; Curator of the Eisenhower Presidential Museum William Snyder; and Army Spouse of the Year Misti Stevens.

WORLD WAR II: D-DAY, THE INVASION OF NORMANDY - The D-Day operation of June 6, 1944 brought together the land, air and sea forces of the allied armies in the largest invasion force in human history. The operation delivered 5 naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy, France. The invasion force included 7,000 ships and landing craft manned by over 195,000 naval personnel from 8 allied countries: 133,000 troops from England, Canada and the US landed on D-Day. Casualties from these 3 countries during the landing numbered 10,300. By June 30th, over 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles, and 570,000 tons of supplies had landed. Fighting by the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen of the allied forces western front, and Russian forces on the eastern front, led to the defeat of German Nazi forces. On May 7, 1945, German Gen. Alfred Jodl signed an unconditional surrender at Reims, France. - *By The Polish Mission*





(L-r) Past D10 Dir. Barbara Toboy, President Joseph Drobot, Jr., Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski before Mass



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(Right)
Rev. Greg Helmski, District #7 Chaplain, offering Grace
(Below, l-r)
Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, PRCUA National Chaplain, with Past Secy.-Tres. Joyce Szarowicz and Pres. of District #9 Paul Pawlowski



(Right)
Violinist Alexandra Kwasny entertained guests at the Sacred Heart Luncheon with her beautiful music

Annual Sacred Heart Mass Hosted by District #7

CHICAGO, IL - On a sunny Sunday afternoon on June 8th, the PRCUA honored its Patron at the Annual Sacred Heart Mass held at St. Ferdinand Church in Chicago. The Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, Chaplain; Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, Vice Chaplain; Rev. Msgr. Stanley Milewski, Vice Chaplain, Rev. Greg Helmski, CR, District #7 Chaplain; and Pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish, Rev. Zdzislaw Torba.

The Readers were Magdalena Rozko and Matthew Bomba of Polonia Ensemble. Children of the Polonia Ensemble, accompanied by Music Dir. Mieczyslaw Dzis, sang Czarna Madonna and Barka during Communion.

PRCUA dignitaries in attendance were Pres. & Mrs. Joseph Drobot, Jr.; V.P. Anna & Mark Sokolowski; V.P. Robert & Eleanor Bielenda; Secy.-Tres. James & Elaine Robaczewski and sons; as well as National Directors: D1 - Marsha Mikuszewski; D3 Joanne Zajac; D5 - Joan Sylak, Mitchell Bienia & wife Krystyna; D6 - Constance Bonin; D7 - Anna & Janusz Krysinski and Robert & Dona Bugielski; D8 - Krystyna & Ted Lech and James & Barbara Rustic; D9 - Elizabeth Sadus, D10 - Tom Lisiecki and Christopher Ozog; Past Presidents: Francis Rutkowski and wife, Pat; Edward Dykla; Wallace Ozog and wife Joann; Past Secy.-Tres. Joyce and Walter Szarowicz; Past Directors: Sharon Haberski, Lillian Stempinski, Steve Delonka with his wife Irene, Shirley Dudzinski, and Barbara Toboy. Parents and children of the Polonia Song and Dance Ensemble were also present, with Artistic Dir. Cecilia Rosnowska, Music Dir. Mieczyslaw Dzis, and School Dir. Anna Krysinski. Members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group were in attendance, as well as 2014 Cinderella and Prince Charming, and Wesoly Lud Director Misia and Choreographer Richard Jaminski, as well as members from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

After Mass, a Luncheon was held at Grota Banquets. Chaplain of District #7, Rev. Greg Helmski, offered Grace before the meal. As a special surprise, Alexandra Kwasny performed a wonderful violin solo.

Everyone who shared the day with District 7, received a beautiful Sacred Heart pin to remember this special occasion.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, District #7 Directors Robert Bugielski and Anna Krysinski expressed their thanks to all who shared in this wonderful afternoon. Special thanks go to Past Director Lillian Stempinski for coordinating the event and submitting this article.

(Photos courtesy of Anna and Mark Sokolowski)



POLONIA dancers with VP Bob Bielenda, Dir. Joanne Zajac, Joann Ozog and Past Dir. Sharon Haberski



(L-r) PRCUA V. Chaplains Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc & Msgr. Stanley Milewski, Chaplain Rev. Walter Ptak, Rev. Zdzislaw Torba, Pastor, and Rev. Greg Helmski, CR, District #7 Chaplain



(L-r) David Marutzky, Past PRCUA Pres. Francis Rutkowski and PRCUA President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla



(L-r) Eleanor Bielenda, Linda Nyler and Pat Rutkowski of Ohio



PRCUA POLONIA Music Dir. Accordionist Mieczyslaw Dzis and POLONIA Song and Dance Ensemble singing "Barka" during Mass



Magdalena Rozko of POLONIA Ensemble, a Reader at the Mass



Reader Matthew Bomba



Polish Museum Summer Ball Honoring "Polish Spirit Award" Recipient Joann Ozog

CHICAGO, IL - The Polish Museum of America's major fund-raiser, its prestigious 34th Annual Summer Ball, took place on June 6th. The event began in the lush gardens of Galleria Marchetti for cocktails, appetizers and camaraderie, followed by dinner in their new dining tent, complete with crystal chandeliers and an elegant ambiance.



(L-r) Anna Sokolowski, Maria Ciesla, and Ball Chairperson Virginia Cudecki greeting guests Jamie Kusmierczak, Melissa and Chris Kult

Guests were greeted in the courtyard by Ball Chair Virginia Cudecki, President Maria Ciesla, 2014 Polish Spirit Award recipient Joann S. Ozog, PMA Chair Joseph Drobot and his wife, Judith, and PMA Vice Chair Anna Sokolowski. The strolling violins of Anthony Kawalkowski added to the beauty of the outdoors.



Aleksandra Kurzydowski

At 8 pm, 182 guests were ushered into the tent where the garden theme continued with lovely colorful floral arrangements by Barbara Pelt of Barbara's Floral and Gifts. The huge tent was elegantly decorated with draped white chiffon. Each guest received a program book and six note cards of PMA Art Collection reproductions, donated by two kind benefactors.

PMA Chair Joseph Drobot, Jr. warmly welcomed guests, and introduced Virginia Cudecki, who graciously greeted everyone. Aleksandra Kurzydowski, a student at Columbia University, led the singing of the Polish and American anthems. Pres. Maria Ciesla introduced Rev. Greg Sakowicz, Pastor, St. Mary's Parish in Evanston, IL, who gave the Invocation. Pres. Ciesla offered a toast, acknowledging the co-founder of the Ball, Walter L. Sojka, who has rarely, if ever, missed this event since its 1979 inception.

After dinner, the dedicated PMA staff was introduced. Their dinners were underwritten by several PMA Directors. Three new higher-level appeal categories were initiated this year and several consistent benefactors responded. The *Red Poppy* benefactor was Deborah Greenlee; *White Poppy* benefactors were Stephen & Jamie Kusmierczak; and *Pink Poppy* benefactors were Virginia Cudecki, Legion of Young Polish Women, and Betty Uzarowicz. Pres. Ciesla also announced the *Bialy Kruk* benefactors: Maria & Richard Ciesla & Family; Judith & Joseph Drobot, Jr.; John Schoen III and Antoinette Trela; Polish Genealogical Society of America; Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; Polish Women's Alliance of America; Anna & Mark Sokolowski; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Versen, Sr.; Edmund Gronkiewicz,



Rev. Greg Sakowicz



Walter Sojka



Representatives of Pol-Am organizations (l-r) Jan Odrobina, PWA VP Sharon Zago, PRCUA VP Anna Sokolowski, PWA President Delphine Huneycutt and PNA VP Paul Odrobina



PRCUA (l-r) Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski, Secy.-Tres. James Robaczewski with First Lady Judy Drobot, V.P. Robert Bielenda and Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr.

and the Curator category: Lt. Gen. Leo J Dulacki, USMC (ret.); Thaddeus J. Makarewicz.



Stephen & Jamie Kusmierczak



Mr. & Mrs. Donald Versen



Thaddeus Makarewicz

Mary Anselmo, President of the Legion of Young Polish Women, and Delphine Huneycutt, President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America presented their donations in person at the podium. The PMA is grateful to the above benefactors and to all benefactors for making this a very successful fundraiser.

Chairman Drobot then introduced the 2014 Polish Spirit Award recipient, Joann Ozog, PRCUA's First Lady from 1998-2010 and PMA's Volunteer & Events Coordinator and Fundraiser. Thanks to her fund raising appeals, \$1 million was raised for the PMA to preserve Polish customs, traditions, culture and history.

In her acceptance speech, Joann Ozog graciously thanked the many volunteers who assisted her and the numerous donors who supported her projects. "The PMA is the 'Treasure of Polonia' that is filled with the history and traditions of our Polish heritage," she said, "It is our responsibility to care for it." She emphasized, "When it comes to giving, **DO IT WITH YOUR EYES OPEN!** You will see how your money is spent and it will give you a good feeling."

In honor of the prestigious award bestowed upon Joann, she initiated a nationwide appeal for donations towards the restoration of a very valuable collection of rare old books in the PMA Library. Through Joann's efforts, \$12,650 was raised for this worthwhile project. PMA Head Librarian Malgorzata Kot came forward to accept the donation from Mrs. Ozog.

Appreciation is extended to the following Rare Book contributors for their generosity: **CALIFORNIA** - Martha Blaszkiewicz; **ILLINOIS** - Claudine Wicker, Anna Wolan, Alice Robaczewski, Joseph & Mary Ellen Lempa, Mitch & Fran Wiet, Richard F. Draus, Ruth Adams, PRCUA #642, Daniela Saczynski, Cynthia Piech, Robert Piech, PWA Group 61, Walter Dynowski,



(L-r) PMA Secy. Geraldine Balut Coleman, PMA Pres. Maria Ciesla, PRCUA Pres. Emeritus Wallace Ozog, Honoree Joann Ozog holding the Polish Spirit Award and PMA Chairman of the Board Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

PRCUA #1622, Frances Surowiec, Susan M. Oskvarek, Betty Iwanski, Helen Wojcik, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zurawski, Jerome & Christine Przybyla Long, PRCUA #186, PRCUA #1543, Rosalie Lindberg, Joseph H. Steimla, Bernadette Kowalik, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Blicharski, Boguslaw Yon, Pawlowski Polish Home, Barbara, Ted & Paul Pawlowski, PRCUA District 9, PRCUA #509, PRCUA #1579, PRCUA #499, Logisz, Kozak & Martin Families, PWAA Group #661, Lidia Kowalewicz, Edward & Angela Muszalski, Jan & Anna Bialek, Richard & Gerri Ostry, Jr., Richard F. Ostry; **MASSACHUSETTS** - Marsha M. Mikuszewski; **MICHIGAN** - Frank & Marge Zacharias, Dave & Celeste Grabowski, Lorraine A. White, PRCUA #1593, Ralph & Irene Raczynski, Dr. Frank Stankiewicz, D.D.S., Rev. Msgr. Stanley Milewski, Dorothy Ford, Walter Bala, The

London & Mary Morawski Charitable Foundation, PRCUA #718, Dr. F. Robert Suchyta, D.O., Tom & Rose Ann Lackey, John & Sheila D’Onofrio, Helen Kubik, Stanley A. Solak, Ted & Lori Nickels, Ron & Kay Ann Ozog, Ted & Sally Klamerus, Dr. & Mrs. Henry Szkolnicki, PRCUA #162, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Ciarkowski, Stella Rozyski, Mary Ellen Tyszka, Virginia Kushel, Camille Ozog, PRCUA #1493, Dan & Donna Roden-English, Delphine Midura, Bernice Adamkiewicz, Michael & Joanne Ygeal, Ray Okonski & Suzanne Sloat, Adam Cardinal Maida, Edmund Cardinal Szoka, PRCUA #1368, Julius Szymczyk, PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace & Joann Ozog, Michael, Mark, Christopher, Ryan & Grace Ozog, Dolores Propst, Jon & Marcella Groulx, Gregory & Delphine Rosinski, Michigan PRCUA/APA Circuit XI, Sr. Ann Ozog, Bob & Eleanor Bielenda, Stan Pasko; **NEW JERSEY** - Dolores & Stanley Krysztofik; **NEW YORK** - Mr. & Mrs. Theodore J. Pyrak; **PENNSYLVANIA** - John & Kasia Rosypal-Romani, Wallace J. Zielinski, PRCUA Society #864, and PRCUA Society #855.



Some of the Rare Book Project donors who were in attendance at the Ball with honoree Joann Ozog - the sign on the easel lists the names of all the donors by State



Award recipient Mrs. Ozog with PMA and PRCUA staff, who also donated to the Rare Book Project (front, l-r) Julita Siegel, Granddaughter Grace Ozog, Joann Ozog, PRCUA retiree Alice Robaczewski, Mary Jane Robles, (back, l-r) Malgorzata Kot, Halina Misterka, Krystyna Grell, Iwona Bozek, Katarzyna Balutowski and Lisa Terlecki



Polonia Ensemble

applicants. This scholarship was made possible at the suggestion of the Hon. Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer and Thorek Memorial Foundation Board President. Distressed to learn that the Jewel-Osco Foundation sponsorship of PMA scholarships had ended, she suggested that the PMA submit a grant application to the Thorek Memorial Foundation Board, which was approved. Julia is a most deserving recipient of this generous scholarship, as she had a high GPA all 4 years at Northwestern. The PMA sincerely thanks President Pappas for her impetus and guidance in this matter.



Geraldine Balut Coleman and Julia Simkowski



Wallace and Joann Ozog with Ensemble Dir. Anna Kryszinski and PMA Managing Director Jan Lorys and Polonia Ensemble dancers in elegant Bialy Mazur costumes

As guests enjoyed the dance music, winners in two separate raffles were chosen. 1st and 2nd Cash Prize winners Jannette Strzalka and Agata Jaworowski generously donated their winnings to PMA projects. Then guests returned to dancing. Later, PMA Board Vice President Richard Owsiany, joined the Kawalkowski Orchestra’s guitarist in some rocking guitar solos that were appreciated by the many young people in attendance.



Rich Owsiany (right) rockin’ out on the guitar

PMA Photo Collections Archivist, Julita Siegel and Vice Chair Anna Sokolowski took photos. During the evening, interviews by PolVision were conducted and Pioneer Press took photos. Interviews were also given by PMA staff to Jacek Niemczyk on his weekly show.

The smooth planning of this successful event could not have happened without the dedication and efforts of the Committee: Ball Chair, Virginia Cudeck; Malgorzata Kot, Lidia Kowalewicz, Mary Jane Robles, Sharon Orlowski, Geraldine Balut Coleman, Robert Kowalski, Julie Prado, George Cwiak, Cynthia Pierpaoli, Jessica Jagielnik, Betty Uzarowicz, Michelle Kurzydowski, Grace Bazylewski, Jan Lorys, Lisa, Terlecki, Julita Siegel, Halina Mlsterka, Krystyna Grell, Teresa Sromek, Iwona Bozek, Kasia Balutowska, Mitchelle Kmiec, Denelle Barbaro, Halina Bieniewska, Teresa Wierzbicka, Theresa Sinkowski, and Kenneth P. Gill.

- Submitted by Maria Ciesla, with Rare Book Donor names submitted by Joann Ozog



Many PRCUA members were in attendance at the Summer Ball, including (above left) Past Dir. Shirley Dudzinski, (lower left) Past Dir. Eileen Hanley, (above center) Dir. Mitchell and Krystyna Bienia and (above rt) Rita & Jerry Nasiatka, Pres. Soc. #718 in Detroit



The Ozog Family - a 100% PRCUA family - so happy and proud of Joann (front, l-r) Granddaughter Grace and Joann, (back, l-r) Youngest Son Christopher - Dir. of PRCUA Dist. #10, Grandson Ryan, Husband Wallace - Pres. Emeritus of PRCUA, Oldest Son Mark, Son Michael - PRCUA Insurance Supervisor and father of Ryan and Grace

PRCUA WESOLY LUD POLISH FOLK DANCE COMPANY'S HISTORY-MAKING TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

The Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company of the PRCUA made history as the first Polish Dancers to perform in Salt Lake City (SLC), Utah. At the invitation of Chair, Margie LaCerra of the Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA), 18 Wesoly Lud dancers, Artistic Directors and Choreographers – Misia and Richard Jaminski - and Costume Manager – Krystyna Rozwadowski traveled to the United Polish Genealogical Societies Conference in SLC. They spent May 2-4 touring the beautiful city, meeting some of the nicest people ever and presenting a “Musical of Polish Folk Dances.” Arriving in SLC late Friday evening, the Group boarded the Utah Transit Authority train to the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square, situated downtown.

On Saturday, May 3, the group was treated to a Genealogy Workshop conducted by Cecile Wendt Jensen, Director, Polonica Americana Research Institute and 2014 Recipient of the PGSA's *Wigilia Award*. We were all impressed by Cecile's knowledge and direction, and she was quite impressed with the enthusiasm and receptivity of the dancers in their quest to learn more about their ancestry. Books on genealogical subjects were available – some about surnames and their origin, others about first names and their international counterparts, etc. An interesting presentation by a very learned genealogist – thank you, Cecile!



Wesoly Lud at the Library with Margie LaCerra

Next we were treated to a visit to the International Floor of the Family History Library, the largest genealogical library in the world, with copies of millions of original records including the names of more than two billion deceased people. Here, Maria Eppich, and other volunteer missionary genealogists worked with the dancers and chaperones on how to

actually research their ancestries via film or computer. Prior to arriving in SLC, the dancers were given an assignment to prepare their family trees so that when they arrive at the Library, they would have a starting point. Their interest was piqued and hopefully will continue.

Margie LaCerra then arranged for a bus tour of the city. We saw the Capitol building, Cathedral of the Madeleine, etc. then drove to view the Great Salt Lake from the grounds of the University of Utah (marked by a giant “U” on a mountain) from which the panorama is impressive. Beautiful, colorful flowers grew everywhere including poppies in various shades (yes, Pani Ania Sokolowski – we thought of you). After taking photos, we were back in



Pony Express Monument at Heritage Park

our buses to

“This is the Place” Heritage Park, where the covered wagons first arrived with Brigham Young. Here we saw the Pony Express Monument, Pioneer Village and, if we had time, we could have panned for gold. The early days of SLV were depicted in interesting paintings. We also stopped at East High – site of the popular 2006 movie “High School Musical.”

Our tour ended with the impressive Temple Square and its 35 acres. Of the 16 buildings in Temple Square, it is interesting to note that the Temple built by Mormon pioneers in the late 1800s is not

open to tours. We visited other buildings in

this Complex, including the Tabernacle, and returned soon to the Conference Center which houses the Little Theater where our performance would be held.

It was time for our performance. For many in the audience, this was their introduction to Polish folk dancing, so we wanted to present a well-rounded program. We opened with the National Dance of Poland, the Polonaise – performed in regional costumes from Cieszyn, Gorny Slask (Rozbark-Bytomski), Lubusk, Biskupin, Kaszuby, Warmia, Podlasie, Lowicz and Opoczno. This was followed by a medley of dances from the macro-regions of Slask, Wielkopolska and Pomorze. To present three National Dances of Poland - Mazur, Kujawiak and Oberek - our seasoned dancers performed duets. These were followed by a suite of dances and songs from Rzeszow, Spisz, a duet from Old Warsaw, Eastern Krakow medley and Podhale duet.

To emphasize the mix of old and new, Polish and American, Wesoly Lud ended its program with a touch of Polish-Americana. In studying the Polka in Chicago, other than the basic steps and innovative choreography, many of the dance combinations were influenced by the dances of, among others, the Swing Era. So one of our couples paid tribute to the USA, by performing the Jive. Then a Polka Duet was performed, followed by the Country Western Chicago Polka.

(Here's a little trivia: The polka is not Polish in origin, but its popularity is found in every region of Poland. It is a fun dance that became a part of the social and ballroom scene. The history of the polka in Chicago evolved in 3 periods: 1) 1880s to WWI; the 2) Interwar period; and



(L-r) Sylvia Kupiec & Kuba Stypula (Cieszyn), Michael Dziadkowiec & Victoria Gavaghan (Podlasie), Derrick Remiasz & Natalie Rozwadowski (Dzierzackie/Wielkopolska), Elizabeth Kopinski & Kamil Paprocki (Lubusk), Deanna Crouchelli & Kacper Szumiec (Lowicz), Aleksandra Herdzik & David Bialas (Warmia), Natalia Paprocki & Bart Morawski (Gorny Slask), Joanna Gorczyca & Kamil Rozwadowski (Opoczno) & Camilla Steczek & Daniel Bugajski (Kaszuby)

3) the post-WWII era. Immigration from Europe in period 1, together with the variety of its musical genres, led to widespread integration during period 2, when Chicago became the nucleus for publishing and recording ethnic music. Period 3 was dominated by Pol-Am musicians and the Chicago-style.)

Wesoly Lud has been a leader in performing various Chicago Polkas integrating the genres of country, rock n'roll, swing, etc. In fact, that's how Wesoly Lud found its way to SLC – Margie LaCerra attended a Polka Party hosted by the Polish Museum of America a few years ago in Niles, IL. She liked us so much, she wanted to have Wesoly Lud perform at the Conference and she made it happen!!

The SLC audience was amazing – receptive, attentive and involved – which made my job as emcee enjoyable! Their standing ovation honored the amazing Wesoly Lud dancers, who performed for an hour with only 9 couples – changing costumes, getting into the character of the various dances and regions, and still having energy to smile and perform. They prepared for this performance with additional rehearsals, even though for weeks prior to and after this show, they were studying for finals. Bravo, Dancers, on a job well-done!



Richard & Misia Jaminski

Behind the scenes, our always-vigilant, detail-oriented Choreographer Richard Jaminski managed the music flow and Krystyna Rozwadowski assisted dancers with costume changes.

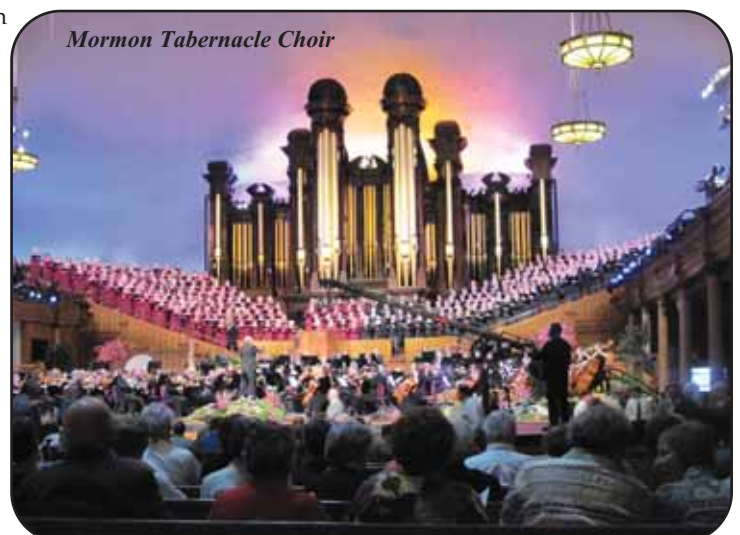
The state-of-the-art facility of the Little Theater - and stage professionals from sound man to stage manager - made this experience memorable. We were greeted and treated so sincerely by David Lewandowski, President PGSA, Margie LaCerra, Conference Chair, Conference attendees and the Mormon people we met along the way. Special thanks is extended to Pat and Laura O'Reilly, from the Church of the Latter Day Saints, for their

kind words, assistance and the special tour.

On Sunday, Wesoly Lud was able to see, hear and experience the beauty of 360 voices, and an orchestra of professional musicians, who volunteer their talents to share the Word of God at the weekly performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra. Then Pat O'Reilly gave us a personal tour of the Conference Center (part of the Temple Square complex) which houses an auditorium seating 21,000 people. The Little Theatre, which seats 850, has a waterfall flowing down the south façade and a FOUR ACRE ROOF GARDEN of trees and flowers, from which there is a phenomenal view of the city.

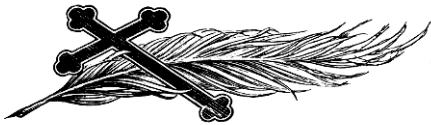
Thanks again to Margie LaCerra from the Polish Genealogical Society in Chicago, IL for inviting us to perform in Salt Lake City! Thanks to all who made this trip memorable! Thank you Wesoly Lud for another wonderful trip!

- By Micheline
("Misia") Jaminski



Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Dearly Departed PRCUA
Brothers
and Sisters



MEMBER	SOC.	STATE	Macrowski, Emily	1486	IL
Alfano, Grace	162	MI	Marzec, Alice J.	471	IL
Altman, Lisa F.	607	IL	Miraglia, Margaret F.	593	IL
Blake, Beverly A.	2206	OH	Mislevy, Helen	247	OH
Bular, Edward	1000	IL	Obukowicz, Marion I.	2303	WI
Cieszkowski, Carol L.	261	MI	Padlo, Chester	87	MI
Cieszkowski, Helen L.	261	MI	Palko, Bernard	680	PA
Czyl, Benedict A.	418	IN	Piontkowski, Leonard	1000	IL
Domagla, Walter A.	122, 994	IL	Ritter, Cecile R.	2015	PA
Dzialo, Edward	424	IL	Rudofski, Edward	957	IL
Faneck, Maryanna	1397	IL	Runo, Chester	2100	OH
Fedorek, Joseph	865	PA	Rutkowski, Marie A.	750	NY
Gabriel, Rosemary K.	1147	IL	Seidel , Vincent	23	MI
Golembiewski, Lorraine	283	WI	Shiposki, Fiorina M.	712	IL
Ignatowski, Richard J.	1584, 1617	OH	Slowik, Anthony John	1556	PA
Jakela, Theodore J.	322	PA	Slowik, Emily	899	IL
Jaskula, Maurycy	1616	IL	Smietanski, Betty J.	2148	OH
Jozefiak, Joan D.	359	MA	Smyntek, Leona	540	IL
Kij, Edwin L.	385	NY	Soltis, Vincent P.	237	PA
Klodzinski, Thomas Francis	317	IL	Szwast, Stella	111	NJ
Kolos, Thomas J.	136	IL	Tabish, Barry	322	PA
Kubaszuk Sr., Jerome G.	1031	IN	Tambourine, Robert J.	317	IL
Kurek, Lottie	337	IN	Walus, Frances	2039	PA
Lisowski, Zofia	673	IL	Zylla, Mary J.	1612	IL

May they rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA 61ST NATIONAL CONVENTION
FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE
Grand Plaza Hotel
444 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio

Non-delegate guests and PRCUA members are cordially invited to attend the following 61st Convention Fraternal Activities:

Sunday, August 10

- 9:30 am - **Opening Mass**, St. Hedwig's Church, 2916 Lagrange St., Toledo
- After Mass - **Brunch** at PRCUA Misiuda Club, 5255 N. Detroit Street, Toledo, Ohio (\$11.00)
- 6-7:15 pm - **Cocktail Hour**/Cash Bar, Main Ballroom, 2nd floor, Grand Plaza Hotel
- 7:15 pm - **Banquet Dinner**, Main Ballroom (same as above)
Adults \$55.00; Children 12 yrs. and under \$15.00

Tuesday, August 12

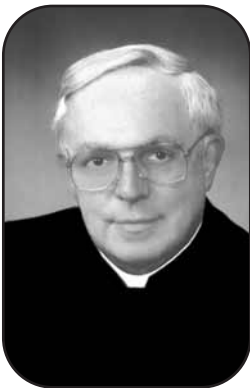
- 10:00 am - **Fraternal Mass**, Main Ballroom, 2nd floor, Grand Plaza Hotel
- After Mass - **Fraternal Luncheon**, Fifth-Third Center, 1 Sea Gate, Toledo, OH, connected to the Hotel
Adults \$25.00; Children 12 yrs. and under \$10.00

Guests and non-delegate members, please send your reservations by July 25 with check payable to PRCUA Pre-Convention Arrangements Committee to
Dir. Joan C. Sylak, Chairperson
PRCUA Pre-Convention Arrangements Committee
4220 Oak Tree Place, Toledo, OH 43623

Delegates should reply on the Fraternal Activities Reservation Form.

† Higher Perspectives †

THANK YOU -
WE WILL MISS YOU



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

Kathryn Rosypal, Executive Editor of *Naród Polski* for the past 25 years, will retire in November. She has done such a nice job over the years in bringing the *Naród Polski* into our homes. She has had the assistance of countless correspondents from around the country, beginning with the executive officers of our beloved fraternal.

As your Vice-Chaplain, this article is the last one that I will be addressing to you. For twelve years, through this priest's column, I have enjoyed the privilege of coming into your home and sharing information, prayer, and love. Now this will come to an end, as my term as your Vice Chaplain reaches its conclusion.

What will I do with all the time I will gain by not addressing these articles to you?

Perhaps our paths will cross, I pray, in August in Toledo, Ohio, where the 61st National Convention will bring us together one more time. Then the changing of the guard will send several of us to our respective states.

It was a surprise at the last Convention, when - at the session that occurred well past midnight - delegates decided that the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has too many vice-chaplains and that the organization should let the vice-chaplains go. I don't know whether they "listened" or just heard the new proposal? The Minutes of the Convention will confirm that, yes, it's true.

What a privilege it has been to be one of the three chaplains of the PRCUA! How awesome it was to see that PRCUA badge with six attachments being worn by our six term Vice Chaplain, the Very Reverend Canon Anthony D. Iwuc of Providence, Rhode Island, one of the most beloved Senior Priests in our country!

On June 14, in the Cathedral of the Diocese of Lansing, MI, two identical twin brothers, 26 years old, were ordained to the Priesthood by their Bishop, Most Reverend Earl Boyea. They come from a farming community in Fowler, Michigan. There are ten children, altogether, in the family. They have a 19-year old brother who also is in the seminary studying for the Priesthood. There's joy in Lansing! There's joy in Fowler!

May there be gratitude and joy in Chicago - and in Toledo- as term-limited servants of the PRCUA sail into the sunset, including, in addition to your two Vice Chaplains: Vice President Robert Bielenda, Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski, Director of District #3 Edward Kaplaniak, Director of District #5 Joan Sylak, and Director of District #7 Robert Bugielski. Added to this, are two directors who have chosen not to run for re-election, Marsha Mikuszewski of District #1 and Christopher Ozog of District #10, who is engaged to be married.

To all of you, thank you for your dedicated service to our beloved PRCUA. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus await to hug you when your journey comes to an end. *Bóg zapłać! Daj Boże, że jeszcze zobaczymy się w Toledo, a w wieczności w Niebie.*

Editor's Note: I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our two Vice Chaplains who will be leaving office in August. *Bóg Zapłać* to Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski, P.A. of Orchard Lake, Michigan, for all the interesting and thought-provoking columns he has written for *Naród Polski* over the past 12 years, during which time he faithfully served as PRCUA Vice Chaplain.

My heartfelt thanks are also extended to Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc of Providence, Rhode Island, for encouraging and uplifting our members' spirits in the hundreds of columns he has written for *Naród Polski*. Fr. Iwuc has faithfully served our fraternal as PRCUA National Chaplain for 12 years (1974-1986), followed by another 26 years (1986-2014) of service as National Vice Chaplain, for an extraordinary 38 years of love, loyalty and wise spiritual guidance! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We will miss you. *Bóg Zapłać.*

Columns are also written in the newspaper by our National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak of Orchard Lake, MI, and by Rev. Eric Orzech of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been writing for *Naród Polski* since the Alliance of Poles merged with PRCUA in 2005. My sincere thanks goes out to both of these priests for their dedication to writing this important, inspiring column.

Over the years, you have all addressed our readers on spiritual matters, advising and educating them, reassuring and supporting them, directing and uplifting them to be the best that they can be, through your written words in this fraternal newspaper. Each and every one of you has been a blessing to many. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated. May you each be blessed a hundredfold for all the good you have produced through your newspaper columns. May the Good Lord reward you for so generously and graciously sharing your words of wisdom with us! As editor, I humbly thank all of you!



Fraternal Favorites Summer Polish Salads

T = Tablespoon; t = teaspoon; c = cup

POLISH SPRING SALAD: In a large bowl, combine 4 chopped green onions, 1 c finely chopped radishes, 1 c finely chopped pencil-thin asparagus stalks (no tips), 1 c fresh peas, 3 chopped hard-cooked eggs or 1 c cubed yellow cheese. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add 1 c mayonnaise, mix well and refrigerate covered until cold. Serves 4.

POLISH RHUBARB-CARROT SALAD: In med. bowl combine 3 ribs chopped rhubarb, 4 carrots, peeled and grated, 2 T sugar, salt to taste and 4 T sour cream; mix well. Arrange atop lettuce leaves on 4 chilled plates. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and 1 T orange zest (optional). Serves 4.

POLISH PINEAPPLE CHICKEN SALAD: In med. bowl combine cooked chicken breasts, diced, 1 (14-oz) can drained whole kernel corn, 1 (14-oz) can drained pineapple chunks or tidbits, 6 T mayonnaise, and 3 T chopped parsley. Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate at least 30 min. Line 4 plates with lettuce and top with chilled chicken salad. Serves 4.

POLISH WILTED LETTUCE: Place 1 head romaine lettuce, washed, dried and torn into pieces in a heatproof bowl. In a large skillet, fry 1/2 lb. bacon until half cooked. Add 1 large finely chopped onion and continue to fry bacon until crisp. Drain all but 4 T bacon grease from the skillet. Add 1/4 c water, 1/4 c vinegar and 3 T sugar, and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Pour hot mixture over lettuce, add salt and pepper to taste and toss. Serve immediately.

POLISH POTATO SALAD: In lg bowl toss 1 1/4 pounds red or white potatoes cooked in their jackets, cooled, peeled and diced, 3/4 cup cold cooked carrots, cut into 1/4-inch, 3/4 cup finely chopped celery, 4 T finely chopped dill pickles, and 3 T finely chopped onion. Salt and pepper to taste. In a separate sm bowl, mix 1 to 2 c mayonnaise (according to your preference) and sugar (up to 4 t). If you use Miracle Whip, omit the sugar. Gently fold into potato mixture, making sure all the vegetables are coated. Chill, covered, until serving time.

POLISH SHRIMP SALAD: In a large bowl, combine 3 (4-oz) cans drained tiny shrimp or 1/2 lb. cooked diced shrimp, 3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped fine, 1 lg cold cooked chopped carrot, 1 rib celery, chopped fine, 1/2 onion, chopped fine, 1 sm dill pickle, chopped fine, and 1 T chopped fresh dill (optional). In sm bowl mix desired amt of mayonnaise with sugar to taste. Add to salad and mix well. Salt and pepper to taste. Chill until ready to serve. If desired, portion onto individual lettuce-lined chilled plates and garnish with a lemon slice. Serves 4.

POLISH RAW CARROT SALAD: In lg bowl, mix together 5 peeled and coarsely grated lg carrots, 1 lg peeled, cored and coarsely grated Granny Smith apple, Juice of 1/2 lemon, and 1 T vegetable or olive oil. Salt to taste; add sugar to taste. Mix. Refrigerate, covered, until cold. Serves 6.

POLISH TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD: In lg. bowl, combine 2 lg. cans pineapple chunks drained, 2 lg or 4 sm cans mandarin oranges drained, 1 lg or 2 sm cans fruit salad drained and 1 c coconut (optional). Mix. In food processor, combine 8 oz. cream cheese softened and 1 can condensed milk (not evaporated) until smooth. [Sour cream, mixed with 2 packets of sugar substitute, can be substituted for the condensed milk, if a less sweet salad is desired.] With spoon, mix 1 container Cool Whip into the cheese mixture. When blended, add to the fruit; mix well. Chill, covered, until ready to serve. Serves 12.

PATRIOTISM

By Krista Thomson, 16, a 7th generation Polish-American

Patriotism is unconditional love for your country. In America, the melting pot of the world, patriotism is appreciating the fact that we are all different. Our citizens come from all different backgrounds and bring with them aspects of many different cultures around the world. America was created as a place where people could live better lives and enjoy freedom, regardless of their race or history, and someone who truly loves this country holds that fact close to their heart.

In America today, some people have lost sight of this beautiful detail that makes us so unique. For an example let us flash back to the most recent Super Bowl. As people sat in their homes watching football, eating pizza, drinking Coronas, with their Toyotas sitting in the driveway, a commercial came on for Coca Cola. "America the Beautiful" was sung in multiple languages by people of all different ethnicities. Thousands of "Americans" were outraged by the commercial. How could Coca Cola ruin such a patriotic song by having it sung in languages other than English?

Coca Cola did not ruin that song. They made the song even more beautiful than it already was. They captured the essence of what it means to be an American. The different languages represented the different cultures in America while the common song united those cultures. This is what America as a country does and that is the beauty of it.

Patriotism in America today is putting aside the differences between individual citizens of our country. We are all Americans. TOGETHER we should appreciate the brave men and women who fight to keep us free. TOGETHER we should recite our pledge and sing our national anthem. TOGETHER we should love our country and the beauty that it holds as the melting pot of the world.

Happy 4th of July!



Farewell Dorothy B. Bialek

CHICAGO, IL - Anyone who telephoned the PRCUA in the last decade was greeted by the cheerful voice of PRCUA's Receptionist Dorothy Bialek. She retired in December of 2013 and was looking forward to enjoying her retirement years. But she was suddenly called to her heavenly reward on June 17 at age 71.

A resident of Chicago, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Mitchell & Virginia (Napierkowski) and sister of James (Nancy), Lucille (Maurice) Carter, Pam (Fred) Tuytens, a PRCUA employee, & Pauline Walsh. Our condolences to Pam and all of Dorothy's family.

Dorothy was a loyal and dedicated employee at the PRCUA Home Office for 20 years, first in the Claims Dept. and later as Receptionist. She was Financial Secretary of Society #294. Dorothy enjoyed her membership in our fraternal, regularly attending sports tournaments, Polish Night with the White Sox, the Sacred Heart Mass, District 7's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, the PRCUA Oplatek and Swiecone, banquets and many social events. When events were held at the Social Hall, she always helped by selling raffle tickets or in any way she could be useful. She was also a delegate at the last two PRCUA Conventions.

Dorothy served as Past President of St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and was active in her parish as a member of the Holy Innocents' Pajak Association and the Mother's Club.

Many PRCUA employees attended the wake, at which Rev. Mariusz Manka did a reading. A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated by Rev. Phil Cyscon, Pastor, and Rev. Ralph Styc on June 21, 2014 at Holy Innocents Church. Representing PRCUA were Res. Vice Pres. Anna Sokolowski, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski (a pallbearer), Managing Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, Controller Emily Kurda and many PRCUA employees, as well as some staff of the Polish Museum. Mass was followed by interment in St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL. May Dorothy be blessed a hundredfold for her goodness and may she rest in eternal peace.



Dorothy Bialek

FLAG DAY AT PRCUA



Officers Jim Robaczewski & Anna Sokolowski

CHICAGO, IL - On Fri., June 13, the PRCUA celebrated Flag Day with its employees, retirees and the staff of the Polish Museum.

Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski welcomed everyone in the garden next to the Home Office. Everyone sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Then Pat Tropp led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secy.-Tres. Jim Robaczewski read "I Am the Flag."

Bob Kowalski, wearing his holiday shirt with tiny flags all over it, bar-b-qued the hot dogs for everyone.

Then the celebration moved indoors to the Social Hall, where Jola Zachara said the Opening Prayer in Polish and Pam Tuytens said the Prayer in English. Everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic-style buffet lunch and this occasion to share friendship.

PMA Pres. Maria Ciesla closed the program with a prayer and everyone sang "America the Beautiful." It was a fitting way to mark this annual patriotic occasion.

(Photos courtesy of Anna Sokolowski)



(Left) Bob Kowalski grilling

KALENDARZ na LIPIEC i SIERPIEŃ 2014

♦ 1 lipca (wtorek) - POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NOC NA STADIONIE U.S. CELLULAR FIELD - zorganizowana przez polonijne organizacje braterskie. Mecz rozegrają drużyny White Sox i Angeles; godz. 19:10, U.S. Cellular Fiels, Chicago; Przy wejściu występy polskich zespołów tanecznych. Przed meczem parada.

♦ 19 lipca (sobota) - TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA - szczegóły poniżej.

♦ 26 lipca (sobota) - DOROCZNY PIKNIK TOW. ST. STAN SOC. #718 - piknik dla członków Tow. #718 i ich rodzin w Nankin Mills (Hines Park); godz.: 12-20; napoje i poczęstunek. Wjazd znajduje się na poł. od Ann Arbor Trail przy Hines Dr. między Merriman i Wayne Rd., na zachodniej stronie parku Hines Park. Dodatkowe informacje: Denny i Tina Churchvara (313) 561-7464.

♦ 9 sierpnia (piątek) - SEJMOWE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE - szczegóły str. 16.

♦ 10-13 sierpnia (niedziela-środa) - 61 SEJM ZPRKA - Grand Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 444 Summit St., Toledo, OH.

♦ 23 sierpnia (sobota) - TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL ZPRKA - szczegóły str. 19.

Prosimy członków Towarzystw ZPRKA o zapoznanie się z terminarzem zebrań Towarzystw na str. 2.

Derby wędkarskie dla dzieci i młodzieży

w wieku od 1 do 15 lat
niedziela, 7 września 2014 r. od 10 rano do 2 po poł.
Busse Lake Fishing Wall

(Arlington Hts. Rd. do Biesterfield, skręcić na zachód do Bisner Rd, skręcić na północ).



Nagrody za najwięcej złapanych ryb w różnych grupach wiekowych; napoje i poczęstunek; kilka zapasowych wędek; przynęta; różnorodność gatunków ryb; doskonała zabawa. Przynieś leżak i kamerę i baw się razem z nami!

Osoby powyżej 16 lat muszą posiadać ważną licencję wędkarską (Illinois Hook and Line Fishing License), nawet jeśli tylko pomagają umieścić przynętę na haczyku. Dzieci i młodzież poniżej 16 roku życia oraz emeryci powyżej 65 roku życia, nie potrzebują licencji.



Informacje: Walter Szarowicz (847) 577-7274. Gospodarzem jest Dyst #7 ZPRKA.

TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA

19 lipca 2014 r.

Riverwiev Highland Golf Club, Riverwiev, MI



Gospodarzem będzie Tow. #162; koszt uczestnictwa \$50 - od osoby. Bankiet o godz. 19 w Soc. #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI (koszt uczestnictwa dla osób nie biorących udziału w turnieju \$10; płatny bar). Zawodnicy i goście mogą zatrzymać się w Holiday Inn, 17201 Norhtline Rd., Southgate, MI. tel. (734) 283-4400.

Formularze zgłoszeniowe można otrzymać dzwoniąc do Departamentu Braterstwa ZPRKA 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601 lub na stronie www.prcua.org

Szkoła św. Rafała Kalinowskiego poszukuje choreografa/instruktora tańca

Szkoła Języka Polskiego im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego ZPRKA w Munster, IN poszukuje choreografa/instruktora tańca. Osoby zainteresowane prosimy o kontakt:

Małgorzata Czachor – dyrektor szkoły: misia@mkc.pl

lub Polska Szkoła im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego: swkalinowski@gmail.com

Czy zmieniłeś(aś) adres zamieszkania?

Jeśli w ostatnim czasie zmieniliście Państwo miejsce zamieszkania, prosimy o nadesłanie nowego adresu, abyśmy mogli uaktualnić Wasze dane i abyście nadal mogli otrzymywać "Naród Polski".

Nazwisko: _____

Nowy adres: _____

Miasto: _____ Stan: _____ Kod poczt.: _____

Stary adres: _____

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Aby zarejestrować się do tej nowej usługi, prosimy o kontakt e-info@prcua.org lub telefonicznie z Julie Prado tel. (773) 782-2600 w. 2626 lub Anną Wolan (773) 782-2600 w. 2610. Rejestracja jest prosta i wymaga wypełnienia obowiązujących formularzy, które rozpoczną proces automatycznych przelewów. Ten nowy program pozwoli członkom zaoszczędzić czas i koszty wysyłki pocztowej.

Elektroniczna wersja Narodu Polskiego - przyjazna środowisku

Członkowie ZPRKA, którzy chcieliby zaprenumerować gazetę "Naród Polski" w formie elektronicznej, a nie za pośrednictwem poczty, mogą dokonać zmiany w bardzo prosty sposób - wystarczy wejść na naszą stronę internetową, www.prcua.org i wybrać "Naród Polski", a następnie odpowiednio wypełnić rubrykę "Manage Your Subscription".

Osoby, które chcą zaprzestać otrzymywania gazety drogą pocztową, lub potrzebują zgłosić zmianę miejsca zamieszkania, mogą również zgłosić wszelkie zmiany drogą pocztową na adres biura głównego ZPRKA.

ZPRKA poszukuje doświadczonych sprzedawców ubezpieczeniowych

Poszukujemy nowych lub doświadczonych pracowników ubezpieczeniowych do promocji naszych produktów finansowych, najlepiej osób z doświadczeniem w sprzedaży ubezpieczeń na życie i w dziedzinie planowania emerytalnego. Zachęcamy zwłaszcza księgowych, adwokatów ze znajomością prawa emerytalnego/nieruchomości i doradców finansowych. Prosimy o kontakt z Robertem Fattore, dyrektorem sprzedaży ZPRKA pod numer 1-800-772-8632 w. 2631 lub na adres: robert-fattore@prcua.org, w celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji. Skontaktuj się z nami już dziś i nie przegap tej doskonałej okazji.

(dok. ze str. 20)

Kevin M. Kucik z Chicago, IL; jest członkiem Tow. #1598. Absolwent Bradley University i DePaul University. Jest lokalnym menadżerem w firmie AT&T. Należy do ZPRKA od 1994 r. **William F. Marutzky** z Chicago, IL; członek Tow. #878. Absolwent Northern Illinois University, University of Illinois, IIT Kent College of Law i DePaul College of Law. Adowkat, certyfikowany księgowy i profesor. Należy do ZPRKA od 1981 r.

DYSTRYKT #8 (2) - Krystyna J. Lech z Palos Park, IL; należy do Tow. #1634. Uczęszczała do University of Illinois. Jest licencjonowaną pielęgniarką z certyfikatem. Obecna dyrektorka Dystryktu #8. Do ZPRKA należy od 1998 r. **James A. Rustik** z Woodridge, IL; jest członkiem Tow. #880. Absolwent DePaul Univeristy i John Marshall Law School. Adowkat. Obecny dyrektor Dystr. #8 ZPRKA; (ponieważ nie ma więcej kandydatów ubiegających się o pozycję dyrektora Dystr. #8, oboje kandydaci automatycznie otrzymują nominację).

DYSTRYKT #9 (1) - Elizabeth Sadus z Chicago Heights, IL; należy do Tow. #1579 i do Tow. #364. Jest absolwentką Prairie State University i Purdue University. Prowadzi własną działalność jako projektant instruktazowy. Obecna dyrektorka Dystr. #9. Należy do ZPRKA od 2004 r. (ponieważ nie ma kontrkandydata, automatycznie zostanie dyrektorką na następną kadencję).

DYSTRYKT #10 (2) - Colleen K. Bonkowski z Warren, MI; należy do Tow. #1618. Absolwentka Macomb Community College. Zatrudniona jako hostesa i specjalista przygotowawczy. Jest dyrektorem zespołów tanecznych ZPRKA "Zajączek" i "Zakopane". Należy do ZPRKA od 1995 r. **Thomas Z. Lisiecki** z Warren, MI; jest członkiem Tow. #261. Absolwent Macomb Community College, studiował również w Wayne State Univeristy. Programista komputerowy. Obecny dyrektor Dystr. #10. Należy do ZPRKA od 1968 r. (ponieważ nie ma więcej kandydatów ubiegających się o pozycję dyrektora Dyst.r #10, oboje kandydaci automatycznie otrzymują nominację).

W głosowaniu na powyższe kandydatury wezmą udział zatwierdzeni przez 61. Sejm delegaci ZPRKA. Wyniki wyborów podane zostaną na stronie internetowej ZPRKA oraz we wrześniowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego".

SEJMOWY QUIZ ZPRKA

W związku z odbywającym się w tym roku Sejmem ZPRKA, "Naród Polski" zaprasza wszystkich naszych członków do wzięcia udziału w specjalnym kwizie sejmowym. W miesiącach maju, czerwca i lipcu zamieścimy trzy quizy na trzy różne tematy, każdy z pięcioma pytaniami. Uczestnicy mogą odpowiadać na pytania bezpośrednio drogą elektroniczną na adres: july-contest@prcu.org, lub pisemnie załączonym poniżej formularzu.

Każdy członek ZPRKA, który poprawnie odpowie na wszystkie 5 pytań, weźmie udział w losowaniu nagrody. Szczęśliwy zwycięzca (każdego miesiąca jeden) otrzyma nagrodę w wysokości \$100. Nazwiska zwycięzców wylosowane zostaną podczas 61 Sejmu ZPRKA i ogłoszone we wrześniowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego". W konkursie mogą wziąć udział wszyscy członkowie ZPRKA z wyjątkiem: członków zarządu i dyrekcji i pracowników biura ZPRKA. Wszystkie poprawne odpowiedzi muszą być nadesłane do 4 sierpnia 2014. Życzymy udanej zabawy i szczęścia!

Konkurs Sejmowy ZPRKA - Lipiec Historia Polonii Amerykańskiej

1. Który polski generał walczył w wojnie o niepodległość Stanów Zjednoczonych?

a) Jan Sobieski; b) Tomasz Kościuszko; c) Kazimierz Pułaski; d) Józef Radziwiłł

2. W którym stanie powstała pierwsza stała osada polska w USA?

a) Illinois; b) New York; c) Pennsylvania; d) Texas

3. Który kapłan jest uważany za założyciela Polskiego Seminarium w Detroit, MI?

a) ks. Wincenty Barzyński; b) ks. Leopold Moczygemba; c) ks. Teodor Gierzyk; d) ks. Joseph Dąbrowski

4. W których dwóch stanach zamieszkuje obecnie największa liczba osób polskiego pochodzenia?

a) NY i IL; b) TX i IL; c) IL i MI; d) IL i AZ

5. Jaka jest nazwa krajowej organizacji parasolowej, skupiającej wszystkie grupy Polonii amerykańskiej w USA?

a) Związek Polaków w Ameryce; b) Zrzeszenie Polonii Amerykańskiej; c) Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej; d) Związek Narodowy Polski

Konkurs Sejmowy - Lipiec Odpowiedzi

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____

Nazwisko _____

Adres _____

Miasto/stan _____

Kod pocztowy _____

Odpowiedzi muszą być nadesłane do poniedziałku, 4 sierpnia 2014 r. na adres: PRCUA Contest, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642

Specjalny Konkurs Sejmowy na pracę pisemną *Niech Twoja opinia zostanie wysłuchana!*

Przez dziesięciolecia ZPRKA otwarcie przyznaje, że musimy znaleźć sensowny sposób, aby młodzież polonijna zaangażowała się w życie naszej organizacji. Na każdym Sejmie ZPRKA Komitet Młodzieży przedstawia sprawozdanie delegatów, oferując porady, w jaki sposób można to osiągnąć. Wiele z ich pomysłów zostało przyjętych, jak na przykład wykorzystanie portalów społecznościowych przez ZPRKA.

Jednak problem pozostaje: Jak możemy przekonać naszą młodzież - zwłaszcza nastolatków i dwudziestolatków - do działalności w naszej organizacji? Co ZPRKA może im zaoferować, aby ich przyciągnąć i aby pozostali zaangażowani?

61. Sejm ZPRKA odbędzie się już za miesiąc, zapraszamy członków ZPRKA do napisania pracy pisemnej, prezentującej nowe pomysły i nowe sposoby, dzięki którym można będzie uzyskać zaangażowanie większej ilości młodych członków w naszej organizacji.

Komitet Młodzieży, kierowany przez najmłodszego dyrektora ZPRKA Beth Sadus z Dystr. #9, przeczyta i oceni wszystkie prace, wybierając jednego zwycięzcę w czasie Sejmu. Zwycięzca otrzyma nagrodę w wysokości \$100.00.

Członkowie komitetu będą mogli korzystać z pomysłów przedstawionych w tych pracach, aby przedłożyć swoje zalecenia delegatom w czasie obrad.

ZASADY: Konkurs jest otwarty dla wszystkich członków ZPRKA, członków zarządu i dyrekcji oraz pracowników. Prosimy ograniczyć prace do 1000 słów. Wszystkie prace powinny zawierać imię i nazwisko autora, adres i numer Towarzystwa, do którego należy. Prace prosimy wysłać na adres: PRCUA Essay Contest, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642-4101 lub e-mail: essay-contest@prcu.org.

SEJMOWE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE ZPRKA

Sobota, 9 sierpnia 2014 r. - godz. 11

Detwiler Park Golf Course, 4001 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH 43611



Zapraszamy wszystkich członków ZPRKA do udziału

- Wpisowe: \$45 od osoby - w cenie: wózek golfowy, nagrody,

po zakończeniu rozgrywek; hotdogi i piwo w PRCUA Club, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH

Wczesne zapisy mile widziane. Prosimy o przesłanie listy uczestników wraz z opłatami na adres: PRCUA, Vikki Jean Mixon, 5255 N. Detroit, Ave., Toledo, OH 43612.

Prosimy wystawiać чеки na: PRCUA Preconvention Committee

Specjalny program ubezpieczeniowy z okazji 61. Sejmu ZPRKA

ZPRKA 61-ego Sejmu, który rozpocznie się w niedzielę, 10 sierpnia, a zakończy we środę, 13 sierpnia w Toledo, Ohio. Aby uczcić to wydarzenie, ZPRKA pragnie zaoferować specjalnym program ubezpieczeniowy na życie – 5 Year Limited Pay Whole Life, który wchodzi w życie z dniem **1 lutego 2014**, a zakończy się **31 grudnia 2014**. Oferujemy 4 różne spłaty roczne do wyboru - **\$261, \$361, \$461, \$561**. Ubezpieczenie w tym programie zapewnia:

- możliwość wykupienia planu dla osób w wieku od 0-80 lat
- przyrost wartości gotówkowej
- dywidendy dla ubezpieczonego
- ubezpieczenie nie może być zerwane przez ZPRKA, jeżeli składki są opłacane
- dostępny łatwy elektroniczny przelew pieniędzy
- możliwość ubiegania się o stypendium na studia lub pożyczki edukacyjnej
- ubezpieczenie spłacane przez 5 lat, jest ważne do końca życia

W celu wykupienia ubezpieczenia, skontaktuj się z lokalnym przedstawicielem działu sprzedaży ZPRKA lub biurem głównym: Agnieszka Bastrzyk, dyrektor marketingu, tel (800) 772-8632 ext. 2603; Agnieszka-Bastrzyk@prcu.org

Oferta nie może być łączona z innymi ofertami specjalnymi. Tylko roczne spłaty. Każda aplikacja zostanie wynagrodzona magnesem. **Wszystkie wnioski podlegają szczegółowemu rozpatrzeniu.**

Imprezy Towarzyszące 61. Sejmowi ZPRKA

Zapraszamy delegatów 61. Sejmu i wszystkich gości do udziału w zaplanowanych imprezach towarzyszących obradom sejmowym:

Niedziela, 10 sierpnia

- godz. 9:30 - **Msza św.** na otwarcie Sejmu w kościele św. Jadwigi przy 2916 Lagrange St., Toledo, OH.

- **Brunch** po mszy św.; PRCUA Misiuda Club, 5255 N. Detroit St., Toledo, OH; koszt uczestnictwa \$11.00 od osoby.

- godz. 19:15 - **Bankiet sejmowy** - od godz. 18 do 19:15 koktajle (płatny bar), Main Ball Room na 2 piętrze, Grand Plaza Hotel; \$55 - dorośli, \$15 - dzieci do lat 12.

Wtorek, 12 sierpnia

- godz. 10:00 - **Msza św. braterska** - Main Ball Room na 2 piętrze, Grand Plaza Hotel;

- **Lunch Braterski** - bezpośrednio po Mszy św. - Fifth-Third Center, 1 Sea Gate, Toledo, OH; budynek połączony jest z hotelem, w którym odbywać się będzie Sejm; \$25.00 - dorośli, \$10 - dzieci do lat 12.

Prosimy gości i członków, którzy nie będą delegatami, o jak nadsyłanie rezerwacji do 25 lipca 2014 r. z czekiem wystawionym na: PRCUA Pre-Convention Arrangements Committee, na adres: Dir. Joan C. Syllak, Chairperson, PRCUA Pre-Convention Arrangements Committee, 4220 Oak Tree Place, Toledo, OH 43623.

Delegaci powinni przysłać swoje rezerwacje na formularzach Fraternal Activities Reservation Form, które zostały do nich wysłane.

Umieść swoje ogłoszenie w książce pamiątkowej 61. Sejmu ZPRKA

Osoby, które chciałyby umieścić ogłoszenie/życzenia w książce pamiątkowej 61. Sejmu ZPRKA, powinny skontaktować się z Teresą Gibalą, tel. (734) 848-4296 w celu otrzymania kontraktu. Ceny ogłoszeń: \$15 - Well Wishers (jedna linia); \$30 - Patron (dwie linie, większa czcionka); \$100 - ćwierć strony; \$150 - pół strony; \$200 - cała strona; \$300 - cała strona, złoty druk. Książka będzie czarno-biała. Zdjęcia - \$15 dodatkowo każde (ćwierć strony i większe). Ogłoszenie w kolorze - \$50 dodatkowo (pół strony i większe). Kopie książki pamiątkowej zostaną zdeponowane w zbiorach archiwalnych Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce.

Dzień Taty z zespołem „Polonia”



Młodzi tancerze w holdzie wszystkim Ojcom

Według źródeł historycznych, obchody Dnia Ojca zostały zapoczątkowane w 1910 r. przez niejaką Sonory Smart Dodd, mieszkankę stanu Washington chcącą uczcić pamięć swego ojca, który po śmierci matki samotnie wychowywał ją oraz pięcioro młodszego rodzeństwa. Chciała ona w ten sposób oddać hołd swojemu ojcu, którego uważała za wspaniałego i niezwykłego człowieka. Jako datę tego święta zaproponowała 5 czerwca - datę urodzin jej ojca, która to jednak, w ciągu lat z różnych powodów była zmieniana, aby w końcu przypaść na trzecią niedzielę czerwca i oficjalnie zostać świętem państwowym. Dzień Ojca to święto będące



„Krasnoludki” - kwiatuszki i „Pani Wiosna” w środku

wyrazem szacunku dla ojców i obchodzone jest corocznie w wielu krajach świata, lecz w różnych terminach. Mimo stosunkowo długiej historii Dzień Ojca nie cieszy się tak wielką popularnością, jak Dzień Matki, co jakkolwiek nie zmienia faktu, że jest to bardzo dobra okazja do wyrażenia wdzięczności i szacunku dla swojego taty. Niemniej jednak, z roku na rok coraz więcej tatusiów może liczyć nie tylko na życzenia, ale i na drobne upominki.

W niedzielę, 15 czerwca dzieci i młodzież z grup „Krasnoludki”, „Młoda Polonia” oraz „Polonia” uroczyście świętowały obchody Dnia Taty. W ekskluzywnie przybranej sali pod kościołem św. Władysława wszyscy tancerze przedstawili swój barwny program artystyczny. „Krasnoludki” adorowały publiczność swoim śpiewem i znajomością wybijania rytmu, a potem zatańczyły krakowiacka. „Młoda Polonia” przedstawiła suitę kurpiowską w oryginalnych kostiumach, a najstarsza grupa na wstępie zatańczyła skoczny rock-and-roll’a, a potem suitę kaszubską. Różnorodność klasycznego repertuaru folklorystycznego zespołu „Polonia” potwierdził i dodał uroku walc wiedeński w wykonaniu 16 par, po którym tancerze i tancerki poprosili do tańca wszystkich gości.



Tancerze w suicie kaszubskiej

Uroku całej imprezie dodawał salony klimat, stworzony przez oryginalny wystrój sali, za którego wykonanie odpowiedzialnych było kilku rodziców, którzy poświęcili dużo swojego czasu pomagając w organizowaniu, przygotowaniu i doglądaniu całego przedsięwzięcia. Między innymi dziękujemy serdecznie wszystkim poważnie zaangażowanym rodzicom jak państwu Wszolek, pp. Moździerz, pp. Lantowski, Dagmarze Sidowski, Agnieszce Woźny, pp. Wiechowski, wszystkim tancerzom z najstarszej grupy, nie tylko za tańce oraz wielu innym osobom, które bezpośrednio przyczyniły się do sukcesu niedzielnej imprezy. Dziękujemy również proboszczowi parafii św. Władysława ojcu Markowi Jankowskiemu, za wizytę jak i miłą i owocną współpracę w ciągu ostatnich miesięcy. Składamy także



„Krasnoludki” w krakowiacku

podziękowania za obecność, jak również za cały miniony rok pracy, p. Cecyli Rożnowskiej, założycielce zespołu, który już za niecałe dwa lata będzie obchodził 30-tą rocznicę swojego istnienia. Pani Iwonie Puc, choreografowi za jej profesjonalizm, oryginalność i anielską cierpliwość, p. Mieczysławowi Dziś, dyrektorowi muzycznemu za jego wytrwałość w pracy z dziećmi, która przerodziła się w pasję zawodową, p. Annie Krysińskiej, dyrektor zespołu, dla której słowo „niemożliwość” nie istnieje, a każdy nowy projekt jest następnym potwierdzającym zdolności wyzwaniem, aż w końcu Jacklyn Krysiński instruktorce, choreografowi i tancerce w jednej osobie, dla której zespół „Polonia” to po prostu część rodziny. Dziękujemy wszystkim rodzicom, ich rodzinom i gościom, bez których ofiarności i zamiłowania tradycji folkloru polskiego nie byłoby tancerzy i oczywiście wszystkim dzieciom i młodzieży, bez których szczerych chęci, tanecznego i muzycznego zamiłowania ten zespół by nie istniał.

Zapraszając dzieci i młodzież w szeregi grup tworzących zespół „Polonia” pragniemy jeszcze raz złożyć wszystkim Tatusiom serdeczne życzenia z okazji Dnia Ojca dedykując ten wiersz:

Kochany Tato – zaczęłam zwyczajnie,
że z Tobą w domu jest bardzo fajnie:
w deszczu i w słotę, w smutku, w radości,
wspierasz i uczysz życia w miłości.
Dzisiaj za wszystko chcę Ci dziękować,
bukietem kwiatów mały darować.
Bo drogi Tatu – najlepszy na świecie,
który mnie kochasz w zimie i w lecie,
jesienią, wiosną w niezmienną troskę
w szczęśliwym domu – jak w raję rosnę.

Za Twą obecność dzisiaj dziękuję,
łask Bożych, szczęścia Tobie wieszuję,
zdrowia końskiego, siły i radości,
żadnych problemów ze stawami kości.
Obyś miał zawsze spokojną głowę,
a do nas dzieci nerwy stalowe,
życia w przybytku, spełnienia marzeń,
super wakacji – lecz zawsze razem!
Od dnia dzisiejszego, Tato kochany,
niech każdy dzień Twój będzie udany,
i niechaj dom nasz przyładem świeci
i abyś zawsze miał powód

- do DUMY ZE SWOICH DZIECI!

Tekst: Dorota Romek

Zmarła Dorothy Bialek emerytowana pracownica biura ZPRKA



Z żalem donosimy, że we wtorek 17 czerwca zmarła b. pracowniczka działu rachunkowego biura głównego ZPRKA, Dorothy Bialek.

Śp. Dorothy B. Bialek (71 l.) była córką śp. Mitchella i śp. Virginii (z. d. Napierkowski) Bialek.

Należała do Holy Innocents Paja Association, Clubu Matek, w przeszłości była prezeską Klubu Pomocniczego Pań przy szpitalu St. Mary of Nazareth w Chicago. Była członkinią Tow. #294 w Dystrykcie #7 ZPRKA, w biurze ZPRKA pracowała przez 20 lat do przejścia na emeryturę w grudniu 2013 roku.

W piątek, 20 czerwca Zmarła została pożegnana przez rodzinę i przyjaciół w kaplicy domu pogrzebowego Sojka Funeral Home w Chicago. Msza św. pogrzebowa odprawiona została w sobotę, 21 czerwca w kościele św. Młodzianków w Chicago. We mszy uczestniczyli wiceprezesa ZPRKA Anna Sokolowski, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski oraz grupa pracowników biura. Zmarła pochowana została na cmentarzu św. Wojciecha w Chicago.

Śp. Dorothy Bialek pozostawiła pogrążoną w żałobie rodzinę: siostry Pam (Fred) Tuytens, Pauline Walsh, Lucille (Maurice) Carter, brata Jamesa (Nancy) oraz siostrzeńców i siostrzenice, bratników i bratanice, kuzynów i dalszą rodzinę.

Rodzinie Zmarłej składamy najszczerze wyrazy współczucia. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Jej dać, Panie!



Dzień Flagi w ZPRKA

Pracownicy biura ZPRKA i MPA oraz emerytowani pracownicy ZPRKA świętowali uroczystość Dzień Flagi w piątek, 13 czerwca. Uroczystość rozpoczęło zgromadzenie przy flagie USA, odczytanie informacji nt. flagi,

złożenie przysięgi „Pledge of Allegiance” oraz odśpiewanie hymnu amerykańskiego. Program prowadzili wiceprezesa ZPRKA Anna Sokolowski i sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA James Robaczewski.

Uroczystości kontynuowane były w jadalni ZPRKA, gdzie wszyscy zebrali się przy tradycyjnym lunchu, na który składały się kielbaski, parówki, chipsy, słodczyce i napoje.

Pracownice ZPRKA Jolanta Zachara i Pam Tuytens odczytały przed jedzeniem krótkie modlitwy.





Anna Sokołowska, wiceprezesa

Patrząc przez okienko...

Nareszcie zagościło piękne słońce. Dni są coraz dłuższe, a noce krótsze. Nadszedł najlepszy czas, aby zacząć snuć plany wakacyjne. Dla wielu z nas lato to czas zasłużonego odpoczynku. Wakacje to upragniony i wymarzony przez wszystkich czas, w którym praktycznie wszyscy marzymy, żeby odpocząć od codzienności. To jest okres, kiedy zapominamy o codziennych troskach i uśmiechamy się do słońca, wybieramy się nad wodę, na długie spacery i "jednym słowem" - okres przyjemnego lenistwa. Niektórzy z nas mają swoje ulubione miejsca, do których lubią co roku wracać, inni znowu lubią zwiedzać lub wypoczywać co roku w innych zakątkach kraju czy świata. W związku z nadchodzącymi wakacjami i urlopami, pragniemy życzyć Wam wszystkim udanych, słonecznych i bezpiecznych wakacji! Abyście wrócili do pracy, czy też szkoły, pełni energii i pogody ducha.

Maj to miesiąc kojarzący się chyba każdemu z egzaminami, maturą i uroczystościami zakończenia szkoły i pożegnaniami z uczniami, którzy ukończyli liceum i opuszczają na zawsze mury polskich szkół. Dla innych, koniec roku szkolnego to podobno najbardziej radosny i niecierpliwie oczekiwany dzień. Zawsze przygotowywane są uroczyste Msze św., akademie, chwytające za serce tańce w wykonaniu absolwentów, wzruszające pożegnania i popłynie niejedna łezka. Tak było i w tym roku w naszych polonijnych szkołach.



Zakończenie roku szkolnego w Polskiej Szkole im. Marii Konopnickiej



Podzielę się z Wami, w skrócie wrażeniami z uroczystości, w których wzięłam udział. W sobotę, 10 maja odbyło się oficjalne zakończenie roku szkolnego w Polskiej Szkole im. Marii Konopnickiej. W kościele pw. Pięciu Braci Męczenników odbyła się uroczysta Msza św. pod przewodnictwem ks. proboszcza Wojciecha Baryskiego. W tym dniu uczniowie szkoły podstawowej oraz klasy maturalnej, w białych i niebieskich togach uczestniczyli w tej uroczystej Mszy św. Podczas mszy absolwenci, wraz z rodzicami, nauczycielami, oraz z zaproszonymi gośćmi, dziękowali Panu Bogu za pomyślne zakończenie roku szkolnego oraz za Papieża-Polaka Św. Jana Pawła II. Ks. Baryski w swojej homilii pogratulował wszystkim absolwentom i podziękował, że uczęszczali do polskiej szkoły, może nawet nieraz z niechęcią, ale na pewno to, co się nauczyli, będzie przynosić plony. Także podziękował nauczycielom i rodzicom za ich pomoc, dopilnowanie oraz za ich intensywną pracę. Podziękował także dyrekcji szkoły za to, że przez tyle lat Polska Szkoła im. M. Konopnickiej była związana z parafią Pięciu Braci Męczenników. Niestety, filia szkoły przy tej parafii w tym roku zostaje zamknięta, ponieważ większość polskiego społeczeństwa już nie mieszka w tej dzielnicy. Zajęcia szkolne będą odbywać się w szkole przy parafii św. Louisa de Monford w Oak Lawn, IL. Proboszcz prosił jednakże, abyśmy nie zapomnieli o tej parafii i odwiedzali ją często. Po Mszy św. rozdane zostały świadectwa i nagrody książkowe oraz zrobione zostały tradycyjne pamiątkowe zdjęcia.

Następnego dnia, w niedzielę, 11 maja odbyło się zakończenie i pożegnanie absolwentów liceum w Polskiej Szkole im. Św. Jana Pawła II w Lemont, IL. Uroczystość rozpoczęła się tradycyjnym polonezem przygotowanym pod kierunkiem absolwentek klasy maturalnej, a zarazem tancerek ZPRKA "Wesoły Lud" ZPRKA – Kelsey Cetnarowski i Julii Pachla. Miłym akcentem okazała się wspaniała pożegnalna prezentacja absolwentów. Świadectwa i nagrody zostały wręczone przez dyrektorkę p. dr. Jolantę Tatara oraz wychowawców klas: mgr Elżbietę Parę i mgr Monikę Górnikowski. Absolwenci nie zapomnieli o podziękowaniach dla nauczycieli i rodziców. Wyrazem wdzięczności było wręczenie pięknych kwiatów i gorące słowa podziękowania. Po części oficjalnej przyszedł czas na zabawę. Zabawę rozpoczęły absolwentki – Kelsey Cetnarowski i Julia Pachla, które w duecie z tancerzami "Wesołego Ludu" Kamilem Paprockim i Jeremialem Stanek, zatańczyły skoczną "Jazz polkę". Następnie wszyscy absolwenci ruszyli na parkiet. Absolwenci dawali z siebie wszystko, a dziewczęta w pięknych

balowych sukniach tańczyły nawet boso i młodzież nie schodziła z parkietu, aż do zakończenia uroczystości. Trudno było się w tej wesołej, a zarazem pełnej emocji atmosferze pożegnać i rozstać. Serdecznie dziękuję za miłe słowa oraz za śliczny bukiet kwiatów.

W sobotę, 17 maja odbyło się pożegnanie tegorocznych absolwentów Polskiej Szkoły im. gen. Kazimierza Pułaskiego w Harwood Hts., IL.



Pożegnanie uczniów liceum Polskiej Szkoły im. Jana Pawła II

Uroczystość otworzyła dyr. szkoły p. Agata Michalkiewicz. Po odśpiewaniu hymnów narodowych i inwokacji przez o. Tadeusza Olzackiego, podano smaczną kolację. Po kolacji odbyło się wręczenie świadectw oraz medali za najwyższe osiągnięcia w nauce. Po uroczystości, absolwenci zaprosili wszystkich zebranych do wysłuchania programu artystycznego pod dyrekcją wychowawcy klasy maturalnej p. Małgorzaty Dzwonowskiej. Serdecznie dziękuję za zaproszenie, dodam, że jestem absolwentką tej szkoły i byłam bardzo wzruszona, że mogłam wystąpić na tej uroczystości.

Następnego dnia, 18 maja Polska Szkoła im. Św. Jana Pawła II w Lemont, IL, uroczystość żegnała absolwentów 8-mej klasy.

Piękna akademia pożegnalna została przygotowana przez absolwentów klasy 8-mej pod kierownictwem wychowawczyni klasy p. mgr Alicji Dobrzyńskiejk. Absolwenci słowami wspomnień przeżytych w szkole chwil, opisali szkolną rzeczywistość. Na ekranie mogliśmy podziwiać zdjęcia z ich dzieciństwa, wycieczek oraz z lekcji. Po ich występie przyszedł czas na podziękowania, skierowane do dyrekcji szkoły, rodziców oraz zaproszonych gości. Nadszedł potem moment, na który wszyscy czekali, czyli rozdanie świadectw i nagród za wyniki w nauce i w konkursach. Na zakończenie



Pożegnanie uczniów klas 8-myh Polskiej Szkoły im. Jana Pawła II

dyrektorka szkoły dr. Jolanta Tatara pogratulowała absolwentom oraz serdecznie podziękowała rodzicom za ich wieloletnią dbałość i posyłanie swoich dzieci do polskiej szkoły. Złożyła także gratulacje i podziękowania wszystkim nauczycielom za ich cierpliwość, całoroczny trud i zaangażowanie w życie szkoły.

Po smacznym obiedzie udaliśmy się na tradycyjne zakończenie nauki przez polonijnych maturzystów polskich szkół z terenu miasta i okolic Chicago. Ponad 600 absolwentów wzięło udział we Mszy św., która odprawiona została w bazylice św. Jacka. Bazylika była zapelniona pod brzegi. Udział we Mszy św. wzięły też delegacje szkolne, rodzice oraz goście. Organizatorem tej tradycyjnej uroczystości było Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce pod dyrekcją p. prezes Ewy Koch, a gospodarzem tegorocznej uroczystości była Polska Szkoła im. Maksymiliana Kolbe w Chicago pod dyrekcją p. Jolanty Zabłockiej. Msza św. była koncelebrowana przez biskupa Andrzeja Wypycha, proboszcza bazyliki św. Jacka ks. Stanisława Jankowskiego, kapelana Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, ojca Jerzego Karpińskiego oraz ks. Andrzeja Piasieckiego. Biskup Wypych w swojej homilii podkreślał



Uroczysta msza św. w bazylice św. Jacka w Chicago dla absolwentów polskich szkół sobotnich

patriotyzm, kulturę i tradycję kraju

naszego pochodzenia. Po uroczystej Mszy podziękowania dla rodziców i nauczycieli oraz gratulacje dla absolwentów złożyli prezeska Związku Nauczycieli Polskich p. Ewa Koch i wicekonsul RP Konrad Zieliński. Uroczystość zakończona została wręczeniem dyplomów, a na twarzach absolwentów widać było uśmiech, radość i zadowolenie, ale też byli tacy, którzy z łezką w oku opuszczali bazylikę oraz swoich wychowawców, koleżanki i kolegów.

Drodzy Absolwenci polonijnych szkół,

W imieniu Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce oraz swoim, pragnę pogratulować Wam pomyślnego ukończenia liceum. Przez ostatnie lata nauki w polskiej szkole zdobywaliście wiedzę o kraju Waszego pochodzenia. Nie zapomnijcie tej wiedzy, uczcie się jej w dalszym ciągu. Nie zatraćcie swojej polskości. Nieście ją z dumą przez lata studiów i przyszej pracy i gdziekolwiek los Was zaprowadzi.

Dziś patriotyzm dla Was, młodzieży pochodzenia polskiego, to nade wszystko nauka, dobre wykształcenie. Bądźcie dumni ze swego pochodzenia, kochajcie Polskę. Moi Drodzy, nadal poznawajcie kulturę polską, polski język, a nade wszystko pamiętajcie, że jesteście Polakami. Życzę, abyście zawsze pamiętali o Ojczyźnie waszych przodków i w dalszym ciągu rozwijali język i kulturę polską. Życzę też, abyście byli dobrymi obywatelami Stanów Zjednoczonych i ambasadorami kraju swojego pochodzenia, naszego wspólnego pochodzenia.

Dziś, kiedy opuszczacie polską szkołę, chciałabym Wam życzyć sukcesów w realizacji Waszych dalszych planów życiowych. Także życzę, abyście angażowali się w życie polonijne, abyście byli liderami Polonii. My Was potrzebujemy i my na Was czekamy.

Gorąco dziękuję dyrektom, nauczycielom i rodzicom, za trud pracy wychowawczej, motywowanie do nauki, wspieranie mądrymi radami i wskazówkami. To dzięki Państwa wysiłkom i zaangażowaniu nasza młodzież ukończyła polską szkołę i na pewno Wasz wkład w kształceniu naszej młodzieży, w przyszłości pomyślnie zaowocuje. Jeszcze raz Wam serdecznie gratuluję i życzę udanych, bezpiecznych i słonecznych wakacji!

Tymi słowami kończę mój artykuł i życzę Wam wszystkim wspaniałego i słonecznego lata i do zobaczenia 10-13 sierpnia na Sejmie naszej organizacji w Toledo, Ohio!

zdjęcia: Anna Sokolowski

Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce



L-p: pp. Wallace i Joann Ozog, Katarzyna Bober, Wacław Jakubowicz



Goście w czasie balu z lewej pp. Jaworowscy, z prawej pp. Kusmierczak.



Goście w ogrodzie Galerii Marchetti



Konsul Robert Rusiecki, Suzanne Wilhelmsen



Goście w ogrodzie

Chicago, IL - 34. doroczny

Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce odbył się w piątek, 6 czerwca w malowniczej Galerii



Virginia Cudecki (p) z rodziną

Marchetti. Udział w balu wzięło 182 gości.

Gości witali w ogrodzie: przewodnicząca balu Virginia Cudecki, prezeska PMA Maria Cieśla, laureatka "Nagrody "Ducha Polskości" Joann Ozog, przewodniczący dyrekcji PMA i prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot z żoną Judith oraz wiceprzewodnicząca dyrekcji PMA i wiceprezeska ZPRKA Anna Sokolowski.

W części oficjalnej Aleksandra Kurzydłowski odśpiewała hymny narodowe polski i amerykański, a proboszcz parafii Marii Panny z Evanston, IL, odmówił krótką modlitwę. Uroczysty toast wzniosła prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla.

Po kolacji przedstawieni zostali ofiarodawcy, którzy przekazali donacje w trzech nowych kategoriach: "Czerwony mak" - Deborah L. Greenlee, "Biały mak" - Stephen and Jamie Kusmierczak i "Pink Poppy" - Virginia M. Cudecki, Legion Młodych Polek i Betty Uzarowicz. Przedstawini zostali następnie inni hojni donatorzy w kategorii "Biały kruka" - Maria i Richard Cieśla, Judith i Joseph Drobot, John Schoen II i Antoinette Trela, Anna i Mark Sokolowscy, państwo Versen, Polskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne w Ameryce, Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce, Związek Polek w Ameryce, a także inni ofiarodawcy.

Przewodniczący dyrekcji MPA i prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot przedstawił następnie laureatkę "Nagrody Ducha Polskości", żonę b. prezesa ZPRKA, która w latach 1998-2010 była wolontariuszką, koordynatorką imprez oraz zebrała ponad 1 milion dolarów na dalszą działalność muzeum.

Pani Ozog podziękowała wszystkim, którzy pomogli jej w wielu projektach oraz przekazała kolejną donację w wysokości \$12 650 na konserwację starych druków.

W podziękowaniu dla p. Ozog, ZPiT "Polonia" pod dyrekcją Anny Krysiński, przygotował krótki program taneczny, na który składały się walc i mazur.

Następnie wręczone zostało stypendium Thorek Memorial Foundation Medical School w wysokości 5 tys. dol. dla Julii Simkowskiej, która będzie studiować w Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

W czasie wieczoru pracownicy muzeum sprzedawali bilety na dwie loterie, dla gości przygotowane zostały

drobne upominki i k s i ą ż k i p a m i ą t k o w e . Wieczór umilała piękna muzyka w y k o n a n i u A n t h o n y K a w a l k o w s k i Orchestra.



Geraldine Balut Coleman (r) przekazała stypendium Julii Simkowskiej (l)



Prezeska MPA Maria Cieśla odbiera donację Związku Polek w Ameryce z rąk Delphine Huneycutt



Ks. Greg Sakowicz



Hymny narodowe wykonała Aleksandra Kurzydłowski



Wręczenie "Nagrody Ducha Polskości" (l-p) Maria Cieśla, Wallace Ozog, laureatka wyróżnienia - Joann Ozog, Joseph Drobot



KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL ZPRKA

23 sierpnia 2014

Canton Sports Center

46555 W. Michigan Ave., Canton, MI

Gospodarzem jest Tow. Fr. Al's Soc. #1493 ZPRKA; przewodniczącym turnieju jest Joe Ozog, Jr. Organizatorzy rozesłali formularze zgłoszeniowe, które można również pobrać na stronie www.prcua.org

Uczestnicy mogą zatrzymać się w Holiday Inn Express, 3950 S. Lotz, Canton, MI. W sprawie rezerwacji prosimy dzwonić pod numer (734) 721-5500. Pokój można wynająć za \$84.99 (cena grupowa - PRCUA group rate), w cenie gorący bufet śniadaniowy.

Biuro ZPRKA będzie nieczynne w piątek, 4 lipca w związku z obchodzoną w USA Dniem Niepodległości.

Kandydaci na stanowiska w zarządzie i dyrekcji ZPRKA

W dniach 10-13 sierpnia 2014 r. odbędzie się w Toledo, OH 61. Sejm ZPRKA. W czasie obrad w Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, który znajduje się przy 444 Summit St. w Toledo, nastąpią wybory zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA na lata 2014-2018.

Poniżej przedstawiamy listę kandydatów na stanowiska w nowej administracji ZPRKA, których podania zostały oficjalnie zatwierdzone:

NA STANOWISKO PREZESA:

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. - od 2010 r. prezes ZPRKA, członek Tow. #843 i Tow. #718. Absolwent University of Detroit, posiada stopień bakalarsza rachunkowości i magistra ekonomii. Należy do ZPRKA od ponad 50 lat. Nie posiada kontrkandydata na stanowisko prezesa.

NA STANOWISKO WICEPREZESA: (zgodnie z przyjętymi na ostatnim Sejmie ustawami, od tegorocznego Sejmu, wybierany będzie tylko jeden wiceprezes ZPRKA):

Micheline I. Jaminski - z Homer Glen, IL, należy do Tow. #1597. Ukończyła Alliance College, prowadzi swoją własną firmę. Jest dyrektorem Zespołu Tańca Ludowego "Wesoły Lud". Należy do ZPRKA od 1977 r.

Paul A. Pawlowski - z Chicago, IL, jest członkiem Tow. #509. Ukończył Chicago State University. Pracuje dla Wal-Mart. Jest prezesem Dystryktu #9 ZPRKA. Należy do ZPRKA od 1960 r.

NA STANOWISKO SEKRETARZA-SKARBNIKA:

Mary Sendra Anselmo - z Chicago, IL, należy do Tow. #1605. Jest absolwentką Mundelein College i posiada certyfikat nauczyciela z Governors State University/Illinois Benedictine College. Jest dyrektorem szkoleniowym w sądzie okręgowym. Należy do ZPRKA od 1999 r.

William E. Nowakowski - z Buffalo, NY, członek Tow. #750. Jest absolwentem Erie Community College i State University College w Buffalo, NY oraz Claude Pettit Law School i SUNY at Buffalo Law School. Jest prawnikiem. Były dyrektor Dyst. #2 ZPRKA. Należy do ZPRKA od 1989 r.

James J. Robaczewski, FIC - z Chicago, IL - członek Tow. #412, Tow. #1593 i Tow. #15. Jest absolwentem DePaul University. Od 2010 r. jest sekretarzem-skarbnikiem ZPRKA. Należy do ZPRKA od 1971 r.

NA STANOWISKA DYREKTORÓW ZPRKA (w nawiasie liczba dydektorów z każdego Dystryktu):

DYSTRYKT #1 (1) - brak kandydatów.

DYSTRYKT #2 (1) - **Gregory B. Olma** z Buffalo, NY, członek Tow. #540; absolwent SUNY Law School. Konsultant. Jest dyrektrem Dystr. #2 ZPRKA. Należy do ZPRKA od 2004 r. **David B. Pfaff** z Kenmore, NY.; członek Tow. #540. Absolwent SUNY w Albany. Jest konsultantem politycznym. Należy do ZPRKA od 2005 r.

DYSTRYKT #3 (2) - **Sharon M. Quinn, FIC** z Filadelfii, PA, należy do Tow. #2015. Absolwentka Little Flower High School. Emerytowana kierowniczką biura ZPRKA w Filadelfii. Należy do ZPRKA od przyłączenia UPWA do ZPRKA w 1997 r. **Joanne I. Zajac** z Filadelfii, PA; należy do Tow. #2013. Ukończyła University of Pennsylvania. Analityk depozytów. Obecna dyrektorka Dystr. #3. Należy do ZPRKA od przyłączenia UPWA do ZPRKA w 1997 r.; (ponieważ nie ma więcej kandydatów ubiegających się o pozycję dyrektora Dystr. #3, obie panie automatycznie otrzymują nominację).

DYSTRYKT #4 (1) - **Eileen T. Hanley** ze Sparks, MD; należy do Tow. #527. Ukończyła Towson State University. Pracuje jako konsultant Human Relations. Była dyrektorka Dystr. #4. Należy do ZPRKA od ponad 50 lat (nie posiada kontrkandydata, automatycznie otrzymuje nominację).

DYSTRYKT #5 (2) - **Mitchell J. Bienia** z Cleveland, OH; należy do Tow. #2220. Absolwent John Carroll University i Nova Southeastern University. Jest nauczycielem i agentem podróży. Obecny dyrektor Dystr. #5. Należy do ZPRKA od 1994 r. **Aggie M. Dahar** z Toledo, OH; należy do Tow. #1617. Ukończyła St. Autzenberger University i Capital University. Emerytowana pracowniczka urzędu miasta Toledo. Pracuje w niepełnym wymiarze jako kierownik biura i księgowa. Należy do ZPRKA od 1990 r. **Thomas D. Jesionowski** z Maumet, OH; jest członkiem Tow. #719. Absolwent Univeristy of Toledo. Emerytowany wiceprezes ds. operacyjnych. Należy do ZPRKA od 1999 r.

DYSTRYKT #6 (1) - **Constance L. Bonin** z Athens, WI; należy do Tow. #283. Ukończyła Thornton Fractional high School North. Jest na emeryturze; pracowała dla AT&T. W latach 1990-2002 była dyrektorką Dystr. #9; obecnie dyrektorka Dystr. #6. Należy do ZPRKA od 1968 r. (nie ma kontrkandydata więc automatycznie otrzymuje nominację).

DYSTRYKT #7 (2) - **Anna Krysiński** z Glenview, IL; należy do Tow. #1624 r.; jest absolwentką Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego. Agent nieruchomości. Dyrektor ZPiT "Polonia". Obecna dyrektorka Dystr. #7. Należy do ZPRKA od 1984 r.

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Msza św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa Patrona ZPRKA



Przed wejściem do kościoła (l-r):
pp. Joseph i Judy Drobot, Barbara Toboy, Anna Sokolowski



Tancerze ZPiT "Polonia" w procesji

Patrona Zjednoczenia. Nabożeństwo odprawione zostało o godz. 12:30 w kościele św. Ferdynanda w Chicago.

Koncelebransami mszy św. byli kapelani ZPRKA: ks. Władysław Ptak, ks. Antoni Iwuć i ks. Stanisław Milewski, proboszcz parafii św. Ferdynanda ks. Zdzisław Torba oraz kapelan Dystr. #7 ks. Greg Helmiński. Mszę poprzedziła uroczysta procesja do świątyni. Lektorami byli tancerze z ZPiT "Polonia" ZPRKA Magdalena Rozko i Matthew Bomba, dary mszalne do ołtarza przynieśli członkowie zarządu ZPRKA: prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., wiceprezesi Anna Sokolowski i Robert Bielenda oraz skarbnik-sekretarz James Robaczewski, a także tancerze "Polonii". Członkowie ZPiT "Polonia", pod kierownictwem muzycznym Mieczysława Dziś, wykonali w czasie nabożeństwa pieśni "Barka" i "Czarna



Ofiarowanie darów: (l-p) Joseph Drobot, Anna Sokolowski, James Robaczewski, Robert Bielenda



"Polonia" zaśpiewała w czasie mszy św.



Joan Smuda i Ryszard Jamiński



Dyrektorzy Dystr. #7 Robert Bugielski i Anna Krysiński



PP. Frankowicz w czasie lunchu



L-p: Edward Muszalski, "Książę" Jeremiah Stanek, pp. Tadeusz i Krystyna Lech, Mary Brzeźniak i Diane Cortesi; stoją: Walter Dynowski i ks. Władysław Ptak



Na skrzypcach zagrała Ola Kwasny

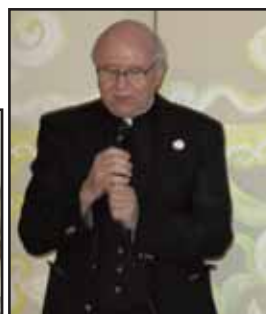
W niedzielę, 8 czerwca członkowie ZPRKA wzięli udział w dorocznej mszy św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa

Po mszy odbył się lunch w restauracji "Grota" przy Central Ave., w Chicago.

Krótką modlitwę przed posiłkiem odmówił ks. Helmiński, a na skrzypcach zagrała Aleksandra Kwasny.

Na zakończenie dyrektorzy Dystr. #7 ZPRKA Anna Krysiński i Robert Bugielski podziękowali wszystkim, którzy wzięli udział w dorocznej uroczystości.

zdjęcia: Anna i Marek Sokolowski



Ks. Helmiński odmówił modlitwę