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61st National Convention

For the first time in PRCUA's 141-year history, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will hold its National Convention in Toledo, Ohio. There have been four previous Conventions held in Ohio - in 1894, 1909, 1966 and 1982 - but they took place in the City of Cleveland.

On August 9th and 10th, almost 250 delegates will converge upon the Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center at 444 North Summit Street, to participate in the PRCUA's 61st National Quadrennial Convention. The Convention site is located on the picturesque shore of the Maumee River in downtown Toledo.

The responsibility for planning the Convention was delegated to National Director of District 5 Joan Sylak, Chairperson of the Pre-Convention Arrangements Committee. Members of her capable Committee are: Zuella Czerniak, Aggie Dahar, Teresa Gibala, Thomas Jesionowski, and Francis Rutkowski. A Golf Outing has been planned by Vikki Mixon for Sat., Aug. 9th at 11 a.m. at Detwiler Park Golf Course, 4001 North Summit Street, Toledo. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Toledo PRCUA Club, 5255 North Detroit Avenue, Toledo. In the evening, Hospitality for delegates will be held at the Club, with buses shuttling delegates to-and-fro throughout the evening.

OPENING MASS - The Convention will officially open with a Mass to be held on Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Hedwig's Church, 3233 Lagrange Street, Toledo, Ohio. The Opening Mass will be concelebrated by PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, National Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc and other priests.

BRUNCH - This will be followed by a Brunch at the Toledo PRCUA Club, 5255 Detroit Street. Buses will be available to transport participants between the hotel, church, club and back to the Convention site.

RESERVATIONS - PRCUA members and friends, who are not participating in the Convention, but who want to take part in the Sunday Breakfast Brunch, can make reservations by calling Director Joan Sylak at 419-729-2126. The cost is \$11.00 per person.

OPENING SESSION - The Opening Session of the 61st National Quadrennial Convention will take place after the Brunch on Sunday, August 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Ballroom on the second floor of the hotel. This session is scheduled to go until the late afternoon, when delegates will be released in time to prepare for the evening's festivities.

BANQUET - The Convention Banquet will take place at the Ballroom on the 1st floor of the Hotel, with a reception at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:15 pm. Entrees include a choice of beef tenderloin or salmon and crab cake.

Grand Plaza Hotel Toledo, Ohio



Entertainment will be provided by PRCUA dance groups, including Toledo's own *Echoes of Poland*, directed and choreographed by Paulina Ortyl, assisted by Christine Pesartic-Forbes; *Polonia Ensemble* from Niles, IL, directed by Anna Krysinski, choreographed by Cecylia Roznowski; *Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co.* of Chicago, IL, directed/choreographed by Micheline & Richard Jaminski, and *Zakopane Ensemble*, from Sterling Hts., MI, directed by Colleen Bonkowski and choreographed by Tom Lisiecki.

Convention sessions will continue throughout Monday. Some of the issues expected to be discussed at the Convention are: 1) improving the financial

strength of the PRCUA; 2) fraternal activities; 3) increasing membership and 4) amendments to the new Constitution and By-Laws. Governance issues will also need to be discussed, since the State of Illinois has increased governmental regulations of fraternal organizations to better protect its members. Illinois has instituted strict controls on the quality of the Directors on the Board, desiring them to be professionals who have been educated and trained for their governing positions. The new regulations may also require a restructuring of our district representation on the Board of Directors.

On Tuesday morning, the Fraternal Mass will be held at the Ballroom of the Hotel, followed by a Fraternal Luncheon at the Fifth-Third Center, located at 1 Sea Gate, which is connected to the Hotel. Winners of *Narod Polski's* 61st Convention Quiz for May, June and July will be drawn at the Fraternal Luncheon, and the winner of *Narod Polski's* Special Essay Contest will be announced. The topic of the essay is "How can PRCUA get teens and young adults involved in our organization? What can the PRCUA offer to attract their attention and to sustain their involvement?" The winner of the essay contest will be chosen by the Convention's Youth Committee. Each of the four winners will receive a prize of \$100.00. This will be followed by official Convention sessions and voting to elect the National Officers and National Directors of the PRCUA for the 2014-2018 term of office.

On Wednesday morning, the elected Chaplain, Officers and National Directors will be escorted into the Convention Hall by their family and friends. The oath of office will be administered and the Convention will conclude.

The Grand Plaza Hotel is a smoke-free facility that offers the following amenities: free Wi-Fi throughout the complex; wheelchair accessibility, elevators, porter service, luggage storage, valet parking (surcharge), room service, restaurant, bar/lounge, fitness center, indoor pool, and spa/sauna services. Air-conditioned guest rooms include a 37-inch flat-screen television, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, and a coffee maker, but no refrigerator. A free newspaper is available in the lobby, where coffee and tea are also available.

For families of delegates, the Hotel provides a shuttle bus to the Hollywood Casino; other sites in Toledo are Imagination Station (near the hotel), the Toledo Zoo, and the Toledo Museum of Art. The Mud Hens baseball team is playing in town during the Convention and is within walking distance of the Hotel. Also, Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, is located just one hour away on the shore of Lake Erie. The Committee has prepared a list of local restaurants and interesting Toledo sites that will be made available.

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

AUGUST

9 TOLEDO, OH - PRCUA NATIONAL CONVENTION GOLF OUTING on Sat., Aug. 9, 11 am at Detwiler Park Golf Course, 4001 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH; refreshments afterwards at PRCUA Club, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH

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

10 TOLEDO, OH - CONVENTION OPENING MASS at 9:30 am at St. Hedwig's Church, 2916 Lagrange St., Toledo, followed by Brunch at PRCUA Misiuda Club, 5255 N. Detroit Street, Toledo, Ohio (See page 9 for complete Convention Schedule)

10 TOLEDO, OH - CONVENTION BANQUET at 6:30 pm at Grand Plaza Hotel 1st floor Ballroom, 444 N. Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio

12 TOLEDO, OH - FRATERNAL MASS & LUNCH with Mass at 10 am at Grand Plaza Hotel Ballroom followed by Lunch at Fifth Third Center, 1 Sea Gate, Toledo - attached to the hotel.

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 at right.)

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14 PRCUA INAUGURAL MASS AND BANQUET at 5:00 p.m. St. Ferdinand Church, 5900 W Barry Ave., Chicago, IL. Banquet Rosewood Banquets, 9421 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL - Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30. Please save the date. More information in the September issue.

17 TROY, MI - CIRCUIT XI MEETING on Wed., Sept. 17 at Noon at American Polish Cultural Ctr., 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: B. Wozniak 586-731-3692

18 CHICAGO, IL - ILL-IND WOMEN'S DIVISION MEETING on Thurs., Sept. 18 at 11:00 am at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Lillian Stempinski 847-965-7378.

21 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., Sept. 21, 1 pm, Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, #462, Detroit, MI. Contact: S. Pasko 313-815-5230

60th PRCUA Softball Tournament Saturday, August 23, 2014



Canton Sports Center

**46555 W. Michigan Ave.
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**

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.

NOTICE TO SOC. #261 MEMBERS, DETROIT, MI

The new location for Soc. #261's meeting on Sunday, November 30, 2014 is the Fr. James B. Heary Council #7239 K. of C. Hall, 30191 Dequindre Rd., Madison Hts., MI (South of 13 Mile Rd. on the west side of Dequindre) at 12:30 p.m. Election of officers, plans for 2015 and PRCUA National Convention Report will be discussed. Please attend.

PRCUA DISTRICT 7 ANNUAL FISHING DERBY SUN., SEPT. 7 - 10 am to 2 pm



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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.

Prizes for the most fish caught in each age group. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your fishing pole, lawn chair & camera. Some poles available upon request.

Questions? Call Walter Szarowicz 847-577-7274



**The Home Office of the PRCUA
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September 1st in observance of
Labor Day.**



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The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is the oldest Polish American fraternal in America, founded in 1873, with over 50,000 members across the country. People join our organization because, among other things, we support various Polish American causes. PRCUA provides educational scholarships, student grants, subsidizes a number of Polish language and dance schools, and supports Orchard Lake Schools, as well as the Polish Museum of America.

If you would like to have more information about the 61st Convention Special or any of the life insurance plans offered by the PRCUA, or annuities, please contact your local PRCUA sales representative or call the Home Office and ask for:

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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**. Pay **once-a-year** for only **5 years** and receive a lifetime of coverage.

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PRCUA Mourns the Passing of National Vice Chaplain Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski



Rev. Monsignor
Stanley E. Milewski

ORCHARD LAKE, MI - PRCUA's beloved National Vice Chaplain, Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski, P.A., went to his heavenly reward on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at the age of 84, from a blood infection. Having spent most of his 59 years as a priest serving the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS) in Orchard Lake, Michigan, he was indeed a "legend."

Born Nov. 30, 1929, to Stanley and Jadwiga Milewski, Stanley Milewski grew up on Detroit's near west side, attending Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (West) Elementary School and St. Andrew School. He then attended St. Mary's Prep and St. Mary's College before moving on to St. John's Provincial Seminary to finish his priestly formation. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 4, 1955, earned a master's degree from SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, and he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, PA. His first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Francis D'Assisi in Detroit (1955-57) before being assigned to the Orchard Lake Schools.

Msgr. Milewski, the first Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, fulfilled various positions there, beginning as treasurer (1957-77), a teacher (1957-68), vice rector (1968-77), and athletic director (1973-77). He became Chancellor in 1977 when the governing structure was changed. Under his leadership, the OLS operated: St. Mary's Preparatory, St. Mary's College and SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary — all three of which he had attended. Monsignor Milewski was also a OLS Perpetual and Extraordinary Ambassador (1974-2014); founder of the Pope John Paul II Center (1978); and on the Chancellor's Senate (1980-2014). He was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by His Holiness Pope John Paul II in 1990, and later elevated to the highest rank of monsignor — Apostolic Protonotary — by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007. After retiring as Chancellor in 2000, he continued to live at and support the Orchard Lake Schools. Since he was an only child, OLS became Msgr. Milewski's "family," filling his life with hundreds of young people, who brought him great joy.

Msgr. Milewski received numerous honors, including the 9th "Legend of the Catholic League" award in 2000 for his decades of service, and he was the recipient of a "Banner of Excellence" in the OLS Dombrowski Fieldhouse in 2004. He is a member of the St. Mary's Prep Athletic Wall of Fame, and the school's red-turfed football field is named in his honor. During his 23 years of leadership, he oversaw an expansion of the campus, including a College Academic Center, the Dombrowski Fieldhouse, new dormitories, the Padzieski Science Center and a new chapel for the seminary, of which he was very proud.

He was also proud of his Polish heritage and very active in the Polish American community having served as President of the Priests' Conference for Polish Affairs of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Moderator of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland, National Director of the Polish American Congress and National Vice Chaplain of the PRCUA. He was honored with the Bishop Stephen Woznicki Award for his contributions to Polish affairs.

Msgr. Milewski was personally invited by President Jimmy Carter to be part of the official U.S. delegation for Pope St. John Paul II's inauguration and installation Mass in 1978, which he viewed as a great honor for Orchard Lake, and affirmation of its place in Polonia and the Church. Msgr. Milewski reported that he was "completely enthralled" by Karol Cardinal Wojtyla during the Cardinal's first visit to Orchard Lake in 1969, and they became friends after that experience.

The Eucharist was central to Msgr. "Millie's" life. Almost daily, after retirement, he could be found at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Shrine Chapel. He prayed for the needs of the Church, the Archdiocese of Detroit, Orchard Lake, and the world. He often prayed the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, especially during the drive to Chicago for PRCUA Board meetings. Msgr. Milewski had great devotion to prayer, especially to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Blessed Mother. In 2000, more than 1,100 people attended a Mass to honor Msgr. Milewski's retirement. At that time, he said he looked forward to spending his last years in quiet prayer and reflection. The PRCUA was honored to have had Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski serve as our National Vice Chaplain for the last 12 years, since 2002.

A Funeral Mass was held for Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski, P.A., on Friday, July 11, at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. There were approximately 700 people in attendance, including Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Bishops Reiss, Bishop Hanchon, Bishop Cepeda, Bishop Hurley, Very Rev. Timothy Whalen, Chancellor Emeritus, and many representatives of the PRCUA.

May Monsignor Milewski be blessed abundantly for all the good that he has done in his lifetime, and may he find eternal rest in the loving arms of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Victor A. Drajem, Jr. Past Director of District #2 April 30, 1938 – June 29, 2014



Victor A. Drajem, Jr.

LANCASTER, NY - Victor A. Drajem Jr., Past Director of PRCUA District #2 from 1978 to 1986, and owner of GDK Coins of Depew, NY, died on Sunday, June 29, 2014 in his Lancaster home after a lengthy illness. He was 76.

Born in Buffalo, NY, he graduated from Maryvale High School in 1956 and attended Canisius College. From age 10, he enjoyed coin collecting. At 21, he started work at Sears Roebuck and Co., while owning a small coin business on the side. Soon his coin business was more lucrative than his job at Sears. In 1964, he embarked upon his 50-year

career as owner and president of GDK Coins in Depew, a dealership that buys and sells coins, gold and silver bullion, stamps, and collectibles. He was active in his business until recently.

A member of PRCUA Society #868, Victor Drajem was very proud of his Polish heritage and served his District well on the Board of Directors for two terms of office. He was also a life member of the American Numismatic Association, Past President of the Buffalo Numismatic Association, Past President of Empire State Numismatic Association, life member of the Garden State Numismatic Association, member of Niagara Falls Coin Club, and Past President and Vice President of Erie County Coin Club, a member of the Professional Businessman's Association and the Polish Falcons. His mother, Irene T. Drajem, was Treasurer of the City of Buffalo from 1977 to 1981.

He is survived by his companion of 33 years, Rosemarie Campisano; two sons, Gregory (Kim) and David (Kim); a daughter, Kim (Mark) Torina; a stepdaughter, Maryellen (Harold) Blunt; a stepson, Michael (Mary Finn) Wrona; a brother, Robert (Linda) Drajem; and six grandchildren: Vincent, Adam, Alyssa, Alec, Ryan and Cole.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday, July 3 at St. Gabriel's Church in Elma, NY. May he rest in eternal peace.

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

Malgorzata Czachor – School Director
by e-mail at misia@mkc.pl or
St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School at:
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Invitation to a Memorial Commemoration Ceremony

*What is our moral responsibility to the Six Million who were murdered during the Holocaust?
To remember and to perpetuate their memory into eternity.*

CHICAGO, IL - A Memorial Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Lodz Ghetto During World War II will take place on August 28, 2014 from 6 to 8 pm at The Union League Club, 65 West Jackson, west of Dearborn in Chicago. There is public parking adjacent to the building.

The JUF, Consulate General of the State of Israel, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, Consulate General of Lithuania, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Consulate General of Ukraine, Haifa University, Father John Pawlikowski, Illinois Holocaust Museum, Polish Museum of America, Anti-Defamation League Greater Chicago, *Fundusz Michaela H. Traisona dla Polski*, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Polvision, Polish American Congress, Piast Institute, Union League Club, Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, YIVO, Galicja Jewish Museum Krakow, Sheerit Hapleitah of Metropolitan Chicago, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Association of Descendants of the Shoah of Illinois, the Decalogue Society, Generations of the Shoah International, DePaul University College of Law Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies, *Centrum Dialogu imienia Marka Edelmana Lodz*, and The United States Holocaust Museum are confirmed supporters of the program.

The program will include: Cantorial Music provided by Hazan Alberto Mizrahi of Anshe Emet Congregation; Greetings by Union League Club President F. Michael Covey III; the voice of a teenager in the Lodz Ghetto: Helik Lipschitz; and remarks by the Consul General of the State of Israel, Roey Gilad.

There will be books and diaries available for purchase, displays of photos and film.

Polvision will broadcast a program on the Ghetto Liquidation in the weeks preceding the anniversary. Light kosher refreshments will be available. There is no charge for this event.

PRCUA members are encouraged to attend.



**Wesoly Lud
Polish Folk
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PRCUA Wesoly Lud at Milwaukee Polish Fest



M. Jaminski with Ada Dziewanowski of Syrena Dancers in Milwaukee, WI

MILWAUKEE, WI - PRCUA's Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company performed at the Annual Polish Fest held in Milwaukee, WI. This popular festival took place on the weekend of June 13-15, 2014 and Wesoly Lud, under the direction of Misia Jaminski, performed on Sat., June 14th. Their performance included a repertoire of three Polish folk dances and a lively American polka.

The PRCUA had a booth at the festival, which was staffed by Past National Director of District #6 Sharon Haberski, who was aptly helped by her grandson Cody Bradley (pictured below) and her two other grandsons Anthony DeMatteo and Marc DeMatteo. Other volunteers also assisted, as well as Agnieszka Bastrzyk and Robert Fattore from the Home Office.

(Photos: Res. V.P. Anna



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NOTICE SOC. #1593

PRCUA #1593 Society workers are needed for Texas Holdem games at 5 Star Lanes located at 2666 16 Mile in Sterling Heights, MI on September 9 to the 12th; October 7 to the 10th and November 11 to the 14th. Check your calendar and please volunteer. Times are 6 to 10 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Let Wallace Ozog know when you can be there ASAP via email at wozog@wowway.com or by calling 773-852-7130. Thank you.

Klesko, Bobick and Patulski Inducted into the Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame

Major League Baseball standout Ryan Klesko, heavyweight boxing champion Duane Bobick, and All-American lineman Walt Patulski were elected into the Hall of Fame for 2014. Additionally, U.S. Women's Open bowling champion, Liz Johnson, was chosen to receive this year's *Excellence in Sports Award*.



Ryan Klesko

Ryan Klesko played 16 Major League Baseball seasons (1992-2007) with Atlanta, San Diego and San Francisco, belting 278 home runs, 987 RBI, and 1,564 hits during his major league career. He played an integral part of the Braves World Series Championship team of 1985, and two other Braves World Series teams. Named to the 2001 All-Star team in San Diego, Klesko batted .300 or better in 4 seasons and hit 21 or more home runs in 8 seasons. He finished with an impressive .279 career batting average.

Duane Bobick started boxing at age 16 in Golden Gloves and became one of the best amateur boxers in the U.S. He was a All-Navy champion and 2-time All-Service champion. Standing 6'3" and weighing 215 lbs., he won the US AAU Heavyweight Championship in 1971 and also won the Gold Medal at the 1971 Pan American Games. As an amateur, he compiled a record of 93-16 with 61 KOs, beating Larry Holmes to be named to the 1972 US Olympic team for the Summer Games in Munich. After turning pro, Bobick won his first 19 fights by knockout, gaining a top-10 ranking. He was 38-0 before he lost his first fight, a heavyweight title elimination bout in 1977. He retired in 1979 at age 28 with a professional record of 48-4 with 41 KOs.

Walt Patulski, a 3-year starter at the University of Notre Dame, was considered to be the best collegiate lineman in the country from 1969-71. The 6'6", 260-pound defensive end was a unanimous All-American in 1971, winning both the UPI Lineman of the Year award, and the Lombardi Award, given annually to the nation's outstanding lineman. He finished 9th in Heisman Trophy voting that same year, and was selected for the College All-Star and Hula Bowl games. The Buffalo Bills made Patulski the first overall pick of the 1972 NFL Draft, an honor not since bestowed upon any Notre Dame player. His NFL career was cut short in 1977 due to a knee injury.

Bowler Liz Johnson was the 2013 US Women's Open Champion – the pinnacle of success in women's bowling. With her 257-195 victory over defending champion Kelli Kulick, Johnson joins Kulick and only two other women to have ever won the event three times. After her victory, she defeated US Men's Open champion Wes Malott in a special "Battle of the Sexes" one game roll-off. Johnson is the second individual ever to be awarded the NPASHF Excellence in Sports Award, succeeding 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup champion Brad Keselowski.

The awards were presented to the recipients at the 42nd Anniversary Induction Banquet on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at the American Polish-Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan, with Fox 2 Sports anchor Jennifer Hammond serving as Master of Ceremonies. Information on the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame is available at www.polishsportshof.com.

Congratulations to these sports greats!

From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer



James J. Robaczewski, FIC

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

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718 Pamela Kursa	20524 Blackstone, Detroit, MI 48219
823 David Rachowicz	17801 Cherrywood, Homewood, IL 60430
878 Jonathon Niewinski	764 N. Howard Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126
896 Irena Lukowicz	1612 Main St West, Warwick, RI 02893
943 Raymond Zubowicz	12254 S. Emerald Chicago, IL 60628
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1380 Stanislaw Dziedzic	1194 Main St, Pittston, PA 18640
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1493 Ronald Ozog	47181 Barbara, Utica, MI 48310
1543 Theresa Kobierski	2233 W. Charleston, Chicago, IL 60647
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1575 Alexis Kowalsky	251 Bunting Lane, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
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1587 Shannon Bezdziecki	274 Pine St, Gladwin, MI 48624
1593 Dean Jared	8415 Jeem, Center Line, MI 48015
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1616 Maurycy Jaskula	4930 W. Cuyler, Chicago, IL 60641
1616 Anna Stachulak	6954 W. Barry, Chicago, IL 60634
1617 Josie Wagner	272 Shoreham, Toledo, OH 43612
1622 Patricia Skrzypiec	9807 W. Schiller Bl, Franklin Park, IL 60131
1624 Sebastian Kulikowski	5431 N East River Chicago, IL 60656
1624 Nicole Rulka	3708 W. Diversey Ave Chicago, IL 60647
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1624 Patrick Szczecinski	7615 W. Summerdale Ave, Chicago, IL 60656
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2001 Barbara Fus	1629 Ferndale Ave, Abington, PA 19001
2001 Barbara Psonak	1636 Ruffner St, Philadelphia, PA 19140
2001 Virginia Basinska	346 E. Lancaster, Wynnewood, PA 19096
2001 Suzanne Daszkiewicz	2101 Ruffner St, Philadelphia, PA 19140
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2001 Alexander Szperka	8595 Weems Rd, Manassas, VA 20110
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2002 Alice Stanczak	1450 Glen Echo, Huntingdon Vly. PA 19006
2002 Dorothy O Hara	5119 Melrose St, Philadelphia, PA 19137
2002 Geraldine Palsy	3252 Salmon St, Philadelphia, PA 19134
2002 Timothy Lopatofsky	P. O. Box 295, Clifford, PA 18413
2002 Ladislava Koszylowski	3261 Tilton St, Philadelphia, PA 19134
2003 Dominique Nyzio	803 Seffert St, Philadelphia, PA 19128
2003 Robert Ciesielka	557 Gerhard St, Philadelphia, PA 19128

44th Annual Detroit Tigers Polish American Night at Comerica Park



Sign welcoming everyone to Polish American Night at Comerica Park

DETROIT, MI - The 44th Detroit Tigers Polish American Night was held on Friday, June 13, 2014. This annual event was successfully coordinated by PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society. The air was chilly but an air of excitement permeated Comerica Park. Gates opened at 5:00 p.m. with Polka bands playing lively Polka music throughout the stadium until game time.

Pre-game activities began at 6:35 p.m. with over 450 performers and chaperones

processing onto the field. The dancers performed three Polish folk dances before the enthusiastic crowd. The following dance groups from the Detroit area and its suburbs were represented: Polish Roman Catholic Union of America - Polskie Maki, Opole, Rogalin, Gwiazda, Tatry, Wieliczka, Halka and Zajaczek; Polish Women's Alliance of America - Zamek and Lowicz; and Polish National Alliance - Centennial and Polonia.

PRCUA Zakopane Folk Dance Ensemble and the Polish Scouting Organization participated as the Honor Guard and remained on the field during the singing of the National Anthems. Robert Szczublewski of Toledo, Ohio, did a superb job singing both the Polish and American National Anthems.



Dir. Christopher Ozog

Christopher Ozog, PRCUA National Director of District #10, thanked the Tigers for allowing the Polish community to have this event for 44 years. He also thanked the dancers, their parents and the dignitaries for their participation and demonstrating their pride in sharing their Polish heritage. He then introduced the dignitaries on the field: Joseph Drobot, Jr. (National PRCUA President), Robert Bielenda (National PRCUA Vice President), Tom

Lisiecki (National PRCUA Director of District #10), Stella Szczesny (PNA District X Commissioner), Thomas Schemanski (PNA District X Commissioner), Hon. Karen Majewski (Mayor of the City of Hamtramck), Mariusz Szajnert (PAC Michigan Division President), Brian Malski (Friends of Polish Art Vice-President), Michael Ozog (PRCUA District 25 Insurance Supervisor), Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski ("Piasz" Institute President), Virginia Skrzyniarz ("Piasz" Institute Exec. Vice-President), George Kurzatkowski (Chairman, PAC Federal Credit Union Director), Mark Reaume (Secretary, PAC Federal Credit Union), Katrina Wioncek & Krystyna Kitlinski (PNA Centennial Dancers, 2014 Polish American Night Scholarship Recipients,)



Pres. Joe Drobot, V.P. Bob Bielenda, Dir. Tom Lisiecki

time to secure tickets for the game and also food and T-shirt vouchers; Christopher Ozog, Co-Chairman, for coordinating the Dancers and designing the layout on the field; and Sebastian Szczepanski of *Swiat Polski*, Editor in Chief, for taking photos of the event.

A large crowd was present with an announced attendance



Robert Szczublewski



Kelly Salatowski

Kelly Salatowski, a PRCUA Insurance Supervisor, was selected for the privilege of throwing the ceremonial First Pitch. It was ruled a strike and her pitch was a wonderful sinker pitch.

Special thanks are extended to the following: Celeste and David Grabowski and Valerie and Brian Brumm who were designated security officers responsible for organizing the performers for the field; Wallace Ozog, Co-Chairman, for taking the



Pol-Am dignitaries with Paws



Detroit Tiger Group & Fundraiser Account Executive, Corey Bell (center) presenting a check for the proceeds from the 2014 Polish American Night T-Shirt sales to Wallace Ozog, PRCUA #1593 Society President as PRCUA District #10 Director Christopher Ozog, Polish American Night Co-chairman, looks on. The proceeds will be used for the Society's Polish American Night Scholarship Program.



Polish folk dancers with Paws -the Tigers' mascot

of 39,811. Unfortunately, the Tigers lost but the performers and dignitaries enjoyed being on the field and taking part in this community event. The evening ended with a beautiful fireworks display. The year 2015 will be a special year marking the 45th Annual Polish American Night. Mark your calendar!

- Wallace Ozog, Co-Chairman of Polish American Night
(Photos by Sebastian Szczepanski of *The Polish Times*)



Lucjan A. Rozwadowski 1938 - 2014



Lucjan Rozwadowski

ROMEONVILLE, IL - Lucjan Andrzej Rozwadowski, 76 - a loyal member of the PRCUA for over 36 years - passed away on July 20, 2014. He was a member of Society #1575, #1599 and Society #657 and served the PRCUA in leadership roles.

He and his wife, Alina, were co-founders of the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School at Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Chicago. They arranged for PRCUA sponsorship of that school, which continues to the present. For 20 yrs., Mr. Rozwadowski diligently promoted the school. As its

President, his tireless work made the school grow into one of the largest schools of its kind. Lucjan created a rich environment for the students and teachers in his care. He organized countless dances and fundraisers, made props for the drama club, organized field trips for the students, and made the teachers feel special by personally bringing them flowers on Sweetest Day, to show his appreciation. When the first 8th grade class graduated, he worked hard for the school to become one of the first in the Chicago area to offer an accredited high school program.

Lucjan was instrumental in bringing the PRCUA to the John Paul II Polish Language School in Lemont, IL. He was a PRCUA insurance deputy and encouraged other members to become insurance representatives, too, and start new PRCUA societies. He and his wife were members of the PRCUA Adult Culture Group, which hosts the Annual PRCUA Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball. Both daughters participated in the Ball; one, Basia, served as a folk dance instructor/choreographer.

Lucjan was a highly-respected and admired leader in the PRCUA, serving as President of District #8. He organized picnics, fundraisers and outings for District #8 members of all ages. For his tireless dedication, he was chosen as a PRCUA's "Fraternalist of the Year" and in Sept. of 2007, he was honored in Washington, D.C. by the National Fraternal Congress as a recipient of its MVP Fraternalist Award.

Lucjan was consistently a delegate to PRCUA conventions. He donated his time, efforts and energy to the PRCUA, in order to keep Polish culture and traditions alive in the USA. He was extremely proud of his Polish heritage; the remarkable legacy that he left behind for future generations of Polish Americans is a testament to that fact. The PRCUA salutes Lucjan Rozwadowski for being such an outstanding member.

Mr. Rozwadowski was the beloved husband of Alina (nee Zakrzewska); loving father of Barbara (Thomas) Eckert and Renata (Robert) Cwyl; dear grandfather of Casey, Timothy, and Melissa Eckert, as well as Paul and Matthew Cwyl; dearest great-grandfather of Keely Loughman-Eckert; devoted son of the late Antoni and Rozalia Rozwadowski; dear son-in-law of the late Teofil and Eufemia Zakrzewski; dear brother of Marianna (Wladyslaw) Kapciak, Zofia (Jan) Mordak, the late Stanislaw (Antoinette) Rozwadowski, the late Aleksandra (Stanislaw) Sweklej, the late Kazimiera (Wladyslaw) Kubis, the late Tadeusz (Helena) Rozwadowski, and the late Edward (Janina) Rozwadowski; fond brother-in-law of Romana (Michal) Chodkowski, Maria (Zenon) Majkowski, Grazyna (Henryk) Lenart, Joseph (Ewa) Zakrzewski, Jadwiga (the late Miroslaw) Zwolinski; proud godfather of Andrzej Rozwadowski, Ann Larson, Joe Wrobel and Thomas Zakrzewski; beloved uncle, cousin and friend to many in the U.S.A. and Poland.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sat., July 26, at St. Albert the Great Church, with many leaders and members of the PRCUA in attendance, followed by entombment in Resurrection Cemetery. May Lucjan Rozwadowski be blessed a hundredfold for all the kindness that he shared and goodness that he generated in life. He truly made this world a better place in which to live - not just for himself and his family - but for thousands of people in Polonia.

Kenneth P. Gill Passed Away



Kenneth P. Gill

CHICAGO, IL - Kenneth P. Gill, a life-long resident of Chicago, IL, passed away on June 29, 2014, at the age of 70. A member of PRCUA Society #569, he was very active in PRCUA District #7 events, especially after his retirement as a Chicago elementary school teacher.

Ken Gill was a quiet, reserved, very kind, civic-minded person who was proud of his Polish heritage and did much to promote the preservation of Polish culture in Polonia. One of his greatest enjoyments was dancing the polka and he was a member of the International Polka Association.

He served for many years as a Director on the Board of the Polish Museum of America (PMA) and was the Museum's first \$10,000 Heritage Life Member. He regularly attended the PMA Summer Ball and was determined to do so this year, despite ill health. He was successful and enjoyed the event with friends, just two weeks prior to his passing. In his later years, he was somewhat of a philanthropist who contributed most generously to the PMA and its projects. He was also a past officer of the Chicago Society PNA, and belonged to many other Pol-Am organizations.

Kenneth Gill was the beloved husband of the late Marlene Gill (nee Wilczynski) who also had been a very active PRCUA member throughout her life, coming from a long line of PRCUA members. He was the son of the late Casimir and the late Sylvia (nee Rieb) Gill.

A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, July 3 at St. Eugene Church followed by interment in St. Adalbert Cemetery. May Kenneth Gill rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA Operating Results Year to Date June 30, 2014 and Year to Date June 30, 2013

	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>June 30, 2013</u>
INCOME:		
Life and Annuity sales	\$8,461,092	\$7,934,324
Investment Income	5,195,287	4,993,051
Other Income	<u>121,720</u>	<u>97,578</u>
TOTAL INCOME	13,778,099	13,024,953
EXPENSES:		
Life and Annuity	\$10,973,839	\$10,381,505
General Expenses	<u>2,213,735</u>	<u>2,150,798</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,187,574	\$12,532,303
NET OPERATING INCOME	590,525	492,650
Dividends to Members	(66,438)	(50,724)
Net Capital Gain (losses)	<u>435,340</u>	<u>151,667</u>
NET INCOME	<u>959,426</u>	<u>593,593</u>
SURPLUS ACCOUNT		
Beginning Bal-Dec. 31, prior year	6,613,928	5,091,106
Net Income (-loss)	959,426	440,236
Change in Reserves	<u>(62,991)</u>	<u>486,733</u>
Ending Bal-Dec 31, 2014	<u>7,510,363</u>	<u>6,018,075</u>

We continue to improve our profit and surplus.

News from PRCUA District 3, Philadelphia, PA

It is with great pleasure that Society 2013 announces the graduation of our member, Maria Gaynard from Gwynedd Mercy Academy. The 153rd Commencement Exercises took place on Saturday morning, May 31st, 2014 at 10:30 at Gwynedd Mercy's Performing Arts Center. Could it have been that long ago when I was asked to be Maria's Godmother? We stand proud with her Mom, Kitty, and her Dad, John as she enters into the next phase of her life.

Maria graduated as a member of the National Honor Society; having been inducted in her Sophomore year. She is also a gifted musician who played the violin in her childhood and is now an excellent pianist. Maria received Honorable Mention for music during the commencement and a scholarship. She will attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA.

"Maria, we are all so proud of you and your accomplishments. We wish you well at Loyola and look forward to following your future career. Congratulations, love and good wishes," from Joanne I Zajac, National Director, District #3 and President and Financial Secretary, Society 2013.



Maria Gaynard

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, OH

After Mass - **Brunch** will be served at PRCUA Misiuda Club, 5255 N. Detroit Street, Toledo, Ohio (\$11.00)

6-7:15 pm - **Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar**, Main Ballroom, 1st floor, Grand Plaza Hotel

7:15 pm - **Banquet Dinner**, Main Ballroom, 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 call Dir. Joan Sylak **IMMEDIATELY** for reservations: (419) 729-2126

ANNOUNCING THE NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA

CHICAGO, IL – The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Polish Museum of America (PMA) have announced that, after an intense search and interviews of a group of qualified candidates, Malgorzata Kot has been selected as the PMA's new Managing Director.



Malgorzata Kot
(Photo: L. Kowalewicz)

Mrs. Kot has worked for the PMA for 19 years as the Head Librarian. She is a highly-respected and well-known leader among all segments of the Polish American community, in Poland, and abroad. During her tenure, she developed many cooperative relationships with private individuals and governmental institutions in America, as well as in Poland. She initiated several beneficial innovations to the Library and to the PMA. The Museum is an integral part of her professional life, and she has a great vision for the future of the PMA and its mission. Malgorzata Kot will begin her new position on September 1, 2014.

Malgorzata Kot was born in Bogoria, Poland, to Elzbieta and Czesław Brudek. She immigrated to the Chicagoland area of the USA in 1994. Malgorzata is married to Mariusz Kot, and they have two sons, Arthur and Tomasz.

She graduated from Holy Cross University, Kielce, Poland, with an M.A. in Polish Language and Literature (1994), and from the Dominican University, River Forest, IL, with a Master of Library and Information Science degree (2013). She also completed English as a Second Language coursework at Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, IL (1995), and Archival Techniques coursework at the National Archives, Warsaw, Poland (1999).

Since 1995, as the PMA's Head Librarian, she undertook the continued development of the library catalog and all departmental responsibilities. Her greatest success has been the cataloguing of over 20,000 volumes and the growth in Library readers and members. She has also been in charge of PMA media relations, publicity, and the organization of workshops and events.

Mrs. Kot cooperates with several institutions in Poland, including the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, the National Library, and the Jagiellonian Library, among others. In Chicagoland and across the USA, she cooperates with ethnic, cultural, and Polonian organizations, including, but not limited to: Polish American Librarians Association, Polish Teachers Association in America, Polish Genealogical Society of America, and many libraries in the city and suburbs. In 2001, Malgorzata represented the PMA at the 2nd Conference of Polonia and Poles Abroad, held in Pułtusk, Warsaw, and in Krakow. She also participated in the Polish Archivists Conference in Szczecin, Poland (2002). From 2006 to 2012, she served on numerous panels, including the 9th Conference of the Teachers and Parents Association of Polonia in Houston, TX and at the 10th Conference in Boston, MA; the Bridge to the Community Conference, hosted by Dominican University, in River Forest, IL; and the PAHA 2012 Annual Conference in Chicago. She also served as panel chair for the Chopin and Paderewski 2010 International Conference, hosted by Loyola University, in Chicago.

Her publications include "A Guide to the Polish Museum of America, its History and Collections (in Polish; Warsaw: Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska, 2003); The History of the Polish-American Medical Society: 1946-1996 (in Polish; Chicago: Polish American Medical Society, 1996); as well as numerous articles for PMA programs and publications. M. Kot is also a recipient of the Polish Cultural Merit Award and a founding member of the Polish American Librarians Association. Congratulations from the PRCUA!

Polish American Festival in Sterling Heights, MI



PRCUA District #10 National Directors Chris Ozog and Tom Lisiecki and other PRCUA members volunteering as cooks



(Left) Scholarships were awarded to (l-r) Joe Jazkowski, Megan Manczyk, Claire Diven & Max Bazinski of Zajacek Dancers

(Right) PRCUA dancers entertaining at the picnic

(Photos and article by National V.P. Bob Bielenda)



The American Polish Festival was held on July 11-13, at the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, MI. The festival features live music and dancing with some of the biggest names in Polka Music, along with PRCUA Polish Dance Ensembles Zakopane and Zajacek.

The Polish ethnic group in Michigan is a significant part of the history of Detroit. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Michigan is home to the USA's third largest Polish population, after New York and Illinois. PRCUA had a booth, staffed by Colleen Bonkowski (pictured below) and PRCUA men were cooks.



PRCUA 2014 Scholarships & Grants

CHICAGO, IL - From the time of its inception, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has always supported education - initially by contributing to the building of local parochial schools, St. Stanislaus College in Chicago and the Polish Seminary in Detroit. Our fraternal has wholeheartedly supported its members in their pursuit of attaining a higher education because it is a higher education that traditionally lifts people out of poverty and into a more financially stable life.

With this goal in mind, each year, the PRCUA distributes scholarships to members from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund, and educational grants to students of higher learning from the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. This year, 38 members were awarded a total of \$18,100 from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund and 14 students were awarded a total of \$7,000 from the PRCUA Educational Fund, Inc. for a total of \$25,100 being distributed among 52 students. Congratulations and best wishes to all aid recipients.

2014 PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Name	Year	Institution	Society
Barbara Armstrong	Sophomore	Kings College-England	445
John Bieda	Senior	Univ of Michigan-Ann Arbor	1618
Kylie Bielenda	Junior	Oakland Community College	718
Kelsey Ann Blicharz	Senior	The University of Toledo	1618
Caitlin Byars	Sophomore	Madonna University	1413
Anna Ciupinski	Senior	University of Illinois-Chicago	1624
Paulina Ciupinski	Sophomore	University of Illinois-Chicago	1624
Paul Cwyl	Sophomore	Marquette University	1413
Steven Czechowski	Senior	University of Iowa	795/6012
Thomas Florczak	Sophomore	American University	517
Victoria Gavaghan	Junior	Univ. of Illinois-Chicago	1622 & 1634
Emily Grawburg	Junior	Michigan State University	1413
Emily Guirey	Senior	Rochester College	1593
Racquel Harrouk	Junior	Western Michigan University	1593
Alexander Hejna	Senior	University of Illinois-Urbana	1605
Emily Jelsomemo	Junior	Columbia College - Chicago	162
Kaitlyn Johns	Sophomore	Hillsdale University	1593
Kristen Johns	Sophomore	Lawrence Tech University	1593
Alexandra Kolberg	Junior	Univ. of Michigan-Ann Arbor	1617
Marcin Kuzma	Graduate	Jagiellonian University	234
Catherine Napierala	Sophomore	Dominican University	1624
Courtney Ozog	Junior	Marygrove College	1493
Marcel Pawlas	Sophomore	Pace University	642
Aleksandra Podowski	Senior	Illinois Institute of Technology	1616
Mark Podowski	Sophomore	University of Illinois-Chicago	1616
Ann Shymanski	Sophomore	The University of Toledo	1413
Jessica Shymanski	Sophomore	Wayne State	1413
Laura Shymanski	Sophomore	Grand Valley State University	1413
Benjamin Slomski	Junior	Saint Vincent College	240
Victoria Smiegocki	Senior	The College of New Jersey	2019
Johanna Syc	Graduate	Wayne State	162
Michael Szatkowski	Senior	Michigan Tech University	1618
Mariusz Szlembariski	Graduate	Purdue-Calumet	234
Pawel Truchan	Senior	University of Illinois-Chicago	1626
Desiree Yeager	Senior	Elizabethtown College	345
Christopher Yothment	Senior	Purdue University	1579
Paulina Zdanowicz	Junior	Lewis University	1605
Victoria Zupnik	Senior	Indiana University	1605

2014 PRCUA EDUCATIONAL FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

Name	Year	Institution	Society
Katherine Baran	Sophomore	Fashion Inst. of Technology	1624
Susan Bieda	Graduate	Oakland University	
Ann Borow	Junior	University of Mary	
Michael Chrusciel	Graduate	Wayne State	
Mark Fairbrother	Senior	Central Michigan Univ	1618
Patrick Gawronski	Sophomore	Dominican University	1616
Brandon Hejza	Sophomore	Wayne State	261
Natalia Kata	Sophomore	Loyola University - Chicago	1626
Konrad Pawelek	Graduate	Roosevelt University	
Magdalena Rozko	Sophomore	Dominican University	1624
Dominque Ruzsala	Sophomore	Bucknell University	
Ava Socik	Graduate	Rush University Medical College	
William Whitney	Junior	University of Missouri	1004
Jessica Wieckowski	Senior	Loyola University - Chicago	

Dożynki - Polish Harvest Festival

In old rural Poland everyone rejoiced when the crucial grain harvest was completed. Rye, wheat, barley, oats, millet and buckwheat meant an abundance of bread, the staff of life, as well as meal and groats for a variety of foods. The peasants were happy, because they would no longer be doomed to the skimpy diet of the pre-harvest period. The squire (lord of the manor) was also glad because the sale of cash crops would refill his coffers. So everyone celebrated the *Dożynki* - Harvest Festival.

Harvesters observed a folk ritual of leaving one stand of grain in the field uncut for good luck. It was tied with flowers and ribbons and encircled by stones. The most important ritual artifact of the festivities was the harvest wreath, which greatly varied from place to place in Poland. It could be circular, as Americans associate with the term 'wreath', or it could be a bouquet or a huge crown-like headpiece.

In her book *Święta polskie – tradycja i obyczaj* ("Polish Holidays – Tradition and Customs") Polish ethnographer Barbara Ogradowska wrote: "Harvest wreaths... have taken on various shapes and have been woven and decorated in different ways. These might be ... six small wreaths, each made from a different plant: a wheat wreath, one woven from stalks of rye, others fashioned from pea stalks, barley, oats and a hazelnut crown. These were placed on the head and taken to the manor by six leading woman harvesters, each of whom also carried several quarts of nuts in a kerchief." They could be full crowns, placed on the hand or large circular wreaths comprising concentric hoops festooned with ears of grain and flowers. Often it was a big crown, such as those observed in the 19th century by Oskar Kolberg in Mazuria, Sanok and Krosno: "They are woven in the barn by four woman harvesters who decorate them with apples and hazelnuts and attach four cocks thereto which flap their wings and crow. With that they go to church and, after the priest sprinkles it with holy water, one of the harvesters carries it on her head to the manor, attended by the other three."



Harvest wreath in Poland

Most often, the wreaths had the shape of a crown formed from four lengths of braided straw fastened together at the top and covered with ears of grain and flowers. The village mayor would sometimes tie a live duck or chicken to this harvest crown. Sometimes the wreaths were adorned with figures made of dough or gingerbread.

The lead female harvester(s), bearing the wreath, would lead a colorful procession of peasants dressed in their finest folk dress. Girls had aprons full of apples and hazelnuts. Scythes and sickles, the main tools of the grain harvest, were polished to a sheen and decorated with colorful handkerchiefs, wildflowers or garden blooms.

The rest of the village, including those not directly involved in the harvest, joined in and the whole happy cortège went to church to have the fruits of the harvest blessed by the parish priest. Although it was not normal for the squire to fraternize with his peasants, harvest home was an exception. The best girl harvester was given the honor of bringing him the harvest wreath which was worn as a head dress or carried. On that day the squire would dance with the best girl harvester and provide all of his workers with food, drink and entertainment in the barn. A hog would be butchered, barrels of beer and bottles of spirits were provided, and musicians brightened the festivities with singing and dancing, which lasted long into the night.

After Poland regained its independence in 1918, the *Dożynki* tradition was perpetuated by rural organizations, local government, the Church and the Peasant Party. In 1924, Polish President Ignacy Mościcki inaugurated a Presidential Harvest Home at the forested Spała resort center near Łódź in Central Poland – a tradition revived in 2000 by President Aleksander Kwaśniewski. During the 40+ years of Communist rule in Poland, a huge central *dożynki* that was devoid of all religious rituals was held as pro-Communist propaganda. The Jasna Gora Harvest Festival was started at Częstochowa's Shrine of the Black Madonna in 1982, when Poland was under martial law, and has continued ever since. Hundreds of thousands of farmers, from all over Poland, take part in the event which sometimes includes an agricultural exhibit. Many local harvest celebrations are also held throughout the country.

DOŻYŃKI IN POLONIA - Many Polish immigrants to the USA were Polish peasants who kept their traditions of the Harvest Festival, even though many settled in cities. To this day harvest festivals, in one form or another, are held throughout the USA, wherever people of Polish extraction reside.

BUFFALO, NY - This year, *Dożynki* will be held on August 15th through 17th at Corpus Christi Church, 199 Clark Street in Buffalo, NY - where it has become a very popular annual tradition.

GRAND RAPIDS, MI - Another *Dożynki* Festival is planned for the weekend of August 22 to August 24 at Rosa Parks Circle in downtown Grand Rapids, MI, sponsored by the Polish Heritage Society.

NEW BRITAIN, CT - the 34th Annual *Dożynki* Festival will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 158 Broad Street in New Britain, CT on the weekend of August 23-24.

YORBA LINDA, CA - The 36th Annual *Dożynki* Festival will be held on the weekend of September 20-21 at the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive in Yorba Linda, CA. You can find more of these festivals by searching the Internet.

"MY FAMILY ANCESTRY"



WARREN, MI - The Polskie Maki Dance School of Warren, MI, presented their 38th Annual Dance Recital entitled, "My Family Ancestry," on May 4, 2014 at the Van Dyke Auditorium. Throughout the dance year, Polskie Maki dancers provided information to their teacher and choreographer, Kelly Malinowski, as to where their Polish ancestors came from in Poland. While some knew instantly, others had to dig a little. It was an activity that was well received and the mission soon became an intricate part of our annual recital program.



Polskie Maki Group 2



Special recognition was given to Polskie Maki's 2014 graduate, Felicia Wojciechowski, 18, upon her graduation from our school. Felicia was presented on stage beside her proud parents, Joseph and April Wojciechowski of Eastpointe, MI. Felicia is a ten-year member of our school and graduated from Fraser High school in June. This past February, Felicia participated in the 23rd Annual PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball and was a winning recipient of a \$250.00 educational scholarship awarded by the Ball committee. Her future plans are to attend Macomb Community College this fall to pursue a career in nursing. Congratulations were also extended to our School Director, Maria Jalkiewicz, upon her 15th years as our Director. Besides all



Polskie Maki Group 1

The Polskie Maki dancers presented regional dances and costumes from their ancestral homelands of Lowicz, Rzeszow, Maszowsze, Kurpie, Warmia, Kaszuby, Slask, Lublin, Krakow and Zakopane. The dancers also shared with Mrs. Kelly their favorite Polish holiday customs and traditions that they practice within their families. This added an extra special touch to our recital that every dancer could identify with. It was fun to have the entire recital program dedicated to our Polskie Maki families. Each family's name was placed on a map of Poland to indicate the folkloric region from which their ancestors came. The map then became the program cover of our recital booklet.

In addition to performing a two-part program of national and regional dances of Poland, The Polskie Maki dancers presented a novelty program entitled, "Born To Dance." What a thrill it was for our dancers to don exciting and colorful costumes representing all styles of American dance from Broadway's 42nd Street, Shirley Temple's Goodship Lollipop and When I Grow Up, a Latin American Tico Tico, and Italian Tarentella, Video Dancers and Rock 'n Rollers.



Polskie Maki Group 5

Plenty of awards were presented at the conclusion of the recital to the deserving Polskie Maki dancers: Certificates of Participation, Perfect Attendance, Outstanding Attendance, Perfect Performance, Outstanding Performance, Participation Awards, as well as Service Awards for three, five, seven, and ten years were presented.



Polskie Maki Group 4

her efforts, Maria adds a great deal of pizzazz to our Saturday morning practices and to our school's events. Thank you, Maria, for all you do!

Sincere appreciation is also extended to our wonderful parents and grandparents for all their support, cooperation and participation in all our school's events and fundraisers. Thank you for giving your children this wonderful gift of enhancing their Polish Heritage!

Congratulations Polskie Maki dancers on another successful recital. You did a SUPERIOR job!

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Malinowski, Teacher/Choreographer



Polskie Maki Group 3



Polskie Maki Group 6

24th Annual Youth Bowling Event in Michigan



Young bowlers with PRCUA dignitaries including Pres. Joseph Drobot, Pres. Emeritus Wallace Ozog, Past PRCUA First Lady Joann Ozog, PRCUA Dir. Chris Ozog, PRCUA Dir. Tom Lisiecki, and Celeste Grabowski

STERLING HTS., MI - On June 14th, 2014, Saint John Paul II Society held their 24th Annual Youth Bowling Event. Almost 30 PRCUA bowlers, from age 2 to 18 years, attended this popular fraternal activity. This cosmic bowling event took place at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights MI.

Children who participated bowled three games and had pizza and pop after they bowled. PRCUA National President Joseph Drobot, Jr. was present to support the festivities, as well as President Emeritus Wallace Ozog, President of Saint John Paul II Society. District #10 National Directors Christopher Ozog and Thomas Lisiecki were also present. All the bowlers had fun and the event was a real success.

A survey of the bowlers indicated that the teenage youth of PRCUA would like a chance to participate in the annual tournaments for softball and golf. Other event recommendations from our youth were a picnic or dance party. Thanks for the feedback from the youth who are PRCUA's future!

The Society will work towards hosting a Fall and Winter event that piques the interests of our youth, supports the community and establishes camaraderie among younger PRCUA members. Please look for details on the Society's PRCUA's Facebook page.

Written by Ryan Ozog & Valerie Brumm



One of the participants lining up that bowling ball just right



It's always time for a hug!



PRCUA kids being silly and having fun!



Participants enjoying pizza and pop after bowling



(L-r) Dir. Tom Lisiecki, President Joe Drobot, Dir. Chris Ozog



Happy bowlers waiting for their lunch of pizza and pop

St. John's Eve - Wianki - June 23

In Poland, the Summer Solstice is celebrated on June 23rd, the Eve of the Feastday of St. John the Baptist, called *Noc Swietojanska*. People take food, drink, candles, herbs, and flowers in baskets to the water's edge for a night of celebration.



Girls make "wianki" or wreaths from flowers and then place them into streams, rivers, lakes, and even the Baltic Sea. They hope that the young man of their dreams will be the one to rescue their wreath from the water. Candles are added to the wreaths and it is a beautiful sight as night falls and the lit wreaths float down rivers and streams all across Poland.

This is the continuation in modern times of an ancient pagan tradition that celebrated the Summer Solstice with fire and water and the burning of herbs in the hopes of bringing a blessing from the Universe for a bountiful harvest. The Catholic Church moved the holiday by a couple of days from June 21st to the Eve of St. John's Day, thereby making it a religious holiday.

People have always celebrated the summer solstice. This shortest night of the year is a night of festivities and merry-making all across the world.

Traditions of the summer solstice focus on two of nature's elements: fire and water. These elements symbolize male and female characteristics and the celebrations in Poland include the burning of huge bon fires, while men and boys dance around the fire and demonstrate their skill and courage by jumping through the fire.

Traditionally, the men and women celebrated separately, the only communication between them being the floating of the wreaths. Girls hoped that the young man of their dreams would find their wreath and then fall in love with them.

There is a Polish legend that says that the magical flower of the lowly forest fern only blooms on this shortest night of the year. According to the legend, anyone who finds this mysterious fern will be rewarded with great treasures. Fairy tales abound about young men who go off on this night, searching for the illusive fern flower.

Today, St. John's Eve festivals and parties include music, dancing, fireworks, carnivals, festivals, a parade of boat floats, and bonfires, with men and women celebrating together.

In Warsaw and Krakow and in other towns along the Wisla River, you can still see candle-lit wreaths floating down the river on the night of June 23rd. Some Pol-Am groups in the USA also do this.

Dearly Departed PRCUA

*Brothers
and Sisters*



MEMBER	SOC.	STATE	MEMBER	SOC.	STATE
Antoniewicz, Alexander	237	PA	McMann, Lawrence	162	MI
Baran, Irene	934	PA	Mier, Leonard W.	718	MI
Bialek, Dorothy	294	IL	Milewski, Edmund	1593	MI
Bialek, Norbert B.	1228	IL	Monto, Joseph J.	2206	OH
Blonski, Mary	1099	IL	Occhipinti, Virginia	1486	IL
Blozusky, Frank H.	2031	PA	Organist, Margaret J.	237	PA
Bonsiewicz, Josephine E.	1491	FL	Piatak, Rose	87	MI
Borkowski, John S.	2220	OH	Piech, Emily	823	IL
Brodzinski, Eleanore T.	2004	PA	Pietrowicz, Helen	2015	PA
Brodzinski, Joseph	2108	OH	Piotrowska, Helen	1000	IL
Bunovich, Michael	2291	PA	Povlock, Alfreda	337	IN
Ciesielski, Evelyn	1000	IL	Puchalski, Jane	651	NY
Corsi, Hedwig	1556	IL	Rapp, Sophia	322	PA
Crooks, Frances	2274	MI	Sawa, Helen	322	PA
Cross, Albert F.	76	IL	Sawa, Mary	322	PA
Czerwinski, Emily	359	MA	Schumann, Virginia	283	WI
Dopkowski, Dolores	509	IL	Smagner, Mary D.	540	NY
Dubel, Virginia	179	IL	Sosnowski, Celine	823	IL
Gnibus, Deanna A.	527	IL	Stypulkowski, Henry John	1275	IL
Harchak, Josephine	1486	NY	Szelugowski, Anna	2109	OH
Janinek, Patronella	2002	PA	Szymborski, Irene	2007	PA
Josephic, Edward	855	PA	Urbana, Virginia	1219	IL
Kanigowski, Donna	261	MI	Uzarski, Jeannette	448	IL
Kaszynski, Robert S.	896	IL	Vandaveer, Billy Douglas	1004	IL
Kelczewski, Theodore	1486	IL	Wereski, Edward	2388	NJ
Kij, Daniel J.	385	NY	Wernicki, Thomas	240	PA
Kleczkowski, Clara	2227	MI	Wesolowski, Edmund	237	PA
Klimaski, Lelia R.	227	IL	Wojcik, Marian E.	880	IL
Koehler, Audrey M.	148	IL	Zadina, Theresa A.	602	NE
Kolassa, Susan O.	1404	MI	Zawada, Sister Rosemary	111	NY
Kolo, Eugene	709	OH	Ziemski, Alfreda	407	IL
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May they rest in eternal peace.

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† *Higher Perspectives* †

**May the Angels Lead You
into Paradise!**



*By Rev. Canon
Walter J. Ptak,
National Chaplain,
PRCUA*

On June 6th, 2014, Msgr. Milewski, Fr. Iwuć and I, along with many others spent an enjoyable night at the Polish Museum Summer Ball in Chicago. One month to the day later, I stood by Msgr. Milewski's hospital bed, holding his hand, praying the words so near and dear to his heart, *Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl się za nami grzesznymi teraz i w godzinę śmierci naszej, Amen.* (Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.) over and over, while Msgr. Milewski drew his last breaths and left this world. Msgr. Milewski often prayed for a happy death and I believe he was granted that special grace. His passing was quiet and peaceful - with just the two of us together - so unlike his life which was so full of events, activities and people.

In fact, the day he was hospitalized, he had already attended the Priests Jubilee Mass and Luncheon in the Archdiocese of Detroit and was walking out the door to deliver the Invocation for the Polish Sports Hall of Fame Banquet, when he collapsed on the stairs of the "Castle" at Orchard Lake, where he lived. As I arrived at the Castle that afternoon, true to form, his biggest concern was that someone would deliver the Invocation for him! Indeed, he was as ready as anyone could be. In the last 17 days of his life, as he was hospitalized, he often prayed aloud, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, take me home." That Sunday afternoon, Msgr. Millie was granted his request.

Msgr. Milewski served Our Lord faithfully as a priest for 59 years, 1 month and 2 days. He was already preparing for his 60th which would have been celebrated in June of 2015. During his lifetime, he accomplished so many things that it isn't possible to relate them all in a few paragraphs. He was one of the "Pillars of Polonia" and there is a void in the place where he stood. He had a big heart and helped as many people as he could. He had a true gift of hospitality and believed in the Polish proverb "Gość w dom, Bóg w dom" - "A Guest in the home is God in the home." He made everyone feel welcome and loved to entertain. He had an undying love for the Orchard Lake Schools (OLS), where he served for all but the first year and a half of his priesthood, when he was an Assistant Pastor at St. Francis D' Assisi in Detroit. Archbishop Vigneron referred to him at his Funeral Mass as "Fr. Orchard Lake." He was the #1 Ambassador for OLS and raised millions and millions of dollars for their support and continuation. He had more strengths than weaknesses, and so many friends that it would be difficult to count them all. He has had many tributes paid to him over the years and especially in the days since his passing. He won't soon be forgotten and anytime the Orchard Lake Schools is mentioned, his name will surely come to mind.

I am not sure when I first met Msgr. Millie. I am sure that it was at a 40 Hours Devotion in my home parish during my High School years, and I do know that when I told my pastor I wanted to be a priest, he called Msgr. Milewski and he set the ball in motion. Before I knew it, I was enrolled and on my way to OLS. That was in late August of 1979. Over the next 35 years, my friendship with Msgr. Millie deepened and he became a trusted and true friend and confidant. We worked together on many projects in Polonia, including the Priests Conference for Polish Affairs in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Polish American Priests Association and so many things involving OLS, especially the Polish Seminary, SS. Cyril & Methodius. He was responsible for bringing me to the faculty of the Seminary for the first time in July of 1991 and we celebrated together when I returned a year ago in August of 2013, after a 21 year absence from the faculty of the School.

For the past 12 years, along with Fr. Iwuć, we have served as Chaplains of the PRCUA. During this time, I have come to know Msgr. Millie the best, as we traveled together in my car to and from Chicago for the quarterly Board meetings. Each time we left for Chicago, we couldn't talk until we finished praying all 4 Mysteries of the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; he was a Man of Prayer and devoted to Our Lord and Our Lady! After we finished our prayers though, I had ample time to talk with Msgr. Millie about his life, Polonia and OLS. I learned a great deal from him and about him and looked forward to those trips. I treasure those times and have already made some notes about the history and events he shared with me during our travels.

His death brings to a close an era at Orchard Lake, as his relationship with OLS spans over 70 years since the early 1940s. There will never be another Msgr. Millie but I am sure his life has served and will continue to serve as an inspiration to others to work with distinction and whole hearted devotion.

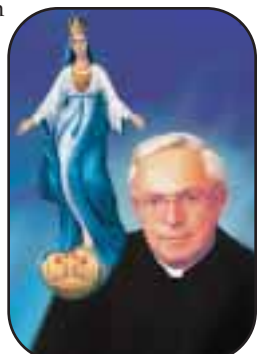
There is more that I should say about Monsignor Milewski, but his death really took us all by surprise, even though he had been telling us since January that his time was coming soon. I hope that what I have written has given you a better insight into Msgr. Milewski's life, priesthood and his passion for all things Polish.

I ask that you remember him often in prayers by praying his favorite prayer, the Hail Mary.

"Monsignor Milewski, until we see you again, may you have the Fullness of God's Kingdom, Amen!

Wieczny Odpoczynek racz Mu dać Panie..."

P.S. If you would like a Holy Card of Msgr. Milewski, please write to me at 3535 Indian Trail Orchard Lake, MI 48324 and I will be happy to send it to you.





Fraternal Favorites Summer Polish Salads & Soup

BARLEY & FRESH VEGETABLES SALAD

Cook 1 c of pearled barley according to pkg. directions. Rinse in cold water and cool. Cut 1 cucumber and 1 red bell pepper in 1/2-in. Cut 1 c. grape tomatoes in half. Chop 1/2 bunch green onions, and 1 sm red onion into thin slices. Chop fine 1 Tbsp. each of fresh dill, parsley and basil. Mix all together, add 1/3 c of olive oil and 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with sunflower seeds (optional). Chill and serve.

POLISH VEGETABLE SALAD

The secret to this salad is to dice the vegetables very fine into 1/2-inch cubes or smaller. In large pot, cook 2 lg. potatoes, 2 carrots, 2 parsley roots or parsnips, and 1 sm. celery root or 2 stalks of celery with 1 tsp. salt until cooked but still firm. Cool; peel and dice fine. Hardboil 4 eggs, cool and chop fine. Chop 4 lg pickles into fine chunks. Dice 1 bunch green onions. In large bowl, combine cubed vegetables with onion and eggs and mix well. Gently add 1 c. cooked fresh peas, or frozen or canned. In separate bowl, combine 6 Tbsp mayonnaise, 6 Tbsp sour cream or yogurt, 1 tsp mustard, 1/2 tsp. garlic powder and 1/2 tsp. oregano or dill. Add to vegetables, salt and pepper to taste and mix. Serve cold.

RAW SAUERKRAUT SALAD

In a large bowl, combine 1 lb sauerkraut rinsed once and drained (reserve some of its liquid), 1 shredded carrot, one finely chopped or grated apple, 1 sm. onion, and 1/2 bunch chopped green onions. In a separate bowl mix 2 Tbsp. olive oil, 1 tsp. oregano, and 1 tsp. sugar. Add 1 tsp caraway seeds (optional). Mix until sugar is dissolved. Add to vegetables and mix. Salt and pepper to taste and adjust tartness by adding sugar or sauerkraut juice. Chill in refrigerator at least 2 hrs. Serve cold. *Editor's Note: This salad is amazingly delicious!*

POLISH LEEK SALAD

Hard boil 3 lg. or 4 sm. eggs; cool and chop fine. Finely chop 3-4 leeks, and place in large bowl. Add 1 c corn or peas, 1 c. grated Gouda cheese, and chopped eggs. In separate bowl mix 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise, 3 Tbsp. sour cream or yogurt, and 1/2 tsp. garlic powder. Mix into vegetables, add salt and pepper to taste. Chill before serving.

Julia Markovitz Graduated with Honors

KNOX, IN - The PRCUA extends congratulations to Julia Markovitz, a member of Soc. #582, upon her high school graduation with honors on June 6, 2014.

Julia plans to attend Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, where she has been accepted into the Veterinary Medicine program on a scholarship.

Julia is the daughter of Mitchell and Renee Markovitz of Knox, IN, and the sister of Matthew. Her proud grandparents are William and Margaret Yarck, Sr. and Robert Markovitz of Knox, IN. Margaret Yarck served as Secretary of Soc. #582 for many years. The whole family are members of PRCUA District #9 and Julia's mother, Renee, and Aunt Whitney danced with the District 9 PRCUA Dance Group.

Julia and her family are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, where Julia has been an altar server for many years. She was chosen to attend a Youth Conference in Indianapolis with a teen group from the Parish. Julia played in the Valparaiso Community Band for several years.

We wish Julia well in her college and career pursuits.

POLISH SURNAMES BY OCCUPATION



Everyone has heard about boy hero Harry Potter. His surname in England once identified someone who earned a living by making and selling clay pots, jugs, bowls and other vessels. The Polish equivalent would be *Garncarz*, a surname shared in today's Poland by nearly 1,000 people. Also derived from the same root are: *Gancarz* (nearly 3,300), *Gancarczyk* (about 1,500) and *Garczarek* (nearly 1,000). Here are a number of other familiar English occupational names and their Polish equivalents:

BAKER: *Piekarz*; **CABINET-MAKER:** *Stolarz*;
CARPENTER: *Cieśla*;
CARTER: *Wóźnica*;
CARTWRIGHT: *Stelmach*;
CHURCH (sexton, sacristan, caretaker): *Kościelny*; **COOK:** *Kucharz*; **FISHER:** *Rybak*;
GARDENER: *Ogrodnik*;
LATHE OPERATOR: *Tokarz*;
LOCKSMITH: *Ślusarz*;
MILLER: *Młynarz*; **SALTER:** *Solarz*; **SAWYER:** *Pilarz*;
TAYLOR: *Krawiec*

Have you ever wondered about your Polish surname – what it means, how it came about, how many people have that name, where they live and whether a coat-of-arms goes with your name?

If interested, kindly mail a \$19 check or money order for one surname (adding \$10 for each additional surname you wish to have researched) to:

Robert Strybel
ul. Kaniowska 24
01-529 Warsaw, Poland

Included in the several-page report, researched by a graduate Polish-American linguist, is a useful genealogical contact sheet which can help you track down your family records in Poland and possibly even turn up long-lost relations. For more information please contact: research60@gmail.com

Europe's Biggest Anti-Nazi Upsurge

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW – This summer, Poland is marking the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, Nazi-occupied Europe's biggest anti-German upsurge. It was an unprecedented act of defiance by a city, which for five years had endured unspeakable destruction and persecution by Hitler's occupying forces. Each year on August 1st, at precisely 5 PM - the exact moment the Uprising erupted in 1944 - sirens wail across Warsaw as traffic comes to a standstill for one minute to honor the heroes and victims of that ill-fated insurrection.

Memorial ceremonies are held at Powązki Military Cemetery and at the larger-than-life-sized Warsaw Uprising Monument at Bonifraterska Street. Over the past few years, a focal point has been the Warsaw Uprising Museum, a multi-media presentation of that event. In addition to physical memorabilia and documentary films, visitors can actually go underground to move through a recreated stretch of the Warsaw sewer system the way the freedom-fighters did in 1944.

The Museum has also been involved in a unique project which has brought the memory of those exhilarating but tragic days back to life. The movie *Powstanie Warszawskie* ("Warsaw Uprising"), produced by Jan Komasa, is the first of its kind in the history of world cinema. Terms such as war movie, docudrama or dramatized documentary do not do it justice. Maybe "featurized" documentary might be the most appropriate. Six hours of documentary films shot by different cameramen in the heat of the battle have been painstakingly edited, spliced together and distilled into a vivid movie of manageable length. The silent black and white footage has been colorized and provided with sound. Not only battle noises but even the words spoken by freedom-fighters and civilians have been recreated through the aid of lip-reading experts.

Although all the scenes shown on the screen actually occurred, a semi-fictional plot has been superimposed on the movie. Two brothers, who had been given the task of filming the Uprising, describe what they see, although they are never shown. The movie has made a powerful impression on all who have seen it, including some of the still-surviving insurrectionists. "This is the most truthful portrait of the Uprising," said Irena Paśnik, one of its survivors. "The absolute authenticity of the film is shocking," commented historian Professor Andrzej Paczkowski.

The movie recalls "W" Hour, 5 PM on August 1st, 1944, the time the Home Army (*Armia Krajowa* or AK) had set for the insurgency to begin. Militarily it was aimed against the Germans, but politically its purpose was to prevent a Soviet take-over. Germany's defeat in the war was only a question of time, but already the Soviets had set up the nucleus of a future Soviet-controlled Polish government in the eastern city of Lublin.

Radio Kościuszko, Stalin's Moscow-based Polish-language propaganda radio, was broadcasting appeals for Warsaw to rebel against the Germans, indicating that Soviet troops were rushing to the insurgents' aid. The AK wanted to free the city of its German oppressors and welcome the arriving Russians as guests rather than liberators.

The outbreak of the Uprising provided welcome relief after five years of suffering and hardship at the hands of the Germans. Suddenly hitherto-banned Polish flags appeared on Warsaw buildings. Civilians joined insurrectionists in building barricades, young boys carried out liaison tasks while young girls nursed the wounded. An insurrectionist postal service began operating, anti-Nazi songs resounded in the streets and a whole new underground subculture began emerging.

For 63 days, the undermanned, underarmed freedom-fighters held out against overwhelming odds. Despite their initial successes in taking the Germans by surprise and capturing key areas of the city, Russian assistance did not come. Stalin had different plans for Poland, and his troops stood idly by on the opposite of the Vistula River as fighting and destruction raged in Warsaw. He also prevented Allied planes from landing on Soviet soil to provide airdrops to the insurgents.

Meanwhile, Hitler was furious at the Poles' defiance and ordered Warsaw to be leveled to the ground and its population destroyed. The methodical Germans first gutted structures with flame-throwers and then blew them up - building after building, street after street. In the end, Warsaw was little more than crumbled walls and shells of buildings, amid mounds of debris as far as the eye could see. The estimated Polish death toll has ranged from 150,000 to 200,000, but the exact number of victims buried beneath the rubble will never be known.

Although the courage and heroism of the freedom-fighters has never been disputed, some claim an undermanned and underarmed upsurge against such overwhelming odds was an ill-considered or even foolhardy decision, reminiscent of Poland's ill-fated 19th-century insurrections. The pros and cons of whether it was worth it have been bouncing around since World War II and no conclusive, universally-accepted answer appears likely any time soon.

KALENDARZ na SIERPIEŃ i WRZESIEŃ 2014

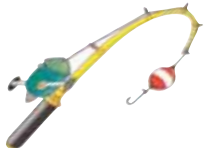
- ◆ 9 sierpnia (piątek) - SEJMOWE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE - szczegóły str. 16.
- ◆ 10-13 sierpnia (niedziela-środa) - 61 SEJM ZPRKA - Grand Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 444 Summit St., Toledo, OH.
- ◆ 23 sierpnia (sobota) - TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL ZPRKA - szczegóły str. 19.
- ◆ 6 września (sobota) - MIESZANE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE Tow. St. Stan's Soc. #718 - 9:00 rano. Sulatana's Golf Course, 22201 Pennsylvania Rd., Brownstown, MI. Limit uczestników - 162. Koszt: \$35 - uczestnicy rozgrywek, \$25 - inni goście (w cenie - rozgrywki, lunch, obiad i napoje). Kontakt: Dan Gdowski (734) 497-2681.
- ◆ 7 września (niedziela) - DERBY WĘDKARSKIE DLA DZIECI I MŁODZIEŻY - szczegóły poniżej.
- ◆ 14 września (niedziela) - ZAPRZYSIĘŻENIE NOWEJ ADMINISTRACJI ZPRKA - szczegóły str. 20.

Prosimy członków Towarzystw ZPRKA o zapoznanie się z terminarzem zebrań Towarzystw na stronie 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

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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!

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Zawiadomienie dla członków Tow. #261 w Detroit, MI

Uwaga: powiadamy członków Tow. #261, iż zebranie w dniu 30 listopada 2014 r. odbędzie się w nowym miejscu: Fr. James B. Heary Council #7239, Knights of Columbus, 30191 Dequindre Rd., Madison Heights, MI (na południe od 13 Mile, na zachodniej stronie Dequindre). Zebranie zaplanowano na godz. 12:30, w programie: wybór zarządu Towarzystwa, planowanie na rok 2015, a także sprawozdanie z 61. Sejmu ZPRKA. Prosimy wszystkich członków o wzięcie udziału

Robet E. Pasternak, wiceprezes Tow. #261

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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: _____

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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@prcu.org, w celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji. Skontaktuj się z nami już dziś i nie przegap tej doskonałej okazji.

Życzenia na Sejm

Poniżej przedstawiamy urywki wiersza Życzenia na Sejm 43. ZPRKA w Baltimore, MD w 1943 r., autorstwa Jana Sassa. Przesłanie zawarte w wierszu jest aktualne również dzisiaj.

Sejm teraz wielkie będzie miał zadanie

A praca jego nie będzie tak lekka...

Gdy świat spoczywa niby na wulkanie

trudno odgadnąć, co nas jutro czeka.

Zjadą się posły do pracy gotowe

Chętni do czynu a nie do zabawki -

Będą uchylać wniosłe prawa nowe,

Albo do starych dorabiać poprawki.

Wierzmy w waszą zdolność gospodarczą

że w Zjednoczeniei pragniecie porządku;

Stare zasady, zjedzone rdzą starczą,

Niech pozostaną schowane w zakątku.

Na bok odrzućcie osobiste spory -

Dobro ogólne miejcie na pamięci;

Do wielkich czynów usuńcie zapory,

Niech korzyść własna nikogo nie nęci.

Niechaj brat bratu władzy nie wrywa

Ze złości, albo z pustej ambicji -

Bo wiemy o tym, że tak nieraz bywa,

Co później szkodzi organizacji.

Wytrawnych trzeba wam wybrać wóldarzy,

Którzy wypełnią wasze polecenie -

A którzy wiernie stać będą na straży,

Aby wzrastało nasze Zjednoczenie.

Śp. Lucjan Rozwadowski



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Rozwadowski

Burbank, IL - 20 lipca 2014 r. po długiej chorobie, zmarł w wieku 76 lat Lucjan Andrzej Rozwadowski.

Pan Rozwadowski należał do ZPRKA prawie 50 lat, był członkiem Towarzystw #1575, #1599 i #657, w Zjednoczeniu zajmował wiele stanowisk.

Wraz z żoną Aliną założyli przy parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników w Chicago Szkołę Języka Polskiego im. M. Konopnickiej, p. Lucjan zabiegał o objęcie przez ZPRKA patronatu nad szkołą. Przez ponad 20 lat pracował na rzecz szkoły. Za jego prezesury szkoła rozrosła się do jednej z największych szkół sobotnich w Chicago i zdobyła renomę za osiągnięcia i za warunki, które stworzone zostały uczniom i nauczycielom. W miarę rozwoju szkoły, p. Rozwadowski dostrzegł potrzebę dalszej edukacji i wystarał się o akredytację na wprowadzenie nauczania na poziomie szkoły średniej.

Dzięki p. Rozwadowskiemu, w szeregi Zjednoczenia wstąpiło wielu nowych członków, powstało wiele nowych Towarzystw ZPRKA oraz założona została Polska Szkoła Sobotnia im. Jana Pawła II w Lemont, IL. Wraz z żoną wstąpili na początku lat 70-tych do Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych, która organizuje doroczne "Bale Książęce". Obie córki pp. Rozwadowskich brały udział w balu.

Pan Rozwadowski był dyrektorem Dystryktu #8 ZPRKA, organizatorem wielu pikników, zbiórek funduszy oraz wycieczek dla członków Dystr. #8. Uczestniczył w licznych festiwalach polskich, paradach 3-Majowych, itp. Za swoją pracę został wyróżniony tytułem "Fraternalist of the Year".

Wielokrotnie był delegatem na Sejmach ZPRKA, nieustannie promował Zjednoczenie i swoją głęboko zakorzenioną polskość. W szeregi ZPRKA zapisywał kolejnych członków swojej rodziny, którzy nie tylko działają aktywnie w Zjednoczeniu, ale biorą czynny udział w życiu amerykańskiej Polonii.

Pozostawił nieutulonych w żalu: żonę Alinę (z d. Zakrzewską), córki Barbarę (Thomas) Eckert i Renatę (Robert) Cwyl, wnuki Casey, Timothego i Melissę Eckert oraz Paula i Matthew Cwyl, prawnuczkę Keely Loughman-Eckert, rodzeństwo i dalszą rodzinę oraz grono przyjaciół w USA i w Polsce.

Nabożeństwo pogrzebowe odprawione zostało 26 lipca 2014 w kościele St. Albert the Great w Burbank, IL. Zmarły pochowany został w grobie rodzinnym na cmentarzu Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego.

W Zmarłym Zjednoczenie straciło lojalnego członka i działacza. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać Panie.

ZPRKA PRZYZNAŁO STYPENDIA



CHICAGO, IL - Od chwili powstania, Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie zawsze wspierało edukację - początkowo, przyczyniając się do budowania lokalnych szkół parafialnych, Kolegium św. Stanisława w Chicago, IL i Seminarium Polskiego w Detroit, MI. Nasza organizacja braterskiej pomocy całym sercem wspiera swoich młodych członków w ich dążeniu do osiągnięcia wyższego wykształcenia, które pomaga ludziom uniknąć ubóstwa i zapewnia im bardziej stabilne finansowo życie.

Mając ten cel na uwadze, co roku, ZPRKA przydziela stypendia swoim członkom.

Gratulujemy 54 studentom, którzy otrzymali pomoc finansową na rok szkolny 2014-15. Komitet Stypendialny przyznał 38 stypendiów na sumę \$18 100 z Funduszu Stypendialnego ZPRKA i 14 stypendiów na sumę \$7 000 z Funduszu Edukacyjnego - ogólnie przyznane zostały 52 stypendia na sumę \$25 100.

Lista wyróżnionych studentów znajduje się na str. 10. Gratulujemy wszystkim studentom, którzy otrzymali stypendia i życzymy wielu sukcesów w nowym roku szkolnym.

SEJMOWE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE ZPRKA

Sobota, 9 sierpnia 2014 r.

Detwiler Park Golf Course, 4001 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH 43611
początek o godz. 11



Zapraszamy wszystkich członków ZPRKA do udziału
- Wpisowe: \$45 od osoby - w cenie: wózek golfowy, nagrody,
spotkanie po zakończeniu rozgrywek; hotdogi i piwo
w PRCUA Club, 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH

Wczesne zapisy mile widziane. Prosimy o przesłanie listy uczestników i opłaty na adres: PRCUA,
Vikki Jean Mixon, 5255 N. Detroit, Ave., Toledo, OH 43612.
Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: PRCUA Preconvention Committee

SEJMOWY QUIZ ZPRKA - ODPOWIEDZI

W związku z 61. Sejmem ZPRKA, "Naród Polski" przygotował konkurs sejmowy. W miesiącach maju, czerwcu i lipcu zamieściliśmy trzy quizy na trzy różne tematy, każdy z pięcioma pytaniami. W losowaniu nagrody mogli wziąć udział wszyscy członkowie ZPRKA, którzy poprawnie odpowiedzieli na wszystkie 5 pytań. Trzech zwycięzców (każdego miesiąca jeden) otrzyma nagrodę w wysokości \$100. Nazwiska zwycięzców wylosowane zostaną podczas 61. Sejmu ZPRKA i ogłoszone we wrześniowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego".

Do chwili oddania "Narodu Polskiego" do druku, napłynęło 46 odpowiedzi, w tym 17 niepoprawnych. Wszystkim, którzy poświęcili czas i wzięli udział w konkursie - dziękujemy. Mamy również nadzieję, że oprócz dobrej zabawy, uczestnicy mieli okazję, aby przypomnieć sobie fakty historyczne.

Poniżej zamieszczamy prawidłowe odpowiedzi.

Konkurs Sejmowy - Odpowiedzi

Maj: 1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. d

Czerwiec: 1. b 2. b 3. b 4. d 5. d

Lipiec: 1. c 2. d 3. d 4. a 5. c

Gratulujemy zwycięzcom!

Kwartalny raport finansowy ZPRKA - str. 8

Specjalny program ubezpieczeniowy na życie 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

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

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

Uwaga: Biuro ZPRKA będzie nieczynne 1 września 2014 r.
w związku z obchodzonym tego dnia świętem Labor Day



ZMARŁ KS. INFUŁAT STANLEY MILEWSKI WICEKAPELAN ZPRKA

Z wielkim żalem donosimy, iż w niedzielę 6 lipca zmarł w wieku 84 lat wicekapelan Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, ks. infułat Stanley Milewski. Ks. Milewski był wicekapelaniem ZPRKA przez 12 lat.

Ks. Milewski urodził się 30 listopada 1929 r. w Detroit, MI. Jego rodzicami byli Stanley i Jadwiga (z d. Opanowski). Kształcił się w St. Mary's Preparatory w Orchard Lake, MI (1943-47), St. Mary's College w Orchard Lake (1947-51) i St. John'a Provincial Seminary w Plymouth, MI (1951-55).

4 lipca 1955 r. otrzymał święcenia kapłańskie z rąk kardynała Edwarda Mooney. Po święceniach był asystentem proboszcza w parafii św. Franciszka z Asyżu w Detroit, MI (1955-57).

Dodatkowo zdobył w 1975 r. stopień Master of Divinity w Seminarium św. Cyryla i Metodego w Orchard Lake. W 1978 r. otrzymał również honorowy doktorat z literatury od Alliance College w Cambridge Springs, PA, a w 2003 r. honorowy doktorat teologii od Madonna University w Livonia.

Od 1957 roku sprawował wiele funkcji w Zespole Szkół w Orchard Lake: prokurator-skarbnik (1957-1977), wykładowca (1957-1968), przewodniczący i członek komitetu Dnia Założycieli (1057-2005), skarbnik Fundacji Dąbrowskiego, wicerektor (1968-1977), kapelan Kółka Pomocniczego Pań (1968-200); moderator Dnia Kobiet (1970-200), skarbnik krajowy Stowarzyszenia Absolwentów (1958-1977), dyrektor sportowy (1973-1977), Ambasador wieczysty i nadzwyczajny (1974-2014), Pierwszy kanclerz Szkół w Orchard Lake (1977-2000), członek Board of Regents (członek z urzędu 1977-2000), założyciel Centrum Jana Pawła II (1978), Chancellor's Senate (1980-2014).

Był też bardzo oddany dla Kościoła, społeczności i Polonii przez współpracę m.in. z Catholic Conference of Ethnic and Neighborhood Affairs, Ligą Katolicką do Pomocy Religijnej w Polsce, Zjednoczeniem Polskim Rzymsko-Katolickim w Ameryce, zrzeszeniem Przyjaciół Sztuki Polskiej, Rycerzami Kolumba, Rycerzami Dąbrowskiego i Zrzeszeniem Kapłanów Polskich w Ameryce.

Był laureatem wielu wyróżnień, w tym: "Legend of the Catholic Excellence" (w 2000 r., za lata służby), "Banner of Excellence" (w 2004 r). Jest członkiem St. Mary's Prep Athletic Wall of Fame, a jedno z boisk do gry w football, zostało nazwane jego imieniem. Za zasługi w pracy dla Polonii, został wyróżniony Nagrodą Biskupa Stefana Woźnickiego.

Uroczystości pogrzebowe odbyły się w środę i czwartek, 9-10 lipca. Nabożeństwo żałobne odprawione zostało w kaplicy świątyni Matki Boskiej w Orchard Lake. Śp. prałat Milewski pochowany został na cmentarzu Holy Sepulchre Cemetery w Southfield.

Mszę św. koncelebrował wraz z grupą kilkunastu księży kapelan naczelny ZPRKA, ks. Władysław Ptak. W uroczystościach pogrzebowych udział wzięło ok. 700 osób. W imieniu ZPRKA ks. Milewskiego pożegnali członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA: prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., wiceprezesi Anna Sokołowski i Robert Bielenda, dyrektorka Dystr. #5 Joan Sylak, b. dyrektorka Dystr. #10 Barbara Raczynski-Toboy i grono członków ZPRKA.

Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać, Panie!



Ś.p. ks. infułat
Stanley Milewski



Śp. Kenneth P. Gill

Chicago, IL - W dniu 29 czerwca 2014 odszedł do wieczności Kenneth P. Gill, członek Tow. #569 ZPRKA, aktywny działacz w Dystr. #7 ZPRKA, w którym udzielał się zwłaszcza po przejściu na emeryturę. Z zawodu był nauczycielem.

Przez szereg lat p. Gill był członkiem dyrekcji Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, i pierwszym "Członkiem wieczystym", który złożył donację w wysokości 10 tys. dolarów. Regularnie brał udział w Balach Letnich MPA, pomimo problemów zdrowotnych, wziął udział w ostatnim Balu Letnim, na dwa tygodnie przed swoją śmiercią. Był wielkim filantropem, wspierał różnorodne przedsięwzięcia i projekty, których podejmowało się MPA. Był również b. członkiem zarządu Chicagowskiego Towarzystwa Związku Narodowego Polskiego oraz należał do wielu polonijnych organizacji.

Kenneth P. Gill był synem śp. Casimira i śp. Sylvii (z d. Rieb) Gill. Był żonaty ze śp. Marlene Gill (z d. Wilczynski), która również przez wiele lat aktywnie działała w ZPRKA i pochodziła z rodziny, która należała do Zjednoczenia.

Nabożeństwo żałobne odprawione zostało w czwartek, 3 lipca w kościele św. Eugeniusza. Zmarły pochowany został na cmentarzu św. Wojciecha.

Niech spoczywa w Panu.



Ś.p. Kenneth Gill

44. doroczna Noc Polsko-Amerykańska w Comerica Park

44. doroczna Noc Polsko-Amerykańska na stadionie Comerica Park w Detroit, MI odbyła się w piątek 13 czerwca 2014.

Ta coroczna, ciesząca się wielkim powodzeniem impreza, organizowana jest przez Tow. św. Jana Pawła II (St. John Paul II Society) #1593 ZPRKA.

Pomimo panującego tego dnia chłodu, na stadionie Comerica Park odczuwało się gorącą atmosferę. Od chwili otwarcia bramy o godz. 17:00, aż do chwili rozpoczęcia meczu, stadion rozbrzmiewał skoczną polką.

O. Godz. 18:35 ponad 450 wykonawców i osób im towarzyszących wyszło na murawę. Tancerze wykonali trzy



tańce przed entuzjastycznym tłumem. W przedstawieniu zaprezentowały się następujące grupy taneczne z Detroit i okolic: "Polskie Maki", "Opole", "Rogalin", "Gwiazda", "Tatry", "Wieliczka", "Halka" i "Zajaczek" ze Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, "Zamek" i "Łowicz" ze Związku Polek w Ameryce, "Centennial" i "Polonia" ze Związku Narodowego Polskiego.

ZPiT "Zakopane" z ZPRKA i Skauci Polscy wzięli udział w Gwardii Honorowej i pozostali na murawie podczas śpiewu hymnu. Polski i amerykański hymn zaśpiewał Robert Szczublewski z Toledo, OH.

Dyrektor Dystr. #10 ZPRKA Christopher Ozog, podziękował drużynie Tigers, za to, że polska społeczność może brać udział w tym wydarzeniu od 44 lat. Podziękował również tancerzom i ich rodzicom oraz dygnitarzom za udział i za to, że z dumą szczytują się swoim polskim dziedzictwem. Następnie przedstawił dygnitarzy obecnych na stadionie: Joseph Drobot, Jr. (prezes ZPRKA), Robert Bielenda (wiceprezes ZPRKA), Tom Lisiecki (dyrektor ZPRKA), Stella Szczęsny (komisarz X Dystryktu ZNP), Thomas Schemanski (komisarz X Dystryktu ZNP), Karen Majewski (burmistrz miasta Hamtramck), Mariusz Szajnert (prezes ZNP Oddział Michigan), Brian Malski (wiceprezes Przyjaciół Polskiej Sztuki), Michael Ozog (superwizor Okręgu 25 ZPRKA), dr Tadeusz Radziłowski (prezes instytutu "Piaś"), Wirginia Skrzyniarz (wiceprezes instytutu "Piaś"), George Kurzatkowski (przewodniczący, dyrektor Federalnej Unii Kredytowej ZNP), Mark Reaume (sekretarz, dyrektor Federalnej Unii Kredytowej ZNP), Katrina Wioncek & Krystyna Kitliński (tancerki ZPiT "Centennial" ZNP, które otrzymały stypendia od organizatorów Nocy Polsko-Amerykańskiej).

O rzucenie pierwszej piłki poproszona została Kelly Salatowski, supervisor ZPRKA.

Specjalne podziękowania skierowane są do: Celeste i Dawida Grabowskich oraz Valerie i Briana Brumm, którzy zostali wyznaczeni jako funkcjonariusze bezpieczeństwa



odpowiedzialni za organizację występów na stadionie; Wallace Ozoga, współprzewodniczącego - za wystąpienie o bilety, a także przygotowanie kuponów żywnościowych i koszulek i t-shirt, Christophera Ozoga, współprzewodniczącego - za koordynację tancerzy i choreografię układu na murawie; Sebastiana Szczepańskiego, redaktora naczelnego pisma "Świat Polski", za wykonanie zdjęć z tego wydarzenia.

Według obliczeń, na stadionie obecnych było 39 811 widzów. Niestety, drużyna Tigers przegrała, jednak wykonawców i obecnych dygnitarzy cieszył udział w tym wydarzeniu. Wieczór zakończył się pięknym pokazem sztucznych ogni. W 2015 r. odbędzie się 45. Noc Polsko-Amerykańska, na którą organizatorzy już serdecznie zapraszają.

tłum. na podst. artykułu Wallace Ozoga, zdjęcia: Sebastian Szczepański

70. ROCZNICA POWSTANIA WARSZAWSKIEGO

W dniu 1 sierpnia 2014 roku przypada 70. rocznica wybuchu Powstania Warszawskiego, które było zrywem ludności Warszawy przeciwko okupującemu stolicę wojskom niemieckim. Powstanie zorganizowane zostało przez Armię Krajową w ramach akcji "Burza".

31 lipca 1944 władze AK, podjęły decyzję, że powstanie rozpocznie się w dniu 1 sierpnia o godz. 17:00. Pułkownik Antoni Chruściel (ps. "Monter") wydał rozkaz następującej treści: *ALARM – do rąk własnych! Dnia 31.7. g. 19. Nakazuję W dnia 1.8. g. 17.00. Adres m. p. Okręgu: Jasna 22 m. 20 czynny od godziny W. Otrzymanie rozkazu natychmiast kwitować. (-) "X"*. Punktualnie o 17:00 we wszystkich dzielnicach Warszawy rozpoczęły się walki z Niemcami. Placówki niemieckie zostały zaatakowane przez powstańców z biało-czerwonymi opaskami na ramionach.

Informacja prasowa Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago:

Hold Powstańcom – obchody 70. rocznicy wybuchu Powstania Warszawskiego i walk Polskich Sił Zbrojnych na Zachodzie

W 70. rocznicę wybuchu Powstania Warszawskiego, Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago organizuje uroczystości upamiętniające bohaterstwo Powstańców Warszawskich i Polskich Sił Zbrojnych na Zachodzie podczas drugiej wojny światowej.

Wśród zaproszonych gości są przedstawiciele lokalnej amerykańskiej administracji, korpusu konsularnego Chicago oraz społeczności polonijnej i międzynarodowej. W programie uroczystości znajdą się polskie utwory patriotyczne, m.in. „Warszawskie Dzieci”, „Hej chłopcy, bagnet na broń” czy „Czerwone maki na Monte Cassino”, w wykonaniu sopranistki Mirosławy Sojki-Topór przy akompaniamencie Janusza Pliwko.

Powstanie Warszawskie było jedną z największych operacji zbrojnych podczas drugiej wojny światowej. Zorganizowane zostało przez Armię Krajową – największy i najlepiej zorganizowany ruch oporu w okupowanej Europie – przeciwko okupującemu Warszawę wojskom niemieckim, w celu wyzwolenia stolicy jeszcze przed wkroczeniem Armii Czerwonej, dla uzyskania suwerenności stolicy i przejęcia władzy przez niezależny od Moskwy Rząd Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej na Uchodźstwie.

Samotna walka Powstańców z przeważającymi siłami niemieckimi i przy bardzo ograniczonym wsparciu Aliantów trwała 63 dni i zakończyła się 3 października 1944. Podczas walk i bezpośrednio po nich oddziały niemieckie dokonały systematycznego zburzenia Warszawy, przed ostatecznym wycofaniem się ze stolicy.

Według wielu źródeł, Powstanie Warszawskie było największą operacją wojskową ruchu oporu podczas II wojny światowej. Po wojnie, żołnierze Armii Krajowej byli prześladowani i mordowani przez sowiecką bezpiekę (NKWD) i podporządkowane Moskwie służby bezpieczeństwa w Polsce. Niektórzy żołnierze AK zdołali uchronić się przed prześladowaniami za granicą, między innymi w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce zaprasza Szanownych Państwa

na otwarcie wystawy upamiętniającej

70. rocznicę Powstania Warszawskiego

w niedzielę, 17 sierpnia 2014 r. o godzinie 15

Sala Główna im. Saby Logisz

984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL



Kustosami wystawy są Jan M. Loryś i Paweł Grajert.

Wystawa obejmuje plakaty, fotografie, historię oraz wspomnienia uczestników Powstania Warszawskiego nagrane w postaci filmowej i omawiające historię lat okupacji, walk, powstania, obozów jenieckich, wyzwolenia i życia na emigracji żołnierzy Armii Krajowej oraz mieszkańców Warszawy przez ostatnie 70 lat.

Podczas otwarcia wystawy nastąpi także ceremonia odsłonięcia popiersia Marszałka Józefa Piłsudskiego, daru Pani Peggy Wysocki, w hołdzie jej zmarłemu rodzicom Państwu Felixowi B. & Virginii Wysockim.

Nagrania filmowe powstały dzięki funduszom Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych oraz wsparciu Konsulatu Generalnego Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago.

Wystawa będzie dostępna dla zwiedzających do końca września.

\$5.00 - wstęp. Wererani – wstęp wolny.

Podczas otwarcia serwowane będą przekąski.

NOWY DYREKTOR ZARZĄDZAJĄCY MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE

CHICAGO, IL - 25 lipca 2014 Decyzją Komitetu Wykonawczego i Rady Dyrektorów Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce (MPA) na stanowisko nowego dyrektora zarządzającego MPA została powołana Małgorzata Kot, wyłoniona w wyniku konkursu z grona wykwalifikowanych kandydatów w procesie intensywnych poszukiwań. Nowy dyrektor obejmie obowiązki dnia 1 września 2014 roku.

Jako kierownik Biblioteki MPA Małgorzata Kot pracuje od 19 lat. Jest uznaną profesjonalistką w kręgach polonijnych Chicago, w Polsce oraz w innych środowiskach poza granicami USA. Podczas swojej pracy w MPA rozwinęła współpracę ze środowiskami polonijnymi oraz wprowadzała liczne innowacje w MPA. Ponieważ Muzeum jest integralną częścią jej życia zawodowego, toteż poprzez kontynuowanie jego misji wierzy w pozytywną przyszłość MPA.



Dyr. Małgorzata Kot

Zadaniem Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce istniejącego nieprzerwanie przez 79 lat ma być gromadzenie polskich i polonijnych dóbr kultury narodowej oraz informacji na temat wydarzeń historycznych. MPA jest ponadto miejscem spotkań i warsztatów dla badaczy akademickich i naukowych ponieważ posiada ogromny wkład w rozwój oświaty polonijnej służącej całej społeczności polskiej w Ameryce. Dziękujemy serdecznie wszystkim za zainteresowanie dotychczasowym działaniem i wspieranie Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce.

Małgorzata Kot – urodzona 14 czerwca 1972 roku w Bogorii, córka Elżbiety i Czesława Brudków, od 1993 roku żona Mariusza Kota, matka Arthura i Tomasza. W Polsce oprócz Bogorii mieszkała także w Staszowie i Kielcach. Jest absolwentką Wyższej Szkoły Pedagogicznej im. Jana Kochanowskiego w Kielcach, kierunku filologia polska (1994) oraz Dominican University w River Forest, kierunku bibliotekoznawstwo i informacja naukowa (2013). W Chicago znalazła się 1 października 1994 roku. Studiowała j. angielski w Wilbur Wright College. Po podjęciu w 1995 roku pracy na stanowisku bibliotekarza Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce podjęła się kontynuacji opracowywania katalogu zbiorów bibliotecznych i dalszego kompletowania zasobu. Za swój największy sukces uważa skatalogowanie podczas 19 lat pracy w bibliotece 20 tysięcy woluminów sukcesywnie udostępnianych ciągle rosnącej liczbie czytelników biblioteki.

W roku 1999 uczestniczyła w szkoleniu pracowników bibliotek i archiwów zorganizowanym przez Naczelną Dyрекcyję Archiwów Państwowych w Polsce. Współpracuje z wieloma polskimi instytucjami szczebla centralnego, m.in.: Ministerstwem Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego, Biblioteką Narodową, Biblioteką Jagiellońską. Na terenie USA i w samym Chicago współpracuje m.in. z wieloma muzeami etnicznymi, polonijnymi organizacjami, Stowarzyszeniem Bibliotekarzy Polsko-Amerykańskich, Zrzeszeniem Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, Polish Genealogical Society of America i bibliotekami publicznymi w Chicago. W kwietniu 2001 roku była delegatem Muzeum na II Zjazd Polonii i Polaków z Zagranicy odbywającym się w Pułtusku, Warszawie i Krakowie. W latach 2003-2004 była moderatorem 13 spotkań z czytelnikami w zorganizowanym przez p. Helenę Ziółkowską Klubie Polskiej Książki w bibliotece Portage Park. W latach 1998-1999 współpracowała z Harold Washington College. W latach 1994-2003 była nauczycielką Polskiej Szkoły Sobotniej im. Trójcy Świętej w Chicago, gdzie opiekowała się najstarszą młodzieżą uczęszczającą do Liceum. W związku z tą pracą, w kwietniu 2002 roku otrzymała list gratulacyjny od Konsula Generalnego RP w Chicago. W latach 2000-2003 współpracowała z Polską Szkołą Sobotnią im. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie w Park Ridge. W roku 2003 została opublikowana przez Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska przygotowana przez nią do druku publikacja Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce. Dzieje i zbiory. Przewodnik. Jest ponadto autorką opracowania Historia Związku Lekarzy Polskich w Chicago 1946-1996, oraz licznych muzealnych opracowań okolicznościowych i artykułów w prasie polonijnej. Jako redaktor publikacji okolicznościowych udzielał się również na rzecz zaprzyjaźnionych z Muzeum organizacji i grup. W ostatnim czasie opublikowała dwa biogramy: Saby F. Logisz i ks. Donalda Bilińskiego w publikacji Kustosze księgozbiorów polskich za granicą wydanej w Warszawie w 2013 roku przez Wydawnictwo Stowarzyszenia Bibliotekarzy Polskich. W Muzeum Polskim oprócz sprawowania obowiązków kierownika biblioteki angażowała się w pracę na rzecz wspomagania innych przedsięwzięć programowych (komunikaty prasowe, współpraca z mediami, organizacja spotkań i warsztatów plastycznych). Jest cenionym profesjonalistą. Aktywne uczestnictwo w życiu Polonii zaowocowało nawiązaniem bardzo wielu przyjaznych relacji. Była założycielką i dyrektorem Zrzeszenia Bibliotekarzy Polsko-Amerykańskich, należy do Związku Polek w Ameryce i do Zrzeszenia Absolwentów Uniwersytetu Dominican.

Pani Kot jest również założycielką i prezeską Tow. St. Thomas Aquinas Society #1635 ZPRKA.

Pani Małgosi serdecznie gratulujemy i życzymy wielu sukcesów!



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23 sierpnia 2014

Canton Sports Center

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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.

Uroczystość Dnia Mamy i Taty w Polskiej Szkole im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN



Święto Mamy i Taty od wielu lat obchodzone jest w naszej Szkole bardzo uroczystie. Jest to najbardziej ciepły dzień w roku szkolnym. Każdy z nas chowa przecież w sercu wdzięczność dla naszych Rodziców za najpiękniejszy dar - życie. Wszystkie dzieci, zarówno te małe, jak i te całkiem dorosłe

składają w tym dniu życzenia swoim Rodzicom, dają im kwiaty i prezenty.

Akademia z okazji Dnia Mamy i Taty w minionym roku szkolnym miała miejsce 26 kwietnia. Program akademii, przygotowany na ten dzień był bardzo bogaty. Poprowadziła go dyrektorka szkoły p. Małgorzata Czachor. W programie wystąpił

najpierw zespół taneczny "Mały Śląsk", złożony z uczniów klas od 0 do 4 oraz przedszkolaków. Dzieci z zespołu zaprezentowały się w kolorowych strojach ludowych, tańcząc polskie tańce narodowe: klasa 0 - krakowiaka, klasa 2 - kujawiaka, klasa



3 - kowala i przedszkole - poleczkę. Choreografia i przygotowanie dzieci do występu, to dzieło wychowawców poszczególnych klas: p. Barbary Golko, Teresy Studzinski, Elżbiety Orciuch, Agaty Wilgocki i p. Elizabeth Szklarz.

Ponieważ nasze obchody Dnia Mamy i Taty miały miejsce w przeddzień kanonizacji błogosławionego Jana Pawła II, zebrani na akademii rodzice i wszyscy uczniowie mogli obejrzeć piękny program o Janie Pawle II połączony z prezentacją multimedialną, przygotowany pod kierunkiem nauczyciela literatury p. Teresy Studzinski. Program przedstawiły uczennice klasy 8: Karolina Orzel, Amy Rolniak i Anna Szlembarzki.

Następnie najmłodszy uczniowie wystąpili w krótkich programach artystycznych: dzieci z przedszkola przedstawiły "Mam chusteczkę haftowaną", klasa 0 - "Czarne jagódki" oraz klasa 2 - "Jak kijanka żabką się stała". Wszyscy

mali artyści zebrali gromkie brawa od rodziców i starszych uczniów.

Na zakończenie akademii dzieci złożyły serdeczne życzenia swoim Mamom i Tatom; rodzice otrzymali kwiaty i zostali zaproszeni przez prezesa zarządu szkoły p. Ewę Sobulę na słodki poczęstunek.

Małgorzata Czachor

ZPRKA na Festiwalu Polskim w Milwaukee, WI

W weekend 13-15 czerwca 2014 r. miasto Milwaukee w Wisconsin, rozbrzmiewało po raz kolejny polskimi rytmami, w powietrzu unosił się zapach polskich potraw, wzrok cieszyły różne pamiątki, które można było nabyć na rozstawionych straganach w czasie dorocznego Festiwalu Polskiego.



ZPRKA reprezentował jak zwykle godnie, ZPiT "Wesoły Lud", który wystąpił w sobotę 14 czerwca przedstawiając wiązanekę tańców ludowych z różnych regionów Polski.

Na festiwalu, nie zabrakło również stoiska ZPRKA, w którym można było uzyskać informacje nt. produktów oferowanych przez Zjednoczenie.

zdjęcia: A. Sokolowski



ZPiT "Wesoły Lud"



Stoisko ZPRKA na Festiwalu Polskim

WITAMY DELEGATÓW I GOŚCI 61. SEJMU ZPRKA

Po raz pierwszy w 141-letniej historii Zjednoczenia Polskiego rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce kolejny, już 61. krajowy Sejm ZPRKA odbędzie się w Toledo w stanie Ohio. Odnotowano cztery poprzednie zjazdy w Ohio - w 1894, 1909, 1966 i 1982 roku - ale miały one miejsce w mieście Cleveland.

9 i 10 sierpnia, około 250 delegatów zbierze się w hotelu Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center pod adresem 444 N. Summit Street, Toledo, aby wziąć udział w obradach sejmowych. Hotel położony jest na malowniczym brzegu rzeki Maumee w centrum Toledo.

Planowanie Sejmu powierzone zostało dyrektor Dystr. #5 ZPRKA, Joan Sylak, przewodniczącej Przedsejmowego Komitetu Przygotowawczego oraz członkom komitetu w osobach: Zuella Czerniak, Aggie Dahar, Teresa Gibala, Thomas Jesionowski, Francis Rutkowski.

Niedzielne nabożeństwo na otwarcie Sejmu, odprawią kapelani ZPRKA ks. Władysław Ptak i ks. Antoni Iwuć, wraz z innymi księżmi.

W czasie wieczornego bankietu w niedzielę, wystąpią zespoły taneczne ZPRKA: ZPiT "Echoes of Poland" z Toledo, którego dyrektorem i choreografem jest Paulina Ortyl, asystentem Christine Pesartic-Forbes; ZPiT "Polonia" z Chicago, którego dyrektorem jest Anna Krysiński, a choreografem Cecylia Rożnowska; ZPiT "Wesoły Lud" z Chicago, którego dyrektorami i choreografami są pp. Micheline i Ryszard Jamiński; ZPiT "Zakopane" ze Sterling Hts., MI, którego dyrektorem jest Colleen Bonkowski a choreografem Tom Lisiecki.

Obrady sejmowe obejmą dyskusje m.in. na temat: wzmocnienia finansowej sytuacji ZPRKA, działalności sportowo-kulturalno-oświatowej, zwiększenia członkostwa, poprawek do Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA. Kwestie zarządzania będą również musiały zostać omówione, ponieważ stan Illinois zaostriżył regulacje rządowe wobec bratnich organizacji, aby móc lepiej chronić członków tych organizacji. Stan Illinois ustanowił ścisłą kontrolę jakości dyrektorów zasiadających w dyrekcji, wymagając, aby byli specjalistami, którzy zostali wykształceni i przygotowani do swoich stanowisk. Nowe przepisy mogą także wymagać restrukturyzacji reprezentacji Dystryktów w Radzie Dyrektorów.

Dla rodzin delegatów, hotel Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center przygotował dojazd do atrakcji, które oferuje miasto Toledo: Hollywood Casino, ZOO (2700 Broadway), muzeum sztuki Toledo Museum of Art (2445 Monroe St.) i Imagination Station, które znajduje się w pobliżu hotelu. Dla zainteresowanych delegatów i gości Przedsejmowy Komitet Przygotowawczy przygotował listę lokalnych restauracji.

W czasie przygotowanego na wtorek "Luchu Braterskiego" odbędzie się losowanie zwycięzców konkursów zorganizowanych z okazji 61. Sejmu przez "Narod Polski" - Sejmowego Quizu oraz Specjalnego Konkursu Sejmowego na pracę pisemną. Zwycięzy konkursów otrzymają cztery nagrody po \$100 każda. Wtorkowe obrady sejmowe zakończą wybory zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA na lata 2014-2018.

We środę rano nastąpi oficjalna prezentacja nowego kapelana, nowo-obranego zarządu i dyrekcji Zjednoczenia.

Hotel Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center jest przystosowany dla osób niepełnosprawnych i oferuje: pokoje wyłącznie dla niepalących, obsługę portiera, usługi parkingowe (za opłatą), przechowalnię bagażu, bezpłatny bezprzewodowy dostęp do Internetu, siłownię, spa i saunę. Pokoje posiadają klimatyzację, 37-calowe telewizory, suszarki do włosów, żelazka, ekspresy do kawy (nie posiadają lodówek).

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PROGRAM 61. SEJMU ZPRKA

SOBOTA, 9 sierpnia 2014

14:00-19:00 - Rejestracja delegatów - Lobby (po lewej stronie), Grand Plaza Hotel, 444 Summit St., Toledo, OH.

18:30-21:30 - Przyjęcie powitalne - PRCUA Misiuda Club, 5255 N. Detroit St., Toledo, OH.

NIEDZIELA, 10 sierpnia 2014

7:00-8:45 - Śniadanie w stylu kontynentalnym, sponsorowane przez ZPRKA (wstęp wolny) - Ashley Room, Cafe De Sol, Grand Plaza Hotel.

8:30-9:00 - Rejestracja delegatów.

8:45 - Zbiórka w autobusach przed hotelem Grand Plaza.

9:30 - Uroczysta msza św. na otwarcie 61. Sejmu - kościół św. Jadwigi (St. Hedwig), 2916 Lagrange St., Toledo, OH.

Bezpośrednio po mszy św. - **Brunch** - PRCUA Misiuda Club, 5255 N. Detroit St., Toledo, OH.

14:00 - Pierwsze oficjalne posiedzenie 61. Sejmu ZPRKA - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

18:00-19:15 - Godzina koktajlowa (płatny bar) - Ballroom, I piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

19:15 - Obiad i bankiet (wino na stole; \$55 - dorośli, \$15 - dzieci do lat 12) - Ballroom, I piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 11 sierpnia 2014

7:00-8:45 - Śniadanie w stylu bufetowym (\$15) - Ashley Room, Cafe De Sol, Grand Plaza Hotel.

7:30 - Msza św. - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

8:00-18:00 - Rejestracja delegatów - Lobby (po lewej stronie), Grand Plaza Hotel.

9:00 - Drugie posiedzenie sejmowe - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel, czas zakończenia posiedzenia zostanie podany do wiadomości; przerwa na lunch - zostanie ogłoszona w czasie posiedzenia - lunch (\$15) w Ashley Room, Cafe Del Sol, Grand Plaza Hotel.

WTOREK, 12 sierpnia 2014

7:00-8:45 - Śniadanie w stylu bufetowym (\$15) - Ashley Room, Cafe De Sol, Grand Plaza Hotel.

10:00 - Msza św. ku pamięci zmarłych członków ZPRKA - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

Bezpośrednio po mszy św. - **Lunch Braterski** (\$25 - dorośli, \$10 - dzieci do lat 12) - Fifth-Third Center, One Sea Gate, w budynku łączącym się z hotelem

Trzecie posiedzenie sejmowe - Godzina rozpoczęcia zostanie ogłoszona - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

ŚRODA, 13 sierpnia 2014

7:00-8:45 - Śniadanie w stylu bufetowym (\$15) - Ashley Room, Cafe De Sol, Grand Plaza Hotel.

7:30 - Msza św. - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

Czwarte posiedzenie sejmowe - Godzina rozpoczęcia zostanie ogłoszona - Main Ballroom, II piętro, Grand Plaza Hotel.

Czas zakończenia posiedzeń sejmowych i 61 Sejmu ZPRKA nie jest ustalony

Zaplanowane godziny posiedzeń sejmowych mogą ulec zmianie, z wyjątkiem posiedzenia niedzielnego

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Msza św. odprawiona zostanie
w kościele św. Ferdynanda
5900 W. Barry Ave, Chicago, IL 60634
14 września 2014 r. o godz. 17

Bankiet inauguracyjny odbędzie się
w Rosewood Restaurant
9421 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL 60018
(koktajle - 18:30, obiad - 19:30)