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National Officers and Directors Installed into Office 2014-2018

CHICAGO, IL - The National Officers and National Directors of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, who were elected at the 61st National Convention in August, were officially installed into office on September 14, 2014.

The Inauguration began with a Mass concelebrated at 5 p.m. at St. Ferdinand Church in Chicago, IL. Officiating at the Mass were PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, Vice Chaplain Emeritus Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, Rev. Jason Torba, Pastor, and Rev. Marek Janowski, Pastor of St. Ladislaus Church in Chicago, IL. Fr. Jason Torba warmly welcomed the PRCUA members to his Parish.

The entrance procession, led by National Flagbearers Stephen DeLonka, John Frankowicz and Paul Pawlowski included dancers from Polonia Ensemble and Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., both from Chicago, as well as PRCUA newly-elected Officers and Directors with their spouses, and the clergy.



2014-2018 PRCUA National Officers and Directors (R1, l-r) Dir. Anna Krysinski (D7), Dir. Sharon Quinn (D3), Secy.-Tres. James Robaczewski, Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr., V.P. Micheline Jaminski, Dir. Eileen Halney (D4), Dir. Constance Bonin (D6); (Row 2) Dir. Krystyna Lech (D8), Dir. Thomas Jesionowski (D5), Dir. Mitchell Bienia (D5), Dir. Kevin Kucik (D7), Dir. Elizabeth Sadus (D9), Dir. Colleen Bonkowski (D10); (Row 3) Dir. Joanne Zajac (D3), Dir. James Rustik (D8), Dir. Gregory Olma (D2), and Dir. Thomas Lisiecki (D10)

Jacob Stypula and Camilla Steczek of Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company served as the Readers and other PRCUA dancers read the Petitions.

The homily was given by Fr. Ptak. He spoke about the Polish martyr Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, who was born exactly 67 years ago on Sept. 14, 1947 and was murdered in the Fall of 1984. Fr. Popieluszko embraced the cross and died for his beliefs. Fr. Ptak also pointed out that the PRCUA is unique among fraternal societies because, from its beginning, our purpose has been intricately tied to our Roman Catholic beliefs.

Fr. Ptak then asked the National Officers and National Directors to come forward and stand, facing the congregation, as he administered the oath of office to all of them.

The officers and their spouses brought the gifts to the altar at the Offertory. Polonia Ensemble, accompanied by their Music Dir. Mieczyslaw Dzis on the accordion (Continued on page 10)

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL

"OCTOBER - Polish American Heritage Month"

During the 2014 "October - Polish American Heritage Month" the Polish American Congress is honoring Lieutenant Colonel Matt Louis Urban (1919-95) - the most decorated American combat soldier in World War II - as the subject of its coloring page as well as the PRCUA's coloring contest.

Matthew Urban was born in Buffalo, NY, on August 25, 1919. His parents immigrated to America from Poland. He was very proud of his Polish American heritage.

Lt. Col. Matt Louis Urban was awarded a total of 29 medals - every combat medal possible - including 7 Purple Hearts and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As a U.S. Army Infantry Captain in World War II, he fought in 6 major military campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Belgium in a little over a year and a half. Urban won his combat medals for his service with the Ninth Army Division's 60th Regiment in many of the war's bloodiest battles, including the D-Day invasion of France.

In battle, he was wounded 7 times and returned to combat within




days after each injury. German enemy soldiers nicknamed him the "Gray Ghost" because he returned to battle so many times. The enemy were known to aim artillery fire directly at him personally. He was admired by soldiers on both sides, for his leadership in combat.

The legend of Urban's heroism in battle began in an assault on Hill #609 in North Africa. Even though he faced a large number of German soldiers, young Captain Urban stood up and successfully charged against them, steadily firing and reloading his weapon and shouting words of encouragement to his troops, following behind him. He repeatedly risked his life to save other soldiers and he killed 116 charging enemies from his machine gun nest in one day.

Lt. Col. Urban was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Jimmy Carter on July 19, 1980, for repeatedly risking his life beyond the call of duty. He was recognized for his outstanding service to our country. When President Carter awarded him the Medal of Honor, he called Lt. Col. Urban the "most decorated American combat soldier of World War II." (Continued on page 6)

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
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Calendar of PRCUA Events

OCTOBER

5 RIVERVIEW, MI - SOC. #162 EDWARD BZURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING
Riverview Highlands Golf Course, Riverview, MI. Best ball play. \$75 for golf and dinner at the PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI; Hole sponsors are appreciated. Contact: C. Zelasko at 734-671-9366.

8 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 POTLUCK & MEETING on Wed., Oct. 8, Potluck 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311

14 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., Oct. 14 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

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

19 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC #162 MEETING on Sun., Oct. 19 at 1:00 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI 48129. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: S. Pasko 313-815-5230

19 TOLEDO, OH - SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING on Sun., Oct. 19 at 1 pm, Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: J. Sylak 419-729-2616

28 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., Oct. 28 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: J. Ozog 586-751-8168

NOVEMBER

8 CHICAGO, IL - FINANCIAL SECRETARIES TRAINING SESSION on Sat., Nov. 8, 9 am-3 pm at PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Pat Tropp 773-782-2600 Ext. 2605 (*Details at right.*)

9 PRCUA DISTRICT 5 MEMORIAL MASS + LUNCHEON on Sun., Nov. 9 at 11:30 am at St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland, OH to commemorate the memory of PRCUA members who have died from District 5; Lunch will be available for purchase following Mass for a nominal offering. For reservations, please call Director Mitchell Bienia at 216-281-2800.

10 CHICAGO, IL - DISTRICT # 7 MEETING on Mon., Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Donations appreciated for St. Stan's Soup Kitchen. Contact: S. Dudzinski 773-763-4069

11 JOHNSTOWN, PA - ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., Nov. 11 at 7:30 pm, 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905

12 LANSING, MI - SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Nov. 12, Potluck at 6 pm at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting at 7 pm. Contact: V. Ulrich 517-484-3311

16 ORLAND PARK, IL - DISTRICT 8 MEETING on Sun., Nov. 16 at Noon, after 11 am Mass at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL.

16 WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC #162 MEETING on Sun., Nov. 16 at 1:00 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI 48129. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: S. Pasko 313-815-5230

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19 CHICAGO, IL - PRCUA SOC. 475 MEETING on Wed., Nov. 19 at 4:30 pm at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL Contact: B. Jura 773-685-3134

22 HICKORY HILLS, IL - CINDERELLA AND PRINCE CHARMING BALL on Sat., Nov. 22, Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th, Hickory Hills, IL. Cocktails: 6:30, Dinner 7:30 pm; Donation \$65. For reservations, contact: Vicki Krolewski 708-599-7129

25 WARREN, MI - POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., Nov. 25 at 7 pm, St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: J. Ozog 586-751-8168

28 WYANDOTTE, MI - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DANCE on Fri., Nov. 28 at PRCUA Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Music by The Music Company of Chicago, IL. Doors open 6 pm, music 7 to 11 pm. Admission \$12.00. Cash bar. No BYOB. Food available. Contact Stan Pasko 734-284-5929

30 MADISON HEIGHTS, MI - FOR SOC. #261 ELECTION MEETING on Sun., Nov. 30 at 12:30 pm at 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). Election of officers, plans for 2015 and PRCUA National Convention Report will be discussed. Please attend. Contact: T. Lisiecki 586-795-8901

Michigan PRCUA Cultural Workshop

CUSTOMS - LANGUAGE - HISTORY
CRAFTS - DANCING - COOKING

Sunday – October 19, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Registration 9:00am – 9:30am
(Continental breakfast & lunch provided)

PRCUA Hall
1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI 48192
Open to all PRCUA members ages 8-18 yrs.
Cost: \$20.00
Must respond by Friday - October 3, 2014
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For further information contact your Dance School Director or Tom Lisiecki (586) 795-8901



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Financial Secretaries
from Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9
are invited to attend
A Training Session for Financial Secretaries

Sat., November 8 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PRCUA Headquarters
984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

RSVP to Pat Tropp at 773-782-2600 Ext. 2605 by Nov. 4th.
Please bring your Financial Secretary Handbook.

PRCUA “October - Polish American Heritage Month” Coloring Contest Notice

The Coloring page for the Annual PRCUA “October - Polish American Heritage Month” Coloring Contest for PRCUA members, ages 3 to 18 years, featuring Lt. Col. Matt Urban - the most decorated soldier in World War II - is available for downloading at the PRCUA website: www.prcua.org or by calling the PRCUA Fraternal Dept. 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2601

Polish-American Heritage Month Celebration in Calumet City, IL

Sunday, October 5

11:45 a.m. Wreath Laying at Pulaski Park
204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL
12:30 p.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony at Pulaski Park
139th Street and Sheffield Avenue, Hammond, IN

Authentic family-style sit-down luncheon at 1:00 p.m.
Cavalier Inn Restaurant
735 Gostlin Street, Hammond, IN
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PRCUA 61st Convention Life Insurance

The PRCUA held its 61st National Quadrennial Convention in Toledo, Ohio on August 10-13, 2014. Delegates from all Societies represented our membership and expressed our members' wishes, as they relate to the direction that our fraternal organization should take as we go forward into the future. A new administration has been elected.

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, or **pay in full** and receive an **additional discount**.

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Announcing: PRCUA District # 1 National Director Vacancy

A vacancy exists for the office of the National Director in District #1.

Members are hereby informed that applications to fill the above vacancy are now being accepted. The applicant must be an active member of PRCUA, in good standing for at least five years, and a resident of District #1, which is composed of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The vacancy shall be acted upon at the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for December 6, 2014. Applications can be obtained from the office of PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, FIC.

Completed applications, with a photo, must be filed no later than **October 15, 2014** by registered or certified mail, or in person. To obtain an application, please contact:

Secretary-Treasurer James J. Robaczewski
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101
Phone (773) 782-2611 or (800) 772-8632 ext. 2611

The duties of Directors as defined in the PRCUA Constitution, approved by the August 2010 Convention are to:

- participate in all Board Sessions of the Board of Directors;
- supervise the locations of funds of the UNION;
- approve the bond of the President and all other Officials of whom a bond is required;
- examine and approve all reports and official actions of the respective Officers and be responsible for the safety, development of, and order of the UNION;
- upon the advice and written recommendation of the UNION's actuaries, may make an equitable distribution of surplus by the payment of dividends;
- shall be bound to operate within the budget as approved by the Convention and reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly by the Budget Committee.

In addition to the official duties of a Director of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America as outlined in the Constitution, a Director is encouraged to:

- support membership in the PRCUA by encouraging individuals, both adult and juvenile, to become members of the PRCUA through its life insurance and annuity programs;
- solicit and encourage individuals to represent the PRCUA as agents and deputies by joining the sales department of the PRCUA and becoming licensed sales people of PRCUA financial products;
- initiate, cooperate and participate in the local representative district's activities as it relates to the fraternal goals and mission of the PRCUA.



CORRECTION

The Editor sincerely apologizes for misidentifying this priest in the last issue of *Narod Polski* on page 8.

He is Reverend Paul Kwiatkowski, Chaplain of the Toledo PRCUA Societies.

INVITATION

Cinderella- Prince Charming Ball



**SATURDAY
NOV. 22, 2014**

Lexington House

7717 W. 95th St.

Hickory Hills, IL

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Donation: \$65.00

Reservations:

Vicki Kroplewski

708-599-7129

Krakow, Poland Chosen as Site of the 2016 World Youth Day

VATICAN, ROME - World Youth Day 2016 - an international Catholic gathering of the Pope with youth from around the world, all focused on religious faith - will be celebrated from July 25-31, 2016 in Krakow, Poland. This will be the second World Youth Day to be held in Poland, now as a tribute to Saint John Paul II, who was canonized on 27 April 2014, and his devotion to the Merciful Jesus (Divine Mercy devotion) based on Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska's apparitions and message. The first one was held in Czestochowa from August 10-15, 1991.

According to Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Diocese of Kraków, World Youth Day 2016 will be particularly significant, as Kraków was the seat of Saint John Paul II when he was Cardinal. As he is such a popular saint in Poland, Cardinal Dziwisz said that the news of hosting another World Youth Day has been met with great "enthusiasm", and all the Catholic dioceses in Poland will be supporting the event.

The official logo and prayer for World Youth Day 2016 were unveiled recently in Krakow by the city's Archbishop, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. They both focus on the theme chosen by Pope Francis from the Gospel of Matthew: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

The logo, created by Monika Rybczynska, 28, with help from Emilia Pyza, 26, features a red and blue flame of Divine Mercy flowing from a gold cross that is surrounded by a red outline of the map of Poland. A gold dot represents the city of Krakow on the map and symbolizes the youth. The red, blue and yellow colors represent the official colors of Krakow and the city's coat of arms.

The last international celebration of World Youth Day, which Pope Francis celebrated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July 2013, concluded with a Mass attended by 3 million people.



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Youth Committee Report to the PRCUA 61st National Convention

The Youth Committee Report has two parts. Part 1 was delivered by Youth Committee Chair Elizabeth Sadus, Director of District #9, at the Convention. Part 2 was delivered by Committee members at the Convention.

Part 1

The Growth and Development Committee of The Board of Directors recommended that a “Youth Committee” be formed, as a sub-committee, consisting of the Directors of Districts 7, 8 & 9. After several meetings among directors of these 3 districts & much brainstorming, the following was decided upon:

- The term “youth” was deemed too broad.
- Start a focus group of young adults ages 20-40, locally among Districts 7, 8 and 9, not to exclude any age group, but this group has been ignored and is the group that is starting families and has potential for membership growth.
- The focus group would start small, consisting of 2-3 representatives from each district.
- A get together of pizza and beverages would be planned to discuss these young adults’ ideas on what direction the PRCUA should go in facilitating youth involvement. (It would be a question/answer session; the Directors will devise the questions.)
- Each participant would receive a \$50 gas card for their time.
- It was proposed that there should be an allotment of \$1,500 for the focus group (pizza/beverages/stipends), which the Board approved.
- In 30 days, have another meeting with this focus group and invite them to bring a friend.
- At this meeting, the focus group comes together and plans an event of their choosing for PRCUA members within this age group and peers (increase membership).
- This would give them something to work toward and feeling a sense of involvement.
- Due to time constraints & schedule conflicts, this was not fully implemented yet, but we are still working on it.
- A goal, in the future, would be to have one youth representative from each District [7, 8 and 9] to work in facilitating involvement and work closely with their District Director.
- Also, I would like to recommend that our Youth Committee at the Convention serve as an advisory/auxiliary board to work with Directors of Districts 7, 8 & 9. We want to utilize our youths here today and have them help us, instead of their going home and never seeing them and/or never calling upon them again. We have them here and now.

Part 2

I. Essay Contest: How to Involve the Youth [in PRCUA Activities]

[Editor’s Note: An 61st Convention Essay Contest was sponsored by *Narod Polski*. The editors asked the Youth Committee to choose the winner. The Youth Committee decided not to choose a winner, therefore the editors chose the winner and the prize was awarded.]

- A. No essays were awarded prizes [by the Youth Committee]
1. Only 2 submissions; need more options
 2. No feasible ideas were provided; only problems highlighted
 3. The submitted essays were provided from members well beyond the age we are focusing [there was no age limit specified in the essay contest.
- B. Re-advertise the Essay Contest [actually, hold a new essay contest]

II. New Essay [Contest] for Younger Members

- A. Two age groups: 16-25 years and 26-35 years
- B. Prompt: Provide one well-developed idea or event that would encourage you and your peers to become more active or involved in the PRCUA
- C. Advertise: Better use of *Narod Polski* and social media sites

III. Youth Committee and Social Media

- A. The Youth Committee would like to have access to the current Facebook page
1. Add cultural/tradition [information] to the posts
 2. Highlight the youth with posts of photos and video of PRCUA participation

IV. Athletic Events

- A. Create family-friendly tournaments to bring in very young members along with their parents (catering to the 30-somethings)

V. Pre-Convention Workshops

- A. "How to be a Delegate" to be run through local societies

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Elizabeth Sadus, Chair; Thomas Tarnowski; Natalia Kowalewicz; Joanna Gebala; Danielle Kroplewski; Courtney Ozog; Andrew Lech; Rachael Kasperek; and William Marutzky, Jr.

Report of the Resolution Committee to the PRCUA 61st National Convention

Whereas, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Convention is a meeting of the Catholic Society which maintains a close bond with the Roman Catholic Church, and

Whereas, the Union also maintains a multicultural union with Poland, the country of our ancestors, and

Whereas, the Union supports its members and their families by offering fraternal benefits through the sales of its life insurance and other financial products, and

Whereas, the Union supports the culture, customs, and traditions of our members and all of Polonia; Therefore,

- We resolve to encourage all members of the PRCUA to participate voluntarily;
- We resolve to show appreciation to the society financial secretaries, the backbone of our organization at a grassroots level;
- We resolve to continue to use new technology in maintaining our competitiveness;
- We resolve to continue our relationship with the Roman Catholic Church both locally and nationally and remain faithful and loyal to the church and its teachings;
- We resolve to continue to reach out to Polish immigrants to help them transition towards their American citizenship;
- We resolve to continue to support the museum, and maintain our Polish traditions, in order to teach future generations about our Polish heritage and Polish customs, especially those of Christmas, Easter and other religious holidays;
- We resolve to continue to work with other Polish fraternal organizations to promote unity among Polonia;
- We resolve to encourage our leaders in developing programs/activities for our young adult members to promote a vested interest in our fraternal organization;
- We resolve to support our societies as they develop family activities and promote fraternalism;
- We resolve to work towards inviting new members interested in promoting our fraternal mission;
- We resolve to thank our outgoing administration for the great work and dedication they have shown to the PRCUA and all of Polonia

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Celeste Grabowski; Elizabeth Dynowski; Kevin Kwiatkowski; Charlene Pasternak; and William Seranko

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CHICAGO, IL - On Thursday, August 28, 2014, Malgorzata Kot, the newly-appointed Managing Director of the Polish Museum of America, was surprised with a celebratory lunch in the PRCUA Social Hall. Organized by PMA staff and attended by PRCUA executives, Mrs. Kot was toasted with champagne provided by PMA President Maria Ciesla, who extended best wishes to Director Kot for a successful tenure in her new position.



(L-r) PMA Managing Dir. Malgorzata Kot receiving a gift from Rev. Andrzej Maslej (Photo: L. Kowalewicz)

Also in attendance was Rev. Andrzej Maslej of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission in Chicago. Rev. Maslej blessed Mrs. Kot, and presented her with an icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, for which she expressed much appreciation..

The lunch conversation focused on Mrs. Kot's plans for the future of the PMA, and her intentions to work cooperatively within the institution, as well as with the PRCUA and other organizations.

Mrs. Kot has demonstrated great enthusiasm and devotion to duty over the past 19 years, while she worked as PMA's Head Librarian; she will definitely be an outstanding asset in the position of Managing Director. Best wishes! - KGR

October - Polish American Heritage Month

(Continued from page 1) Although he was in danger of losing his life, he refused to leave the battle until the enemy was pushed back and his soldiers could safely cross the River. Captain Urban's personal leadership, bravery, and exposure to enemy fire, again and again, inspired all of the soldiers under his leadership. His courage and selfless actions were rewarded with the medals that he received and his great accomplishments were recorded in history. *Primus inter pares - First among equals* - Matt Urban holds that distinction among the 434 American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines in WWII who earned the U. S. Congressional Medal of Honor, America's highest honor for its Armed Forces, the only decoration given in recognition of conduct in battle above and beyond the call of duty.

Matt Urban, age 75, died in Holland, MI in 1995. He was given a military burial of honor in Arlington National Cemetery in VA.

It is proper for us, during this year's "October - Polish American Heritage Month" to remember this great World War II combat hero. Polish Americans can be proud of this true-life Polish American hero, who won more medals than any other soldier during World War II.

Why not celebrate "October - Polish American Heritage Month" by reading the entire Matt Urban Story in the hero's own words - a book written by Matt Urban and Charles Conrad entitled "**The Hero - We Nearly Forgot.**" It is available from www.amazon.com

From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC



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As Anna Sokolowski, our beloved Resident Vice President of PRCUA, “closes” her window on an amazing 12 years of service, I am going to “open” my door. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge my sincere gratitude for Anna’s friendship and working relationship. She has definitely set the bar high and I will give it my all for the good of PRCUA and the office of Vice President. The outpouring of love and respect deemed Anna by those she worked with and worked for is nothing short of a testimony to her dedication to our PRCUA and to her character.

Thank you, Anna, for a job well done! Bravo!

For those who do not know me, allow me to introduce myself - my name is Micheline “Misia” Jaminski, and I am the new Vice President of our PRCUA. Since childhood, I was nurtured in the Roman Catholic faith and the Polish American fraternal system – the heart and soul of Polonia. I have served the PRCUA since 1976.

As a successful entrepreneur with over 30 years experience, I am knowledgeable in accounting, cost structure, revenue and profit sources, customer relationships, significant activities, vital resources, key partners, management, and human resources. I bring to the table a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Polish and History, with a minor in Education. I am fluent in English and Polish.

The President of the Republic of Poland honored me with the prestigious Silver Cross of Merit. I received recognition by Former Mayor of Chicago, the Honorable Richard M. Daley, for my work with the Youth and from Stowarzyszenie “Wspolnota Polska” for perpetuating Polish culture. As one of the founders of the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc., I served two terms as its first female President.

Thirty-eight years ago, I was given an opportunity by the PRCUA (namely, by then District 8 Director †Martha Kwiatk and †Regina Ocwieja). With my love of Polish folk dance and my teaching experience, I became involved with the Adult Culture Group, as well as its annual Cinderella-Prince Charming Balls and Fashion Shows, which led to my organizing the internationally-renowned Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., Southwest Center of Polish Dancing and Polanie Dancers of JPPII Polish School – all PRCUA.

I have shared my organizational abilities, leadership qualities, business expertise and artistic talents with many PRCUA groups, including Districts 7, 8 and 9. I coordinated multi-district events for the PRCUA Women’s Department, including the 1982 Polish Folk Dance Festival/Seminar, the 1985 PRCUA Youth Gala and the 1989 PRCUA Gala of Polish Traditions, among others. In 2007, together with the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Dance Co., I chaired the PFDA Polish Folk Dance Festival/Seminar in Chicago.

In addition to the above, I co-organized two PRCUA Societies, became an insurance deputy, and was elected Vice Chair of the PRCUA’s 60th National Quadrennial Convention. I presently serve as Treasurer of District 8 PRCUA and most recently served as a member of the PRCUA Constitution Committee.

Since I joined the PRCUA, I have served diligently, passionately, professionally and loyally an organization that I was not born into or married into – PRCUA was my “calling.” I’m a product of former Vice Presidents: Stella M. Nowak, Lorie Rose Gorny, my mentor - Regina Ocwieja, Dolores Spejewski, Jerry Kucharski and Anna Sokolowski, as well as the Presidents Joseph Osajda, Joseph Drobot Sr., Frances Rutkowski, Edward Dykla, Wallace Ozog and Joseph Drobot Jr., who served during my membership.

I am a wife to the love of my life, Richard; a mom to Nicole and Alina (Ben); a Babcia to Cole; daughter to Jean and the late Mieczyslaw; a sister to Jeanine (Brian); aunt to Joline, Kayla, and Krzysztof; the list would continue with my loving in-laws and extended family, in addition to an absolutely wonderful circle of friends.



Res. V.P. Emeritus Anna Sokolowski, Wally Szarowicz, Steve DeLonka & VP Misia Jaminski at District #7 Fishing Derby (Photo courtesy of A. Sokolowski)

Since being sworn in as VP, I have been introduced to many sports enthusiasts who have played an important part in the athletic events of the Fraternal Department. Pictured are a few of the faces of our PRCUA organizers and cheerleaders at the PRCUA Softball Tournament (8/22-23/14) and PRCUA Fishing Derby (9/7/14)! (See article and photos on pages 13-14)

The weekend of September 13 and 14 was extremely eventful beginning with an Orientation Meeting for all of the newly-elected and re-elected Officers and Directors at the PRCUA Home Office; continuing with the Quarterly Meeting of the outgoing and incoming National Board of Directors, and culminating with the Inaugural Mass at St. Ferdinand Parish in Chicago, IL and Inaugural Banquet at Rosewood Banquets, Rosemont, IL. (See pages 1, 10-12)



(L-r) Michael Ozog, Frank Nasiatka, Mark and Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski and Ernie Pindzia at the Softball Tourney (Photo courtesy of M. Jaminski)



Joe Ozog, Chair of the PRCUA Softball Tournament



Judy Drobot and Joann Woodward at the Softball Tourney



The Lechs, Jaminskis, Rogalas and the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Wortel.



Wesoly Lud with newlyweds and PRCUA members

Then there was the wedding (above) of Wesoly Lud Alumna, Elizabeth Presz and Mark Wortel, which was a PRCUA District 8 get-together and a Wesoly Lud reunion for many.

“An organization is only as good as its people” which includes both the leadership and the membership. With the newly-elected Board of Directors; Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. at the helm; James Robaczewski (Secy-Tres) and me, the PRCUA continues to be “in good hands”! BUT... WE need YOU – our members – to continue to be interactive and also supportive. Together we can make PRCUA even stronger, even better and have fun doing it! After all, that’s what fraternalism is all about!

If you have an idea, suggestion or question, please feel free to send me an email: micheline-jaminski@prcu.org. The office of the new Vice President is officially “OPEN” for new possibilities!



Kroplewski children with VP Micheline Jaminski



Letters of Appreciation from Students who Received PRCUA Grants and Scholarships

Dear Mr. Drobot, Mrs. Sokolowski and Mr. Robaczewski,
I was very excited and honored to receive the PRCUA Educational Scholarship, Thank you for awarding it to me, it will surely help me pay for my schooling this year. I plan on continuing my involvement in PRCUA for a long time with the Zakopane dance group. It was a privilege to perform at the opening dinner of this year's convention along with the other PRCUA groups.
Thank you again, Brandon J. Hejza of Fraser, MI

Dear Executive Officers of PRCUA,
Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship of \$250.00 toward my University of Michigan education. It will be helpful towards the purchase of books. Thanks again.
Alexandra Kolberg of Northville, MI

Dear Mr. Drobot, Mrs. Sokolowski and Mr. Robaczewski:
I am in receipt of your correspondence dated August 1, 2014 that I am the recipient of a \$750 PRCUA Student Scholarship Grant for 2014-2015. I would like to express again my sincere gratitude for your assistance in my selection for the grant. I was ecstatic to learn I would receive this award and I am deeply appreciative of your support.
This Summer I gained further experience in my field by interning at the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. As an intern for the Major Crimes Unit, I was able to go on field trips including the medical examiner's office, forensic entomology workshop. and the Sheriff's Office.
In addition to this internship. I have continued my employment at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC in their Princeton office as a project assistant/file clerk and plan to continue working part time for the firm during the school year. These experiences have assisted me in deciding a career path to pursue a PhD degree in Criminology. I hope one day I will be able to help other students alleviate the financial burden of college as you have done for me.
If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for your financial support.
Sincerely, Victoria Smiegocki of Lambertville, NJ

Many Thanks to the Executive Officers of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. Thank you so much for supporting me, and helping me be closer to realizing my goals and dreams. Every step towards that helps immensely!
Sincerely, Katherine Baran of Hanover Park, IL

Dear Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Scholarship Committee,
I would like to extend my sincerest and warmest thanks to all of you for the very generous PRCUA Scholarship. Please know that without such support, my educational goals would be very limited, and I take great comfort in knowing that I have the support of the Polish-American community. I am very eager to begin my new studies in the fall and to learn how the realm of information science is being rapidly incorporated into the medical field.
Thank you again, and God bless! Pozdrawiam serdecynie!
Michael Chrusciel of Riverview, MI

Dear Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Executive Officers,
Thank you for your generous scholarship of \$1,000.00. I hope to make all of you and the whole PRCUA community proud!
Best, Thomas Florczak of Washington, DC

Dear Polish Roman Catholic Union of America,
I thank you sincerely for your generous contribution to my education. Words cannot express how truly grateful I am. This year I embark on my third year of medical school and I could not be more excited to continue learning. I hope that someday I can help eager students just as you have helped me. Thank you so much!
Sincerely, Ava Socik of Niles, IL

Dear PRCUA Scholarship Committee,
Thank you very much for your generous support in helping to fund my education.
Sincerely, Christopher Yothment of Munster, IN

Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Ozog



Pictured with PRCUA friends, Past Dir. Chris Ozog married PRCUA member Barbara Withers of Warren MI on Sept. 19 in Sterling Hts., MI

Robert A. Gorny Passed Away



A Gorny guitar

CHICAGO, IL - Robert A. Gorny, 64, went to his heavenly reward on September 15 after an extended illness. A PRCUA member since 1973, he belonged to several PRCUA Societies, including: Soc. #186, Soc. #1543, Soc. #1561 and Soc. #1574. He sometimes accompanied his mother, PRCUA Past Vice President Lorie Rose (nee Dudeck) Gorny (1972-1982) who resided with him, to PRCUA events. Sadly, he died the day before his mother's 93rd birthday. Mr. Gorny, who stood an imposing a 6'7" tall, was a kind and gentle man with a heart of gold.
Bob Gorny was the owner of Gorny Guitars, in the Galewood neighborhood of Chicago for over 35 years. He built custom guitars and repaired guitars. Using the craftsmanship he learned from his Dad, his 3-D sculpting talents and his father's tool and die shop machinery, Bob started building electric guitars, but later made acoustic guitars as well. He was a musician and began this endeavor because standard guitars did not accommodate his large hands. He found a special niche in the market when he combined his woodworking skills with using machines to make the whole process more economical and to create a superior product. He graduated from Wright Jr. College and studied design at the Art Institute of Chicago, which led to his becoming a brilliant master guitar craftsman and luthier, admired and appreciated by many pros in the music industry.
Bob gained notoriety among famous musicians, who relied on him to make their guitars. Over the years, he did work for Chicago's Blue star Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton, the Smashing Pumpkins, Emmylou Harris, George Benson and Jeff Beck. His death is a definite loss for the music community.
Robert Gorny was the son of Lorie and the late Robert L. Gorny; brother of Richard A. (Diane) and the late James Francis; uncle of James (Stefanie) and Lynn Gorny. His funeral took place on September 19th and he was buried in St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL. May he rest in eternal peace, knowing that he enriched this world with music - his own and other's.

YUROSKOS CARRY PRCUA BANNER IN CLEVELAND'S UKRAINIAN DAY PARADE



CLEVELAND, OH - On August 23, 2014, Dennis and Gail Yurosko, od PRCUA Society #2220, proudly carried the PRCUA banner in the Ukrainian Village Parade in Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Dennis has carried the PRCUA banner many times, and this time he was joined by his wife Gail. Gail is the daughter of Genevieve Banaszak, who has been active in fraternal activities since her childhood, working her way to the position of Recording Secretary of the Alliance of Poles of America, which merged with the PRCUA in 2005. Dennis and Gail are continuing the tradition of supporting the PRCUA. Gail was a delegate to the PRCUA's most recent 61st National Quadrennial Convention held in Toledo in August.
This year a special treat was made possible when PRCUA District 2 Director Greg Olma, and his son Max, (pictured above in green shirt and blue shirt) came to Cleveland and participated in the Ukrainian Parade. This event is the second time that District 2 and District 5 Directors represented PRCUA marching together. A few years ago Mitchell Bienia, District 5 Director, led a group of members from Cleveland to Buffalo to march in the Dyngus Day Parade in an entry sponsored by PRCUA District 2.
As the PRCUA delegation passed the reviewing stand, a warm welcome was extended to the PRCUA as the "Mother of All Polish Fraternal," and mentioned some of the PRCUA products.
The Officers, Directors and members of the PRCUA extend a sincere thank you to Dennis and Gail Yurosko and Greg and Max Olma. Sto Lat!
By Mitchell J. Bienia, Director District 5

“Polonia” Polish Folk Dance Ensemble in Greece



Life often pulls us in many different directions, and this year “Polonia” Ensemble ended up traveling to the distant Greek island of Zakynthos in the Ionian Sea. Since 2014 is the year of the long-awaited International Festival of Polish Folk Dancing in Rzeszow, Poland, we decided to visit a country full of history and sunshine before returning to the homeland of our ancestors.

After two long days of travel on planes, buses, and even a ferry boat, we finally arrived at our hotel in the town of Argasi on the island of Zakynthos. Ahead of us was a week full of sunbathing on the beach, Mediterranean cuisine, and, inevitably, dancing. We had the opportunity to share both our Polish and American cultures by performing on the main square of Zakynthos. Apart from our traditional Polish dances, we debuted our new Rock n’ Roll routine which blew away both tourists and locals with its high energy and exciting tricks. Along with a Greek dance group. that performed traditional Greek dances, we had a wonderful time surrounded by two of the things that we love most – dancing and culture.

Beyond practices and performances, we were able to become more familiar with Greece and its history, both in Zakynthos and in Athens. The island of Zakynthos is known for its rocky coastline, with beautifully sculpted caves as well as its Shipwreck Beach. In order to see these amazing sights, we boarded a boat that would take us around the entire island and make a stop at this particular beach. As the salty air blew in our faces and every turn gave way to more spectacular views, I think each and every one of us entertained the idea of never wanting to leave this Grecian paradise.

We spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the trip at a “Greek Night” where dancers showed and taught us the steps of traditional Greek dances. Along with this, a delicious supper outdoors in the crisp air and wonderful hilltop views of the typical Greek, white houses below us, created a fantastic atmosphere for the entire evening spent in the company of our closest friends.

Despite the fact that our stay in Greece was nearing its end, we knew that we could not leave this remarkable country without visiting the legendary ruins and buildings of ancient Athens. Accompanied by a local tour guide, we wandered off to see the Acropolis, the Greek Parliament, and many other historical sites in the capital city. We could not believe the longevity of the age-old architecture that, to this day, stands strong though it was built over 2500 years ago.

When the time finally came to continue our European tour in Poland, our entire group was rejuvenated, suntanned, and enriched with the new historical and cultural knowledge acquired throughout the trip. Although everybody was extremely excited to return to the country that



represents our cultural identity, I know that the memories from our trip to Greece will never fade.

- By Kinga Fluder of Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble

PRCUA IN HAMTRACMCK’S POLISH DAY PARADE



“Tex” and Parade M.C. Bob Bielenda

The 37th Annual Polish Day Parade was held on Labor Day, Sept. 1, in Hamtramck, MI. It has been associated with Hamtramck’s Labor Day Weekend Festival for 36 years. The Parade’s roots go back to May 3rd Polish Constitution Day observances held on Belle Isle, MI, in the 1930s, which evolved into the Pulaski Day Parade held in downtown Detroit each Autumn. In 1977 it was moved to Hamtramck, MI.

This year’s Master of Ceremonies for the Parade was none other than PRCUA’s National Vice President Robert Bielenda. The PRCUA was also represented in the Parade by National President Joseph Drobot Jr. and his wife, Judy, who rode in a car driven by Roger Caderet and his wife, Krystyna.

Then came many PRCUA Dance School graduates - being honored for their contributions to Polonia and their individual schools - who rode in convertibles & cars.



President & Mrs. J. Drobot, Jr.

PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools whose students marched in the Parade included: Gwiazda of Hamtramck, MI, 55 years old, Choreographer Basia Grabas-Nowakowski, Dir. Jessica Wendt; Halka,



Detroit, MI, 46 years, Dir. Rita Cerankowski and Choreographer Thomas Lisiecki; Opole of Warren, MI, Dir. Beth Thacker, Choreographer Donna Skurski; Polskie Maki of Warren, MI, 38 years, Choreographer Kelly Malinowski and Dir. Maria Jalkiewicz;

Rogalin Dancers of Wyandotte Society #162, 46 years, Dir. Michelle Stechschulte and Choreographer Janet Vilag; Wieliczka of Dearborn,



MI, 58 years, Dir. Kristi Michalic and Choreographers Tomek & Kasia Schemanski; Zajacek of Sterling Hts., MI, marking its 10th anniversary, Dir. Colleen Bonkowski, Choreographers Trica Zajac & Rachel Kasperek; and Zakopane of Warren, MI, PRCUA’s Adult Group with Dir. Colleen Bonkowski, and Choreographer Tom Lisiecki.

Thanks go to all the groups who represented the PRCUA and all the members who turned out to cheer them on! - Photos and article by National VP Bob Bielenda



(Continued from page 1) sang several hymns during Mass. Also in attendance were PRCUA's Cinderella Gabriella Suarez and Prince Charming Jeremiah Stanek.

Mass was followed by the PRCUA Inauguration Banquet held at Rosewood Banquets, in Rosemont, IL.

Guests enjoyed hobnobbing with each other during the reception. Then it was time for the evening's festivities to begin. The ambiance in the banquet hall was elegant, with wonderful white-glove service that included a hot hand towel. The food was delicious, a sweet table was available after dinner, and the music and dancing were lively.



Agnes Bastrzyk

Dir. of Marketing, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, FICF, welcomed everyone and introduced the National Directors and Officers as they promenaded into the hall on the arm of their spouse or a PRCUA dancer. The newly-elected National Directors included: Dir. Gregory Olma of District 2; Dir. Sharon Quinn and Dir. Joanne Zajac of District 3; Dir. Eileen Hanley of District 4; Dir. Mitchell Bienia and Dir. Thomas Jesionowski of District 5; Dir. Constance Bonin of District 6; Dir. Anna Krysinski and Dir. Kevin Kucik of District 7; Dir. Krystyna Lech and Dir. James Rustik of District 8; Dir. Elizabeth Sadus of District 9; Dir. Colleen Bonkowski and Dir. Thomas Lisiecki of District 10. The National Officers then made their entrance: Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and his wife, Elaine; Vice President Micheline "Misja" Jaminski and her husband, Richard and President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife, Judith.

Mrs. Bastrzyk introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Vice President Emeritus Robert Bielenda, FICF, who kept the program moving at a swift pace. The Polish and American National Anthems were sung by Aleksandra Podowski and



Emcee Robert Bielenda



A. Podowski & A. Zurawski-Nowakowski

Annette Zurawski Nowakowski, followed by the "Hymn Zjednoczenia" sung by Marlena Dzis, accompanied by Jaroslaw Golembiowski.

The Invocation was given by National Chaplain Rev. Walter Ptak, followed by a hearty toast to the PRCUA proposed by Resident Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski, FICF. This was followed by a performance of

Dances and Songs from Old Warsaw by Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co. - Richard Jaminski, Artistic Dir. and Choreographer and Micheline Jaminski, Honorary Artistic Dir./Choreographer, followed by *Dances from Region of Kaszuby* performed by Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble - Cecylia Roznowska, Artistic Dir./Choreographer, Iwona Puc - Choreographer, Mieczyslaw Dzis - Music Dir. and Jaclyn Krysinski - Dance Instructor. Then President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and Marlena Dzis surprised everyone by singing a wonderful duet of "The Merry Widow" in Polish. After this, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

After dinner, Polonia Ensemble performed a lively *Rock 'n Roll*. Guests were then treated to another operatic duet by President Drobot and Marlena Dzis of "La ci darem la mano" from Mozart's Opera *Don Giovanni*, which included the participation of First Lady Judith Drobot, as she musically fought for her man against the Temptress, to the delight of all.



Joseph L. Annotti

The first guest speaker was Deputy Consul Robert Rusiecki of the Republic of Poland at Chicago, who was accorded a rousing welcome by guests. Joseph L. Annotti, President of the American Fraternal Alliance, also addressed the audience and was given a warm welcome.

Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co. kicked up their heels for a lively performance of the *Celebration Polka*.



Deputy Consul R. Rusiecki

PRCUA Officers and Directors Installed

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Anna
Sokolowski
proposing
a heartfelt
toast



Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company



Polonia Polish
Folk Dance
Ensemble

At the end of the dance performances, both groups of dancers presented the newly-elected Vice President Micheline "Misja" Jaminski with large floral bouquets - no doubt the first of many she will receive as administrator in charge of the PRCUA dance schools.

President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. addressed everyone, welcoming the new members to the Board of Directors and saying that he is looking forward to leading the PRCUA over the next four years. Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski also said a few words, before Fr. Anthony Iwuc, Vice Chaplain



PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. singing a duet
with Marlena Dzis

Emeritus, gave the benediction.

Of course, Fr. Iwuc - who loves the unity of a group sing-along - could not let this wonderful opportunity pass by without asking everyone to join hands as he led the singing of the memory-stirring, poignant Polish song "Jak szybko mijaja chwile."



Pres. Drobot addressing the crowd

Guests continued to enjoy the music of the Romeo Band, dancing the rest of the night away. Many PRCUA employees were in attendance. The event was very pleasant and greatly enjoyed by all participants. Kudos to the Committee.

By Kathryn G. Rosypal-Romani, Executive Editor
(Photos by Lidia Kowalewicz, Managing Editor)



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Micheline Jaminski



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Ptak
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Polonia Polish
Folk Dance
Ensemble



PRCUA Wesoly Lud dancers (left side) and PRCUA Polonia Ensemble (right side)
at the Inaugural Banquet



Guests at the Inaugural Banquet



60th PRCUA Softball Tournament Held in Canton, MI

CANTON, MI The 60th Annual Softball Tournament, hosted by Father Al's Society #1493, was held on August 23, 2014 at Canton Softball Center located in Canton, MI. Teams participating in the Tournament were St. Stan's #718 (3 teams), St. Rita's (2 men, 2 women), and Saint John Paul II - all of Michigan - and the Aces from East Chicago, Indiana.



Men's Champions - St. Rita's #2 with RVP Anna Sokolowski



St. Rita's #1



St. John Paul II from Sterling Heights, MI



Three Teams of St. Stan's Society #718 from Detroit, MI - the Blue Team is the St. Stan's Family Team who were the Men's Championship Runner-Ups

Opening ceremonies kicked off the event with President Joseph Drobot, Jr. pitching, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski catching, and Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski batting.

The first round game had mercy rules in effect. The second round began the real competition. The Men's Division ended up with St. Stan's Family against St. Rita's #2. St. Rita's #2 was the only team undefeated; they defeated St. Stan's Family in the championship game. St. Rita's #2 were crowned the Champs.

St. Rita's #2 Champion
St. Stan's Family Runner-Up

The Men's All Stars were: Ryan Ozog (SJP), Frank Woodward (St. Rita's #1), Richard Sobilo (East Chicago), Tony Bagodzi (St. Stan's Boomer), Joey Stortz (St. Stan's Boomer), Tony Sobczak (St. Stan's Family), Drew Nielsen (St. Rita's #2), Mike Sopko (St. Stan's Boomer), Bob Belczak (St. Stan's Family), and Greg Losinski (St. Rita's #2).

The women's teams played best two-out-of-three games. The tourney looked like St. Rita's #2 was going to make a sweep of it until St. Rita's #1 came back in the bottom of the 7th inning. Going into a third game, St. Rita's #2 took the championship.

St. Rita's #2 Champion
St. Rita's #1 Runner-Up

Women's All Stars were: Christy White, Molly Michalik, Laura Daily, Jennifer Rogers, Courtney Ozog, Maria Fischione, Valerie Brumm, Robin Coker, Erica Pietrzyk, and Adella Howle.

Following the tourney, festivities were held that included awards, food, dancing and a raffle. Playing or not, everyone had an enjoyable time at the 2014 Softball Tournament.

The PRCUA thanks Chairman Joe Ozog for organizing the event and the dedicated members of his Committee for making this such an enjoyable fraternal sports event.

Softball Tournament Share the Wealth Raffle winners were tickets #0610 for \$250; #0883 for \$125 and #0041 for \$100. Winners were notified. We thank all those that bought tickets from Father Al's Society.
- Joe Ozog, Chairman (See scores and more photos at www.prcua.org)



Women's Champions - St. Rita's #2



St. Rita's Women's Team #1



Aces from East Chicago, IN



Farewell Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski

CHICAGO, IL - Friday, September 19th, was a bittersweet moment at the PRCUA Home Office as PRCUA President Joseph and First Lady Judy Drobot, Jr., Secy.-Tres. Jim Robaczewski, PRCUA employees and PMA staff bid "farewell" to Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski who passed the proverbial torch to V.P. Micheline Jaminski on September 14th.

An enjoyable Retirement Party was held in honor of Mrs. Sokolowski, in the PRCUA Social Hall, attended by her husband, Mark, and special guests PNA V.P. and Mrs. Paul Odrobina, Jacek Chaba of the Archdiocese of Chicago and Betty Uzarowicz, a volunteer and member of the PMA.

President Drobot thanked Mrs. Sokolowski for her 12



RVP Anna Sokolowski receiving gifts from Julie Prado, Supervisor of the General Office, Georgia Xamplas of Underwriting and Anna Wolan



RVP Anna Sokolowski with the high-heeled shoe wine caddy from VP Micheline Jaminski

that if Anna she drinks anything, it's usually Merlot wine. So, the "shoe" Misia gave her as a fun retirement gift is actually a wine caddy with a wine stopper designed like a silver shoe, as well. Anna loved the unique, most appropriate gift!

Past Pres. Maria Ciesla of the Polish Museum gave Anna a gift from the PMA staff: Dir. Malgorzata Kot, Iwona Bozek, Kasia Balutowski and Halina Misterka, Archivist.

Mr. & Mrs. Sokolowski and Anna's Exec. Asst. Mary Jane Robles cut the cake together for all to enjoy. Best wishes and much thanks are extended to Anna Sokolowski. - K. Rosypal

(Photos: Lidia Kowalewicz)



RVP Anna Sokolowski with PMA Past President Maria Ciesla, PMA Director Malgorzata Kot, Kasia Balutowski, Iwona Bozek and Halina Misterka

POLISH FRATERALS SENIORS CASINO TRIP

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, MI

The PRCUA, Polish National Alliance (PNA) and Polish Women's Alliance of America (PWAA) are planning a trip to Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, MI. The cost is \$28.00 per person and includes round-trip transportation, plus you will receive a \$10.00 voucher for the Buffet and \$15.00 for 100 points on player's card.

First come - first served - Limited space

Make your reservation soon!

Make check payable to the host "PNA" and send to:
PNA Office, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60646

TWO BUS PICK-UP POINTS

Buses will leave the North Side of Chicago at 8 a.m. at the PNA Home Office, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL, and the South Side of Chicago at 8:30 a.m. from the Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer, Chicago, IL. Both buses will leave the Casino at 2 p.m. Chicago time.



Fraternal Fun at District 7's 25th Anniversary Fishing Derby

ARLINGTON HTS., IL - PRCUA District #7 has been hosting its Annual Fishing Derby for PRCUA youth and their friends for 25 years - and this year was no exception. On September 7th, 40 children registered for the fishing derby held at Busse Lake Fishing Wall in Arlington Heights, IL.

It was a beautiful day as children fished in four age categories: 1 to 4 years, 5 to 6 years, 7 to 11 years and 12 to 15 years. Collectively, the children caught about 60 fish, all of which were thrown back. One girl captured the first place prize in her age category for catching the most fish and for reeling in the largest fish - a 9-inch white fish.

The event was organized by District 7 President Walter Szarowicz and V.P. Stephen DeLonka, who both cooked the hot dogs and got all the prizes for the children. They were assisted by District 7 Treasurer Irene DeLonka. Secretary Shirley Dudzinski helped prior to the event. National Vice President-elect Micheline Jaminski came out to lend a helping hand by distributing hot dogs, soda and chips to hungry participants and their parents or grandparents. Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski and her husband, Mark, were there and took photographs of the event. National Director of District #7 Anna Krysinski also stopped by for awhile.

Each of the participants received a small tackle box donated by Plano and a bag of fishing gummy worms, hooks and bobbers. 1st place winners in each age category received a fishing rod; 2nd place winners received either a large tackle box, a fish scale or a fishing rod. A good time was had by all!

- K. Rosypal, Executive Editor

(Photos: A. Sokolowski & M. Jaminski - See more photos on page 7 and 20)



(Above)
Fishing Derby participants with their prizes and PRCUA dignitaries



(Right)
This young fisherman with his fish

Baby Shower for Madia Robles

CHICAGO, IL - A Baby Shower was held in the PRCUA Social Hall on September 12th for Madia Robles, an employee of the PRCUA I.T. Dept. PRCUA officers and employees and PMA staff gathered to celebrate this happy occasion. The Shower was planned a long time ago, but little Julian decided to surprise everyone by arriving six weeks early, on July 30th, weighing a mere 2 lbs. 11 oz. Mother and baby are doing fine. Julian now weighs a whopping 6 lbs. 10 oz.!

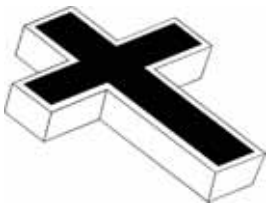
Madia and Juan Guerra received many lovely gifts for their baby, for which they are most grateful.

Grandmother Mary Jane Robles, Executive Assistant to the V.P., and Godmother Julie Prado, Gen. Office Supervisor, took turns holding Julian as Madia opened gifts. Best wishes to Madia, Juan and Julian. May God bless you all!



Madia Robles and Baby Julian

Dearly Departed PRCUA
Brothers
and Sisters



MEMBER	SOC.	STATE	MEMBER	SOC.	STATE
Baginski, Mieczyslaw	1437	IL	Lapinski, Bernice	2152	OH
Barber, Ralph Louis	1004	IL	Larson, Robert L.	2308	WI
Bis, Mary Agnes	565	IL	Lewandowski, Bernard	295	PA
Borowczyk, Marie Rose	308	IL	Lisikiewicz, Stanley	308	IL
Bubrow, Adam J.	1407	NJ	Magileski, Christine	247	IL
Dombrowski, Helen M.	2022	PA	Marchewka, Jack V.	1585	MI
Doroba, Casimir J.	803	NJ	Mielcarek, Eleanor	2004	PA
Drajem Jr., Victor A.	868	NY	Miska, Carol	2109	OH
Ferdik, Lottie	2039	PA	Parka, Anna	2005	NJ
Folak, William Jr.	475	IL	Roberts, Barbara J.	247	OH
Giersz, Zdzislaw M	286	CT	Rozwadowski, Lucjan A.	657	IL
Gora, Jessie	1000	IL	Scizak, Douglas R.	2227	MI
Gurdak, Alexander S.	1492	FL	Snauko, Helen	2342	MI
Janoski, Helen Y.	709	OH	Spence, Stella	359	MA
Jasionowski, Valeria	795	IL	Stelmach, Jean	1397	PA
Jezak, Alice B	658	MA	Szablewski, Richard	2308	WI
Katalinas, Ann	2152	OH	Tarnacki, Henry	1000	MI
Kling, Sanda J.	2303	WI	TyL Tadeusz	2220	OH
Koska, Antoinette	105	KS	Wos Alice	2002	PA

May they rest in eternal peace.

Gwiazda Fall 2014 Happenings



Gwiazda
Dancers
marching
in
Hamtramck's
Polish
Day
Parade

(Photo:
National Vice
President Bob
Bielenda)

HAMTRAMCK, MI - The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers have certainly hit the 2014-15 school year running. Only one week into practice, the Ensemble has already had two appearances. Like many other Polonian organizations, Gwiazda was among the many dance groups representing PRCUA dance schools in the annual Polish Day Parade, held in Hamtramck, MI on September 1, 2014. The Parade has special significance to Gwiazda, which practices in Hamtramck, and many students live, or attend church or school there. The Hamtramck Parade has long been on the Ensemble's calendar.

On September 7 - Polish Day - Gwiazda performed at St. Isaac Jogues's Annual Summer Fest in St. Clair Shores, MI. The Fest featured Polish food, polka bands, the *Misty Blues* and the *Kielbasa Kings*. Gwiazda's Group 1 did a *Kujawiak/Oberek*, Group 2 did *Beskid Slaski*, Groups 3 and 4 did dances from *Rzeszów*, and the entire ensemble performed a Polka and concluded by singing *Plynie Wisla*.

The Ensemble will now focus upon upcoming performances and its 55th Annual Spring Recital to be held in April 2015.

- By Nicholas Nowakowski (1997 Gwiazda Alumnus & Secretary)

Appeal for Used Cards/Religious Goods for the Missions

Missionary Fr. Cruz in India, has 5,000 children in 3 schools. Kindly help him by sending pens, pencils, rosaries, used greeting cards and statues for the children to put to use. Please help them.

Fr. Paul Cruz, P.O. Box 691571, Kottiyam-P.O., Kollam-691571, Kerala-India

Please send the items directly to Fr. Cruz in India, not to the PRCUA.

† Higher Perspectives †

October, Month of the
Most Holy Rosary



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

The month of October is upon us and with it, the Feast of Our Lady Queen of the Rosary on October 7th. In fact, this entire month is dedicated to Our Lady and the rosary because of this feast day. The rosary has long been a part of our lives, as Catholics, as we meditate on the mysteries of the Life of Christ. The rosary has been a favorite prayer of many - saints and sinners alike. In recent times, it has been the favorite prayer of St. John Paul the Great and of his two successors, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

In parishes throughout the world, the month of October is celebrated with special devotions to the Rosary of Our Lady. In many cultures, there are songs dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, the most popular for those of Polish decent, is the beautiful hymn "*Zawitaj Krolowo Różańca Świętego*" loosely translated in English as "Hail Queen of the Holy Rosary." During my time in the Polish Seminary at Orchard Lake, I looked forward to this month and singing this beautiful and inspiring hymn in harmony with a classmate of mine. Even after we finished our seminary studies at Orchard Lake, we would make it a point to call each other on the first of the month of October to sing this hymn to Our Lady over the phone! To me, this song is one of the most beautiful hymns to Our Lady and I never tire of singing it.

The month of October gives us the opportunity to renew our devotion to the rosary and to make it a part of our prayer life. The four main mysteries of the rosary give us a lot to meditate upon. These mysteries take us through the life of Christ from the Feast of the Annunciation through the Crowning of Mary, as Queen of Heaven and Earth, in the early life of the Church. I know many of you pray this devotion daily and I hope that others will give it a try. Meditating on the Life of Christ can never grow old and always presents to us new insights and abundant grace during this time in prayer.



EDMUND CARDINAL SZOKA

During the month of August, the Church and Polonia suffered the loss of a very good man, Cardinal Edmund Szoka. Cardinal Szoka served the Church in many capacities and was dedicated to Our Lord, Our Lady, the Church and Polonia. I had the pleasure and great fortune to know him on both a personal and professional level for many years. He had a great influence on my life and especially on my vocation to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Szoka served the Church well as priest, bishop and cardinal for 60 years. I first met him during my time in the seminary when he became the Archbishop of Detroit in the early 1980s. He took a personal interest in me and supported me in my studies of things Polish during my seminary years. On November 14, 1987, he ordained me a Priest of Jesus Christ in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. After ordination, we crossed paths many times at Polish events and became friends. When he was asked to go to Rome to head the finances of the Vatican City State, we stayed in touch and he hosted me at his residence in the Vatican every time I visited Rome. Cardinal Szoka had a big, generous Polish heart and was someone you could count on to lend a helping hand. I have many memories of him. Here is one that often come to mind: After his retirement and return to Detroit, he was a regular at the Cardinal's Wigilia each December. After dinner, he often led us in kolędy, singing until all the requests from the guests were satisfied, no matter how long it took!

Much has been written about him, since his death in August, and I'm sure more will be said in the months ahead. His death leaves a void in Polonia but we all know that life for him could not continue on as his body failed him. I hope that those who have been inspired by him will remember him often in prayer and others, who are being called to the Priesthood, will follow in his footsteps, faithful to God and the Church. May God grant him the fullness of Eternal Life. *Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać Panie...*



Fraternal Favorites

Hearty Fall Polish Soups

EASY SAUERKRAUT SOUP - In lg. pot, cook 1 lb. diced kielbasa and 1/2 c. chopped onion and 1 Tbsp. chopped garlic in 2 to 3 Tbsp. oil over low heat until lt. browned, about 15 min., stirring occasionally; stir in 6 Tbsp. flour to coat the sausage and onion. Gradually stir in 2 c. milk, followed by 2 c. half-and-half. Raise heat to med., and simmer until thick, about 5 min. Stir in 1 tsp. dry thyme and/or 1 tsp. dill. Add 1 (8 oz.) can sauerkraut with its juice into the soup; cook just until sauerkraut is heated through, 1 to 2 more min. Salt and pepper to taste.

POLISH DILL PICKLE SOUP - In lg. pot, bring 8 c. chicken or vegetable stock to a boil. Add 1 lb. peeled and diced potatoes, 2 lg. peeled and diced carrots, 1 lg. peeled and diced parsnip, 1 rib diced celery, 2 lg. bay leaves, 1/4 tsp allspice or 6 whole allspice corns and 6 whole black pepper corns. Return to a boil, reduce heat; simmer until vegetables are tender. Either shred 6 lg. dill pickles or cut each into fourths lengthwise and then into very thin slices crosswise. Add pickles to soup. Cook 15 min. Remove bay leaves, whole allspice and whole black pepper kernels and discard. Put 1 c. sour cream in a bowl; temper the sour cream by adding a few ladles of hot soup, whisking constantly. Pour the tempered sour cream into the soup and heat through but do not boil. Add 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill or 1 Tbsp. dried dill. Salt and pepper to taste. Adjust sourness by adding lemon juice or dill pickle juice, if needed.

KIELBASA AND WHITE BEAN SOUP - Chop 1 onion, 1 sweet red bell pepper, and 1 lb. diced kielbasa; saute in frying pan over medium-high heat in 2 Tbsp. oil. While this cooks, combine 2 cans small white beans, 6 c. vegetable or chicken broth in soup pot, with 2 bay leaves and 6 whole allspice corns, and heat. When vegetables are limp and browned, add to soup and continue heating soup. After transferring vegetables/meat to soup, pour 1 c. soup liquid in the frying pan, stir to absorb all the flavors left in the pan and add to soup. When soup is almost at a boil, in a cup mix 3 Tbsp. flour with 1/2 c. water to make a thickening; add to soup while stirring constantly until smooth. As soup thickens slightly, add 1 c. frozen peas. Cook 10 min. Salt and pepper to taste. Remove bay leaves and whole allspice kernels before serving.

POLISH WHITE BEAN SOUP - Melt 1/4 c. butter in a large pot. Add 1 med. onion diced and 2 leeks minced; sauté until brown. In a soup pot, combine 3.5 qts. water or chicken broth, 2 cans beans (Cannellini, Navy or Northern), 2 lg. diced carrots, 2 diced celery sticks, 2 c. shredded cabbage, 1 ham bone. 1/2 lb. diced ham or diced kielbasa or diced, cooked bacon with grease, 2 bay leaves, 3 cloves of garlic, 1 Tbsp. fresh thyme or 1 tsp. dried thyme, 2 Tbsp. fresh parsley, 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper, 1 tsp. allspice or 6 whole allspice corns, and 1 tsp. oregano. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer on low for 1 hr. Remove ham bone and bay leaves. Add salt, pepper, to taste. Optional: Serve with a dollop of sour cream.

POLISH GOULASZ - Dredge 2 lbs. diced pork in 3/4 c. flour that has been generously seasoned with salt and pepper. In lg. pot, brown pork in 3 Tbsp. hot oil. Remove pork. Brown 1 c. chopped onion and 2 bell peppers cut into thin strips, add 1 Tbsp. minced garlic and cook 2 min. more. Return pork to pot; add 16 oz. beef broth, 2 Tbsp. tomato paste, 2 Tbsp. paprika, 1/4 tsp. black pepper, and 1/4 c. dry red wine (opt.). Simmer covered 60-90 min. In sm. bowl, blend 1/3 c. water and 3 Tbsp. flour. Add to meat mixture, stirring till smooth. Simmer 15 min., stirring often. Serve over cooked wide egg noodles.

Jaclyn Chylinski

Working Her Way to Fame



Jaclyn Chylinski

GROSSE POINT WOODS, MI - Congratulations are in order for Jaclyn Chylinski, granddaughter of the late Alice (nee Maslanka) Chylinski and Robert Chylinski and daughter of Judge James and Patricia Chylinski of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, who has begun her Freshman year at the Boston Conservatory.

Jaclyn has been singing, dancing and acting in local productions since 7th grade. Jaclyn was selected to attend the prestigious school after auditioning last spring. She is excited to begin her formal studies to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater.

Her grandmother, Alice Chylinski, was a lifetime PRCUA member who served as Financial Secretary of Soc. #1313 and was a PRCUA deputy for over 30 years. In 1969, she founded the PRCUA Halka Dancers at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish. Her children, as well as her grandchildren participated in dance classes. Jaclyn’s grandfather, Robert Chylinski, organized one of the PRCUA National Quadrennial Conventions during President Pranica’s administration. They would be so proud to know that their love of dance, music and Polish heritage has been passed down to their granddaughter Jaclyn.

The PRCUA wishes Jaclyn all the best in her musical career. Surely this will not be the last that we hear of Jaclyn Chylinski!

*A boost to Poland's stature and prestige
Ukrainian crisis bolstered the Pole's chances
Crash course in English – Tusk's top priority*

Poland's Prime Minister Tusk

Becomes EU President

By Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW—Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, 57, has been appointed chairman of the European Council (EU), the equivalent of European Union President. That is the highest post in the 28-nation bloc ever achieved by a Pole or any other Eastern European.

In his first address to the Council, Tusk said: “I know we are faced with a great deal of work. I offer goodwill, a pinch of imagination, interesting East European experience and great faith that Europe makes sense.” Less than fully fluent in English, the Polish Prime Minister apologized for speaking in his native tongue, which required simultaneous translation, but promised he would address the Council in English after he takes over its Presidency on December 1st.

Tusk has been active in EU affairs, most recently campaigning for a European Energy Union, which would make the bloc less dependent on Russian fuels. He is also credited with leading the EU's only country that did not slip into recession during the global economic crisis. But the Ukrainian crisis east of Poland's border was also instrumental in his appointment.

Not long ago, Poland was widely seen in liberal European circles as being incorrigibly Russophobic for its strong support of sanctions against Moscow. But Russia's proliferating aggression against its Ukrainian neighbor has convinced many that Warsaw's suspicion of the Kremlin's intentions and tough line on Putin's belligerence were justified after all.

A friend and ally of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, with whom he is able to converse in German, Tusk was also backed for the job by British Prime Minister David Cameron. The remaining EU countries followed suit in the vote which requires the consensus of all 28 countries, although Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė nearly upset the applecart. Presidential candidate Tusk, a male, conservative northerner, was balanced off against female, southern, leftist, Italian Federica Mogherini for the bloc's foreign affairs chief. Ultimately Grybauskaitė decided not to veto the “soft on Putin” Italian and simply abstained from voting.

While majoring in history at Gdańsk University, Tusk had been an anti-communist student activist during the heady days of the peaceful Solidarity revolution. He became Prime Minister in 2007 after his center-right pro-market Civic Platform (*Platforma Obywatelska*) party won that year's parliamentary elections and is the only Prime Minister since the 1989 fall of communism to serve a second term. Tusk's ancestry is rooted in the Kashubian community, an ethnic subgroup inhabiting Poland's Baltic coast.

Despite his impish smile, the trim, youthful-looking Tusk is nevertheless a tough political player who has successfully guided Poland through the economic crisis and weathered various scandals threatening his Civic Platform party. He therefore appears aptly suited to work out the behind-the-scenes compromises that are part and parcel of the European Council's operations. The Council has no formal legislative power but is a strategic, crisis-solving body that provides the EU with general political guidance and priorities.

His leadership may help hammer out a common European stand on the Ukrainian crisis, Europe's biggest security threat since the Cold War. Tusk pledged as much, in his initial remarks, stressing that only a united EU could successfully face up to the challenges posed by Ukraine, Libya and others.

Tusk's appointment has also provided a major boost to international prestige and stature of our ancestral homeland, which the continent's powers-that-be had thus far largely regarded as a peripheral nation on the fringes of Europe. Tusk is now taking a crash course in English, the EU's primary language. The effectiveness of his leadership as EU President will largely depend on his successful mastery of the language.

FRANCIS A. RUTKOWSKI
WINS “FREEDOM AWARD”

CLEVELAND, OH - PRCUA Past President Francis A. Rutkowski was honored with the presentation of the “Freedom Award” by the American Nationalities Movement at the 53rd Annual Captive Nations Dinner in Cleveland, Ohio on July 17, 2014.

Founded in 1959, the Cleveland-based American Nationalities Movement has been lobbying for, and supporting, the struggle for freedom of Captive Nations held under the oppressive rule of despotic dictators, and especially those nations trapped under the Iron Curtain of Communism. Today most of these nations are, indeed, free, as Communism has fallen in most of the world. But many nations are still ruled by oppressive dictators, so the goals and ideals of the American Nationalities Movement remain as urgent today as they ever have been. “Freedom is still important for nations that are fighting for it,” stated Judge Ralph J. Perk, President, American Nationalities Movement.

Movement members watched and cheered as seven former communist bloc nations joined NATO in 2004. They encouraged the region to accept war refugees from the former Yugoslavia, and time and again, they honored local people who stood up for refugees and immigrants. There are still conflicts throughout the world where people are seeking freedom, and the American Nationalities Movement supports them.

Francis A. Rutkowski was honored with the award for his long-term, continuing and persistent support of immigrants to the United States, particularly from Poland. Rutkowski has served his community and his Polish heritage in a dozen capacities, most notable in various offices of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America from 1974 to present, particularly as National President in 1986. He has also been very active in Polish Legion of American Veterans, Roosevelt Post #58, Alliance of Poles of America Division of the PRCUA, Polish American Congress – Ohio Division, Alliance of Poles Federal Credit Union, Cleveland Society of Poles, Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Inc., and many other organizations.

In addition to Rutkowski, the Freedom Award was presented to U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Katalin K. Gulden, of the Hungarian community. Rob Portman was the Keynote Speaker, who gave remarks concerning his recent trip to Ukraine and Poland.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, District # 5

Nicole Bencik Receives
Brand Ambassador Award

PeopleMetrics launched its annual Brand Ambassador Awards to support and encourage the employee recognition efforts of its clients. Using customer feedback, they were able to identify the individuals who consistently delivered an exceptional customer experience. The Brand Ambassador Award celebrates the people who work tirelessly to bring our clients’ customer experience vision to life on the frontline.

The 2014 Brand Ambassador Award Winners are: Niki Bencik, Crowe Horwath LLP; Chris Patryn, American Hotel Register; The Team at RHR and Brittney Kocaj, Crowe Horwath LLP. Ms. Bencik is a member of PRCUA Soc. #1597, 1590, and 1634. She is on the PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee. Her mother is PRCUA National Vice President Micheline Jaminski. Congratulations to Niki Bencik!



Granddaughter Hannah Rutkowski and Francis A. Rutkowski with the “Freedom Award”

Do You Know
Your Polish
Surname and
Coat of Arms?

Have you ever wondered what your Polish last name means, how it came about and whether a coat of arms goes with it?



Kowalski
herbu Ślepowron

The above identifies the surname *Kowalski* as belonging to the “Noble Clan of Ślepowron.” Most Polish coats of arms had clan-names that were different from their bearers’ surnames.

What that means is fully explained in the custom-researched surname analysis that you can order for your family. It will tell you what your last name means, how it originated, how many people use it, where they are from in Poland and whether they were entitled to stamp their documents and possessions with a coat of arms. If one is found, you will get a full-color image of the crest and an explanation of how it originated.

The research is carried out by a Pol-Am graduate linguist (MA in Polish/Slavic Studies from the U. of WI), who has specialized in Polish surname research for years.

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Mother’s and Father’s Day at Saint
Raphael Kalinowski School



Maly Slask
Dancers



MUNSTER, IN - Celebrating Mother’s Day and Father’s Day is an annual event in St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language and Dance School in

Munster, IN. It’s a special occasion that gives children the chance to show their parents how special they are, and how much they are loved. It’s a big get-together, to which the entire family is invited, even grandparents and siblings.

This year’s celebration took place on April, 26th. The program was led by the school principal, Malgorzata Czachor. To begin the program our dance group “Maly Slask” performed beautiful Polish folk dances: Krakowiak by Kindergarten students; Kujawiak by 2nd grade students; Kowal by 3rd grade students and Poleczka, by Preschool children. The dances were choreographed by our teachers: Barbara Golko, Teresa Studzinski, Elzbieta Orciuch, Agata Wilgocki and Elizabeth Szklarz.

Because this year’s event took place the day before the canonization of Blessed John Paul II, students from the 8th grade: Karolina Orzel, Amy Rolniak, and Anna Szlembarski presented a beautiful multimedia program about Karol Wojtyla, with the help of their literature teacher, Teresa Studzinski.

Then, our youngest students performed short programs for their parents. Our young actors received a big applause from their parents and from older students. Afterwards, students wished a Happy Mother and Father’s Day to all of the parents. Moms received flowers and everyone was invited by the School Board President, Eva Sobula, for coffee and cake.

By Principal Malgorzata Czachor,
translated by Teresa Studzinski



KALENDARZ na PAŹDZIERNIK i LISTOPAD 2014

5 października (niedziela) - ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE - MEMORIAŁ STYPENDIALNY im. EDWARDA BZURY, TOW. #162, Riverview Highlands Golf Course, Riverview, MI. Opłata \$75 obejmuje udział w meczu i kolację w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Sponsorzy dołków mile widziani. Dochód z rozgrywek zasili programy stypendialne. Kontakt: Chris Żelazko tel. (734) 671-9366.

19 października (niedziela) - WARSZTATY KULTURY DLA DZIECI I MŁODZIEŻY ZPRKA Z MICHIGAN - szczegóły str. 22.

8 listopada (niedziela) - Szkolenie sekretarzy finansowych ZPRKA - szczegóły str. 22.

19 listopada (środa) - WYCIECZKA SENIORÓW DO KASYNA - szczegóły str. 22.

9 listopada (niedziela) MSZA ŚW. ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW DYSTR. #5 ZPRKA, godz. 11:30 w kościele św Kazimierza, 8223 Sowiński Ave., Cleveland, OH. Po

22 listopada (sobota) - BAL "KOPCIUSZEK I KSIĄŻĘ" - szczegóły obok.

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

Towarzystwo #162 ZPRKA zaprasza na

POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKĄ NOC SYLWESTROWĄ

środa, 31 grudnia 2014 r.

ZPRKA Hall, 1430 Oak St Wyandotte, MI 48192

Do tańca grać będzie: The Kielbasa Kings
drzwi otwarte o godz. 19:00
kolacja o godz. 20:00
zabawa w godz. 21:00-1:00

Bilety - \$40 za osobę (tylko w przedsprzedaży).

Termin zakupu biletów upływa w niedzielę 28 grudnia.

otwarty bar (prosimy o nie przynoszenie własnego alkoholu)

Uczestnicy muszą mieć co najmniej 21 lat

W sprawie zakupu biletów lub uzyskania dodatkowych informacji prosimy dzwonić do PRCUA Lounge (734) 283-4810 (po 18:00); Keith Zelasko (734) 771-7081; Kenny Konopka (734) 629-6796 lub Joe Zelasko (734) 283-8538

Dochód przeznaczony zostanie na fundusz ogólny Tow. #162

Biuro ZPRKA będzie nieczynne w poniedziałek, 13 października w związku z obchodami Dnia Kolumba.

Książeczki i broszurki o tematyce bożonarodzeniowej

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

- **Broszurkę z kolędami** - 10 najpopularniejszych kolęd w jęz. angielskim i 10 w jęz. polskim. Broszurkę można otrzymać bezpłatnie.

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

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

Zamówienia na powyższe publikacje można przysyłać wraz z czekiem za opłatą pocztową wystawionym na PRCUA, na adres: PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642. Attn. Linda; lub telefonicznie dzwoniąc do Lindy Kasprzyk (773) 782-2600 w. 2630 lub na bezpłatny nr. 1-800-772-8632 w. 2630; lub pisząc na adres linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org

Książeczki i broszurki można również odebrać osobiście w biurze głównym ZPRKA w Chicago.



Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych ZPRKA serdecznie
zaprasza na doroczny

42. Bal

"Kopciuszek i książe"

sobota, 22 listopada 2014 r.

Lexington House

7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL

Koktajle - 18:30-19:30

Kolacja - 19:30

Cena biletów: \$65.00 od osoby

Rezerwacje: Vicky Kroplewski, tel. (708) 599-7129

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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.

Najlepsze życzenia wszelkiej pomyślności składamy nowożeńcom
byłemu dyrektorowi Dystryktu #10 ZPRKA

Chirstopherowi Ozogowi i Barbarze Ozog,

którzy 19 września 2014 r.

stanęli na ślubnym kobiercu.

Miłości, spełnienia

wszelkich marzeń oraz

Bożego błogosławieństwa

na nowej drodze życia!



GRATULUJEMY MADII ROBLES



Madia Robles
z małym Julianem

Chicago, IL - W piątek, 12 października członkowie zarządu i pracownicy ZPRKA oraz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce zebrał się na przerwie na "Baby Shower" przygotowany dla pracownicy biura głównego ZPRKA, Madii Robles, która urodziła w dniu 30 lipca synka, Juliana. Ponieważ mały Julian zaskoczył wszystkich wcześniejszymi narodzinami, tradycyjne przyjęcie odbyło się już z jego obecnością.

Jak zwykle, były prezenty, tort i najlepsze życzenia.

Rodzicom: Madii i Juanowi, małemu Julianowi oraz babci Mary Jane Robles (która jest sekretarką wiceprezeski ZPRKA) życzymy zdrowia i dużo radości.

Specjalny program ubezpieczeniowy na życie z okazji 61. Sejmu ZPRKA

- Tylko do końca grudnia! -

Z okazji tegorocznego 61-ego Sejmu ZPRKA, który odbył się w Toledo, Ohio oferujemy specjalny program ubezpieczeniowy na życie – 5 Year Limited Pay Whole Life. Oferta weszła 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.**



Zespół "Rogalin" i Towarzystwo #162 ZPRKA

pragną zaprosić Państwa do udziału
w Kolacji Oplątkowej
Obiad w polskim stylu, otwarty bar, loterie, śpiew
i występ zespołu "Rogalin"
niedziela, 14 grudnia 2014 r.
w godz. 13:00-16:00.
PRCUA Hall
1430 Oak St Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dorośli \$17, dzieci 5-18 lat - \$13, dzieci do 4 lat - wstęp wolny
Bilety tylko w przedsprzedaży

Aby uzyskać więcej informacji
prosimy o kontakt
z Michelle Stechschulte
tel. (734) 283-4589

Doroczny OPLATEK Wydziału Kobiet na stany Illinois/Indiana odbędzie się w niedzielę, 1 grudnia 2014 r. o godz. 13 w Salvatorian Monastery w Merrillville, IN.

Doroczny OPLATEK w Michigan odbędzie się w niedzielę, 14 grudnia w PRCUA Hall w Wyandotte, MI.

Szczegóły zostaną podane w listopadowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego".



Śp. Robert Górny

Z żalem informujemy, że w dniu 15 września 2014 r. zmarł Robert A. Górny (64 lat), ukochany syn Lorie Rose (z domu Dudeck) i śp. Roberta L. Górnych, brat Richarda A. (Diane) i śp. Jamesa Francisca, wujek Jakuba (Stefanie) i Lynn Górny, pra-wujek Jaxona i Andrzeja, bratanek dr Edwarda (Connie) Górnego.

Robert Górny pochodził z Chicago, większość życia mieszkał w dzielnicy Galewood i pracował w pobliżu. Po ukończeniu Lane Tech High School, kształcił się w Wright Junior College oraz studiował projektowanie w School of Art Institute of Chicago. Był znakomitym rzemieślnikiem, wraz z ojcem zajmowali się ręczną obróbką drewna. Na początku lat 1970-tych otworzył wraz z Robertem Gurka firmę, która robiła na zamówienie gitary niestandardowe. Później firma nosiła nazwę Bob Gorny's Custom Guitar Works. Około pięć lat temu przeniósł firmę do domu.

Msza św. odprowadzona została w piątek o godz. 11 rano w kaplicy Salerno Galewood Chapels, 1857 N. Harlem Ave. w Chicago. Zmarły pochowany został na cmentarzu św. Wojciecha w Niles, IL.

Śp. Robert A. Górny należał do Towarzystw ZPRKA: 1561, 1543, 1574, 186 oraz 941, 1198.

Wyrazy głębokiego współczucia składamy całej rodzinie Zmarłego, a w szczególności p. Lorie Rose Górny, byłej wiceprezesce ZPRKA. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać Panie!



Śp. Robert Górny



Życzenia wszelkiej pomyślności na nowej drodze życia składamy pracownicy biura głównego ZPRKA p. Annie Wolan i p. Grzegorzowi Grabowskiemu, którzy w dniu 18 października 2014 r. połączą się węzłem małżeńskim.

Ślub odbędzie się w miejscowości Różanka w Polsce, z której pochodzi p. Ania.

Towarzystwo Najświętszego Serca Jezusa (Sacred Heart of Jesus Society) #162 ZPRKA zaprasza na **II Doroczną Zabawę po Dniu Dziękczynienia**

Do tańca grać będzie

The Music Company
z Chicago, IL

Wstęp: \$12

piątek, 28 listopada 2014 r.

PRCUA Hall

1430 Oak Street Wyandotte, MI 48192

drzwi otwarte zostaną o godz. 18:00

zabawa w godz. 19:00 - 23:00

Aby uzyskać więcej informacji skontaktuj się z: Stas Pasko (734) 284-5929 lub John Zelasko, Sr. (734) 671-9366

Jedzenie dostępne; płatny bar; prosimy o nie przynoszenie alkoholu.

Dochód przeznaczony zostanie na działalność Tow. #162

22 października - wspomnienie św. Jana Pawła II

22 października przypada wspomnienie liturgiczne św. Jana Pawła II oraz 36. rocznica inauguracji pontyfikatu Ojca Świętego Jana Pawła II (1978). Poniżej przedstawiamy wiersz autorstwa p. Anny Białek (Tow. #31), napisany na uroczystość kanonizacji św. Jana Pawła II w kwietniu 2014 r.



Jezu, Ufam Tobie

Każda przewodnia niedziela
to święto Miłosierdzia Bożego,
ustanowione przez Papieża,
przez Jana Pawła II-go.
Jezu, ufam Tobie - mawiał.

Cóż to może znaczyć...
lecz On jeszcze za życia
pragnął Go zobaczyć.

Boga Ojca widział zawsze
w tym całym świecie dostatku
w górach, w wodzie
i w maleńkim polnym kwiatku.

Kochał dzieci i młodzież
i kochał przebywać z nimi,
powtarzał nie raz, że to oni
są przecież "solą ziemi".

A do narodów wołał,
by się nie lękali
otworzyć drzwi Chrystusowi,
gdyż On pragnie być z nami.

Zawierzył nas też Maryi,
tak, jak siebie samego,
aby nas wzięła w opiekę
i chroniła od złego.

I miłość swą rozsiewał
na ludzi, pola, lasy...
niechże to ziarno miłości
kiełkuje po wsze czasy.
Dziś Święto Miłosierdzia Bożego,

w kościołach głośno biją dzwony
głosząc, że nasz ukochany Papież
W poczet świętych wyniesiony.

Niech w to wielkie święto
spełnią się słowa Jego,
niech rozbłyśnie na cały świat
ta iskra Miłosierdzia Bożego.

Chylimy więc w pokorze czoła
z wielką w sercu radością
przed Janem Pawłem II-gim
i przed Jego Świętością.

On pewnie też z niebios okna
jak kiedyś, w Watykanie,
śle nam swe błogosławieństwo
więc klękniij na kolanie i wyszeptaj
Jezu, ufam Tobie!

A my, na znak wdzięczności
Twoją "Barkę" dla Ciebie śpiewamy,
byś wśród świętych ją zanucił
tak jak kiedyś z nami.

Derby wędkarskie dla dzieci i młodzieży

W niedzielę, 7 września 2014 r. od 10 rano do 2 po poł. w Busse Lake Fishing Wall odbyły się doroczne Derby wędkarskie dla dzieci i młodzieży w wieku od 1 roku do 15 lat, zorganizowane przez Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA.

W tym roku, Derby wędkarskie obchodziły swój jubileusz - zorganizowane zostały po raz 25-ty, ku wielkiej uciechu dzieci i towarzyszących im dorosłych.

Udział wzięło 40 dzieci. Organizatorzy przygotowali zapasowe wędkę, dla tych, którzy nie mieli własnych oraz przynęty. Dla głodnych i spragnionych panowie Wally Szarowicz i Steve DeLonka upiekli na grillu parówki, czekały też na nich zimne napoje.

Jak zwykle ogłoszono konkurs dla młodego wędkarza, który złapie największą rybę i dla wędkarza, który złapie największą ilość ryb.



Wszyscy doskonale się bawili, zwłaszcza, że dopisała idealna, słoneczna i ciepła pogoda.

zdjęcia:

A. Sokolowski,
M. Jaminski



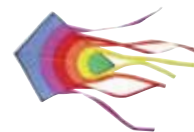
KONKURS NA KOLOROWANKĘ

ZPRKA ogłasza doroczny konkurs na kolorowanki z okazji obchodzonego w październiku Miesiąca Dziedzictwa Polskiego. Konkurs otwarty jest dla członków ZPRKA w wieku od 3 do 18 lat. Kolorowanki można pobrać na stronie internetowej ZPRKA: www.prcua.org lub zamówić telefonicznie w Departamencie Braterstwa ZPRKA tel. 1-800-772-8632 w. 2601

Na tegorocznej kolorowance znajduje się podobizna ppłk. Matta Urbana - amerykańskiego wojskowego polskiego pochodzenia, uczestnika II wojny światowej. Matt Urban oznaczony został łącznie 29 amerykańskimi, francuskimi i belgijskimi odznaczeniami wojskowymi, wśród nich Medalem Honoru (otrzymało go około 400 uczestników II wojny światowej), Legią Honorową, dwukrotnie Srebrną Gwiazdą, trzykrotnie Brązową Gwiazdą i siedmiokrotnie Purpurowym Sercem za odniesione rany.



ŚWIĘTO LATAWCA Warsztaty plastyczne



Wykonane latawce, zostały ozdobione według fantazji młodych konstruktorów-artystów i poddane próbom latania. Piękna pogoda, loteria fantowa i wspólna zabawa, sprawiły, że wszyscy chcieli aby dzień trwał jak najdłużej.

zdjęcia:

J. Siegel, G. Laskiewicz, M. Kot



Parafia Pięciu Braci Męczenników w Chicago zaprasza

W tym roku mija trzydzieści pięć lat od niezapomnianego wydarzenia, jakim była wizyta św. Jana Pawła II w naszej parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników w dniu 5 października 1979 r. Każdego roku spotykamy się przy wzniesionym wówczas ołtarzu, by składać Bogu dziękczynienie za tamtą Eucharystię, sprawowaną z chicagowską Polonią pod przewodnictwem Wielkiego Rodaka.

Pragnę zaprosić serdecznie do wspólnego modlitewnego przeżycia tego radosnego dziękczynienia podczas rocznicowej Mszy świętej „papieskiej”, która zostanie odprawiona w sam rocznicowy dzień, tj. w niedzielę 5 października 2014 r. o godz. 11.00 przez ks. Idziego Stacherczaka, delegowanego specjalnie na tę podniosłą uroczystość przez J. E. ks. bpa Andrzeja Wypycha, który będzie się łączył z nami duchowo.

Tegoroczna celebrowanie będzie połączona z rededykacją Ołtarza Papieskiego, pięknie odnowionego i utrwalonego dla przyszłych pokoleń staraniem Komitetu Centrum Jana Pawła II przy wielkim wsparciu licznych hojnych ofiarodawców ze środowisk polonijnych.

Po części liturgicznej zapraszamy do Sali parafialnej im. Bpa A. Abramowicza na poczęstunek.

Z braterskimi pozdrowieniami w Chrystusie
ks. Tomasz Sielicki, SChr. proboszcz



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ Wiceprezeska

Nasza ukochana wiceprezeska ZPRKA Pani Ania Sokołowska, po 12 latach pożytecznej i zaszczytnej służby "zamyka okno", ja zamierzam „otworzyć drzwi”.

Korzystając z okazji, wyrażam moją serdeczną wdzięczność Ani za Jej wyteżoną pracę na rzecz Zjednoczenia, polepszania form, życzliwości i przyjaźni między członkami. Ona ustaliła wysoki poziom. Ja również zrobię wszystko, aby nie tylko utrzymać ten poziom, ale go udoskonalać, dbać o dobro ZPRKA i urzędu wiceprezesa. Wyrazy szacunku i miłości, od tych, z którymi Ania pracowała i współpracowała, są najlepszym świadectwem uznania i poważania.

Dziękuję Ani! Brawo!

Tym, którzy mnie nie znają, pozwolę się przedstawić. Mam na imię Micheline "Misia" Jamiński. Zostałam wybrana na nową wiceprezeskę Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce.

Od dzieciństwa wychowywana byłam w organizacjach polsko-amerykańskich – sercu i duszy Polonii. W ZPRKA pracuję od 1976 roku.

Jako odnoszący sukcesy przedsiębiorca z ponad 30-letnim doświadczeniem, mam szeroką wiedzę na tematy: zasady rachunkowości, struktury kosztów, przychody oraz źródła i wielkość zysków, relacje z klientami, znaczące formy działań, informacje dotyczące kluczowych zasobów i partnerów, zarządzania i zasobów ludzkich.

Jestem absolwentką uczelni „Alliance College”, w której studiowałam polonistykę i historię i uzyskałam licencjat „Bachelor of Arts”. Posiadam 30-to letnie doświadczenie w kierowaniu firmami. Biegłe władam językami angielskim i polskim. Zostałam odznaczona Srebrnym Krzyżem Zasługi, który przyznał mi Prezydent Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w 2012 r. za propagowanie kultury polskiej w Ameryce. Zostałam wyróżniona przez burmistrza Chicago Richarda M. Daley za pracę z młodzieżą. Byłam jednym z założycieli Stowarzyszenia Polskich Tańców Ludowych Ameryki Północnej i przez dwie kadencje jego prezesem.

38 lat temu, dzięki ZPRKA i głównej dyrektorce Dystryktu 8go – śp. Marcie Kwiat i śp. Reginie Oćwieji, dostałam szansę i rozwijałam moje zainteresowanie polską kulturą i umiłowanie tańca ludowego. Właśnie tam związałam się z Grupą Kulturalną Dorosłych, ich Balem Kopciuszka ("Cinderella & Prince Charming" Ball) oraz „Pokazem Mody”. Były one inspiracją do założenia światowej sławy Zespołu Polskich Tańców Ludowych "Wesoły Lud", Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców Ludowych oraz kółka tanecznego "Polanie" przy Polskiej Szkole im. św. Jana Pawła II – wszyscy tancerze w 100% są członkami Zjednoczenia. Uczylam młodzież i przekazałam moje doświadczenia organizacyjne, kierownicze, biznesowe i artystyczne wielu grupom ZPRKA z Dystryktów 7, 8 i 9. Pod auspicjami Wydziału Kobiet ZPRKA byłam koordynatorem wielu imprez, między innymi takich jak: Seminarium i Festiwal Polskich Tańców Ludowych (1982), Młodzieżowa Gala ZPRKA (1985), Gala Polskich Tradycji ZPRKA (1989). W 2007 r. wraz z ZPTL

"Wesoły Lud"

przy ZPRKA przewodniczyłam P F D A A Festiwalowi Polskich Tańców Ludowych w Chicago.

Ponadto zorganizowałam dwa Towarzystwa ZPRKA, byłam wice-

przewodniczącą 60. Sejmu ZPRKA, pełniłam funkcję członka Komitetu Konstytucji. Obecnie jestem skarbniczką Dystryktu 8.

Jestem żoną mojego ukochanego Ryszarda, mamą Nicoli i Aliny (Bena), babcią



Była wiceprezeska
ZPRKA
p. Ania Sokołowska

Cola; córką Janiny i śp. Mieczysława; siostrą Jeanine (Brian); ciocią Joliny, Kayli i Krzysztofa. Ponadto mam wspaniałą rodzinę męża i grono bliskich przyjaciół.

Jako nowo zaprzysiężona wiceprezeska, już miałam okazję spotkać się z wieloma miłośnikami sportu, którzy brali udział ostatnich imprezach sportowych Zjednoczenia takich jak: Turniej Softball (w sierpniu) i Derby wędkarskie (we wrześniu - zdjęcia na str. 20). Można naszych „Gwiazdorów” zobaczyć na zdjęciach.

Miło jest spotkać członków ZPRKA podczas rodzinnych imprez, np. na weselu byłej tancerki zespołu "Wesoły Lud" – Eli Presz i Marka Wortela.

Weekend od 13-go do 14-go września był bardzo zajęty. Rozpoczął się zebraniem zapoznawczym z nowo wybraną dyрекcją ZPRKA. Następnego dnia odbyło się kwartalne zebranie odchodzącego i obecnego zarządu i dyrekcji. Po zebraniu uczestniczyliśmy we mszy św. w kościele pod wezwaniem św. Ferdynanda w Chicago, gdzie złożyliśmy także przysięgę. Po mszy św. w sali bankietowej "Rosewood Banquets" w Rosemont, IL odbył bankiet inauguracyjny. Więcej informacji o tej uroczystości znajdziecie Państwo na łamach tej gazety.

"Organizacja jest tak dobra, jak jej ludzie", obejmuje to zarówno kierownictwo jak i członków. Z nowo wybranym zarządem; Josephem A. Drobotem na czele, Jamesem Robaczewskim jako sekretarzem-skarbnikiem i ze mną, ZPRKA nadal jest "w dobrych rękach"! ALE ... Potrzebujemy Was - naszych członków - aby kontynuować naszą misję, dostarczać nam pomysłów i wspierać się wzajemnie. Razem możemy zrobić dużo więcej.

Jeśli Państwo mają jakieś pomysły, sugestie lub pytania, proszę je wysłać do mnie na e-mail: micheline-jaminski@prcu.org.

Drzwi do nowej wiceprezeski są "OTWARTE"!!! Zapraszam.



Wesele Eli Presz i Marka Wortela

Wakat na urząd dyrektora krajowego w Dystrykcie #1 ZPRKA

Powiadamy wszystkich członków Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, że biuro ZPRKA przyjmuje podania z kandydaturami na stanowisko krajowego dyrektora Dystryktu #1.

Wnioskodawca musi być aktywnym członkiem ZPRKA od co najmniej pięciu lat, mieć opłacone wszystkie składki i zamieszkiwać w granicach Dystryktu #1, który składa się z Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island i Connecticut.

Wakat zostanie rozpatrzone na kolejnym kwartalnym zebraniu zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA, zaplanowanym na 6 grudnia 2014 roku. Podania można uzyskać w biurze sekretarza-skarbnika ZPRKA, Jamesa Robaczewskiego, FIC. Wypełnione wnioski wraz ze zdjęciem należy złożyć nie później niż 15 października 2014 r. osobiście lub przesłać listem poleconym (registered lub certified mail). Aby uzyskać podanie, prosimy o kontakt:

Secretary-Treasurer James J. Robaczewski, FIC, PRCUA,
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101
Tel. (773) 782-2611 lub (800) 772-8632 w. 2611

Obowiązki dyrektorów określone w Konstytucji ZPRKA, zatwierdzone przez Sejm ZPRKA w sierpniu 2010 r. obejmują:

- uczestnictwo we wszystkich zebraniach zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA;
- nadzór nad przepływem funduszy ZPRKA;
- dyrektor zatwierdza bond prezesa i wszystkich innych urzędników, od których wymagane jest takie zobowiązanie finansowe;
- dokonuje analizy i zatwierdza wszystkie raporty i oficjalne działania poszczególnych członków zarządu; jest odpowiedzialny za bezpieczeństwo, rozwój i porządek w ZPRKA;
- po uwzględnieniu porady i pisemnej rekomendacji aktuariusza ZPRKA, może dokonać sprawiedliwego podziału nadwyżki poprzez wypłatę dywidendy;
- jest zobowiązany do działania w ramach budżetu zatwierdzonego przez Sejm i poddanego corocznemu przeglądowi i korekcie przez Komitet Budżetu.

Oprócz oficjalnych obowiązków, dyrektor Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, określonych w Konstytucji powinien:

- wspierać wzrost członkostwa w ZPRKA poprzez zachęcanie osób dorosłych jak i nieletnich do wstąpienia do ZPRKA poprzez zakup ubezpieczeń na życie i programów emerytalnych;
- zabiegać i zachęcać osoby indywidualne do reprezentowania ZPRKA jako agencji i sprzedawcy poprzez dołączenie do działu sprzedaży ZPRKA i zostanie licencjonowanymi sprzedawcami produktów finansowych ZPRKA; powinien inicjować, współpracować i uczestniczyć w przedsięwzięciach organizowanych przez lokalne Dystrykty, jako że odnosi się do bratnich celów i misji ZPRKA.



Krajowy turniej piłki softball ZPRKA
zdjęcie: A. Sokołowski



Fishing Derby dla dzieci i młodzieży



Warsztaty Kultury dla dzieci i młodzieży ZPRKA z Michigan

Tradycje i zwyczaje - Język - Historia
Rękodzieło - Taniec - Gotowanie
niedziela, 19 października 2014 r.
od godz. 10 do godz. 15
Rejestracja 9-9:30

W cenie - śniadanie w stylu kontynentalnym i lunch

PRCUA Hall

1430 Oak St Wyandotte, MI

Otwarte dla wszystkich członków ZPRKA w wieku 8-18 lat

Koszt: \$20 od osoby

Rezerwacje będą przyjmowane do 3 października 2014 r.

Liczba miejsc jest ograniczona.

Każdy uczestnik otrzyma pamiątkową koszulkę.

W celu uzyskania dalszych informacji, skontaktuj się z dyrektorem szkoły tańca lub z Tomem Lisieckim (586) 795-8901

**Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko Katolickie w Ameryce,
Związek Narodowy Polski i Związek Polek w Ameryce**
zapraszają na

Wycieczkę seniorów do kasyna
Środa, 19 listopada 2014 r.



Zapraszamy wszystkich członków ZPRKA, ZNP i ZPW do udziału w wycieczce do Four Winds Casino Resort w New Buffalo, MI

Koszt uczestnictwa - \$28 od osoby (w cenie: przejazd autokarem, \$10 do wykorzystania przy bufecie, \$15 przeznaczone na 100 punktów na karcie gracza). Liczba miejsc ograniczona - prosimy o jak najszybsze dokonanie rezerwacji. Nie będzie zwrotu pieniędzy po 3 listopada.

Czeki prosimy wystawiać na gospodarza imprezy: Polish National Alliance i przysłać na adres: PNA, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 2 autobusy zostaną podstawione (na północy Chicago) o godz. 8 rano przy budynku ZNP przy 6100 N. Cicero Ave. w Chicago, (na południu Chicago) o godz. 8:30 przy Mayfield Banquet Hall przy 6072 S. Archer Ave. Oba autobusy opuszczają kasyno o godz. 14:00 (czasu chicagowskiego).

Micheline Jaminski
wiceprezesa ZPRKA

Pracownicy ZPRKA pożegnali wiceprezeskę



P. Anna Sokołowski
(w środku) z mężem
Markiem i sekretarką
Mary Jane Robles

oraz mąż pani Ani, p. Mark Sokołowski.

Pani Sokołowska otrzymała prezenty, kwiaty, tort i moc życzeń. Obecni zaśpiewali "Sto lat"!



P. Anna Sokołowski z gośćmi: (siedzą) Janice i Paul Odrobina; (stoją l-p) Jacek Chaba, Judith Drobot, Betty Uzarowicz, Mark Sokołowski, Anna Sokołowski

Zapraszamy Sekretarzy finansowych Dystryktów 6, 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA do udziału w

Szkoleniu sekretarzy finansowych

8 listopada 2014

w godz. 9:00 do 15:00

biuro główne ZPRKA

984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

Prosimy o telefoniczne potwierdzenie obecności do 4 listopada 2014

u Pat Tropp, tel.: (773)782-2605 do

Prosimy o zabranie ze sobą podręczników Financial Secretary Handbook

Bankiet inauguracyjny



Inauguracja nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA



Zaprzysiężenie nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA 2014-2018

Chicago, IL - W niedzielę, 14 września 2014 roku odbyło się uroczyste zaprzysiężenie nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA na lata 2014-2018. O godz. 17 odprowadzona została msza św. w kościele św. Ferdynanda pod adresem 5900 W. Barry Ave. w Chicago, IL.

Msza rozpoczęła się procesją do kościoła, w której udział wzięli: poczet sztandarowy Paul Pawłowski, John Frankowicz, Steve De Lonka, dzieci i młodzież z zespołów "Polonia" i "Wesoły Lud", członkowie nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA z małżonkami oraz księża koncelebransi.

Mszę koncelebrowali kapelan naczelny ZPRKA ks. prałat Władysław Ptak, wicekapelan ZPRKA ks. prałat Antoni Iwuć, proboszcz parafii św. Ferdynanda w Chicago ks. Zdzisław Torba oraz proboszcz parafii św. Władysława w Chicago ks. Marek Janowski.

Wiernych powitał proboszcz parafii, ks. Zdzisław Torba. Homilię wygłosił ks. prałat Władysław Ptak. W homilii wspominał, że 67 lat wcześniej, dokładnie 14 września 1947 r. urodził się w Polsce błogosławiony Jerzy Popiełuszko, który został zamordowany 30 lat temu, jesienią 1984 r. Ks. Ptak podkreślił, że bł. Jerzy Popiełuszko zginął za wiarę i za przekonania. Nawiązując do ZPRKA, ks. Ptak podkreślił, że Zjednoczenie jest wyjątkową organizacją braterską, gdyż założyciele ZPRKA oparli działalność organizacji na głębokich wartościach religijnych.

Lektorami w czasie mszy była młodzież z zespołów "Polonia" i "Wesoły Lud". W czasie mszy młodzież ZPiT "Polonia" zaśpiewała dwie pieśni.

Dary do ołtarza przynieśli członkowie zarządu ZPRKA z małżonkami.

Po mszy znaczna część gości udała się do Rosewood Restaurant w Rosemont, IL, gdzie przygotowany został



Uroczyste zaprzysiężenie nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA w kościele św. Ferdynanda



Nowa administracja ZPRKA na lata 2014-2018

Pierwszy rząd (l-p): Anna Kryszynski, Sharon Quinn, James Robaczewski, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Micheline Jaminski, Eileen Hanley, Constance Bonin; drugi rząd (l-p): Krystyna Lech, Thomas Jesionowski, Mitchell Bienia, Kevin Kucik, Elizabeth Sadus, Coleen Bonkowski; -trzeci rząd (l-p): Joanne Zajac, James Rustik, Greg Olma, Thomas Lisiecki



Pamiątkowe zdjęcie z młodzieżą z zespołów "Polonia" i "Wesoły Lud"

bankiet inaguracyjny. Przed oficjalnym otwarciem bankietu goście spotkali się przy koktajlach. Bankiet uroczystości otworzyła dyrektorka Działu Marketingu ZPRKA Agnieszka Bastrzyk, która poprosiła gości o zajęcie miejsc i przedstawiła wchodzących członków nowego zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA, którym asystowali małżonkowie i młodzież z zespołów tanecznych "Polonia" i "Wesoły Lud".

Następnie, gości powitał oficjalnie mistrz ceremonii, były wiceprezes ZPRKA Robert Bielenda.

Hymny narodowe Stanów Zjednoczonych i Polski odśpiewały Aleksandra Podowski i Annette Zurawski Nowakowski. Marlena Dziś zaśpiewała Hymn Zjednoczenia, na organach akompaniował jej Jarosław Gołembowski.

Toast za pomyślność Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce wzniosła była wiceprezeska ZPRKA, Anna Sokołowski.

Krótką modlitwę przed posiłkiem ofiarował naczelny kapelan ZPRKA ks. prałat Władysław Ptak.

Przed i po kolacji, wystąpiły z krótkimi programami artystycznymi zespoły "Polonia" i "Wesoły Lud", zachwycając gości nowymi układami tanecznymi i wspaniałym kunsztem ich wykonania.

Dodatkową atrakcją wieczoru był występ duetu w osobach Marleny Dziś i prezesa ZPRKA Josepha Drobota, którzy zaprezentowali dwa krótkie utwory operowe.

Krótkie przemówienia wygłosili konsul RP w Chicago, Robert Rusiecki oraz prezes American Fraternal Alliance Joseph J. Annotti. Do zebranych przemówił również prezes ZPRKA, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Na zakończenie, błogosławieństwa udzielił wicekapelan ZPRKA ks. prałat Antoni Iwuć.

W czasie obiadu oraz do tańca po zakończeniu programu grała orkiestra Romeo Band.

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