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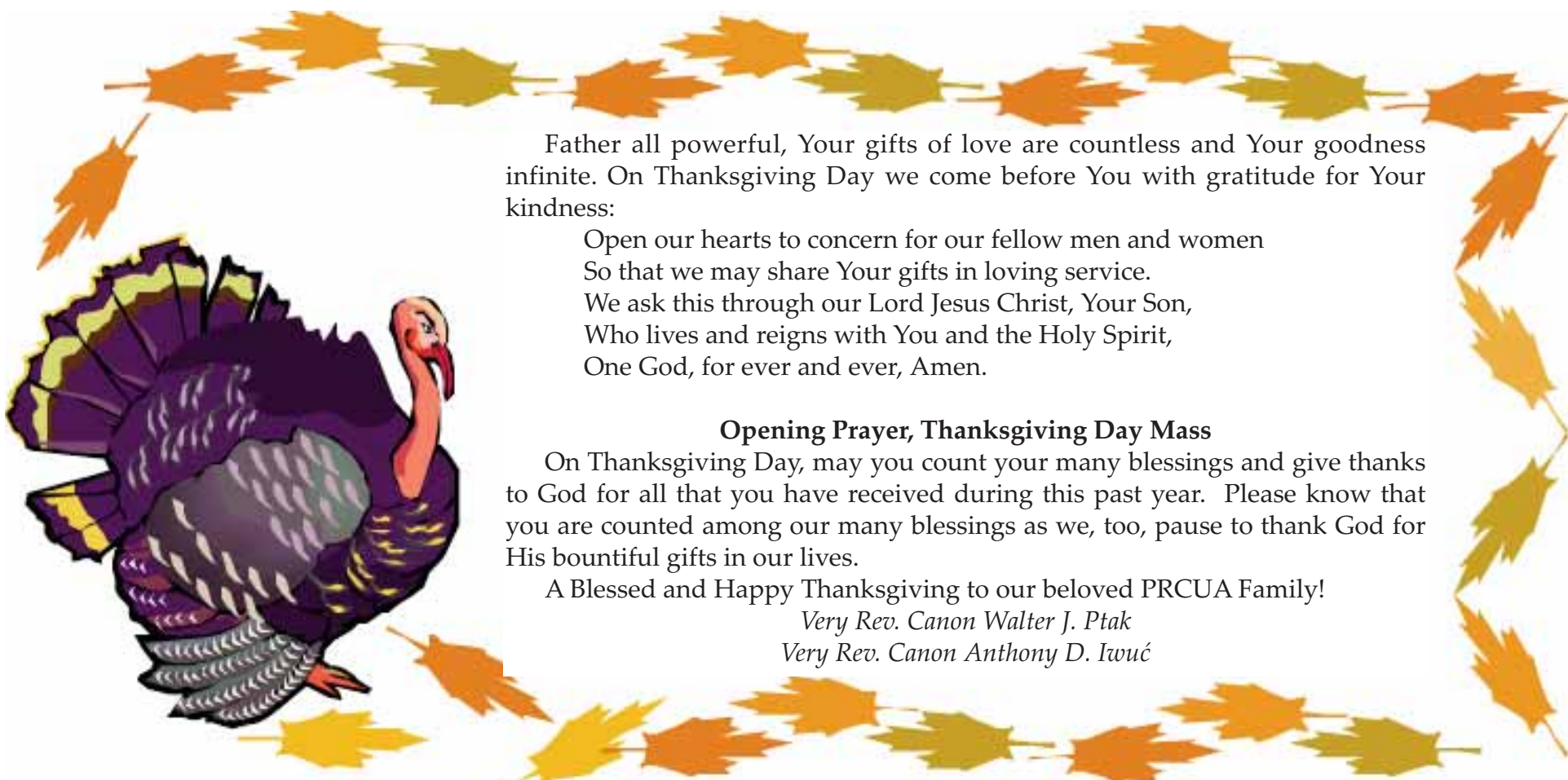
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A Blessed Thanksgiving



Father all powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness:

Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women
So that we may share Your gifts in loving service.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Opening Prayer, Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thanksgiving Day, may you count your many blessings and give thanks to God for all that you have received during this past year. Please know that you are counted among our many blessings as we, too, pause to thank God for His bountiful gifts in our lives.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to our beloved PRCUA Family!

Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak

Very Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuć

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL

Farewell to Exec. Editor Kathryn Rosypal

The December issue of *Narod Polski* will be the final one produced by Kathryn G. Rosypal, Executive Editor. At the end of November, when "Kasia" turns 65, she will officially retire after serving the PRCUA as Executive Editor for over 25 years. Hired in 1989, she has served through the administrations of Presidents Edward G. Dykla, Wallace M. Ozog and Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Kasia's association with the PRCUA began when her oldest daughter, Regina, joined Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble. When V.P. Regina Ocwieja learned that Kasia was an editor and desktop publisher, she asked Kasia to volunteer to create the program book for the PRCUA's 1989 *Gala of Polish Traditions*. The officers were so impressed with her work that President Edward Dykla hired Kasia as Executive Editor. Andrew Azarjew, Editor at that time, was made Managing Editor.



Exec. Editor Kathryn "Kasia" Rosypal by her photo at the *Narod Polski* 115th Anniversary Exhibit

Kasia was tasked with computerizing *Narod Polski* and the Publications Department. Until then, the newspaper was still prepared with articles written in long-hand, typed by a secretary and typeset by the printer, as had been done since its inception in 1897. Kasia introduced desktop publishing whereby the entire newspaper text, photos and designs were created by her on the computer and sent, copy-ready, to the printer.

She hired the very creative, computer-savvy Lidia Kowalewicz as editorial secretary and later promoted her to Managing Editor of the Polish section of *Narod Polski*, when Mr. Azarjew left the position due to illness.

Kasia and Lidia gradually took on the responsibility of producing all of the printed material for the PRCUA, including hundreds of business forms, business cards, letterhead, envelopes, invitations, program books, etc. Kasia also volunteered (Continued on page 8)

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

NOVEMBER

2 **PRCUA ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY #1593 MEMORIAL MASS** on Sunday Nov. 2 at St. Anne Church, 32000 Mound Rd. in Warren MI at 8:45 am. Coffee and donuts will be served after Mass, as well as after the 11:00 am Mass. All PRCUA members and the public are invited.

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.)

8 **DETROIT, MI - FATHER AL'S SOC. 1493 MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS** and the 51st anniversary of the death of the founder and pastor of St. Cunegunda's on the date of his death, Sat., Nov. 8, 2014 at 3:30 pm at St. Cunegunda, 5900 St. Lawrence, Detroit, MI. Contact: Joseph Ozog, Jr. 734-941-3466

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, meeting at 7, Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. 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

19 **TROY, MI - CIRCUIT XI MEETING** on Wed., Nov. 19 at Noon at American Polish Cultural Ctr., 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: B. Wozniak 586-731-3692

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 \$70. For reservations, contact: Vicki Kroplewski 708-599-7129 (See details on page 9.)

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

DECEMBER

7 **WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Sun., Dec. 7 at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte for members age 0-10 yrs. Post-Cards sent to members for RSVP. Carols at 1:30 pm, pizza and pop while waiting for Santa who arrives at 2:30 pm. Contact: 734-281-7039

7 **MUNSTER, IN - ILL.-IND. WOMEN'S DIV. OPLATEK** on Sun., Dec. 7 at 1 pm, Salvatorian Monastery, 5755 Pennsylvania, Merrillville, IN. Tickets \$30. RSVP by 11/29: Beth Sadus 708-481-6796

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12 **WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 KOLEDY NIGHT** on Fri., Dec. 12, at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St. Wyandotte. Music by the Cavaliers. All are welcome. Doors open at 7 pm. Contact: 734-281-7036



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
IL-IN Women's
Dept. Oplatek
Hosted by District #9
Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:00 pm**

Tickets \$30

**Salvatorian Monastery Hall
5755 Pennsylvania St., Merrillville, IN**

RSVP to Elizabeth Sadus 708-481-6796
Deadline: Saturday, November 29, 2014



**PRCUA Oplatek Dinner
& Seniors Christmas Party for Soc. #162 Members
Hosted by Soc. #162 & Rogalin Dancers**

**Sunday, December 14th
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.**

PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI

*Polish dinner, open bar, raffles, singing, and
a performance by the Rogalin Dance Troupe.*

Adults \$17, Kids 5-18 yrs. old \$13, 4 yrs. & under are free

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

Please RSVP by sending your name, address and the No. of adults, youths and free children who will attend. Make check payable to: Rogalin Dance Troupe and send to: Rogalin - M. Stechschulte, 1781 13th St., Wyandotte, MI 48192

Contact: Michelle Stechschulte at 734-283-4589



**The Office of the Polish Roman Catholic
Union of America will be closed
on Nov. 27 - 28 for Thanksgiving.**





Attention:

Parents, Grandparents,
Aunts and Uncles!

2014 Christmas Special

Beginning November 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015,** SAVE 10% on your purchase of a \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or larger PRCUA Single Pay Life Insurance Certificate for your little one from 2 weeks to age 15 and 5 months.*

Each applicant will receive a FREE gift depending on their age and a chance to WIN our Grand Prize – an Apple® iPad mini in Silver/White. Applications with face amounts of \$25,000 or larger will receive 2 entry tickets per application, providing a greater chance to win. FREE gift according to age: Ages 0-5 will receive a lovable little PRCUA TEDDY BEAR, Ages 6-10 will receive a SLAP WATCH and Ages 11-15 will receive RETRACTABLE EAR BUDS.

The Grand Prize drawing will take place on February 2, 2015. Visit PRCUA.org and Facebook to see the winning recipient. The winner will be announced in the March 2015 **Naród Polski**.

Highlights of the Single Pay Life Insurance Plan:

- Builds cash value
- Dividend participating
- Coverage can never be cancelled by PRCUA
- Eligibility for membership benefits such as college scholarships and educational loans
- One payment for a lifetime of security for your loved one

Please contact your local PRCUA Sales Representative or the Home Office for purchase or questions:

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Agnes Bastrzyk
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agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcua.org

* Use the proposed insured's nearest age.
(Ex.: if the child is 8 years 5 months, use 8 years,
if the child is 8 years 6 months, use 9 years.)

** All applications for the PRCUA 2014 Christmas Special must be **postmarked by January 31, 2015.**

All applications subject to Underwriting.





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You can apply for the PRCUA 2014 Christmas Special by contacting your local PRCUA sales agent or by mailing the application to the left to the Home Office. A selection of rates for the Christmas Special can be found on page 5. If you are applying for a life insurance amount of less than \$25,000, please complete the application to the left, sign the disclosures on page 5 and mail both pages to:
**PRCUA Sales Dept.
984 N. Milwaukee
Chicago, IL 60642**

ATTENTION!

If you live in the following states:
CT, FL, IN, KS, MA, MD, MN, NE, NJ, NY, OH, VT or WI


OR

If you are applying for \$25,000 or more of life insurance, please call or e-mail our office for a state-specific application.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

1-800-772-8632 ext. 2631 or ext. 2632 or

sales@prcua.org



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APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE
For Amount under \$25,000

PROPOSED INSURED'S INFORMATION:

1. Society # _____ Adult Juvenile

2. Name _____ 3. Male Female 4. Age _____
First Middle Last

5. Address _____ 6. Phone # (____) _____
Street City State Zip

7. Date of Birth _____ 8. Soc. Sec. # _____ 9. Occupation _____

OWNER'S INFORMATION

10. Name _____ 11. Relationship _____ 12. Soc. Sec. # _____

13. Plan of Ins. _____ 14. Amount of Ins. \$ _____

15. Premium Amt.: Single \$ _____ Annual \$ _____ Semi Annual \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____

16. Primary Beneficiary _____ 17. RELATIONSHIP _____

18. Contingent Beneficiary _____ 19. RELATIONSHIP _____

20. Is this insurance intended to replace any now in force? Yes No 21. Is Proposed Insured a PRCUA member? Yes No

22. Dividend election (choose one): Paid in Cash? Yes No Purchase Paid-Up Additions? Yes No

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (IF PROPOSED INSURED IS A JUVENILE.)

23. Name _____ 24. Male Female
First Middle Last

25. Address _____ 26. Relationship _____

PERSONAL HEALTH STATEMENT OF PROPOSED INSURED

27. Height _____ Weight _____ 28. Doctor's Name _____

29. Dr.'s Address _____ 30. Dr.'s Phone # (____) _____

If you answered "YES" to questions 31-33, explain details below. Attach a separate page if additional space is needed.

31. Is Proposed Insured currently hospitalized, bedridden or confined to a wheel chair? Yes No

32. In the past 5 years, has the proposed insured had or been treated for, or been advised to obtain treatment for medical or surgical condition including cancer, heart condition, kidney and liver disease, vascular disease, diabetes, muscular condition, stroke, elevated cholesterol, or drug and alcohol dependency? Yes No

33. Has Proposed Insured used any form of tobacco in the last 12 months? Yes No

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

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

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

SIGNED AT _____ this _____ day of _____, 20 _____
City State

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

Owner's Signature, if other than Proposed Insured

Applicant's Signature

Witness/Authorized Representative

Form 101-2007 Home Office approval _____

This Authorization complies with the HIPAA Privacy Rule

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

Determination of Eligibility for Life Insurance

I understand that the information in my health record may include information relating to sexually transmitted diseases, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It may also include information about behavioral or mental health services and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

I also understand that when my medical records are disclosed pursuant to this Authorization, my medical records and the information contained in those records may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal privacy laws.

I understand that I may revoke this Authorization, except to the extent that any health care provider or the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has acted in reliance upon this Authorization. My revocation of this Authorization must be submitted in writing to: **Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, ATTN: Privacy Comp. Officer, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101**

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

Signature of Individual Whose Information is to be Disclosed _____ Printed Name _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If Applicable) _____ Printed Name _____

Date _____

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

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

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

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

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

Received \$ _____ from _____

on the Life of: _____

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

POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA
Chicago, Illinois

Agent/Deputy Signature _____ Date _____

RATES FOR THE 2014 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

	\$5,000		\$10,000	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$412	\$368	\$735	\$647
1	\$421	\$377	\$752	\$665
2	\$432	\$387	\$774	\$684
3	\$444	\$397	\$797	\$705
4	\$456	\$409	\$822	\$727
5	\$469	\$420	\$849	\$750
6	\$483	\$432	\$876	\$774
7	\$497	\$444	\$905	\$799
8	\$512	\$457	\$934	\$824
9	\$527	\$470	\$965	\$851
10	\$543	\$484	\$996	\$878
11	\$560	\$498	\$1,029	\$907
12	\$577	\$513	\$1,063	\$936
13	\$594	\$528	\$1,098	\$966
14	\$612	\$544	\$1,134	\$997
15	\$630	\$560	\$1,170	\$1,030
	\$25,000		\$50,000	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$1,702	\$1,482	\$3,314	\$2,875
1	\$1,746	\$1,527	\$3,402	\$2,964
2	\$1,799	\$1,575	\$3,509	\$3,061
3	\$1,858	\$1,627	\$3,625	\$3,165
4	\$1,920	\$1,683	\$3,751	\$3,275
5	\$1,987	\$1,740	\$3,883	\$3,390
6	\$2,055	\$1,800	\$4,020	\$3,509
7	\$2,126	\$1,861	\$4,163	\$3,633
8	\$2,200	\$1,925	\$4,310	\$3,761
9	\$2,277	\$1,991	\$4,463	\$3,893
10	\$2,356	\$2,060	\$4,622	\$4,031
11	\$2,438	\$2,131	\$4,786	\$4,173
12	\$2,523	\$2,205	\$4,956	\$4,320
13	\$2,610	\$2,281	\$5,130	\$4,472
14	\$2,699	\$2,359	\$5,308	\$4,627
15	\$2,790	\$2,439	\$5,490	\$4,788

Appeal for Used Cards/Religious Goods

Narod Polski editors received an appeal from Fr. Cruz in India, in which he wrote: "There are 5,000 children and three schools in my area. Kindly help me by sending pens, pencils, rosaries, used cards, magazines and statues for the children. We shall be praying for you in return. Please help."

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. Thank you.

NOTICE

All Secretaries are requested to send your Society's 2015 Meeting Schedule to the Executive Editor at:
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MOVEMBER is here!



During the month of November, men across the globe will grow moustaches in support of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer & mental health. The moustache is the symbol by which we generate conversations, awareness and raise funds.

Did you know?

- 1 in 2 men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime
- The life expectancy for men in the U.S. is almost 5 years less than women (76.2 years compared to 81)
- 1 in 7 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime
- In 2014, more than 233,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer & almost 30,000 will die from it
- Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in men ages 15-35
- 8,820 new cases are diagnosed each year
- The 5-year survival rate of localized testicular cancer in men in the U.S. is 99%
- Over 15 million American adults are diagnosed with depression every year
- 1 in 4 Americans aged 18+ suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year (such as depression, anxiety, psychosis & schizophrenia)
- In 2010, 38,364 Americans died by suicide - 79% were men
- The stigma (shame & embarrassment) of mental health issues often prevent men from seeking help

In 2013, there were over 219,000 participants in the U.S. which raised nearly \$23 million dollars. Please think about participating and/or donating to **Team Toledo Polska**.

If you have any questions or want to donate, e-mail Jeff Tyburski at Jeffrey.Tyburski@gmail.com or go to <http://us.movember.com/donate>

For a list of funded programs as well as information, resources and support for those facing these issues please visit <http://us.movember.com/>

Thank you & God Bless you.

Submitted by Jerry Tyburski, PRCUA Toledo, OH

Frank Kociubinski Passed Away



Frank Kociubinski

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL - Retired PRCUA employee, Franciszek "Frank" Kociubinski, age 60, passed away on September 30, 2014. He was a member of PRCUA Soc. #1559 and a dedicated employee of the PRCUA for 18 years (1990-2008). He also worked at the PRCUA from 1983-1990 as an employee of a maintenance union. As building engineer, Frank greeted visitors, maintained the stock room and home office building and was always ready to help in whatever capacity needed. He was

known for his decorating creativity and often transformed the Social Hall into an amazing showplace for special occasions held there!

Frank was son of the late Marcin and Anielais Kociubinski. He is survived by his wife, Elzbieta Stupczynska, brothers Adam, Anthony, John, and Walter and sister Stella, nieces and nephews. His funeral took place on October 4th and he was buried at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. He will be missed. May he rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA Employee Anna Wolan Married

On September 25, a Bridal Shower was held for PRCUA employee Anna Wolan. She has worked for the PRCUA since 2005.

On October 18th, she married the love of her life Grzegorz Grabowski in Rozanka, Poland.



Supervisor Julie Prado, Anna Wolan and Mkt. Dir. Agnieszka Bastrzyk at Shower

Anna has since returned from Poland and is back at work in the General Office of the PRCUA.

The PRCUA wishes the happy couple all the best in their future together. They plan to have a reception for American friends this month. Congratulations!



2015 PRCUA CALENDAR

*Order while Supplies last!
One of Your Free Fraternal
Benefits*

The 2015 PRCUA Calendar, featuring Polish saints, will be available in mid-November. The calendar is FREE to members. Members can pick up the calendar at our Home Office, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Or you can order it by calling Linda Kasprzyk at 773-782-2630 or email your request to her at: linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org.



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Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ Wiceprezeska

*"I can smell Autumn dancing in the breeze,
the sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sun burnt leaves!" (Author Unknown.)*

I hope this issue of the "Naród Polski" finds you happy and healthy! Fall is definitely in the air – more visible in various parts of the country.

The Executive Board has been extremely busy these past few weeks attending many events, representing the PRCUA.

September 27 and 28: Pres. & Mrs. Joseph Drobot attended the St. Adalbert Parish Reunion in East St. Louis to visit with PRCUA members and societies. St. Adalbert Parish was established in 1904 for the Polish American Community and ceased to exist in 1979. The celebratory gathering of old friends opened doors to new friendships for the Drobot. That same weekend, the Drobot visited the Polish Club in Madison, IL, which is active only in the evenings especially on Friday for a Polka Party. So, if you're in the neighborhood, stop by and tell them "PRCUA sent you!"

September 28: Secy. Tres. James Robaczewski attended the 17th Annual Fund Raising Dinner for the Resurrection Fathers and Brothers at Porretta's Elegant Banquets. The recipient of the *Vision of Hope Award 2014* was His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago. The recipient of the *Veritas et Caritas Award 2014* was Rev. Sam Restivo, CR. Among the 11 recipients of the *Merit Awards 2014* is PRCUA's District #7 Dir. Kevin Kucik, of St. Hedwig Church, Chicago, IL. Congratulations to all!



Hon. Topinka & PRCUA members: (l-r) Past Narod Polski Editor Joseph & Marcia Zurawski, Comptroller Topinka, R.V.P. Emeritus Anna Sokolowski; V. P. Misia Jaminski, Barbara Pawlowski, Dir. Elizabeth Sadus & Past Dir. Shirley Dudzinski

September 28: V.P. Emeritus Anna Sokolowski joined me at the Polish Women's Civic Club 2014 Scholarship Luncheon in Rosemont, IL. PWCC President Ann Burzycki greeted the guests and introduced guest speaker Judy Baar Topinka, IL State Comptroller, who was informative as well as entertaining. We sat with one of the scholarship recipients, Konrad Pawelek – a clarinetist who is working on his M.A. in Music Education. He performed four selections, concluding with the Clarinet (or "Dziadek") Polka.

October 5, 2014: I was proud to represent the PRCUA together with dancers from the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., its Artistic Dir. and Choreographer, Richard



(L-r) Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, SChr, PRCUA V. P. Micheline Jaminski, Rev. Tomasz Stielicki, SChr and Rev. Pawel Bandurski, SChr

Jaminski and the PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing with Managing Dir. Anna Kraszewski, at the Mass of Thanksgiving and Rededication of the renovated Papal Altar held at Five Holy Martyrs Parish on Chicago's south side. The Mass commemorated the 35th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's visit to the parish, whose Pastor at the time was His Excellency Bishop Alfred L. Abramowicz, a close friend of the Pontiff. The newly renovated outdoor altar was blessed by the new Pastor, Rev. Tomasz Sielicki SChr who concelebrated the Mass with Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor of St. Priscilla Parish and Rev. Pawel Bandurski, SChr., Provincial of the Society of Christ. Rev. Stacherczak delivered a powerful homily emphasizing the importance of mutual support between Poles in Poland and Polonia.

From the 1950s to the 1990s, Five Holy



Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company and Southwest Center of Polish Dancing at Mass

Martyrs was the center of Chicago's south side Polish-American Community. There, P R C U A schools and groups found a home and many were organized there: FHM Youth Dancers (1956), The Adul

them with us on the PRCUA Facebook.

October 11: My husband, Richard, and I met with old friends and Polish folk dance enthusiasts, Sabina and Anthony Dobrzanski, in Lemont. Mr. Dobrzanski is the new Artistic Director/Choreographer and his wife, Sabina, is the new Dance Instructor for the PRCUA Polanie Dancers of John Paul II Polish School in Lemont, IL. Many from Chicagoland will remember the Dobrzanski's from the POLONEZ DANCERS of Chicago. We are very happy that they continued their membership in PRCUA and have returned to share their talents with the PRCUA. Welcome back!

October 12: The Polish Teachers Association celebrated Teachers' Appreciation Day at Oak Brook Drury Lane with an amazing Brunch. Both Anna Sokolowski and I participated in this wonderful gathering of recognition and admiration for the Teachers of Polish Language Schools in the Chicago area. President Ewa Koch was among those who emceed the program. Three VIPs were awarded Medals of Outstanding Achievement: Zofia Barczyk – former Principal, Chopin Polish School; Helena Ziolkowska – Editor of *Glos Nauczyciela*; and Michał Schneider on behalf of his late wife Danuta Schneider. Among a long list of those who assisted in the mission of the various Polish schools, several PRCUA members were named: Henryka Jablonska,



Agnieszka Fezatt, Betty Uzarowicz and Edward Muszalski. Entertainment was provided by young violinists from the Paderewski Orchestra under Gen. Director, Barbara Bilszta. Three are PRCUA members: Ola and Nicole Kwasny and Alan Krolkowski (See photo at left.)

On October 19, the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools, with District #10 Dir. Colleen Bonkowski, Dir. Tom Lisiecki, and Past Dir. Chris Ozog, organized the 5th Cultural Workshop for all PRCUA members (age 8-18). The event was held at the PRCUA hall in Wyandotte, MI. This all-day workshop included Polish crafts, customs, language, song, cooking, dance, wycinanki/pisanki, and Polish folk history. (Details in next N.P.)

October 23 - PRCUA and the PMA held their Employee Appreciation Luncheon. We celebrated with a Mexican Fiesta – "OLE"! I want to personally thank Mary Jane Robles, Agnieszka Bastrzyk and Julie Prado for their assistance in preparing this event. To all the "¡Señoras y señores!" who work for the PRCUA and the PMA, thank you for your dedicated efforts and strong work ethic – you make us proud!



Exec. Asst. Mary Jane Robles & Pres. Joe Drobot

October 25-26: Pres. and Mrs. Joseph Drobot, Jr. attended the PRCUA Taty Dancers' Presentation honoring 2015 Graduate, Bradley Bartnicki, and the 100th Anniversary of the Polish-American Central Citizens Committee, honoring several members of Polonia for their outstanding service. The honorees included PRCUA members Kristi Mihalic and Janice Odrobina. Congratulations to all the honorees, especially our PRCUA members!

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to former assistant and



Mr. & Mrs. Bart Jacher

Wesoly Lud alumnus, Kasia Rogala, who married Bart Jacher on October 25 at Holy Trinity Parish in Chicago. PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co. participated in the wedding ceremony and performed at the reception. The bride, her sister Veronica and best friend Ela Presz-Wortel joined in the performance. Since the Rogalas were originally from Rzeszow, and Jachers from Krakow, dances from those areas were performed, as well as a Polish American Chicago Polka! It was a beautiful day and the "poprawiny" the next day equally memorable. Sto Lat, Kasia and Bart!

Our deepest condolences go to the Adamkiewicz Family and Julius Szymczak on the passing of Bernice Adamkiewicz, a great PRCUA member whose life we celebrate. The Drobot and our Michigan PRCUA Fraternal Family attended her wake and funeral.

Sympathy is also extended to Elzbieta Kociubinski on the passing of her husband, Frank, former PRCUA building engineer for many years. He was a memorable person and will be missed.

Wedding congratulations go to Anna Wolan, a PRCUA General Office employee, who recently married Grzegorz Grabowski.

The PRCUA invites you to share your experiences at Polish events with us via PRCUA Facebook or email. Remember my email address is micheline-jaminski@prcu.org

Happy Thanksgiving!

Farewell to Exec. Editor Kathryn Rosypal

(Continued from page 1) to produce all the printed materials for the Polish Museum of America (PMA), including its Summer Ball and event program books. In 1998, then PRCUA First Lady Joann Ozog wanted to restart the defunct PMA Newsletter, Kasia volunteered as its Editor-in-Chief for the first 5 years and continued in that position for a total of 15 years, until June of 2014.

For many years, Kasia also volunteered to teach Polish folk art workshops at the PMA. She and Joann Ozog created seven workbooks for the PMA on various Polish historical figures, published by the PRCUA. For posterity's sake, Kasia wrote and designed the popular *Our Polish Ancestors* coloring book depicting life in the 1800s in Poland, which is in its 4th reprinting, and the PRCUA's *Christmas Carols, Customs and Cuisine* booklet, as well as other booklets.

Throughout Rosypal's career as Executive Editor, she has written the history of the PRCUA and its various departments, which was published in *Narod Polski* and the PRCUA 140th Anniversary Program Book. She and Lidia Kowalewicz curated photographic exhibits for the PRCUA's 120th, 125th, 130th and 140th Anniversaries, as well as for *Narod Polski's* Centennial and 115th Anniversary.

Editor Rosypal represented the PRCUA honorably in many arenas in Polonia, including at the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. during Poland's martial law period, U.S. State Department, Orchard Lake Schools, and the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the First Polish Settlement in Panna Maria, TX. Later she gave lectures and PowerPoint presentations on that anniversary in both Chicago and in Buffalo, NY.

BRIEF BACKGROUND - Kathryn Sobol was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, the youngest of 3 daughters born to Joseph and Eleanor (Figlock) Sobol. She is a 5th generation Pol-Am whose family emigrated from Prussian-held Poland in 1872 - one year before the PRCUA was founded. Her uncle, Bernard Figlock, was a PRCUA National Director in the 1950s and her father ran for National President of the Polish Union of the USA.

Her parents were active in local Polish fraternals and observed Polish traditions. Kasia performed the *Krakowiak* in her Polish Parish's Catholic grade school. At the age of 20, she won the title of "Polish Festival Queen 1970" in Barnesville, PA, by singing in Polish. Her father was a Certified Operating Engineer and a Plains Township Commissioner; her mother was the 1st female Deputy Sheriff of Luzerne Co., PA.

The first in her family to finish college, Kasia graduated with a B.A. from Kutztown State College in PA in 1971. In college, she met Eugene Rosypal, a 1959 Polish immigrant, and they were married in 1971 in Philadelphia. Living in Doylestown, on the property of the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Eugene earned his M.A. at the U. of PA, while Kasia worked as Bucks County Rabies Control Officer.

The couple moved to Champaign, IL, so Eugene could pursue his graduate studies at the U. of IL. Kasia started her job at 3 a.m. "making the donuts" for a local donut shop - a job that enabled her to care for their two young daughters during the day. Later, the Rosypals moved to Chicago, so Eugene could pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Even as mother of 3 children, while working full-time at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kasia studied journalism at Northwestern University Graduate School in the evenings.

She became executive secretary of the Illinois Catholic Conference of Bishops under Cardinal George at the Archdiocese of Chicago. After learning desktop publishing, Kasia became an editor at Riverside Publishing Co. She also wrote/edited the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation Newsletter, in her husband's name. Then, she advanced to Executive Editor of *Narod Polski*.

Kasia's greatest blessing in life is to be mother of four children: Regina, Elizabeth, Yuri and Michael. Kasia made sure that her children obtained a Catholic education, loved their Polish heritage, and learned Polish traditions. They were a 100% PRCUA family! She is proud to report that all four children participated in the PRCUA's Cinderella-Prince Charming Balls. Daughter Elizabeth was chosen by raffle drawing as Cinderella 1991 and son Michael won the draw as Prince Charming 2001. Daughter Regina served as dance instructor of the PRCUA District #7 Zalipia Dancers, of which Regina's son, Sebastian, was a dancer. Thus, the Rosypals have maintained their Polish-American pride for 7 generations.

In 1992, Illinois Governor Jim Edgar appointed Kathryn Rosypal to the State of Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board. For 9 years, she was the only woman and the only layperson on the Board. Most of the cases she adjudicated involved billing fraud, substance abuse, or sexual abuse by physicians. However, she occasionally heard medical cases, including two separate cases where the physicians amputated their patient's wrong limb. The doctors on the Board were baffled about how to solve this problem. Kathryn insisted that a direct, hands-on answer was needed. The Illinois Board adopted the rule that she initiated, which has now been enacted by all 50 states. It requires a patient, before surgery, to sign their initials on the actual body part that is to be operated upon. Her layperson's solution works!

In a candid interview, Kasia spoke about her time at the PRCUA: "Working for the PRCUA helped me to define myself as a Polish American. It instilled in me a greater appreciation for my Polish heritage and ancestors. As a result of this, I became an avid genealogist, tracing my family roots back to Poland in the 1700s. My sister and I even took a trip to Poland with a PRCUA group in 2003, which turned out to be a highlight among our travels together."

"Being Executive Editor of *Narod Polski* has been one of my greatest pleasures in life. When I first assumed my duties, it bothered me that in times past, news was slanted by personal opinions. I was determined to present the news, clearly and honestly, without editorializing. Another area that I focused upon was giving deceased members a "proper send-off" that acknowledged their accomplishments and the traits that made them special. I am blessed to have worked with administrations that allowed me much freedom as editor. But the greatest blessing has been the warm and successful partnership that Managing Editor Lidia Kowalewicz and I have shared for over 25 years. Words alone are inadequate to convey how grateful I am to Lidia. Her friendship and professionalism made my job a real joy. She is an excellent Editor who is a tremendous asset to the PRCUA in every way."

"I have always loved my work. I loved interacting with PRCUA members and Polonia. I will always remember the many wonderful PRCUA people whom I have met, worked with, admired and cherished over the years. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for opening your arms to me in friendship."

In her spare time, Kasia has taught meditation. She plans to be a weekend spiritual retreat leader in PA, where she resides. She was recently remarried and is looking forward to exploring America on a road trip with her husband, John Romani, and enjoying their nine grandchildren in PA, IL and IN.

The entire PRCUA is grateful to Kasia for her creative talents, dedication to duty and professionalism in serving the fraternal for a quarter of a century. She has been a positive influence in Polonia and has lovingly touched the lives of many. The PRCUA wishes Kasia all the best in the future. *Bóg zapłać.*



(L-r) Exec. Editor Kasia Rosypal, with Mng. Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, after being presented with roses and a cake by President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and R.V.P. Anna Sokolowski at the 61st Convention

Kudos to Sports Referee Ronald Bak



DETROIT, MI - The PRCUA is proud to recognize one of our loyal members for his out-standing service to the sports community. Ronald Bak, a member of PRCUA St. Stan's Soc. #718, has been officiating basketball and football games for 49 years!

After playing various sports throughout elementary school, high school, and while in the Army, Ron knew that he wanted to stay involved in athletics. A former coach, friend and fellow PRCUA member, Bernie Holowicki, suggested that Ron give officiating a try. Once he started, he never turned back; he has refereed at about 2,100 games in all. Because of his love for the games, during the regular football and basketball seasons, he works 2 to 3 games per week. The majority of his games have been in the Detroit, MI area and surrounding suburbs for both public and private schools.

Ron refereed football games at all levels from elementary school through college. He worked high school state playoff games, including quarter finals, semi-finals and a division final game. In November of 2010, Ron was thrilled to be chosen to referee the State Final game between Grand Rapids Catholic Central and Williamston at Ford Field in Detroit, MI.

When officiating college football, he worked in the GLIAC Conference which is affiliated with the NAIA. He has refereed 135 college games during his career. He worked 14 playoff games in the NAIA, 2 Junior College Bowl Games and the Midwest Jr. College Championship Bowl Game.

In 1988, Ron refereed the NAIA National Championship game in Westminster, PA, between Wisconsin La Crosse and Westminster. In 1990, he was selected to work the East/West All-Star Game in Lansing, at Michigan State University. This was an even bigger honor because Jerome Bettis, a former NFL player, would be playing for the East All-Star team.

Ron remained just as busy during the basketball season, officiating at elementary through high school levels. Again, his games were located in metro- Detroit, MI and surrounding areas. He also refereed some high school playoff games.

Ron has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 55 years. They raised three children in Dearborn Heights, MI and currently reside in Canton, MI. They have been blessed with six grandchildren. Ronald, Barbara, their children and grandchildren are a 100% PRCUA family - all members of St. Stans #718.

Their children and grandchildren have been involved in playing sports and participate in PRCUA sports tournaments and sponsored events. When not on the football field or the basketball court, Ron can be found on the golf course, in the bowling alley, watching his grandchildren play sports, spending time with family and friends, or simply watching a game on TV.

Kudos to Ron Bak, a loyal and active PRCUA member, for a lifetime of service to the local sports community!

Written by Barbara Bak

St. Stan's Soc. #718 Member Virginia Dziewitt Captures Olympic Silver Medal in Bowling

WESTLAND, MI - Long-time PRCUA member Virginig Dziewitt, 92, took to the lanes to capture the Olympic Silver Medal in Bowling. Her performance in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics demonstrated her determination in this competition. Virginia, along with 6 other residents of Ashford Court Seniors Apts. in Westland, MI, took home a total of 7 medals! The PRCUA and St. Stan's Soc. #718 are very proud of Virginia's accomplishment and thank her for supporting the Society throughout many years.

Submitted by Jerry Nasiatka

Virginia is on the far left with some of the players from Ashford Courts Sr. Apts.



CARYL LECZNAR RECEIVES POLONIA FOUNDATION HERITAGE AWARD

Cleveland, Ohio – On October 5, 2014, Caryl M. Lecznar - a member of PRCUA Society 2109 - was presented the Heritage Award by the Polonia Foundation of Ohio for distinguished community service. Caryl has been a vibrant member of the Polish American community for her entire lifetime. She currently holds the position of Practice Support Specialist in the Department of Surgery, Vascular Surgery Division at MetroHealth Medical Center



Caryl Lecznar

in Cleveland, Ohio, where she has worked for the past 27 years. Caryl is also Councilwoman in the City of Seven Hills, Ohio, an office she has held for over 10 years.

The Lecznars are a 100% PRCUA family who have participated in picnics, dances and banquets sponsored by many Polish organizations in the Greater Cleveland area. Most recently the entire Lecznar family, including extended family members, helped coordinate and prepare a delicious clam bake for the Cleveland Society of Poles. Caryl's vocal skills have resulted in her singing the national anthems of both Poland and the USA at many Polonia programs.

Caryl's husband, Joseph, is a firefighter in the City of Seven Hills. Their son, Joseph, has followed in his father's footsteps as a firefighter, and daughter Julie Marie is in her last year at Cleveland State University, where she will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood.

In Caryl's acceptance speech she gave credit to her mother for shaping her into the woman that she is today. Caryl also acknowledged her children for the support they have given to her during her civic responsibilities. But the rock and comfort of Caryl's life has been her husband, Joseph, to whom she gave a loving tribute.

Both Caryl and Joseph Lecznar were delegates to PRCUA's 61st Quadrennial Convention held last August in Toledo, Ohio.

The Polonia Foundation of Ohio is a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio to provide assistance to Americans of Polish descent in advancing their education through the form of scholarship grants. In addition to honoring Caryl Lecznar, the Polonia Foundation also honored Michael Komorowski, a licensed funeral director in Cleveland, Ohio, and Julian Stanczak, a world-renowned painter in the Op Art movement.

The Polonia Foundation of Ohio also presented 16 scholarships to deserving college students through a competitive application process.

The PRCUA extends sincere congratulations to Caryl Lecznar and her family as a recipient of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio Heritage Award.

By Mitchell Bienia, National Director, District 5

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Bernice Adamkiewicz 1928-2014



Bernice Mary Adamkiewicz

WARREN, MI - The PRCUA is sad to report that long-time member Bernice M. Adamkiewicz of Warren, MI, passed away on October 6, 2014 at the age of 86. Bernice (Hadam) Adamkiewicz was born in Detroit, MI, to Mary and Lawrence Hadam. She joined the PRCUA in 1971 and belonged to Soc. 162, & 1593.

Bernice was a dynamic woman, who was proud of her Polish heritage and demonstrated it through action. She served as Recording Secretary of PRCUA Circuit 96 in Wyandotte, MI. She was also Financial Secretary of Society #904 at Corpus Christi Church in Detroit, MI.

In the 1980s, Bernice became involved with PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593. At that time, she was recently widowed. Wallace Ozog invited her to become active in the Society and to have her son, Aaron, join the Society's dance group. She attended meetings and eventually became very active with all of the Society's functions.

Bernice helped to raise funds for the dance group by assisting in pierogi making and paczki sales at St. Anne's Catholic Community. She volunteered to help at the St. Anne 50-50 Club Millionaire Parties and Parish Festivals. She was also active raising funds in her own parish, St. Louise de Marillac, where she was a founding member.

When St. John Paul II Society introduced non-smoking bingos at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Bernice consistently helped as a volunteer, also assisting at many of the Society's Millionaire and Texas-Hold-'Em parties.

Bernice also got involved in the PRCUA National Sport Tournaments. Not only did she help at the tournaments but she was also a player at one of the first Basketball National Tournaments hosted by St. John Paul II Society. She didn't know what she was doing, and got the refs confused, but she had a lot of fun participating in this annual event.

With encouragement from Wallace Ozog, Bernice became a deputy in order to sell PRCUA life insurance. Membership grew, thanks to her involvement. For many years Bernice served as Treasurer of St. John Paul II Society in Warren, MI; from 1998-2011 she was Financial Secretary, retiring in 2011.

Bernice was actively involved in Polonia and supported many civic events. She often walked in the Hamtramck Labor Day Parade, proudly wearing red-and-white and waving her Polish flag. A woman who loved to dance, Bernice held office in the Warren Polka Boosters, she was a member of Central Citizens Committee and she was a very supportive member of the Polish Museum of America, in Chicago, IL. She and her long-time partner, Julius Szymczyk, often attended PMA and PRCUA events together - dancing the night away.

Bernice was a very caring and outgoing person, who went out of her way to help others. Talk about a happy person, she was known as "the lady with a smile" - always laughing, living and loving life to its fullest.

Besides her beloved partner, Julius Szymczyk, Bernice leaves behind a beautiful family: 3 children Michelle Lambert, Brigitte Adamkiewicz, and Aaron (Catherine) Adamkiewicz; 3 sisters, 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Norman, son Gregory, granddaughter Celeste and 3 sisters. Her Funeral Mass was held on Friday, October 10, at St. Louise Church in Warren, MI. May Bernice be blessed a hundredfold for all the joy she brought to others. Bernice will be missed by many. May she rest in eternal peace.

Memorial donations in her honor can be sent to the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL 60642 or to the charity of your choice..

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Rev. Zdzislaw Torba Receives "Community Award"



(L-r) Honoree Fr. Zdzislaw Torba with PRCUA Secy.-Tres. James Robaczewski

CHICAGO, IL - PRCUA Member, Reverend Zdzislaw Torba, Pastor of St. Ferdinand's Church in Chicago, IL, was recipient of the Polish American Congress Illinois Division's Community Award on Sunday, October 12th. The presentation took place at the 45th Annual Polish-American Heritage Awards Banquet held at White Eagle Banquets in Niles, IL.

Over 450

guests representing Polish organizations, clubs, parishes and local politicians were present at the event. During dinner, PRCUA's Polonia Ensemble presented traditional Polish folk dances and songs from the time of the Warsaw Uprising.

PAC-IL Div. Pres. Irene Moskal Del Giudice focused her speech on the 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising: "While we are here to celebrate the best of Polonia, we are also here to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. While tens of thousands of Poles were killed, there were also scores of heroes who risked their lives to fight for Poland's freedom. It took many years for Poland to become truly free, but the work of the PAC is not done. It continues to serve by donating money for the benefit of the most needy in the land or our forebears..."

Each year, the PAC-IL Div. awards outstanding members in the Polish American community for their contributions to society. This year, the recipient of the prestigious Polish American Heritage Award was physicist Professor Kazimierz Nowaczyk, PhD, of the U. of MD - Baltimore, Dept. of



PRCUA Polonia Ensemble with (back, center, l-r) Rev. Zdzislaw Torba, National Dir. of District #7 and Artistic Dir. of Polonia Anna Krysinski, Vice-Consul General of the Republic of Poland Robert Rusiecki, Prof. Kazimierz Nowaczyk, Andrzej Piotrowski, and Polonia Ensemble Choreographer Iwona Puc

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology for his presentation "The Smolensk Plane Crash: Four Years Later" given in April of 2014 at The Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C. showing that sufficient evidence exists to warrant revisiting the Smolensk Plane Crash tragedy. The President's Award went to Prof. Emeritus Donald E. Pienkos of the U. of WI-Milwaukee, who taught Political Science. The Life Achievement Award went to Stanislaw Wajdeman; the Community Award went to Father Zdzislaw Torba, Pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish; the Media Award went to Wojciech Borkowski; and the Historian Award went to Daniel Pogorzelski. The Sports Award was given to Captain Andrzej Piotrowski for organizing sailing events including the Polonia Sailing World Jamboree. He also initiated the participation of Poles in many prestigious international regattas in the U.S.

National Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and National Directors of District #7 Anna Krysinski and Kevin Kucik represented the PRCUA at this event. The PRCUA extends sincere congratulations to all of the award recipients, especially to PRCUA member Fr. Torba for his outstanding work in the Polish-American community in Chicago, his close cooperation with various Polonia organizations and for preserving and propagating Polish culture.

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: STANLEY KRAJEWSKI

Stanley Krajewski, 99, is one of those dynamic PRCUA members who continues to stay active. Just last year, he was chosen as Grand Marshal of the Hamtramck Labor Day Parade. His distinguished media career earned Stanley Krajewski this honor. He worked for the *Polish Daily* newspaper (now *The Polish Weekly*) for 40 years, 28 years as its Editor-in-Chief. Stanley has also been a loyal member of PRCUA's Joseph Kania Society #1477 in Detroit since 1953.

Stanley Krajewski was born in Detroit, MI, on May 7, 1915, the son of Konstancy and Franciszka (nee Kopcewicz) Krajewski. His father died in the flu epidemic of 1918, and his home-sick mother moved back to Poland in 1922, with Stanley and his younger brother. She settled in Biala Podlaska, close to Stanley's grandparents. Stanley always loved writing and he wrote articles for his high school newspaper before he graduated. He then moved to Warsaw and studied politics and journalism and worked as a correspondent for *The Morning Courier*.

When World War II began, he was in Poland as an American citizen. In 1940, he worked in the agricultural administration in

Wisnica. In 1942, he was forced out of work by the Germans and moved to Lublin, Krakow, Prague, and Vienna. He ended up in Germany, in a refugee camp in Tittmoning and later in Laufen in northern Bavaria until January 1945. As an American citizen who was a refugee, the Red Cross arranged for his freedom when he was exchanged for a German refugee in Geneva.

Stanley Krajewski then immigrated to Detroit, where his older brother lived. He had contracted tuberculosis and spent 16 months at Henry Ford Hospital. Later, he worked for Liberty State Bank in Hamtramck.

In 1948, he took a position as reporter and journalist for the *Polish Daily News*. At that time, Franciszek Januszewski was the owner of the newspaper. When he suddenly passed away on an airplane, his wife took over.

In 1960, when Editor-in-Chief Janusz Ostrowski became paralyzed due to a stroke, Krajewski served as general manager of the newspaper for 3 years. Over the years, the newspaper's journalists included Janusz Ostrowski, Jozefa Karastewicz, Janina Dalperd, Helena Gaik, Halina



Stanley Krajewski

Niezdrzycka, Tadeusz Butler, Jerzy Janczowski and Adam Sarnacki.

In 1963, Stanley Krajewski was promoted to Editor-in-Chief by owner Stefania Januszewska. He held that position until 1988, when he retired. He was also on the newspaper's Board.

Under Krajewski's leadership, the newspaper gained status in the public's eye. Krajewski took part in many political conventions, Polish conventions, as well as the PRCUA, Polish National Alliance and the Polish Women's Alliance. As a journalist, he worked closely with Judge Tadeusz Machrowicz, who became a U.S. Congressman who

Krajewski often visited in Washington, D.C. He also worked with Governor George Romney and Vice-Governor Lesinski.

In Polonia, Krajewski attended meetings, banquets, funerals and events, and especially promoted the Orchard Lake Schools and its mission. He also went to the Vatican for the election of Cardinal Wojtyla as Pope John Paul II.

Krajewski was one of the founders of the Catholic-Jewish dialogue and initiated talks between the Catholic Church and the Polish National Church.

Stanley Krajewski was active in the Republican Party, the State Library Board, the U.S. State Department Advisory Council on Foreign Policy, the Pre-Synodal Community Affairs Committee of the former Archdiocesan Development Fund and the Catholic Services Appeal from 1971 to 1988.

He was a member of the Detroit Press Club, the International Institute of Detroit, the Polish Black Conference and a member on the Board of Directors of New Detroit. He was always a friend and benefactor of the Orchard Lake Schools.

"A professional journalist, an amazing observer, a commentator always on target, a talented organizer, a meaningful politician, a decided speaker, a brilliant historian, an accomplished literary figure, an experienced traveler and an independent thinker always in search of truth, good and beauty," describes his life. These words were dedicated to him during the 1988 ceremony when he received the highest honor at the Orchard Lake Schools, the Fidelitas Medal.

Stanley and Nina Krajewski lived in Southfield, MI. They were married for 63 years, until she passed away in 2010. They raised 2 daughters: Corinna (Roger) Weber and Renata (Thomas) Erickson and enjoy 3 grandchildren: Ashley, Owen and Trevor.

Today, Stanley Krajewski lives in a pleasant assisted living facility in White Lake Township in Michigan,

The PRCUA recognizes Mr. Krajewski for all he has accomplished and sincerely wishes him good health, happiness and a genuine Sto Lat - 100 years - next year!

(Excerpted from *The Detroit News* and *The Polish Weekly*.)

BOOK REVIEW

The Most Complete Biography of
Piłsudski in English

Peter Hetherington: *Unvanquished: Joseph Piłsudski, Resurrected Poland and the Struggle for Eastern Europe*, second edition (Houston, Texas: Pingora Press, 2012), pp. 723, bibliography, index, photographs. ISBN 978-0-9836563-1-9. \$24.95.

REVIEWED BY: Donald E. Pienkos, Professor Emeritus, Univ. of WI - Milwaukee

This is a "can't put it down book" if there ever was one. This long, first-ever comprehensive English-language biography of Joseph Piłsudski is truly engrossing and reads like a political history of Poland from its origins to Piłsudski's death in 1935 at the age of 67.

The author describes himself as a petroleum geologist with no formal training in history but with intellectual interests including the First and Second World Wars. Neither Polish nor familiar with the Polish language, he "stumbled upon a fantastic figure named Joseph Piłsudski." He soon realized that Piłsudski was not "a petty dictator of a third rate power" as he has so often been portrayed. Instead he calls Piłsudski a "dynamic, eminently interesting, and important historical figure" whose life might even be characterized as "an unlikely combination of Robin Hood and George Washington."

Author Peter Hetherington sees Piłsudski as one of the most important political leaders in the thousand-year history of Poland. He is also presented as the single most significant person to lead the effort to restore Poland to independence in 1918, after 123 years of foreign partition and oppression. But he also notes that nearly eighty years after his death, Piłsudski, remains a controversial figure.

Born into an impoverished *szlachta* family in what was then tsarist-ruled Lithuania, Piłsudski idolized his mother, who imprinted in him a deeply patriotic commitment to a reborn Poland. It would include the multi-ethnic territories of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, carved up between 1772 and 1795 by Russia, Prussia, and Austria. His early political activities got him exiled far into Siberia and deepened in him an all-pervasive hatred of Russian imperialism.

In the early 1880s, Piłsudski gravitated politically to the socialist cause and soon became one of its foremost leaders, strategists, and publicists. But early on he became convinced that national independence came first. As he later put it, "I boarded a red tram but got off at Independence Street." By the outbreak of World War I in 1914, Piłsudski was no longer closely associated with any single political party. Rather, he had organized his Legions and Polish Military Organization to fight for Poland's freedom. He was their unchallenged leader by virtue of his personal charisma and visionary belief that Poland's independence required one to sacrifice everything for the cause.

Central to Piłsudski's leadership was his involvement in actual military engagements. That was quite amazing, since he was essentially self-taught in that field. In adopting a military persona for himself, he operated like an amalgam of Kościuszko and Napoleon, and invariably appeared in public in a soldier's uniform showing how much of the "romantic revolutionary" he was.

His romanticism was also evident in the notion that he could readily win over the neighboring Lithuanian, Ukrainian, and Belorussian peoples to some sort of federation with Poland to liberate them from Russia. Here, he ignored the near impossibility of quickly overcoming their centuries of ignorance and repression under tsarist rule, along with their own nascent national self-consciousness. (Still, Piłsudski was ultimately proven right: some sort of union with Poland after 1918 would have been far better than what these nationalities were to endure under Soviet rule.)

Piłsudski's approach also placed him at odds with other Polish independence activists, most notably Roman Dmowski, who argued that a free, Catholic, Poland should be ethnically homogenous; thus he had no interest in including the Ukrainians, Jews, Belorussians and Lithuanians in such a state.

Given all these considerations, the reader cannot but marvel at how in 1914 Piłsudski could ever have achieved such seemingly impossible wide recognition as leader of the independence cause. Again, in November 1918, without much of an internal struggle, he won power as the head of the new Polish state.

Other key areas in this biography include Piłsudski's strategy in stabilizing Poland's new state's borders at the end of World War I and his decisive victory over the invading Bolsheviks in the 1920 Polish-Soviet War. The author acknowledges the ineffective and corrupt nature of Poland's post-war parliamentary system, but is also critical of the results of Piłsudski's 1926 military coup d'état. Although intended to restore Poland's "moral health", it led to his authoritarian rule.

The author praises Piłsudski's realistic foreign policy focus in defending Poland's security, vis-à-vis its two powerful "neighbors", post-war Germany and Soviet Russia. Here Hetherington offers a picture of Poland under Piłsudski that one never sees in print in the West: a Poland that was an important player in European affairs and a Piłsudski whose forceful approach to Germany and Russia made Poland a serious factor in great-power politics.

In conclusion, this reviewer would have liked to have seen a more nuanced discussion of the author's characterization of Dmowski or why Piłsudski treated his political opponents as harshly as he did. But notwithstanding such comments, this is a most impressive piece of work.



Jozef Piłsudski

PRCUA DANCERS CELEBRATE
POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT
ST. ALBERTUS CHURCH, DETROIT, MI

Members of the Dance Ensembles with priest who celebrated Mass

DETROIT, MI - On Sunday October 5th, the PRCUA Dance Schools congregated at historic St. Albertus Church to continue the celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. St. Albertus, founded in 1872, is the oldest Polish Roman Catholic Church, in Detroit and it is the founding church of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

St. Albertus was the home Parish of many Polish immigrants who came to America during the post-civil war to World War I era. Every year, during American October - Polish Heritage Month, Polish folk dancers attend Mass to honor their ancestors by dressing up in traditional folk dress from various regions of Poland. Dancers from the following PRCUA ensembles were present at Mass: Gwiazda, Halka, Opole, Polskie Maki, Rogalin, Syrena, Tatry, Wieliczka, Zajaczek, and Zakopane, along with our PRCUA District 10 National Directors Colleen Bonkowski and Tom Lisiecki.

During the Offertory, the dancers presented the priest with symbolic gifts representing significant Polish customs. The sight of dancers, so colorfully dressed, and avid churchgoers, filled the Church with life.

Written by: Michael Smigiel (PRCUA Zajaczek 2015 graduate)

Photos by: Mary Ann Smigiel



New Exhibit, "Forbidden Art" Displays Rare Concentration Camp Artwork at the PMA

20 Different Pieces on Display



First row (l-r): PRCUA Pres. & PMA Chair Joseph & Mrs. Judith Drobot; PMA Pres. Maria Ciesla; Stanislaw Lyskanowski, Auschwitz & Mauthausen-Gusen Concentration Camp survivor; Jan F. Krawiec, Auschwitz, Birkenau & Buchenwald Concentration Camps survivor; Jacek Nowakowski, Past PMA Director & Senior Curator for Research and Acquisition for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; and Malgorzata. Kot, Director of the PMA;
Second Row (l-r): PMA Historian J. Lorys; R.P. Vice Consul Robert Rusiecki; Marcin Chumiecki, Dir. of The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools; Vincent Slatt (Librarian for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum
(Photo: Lidia Kowalewicz)

CHICAGO, IL – *Forbidden Art*, a temporary exhibit which opened on October 19th at the Polish Museum of America (PMA), 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL, showcases photos of 20 rare pieces of art – created by prisoners of German Nazi concentration camps during World War II, despite great personal danger. The pieces, made secretly during the prisoners' captivity, document the reality of the camps and show how creating art was an important escape from the horrors of imprisonment.

Malgorzata Kot, Director of the PMA, welcomed a large crowd to the Opening. PMA President Maria Ciesla addressed the group saying: "We are honored to present this

exhibit. *Forbidden Art* will remind visitors of the German Nazi atrocities, while showcasing the resolute and inspiring prisoners behind these solemn, yet remarkable and fascinating pieces of history." PMA Historian Jan Lorys also spoke about relevant PMA collections.

The first part of the exhibit displays scenes from daily life in the camps and portraits of the prisoners. The exhibit offers a window into how prisoners mentally escaped from the reality of the concentration camps, by creating drawings, albums containing greetings and fairy tales written for their children with whom they longed to be reunited.

In addition to the photographed prints shown in the exhibit (the originals are permanently housed at The Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum of Poland), photos of a bracelet, with scenes from the Lodz Ghetto, found near the Auschwitz crematory, a 12 cm. long sarcophagus and some sculptures are highlighted. Each of the exhibit pieces is set alongside historical commentary and excerpts from archival accounts.

Remarks were given by Hon. Robert Rusiecki, Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago; Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PMA Chairman of the Board and PRCUA President; & Marcin Chumiecki, Dir. of The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools.

PMA member Jan F. Krawiec, Past Editor in Chief, *Polish Daily News*, survivor of Auschwitz II Birkenau and Buchenwald Concentration Camps Survivor addressed the audience, saying: "It is remarkable that prisoners were able to create art despite those terrible conditions. It's important to continue to talk about what happened at the concentration camps during World War II to make sure history is never repeated again."

PMA member Stanley Lyskanowski, a Polish-American Engineers Member, Retired Electronic Engineer, and Auschwitz and Mauthausen-Gusen Concentration Camp Survivor also spoke about this unique artwork collection.

Jacek Nowakowski, Former PMA Director, and Senior Curator for Research and Acquisitions at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum gave a poignant PowerPoint presentation showing a prisoner's letter that were smuggled out of a camp, other documents from the concentration camps and photos.

Vincent Slatt, Reference Librarian, U.S. Holocaust Memorial also had remarks.

This exhibit also includes select items from the PMA's collections, representing the resilience of those affected by the atrocities of World War II. One very special segment of the artifacts includes the vestments made by Rev. Henryk Malak, who was imprisoned at the Dachau Concentration Camp, as well as private papers and mementos from other concentration camp survivors.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXHIBIT:

Forbidden Art is included with the price of Museum admission – Adults - \$10.00; Seniors (over 62 years) and Students (over 9 years) - \$9.00; Members - \$8.00.

EXHIBIT OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 11, 2015 - The Exhibit will run through Jan. 11, 2015. It was brought to the Polish Museum of America thanks to the exclusive partnership of The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools, located in Orchard Lake, MI, and The Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum of Poland.



Correction to PRCUA Softball Tournament Winners

The Executive Editor sincerely apologizes for incorrectly listing the winners of the 60th Annual Softball Tournament, hosted by Father Al's Society #1493 on August 23 in Canton, MI. The Men's Champions were: **St. Rita's #2**. The Women's Champions were **St. Rita's #2** pictured below.



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



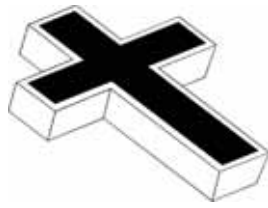
Women's Champions - St. Rita's #2 with RVP Anna Sokolowski

News from Soc. #1004 in Madison, Illinois



BBQ workers from PRCUA St. Stanislaus Society #1004 in Madison, IL, at the Polish Hall's Annual Bar-B-Que on October 18th. Pictured (left to right) are Marty Bonk, Joe Kostecki, Dick George, Dwyane Roger, and Jim Kozak. - By Tom Paskus

*Dearly Departed PRCUA
Brothers
and Sisters*



<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>
Backer, Nancy J.	78	MI	Kwiatkowski, Irene R.	162	MI
Bogdan, Anne S.	623	CT	Landis, Adela M.	2039	PA
Carruba, Catherine T.	1585	MI	Maresky, Carolyn	784, 2144	OH
Chelmins, Geraldine	2159	OH	Maslauskas, Christine	2002	PA
Chojnowski, Eileen	211	NY	Michalski, Robert V.	105	IL
Chunco, Eugenia	517	NJ	Michelis, Ravyn	1413	MI
Connolly, John K.	893	MN	Okruta, Olga A.	861	WV
Cynkar Henry S.	855	PA	Oliveri, Helen	680	PA
Davis, Robert F.	2003	PA	Ostrenga, Helen	2320	WI
Fertig, Angelyn	158	FL	Pieczarka, Lillian	499	CA
Fornek, Lottie	179	IL	Pollick, Barbara	2018	PA
Fredbeck, Jean	1486	IL	Puroll, Pearl	261	MI
Fujawa, Benedict	850	IN	Pyanowski, Paul T.	1122	NY
Gorny, Robert	186, 1543, 1561, 1574	IL	Racco, James A.	977	OH
Jablonski, James P.	23	MI	Rata, Stella	989	MI
Jasko, Chester	2100	OH	Rotuski, Mary	1000	IL
Jaskulski, Marie B.	527	MD	Saratowicz, Adele T	2043	NJ
Kieras, Bernice	1000	IL	Schulist, Florian	78	MI
Kolenic, Frances	78	MI	Snopkowski, Antoni	713	MA
Konieczny, Aloysius	1486	IL	Vrabel, Mabel L.	977	OH
Kopacz, Eugene E.	291	NJ	Wasielewski, Edward	459	NY
Kotfisz, Alina	1580	IL	Waszak, Evelyn P.	943	IL
Kovach, Joann	2248	OH	Wayne, Edmund J.	2274	MI
Kulik, Maryann	2293	PA	Wojtowicz, Helen	1580	IL
			Wozniak, Sandra	2206	OH

May they rest in eternal peace.



**50-Year Pins Awarded by
Pres. Drobot to these Members**

First Name	Last Name	Society	Years	Address
Skibinski	Stephen V.	2206	1946	San Luis Obispo, CA
Nowak	Carol	509	1958	Crete, IL
McGuire	Valeria	213	1942	McMechen, WV
Robbins	Mary	213	1945	Glen Dale, WV
Hildebrandt	Sally A.	786	1940	Elyria, OH
Bossi	Nancy A.	849	1952	Munster, IN
Barton	Rita M.	849	1954	The Villages, FL
Ignarski	Adeline	471	1935	Grayslake, IL
Feret	Lorraine	657	1940	Chicago, IL

**POLISH FRATERNALS SENIORS CASINO TRIP
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, MI**

The PRCUA and Polish National Alliance (PNA) 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 your 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.



† *Higher Perspectives* †

THINK THANK

One of the Pilgrims wrote: "By the goodness of God, we are so far from want." Perhaps what enabled the Pilgrims to thrive and prosper was a humble appreciation for whatever God gave them, trusting that He would give them what they would need. Is it possible that the Pilgrims weren't thankful because they had survived - but maybe they survived because they were thankful?

Many Americans refer to Thanksgiving as "Turkey Day." This unique holiday is indeed very religious. It is not about turkeys but about giving thanks. It is a most necessary feast.

Thanksgiving isn't about giving thanks for having a lot. It's about giving thanks for just having. Whatever we have is a gift. Jesus said that He came that we may have life in abundance. All is a gift. All is precious. Everything in creation makes God present. Life is a feast where God is the host.

The Catholic Church has 365 Thanksgiving Days every year. Each day hundreds of thousands of priests offer official thanks to God in the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." Each day hundreds of thousands of the faithful around the world unite with these priests in this Holy Sacrifice of thanksgiving. As we share in His Eucharist at Mass, we say "thank you" to God for the many blessings which are ours, even without asking. If we truly realized how blessed we are, our hearts would be filled with such gratitude that we would be saying "thank you" every time we breathe.

To give thanks is to extend oneself. It is to remember from where the gift has come. It is only right and just that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks to God the Father, through Jesus Christ His Son.

In old Anglo-Saxon, "thankfulness" and "thankfulness" mean the same thing. Differing only in one vowel, the words have the same idea. If we "think", we will "thank." And if we "thank" it is because we "think." If we THINK of the countless blessings Almighty God bestows upon us every day, every minute of our lives, we will THANK Him.

Father Brian Joyce suggests we notice some simple things to be thankful for:

I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.

I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have had enough to eat.

I am thankful for my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

I am thankful for all the complaining I do about government because it means I have freedom of speech.

I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.

I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.

I am thankful for the person behind me in church who sings off-key because it means I can hear.

I am thankful for piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved-ones live with me.

I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive.

With George Herbert let us ask of God:

*"Thou that has given so much to me,
Give one thing more - a grateful heart..."*

*We Give
Thee
Thanks, O
Heavenly
Father,
through
Your Son,
Our Lord,
Jesus
Christ!*



*By Rev. Canon
Anthony D. Iwuc,
Past Vice Chaplain,
PRCUA*





Fraternal Favorites

Hearty Fall
Polish Soups

To Poles everywhere, *Wigilia* on Christmas Eve is the single most important family supper of the year. Since many readers today lack the time to prepare it all from scratch, the following recipes have been simplified and adapted for your convenience. (*More Wigilia recipes in the December issue.*)

PICKLED HERRING-STOVE-BOUGHT: Drain 12-oz jar of plain non-creamed marinated herring and serve as is or in any herring recipe below. Serve herring with potatoes or rye bread.

CREAMED HERRING: Drain 12-oz jar of pickled herring, discarding onions and spices, plunge into cold water and drain again. Dry and arrange on serving platter, interspersed with wafer-thin onion slices. Drench with $\frac{3}{4}$ c sour cream fork-blended with 1 t brown mustard or horseradish.

HERRING IN OIL: Drain, rinse and drain again 12-oz jar of marinated herring. Cut into bite-sized pieces and place in jar, interspersed with a layer of chopped onions. Fill jar with salad oil and refrigerate several hours or overnight. Drain excess oil and turn out onto lettuce-lined serving platter.

HERRING SALAD: In salad bowl combine: 1 c diced, drained marinated herring, 2 chopped dill pickles, 1 bunch chopped green onions, 2 apples, peeled, cored and diced, 1 c drained canned navy beans, 1 c drained canned peas & carrots, 2 c diced cooked potatoes, 1 green or red bell pepper, chopped, and (optional) 1 heaping T capers. Toss gently. Lace with sour cream-mayonnaise sauce: fork-blend $\frac{1}{2}$ c each sour cream and mayonnaise, season to taste with salt, pepper, lemon juice, and brown mustard. Refrigerate overnight for flavors to blend.

VEGETABLE SALAD: Prepare exactly as with herring salad (above), but omit the herring.

EASY CLEAR REDBEET SOUP: In pot combine 3 c beet juice from canned beets, 2 c apple juice and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mushroom bouillon cube dissolved in 2 c boiling water. Heat to boiling. Season with salt & pepper, garlic powder, a pinch of marjoram, 1 T dry red wine, a little lemon juice and sugar to get a balanced tangy, tart & sweet flavor. Hint: Diced the leftover canned beets and mix with horseradish to taste and a little lemon juice to prepare *ćwikła*, the ideal side dish for ham, kielbasa and other meats served on Christmas Day.

MUSHROOM TURNOVERS: In skillet brown 8 oz diced Portobello mushrooms with 2 chopped onions in 3 T oil until fully cooked and browned. When cool, chop mushrooms & onions and stir in enough breadcrumbs to form a soft filling. Salt & pepper to taste. Open pkg of refrigerator crescent-roll dough, obliterate all perforations by pressing on them with floured thumb. Cut dough sheet into 8 rectangles, spread each with some filling and roll up jelly-roll fashion, pinching ends shut and tucking underneath. Bake according to package directions. Serve hot to accompany clear beetroot soup.

FRIED FISH FILLETS: Rinse well and drain 1 lb fresh-water or ocean fillets. Sprinkle with salt, lemon juice and intersperse with onion slices; cover and refrigerate overnight. Next day, rinse fillets, pat dry, season with pepper. Dredge in flour or flour-breadcrumb mixture. Fry in hot oil to golden brown on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper and serve immediately.

HORSERADISH SAUCE FOR FISH: Fork-bend $\frac{3}{4}$ c sour cream, $\frac{1}{4}$ c mayonnaise and 1 or more T prepared horseradish, depending on the potency desired. Season to taste with salt, pepper, lemon juice and a pinch of sugar.

PERCH POLONAISE: Hard-boil 4 eggs. Rinse and pat dry 2-3 lbs lake perch, walleye or whitefish fillets. Sauté in butter, cover till fully cooked; keep warm. Fry 1 sm. finely chopped onion in 3 T butter until tender, finely chop eggs and add. Toss to coat evenly with butter. Add 2 to 3 T. finely chopped dill, salt & pepper. Toss. Sprinkle fish with lemon juice and top with hard-boiled-egg mixture. Serve immediately.



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This Christmas why not consider giving a loved one (or yourself) an interesting and unusual gift of Polish heritage: a custom-researched analysis of their Polish last name. The several-page report will explain what the last name means, how it originated, how many people use it, where they are from and whether a coat of arms went with it. If one is found, a full-color image of the crest and an explanation of how it originated, will be included.



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