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Happy Easter - Wesołych Świąt



"Alleluia, The stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone, Alleluia!"

Easter is the greatest feast of Christendom. Jesus Christ, nailed to the wood of the cross on Good Friday, now greets His disciples with these words: "Peace be with you!"

On Easter Day, our prayer for you is that you will know the peace and the joy of the Risen Christ, as you gather with family and friends to share the blessed egg and partake in the Easter Meal.

Wesołego Alleluja!

Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak National Chaplain

Very Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc National Vice Chaplain

## President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Receives Award

Chicago, IL - On Monday, March 2, 2015 PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. received the prestigious Casimir Pulaski Award from the Polish American Congress Illinois Division. The award ceremony was held at the Pulaski Day Celebration Banquet at Jolly Inn in Chicago on Monday night.

The program was opened by Irene Moskal Del Giudice, President of the Illinois Division of the PAC, who warmly welcomed all of the guests.

The Polish and American National Anthems were sung by PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. - one of the honorees. The invocation was given by Most Reverend Andrew P. Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of the Chicago Archdiocese.

After dinner, Masters of Ceremonies Malgorzata Ptaszynska and Steven Rakowski introduced the five recipients of the 2015 Pulaski Award:

- Charlie Wojciechowski, a popular news reporter for NBC-5 TV in Chicago;

- Sister Genowefa Potaczala, a member of the Missionaries of Christ the King for Polonia Order and Principal of St. Ferdinand Polish School in Chicago;

- Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and Chairman of the Executive Board of The Polish Museum of America;

- Katarzyna "Kasia" Bober, founder and owner of the Kasia's Deli, and a well known Chicago philanthropist; and

- Eugeniusz Chmielowski, President of the Siberian Society in Chicago, and a survivor of Polish citizens' deportations to Siberia. (*Cont. on page 5*)



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## APRIL

- 3 GOOD FRIDAY PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 HAPPY EASTER WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA!

**10-12 MUSKEGON, MI – PRCUA NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT** from Fri., April 10 to Sun., April 12 at Sherman Bowling Center, 1531 W. Sherman, Muskegon, MI. Go to www.prcua.org: News → Sporting Events → Bowling.

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

**IS** LANSING, MI – SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., April 15, Potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. Contact: V. Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

**TROY, MI – CIRCUIT XI MEETING** on Wed., April 15 at Noon at Polish American Culture Center, 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: Bernardine Wozniak at 586-731-3692.

18 WYANDOTTE, MI – ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE RECITAL on Sat., April 18, Lincoln Park High School Auditorium. 1701 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Starts at 2:00 p.m. Admission \$10.

18 CHICAGO, IL – THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA LIBRARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION on Sat., April 18 at PMA's Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Musical program at 4:00 p.m., official program at 5:30 p.m. Commemorative exhibition of the PMA Library Centennial will be on display. For more details, contact Iwona Bozek at 773-384-3352 ext. 2106, or Iwona-Bozek@PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org.

19 CHICAGO, IL – ŚWIĘCONKA Hosted by Dist. #7 on Sun., Apr. 19 at Grota Banquets - (See details at right.)

19 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., April 19 at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 1059 Mollno St. Wyandotte, MI 48192. Contact: Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230.

**19 LEMONT, IL – JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL ŚWIĘCONKA** on Sun., Apr. 19 at 10:00 a.m., at SS. Cyril and Methodius, 607 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL.

**19** WARREN, MI – 46TH ANNUAL HALKA DANCE RECITAL on Sun., April 19 at 3:00 p.m. at Van Dyke Community Auditorium, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. Tickets \$7.00. Contact: Rita Cerankowski at 313-891-2403.

21 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 CASINO BUS TRIP TO FIREKEEPERS CASINO on Tues., April 21. Bus leaves PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI at 9:30 a.m. - returns at 6:00 p.m. \$35 per person. \$25 credit for Casino Play. Obtain a flyer from the PRCUA Hall Lounge or contact Stan Pasko at spaskoj@aol.com.

28 WARREN, MI – SAINT JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., April 28 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne's H.S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168.

# MAY

#### 2 CHICAGO, IL - MAY 3 CONSTITUTION PARADE

8 WYANDOTTE, MI – TRIBUTE ARTIST DINNER SHOW – NEIL DIAMOND, TOBY KEITH & PATSY CLINE - presented by the PRCUA of Wyandotte on Fri., May 8 at PRCU Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak Street Wyandotte, MI. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Show starts at 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$25 includes dinner, show, beer and wine. Cash Bar available. Tickets on sale at the PRCUA Lounge at 734-283-4810 or contact: Stas at 313-815-5230 or Bernie at 734-512-9802.

**9 DETROIT, MI – PRCUA MICHIGAN JOIN HANDS DAY** on Sat., May 9 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Albertus Historical Church (founding Church of PRCUA), 4231 St. Aubin, Detroit, MI. All PRCUA members and dance groups invited to help spruce up the church grounds with flowers etc. Bring your own gardening supplies, clothes to play in the dirt, and flowers to plant to beautify the grounds.

10 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162'S ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET on Sun., May 10, 8:30 a.m. to Noon at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Adults - \$7, children under 10 yrs. eat free. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, fried bologna and onions, hash browns, toast, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and juice.

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

12 JOHNSTOWN, PA – ST. CASIMIR'S SOC. #531 MEETING on Tues., May 12 at 7:30 p.m., 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905.

**I6 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN'S SOC #718 VS. WYANDOTTE SOC. #162 (HOST) RYDER CUP GOLF** on Sat., May 16 at Lake Erie Metro Golf Course in Brownstown. Afterglow at the PRCUA #162 Lounge on Oak St. in Wyandotte. Cost: \$55/golfer. Soc. #718 golfers contact Bob Hojnacki at hoj606@hotmail.com or 313-384-6255, Soc. #162 golfers contact Mike Halberstadt at mhalbers@wyan.org or 734-216-3911. **17 TOLEDO, OH – SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING** on Sun., Feb. 15 at 1:00 p.m., Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Tom Jesionowski at 419-261-3636.

17 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 1059 MolIno St. Wyandotte, MI 48192. Contact: Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230.

20 LANSING, MI – SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., May 20 (every third Wednesday of each month), Potluck at 5:30 pm, meeting at 6:00 at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. Contact: V. Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

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22 DETROIT, MI - POLISH-AMERICAN NIGHT AT COMERICA PARK on Fri., May 22 (See details on pg. 5).

26 WARREN, MI – POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., May 26 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne's Jr. High Building, 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168.

29 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOC. #162 WINE, BEER & SPIRITS TASTING on Fri., May 29 from 7-10 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Hot hors d'oeuvres included. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Tickets on sale at the Lounge 734-283-4810 or at Discount Drinks, 2811 Fort St., Wyandotte, MI 734-282-3800. All participants must be 21 years of age.



**Święconka** Hosted by District 7 - PRCUA

> Sunday, April 19, 2015 Entry: 12 Noon Luncheon: 12:30 p.m. Grota Banquets

3112 North Central, Chicago, IL

Donation: Adults \$30.00 Children \$15.00 (12 and under)

#### Deadline for reservations: April 12, 2015

For information call: Director Kevin Kucik 773-252-3144

Send reservations to: Dir. Kevin Kucik c/o PRCUA Fraternal Dept., 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642

Please make check payable to: PRCUA District 7

All articles for the May issue of Naród Polski, must be submitted by Tuesday, April 21, 2015.



#### If you are currently working with a budget and don't know how much life insurance you can purchase. The new Select 100 Plan is your solution - check out our affordable options below!

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#### STANDARD NON-TOBACCO RATES

WHOLE LIFE			
\$27/Month-\$300/Year			
Life Benefit Amount (Below)			
Age	Male	Female	
5	\$14,798	\$16,960	
15	\$10,730	\$12,381	
25	\$7,937	\$8,978	
45	\$4,119	\$4,612	
65	\$2,195	\$2,481	
75	\$1,636	\$1,862	

	WHOLE LIFE \$54/Month-\$600/Year Life Benefit Amount (Below)			
	Age	Male	Female	
	5	\$31,873	\$36,530	
	15	\$23,112	\$26,667	
	25	\$17,094	\$19,337	
	45	\$8,872	\$9,934	
	65	\$4,727	\$5,343	
	75	\$2,522	\$4.010	

WHOLE LIFE				
\$81/Month-\$900/Year				
Life Benefit Amount (Below)				
Age	Male	Female		
5	\$48,947	\$56,099		
15	\$35,493	\$40,952		
25	\$26,252	\$29,696		
45	\$13,625	\$15,256		
65	\$7,260	\$8,205		
75	\$5,411	\$6,158		

WHOLE LIFE				
\$108	\$108/Month-\$1200/Year			
Life B	Life Benefit Amount (Below)			
Age	Male	Female		
5	\$66,022	\$75,699		
15	\$47,875	\$55,238		
25	\$35,409	<b>\$4</b> 0,055		
45	\$18,378	\$20,578		
65	\$9,792	\$11,068		
75	\$7,298	<b>\$8,</b> 306		

\* When calculating premium, use your age nearest to birthdate. (Ex. If 30 yrs. 5 mo. use 30 years, if 30 yrs. 6 mo. use 31 years.)

## ATTENTION ALL PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY PRCUA MEMBERS:

We will be celebrating JOIN HANDS DAY on Saturday, May 2, 2015 along with other members of the Philadelphia Fraternal Community. We need volunteers to help pack meals for people served by AID FOR FRIENDS. We will work from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Aid for Friends warehouse is located at 12271 Townsend Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154.

It is important for us to know how many volunteers we will have, so please contact District #3 Directors Sharon Quinn at 215-828-6206 or Joanne Zajac at 215-426-4580 to sign up. Please notify us by April 13, 2015, if at all possible, as we will give each participant a PRCUA shirt to recognize their commitment to fraternalism.

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## US Visa Cancelled with Prejudice PRCUA PRES. JOSEPH A. DROBOT, JR. URGES YOU TO TAKE ACTION

On February 27, 2015, Chicago's Polvision TV aired a report on another incident of a Polish citizen being denied entry to the United States after arriving at a U.S. airport. Upon arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, Tomasz Cieslakowski was interrogated by U.S. immigration officers, then he was transferred to the immigration prison, and after 3 days he was put on an airplane and returned to Poland. His 10-year U.S. Visa was "Cancelled with Prejudice."

At the recent Pulaski Day Celebration that was held at the PMA on March 2, 2015, the PMA and PRCUA hosted Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel (past U.S. Representative D-IL) who, in his first term in Congress, introduced an amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill calling on the Secretary of State to include Poland in the Visa Waiver Program. In the 109th Congress, Rep. Emanuel introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of State to include Poland in the Visa Waiver Program.

The PMA also hosted Senator Mark Kirk and Congressman Mike Quigley, who backed legislation to make it easier for Polish citizens to travel to the U.S. Also participating were other Chicago and Illinois politicians who pledged their support for Poland's entry in the Visa Waver Program numerous times.

Despite Poland's strong support for the United States and a major ally, it is excluded from the Visa Waiver Program. Now, some Polish citizens are being denied entry to the U.S., treated like 2nd-class citizens, and being returned to their homeland.

Poland proved it's loyalty to the U.S.A. through heroes like Pulaski and Kosciuszko, through its support in the war on terrorism, and as an economic and military partner. But no fruitful cooperation can be achieved between two allies without freedom of movement. We must stay united in order for Poland's inclusion in the Visa Waver Program to occur.

We urge all of the PRCUA members, and all of Polonia, to take action! Write to your local politicians, to your State Congressman and Senators to support Poland's inclusion in the Visa Waver Program.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. PRCUA National President

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 MEMBERS

Detroit, MI – St. Stan's Soc. #718 Scholarship Program is offering two \$500 college scholarship grants and four \$500 grammar/high school tuition grants to Society #718 members. The awards will be presented at the St. Stan's Family Picnic. The applicant must have whole life insurance to qualify. **Deadline for applying is July 1, 2015.** 

Contact Tom or Janice Dudek at 734-981-8119 or email at **cvg52@comcast.net**. The application can be found on St. Stan's website: go to **www.prcua.org** and click on Societies, and then click on #718 St. Stan's.



Save the Date for the Polish Museum of America Annual Fundraiser Summer Ball, on Friday, June 5, 2015 at Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie St., Chicago, IL.

This year, the PMA will honor the Gift From the Heart Foundation (*Dar Serca*) and Shriners Hospital for Children-

Chicago with the Polish Spirit Award for their dedicated care of physically disabled children. For more information, contact the Polish Museum of America, 773-384-3352 Ext. 2102.



## From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer James J. Robaczewski, FIC



We need the current address for the following members. If you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to: James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call (773) 782-2600 Ext. 2605 or 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2605.

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## 10th Anniversary of Death and 1st Anniversary of Beatification of Saint John Paul II



April 2, 2015, marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our beloved Saint John Paul II.

Karol Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, Poland, on May 18, 1920. He was ordained to the priesthood on November 1, 1946, consecrated a Bishop on September 28, 1958, and appointed as Archbishop of Krakow on January 13, 1964. On June 26, 1967

he was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Paul VI. Cardinal Wojtyla was elected to lead the Catholic Church on October 16, 1978. He was the first Polish pope, and the

first non-Italian pope since Pope Adrian VI in 1522. During the 26 years of his pontificate, he made Apostolic pilgrimages to 129 countries, beatified 1,340 people, canonized 483 saints, and significantly improved relations between the Catholic Church and other religious groups. He was acclaimed as one of the most influential leaders of the 20th Century and he was credited with being instrumental in bringing down communism in Central and Eastern Europe.

During the final two days of his life, tens of thousands of people assembled and held vigil in St. Peter's Square and surrounding areas. Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005 at 9:37 p.m. CEST. He was mourned by millions of people - both Catholics and non-Catholics - all over the world.

Final visitations took place from April 4, 2005 to April 7, 2005 at St. Peter's Basilica. Pope John Paul II's funeral on April 8, 2005 was attended by four kings, five queens, more than 70 presidents and prime ministers, over 14 leaders of other religions, and more than 250,000 mourners within the Vatican. Approximately 4 million mourners also gathered in and around Vatican City. Pope John Paul II was interred in a grotto beneath St. Peter's Basilica, in the Tomb of the Popes.

One month after his death, the path to Pope John Paul II's canonization commenced. On December 19, 2009, he was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI and he was beatified on May 1, 2011.

Pope John Paul II, together with Pope John XXIII, was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.

St. John Paul II was respected and admired for his abundant, unconditional love for God and His people, for his unshakable faith, for his deep spirituality, joy of living and for his humble service to others.

Through the boundless love and inspiring life exemplified by Saint John Paul II, we can restore our full capacity to love and believe with all our hearts.



Three Pulaski Award recipients: (I-r) Honoree PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. with his wife, Judith; Honoree Katarzyna Bober; and Honoree Charlie Wojciechowski with his wife, Kate



with Honoree

sing God Bless America and Boże coś Polskę. His Excellency Bishop Andrew Wypych also bestowed a blessing.

The event was attended by about 250 people, among them the City of Chicago Mayoral Candidate Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, the Chicago 30th Ward Alderman Ariel Reboyras, and representatives of many Polishorganizations. The American PRCUA and PMA were also well represented.

Congratulations to President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and best wishes for continuous success. Eugeniusz Chmielowski

*Photos: L. Kowalewicz* 



L-r: PRCUA Sales Dir. Robert Fattore, PAC-IL Div. President Irene Moskal Del Guidice, PRCUA Secy-Tres. James Robaczewski, PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot, PRCUA First Lady Judith Drobot, PRCUA Dist. 9 Dir. Elizabeth Sadus, PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PRCUA General Counsel John Chitkowski, PRCUA Dist. 7 Dir. Kevin Kucik, PRCUA V. P. Micheline Jaminski, PMA Pres. Richard Owsiany, PMA Tres. Maria Ciesla, PRCUA Underwriting Manager Georgia Xamplas, PMA member Richard Ciesla, PRCUA Controller Emily Kurda, PRCUA General Office Manager Julie Prado, PRCUA Dir. of Marketing Agnieszka Bastrzyk, and PRCUA Wesoly Lud Dir. Richard Jaminski

#### PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593, Warren, MI invites everyone to join them at the 45th Annual Polish American Night - May 22, 2015 Comerica Park in Detroit, MI

**Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros** Pre-game ceremonies start at 6:30 p.m. PRCUA dance groups will perform before the game. Game starts at 7:08 p.m.



If you were present on the field at Tiger Stadium in 1970 at

the first Polish American Night, please contact Wallace Ozog at wozog@wowway.com We would like to introduce you this year. If you were not there 45 years ago, how about joining us now?

Ticket prices: \$38 - Lower Baseline Box (left & right); \$30 - Upper Box Infield; \$22 - Mezzanine; \$17 - Upper Reserve. A souvenir T-shirt is \$9; a food voucher is \$6. Please make check payable to PRCUA #1593 and mail ticket orders with your check

to: Wallace Ozog, 30214 Woodhouse Dr., Warren. MI 48092.

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Each recipient received a crystal award with an inscription, as well as a bouquet of flowers.

National Director of the PAC - IL Division Boguslaw Niemczewski read a letter from Adam Kwiatkowski, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Poland, sent on the occasion of the Pulaski Day Celebration.

The invocation was given by Fr. Thaddeus Dzieszko, Pastor of St. Constance Parish in Chicago, who also invited everyone to



Irene Moskal Del Guidice presents the award to Sister Genowefa Potaczala

## **PRCUA Funds** for Higher Education Available



Each year, the PRCUA offers funds for higher education to its members from three separate programs:

1) PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.;

2) Scholarship Program; and 3) PRCUA Educational Loans. Each program requires the submission of a separate application.

#### **One-Time Scholarships**

In Memory of Alexander, Ann, John, and Walter Kushel, \$1,500 to be used for the study of Religious Formation

In Memory of Victoria Kushel \$1,500 to be used for the study of Nursing (one \$1,000 and one \$500)

Perpetual Scholarship

In Memory of Adele Szumilus Sularski - no specific major of study has been specified. Also, the PRCUA Board of Directors can establish additional scholarships as funds are available.

#### **INFORMATION AND APPLICATION**

For eligibility rules, information and to download applications, go to: www.prcua.org. Click on BENEFITS, then click on:

1) Educational Scholarships; 2) Student Scholarship Grant Program; and/or

3) Educational Loans. Or you can write to:

**PRCUA Educational Benefits** 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue Chicago, IL 60642-4101

Applications, GPA and various submissions and verifications must be received by July 1, 2015.

## PRCUA OFFICE CELEBRATES ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Chicago, IL - On Thursday, March 19, 2015, PRCUA and PMA



employees, and invited guests, celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph. Beginning with a prayer offered by Fr. Andrzej Maslejak, Pastor of Holy Trinity Mission in Chicago, a delicious meatless meal was enjoyed by all.







## 100th Anniversary of The Polish Museum of America Library

In April 2015, the Library of The Polish Museum of America will celebrate its centennial anniversary. Today, the Library is an integral part of the PMA, but its history begins much earlier than the Polish Museum and Archives,



which were founded in 1935, and opened to the public in 1937.

Mieczyslaw H a i m a n , L i b r a r i a n and the first C u r a t o r , reported that the idea to create the Library was born at the end of the nineteenth

**PRCUA Library** 

century. It was not until 1913, however, when the decision to build the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America's national headquarters in Chicago was made, that plans to include the Library were added to the project. PRCUA President Stanislaw Adamkiewicz called upon the organizing committee to create a library. Within a year, the committee had raised enough funds to purchase the first collection of 4,000 books. The opening ceremony, with blessings by Fr. Jan Obyrtacz, took place on April 18, 1915. From the beginning, the Library was established to serve the Polish American public. Soon, a traveling library was added, offering services to members living outside of Chicago. Unfortunately, after the first few years of resilient activity, the Library began to decline.

After the responsibilities of both Librarian and Curator were placed upon Mieczyslaw Haiman in 1935, the integrity of the institution was emphasized. In addition to reorganizing the Library, he generously donated his private book collection, which focused on Polish culture and Poland, and serves as the nucleus of the PMA Polonica Collection. Haiman worked at the Library and Museum until his death in 1949.

Over the years, many dedicated Librarians oversaw the collections. In the 1970s and 1980s, Fr. Donald Bilinski introduced the standards of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules and the Dewey Decimal System; his successor, Maria Karpowicz, continued the progress by expanding the content of the card catalog. Over time, a computer catalog was introduced. In the 21st century, under Head Librarian Malgorzata Kot (now PMA Managing Director), the PMAL initiated an online collection catalog, widening the audience globally.

Over the past 100 years, the Library collections have grown significantly, currently consisting of more than 60,000 cataloged titles. This collection was



Library in the 1940s (l-r): Mieczylaw Haiman, Dr. Alfonse Wolanin, Sabina Logisz made possible thanks to Polonia's involvement, as approximately 70% of the books came from donations.

In 2012, the Library initiated the Rare Book Conservation Project, focusing on the oldest prints in the collection. Currently, 40 volumes dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries have been restored. The Polonica Collection is divided into the *Polonica in English* and



Fr. Donald Bilinski

Polonica Americana, books written by American authors.

The first Library collection was bound in distinctive black cloth covers, and is referred to as the *Black Collection*. There are also collections originating from well-known publishers in Polonia, including Dyniewicz and Paryski, as well as textbooks printed for Polish Saturday schools, adding to the uniqueness of the collections. The Music Collection of books, songbooks, sheet music, and sound recordings by Polish and Polish American composers and performers reflects the rich musical traditions of Poles in the U.S. However, the circulating collection is the largest, consisting of books in Polish, covering: fiction, biographies, language studies, history, geography, art, theater, and culture, customs, and folklore, by classical and contemporary authors, as well as English language titles on Polish subjects or written by Polish authors. The Library also has a Children's Corner, with books specially selected for young readers.

Since its foundation, the Library's mission has been to disseminate Polish culture and language, and that mission is as valid and current today as it was at its inception. For many

years the most valuable

PMA Library today

collection of rare books was housed in the PMA's Archives. At the end of 2014, the Rare Book Room was renovated and equipped with a climate control system to provide the appropriate environment for these oldest books. In January 2015, mobile shelving was installed to maximize space usage. The renovation was completed, thanks to funds from the Halina Presley-Przydatek Bequest.

Iwona Bozek Head Librarian/Special Collections

## PMA LIBRARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to join the Polish Museum in commemorating 100 years of the PMA Library. The Centennial Celebration will take place on **Saturday, April 18, 2015**, in the PMA Sabina Logisz Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL. In support of the Rare Book Conservation Project, PMA Library programming, and future renovations of the Reading Room and storage spaces, we recommend a \$30 suggested donation and \$15 for students; children age 12 and under are free.

The event will open with a musical program at 4:00 p.m. The formal program will begin at 5:50 p.m., featuring honored guests, and conclude with the opportunity to explore the commemorative exhibition of the PMA Library Centennial. Among the items on display, guests will find old prints, books autographed by famous people, archival documents, photographs, and publications of particular interest or importance. During the evening's program, the winners of the "Bookmark Contest" for children will be announced. Refreshments will be served. We also invite you to visit the Library prior to the event, located on the first floor, and open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More information: Iwona Bozek at (773) 384-3352 ext. 2106, or via e-mail at **Iwona-Bozek@PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org**.



**PRCUA MEMBERS!** 



#### **JOSEPHINE SZAJERSKI - 100 PRCUA MEMBER FOR 81 YEARS!**

Josephine Szajerski was born on March 6, 1915, to John and Martha Szajerski. Her father came to South Chicago from Poland in 1909 to work in the steel mills. Josephine grew up speaking Polish at home. She learned English when she started school at Immaculate Conception. Josephine has lived all of her 100 years in South Chicago! She has lived in the same house for 95 years, and has seen a lot of changes to the neighborhood. When

Josephine Szajerski

she was a girl, 87th Street was a river. Josephine dedicated her life to three things: her family, the church, and her work at RR Donnelly and Sons. She started working at Donnelly when she was just 15 years old, earning 25 cents an hour. Every week she

came home and gave her entire paycheck (about \$12.00) to her mother. She had to work for 15 years before she earned a paid vacation. Josephine was the oldest of 10 children but has only one brother still living. Although she

never married or had children, Josephine is dearly loved by 23 nieces and nephews, many grand-nieces and nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Despite all of the changes she has witnessed, and all of the losses she has suffered, Josephine's will to "live life to the fullest" should be an inspiration to all of us. She says she is not ready to pass on because she still has a lot of work to do. Josephine always says "No one is ever too old to learn something new" and she is living proof of it.

A special Anniversary Mass for Josephine Szajerski was celebrated on March 8th, 2015 at Immaculate Conception BVM Church in South Chicago, IL by Rev. Miguel Martinez, Pastor. The church was filled to capacity with friends , family, and parish members of many different nationalities because Josephine is so well known. Fr. Martinez read Josephine's biography at Mass, noting that she had also been a member of St. Bronislawa Church in Chicago, where she organized many church activities. After Mass, a lively Centennial Birthday Party was held at Steve's Lounge in Hegewish, IL, with music by The Merry Notes.

Josephine belongs to PRCUA St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579 in District #9. Her late sister, Irena, was also a member of Soc. #1579.

In 1968, PRCUA members Casey and Barbara Pawlowski, met Josephine when the "South Chicago Polish Dancers of PRCUA Distr. #9" was formed at St. Mary Magdalene Parish. At that time, South Chicago was occupied by mostly Polish families. Many members of the PRCUA and PNA lived in the area and belonged to various neighborhood Catholic parishes: St. Michaels, Immaculate Conception B.V.M, St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Bronislawa Parish, where they were provided spiritual guidance by many Polish priests and religious sisters, among them Bishop Alfred Abramowicz, and Rev. Donald Bilinski.

The PRCUA salutes Josephine Szajerski on this momentous anniversary, thanks her for her great loyalty to the PRCUA and extends sincere wishes for continued good health and much happiness.

#### HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY THERESA CWIEK



**Theresa** Cwiek

Theresa Cwiek (nee Ploski) was born on April 1, 1921 in Hamtramck, MI to Polish immigrants Kazimierz and Stanislawa (nee Oleszczynska) Ploski. Her family belonged to St. Florian Parish. The Ploski family emigrated back to Poland in 1930. Theresa was arrested by the Nazis in 1941 and imprisoned in several places. As an American citizen, she was traded for a German National in a prisoner exchange, and was shipped back to the USA, arriving in New York on June 1, 1942.

She returned to Hamtramck, MI, where she met Mitchell Cwiek, who was a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. They were married on June 15, 1945 in Texas. After Mitchell's tour of duty, the Cwieks resided in Detroit, MI, where they raised their three sons and one daughter.

Theresa was very active in Parish activities, serving in various capacities and participating in many church and school events. She also enjoyed singing in the choir.

Theresa is a loyal member of PRCUA Society #261 in Michigan. Theresa served as a Supervisor of Deputies in Society #261. She attended local PRCUA events, including meetings of the Orchard Lake Ladies Auxiliary, dance recitals, and bowling tournaments. Her husband Mitchell, was PRCUA Director of the State of Michigan for 8 years (1962-1970) and he served as a member of the PRCUA National Budget Committee for many years, and then as its Chairman.

Theresa attended five PRCUA Conventions as a delegate. The Cwieks also attended PRCUA national sport tournaments and various activities throughout the years. Both Theresa and Mitch won numerous recognitions over the years for being among the top PRCUA life producers. (More stories of Theresa and Mitchell Cwiek in January 2011 and March 2011 issues of "Naród Polski.")

The PRCUA thanks both Theresa and late Mitchell Cwiek for their outstanding loyalty and inspiring leadership in the PRCUA. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life are extended to the "Birthday Girl" Theresa Cwiek. Sto Lat!

## PAC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SPONSORS RICHARD GORECKI SCHOLARSHIP

Chicago, IL - The Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation is formally announcing that it is accepting applications for the Richard Gorecki Scholarship for this year. The amount of scholarships will be between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

To be eligible the applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America and of Polish ancestry. Applicant must be a full time student enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or post-graduate in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. Applicant must be a member of their local Polish American Congress Division or, if none in their area, then a member through the National PAC. Application process is as follows:

Completion of a PACCF Scholarship application. 1.

Submit a resume, including: 2.

a. Name and relationship to you of the nearest family member(s) from whom you ascribe your Polish ancestry;

b. Description of your academic and career goals.

3. Submit an original certificate of your most recent transcript, including an original certified copy of your GPA.

Submit a description of your personal involvement in the community. Applications can be obtained at www.paccf.org, by e-mailing to paccf@paccf.org, or by phone at 773-763-9942.

Deadline to apply is April 15, 2015.

## "CURSED SOLDIERS" DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Chicago, IL - "Cursed Soldiers" Day of Remembrance (Dzień pamięci

"Żołnierzy Wyklętych") was commemorated on March 1, 2015 at St. Ladislaus Church in Chicago. The holiday is marked annually in Poland on March 1, and is dedicated to the memory of soldiers and members of an anti-communist underground, who fought with the Soviet occupant and Polish communists and were killed between the years 1945-1963. The holiday was established on February 3, 2011. Mass was celebrated by Father Marek Janowski,

during the Mass by Choir "Collegium Cantorum



Fr. Marek Janowski SJ

Polonia" and the Chicago Children's Choir "Nightingales." Men attired in various military uniforms stood as the honor guard in the center aisle of the church, and several banners were presented before the altar.

After Mass, a short program of poetry and songs was presented in the church hall by well-known artists of the Polish community: Dori Koz, Basia Błasik, Kamila Orzel, Ewa Staniszewska, Jarek Łukomski and his band, and the 12th Regiment of the Podolski Cavalry.

While the artists presented this very reflective and deeply touching program, archival photographs of the "Cursed Soldiers" were displayed in the background.

The ceremony was attended by Robert Rusiecki, Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, representatives of veteran organizations, Siberians Association in Chicago, Polish Scouting Association, Friends of the Kosciuszko Polish Lancers Association, Polish Army in America Association, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Polish National Alliance, Polish Highlanders Association of America, T. Kosciuszko and Gen. W. Anders Polish Saturday Schools, representatives of the U.S. Air Force and a large group of children and adolescents.

Photos: Lidia Kowalewicz



Artists performing songs

## **PULASKI DAY CELEBRATION** AT THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA

Chicago, IL -The State of Illinois' official celebration of Pulaski Day was held at the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of The Polish Museum of America (PMA) on Monday, March 2, 2015. National, State, County and Chicago City



Polish and American National Anthems sung by Marlena Dzis

political leaders, Polish and Polish-American dignitaries, clergy, army veterans, and more than 200 other guests gathered together to honor General Casimir Pulaski.

Margaret Kot, Managing Director of the PMA, welcomed all guests present at this annual celebration and talked briefly about Pulaski's heroism, his fight for freedom and about upcoming PMA anniversaries: the 100th Anniversary of the PMA Library and the 80th Anniversary of the founding of The Polish Museum of

America. Then, she introduced the first speaker, Hon. Paulina Kapuscinska, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, who said it is indeed fitting that on this day a great hero of two countries is being honored. She also remarked on the excellent cooperation exhibited by the PMA and other Polish organizations for the good of the Polish-American community.

The Polish and American flags were presented by the Kosciuszko Guards and the National Anthems were sung by soloist Marlena Dzis, accompanied by pianist Jaroslaw Golembiowski.

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, Moderator and Polish Consultant to Archdiocesan Ministries, offered an invocation in English and in Polish.

The program was very efficiently coordinated by Masters of Ceremonies PMA Chairman of the Board and PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and by PMA President Richard Owsiany, who both took turns introducing guest speakers. Chairman Drobot remarked that on this day, we are

not only celebrating the life of Pulaski, but also those who fight for our rights today. PMA Historian Jan Lorys presented a short history

of the magnificent Batowski painting "Pulaski at Savannah" that each year provides the background for the ceremony.

Hon. Ryszard Schnepf, Ambassador of Poland to United States of America from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C., talked about the Polish-American alliance and the strength that can be achieved by standing united. He also called for further cooperation in the efforts to have Poland included in the Visa Waver Program and expressed confidence that it will strengthen relations among Poland, Polonia and the U.S.

Political guest speakers who graciously paid tribute to General Casimir Pulaski included Hon. Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois; Hon. Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of the City of Chicago; Hon. Mark Kirk, U.S. Senator (R-IL.); Hon. Janice Schakowsky, U.S. Representative, 9th District (IL); Hon. Mike Quigley, U.S. Representative, 5th District (IL); Hon. Leslie Geissler Munger, State of Illinois Comptroller; Hon. Aurelia Pucinski, Justice, Illinois Appellate Court; Hon. Jay Rowell, Deputy Treasurer representing Hon. Michael Frerichs, State of



**Bruce Rauner Governor of Illinois** 

Illinois Treasurer; Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County; Hon. Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer; Hon. Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board; and Hon. Ariel Reboyras, Alderman, 30th Ward. Speaking on behalf of Polish American organizations was Frank Spula, President of the Polish American Congress



**PMA President Richard Owsiany** 



Hon. Ryszard Schnepf Ambassador of Poland to **United States of America** 

**Rahm Emanuel** 

**Mayor of Chicago** 



**U.S. Representative** 

Janice Schakowsky

Polish National and Alliance in Chicago, IL.

All guest speakers remarked on the heroism of General Casimir Pulaski and reaffirmed their continued support in the efforts to include Poland in a Visa Waver Program, which would solidify the partnership between the United States and Poland. During the program Toni Preckwinkle,

**President of the Cook** 

**County Board** 

The Polish Museum of

America on behalf of the

Ambassador Ryszard

Schnepf, PMA Chair

Alliance Sharon Zago

were asked to do the honors of laying the

wreath at the foot of

painting "Pulaski at

Batowski's

with

PNC Bank.

Stefan

Savannah."

Betty Uzarowicz, a member of the PMA Board of Directors, presented a \$1,000 Katyn Scholarship to

Mateusz Plewa, winner of the Katyn Essay Contest. The Contest was sponsored by the Zbigniew Uzarowicz Foundation commemorating the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Katyn Massacre. The subject of the essay was: "How is the





**Betty Uzarowicz** 

Katyn Massacre relevant in today's day and age?"

State of Illinois Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger and PMA Treasurer Maria Ciesla paid a special tribute to the late Judy Baar Topinka, Past Illinois Comptroller, who was a great friend and supporter of Polonia and The Polish Museum of America.

Scott Swanson, President of PNC Bank in Illinois presented a most generous donation of \$5,000 to



(L-r) PMA Chairman Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PWAA Vice President Sharon Zago, and

benediction given by Rev. Idzi Stacherczak. Everyone then joined in the singing of "God Bless America."

Guests were cordially invited to participate in a reception in the PRCUA Social Hall that included complimentary snacks and beverages.



(L-r) PMA **Managing Director** Malgorzata Kot, **PMA Chair Joseph Drobot and Mrs.** Judith Drobot, **Ambassador Ryszard** Schnepf, PAC **President Frank** Spula, IL Governor **Bruce Rauner, PAL** PAC Chairman Arie Zweig, PMA **President Richard** Owsiany, and Consul **General Paulina** Kapuscinska

The official program **Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf** concluded





## WE WERE ALL IRISH FOR ONE DAY



#### **District 7 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**

Chicago, IL - PRCUA District #7 held its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 15 in the PRCUA Social Hall that was decorated in green. Everyone was warmly welcomed by District #7 President Walter Szarowicz and the Directors of District #7 Kevin Kucik and Anna Krysinski. Director Kucik led everyone in a short prayer before a delicious dinner, prepared by Ray Harrington, was served.

Traditionally, after the meal, a Lad and Lassie is chosen from the participants as the day's honorees. Kathy Borowiak was the Lassie for the day and Kevin Draftz was chosen as the Lad. They received a corsage and a box of mint chocolates.

Next, the program continued with several raffles. First, a prize raffle was conducted with some great prizes for the winners and a lot of fun for all. Then, everyone participated in a cash raffle. Four lucky winners were chosen: Bob Saluga, Mary Jane Robles, Walter Szarowicz, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard and Misia Jaminski.

Among the guests were PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog with his wife, Joann; Past PRCUA President Francis Rutkowski with his wife, Patricia; past and present PRCUA National Officers and Directors and their spouses and families; members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group with 2015 Cinderella Alicia Kaleta and Prince Charming Aleksander Labudzki, and many other guests who are very dear to the PRCUA.

> Everyone complimented the caterer on the great food, and District 7 on a very enjoyable afternoon.



#### Society #162 Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Wyandotte, MI - On Sunday, March 15, PRCUA Society #162 held its monthly meeting with bit O'le Irish Theme. President Stan Pasko led the meeting, with a larger than normal crowd, as the smell of some 100 lbs. of corned beef and cabbage waited.

The meeting was adjourned by long-time Board member Donald Kozlowski. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Klamerus, Past V.P. & Mrs. Robert Bielenda, and PRCUA Fraternal Field Agent Robert Hojnacki.

Lounge Manager and Vice President Mike Halberstadt once again out did himself in preparing a great feast for all to enjoy. Almost 70 dinners were sold before the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots were gone. The afternoon continued

with celebration of the Irish and St. Patrick.

thanks to John Drozdowski for the photos.





## PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball presents "Music of the Night"



Troy, MI - Never was there a more perfect night for eighteen outstanding PRCUA Michigan dance school seniors, who were presented to their families, friends and members of Polonia at the 24th annual PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball. The elegant affair, which was held on February 21, 2015, at the magnificent San Marino Club in Troy, MI, honored these soon-to-be high school graduates for their countless contributions to their PRCUA dance schools, churches, and communities.

The evening's festivities began with a private "meet & greet" between the State Ball's honorees and the PRCUA National Officers. While guests attending the ball enjoyed a cocktail hour, the State Ball honorees met privately with PRCUA President Joseph A Drobot Jr. and his wife Judy, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard -Artistic Director & Choreographer for the Wesoly Lud Dance Company, and



2015 Michigan State Ball Honorees

PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski. The honorees thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with our "Chicago Celebrities!"

Co-chair of the Ball and Ball Choreographer, Kelly Galanty Malinowski, had the honor of opening the ball by introducing the PRCUA Michigan Dance School directors and choreographers. The promenade was then turned over to National Director of District 10 and Master of Ceremonies, Thomas Lisiecki, who introduced the PRCUA dignitaries and special guests who were present at the Ball.

In addition to Officers, special guests included PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Walter J Ptak; Rector President of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools Rev. Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski; PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann; PRCUA Vice President Emeritus Robert Bielenda and his wife, Eleanor; National Director of District 10 Colleen Bonkowski and Past National Directors of District 10 Barbara Toboy and Christopher Ozog.

After bidding the audience "Witamy," Dir. Lisiecki introduced the 2015 State Ball Honorees as they entered the Ballroom. To the tune of Radetsky's March, the honorees and their escorts elegantly promenaded through the ballroom to take their places across the dance floor for the official Ball Opening Ceremonies. Leading the audience in singing the Polish National Anthem was Honoree Roxanne Bazinski from the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. The American National Anthem followed and was lead by Honoree Rachel Parker of the Rogalin Dance Troupe. Before dinner, grace was offered by Msgr. Machalski, and a special toast to the honorees was proposed by Dir. Lisiecki.

After dinner, in anticipation of the highlight of the evening, audience members positioned themselves to get a front row view of the dance floor. Teasing the audience just a few moments longer, Master of Ceremonies Lisiecki bragged a little about the 2015 State Ball Honorees and their collective 254 years of dance experience. With an average length of fourteen years of attendance within their respective dance schools, it was unanimous that the honorees had indeed earned the right to participate in the Ball and have proven themselves to be prominent ambassadors of the PRCUA. Without further ado, the Graduate Presentation Program began.

The audience was awe-struck as the elegant honorees entered the ballroom to begin their presentation program entitled, *Music of the Night*. It featured a beautiful waltz to the mysterious *Second Waltz* by world renowned Dutch conductor and violinist Andre Reiu. The graduates quickly shifted gears and took the audience on the fast track as they performed to the classical *Bahn Frei Polka* by Austrian composer, Eduard Strauss. Not wanting to forget their Polish roots, the honorees performed a charming rendition of *Zwodzony*, or *The Teasing Dance*.

The PRCUA Michigan Dance School Teachers & Choreographers formally introduced the State Ball honorees from their school to the audience. When the introductions were completed, President Drobot and Vice President Jaminski bestowed upon each graduate the official State Ball medallion. Both the President and the Vice President spoke to the honorees and to all the guests. In gratitude for all their blessings, the State Ball graduates made three special presentations of their own. Speaking on behalf of the 2015 honorees, the State Ball committee, and in memory of the late PRCUA National Vice Chaplain Stanley E. Milewski, Eryn Zelek of the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble presented Monsignor Machalski with a donation to the Orchard Lake Schools for \$1,000. In memory of the late Shirely Ann Galanty and on behalf of the 2015 State Ball honorees and committee, Bradley Bartnicki of the Tatry Dancers, presented President Drobot with a donation to the PRCUA Scholarship Fund The beautiful Ball tradition of the "Family Blessing" followed, calling for the parents of each graduate to come forward and stand alongside their child, as PRCUA National Chaplain, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak blessed the honorees and their families. The formal presentation program concluded with the graduates and their escorts performing Poland's oldest national dance, the *Polonez*.

With a sigh of relief, the honored young adults could now truly celebrate and enjoy the remainder of the evening with their family and friends. But they had one more surprise up their sleeves for their guests. In order to loosen up and start the party enthusiastically, the graduates and their escorts performed an encore presentation number to *Dance With Me Tonight* by Olly Murs. The dance included all sorts of jive steps, jitterbugs, twists and turns and ended with all the guys showcasing their agility with the human caterpillar. It was a spectacular ending to what was a spectacular evening!

The remainder of the evening indeed proved to be just as exciting! The dance floor was never empty. Special thanks to the talents of PRCUA member Duane Malinowski who provided music during the cocktail hour, throughout dinner, and dance music after the formal presentation program.

Special thanks is also extended to PRCUA member Mary Ann Gruda Prysiazniuk for providing all the beautiful floral boutonnieres, corsages and presentation bouquets.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the talented escorts and guests, who performed alongside the State Ball honorees and who made a commitment to practice on Sunday mornings for this Ball: Jessica Bartnicki, Max Bazinski, Jacob Bzura, Alexzander Dudek, Michael Downs, Lindsey DuFresne, Antonio Federico, Brandon Hejza, Zachary Laming, Jonas McWilliams, Alexander Palencik, Edmund Shaheen, Frank Slanczka, Gregory Schlimmer, Kevin Schulz, Bartek Sobiesiuk, Andrew Tabaczynski, and Connor Thompson.

The 24th annual PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was a huge success. Ball founder, Shirley Ann Galanty**†** is surely smiling down at the success of the Ball. Sincere appreciation is extended to the State Ball Committee: Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda), Co-chair Rita Cerankowski (Halka), Beth Thacker (Opole), Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki), Co-chair & Ball Choreographer, Kelly Malinowski, Michelle Stechshulte (Rogalin), Pat Steven (Syrena), Rose Ann Lackey (Tatry), Kristi Mihalic (Wieliczka), and National State Director #10 and School Director, Colleen Bonkowski (Zajaczek) for all their time and efforts in keeping up with the standards and traditions set forth by Shirley Galanty and for making this Ball the best one yet.

The Ball Committee would also like to recognize the Michigan Dance School teachers and choreographers who are the heart and soul of their schools and for instilling in their students love for their Polish heritage through song and dance: Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda), Thomas Lisiecki (Halka), Kelly Malinowski (Polskie Maki), Janet Vilag (Rogalin), Sarah Porada (Syrena), Karen Lubiarz (Tatry), Tom Schemanski (Wieliczka), Kasia Schemanski (Wieliczka), Rachel Kasperek (Zajaczek) and Tricia Dennis (Zajaczek). Thank you for all your efforts in preparing your students for this magnificent Ball.

Congratulations to the 2015 PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball honorees! May this evening be a memory that will last forever. May all your future dreams come true!

The 2015 Michigan State Ball graduates are as follows: (Continued on page 11)

for \$500.00. Lastly, Clare Sutka, of the Rogalin Dance Troupe, on behalf of the nine PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools, presented a donation of \$541.19 to Zigmundt Szczepkowski, President of the American Polish Assistance Association, for their *Pennies for Poland* campaign.

With much anticipation, the school directors took to the floor for the 4th annual State Ball Scholarship drawing. Ball Co-Chair, Rita Cerankowski, announced that this year the Ball Committee was pleased to award a total of six \$250.00 scholarships. Lottery-style, the school directors pulled the names of six scholarship winners and read their names to the anxiously awaiting graduates and audience.

Congratulations were extended to Marissa Dutton (Zajaczek), Hunter Gersch (Halka), Danielle Krass (Halka), Michael Smigiel (Zajaczek), Clare Sutka (Rogalin), and Madeline Walsh (Rogalin) for being selected as the lucky winners.

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**Bradley Bartincki** 



Monika Dziuba



Kelly Eusebi



Katelyn Hejza



**Danielle Krass** 



**Roxanne Bazinski** 



**Rebecca Beller** 

Bradley Robert Bartnicki is the seventeen year old son of Beth and Tom Bartnicki of Taylor, MI. He has been a member of the Tatry Dancers for thirteen years and is a member of Society #1413. Brad's guest for the evening was his sister, Jessica Bartnicki, a 2012 Tatry graduate.

Roxanne Marie Bazinski is the seventeen year old daughter of Darek and Donna Bazinski of Rochester Hills, MI. She danced with the PRCUA for ten years, currently with Zajaczek Dance Ensemble, and is a member of Society #1618. Roxanne's escort for the evening was her brother, Max Bazinski, a 2014 Zajaczek graduate.

Rebecca Bernice Beller is the seventeen year old daughter of Arnold and Christine Beller of Sterling Heights, MI. She has been a member of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble for ten years and is a member of Society #1404. Rebecca's escort for the evening was fellow Zajaczek graduate, Frank Slanczka.

Megan Christine Boettcher is the eighteen year old daughter of Andrew and Gail Boettcher of Livonia, MI. She has been a member of the Syrena Dance Ensemble for fifteen years and is a member of Society #1585. Michael Downs was Megan's escort for the evening.

Hannah Rose Cortese is the seventeen year old daughter of Joe and Deanna Cortese of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years and is a member of Society #162. Connor Thompson was Hanna's escort.

Monika Marie Dziuba is the eighteen year old daughter of Louis and Krystyna Dziuba of Riverview, MI. She has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fourteen years and is a member of Society #162. Monika's escort for the evening was Jonas McWiliams.

Marissa Ann Dutton is the seventeen year old daughter of Kimberly and Keith Burow and Robert and Jennifer Jones of Holly, MI. She has been a PRCUA dancer for fourteen years currently with the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble, and is a member of Society #1618. Zachary Laming was Marissa's escort.

Kelly Elizabeth Eusebi is the seventeen year old daughter of Sharon and Christopher Eusebi of Bloomfield Hills, MI. She has been a member of the Halka Dancers for eleven years and is a member of Society #261. Kelly's escort for the evening was Alexzander Dudek.

Hunter Darby Gersch is the seventeen year old daughter of Daniel Gersch and Sarah MacNeill of St. Clair Shores, MI. She has danced with Halka for fifteen years and is a member of Society #261. Andrew Tabaczynski, a 2014 Halka graduate, was Hunter's escort for the evening.



Kaitlyn Kobeski











Hannah Cortese

Katelyn Jean Hejza is the seventeen year old daughter of Dan and Laura Hejza of Frazer, MI. She has been a Halka dancer for fifteen years and is a member of Society #261. Katelyn's escort for the evening was her brother, Brandon Hejza, a 2013 Halka graduate.

Kaitlyn Marie Kobeski is the seventeen year old daughter of Raymond and Regina Kobeski of Hamtramck, MI. She has been a Gwiazda dancer for fifteen years and is a member of Society #261. Kaitlyn's escort was fellow Gwiazda dancer, Bartek Sobiesiuk.

Danielle Hanna Krass is the seventeen year old daughter of Andrew and Marie Krass of Eastpointe, MI. She has been a Halka dancer for fifteen years and is a member of Society #261. Antonio Federico, a current Halka dancer, was Danielle's escort.

Rachel Anne Parker is the seventeen year old daughter of Ray and Michelle Parker of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years and is a member of Society #162. Jacob Bzura was Rachel's escort for the evening.

Ashley Marie Simone is the eighteen year old daughter of Robert and Kathleen Simone Chesterfield, MI. She has been a member of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble for ten years and is a member of Society #1618. Edmund Shaheen, a fellow Zajaczek dancer, was Ashley's escort for the evening.

Michael Leonard Smigiel is the eighteen year old son of Michael and Mary Ann Smigiel of Clinton Township, MI. He has been a fifteen year PRCUA dancer currently with the Zajaczek and Zakopane Dance Ensembles and he is a member of Society #1618. Lindsey DuFresne, was Michaels's guest for the evening.

Clare Frances Sutka is the seventeen year old daughter of Patrick and Maria Sutka of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fourteen years and is a member of Society #162. Gregory Schlimmer, was Clare's escort for the evening.

Madeline Elaine Walsh is the seventeen year old daughter of Michael Walsh and Kelly Walsh Heier of Wyandotte, MI. She has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years and is a member of Society #162. Madeline's escort for the evening was Alexander Palencik.

Eryn Elizabeth Zelek is the seventeen year old daughter of Lynn and Michael Zelek of Canton, MI. She has been a member of the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for fourteen years and is a member of Society #718. Kevin Schulz was Eryn's escort for the evening.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the honorees.



**Rachel Parker** 



Madeline Walsh



Eryn Zelek



**Ashley Simone** 



**Michael Smigiel** 



Clare Sutka

She began praying to Pope John

Doctors could not explain the rapid

Guests visiting the permanent exhibit at the Polish

Museum dedicated to St. John Paul II

## **Our Heritage Can Make Easter More Meaningful**

By Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

In our Catholic tradition, Easter is far more important than Christmas, as it embodies the main mysteries of Christianity: Resurrection and Salvation. But you would never know it judging by the relatively low-key exposure Easter gets in the malls and media, as compared to Christmas. The forces of radical commercialism would undoubtedly love to have a rerun of that gigantic Xmas spending spree but that buck-toothed rabbit of theirs is nowhere near as good a sales agent as that beer-bellied gnome "Santa" in his silly little elf's hat. Except for sweets and potted flowers, no Easter gift-giving tradition really exists. Besides, there isn't even a free day involved, because Easter always falls on Sunday. (In Poland, Easter Monday is a public holiday.)

Have you noticed how the media plays up Mardi Gras in Rio, New Orleans and Venice? They eagerly highlight all the frenzied revelry but somehow forget to note that this final fling of merriment is meaningless without its logical follow-up: the penitential 40 days of Lent.

Six weeks later, things get turned around. The media highlights the Easter parade of spring fashions, the Easter egg hunt on the White House lawn and that big Easter dinner with all the trimmings, but this time they forget what led up to it – the hauntingly beautiful rituals of Holy Week. Without the substance and symbolism of Lent and Holy Week, Easter is just another Sunday family dinner, only slightly more festive than the remaining 51. Luckily, our Polish heritage has what it takes to infuse meaning and depth into Easter. Here are a few suggestions.

Easter Food Blessing: This typically Polish custom takes place on Holy Saturday, when the faithful bring Easter baskets to church to be blessed. A basket may contain symbolic portions of any or all of the following: Easter eggs, sausage, ham, farmer's cheese, bread, babka, mazurek (cake), horseradish, salt, pepper, oil and vinegar. An absolute "must" is the Easter Lamb (made of sugar, butter, cake, chocolate, wood, plaster or plastic). The basket is often decorated with boxwood and covered with a linen napkin or doily.

Our Lord's Tomb: Polish parishes are just about the only ones that still display a tableau of Christ lying in His tomb. The Blessed Sacrament is displayed for veneration in a veiled monstrance, and ushers, altar boys, scouts, uniformed war veterans, etc. may take turns holding an honor guard vigil at the scene, usually set up at a side altar. After having one's Easter basket blessed, it is customary to kneel and pray at the Tomb.

Polish Easter Blooms: The white lily, so common on American Easter cards, is not a typically Polish Easter plant. Far more common are daffodils and hyacinths. Of course, pussy willows are the most typical Easter bloom. Big bouquets are displayed in homes and businesses and many Poles take them to church to be blessed on Palm Sunday.

Mass of Resurrection: The early-morning "Rezurekcja" (Mass of Resurrection) on Easter Sunday begins with an Eucharistic procession that encircles the outside of the church three times. The air is filled with incense, as age-old Easter hymns soar heavenward, and explosions (artillery salutes, firecrackers) are heard to commemorate the rumbling said to have accompanied the opening of Christ's tomb. Besides Wesolego Alleluja, a traditional greeting is Chrystus zmartwychwstał, to which the response is Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!

Świecone or Polish Easter Breakfast or Brunch: This festive meal, eaten after Easter Sunday Mass, traditionally begins with the saying of grace and the sharing of blessed Easter eggs. Next a tart Easter soup, such as żurek or biały barzscz containing eggs and sausage, is served. This is followed by hard-cooked eggs in various sauces, cold meats (roast pork, veal, ham, sausage, jellied pig's feet, pate, etc.), marinated

relishes and salads and sweets, such as pascha

(cheese dessert), babka (egg-bread), mazurka (flat Easter cake) and sernik (cheesecake).

Śmigus-Dyngus: The Polish Easter Monday water-drenching custom is a favorite of boys armed with buckets, cans and assorted squirting devices, who are on the prowl for unsuspecting girls. In parts of the Polish countryside, Dyngus Easter carolers make house-to-house rounds, threatening to drench householders who fail to give them a proper treat. In parts of American Polonia (including Buffalo, New York and South Bend, and Indiana), Dyngus Day is a day of food, drinks, dancing and general merriment.

## Miraculously-Healed Floribeth Diaz from Costa Rica Visits PMA and PRCUA

Chicago, IL - On Monday, March 23, the PRCUA and PMA offices were visited by very special guests, Floribeth Mora Diaz and her husband, Edwin Arce, from Costa Rica. Floribeth Diaz suffered from an inoperable brain aneurism in April, 2011.



Jan Jaworski, Edwin Arce, Floribeth Diaz, and President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

In the Spring of 2012, after Diaz wrote about her miracle cure, she agreed to disclose her miracle to the Commission who was working on Pope John Paul II's canonization process in Vatican. After

inexplicable.

numerous medical tests and consultations in Costa Rica, and at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome, she was confirmed healthy. In the beginning of December 2012, the approval of the miracle process was completed and the documentation was sent to Pope Benedict XVI. On July 5, 2013, Pope Francis accepted the miracle and gave his approval for the canonization of Pope John Paul II.

The guests were welcomed by PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., and were given a tour of the PMA PMA Managing by Director

Malgorzata Kot and PMA Archivist Halina Misterka.

Floribeth Diaz and her husband were invited to Chicago for a banquet organized on the occasion of the 1st anniversary of St. John Paul II 's canonization. The banquet took place at Jolly Inn in Chicago on Sunday, March 22, 2015. They also visited several Polish parishes in Chicago, escorted by Jan Jaworski.

## Chopin's 205th Birthday Celebrated with a Concert at the Polish Consulate

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Chicago, IL - On Friday, February 27th, 2015, a concert was hosted at the Polish Consulate in Chicago on the occasion of the 205th birthday of the great Polish composer, Fryderyk Chopin.

The concert was attended by over one hundred guests from the Polish-American and inter-national communities.

The program was opened by Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Paulina Kapuścińska, who welcomed guests. She also introduced The Cracow Duo Jan Kalinowski (cello) and Marek Szlezer (piano) and presented brief information about the composer.

The Cracow Duo presented Chopin's Polonaise Brillante in C Major, Op. 3 and Cello Sonata in G Minor, Op. 65. The



The Cracow Duo (l-r) Marek Szlezer and Jan Kalinowski



**Consul General Paulina** Kapuścińska welcoming guests

applause. Consul General Kapuścińska remarked that the grand piano in the Consulate was recently restored, thanks to donations made by the Polish-American community.

Guests included diplomats from the Consulates of Germany, France and Philippines, as well as PRCUA Past Res. V.P. Anna Sokolowski with her husband, Mark, and Naród Polski Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz.





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Barclay, Bruce A.	78	MI	Krieg, Doris	261	MI
Beres, Jane A.	385	NY	Kulon, Lillian J.	2102	OH
Brejwo, Joan F.	633	FL	Libucha, Florence I.	896	FL
Brennan, Maria A.	31	PA	Loeffler, Dorothy M.	893	MN
Brzozowski, Florentine	C. 227	OH	Losik, Genevieve	1580	IL
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Delaney, Sophia	1000	PA	Orkwiszewski, Regina	703	PA
Drenzek, Alois A.	2303	WI	Ozols, Alnis H.	463	СТ
Drop, Alfreda F.	308	IL	Paluszka, Emilia	2308	WI
Florek, Virginia	84	IL	Phillips, Robert J.	1580	FL
Golubski, Anthony J. 2220		OH	Romanczak, Florence	951	NY
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Green, Michael	572	NJ	Sheloski, Theresa	927	VT
Gwozdz, James M.	471	IL	Trinkl, Jerome F.	2320	WI
Hamm, Margaret	237	PA	Trzaska, Pauline	2009	PA
Herman, James	1014	PA	Wilson, Frances	527	MD
Hizynski, Mary	1000	IL	Wolf, Kathryne E.	1133	PA
Jachym, Theodore J.	262	CT	Wyza, Jr., James J.	239	NV
Jarzynkowski, Ronald	709	OH	Zalewski, Lucy	1617	OH
Klein, Josephine	20	NJ	Zaraco, Stella M.	2021	PA
Klekotak, Doris	424	MA	Zbydniewski, Carol B.	2145	OH
Kosakowski, Victoria	425	PA	Zrebiec, Helen P.	76	NJ

May they rest in eternal peace.

## Stephanie Jarosz Passed Away

Lawrence, MA - Stephanie "Stevie" Agnes (nee Dzioba) Jarosz, 96, of Prospect Hill, Lawrence, MA, died on February 19, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family. She was a member of PRCUA Soc. #639 for almost 70 years.

Stevie was born on June 21, 1918, in Lawrence, MA, the daughter of the late John Dzioba and Josephine (Ostrowska) Dzioba. She lived her entire life in Lawrence and graduated from its Rollins School. She was a devout member of Holy Trinity Church in Lawrence until its closing, later attending St. Robert



Stephanie "Stevie" Jarosz

Bellarmine in Andover. Stevie was employed lastly by Jo-Gal Shoe Inc. in Lawrence, until her retirement. She was a member of the St. Michael's Women's Society.

Stevie enjoyed spending summers at Little Island Pond with her family. She took great pride in her Polish heritage and passed down Polish traditions and cuisine to her family. Stevie took great pride in hosting "Wigilia" at her home this past Christmas. It was thanks to the devotion of her granddaughter Janice, with whom she lived, that Stevie was able to remain at home until she died.

In 2000, she was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Chester Peter Jarosz, and in 2001 by her daughter, Joann Wolfendale. Stevie is survived by sonin-law Francis J. Wolfendale and his partner Jo-Ann Huddleston; 4 grandchildren: Janice Wolfendale, William (Nina) Wolfendale, Sr., Mark (Rachel Tessier) Wolfendale, Sr. and Taisha Wolfendale; 5 great-grandchildren: William, Rose Wolfendale and her partner Jon Adorno-Colon, Mark, Katie and Anna Wolfendale; and 1 great-great-grandchild Adrian Louis Adorno-Colon; two siblings, Cecelia Ahern and Chester (Theresa) Dzioba, Sr.; brother in-law Walter (Joann) Jarosz, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial for her took place on February 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Stephanie Jarosz was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen.

Deepest condolences are extended to the entire family. May God give her an eternal life!



#### PIECES OF PEACE

#### PAX TECUM – PEACE BE WITH YOU! John 20:19

The Gospel that is read in our Catholic Church is spread out over three years – called A, B and C.

A Gospel passage appears only once over the three years . . . except for the one on the second Sunday of Easter. The Risen Jesus Christ appears to his frightened apostles, who were huddled behind closed door's and says, "Peace be with you!"



Jesus knew exactly what mixture of fear, shame, threat, shock and confusion these good men were experiencing. He came to proclaim divine peace, mercy and forgiveness.

Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with the famous peace prayer: Lord, make ME an instrument of your peace . . . in place of hatred we are called to sow love, injury – pardon, doubt – faith, despair – hope, darkness – light, sadness – joy.

In order to achieve this, we must practice selflessness . . . *not so much to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.* 

For in giving we receive, in pardoning we are pardoned, in dying to self we are born to eternal life.

PAX ET BONUM! – PEACE AND ALL GOOD! – was the mantra of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Wherever he went he proclaimed that greeting.

Our world today is filled with fear, shame, threats, shock, confusion. We need Jesus!

We need to hear His words and to feel His comforting Presence. We need to share in His mission of peace . . . we need to "give peace a chance." The Christopher's motto has always been: "If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be!"

Instead of looking at our challenging world situation with desperate hopelessness, let us cling to Jesus, Prince of Peace and Lord of all Hopefulness and Joy, and do our part to bring "pieces of peace" to our own little world around us. Let us give peace a chance to spread - from locally, where we can make a difference, to our bigger world.

Let us be persons of peace right where we are – sowing love, pardon, faith, hope, light, joy, consolation, understanding. If everyone contributed "pieces of peace" – what a mantle of peace would cover our world!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me! PAX ET BONUM!

The Lord bless you and keep you The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace Numbers 6:24-26



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

Dearborn Hts., MI - On March 7th St. Stan's #718 of Detroit held its 13th Annual One Game Knock-Out at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights, MI.

There were 52 men and 18 ladies who participated. In the men's bracket Randy Landfair beat out Ben Kolano and Jon Hamilton to take this year's title. On the ladies side, Cindy Cooper beat Diane Rocheleau to win the title.

Thanks go out to Ron and Barbara Bak, who chaired the event, along with their team of Tim and Carol Michalski, Mona Kret, Ernie Pinza, Fred Forystek for handling the jackpots and raffle. A special thanks to Harry Muszynski and Janet Rys for taking care of the bracketing and scores. Great Job!



Cindy Cooper and Randy Landfair

#### Father Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba: One of the Greatest Polish Catholic Priest in America



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#### Father Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba

One of the most oldest and cherished faiths celebrated in America today is Catholicism. Over the past three centuries, the Catholic faith has emerged from only being celebrated in the tiny state of Maryland to now being celebrated in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. When the faith was being spread across the country, many

missionaries, including the Franciscan, from Europe were sent to America to teach the Catholic faith to the American settlers. One of the most unforgettable Franciscan missionaries was Father Leopold Moczygemba of Poland. His impact on America and Catholicism has such a legacy, buildings, the settlements he helped established, as well as the Polish and Catholic organizations he helped found are still in existence today.

#### Early Life of Leopold Moczygemba

Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba was born on October 18, 1824 in Pluznica Wielka, Silesia, Poland to Leopold and Ewa Moczygemba. He attended the Conventual Franciscan Seminary in Pesaro, Italy beginning in 1843 and was ordained a priest on July 25, 1847. Exactly one year after becoming ordained, he was sent to Wurzburg, Bavaria to continue his education. Upon completing his studies in Bavaria, Father Moczygemba began preparing for his new life in his priesthood which would soon lead him to a new life in America.

#### Coming to America

As Father Leopold continued his studies, in February of 1852, he received an invitation from Bishop J.M. Odin, the first Bishop of Galveston, Texas, inviting him and several other of his Franciscan brothers to preach to German-speaking Catholics in Texas. In September of 1852, Leopold began his Catholic ministering to German Catholics in New Braunfels and Castroville, Texas. While laboring in these areas, he could see the growth and prosperity of the Germans, thus allowing him to become more concerned about the welfare and lives of his close friends and loved ones in Upper Prussian rule Silesia. Through his missionary work, he became acquainted with John Twohig, a land owner in Hobson and the junction of the San Antonio River and Cibolo Creek.

#### Bringing the Poles to America

In early 1854, Leopold traveled with Twohig to view the junction land near the junction. From the moment he saw the area he was pleased and entered a contract whereby he agreed to settle a large amount of Polish families on the plateau, two miles north of the junction. Without any hesitation, he wrote to his father and others in Silesia, of his discovery in Texas. The instructions he provided them were: to organize themselves into groups, sell all they had, and come as quickly as possible to the new country, that would allow them freedom and abundance from everything that they were denied under the Prussian control. Although many doubted the better conditions of the unsettled foreign land, others remained hopeful of relief from their current conditions and were fearful of the unknown by such a move.

In October of that same year, over a hundred Poles fled the land they had become slaves to under the Prussian rule, and arrived in Galveston, Texas in December. The Poles that made it through the long voyage traveled an additional two hundred miles to the place that Father Leopold had discovered and named Panna Maria meaning, Virgin Mary in Polish. Panna Maria was located about fifty-five miles southeast of San Antonio, ninety miles northwest of Corpus Christi, and ninety-seven miles southwest of Austin, overlooking the junction of the Cibolo Creek and San Antonio River. On Christmas Eve, the Panna Maria became the first Polish settlement in the United States.

In 1855, Father Leopold and the immigrants constructed their first church, the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, next to an oak tree under which, according to tradition, a Midnight Mass on Christmas was celebrated upon the arrival. Upon the completion of the church, Father Leopold realized that he did feel responsible for the settlers and their welfare but they needed food and all he could do was offer them prayers. A fellow pastor once wrote, "They complained and cursed the priest so strongly that he had to escape." Thus Leopold sent a request to Rome asking for another Polish priest to replace him in Panna Maria.

#### Life After Panna Maria

After the dedication of the church in October 1856, Leopold left Panna Maria and returned to Castroville, where he resided until 1857 before returning back to Europe to secure help for the Texas missions, only to return in 1858. During this time, he served as the Superior of the Friars Minor Conventual Missionaries in Texas. In 1858, he was named the First Commissary General of the Conventual Franciscans, a position which he held until 1866. Upon his arrival back to the United States, he was requested by Bishop John McCloskey, of the New Albany Diocese, to help spread the faith in New York.

In March of 1859, as encouraged by the bishop, the future first American Cardinal, Leopold took over the care of two German parishes in Syracuse and Utica and several smaller missions in the surrounding area. He stayed serving the parishes and missions in New York until 1869, and moved to Illinois in 1870, after a quick year visit to Rome to family concerns but with a mission to work endlessly constructing churches, schools, and ministering to people in several languages.

#### Spreading the Faith and More Establishments

When he returned to America, he took charge of the St. Mary's Church in Litchfield, Illinois. One of his top priorities was to establish a Catholic school for the local German immigrant families. Eventually, he moved out of the rectory and reconstructed it into a combined school and convent for the Ursuline Sisters from Alton, Illinois.

At this same time, during this decade, he became more active with the Polish community of America, which he worked with until his death. His dear friend, Peter Kiolbassa, arranged on Easter for him to hear the confessions of 30 German families at St. Boniface and the Polish community in Chicago. One chronicle noted, "the Polish community received Father Leopold with vivid joy and elevated spirits." This statement and event encouraged him to help found the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, otherwise known as the PRCUA, in Detroit, Michigan, in 1873. Following the formation of the PRCUA, Father Leopold returned to Panna Maria for a visit, to only be overjoyed with the progress made.

#### Involvement with Polish Catholics Continued

In June 1875, the PRCUA convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Father Leopold was elected as the President of the PRCUA, which he served until 1879. At the meeting he and fellow priest and friend, Joseph Dabrowski, discussed the idea of founding a Polish teacher's college and seminary in America. Nevertheless, he wrote a letter to the superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, a national Polish order, explaining that with the number of increasing immigration of Poles to America, there is a high demand for his order in America. His leadership encouraged the PRCUA to sponsor the settlement of Catholic Polish immigrants to central Nebraska and the Missouri Valley.

The next few years upon being elected president of the PRCUA, Father's leadership made a remarkable impact on the Polish Catholic community in America. In 1876, he saved one of the pioneer Polish Catholic newspapers, "Gazeta Polska Katolicka," by donating two thousand, five hundred dollars from his own funds; eventually making this the official publication of the PRCUA. Also, two years later, he went to Rome to secure Papal endorsement for his plans to fund a Polish Catholic college or seminary in America and to transfer from the Friars Minor Conventual to the Polish Congregation of the Resurrection, for the benefit of his fellow Polish Catholics. On January 14, 1879, the Holy Father approved his petition. He soon returned to the United States.

#### Spreading the Faith and Dreams Coming True

On November 23, 1882, the Archbishop of Chicago, Patrick Feehan, commissioned Father Leopold, the pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Lemont, to organize a new parish to service the spiritual and cultural needs of Lemont's increasing Polish community. Also, the Archbishop allowed him to organize the SS. Cyril and Methodius parish, having Miss Martianne Czerner to be the first Polish teacher in the parish. Two years later, Father Leopold saw his dreams continue to flourish.

On March 14, 1884, through the combined efforts of his friends in Rome and Father Joseph Dabrowski, received the approval of Pope Leo XIII, to establish a college for education and training of Polish young men for the vocation of priesthood. The school would be guided under the Saints Cyril and Methodius Church. In December 1886, the Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary, commonly known as the Polish Seminary, opened its doors to its first students in Detroit, Michigan. Although it may have taken Father Leopold ten years to see his dreams become a reality, he never failed to help the Polish Catholics in America.

#### Leopold's Last Years

In the years that followed, everything seemed to be taking a downhill slide for Father Leopold. Less than a year after the Polish Seminary opened, Leopold asked to be released from the jurisdiction of the Congregation of the Resurrection and is restored to his former Franciscan status. Seven months later, he asked for perpetual secularization on the grounds of poor health and his request to leave the Franciscans is granted, only to become a diocesan priest with no obligations towards any religious order. Sadly, on February 23, 1891 in Detroit, Michigan, Father Leopold Moczygemba passed away, and was laid to rest on February 25, 1891 in Detroit's Mount Elliot cemetery. On October 13, 1974, his body was reinterred to Panna Maria, Texas, where they will forever remain.

Father Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba will forever be remembered as one of the greatest Polish Catholic missionaries and priest to spread Catholicism in America. Not only was he a pioneer, he was an educator, missionary, and a leader. Most memorably, Father Leopold can be remembered by some very sweet words written on his granite grave slab in Panna Maria, Texas, "Jako Szlazak mam weicej polskiego," meaning "as beguile polish affection." Through his founding of schools and parishes in over ten states, as well as being able to perform masses in Latin, Polish, German, Spanish, Italian, Czech, and English, he most certainly made his impact on Catholics in America; past, present, and future.



## KWIECIEŃ

3 WIELKI PIĄTEK – BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

5 WIELKANOC – WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT!

**10-12 MUSKEGON, MI – 78 KRAJOWY TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI ZPRKA** - Piątek, 10 kwietnia - niedziela, 12 kwietnia - Sherman Bowling Center, 1531 W. Sherman, Muskegon, MI.

**18** WYANDOTTE, MI – RECITAL ZESPOŁU TAŃCA "ROGALIN" - Niedziela, 18 kwietnia - Lincoln Park High School Auditorium. 1701 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Początek o godz. 14.00. Wstęp - \$10.

**18** CHICAGO, IL – OBCHODY **100-LECIA BIBLIOTEKI MPA** - Sobota, 18 kwietnia w Sali Głównej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce - szczegóły na str. 17.

**19** CHICAGO, IL – ŚWIĘCONKA - Niedziela, 19 kwietnia - Grota Banquets. Gospodarzem jest Dystr. #7 ZPRKA - szczegóły obok.

**19 LEMONT, IL – ŚWIĘCONKA -** Szkoły Polskiej Jana Pawła II, godz. 10 w kościele śś. Cyryla i Metodego, 607 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL.

**19** WARREN, MI – RECITAL ZESPOŁU "HALKA" - Niedziela, 19 kwietnia, o godz. 15.00 w Van Dyke Community Auditorium, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. Bilety - \$7. Kontakt: Rita Cerankowski, tel. (313) 891-2403.

21 WYANDOTTE, MI – AUTOKAROWA WYCIECZKA TOW. #162 DO KASYNA FIREKEEPERS - Wtorek, 21 kwietnia. Autokar odjedzie z PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI o 9:30 - powrót o gdoz. 18.00. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$35 od osoby (w tym \$25 kredytu na grę). Ulotki w PRCUA Hall Lounge lub u Stana Pasko: spaskoj@aol.com.

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2 CHICAGO, IL – PARADA Z OKAZJI DNIA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA.

8 WYANDOTTE, MI – OBIAD I PRZEDSTAWIENIE KU CZCI ARTYSTÓW - NEILA DIAMOND, TOBY KEITH & PATSY CLINE - w piątek, 8 maja w sali bankietowej ZPRKA, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 18:30; kolacja w stylu bufetowym o godz. 19:00. Pokaz rozpoczyna się o 20:15 Bilety: \$25 (w cenie: obiad, show, piwo i wino). Płatny bar. Bilety w sprzedaży w PRCUA Hall, tel. (734) 283-4810 lub prosimy dzwonić do: Stasia, tel. (313) 815-5230 lub do Bernie, tel. (734) 512-9802.

10 WYANDOTTE, MI – BUFET ŚNIADANIOWY Z OKAZJI DNIA MATKI TOW. #162 - Niedziela, 10 maja, o godz. 8:30 do 12 w południe w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dorośli - \$ 7, dzieci poniżej 10 roku życia - bezpłatnie. Jajka, naleśniki, kiełbaski, smażona mortadela z cebulą, ziemniaki, tosty, świeże owoce, kawa, herbata i sok.

**29 DEGUSTACJA WINA, PIWA I INNYCH NAPOJÓW ALKOHOLOWYCH** – zorganizowana przez Tow. #162 ZPRKA - w piątek 29 maja od 7-10 wieczorem w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Gorące zakąski włączone. Bilety - \$25 (przy wcześniejsym zakupie), 35 dolarów (przy wejściu). Bilety w sprzedaży w PRCUA Hall, tel. (734) 283-4810 lub w Discount Drinks, 2811 Fort St., Wyandotte, MI (734) 282-3800. Wszyscy uczestnicy muszą mieć ukończone 21 lat.

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

#### ZPRKA poszukuje doświadczonych sprzedawców

Poszukujemy nowych lub doświadczonych pracowników ubezpieczeniowych do promocji naszych produktów finansowych, najlepiej osób z doświadczeniem w sprzedaży ubezpieczeń na życie i w dziedzinie planowania emerytalnego. Zachęcamy zwłaszcza księgowych, adwokatów ze znajomością prawa emerytalnego/nieruchomości i doradców finansowych.

Prosimy o kontakt z Robertem Fattore, dyrektorem sprzedaży ZPRKA pod numer 1-800-772-8632 w. 2631 lub na adres: robert-fattore@prcua.org, w celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji.

Skontaktuj się z nami już dziś i nie przegap tej doskonałej okazji.



## Święconka

Gospodarzem jest Dystrykt # 7 - ZPRKA

Niedziela 19 kwietnia 2015 r.wstęp: 12lunch: 12:30

**Grota Banquets** 

3112 North Central, Chicago, IL

Bilety: dorośli - 30 \$, dzieci do lat 12 - 15 \$

#### Rezerwacje będą przyjmowane do 12 kwietnia 2015

Informacje: dyr. Kevin Kucik, 773-252-3144

Prosimy przesyłać rezerwacje na adres: Dir. Kevin Kucik c/o PRCUA Fraternal Dept., 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642

Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: PRCUA District 7

## Stypendia dla członków Tow. św. Stanisława #718

Detroit, MI – Tow. św. Stanisława #718 oferuje swoim członkom następujące stypendia z funduszu Programu Stypendialnego: dwa stypendia w wysokości \$500 każde, dla studentów uczelni wyższych oraz cztery stypendia w wysokości \$500 każde, dla uczniów szkół podstawowych lub średnich. Stypendia zostaną wręcznone w czasie Pikniku Rodzinnego Tow. #718. Osoby ubiegające się o stypendia muszą posiadać stałe ubezpieczenie na życie. **Termin składania wniosków upływa 1 lipca 2015 r.** 

Dodatkowe informacje: Tom lub Janice Dudek, tel. (734) 981-8119 lub e-mail na adres: **cvg52@comcast.net**. Wnioski są również do pobrania na: **www.prcua.org**, przejdź do: Societies, a następnie do: #718 St. Stan's.

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

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Aby zarejestrować się do tej nowej usługi, prosimy o kontakt e-info@prcua.org lub telefonicznie z Julie Prado tel. (773) 782-2600 w. 2626 lub Anną Grabowski (773) 782-2600 w. 2628. Rejestracja jest prosta i wymaga wypełnienia obowiązujących formularzy, które rozpoczną proces automatycznych przelewów. Ten nowy program pozwoli członkom zaoszczędzić czas i koszty wysyłki pocztowej.

## DOROCZNY OBIAD "CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER"

W niedzielę 15 marca, Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA urządził doroczny obiad "Beef and Cabbage" z okazji obchodów Dnia św. Patryka.

Gości, którzy przybyli do sali jadalnej w budynku ZPRKA, powitali ciepło: prezes Dystr. 7 Walter Szarowicz oraz dyrektorzy Dystryktu Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik. Dyr. Kucik zaprosił wszystkich do zmówienia krótkiej modlitwy przed obiadem. Obiad przygotował Ray Harrington.

Tradycyjnie, po posiłku wybierani są drogą losowania "Lad i Lassie". W tym roku tytuły te wylosowali Kathy Borowiak (Lassie) i Kevin Draftz (Lad). Oboje otrzymali kwiatowe bukieciki i pudełko czekoladek miętowych.

Następnie przystąpiono do losowania zwycięzców w dwóch loteriach. Pierwsza była loteria fantowa, w której było do wygrania wiele wspaniałych nagród i która przysporzyła wszystkim wielu emocji i dużo dobrej zabawy. Następnie wszyscy uczestniczyli w loterii pieniężnej, w której wyłonieni zostali czterej szczęśliwi zwycięzcy: Bob Saługa, Mary Jane Robles, Walter Szarowicz i państwo Richard i Misia Jamińscy.

W obiedzie udział wzięli m.in. byli prezesi

ZPRKA: Wallace Ozog z żoną Joann i Francis Rutkowski z żoną Patricią, byli i obecni członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA z małżonkami i rodzinami, członkowie Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej, "Kopciuszek" Alicia Kaleta i "Książę" Aleksander Labudzki i wielu innych gości.

Wszyscy chwalili doskonały obiad i kierowali wyrazy podziękowania do Dystryktu 7, za mile zorganizowane popołudnie. więcej zdjęć: www.prcua.org









## OBCHODY DNIA PAMIĘCI ŻOŁNIERZY WYKLĘTYCH W CHIAGO



Po programie wystąpił krótko konsul Robert Rusiecki

W dniu 1 marca 2015 r. w kościele św. Władysława w Chicago odprawiona została uroczysta msza św. w intecji poległych i pomorodwanych żołnierzy podziemia antykomunistycznego, którzy w latach 1945-1963 walczyli z okupantem Sowieckim i polskimi komunistami. W tym dniu w Polsce obchodzony jest Narodowy Dzień Pamięci Żołnierzy Wyklętych (Żołnierzy Niezłomnych), który ustanowiony został na mocy ustawy z dnia 3 lutego 2011 roku.

Mszę odprawił i kazanie wygłosił proboszcz parafii św. Władysława, ojciec Marek Janowski SJ. Pieśni w czasie mszy śpiewał chór "Colegium Cantorum Polonia" i chór dziecięcy Chicagowskie "Słowiki". Wartę honorową pełnili mężczyźni ubrani w mundury różnych formacji wojskowych.

Po mszy św. w podziemiach kościoła został wystawiony spektakl słowno-muzyczny

w przygotowany przez wybitnych artystów polonijnych. W programie wystąpili: Dori Koz, Basia Błasik, Kamila Orzeł, Ewa Staniszewska, Jarek Łukomski z zespołem oraz 12 Pułk Ułanów Podolskich.



Artyści wraz z organziatorami

Na tle archiwalnych zdjęć Żołnierzy Wyklętych, artyści przedstawili refleksyjne, głębokie w treści wiersze i piosenki.

W uroczystości udział wziął konsul Robert Rusiecki, przedstawiciele organizacji weterańskich, Związku Sybiraków w Chicago, Związku Harcerstwa Polskiego, Stow. Przyjaciół Ułanów Polskich im. T. Kościuszki, Stow. Armii Polskiej w Ameryce, Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, Związku Narodowego Polskiego, Związku Podhalan w Ameryce, Szkół Polskich im. T. Kościuszki i gen. W. Andersa, przedstawiciele US Air Force oraz duża grupa dzieci i młodzieży.

Zdjęcia: Bogusława Chrzanowska, Lidia Kowalewicz

## POMOC FINANSOWA DLA STUDENTÓW ZPRKA



ZPRKA oferuje swoim członkom pomoc finansową na studia w formie trzech oddzielnych programów: Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA (PRCUA Education Fund, Inc), stypendia ZPRKA i

pożyczki studenckie. Każdy program wymaga wypełnienia odrębnego podania.

#### Pomoc jednorazowa:

\$1500 - "Ku pamięci Aleksandra, Anny, Jana i Waltera Kuszel" przeznaczone dla studentów formacji religijnej;
\$1500 - "Ku pamięci Victorii Kushel" - dla studentów pielęgniarstwa (dwie nagrody w wysokości \$1000 jedna i 500 druga). Pomoc wieczysta:

"Ku Pamięci Adele Szumilus Sularski" - bez wyszczególnienia kierunku studiów.

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

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

Wypełnione podania, weryfikacja danych oraz potwierdzenie średniej ocen należy przesłać do biura ZPRKA do 1 lipca 2015 r.



W kwietniu 2015 r. Biblioteka Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce będzie uroczyście obchodzić stuletnią rocznicę swojego założenia. Pomimo, że obecnie biblioteka jest nierozłączną częścią Muzeum Polskiego, była ona założona znacznie wcześniej niż muzeum, które powstało w 1935, a faktycznie dopiero w 1937 r. otworzyło swoje podwoje dla



Przed wejściem do dawnej biblioteki i czytelni ZPRKA

## **100-LECIE BIBLIOTEKI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO** W AMERYCE

publiczności.

W 1913 r. prezes Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego, Stanisław Adamkiewicz, powołał komitet organizacyjny, którego zadaniem było stworzyć bibliotekę. W przeciągu roku komitet ten pozyskał fundusze na zakup pierwszego księgozbioru liczącego 4 tys. woluminów, a w kwietniu 1915 r. odbyła się uroczystość otwarcia biblioteki z udziałem ks. Jana Obyrtacza, który poświęcił i pobłogosławił nowo powstałą placówkę. Początkowo stanowiła ona wewnętrzną bibliotekę ZPRK, niemniej jednak już wkrótce stworzono bibliotekę objazdową, udostępniając zbiory członkom mieszkającym poza granicami Chicago. Po kilku pierwszych latach prężnej działalności biblioteka podupadła.

W 1934 r. stanowisko bibliotekarza objął Mieczysław Haiman, z zawodu dziennikarz, z zamiłowania historyk i kronikarz, który zaskarbił sobie u potomnych przydomek, Herodot Polonii Amerykańskiej. Haiman z energią i oddaniem zabrał się za organizację kolekcji bibliotecznej.

konserwacji. Kolejna część księgozbioru to Archiwum

Poloników, dzielące się na poloniki po angielsku i

poloniki amerykańskie; pierwsza kolekcja biblioteczna

oprawiona w charakterystyczne czarne okładki często

nazywana jest w bibliotecznym żargonie czarną

kolekcja; cenny zbiór stanowia kolekcje polonijnych

wydawców takich jak Dyniewicz czy Paryski;

podręczniki drukowane dla polskich szkół sobotnich i do

nauki języka polskiego i kultury polskiej dla dzieci,

młodzieży i dorosłych stanowią ciekawą część

księgozbioru. Niepowtarzalna kolekcja muzyczna w

skład, której wchodzą książki, śpiewniki, nuty, a także

nagrania dźwiękowe twórców i wykonawców tak

polskich jak i polonijnych, odzwierciedla bogate tradycje muzyczne polskiej grupy etnicznej w USA.

Jednak największą część tworzy polskojęzyczna

kolekcja udostępniana czytelnikom, a obejmująca literature piekna, tak klasyczna jak i współczesna,

biografie, albumy, opracowania z zakresu języka,

historii, geografii, sztuki, teatru, czy kultury, zwyczajów

Kiedy w 1935 r. prezes ZPRK, Józef Kania, zainicjował starania o utworzenie Muzeum, wówczas zdecydowano o przyłączeniu istniejącej Biblioteki do powstającego muzeum. Mieczyław Haiman, został powołany na kustosza Muzeum Polskiego. Oddając obie funkcje, bibliotekarza i kustosza, w ręce jednej osoby niejako podkreślono integralność obu instytucji. Haiman nie tylko uporządkował kolekcję biblioteczną, był on również hojnym darczyńcą i przekazał swoją prywatną kolekcję książek Bibliotece Muzeum Polskiego. Zbiór ten, w znacznej części poświęcony Polonii i Polsce, stał się zaczątkiem do kolekcji Poloników. Mieczysław Haiman był oddany pracy w bibliotece i muzeum aż do swojej śmierci w 1949 r.

W ciągu następnych lat nastąpiło wiele zmian w Bibliotece, w latach 70. i 80. ówczesny kustosz, ksiądz Donald Biliński wprowadził amerykański system katalogowania i klasyfikacji; jego następczyni, Maria Karpowicz, kontynuowała jego dzieło w latach 1986-1993 powiększając zawartość katalogu kartkowego. Z czasem wprowadzono katalogi komputerowe, a od 2012 r., dzięki staraniom Małgorzaty Kot, wieloletniej kierownik Biblioteki, a obecnie, dyrektor Muzeum, katalog książek dostępny jest online.

Przez minione 100 lat kolekcja znacznie się powiększyła i w obecnej chwili liczy ponad 60 tys. woluminów, w czym Polonia ma wielki udział, bo 70% zbiorów pochodzi z indywidualnych darów. Stare druki, około 70 książek z XVI, XVII i XVIII wieku, stanowią najcenniejszą część kolekcji i w ostatnich kilku latach poddawane są systematycznie



Kustosz o. Donald Biliński

i folkloru. Biblioteka również posiada bogaty wybór książek dla dzieci i młodzieży.

Tak jak w oryginalnym założeniu Biblioteka miała służyć upowszechnianiu polskiego języka, literatury i kultury, tak po tylu latach, przesłanie to jest ciągle aktualne.

Iwona Bożek, MLIS Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce

## Dzień św. Józefa w ZPRKA



W czwartek, 19 marca 2015 roku, pracownicy ZPRKA i PMA, oraz grupa zaproszonych gości, zebrali się wspólnie na lunchu z okazji obchodzonego w tym dniu świeta ku czci św Józefa. Tradycyjnie w tym dniu spożywane potrawy są postne.

Krótką modlitwę przed posiłkiem odmówił w języku angielskim i polskim ks. Andrzej Maslejak, proboszcz Misji Świętej Trójcy w Chicago.





## Komunikat Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Nowym Jorku

#### Konkurs "Świadek Historii" – ogłoszenia I edycji nagrody IPN dla Polonii

Informujemy, iż z inicjatywy Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej ustanowiona została międzynarodowa edycja nagrody "Świadek Historii", zmierzająca do uhonorowania osób i organizacji spoza Polski, szczególnie zasłużonych dla upamiętniania historii Narodu Polskiego. Celem nagrody "Świadek Historii", która ma być przyznawana corocznie, jest zauważenie wartościowych działań podejmowanych przez Polonię w zakresie pielęgnowania pamięci historycznej, dbałości o zachowanie, propagowanie i poszerzanie wiedzy oraz odkrywanie zapomnianych faktów czy osób zasłużonych dla Narodu Polskiego.

Zachęcamy do zgłaszania kandydatur osób i instytucji z kręgów polonijnych do Nagrody i kierowanie wszelkich informacji w tym zakresie na adres IPN do dnia 31 lipca 2015 r.

Szczegółowe informacje nt. konkursu wraz z załącznikami (wniosek o przyznanie nagrody i oświadczenie zgody kandydata) znajdują się pod adresem:

http://ipn.gov.pl/aktualnosci/2015/centrala/swiadek-historiiogloszenie-konkursu-dla-osob-i-organizacji-spoza-polski

Referat d/s Współpracy z Polonia i Dyplomacji Publicznej

UWAGA: Wszystkie artykuły do kwietniowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być przesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 21 kwietnia 2015.



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

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> > Pisanki - rysunek

w wykonaniu mojej mamy,

Przyjęcie powitalne w "Biergarten" połączyło

nowych i starych przyjaciół. Bankiet, na

którym odbyła się ceremonia wręczenia nagród, z wyśmienitą kolacją w formie bufetu i

przy wspaniałej muzyce "Kiełbasa Kings", był

wielkim pożegnaniem i podsumowaniem

wspaniale zorganizowanej imprezy, pod

przewodnictwem pana Boba Hojnackiego i

jego komitetu z Tow. #718 (Bob naprawdę

miło mi było pracować z Tobą i całą grupą).

Wiem, że nie możecie doczekać się wyników -

przedstawiam zwycięzców:

"Pound Town Express" z Wyandotte, MI - Tow. #162 - kapitan - Jake

Grabowski! Och, jak pięknie byli ubrani panowie i panie na bankiecie.

Drużyna męska w kategorii B: "St. Stan's #3" – kapitan – Aaron Surma!

"Alleluja dziś śpiewajmy, Bogu cześć i chwałę dajmy Bo zmartwychwstał nasz Zbawiciel, Tego świata Odkupiciel. Zdrowia, radości i powodzenia

To najszczersze dla Was życzenia." (Autor nieznany)

Witam Wszystkich gorąco i serdecznie! Mam nadzieję, że przetrwaliście zimę bez większych kłopotów i wiosna wnet do nas zawita (nie będzie więcej śniegu). Zacznijmy od wiadomości sportowych:

Wiemy, że robi się gorąco, gdy odbywa się Turnej Koszykówki ZPRKA. Weekend Janiny Binkowskiej 20-22 marca znalazł państwa Drobotów, pana J. Robaczewskiego, pana K. Kucika, panią M.J. Robles i mnie "znów w drodze", tym razem do Dearborn, Michigan, gdzie Tow. św. Stanisława #718 gościło ponad 150 koszykarzy i koszykarek oraz wielu kibiców na 81. Krajowym Turnieju Koszykówki ZPRKA. Wzięło w nim udział aż 17 drużyn, które dostarczyly nam niezwykłych emocji i wrażeń swoimi fantastycznymi strzałami i niezwykłą techniką.





## Na 81. Krajowym Turnieju

W piątek 20-go marca, wspólnie z Judy Drobot, Basią Toboy, Marcią Koszykówki ZPRKA Pilkiewicz i Mary Jane Robles grałyśmy w "kosmiczne kręgle" (cosmic bowl) w Wyandotte - impreza zorganizowana była przez Grupę taneczną "Rogalin" ZPRKA. Nasza drużyna nazywała się "Pink Ladies" a naszym trenerem był prezes Joseph A. Drobot Jr. Menedżer zespołu "Rogalin", Michelle

Stechschulte, prezes Tow. #162 Stan Pasko i prawie 90 uczestników, przywitało nas bardzo serdecznie. Spędziliśmy wspaniały czas na tym wolontariacie! Dzięki Basia Toboy za zaproszenie. Dzięki "Rogalin" za zorganizowanie tego wspaniałego wieczoru!

Imprezy: 2 marca 2015 odbyły się w Sali Głównej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce obchody Dnia Pułaskiego, nienagannie zorganizowane przez dyrektora MPA Małgorzatę Kot. Prezes MPA Richard Owsiany oraz personel ZPRKA i PMA stanęli na wysokości zadania. Gubernator stanu Illinois Bruce Rauner, burmistrz Chicago Rahm Emanuel; prezes zarządu powiatu Cook Toni Preckwinkle, skarbnik powiatu Cook Maria



Bankiet na zakończenie turnieju

Pappas, byli jednymi z wielu osobistości, które zaszczyciły uroczystości swoją obecnością. Wieczorem tego samego dnia na bankiecie z okazji Dnia Pułaskiego w Jolly Inn Restaurant and Banquets w Chicago, pani Irene Moskal del Giudice prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej - Oddział IL, uhonorowła prezesa ZPRKA Josepha A. Drobota, Jr.



"Kosmiczne kręgle"

nagrodą im. Kazimiera Pułaskiego. (Zobacz artykuł i zdjęcia w tym numerze NP).

Gratuluję Legionowi Młodych Polek udanego Balu Amarantowego, który odbył się 7go marca b.r. w Hilton Towers. Prezes Drobot z małżonką i ja z Ryszardem meżem reprezentowaliśmy ZPRKA.

8-go marca b.r., Grupa



"Pink Ladies" z trenerem panem Drobotem

Kulturalna Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej z prezesem Edwardem Muszalskim, zorganizowała 40-ty Pokaz Mody, p.t. "Love is in the Air" w Sabre Room, w Hickory Hills, IL. Elizabeth Dynowski, sekretarka Grupy, ponownie została przewodniczącą i jednym z choreografów tej imprezy. Udział w pokazie wzięły piękne młode modelki, przystojni chłopcy, a także zgrabne mamy i babcie z prześlicznymi wnuczkami. Występowały ZPTL "Wesoły Lud" i HHPD (Hickory Hills Park District). W następnym "Narodzie Polskim" ukażą się zdjęcia i artykuł. Jak zwykle wspaniały pokaz!

15-go marca br., po udanym posiedzeniu kwartalnym ZPRKA, członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji wraz z małżonkami wzięli udział w dorocznym "Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner", sponsorowanym przez Dystr. 7 ZPRKA, pod



Babcie i wnuczki - modelki na pokazie mody



Członkowie zarządu ZPRKA z rodzinami na pokazie mody

przewodnictwem prezesa Wally Szarowicza i wiceprezesa Stevena DeLonki. Jak zawsze, impreza przygotowana została w świetlicy ZPRKA. organizacji Przy współpracowali członkowie komitetu: sekretarz Shirley Dudziński, skarbnik Irene DeLonka, rezerwacje przewodniczący Lillian

Stempinski, oraz dyrektorzy Dystr. #7 Kevin Kucik i Anna Krysiński. Wielu dyrektorów ZPRKA, którzy uczestniczyli w tegorocznej imprezie, już dziś z niecierpliwością oczekuje na następny rok. jedzenie! Wspaniałe Wspaniali ludzie!

19-go marca b.r. świętowaliśmy w ZPRKA Dzień św. Józefa wspólnym lunchem w stylu bufetowym.

Stół św. Józefa wywodzi się z Sycylii, gdzie przygotowywany był ołtarz ku czci św. Józefa i stół bogato zastawiony bezmięsnymi potrawami. Św. Józef jest patronem rodzin, robotników, ojców (by wymienić tylko kilka) i jest bardzo bliski sercom zarówno Włochów jak i Polaków. W Ameryce, gdzie mieszają się tradycje wielu narodów, Polonia chętnie organizuje tzw. "stoły św. Józefa". Aby uczcić ten wyjątkowy dzień w ZPRKA, zaprosiliśmy kilku przyjaciół. Wszystkim Józefom i Józefinom, w tym naszemu prezesowi Drobotowi, składamy życzenia imieninowe.

Tego samego dnia w godzinach wieczornych, Agnieszka Bastrzyk



dyrektor marketingu ZPRKA asystent prezesa, zorganizowała w Wielkiej Sali MPA spotkanie Polsko-Amerykańskiej Izby Handlowej (Polish American

Spotkanie Polsko-Amerykańskiej Izby Handlowej

Chamber of Commerce - PACC). W spotkaniu wzięło udział wielu członków PACC, niektórzy z nich po raz pierwszy odwiedzili MPA. ZPRKA dołączyło do PACC w 2014 r. Agnieszka świetnie się spisałaś! Nasze Szkoły:

Zespoły "Wesoły Ludek" SWCPD (menedżer Anna Kraszewski, dyr. artystyczny/choreograf Ryszard Jaminski) i "Polanie" z Polskiej Szkoły JPII w Lemont (organizatorzy Mirek Cisło i Agnieszka Witek, kierownictwo artystyczne i choreografia Antoni i Sabina Dobrzańscy) zostały przyjęte do udziału w 9-tym Polonijnym Festiwalu Dziecięcych Zespołów Folklorystycznych w Iwoniczu Zdroju w dniach 15-23 lipca. Festiwal jest organizowany przez Rzeszowski Oddział Stowarzyszenia "Wspólnota Polska". Obie grupy będą reprezentowały ZPRKA po raz czwarty.

Wiosna to czas na koncerty jubileuszowe i przedstawienia z okazji zakończenia roku szkolnego. W tym roku, Południowo-Zachodnie Centrum Polskich Tańców Ludowych ZPRKA rozpoczęło ten sezon 22 marca przedstawieniem z okazji 30. lecia swojego istnienia. Byłam bardzo dumna, że absolwenci Centrum to obecnie: dr. zarządzający Anna Kraszewski, instruktorzy tańca i śpiewu: Annette Nowakowski, Danielle Kroplewski, Michael Dziadkowiec, Ola Herdzik, Kasia Bialas, Camilla Steczek oraz asystenci: Stephanie Anhalt, Sylvia Kupiec, Emily Stoch i Anna Cieplucha. Wszystko pod czujnym okiem dyrektora artystycznego i choreografa, Ryszarda Jamińskiego. Więcej informacji i zdjęć w następnym numerze "Narodu".

Weekend 28-29 marca był wizytą państwa Drobot w szkołach w Michigan: Tatry, Opole i Wieliczka (zdjęcia w następnym numerze NP). Również w ten weekend przypadała 10. rocznica Zajączka (Colleen Bonkowski, dyr.; Tricia Dennis i Rachel Kasperek - instruktorzy tańca).



Jubileuszowy koncert Poł-Zach Centrum Polskich Tańców

Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy brali udział w tych imprezach organizatorom, wykonawcom i wszystkim, którzy nas wspierają!

## **STYPENDIUM** IM. RYSZARDA GÓRECKIEGO

Fundacja Charytatywna Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej przyjmuje podania na tegoroczne stypendia im. Ryszarda Góreckiego w wysokości od 500 do 1,000 dolarów.

Kandydaci do stypendium muszą być obywatelami Stanów Zjednoczonych polskiego pochodzenia. Osoba zainteresowana uzyskaniem stypendium musi być studentem co najmniej drugiego roku w pełnym wymiarze godzin na akredytowanej uczelni lub być studentem studiów podyplomowych i mieć dobre wyniki w nauce (minimum GPA 3.0 w skali 4.0). Wymagane jest członkostwo w lokalnym wydziale Kongresu Polonii Amerikańskiej, lub krajowym KPA.

Procedura ubiegnia się o stypendium:

1. Wypełnienie formularza stypendium PACCF.

2. Przysłanie pracy pisemnej zawierającej:

a. Nazwisko najbliższego członka rodziny, któremu student przypisuje swoje polskie pochodzenie

b. Opis celów naukowych i zawodowych.

3. Oryginał najnowszego świadectwa ocen (transcript), w tym oryginalna, uwierzytelniona kopia GPA.

4. Opis osobistego uczestnictwa w życiu społeczności.

Formularze podań można uzyskać drukując ze strony internetowej www.paccf.org, lub przez e-mail:paccf@paccf.org, lub zamawiając telefonicznie 773-763-9942. Termin składania podań upływa 15 kwietnia 2015 roku.

#### Występ ZPiT "Polonia" na cześć św. Jana Pawła II dla cudownie uzdrowionej przez niego Floribeth Diaz

Pani Floribeth Diaz przyleciała do Chicago z Kostaryki na zaproszenie komitetu organizacyjnego Chicagowskiego Oddziału Centrum Kultury Jana Pawła II w Chicago, którego prezesem jest Jan Jaworski. Późnym wieczorem na Lotnisku O'Hare grupa

tancerzy z ZPiT "Polonia", ubranych w stroje ludowe, powitała wraz z organizatorami spotkania p. Diaz, która przyleciała z mężem Edwinem i tłumaczem.

Pani Diaz została w cudowny sposób uzdrowiona za pośrednictwem św. Jana Pawła II w dniu jego beatyfikacji. Po



Powitanie na lotnisku O'Hare prawdziwości uzdrowienia, poprzedzonego wieloma badaniami medycznymi, cud ten został uznany jako najważniejszy, pierwszy dowód potwierdzający świętość Jana Pawła II, pozwalający na rozpoczęcie procesu kanonizacyjnego. W dniu kanonizacji Jana Pawła II

pani Diaz niosła w Rzymie relikwie św. Jana Pawła II. Pani Floribeth w ciągu kilku dni pobytu w Chicago odwiedzała wiernych w kościołach i udzielała wywiadów. Jednym z centralnych spotkań z p. Floribeth był bankiet w Jolly Inn Restaurant w niedzielę 22 marca, na którym wyświetlono dokumentalny film, szczegółowo przekazujący jej życie w okresie ciężkiej, nieuleczalnej choroby, jej kult i gorącą modlitwę do Jana Pawła II, w końcu cud uzdrowienia, a po nim cały proces dochodzeń lekarzy z Watykanu, w celu jego potwierdzenia.

To nie był zwykły bankiet, to było bardzo mocne duchowo spotkanie z wybraną przez Boga osobą. Uczestniczyli w nim przedstawiciele Kostaryki z konsulem na czele, wielu księży, przedstawiciele Polonii, wierni oraz gościnnie zaproszony ZPiT "Polonia" ZPRKA.

Tancerze wprowadzili dostojnych gości do głównego stołu, po czym odśpiewano cztery hymny: amerykański, polski, kostarykański i papieski. Panią Floribeth Mora Diaz oraz jej męża powitali na środku sali członkowie ZPiT "Polonia". Reprezentując zespół, Marek Podowski powitał dostojną parę i podziękował za przybycie w języku hiszpańskim i polskim, zaznaczając szczególną bliskość zespołu ze św. Janem Pawłem II, gdyż zespół miał zaszczyt dwukrotnie wystąpić dla papieża. Jan Paweł II był dla zespołu światłem i siłą do jego działalności - siłą, gdyż błogosławiąc tancerzy powiedział im: "Tańczcie i śpiewajcie na chwałę Boga i ludzi, bo to tak ważne dla kultury polskiej".

Zespół zatańczył w czasie bankietu trzy tańce: mazura, krakowiaka i poloneza. Wszystkie urzekły i bardzo spodobały się p. Diaz i jej mężowi oraz wszystkim gościom. Gorące brawa wyraziły ich radość i zachwyt polskim folklorem. Dla zespołu był to kolejny czas przypomnienia i umocnienienia szczególnej duchowej bliskości ze św. Janem Pawłem II.

Dla wszystkich zebranych na

był to czas głebokich przeżyć,

nie tylko religijnych. Całkowity

dochód z bankietu zostanie

przekazany na Centrum Jana Pawła

II w Krakowie. Wszystkim

wspomagającym to spotkanie i

księżom, niech Pan Bóg szczerze

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przedsiewziecia,



Tancerze "Polonii" witają gości na bankiecie

rozpowrzechnianiu świadectwa o tym, że nasz kochany Papież i już św. Jan Paweł II, nie przestał się troszczyć o swoje owce za życia i dalej troszczy się o nie na całym świecie.

(dok. ze str. 20) oraz potrzebie dalszej współpracy w dążeniach do włączenia Polski programu bezwizowego Visa Waiver Program.

W czasie uroczystości wystąpili również: konsul generalny RP w Chicago Paulina Kapuścińska, gubernator Illinois Bruce Rauner, burmistrz Chicago Rahm Emanuel, senator Mark Kirk, kongresmanka Janice Schakowsky, kongresman Mike Quigley, rewident stanowy Leslie Geissler Munger, sędzia Sądu Apelacyjnego Illinois Aurelia Puciński, zastępca skarbnika Illinois Jay Rowell, sekretarz Sądu Okręgowego Powiatu Cook Dorothy Brown, skarbnik

powiatu Cook Maria Pappas, prezes zarządu powiatu Cook Toni Preckwinkle, prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej i Związku Narodowego Polskiego Frank Spula, radny 30 Okręgu miasta Ariel Reboyras.

Wszyscy przemawiający

zwrócili uwagę na bohaterstwo generała Kazimierza Pułaskiego i podkreślili potrzebę jak najszybszego włączenia Polski do programu Visa Waiver Program. Zapewnili również swoje dalsze wsparcie w tej kwestii, podkreślając, że program ruchu bezwizowego umocni partnerstwo między Polską i Stanami Zjednoczonymi.

Podczas uroczystości Betty

Uzarowicz, członek Rady Dyrektorów MPA wręczyła stypendium w wysokości 1000 dolarów zwycięzcy konkursu na pracę pisemną, sponsorowanego przez Fundację im. Zbigniewa Uzarowicza. Stypendium przyznane zostało uczniowi Polskiej Szkoły Sobotniej św. Trójcy, Mateuszowi Plewa.

Scott Swanson, Prezes PNC Bank w Illinois przekazał Muzeum Polskiemu w Ameryce donację w wysokości \$5.000.

Ambasador Ryszard Schnepf, MPA przewodniczący Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., i wiceprezes Związku Polek w Ameryce Sharon Zago złożyli wieniec u stóp obrazu "Pułaski pod Savannah".

Na zakończenie odśpiewano "God Bless America". Goście zostali serdecznie zaproszeni na poczęstunek.



## Słodkie święta

#### Babka czekoladowo-bakaliowa

Ciasto: 1,1 funta mąki; 0,2 funta posiekanych migdałów; 0,1 funta orzechów laskowych; 0,5 funta masła; 22 dag cukru; 0,45 funta czekolady mlecznej; 5 jajek; 1 opakowanie cukru waniliowego; 1 opakowanie proszku do pieczenia; 1/3 szklanki mleka; szczypta soli Polewa: 0,5 funta cukru pudru; 1 białko; 2 łyżki soku z cytryny

Masło utrzeć z cukrem, cukrem waniliowym i szczyptą soli na puszystą masę. Wbijać pojedynczo jajka stale mieszając. Dodać mąkę wymieszaną z proszkiem oraz wlać mleko, wymieszać. Czekoladę drobno posiekać, wymieszać z orzechami i migdałami, dodać do ciasta, wymieszać. Wysmarować formę na babkę, wlać ciasto. Wstawić do piekarnika nagrzanego do 347 stopni F na 50-60 minut. Upieczoną babkę wystudzić. Z cukru pudru, białka i soku z cytryny zrobić lukier, polać babkę.

#### Mazurek żurawinowy

Ciasto: 0,65 funta mąki tortowej; 0,1 funta mąki ziemniaczanej; 0,175 funta cukru pudru; 0,45 funta masła; 1 jajko; 2 żółtka; 1/3 łyżeczki proszku do pieczenia

Masa czekoladowo-żurawinowa: 0,22 funta masła; 2/3 szklanki mleka; 2,5 białe czekolady; 0,75 funta suszonej żurawiny

Make przesiać, dodać pozostałe składniki. Ciasto dokładnie posiekać nożem, krótko zarobić i wałkować na grubość około 7 mm. Wyciąć z ciasta format tortownicy i wyłożyć nim jej dno. Z resztek ciasta uformować wałekm przykleić do brzegów ciasta białkiem. Dno ciasta nakłuć widelcem, piec około 25 minut w 356 stopni F. Gotowe wyjąć i wystudzić.

Masa: Da garnka włożyć masło, połamaną czekoladę i mleko, podgrzać na małym ogniu, by powstałą jednolita masa. Gdy składniki się połączą, zdjąć garnek z ognia, dodać żurawinę. Masę dokładnie wymieszać. Gotową czekoladowo-żurawinową masę wyłożyć na upieczone i rozprowadzić równomiernie po całości. Pozostawić do ostygniecia i zastygniecia czekolady.

#### Sernik z serków Philadelphia

0,65 funta herbatników; 0,45 funta masła; 0,45 funta cukru; 1 i 2/3 szklanki śmietanki kremówki; 0,85 funta serka Philadelphia; 1 opakowanie żelatyny na 2 szklanki; 1 cukier waniliowy; łyżeczka gorzkiego kakao

Herbatniki zmielić, połączyć z roztopionym masłem i wyłożyć dno tortownicy. Zimną śmietanke ubić. Żelatyne wraz z 0,25 funtu cukru rozpuścić w 1 szklance gorącej wody. Serek utrzeć z pozostałym cukrem i cukrem waniliowym, połączyć z ubitą śmietanką, wlać przestudzoną żelatynę z cukrem, dokładnie wymieszać i wyłożyć do przygotowanej tortownicy. Posypać gorzkim kakao i odstawić na 8 godzin do lodówki.



(L-p): Ambasador Schnepf otrzymał książkę

"Polski pawilon na nowojorskiej wystawie

światowej" od prezesa MPA Richarda Owsianego i

historyka Jana Lorysia

Senator Mark Kirk

## PREZES JOSEPH DROBOT **WYRÓŻNIONY** NAGRODĄ PUŁASKIEGO



Chicago, IL - W poniedziałek, 2 2015 marca prezes ZPRKA Joseph Α. Drobot, Jr. wyróżniony został prestiżową nagrodą Kazimierza Pułaskiego, nadaną przez Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej -Oddział Illinois. Uroczystość wręczenia Nagród

(Lp): Joseph A. Drobot z żoną Judith, p. Kasia Bober, Charlie Wojciechowski z żoną Kate, siostra Genowefa Potaczała

Pułaskiego odbyła się w czasie bankietu z okazji Dnia Pułaskiego, w sali bankietowej Jolly Inn w Chicago w poniedziałek wieczór.

Gości powitała na bankiecie prezes KPA - Oddział Illinois, Irena Moskal Del Giudice. Hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych odśpiewał prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. JE biskup Andrzej P. Wypych odmówił modlitwę wprowadzającą.

Po kolacji, Malgorzata Ptaszyńska i Steven Rakowski, którzy byli mistrzami ceremonii, przedstawili pięciu laureatów Nagród Pułaskiego za rok 2015. Wyróżnieni zostali:



Państwo Judith i Joseph Drobot z biskupem Andrzejem Wypychem

- Charlie Wojciechowski, reporter TV w Chicago NBC-5;

- Siostra Genowefa Potaczała, Misjonarka Zakonu Chrystusa Króla dla Polonii i dyrektorka Polskiej Szkoły św Ferdynanda w Chicago;

- Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., prezes Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i przewodniczący zarządu Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce;

- Katarzyna "Kasia" Bober, założycielka i właścicielka Kasia's Deli i znana w Chicago filantropka;

- Eugeniusz Chmielowski, prezes Związku Sybiraków Polskich w Chicago, ofiara deportacji obywateli polskich na Syberię.

Każdy z wyróznionych otrzymał grawerowaną kryształową statuetkę oraz bukiet kwiatów.

Dyrektor KPA - Oddział IL Bogusław Niemczewski odczytał list nadesłany z okazji obchdów Dnia Pułaskiego przez Adama Kwiatkowskiego, posła na Sejm RP.

Na zakończenie modlitwę wygłosił ks. Tadeusz Dzieszko,



Nagroda Kazimierza

Pułaskiego

proboszcz parafii św Konstancji w Chicago, który zaprosił również wszystkich do odśpiewania God Bless America i Boże coś Polskę. Jego Eminencja Biskup Andrzej Wypych udzielił zebranym błogosławieństwa. W uroczystości udział wzięło około 250

osób, obecni byli m.in. kandydat na burmistrza miasta Chicago Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, radny 30go Okręgu Chicago Ariel Reboyras i przedstawiciele wielu organizacji polonijnych, w tym reprezentacja ZPRKA i MPA.

Składamy panu prezesowi Drobotowi serdeczne gratulacje i życzymy mu wielu sukcesów i kolejnych wyróżnień.

Nie zna śmierci Pan żywota *Chociaż przeszedł przez jej wrota;* Rozerwała grobu pięta, Reką święta. Alleluia! (z pieśni Wielkanocnej)

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie! Znowu Wielkanoc. Znowu Wielkanocne biją dzwony, a biją już niemal od dwóch tysięcy lat na uroczyste Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie. Głoszą one światu tą niezbitą i nieomylną prawdę: Chrystus Zmartwychwstał!

> Składamy wszystkim okazyjne życzenia Allelujowe odnowienia się naszego w Boskim Zbawicielu, który, pokonawszy szatana, zwyciężył świat.

#### Radosnych i Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych, Alleluja!

Ks. kanonik Władysław J. Ptak Naczelny Kapelan

Ks. kanonik Antoni D. Iwuć Wice Kapelan

W

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program

wprowadzenie

przedstawicielie

## **OBCHODY DNIA PUŁASKIEGO**

uroczystościach liczny udział wzięli

stanowych i powiatowych stanu

Illinois oraz miasta Chicago, jak

organizacji polonijnych, weterani,

duchowieństwo i środki masowego

wykonawcza MPA Małgorzata Kot,

która przedstawiła krótko bohatera

dwóch narodów Kazimierza

Pułaskiego oraz wspomniała o

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Owsiany

Polskiego w Ameryce.

Savannah"

MPA Richard

Gości powitała dyrektor

Oficjalny

poniedziałek, 2 marca.

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rozpoczęło

sztandarów.

Chicago, IL - Tegoroczne stanowe obchody Dnia Pułaskiego odbyły sie w Wielkiej Sali Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce w



Przewodniczący zarządu **MPA i prezes ZPRKA** Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.



Prezes KPA i ZNP **Frank Spula** 



pod

Weterani Armii Polskiej w czasie obchodów Dnia Pułaskiego



Historyk MPA Jan Loryś



w Chicago

Batowskiego, który stanowi tło dorocznych uroczystości. Hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych zaśpiewała Marlena Dziś, której akompaniował na fortepianie Jarosław Gołembiowski. Modliwy na rozpoczęcie i na zakończenie uroczystości odmówił ks. Idzi Stacherczak, polski konsultant Archidiecezji Chicagowskiej. Jednym z gości honorowych tegorcznej uroczystości był ambasador RP Waszyngtonie Ryszard Schnepf, który w krótkim wystąpieniu wspomniał o polsko-amerykańskim sojuszu (dok. na str. 19)

Program prowadzili prezes przewodniczący zarządu MPA i prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Historyk MPA, Jan Loryś Konsul Generalny RP przedstawił historię obrazu "Pułaski autorstwa Paulina Kapuścińska