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Minister Malgorzata Omilanowska Visited PMA and PRCUA

Chicago, IL - On Wednesday, July 22, 2015 the Polish Museum of America was visited by Prof. Małgorzata Omilanowska, Poland's Minister of Culture and National Heritage, accompanied by Urszula Ślęzak, Director, Department of International Relations, Jacek Miler, Director, Department of Cultural Heritage, and Robert Rusiecki, Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago.

Guests were greeted in the lobby by PMA staff, Directors and PRCUA representatives and then given a special tour of the PMA, its Library, and Archives, led by PMA Historian Jan Lorys, Head Librarian Iwona Bożek, Librarian Krystyna Grell, and Archivist Teresa Sromek. They were accompanied by PMA President Richard Owsiany, PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and PMA Chairman of the Board and PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. For this special occasion, PMA employees displayed some of the most valuable and significant artifacts from the PMA collection. The visitors also had an opportunity to see the Music Room, Paderewski Room, Art Gallery, and the recently remodeled Rare Book Room, as well as areas of the premises which are in need of future remodeling.

An official program followed, with an interview by Polish American media in the Paderewski Room and lunch in the PRCUA Board Room.

After lunch, the dignitaries returned to the PMA Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall and met with a group of representatives from the Chicago Polish American community. The program closed with Minister Omilanowska's remarks during which she expressed appreciation to American Polonia for their need to cultivate Polish culture. She was grateful to the PMA for their efforts to preserve and protect artifacts of Polish history and traditions, for being the custodians of very valuable collections of artifacts, and for being Poland's ambassadors in the USA.

Also stopping briefly at the Home Office of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Minister Omilanowska visited the office of PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot Jr.

The PMA and PRCUA were both very pleased that Minister Omilanowska, and her esteemed entourage of dignitaries, chose to spend their valuable time visiting the Museum and our country's oldest Polish American fraternal organization.



Minister Małgorzata Omilanowska



Minister Omilanowska with PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.



PMAL Head Librarian Iwona Bozek (l) showing the collection of rare books to Minister Małgorzata Omilanowska (r)



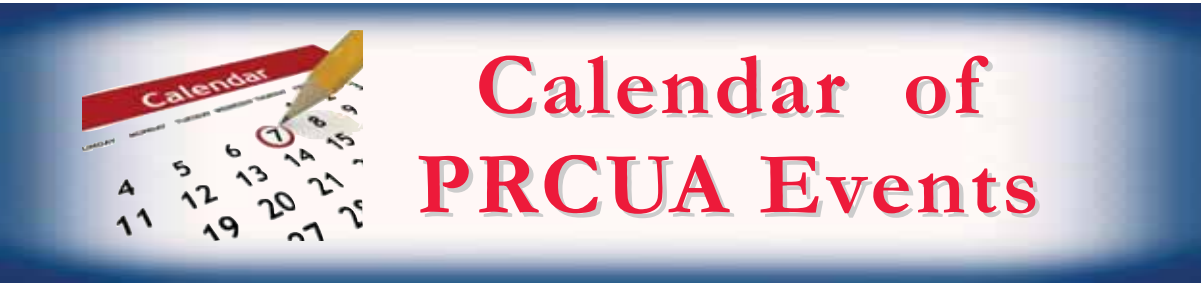
Guests touring the Paderewski Room (l-r): Jacek Miler, Richard Owsiany, Małgorzata Omilanowska, Urszula Ślęzak, Jan Lorys



(L-r) Teresa Sromek showing Urszula Ślęzak, Jacek Miler, Małgorzata Kot, Joseph A. Drobot, Robert Rusiecki and Małgorzata Omilanowska some of the most valuable items from the PMA collection

PRCUA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Chicago, IL - From the moment of its foundation, one of the main objectives of the Polish Roman Catholic Union America was to help children and young people to acquire a proper education. Initially, several individual scholarships were established for the most needy and most deserving students. In 1903, the PRCUA Educational Fund was established at the 28th PRCUA Convention in Detroit, MI. The first Educational Fund scholarships were awarded in 1907. The tradition of promoting higher education among PRCUA members continues to this day. Each year, the PRCUA distributes scholarships to members from the PRCUA Scholarship Fund, and educational grants to students of higher learning from the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. This year a total of 49 students will be awarded scholarships: 31 from the PRCUA Scholarship Grant Fund and 18 from the Educational Fund. (Continued on pg. 4.)



AUGUST

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WESTLAND, MI – ANNUAL ST. STAN’S SOC. #718 PICNIC
on Sat., Aug. 1 for members and their families at Nankin Mills (Hines Park) from Noon to 8 p.m. Entrance is south of Ann Arbor Trail at Hines Dr., between Merriman & Wayne Rd., on west side of Hines Park. Food and drinks are complimentary. Contact: Denny and Tina Churchvara 313-561-7464.
- 8-9
DETROIT, MI – 33rd ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
on Sat., Aug. 8 from Noon to 9 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 9 from Noon to 8 p.m. at Sweetest Heart of Mary Parish grounds, 4440 Russell at Canfield near Eastern Market, Detroit, MI. Food, music, raffle and fun for the whole family. Reverent Polka Mass on Sat. at 4 p.m. PRCUA Halka Dancers will perform at the Festival. Info: 313-831-6659.
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CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 MEETING
on Mon., Aug. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski 773-763-4069.
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JOHNSTOWN, PA – ST. CASIMIR’S SOC. #531 MEETING
on Tues., Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m., 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905.
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LANSING, MI – SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING
on Wed., Aug. 19 (every third Wednesday of each month), Potluck at 5:30 p.m., 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.
- 21-22
BIG RAPIDS, MI – 61st PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
on Fri.-Sat. Aug. 21-22 in Big Rapids, MI. Hosted by St. Rita’s Society # 1368 at Hemlock Field, 402 Hemlock Street and Industrial Field, 603 Bjornson Street, in Big Rapids, Michigan (See details on pg. 4.)

SEPTEMBER

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LABOR DAY
- 8
JOHNSTOWN, PA – ST. CASIMIR’S SOC. #531 MEETING
on Tues., Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m., 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905.
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CARLETON, MI – ST. STAN’S SOC. #718 MIXED GOLF OUTING
on Sat., Sept. 12 at 9:00 a.m. Thorne Hills Golf Course at 12915 Sumpter Rd., in Carleton, MI. Number of golfers limited to the first 150. Start time is 9:00 a.m. The cost for golfers is \$45 and \$15 for non-golfers. Price includes golf, lunch, dinner and refreshments. Contact Dan Gdowski for information 734-497-2681 or 734-654-2734.
- 13
ARLINGTON HTS., IL – DISTRICT #7 FISHING DERBY FOR YOUNGSTERS
on Sun., Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Busse Lake Fishing Wall, Arlington Hts., IL. Contact: Walter Szarowicz 847-577-7274 (See details on pg. 10.)
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WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING
on Sun., Sept. 13 at 1:00 pm at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: S. Pasko 313-815-5230.
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LANSING, MI – SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING
on Wed., Sept. 16 (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 pm. Contact: V. Ulrich at 517-484-3311.
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WYANDOTTE, MI - PRCUA#162 FIREKEEPERS CASINO BUS TRIP
on Tues., Sept. 15. Bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Return approximately at 6:00 p.m. \$35 per person - \$20 gambling credit and \$5 food credit will be loaded to your Players Card. Participants must be 21years of age to enter the Casino. Deadline to sign up - September 11, 2015. Reservations and info: Stan Pasko, 313-815-5230. Proceeds to benefit PRCUA #162.
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TROY, MI – CIRCUIT XI MEETING
on Wed., Sept. 16 at Noon at Polish American Culture Center, 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: Bernardine Wozniak, Recording Secretary, at 586-731-3692.
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WARREN, MI – SAINT 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: J. Ozog 586-751-8168.
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OAKBROOK, IL - IL-IN WOMEN’S DIVISION BRUNCH
on Sun., Sept. 27 at the Oakbrook Drury Lane Theatre. (See info on the right.)

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All articles for the September issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

IL-IN Women's Division Brunch
September 27, 2015

As a member of the Illinois-Indiana Women’s Division of the PRCUA, you will be honored at a Brunch on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, at the Oakbrook Drury Lane Theatre, and will receive ONE Complimentary Ticket for this Brunch.

Cost for Adults: \$30.00
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5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$27/Month–\$300/Year Life Benefit Amount		
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

5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$54/Month–\$600/Year Life Benefit Amount		
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	\$3,523	\$4,010

5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$81/Month–\$900/Year Life Benefit Amount		
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

5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$108/Month–\$1,200/Year Life Benefit Amount		
Age	Male	Female
5	\$66,022	\$75,699
15	\$47,875	\$55,238
25	\$35,409	\$40,055
45	\$18,378	\$20,578
65	\$9,792	\$11,068
75	\$7,298	\$8,306

Use the proposed insured's age nearest to birth date. (Ex. If 5 yrs. 5 mos. use 5 yrs., if 5 yrs. 6 mos. use 6 yrs.)
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TERM INSURANCE VS. WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE

TERM

Advantages:

- Initially premiums are lower than those for permanent insurance
- It allows a person to buy higher amounts of coverage, especially at a younger age
- This is a great product for young families that often have a limited budget, but a significant need for protection
- It can cover specific needs that will disappear in time, such as a mortgage or other types of loans
- Certificates are renewable

Disadvantages:

- When the term ends, if you purchase a new certificate the premium increases due to age
- Certificate premiums increase based on age of applicant
- Coverage terminates at the end of the specified term
- You may not be able to convert to permanent insurance because of health issues
- Does not accumulate cash values or dividends

WHOLE/PERMANENT

Advantages:

- Guarantees lifelong protection as long as premiums are paid
- Generally, premium costs are fixed
- Develops cash values, which can be borrowed against; loans must be paid back, otherwise death benefit will be reduced by the amount of the loan at the time of death
- Cash values can be surrendered, in total, or in part, for cash or to convert to an annuity
- Cash values can be used to pay future premiums or provide paid-up insurance
- Generally dividend participating – dividends can be used to reduce the amount of future premiums needed or purchase additional paid-up insurance

Disadvantages:

- High initial premium levels may make it hard to buy enough protection
- May be more costly than term, especially if you do not keep it long enough

In most cases, a permanent plan may be the best type of life insurance to purchase. If the prospects are a young family with a home, cars, loans etc., who appear to need high amounts of coverage or if they wish to insure for a specific period of time, then term insurance may be the right plan.

3 questions to answer: Do you need insurance? How much? What type?

Contact your local PRCUA Sales Representative and complete a Needs Analysis to determine which plan will accomplish your goals.

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2015 PRCUA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT RECIPIENTS

Student's Name	Class	School	Society
Barbara Armstrong	Senior	Kings College-London	445
Kelsey Bansek	Junior	North Carolina State Univ.	2159
Katherine Bialas	Senior	Benedictine University	1622
Kylie Bielenda	Senior	Oakland University	718
Alan Bonk, Jr.	Sophomore	Arizona State University	1004
Sarah Diven	Graduate	Michigan State University	1618
Filip Dominski	Sophomore	Loyola University	1624
Christine Flynn	Sophomore	University of Toledo	261
Michael Guirey	Sophomore	University of Detroit-Mercy	1593
Kamelia Habina	Graduate	Life Chiropractic College West	1634
Ellen Jackson	Graduate	Miami University	227
Emily Jelsomono	Senior	Columbia College - Chicago	162
Natalia Jezyk	Junior	Loyola University	1605
Samantha Kowalski	Sophomore	Purdue University	224
Julia Kulesza	Sophomore	Carthage College	1616
Austin Lessnau	Sophomore	University of Michigan	1413
Catherine Napierala	Senior	Dominican University	1624
Tiffany Ozog	Junior	Eastern Michigan University	1493
Evelina Pabijanski	Graduate	Midwestern University	1634
Marcel Pawlas	Junior	Pace University	642
Mark Podowski	Junior	University of Illinois-Chicago	1616
Andrew Schmitz	Senior	Loyola University	542
Anne Shymanski	Sophomore	University of Michigan	1413
Jessica Shymanski	Sophomore	Wayne State	1413
Laura Shymanski	Junior	Grand Valley State University	1413
Michael Skrzypczyk	Junior	SUNY Geneseo	203
Jeremiah Stanek	Sophomore	Illinois Institute of Technology	1634
Nicholas Stanek	Sophomore	Illinois Institute of Technology	1634
Kelsey Surmacz	Junior	Ohio University (Main)	855
Anet Szatkowski	Sophomore	University of Michigan	1618
Emily Ann Wolffe	Sophomore	Lake Superior State Univ.	1413
Paulina Zdanowicz	Senior	Lewis University	1605

2015 PRCUA EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Student's Name	Class	School	Society
Adrian Adamiec	Senior	Loyola University	1626
Katherine Baran	Sophomore	Fashion Institute of Technology	1624
Claire Diven	Sophomore	Michigan State University	1618
Melissa Eckert	Sophomore	Illinois State University	1622
Timothy Eckert	Junior	Marquette University	1575
Patrick Gawronski	Junior	Dominican University	1616
Kristin Kapusta	Sophomore	Southern Methodist Univ.	2102
Victoria Mordzinski	Sophomore	Miami University	1626
Diana Obniski*	Sophomore	University of Illinois-Urbana	
Adrian Paszek	Senior	Dominican University	1624
Konrad Pawelek*	Graduate	Northeastern Illinois University	
Magdalena Rozko	Junior	Dominican University	1624
Domonique Ruszala*	Junior	Bucknell University	
Elena Sobilo	Sophomore	Boston University	413
Ava Socik*	Graduate	Rush University Medical College	
Pavel Stolarczyk*	Sophomore	Michigan State University	
Michael Stolarczyk*	Sophomore	Indiana University Med School	
William Whitney	Senior	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia	1004

Congratulations and best wishes
to all scholarship recipients.

SAVE THESE DATES:



August 21-22, 2015: PRCUA Softball
Tournament, Big Rapids, MI

March 4-5, 2016: PRCUA Basketball Tournament,
Romulus, MI

April 8-10, 2016: PRCUA Bowling Tournament,
Wyandotte, MI

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Invitation for Teen Members to Attend the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball Orientation

Chicago, IL - The M. Konopnicka Adult Cultural Group invites high school age PRCUA members from Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9, and their parents, to a luncheon and informational meeting for candidates who want to participate in the 2015 "Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball." The orientation will be on **Sunday, September 20, 2015**, at 1 p.m. at the Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

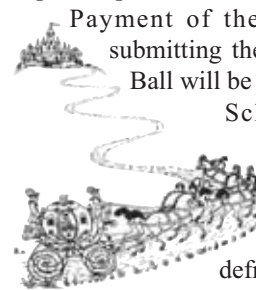
The Adult Cultural Group, which sponsors the Ball, will cover the cost of the luncheon. Those interested in participating are asked to make reservations by September 14, 2015. Reservations can be made by calling **Gabriela Zuk at (708) 989-2408, or Danuta Stypula at (708) 257-9019**.

Rehearsals for the Ball will begin on Monday, October 5, and will be every Monday until the Ball, at St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73rd Ave., Summit, IL from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

We invite all high school students, who are PRCUA members in Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9 (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana) to participate in the Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball.

Payment of the registration fee is required when submitting the application form at the luncheon. The Ball will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015.

Scholarships will be awarded to the "Cinderella" and "Prince Charming" title winners, smaller ones will go to the Runners-Up, and all participants will receive a small sum of money to help defray the costs associated with the Ball.



PRCUA Family Picnic – Great Fun!

Chicago, IL - This year, PRCUA Districts 7, 8 and 9 hosted the First PRCUA Family Picnic and Outdoor Mass, held at the P.A.C.F. Grove on Sunday, June 28th in Glenwood, IL. Rev. Ron Kondziolka from St. Anthony Parish in Chicago was celebrant of the Mass.

What a wonderful event this was for the whole family! The picnic featured: DJ Piotr Michalak, Clowns Lulu and Lolo, a bouncy house, pony rides, paddle boats and various sports activities. Add the excellent food and great weather and you have a perfect Sunday!

A BIG “Thank You” goes to all those who volunteered their time to plan, organize, prepare, cook, serve, paint faces and everything in between! Everyone had a blast at the beautiful P.A.C.F. Grove!

Save the date for next year’s picnic – the last Sunday of June!

To view more photos from this year’s picnic, visit PRCUA’s Facebook page!



L-r: Dir. Kevin Kucik (D-7), Dir. Krystyna Lech (D-8), PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski, PRCUA Secretary-Treas. James Robaczewski, Dir. Anna Krynski (D-7), Dir. James Rustik (D-8), Dir. Elizabeth Sadus (D-9)



L-r: Past Ins. Supervisor Barbara Pawlowski and Past PRCUA VP Lorie Gorny



Philadelphia News...

PRCUA: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS:

Coral Springs, FL - Introducing Miss Hannah Dickinson, age 7. A member of PRCUA Society #2013, Hannah received a Certificate of Achievement and a Trophy while participating in Twister's Cruisin' Classic Annual Gym Fest. On May 21st, Hannah accomplished the following rotations: Floor, TT, Bars, Vault and Beam. Hannah's excitement about gymnastics grew and, in her last week of class, she accomplished her first back-flip!



Hannah Dickinson

Hannah proved what a well-rounded person she is when, on the 27th of May, she was named Top Accelerated Reader in her first grade class for the 3rd and 4th quarters of the 2014-15 school year. Miss Dickinson has read over 63 books and 101,118 words. During weekly Mass, she was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a gift card to Barnes and Noble. In her spare time, Hannah - a future Girl Scout - has earned all of her Daisy Petals and will be bridging over to the Brownies during this upcoming school year. In the Fall, Hannah will be going into second grade at St. Andrew's Catholic School in Coral Springs, FL and is looking forward to making her First Holy Communion.

The other Dickinson children have also been busy. Wyatt, 5 years old, graduated from VPK 4 at St. Andrew's Early Childhood Enrichment Center on June 4th. The event was held in St. Andrew's Social Hall with performances by each class. Wyatt cheerfully sang his heart out to "In The Presence of the Angels." When Mrs. Peralta, his teacher, called out his name he bounded on stage to receive his diploma from Mrs. Bernard-Vargas, the School Principal. Among Wyatt's accomplishments, he was named "Student of the Month" during May by displaying good character, working well with his classmates and following directions given to him by his teacher. He worked very hard throughout the whole academic year to receive this award. He had been elected by his classmates as President of VPK 4B for the 2014-15 school year. Wyatt will enter Kindergarten in the Fall at St. Andrew's Catholic School in Coral Springs, FL and is looking forward to finally being in the BIG school with his big sister Hannah.



Wyatt Dickinson

District 3 Members Participate in Fraternal Activities



Dorothy Wolff (3rd from left) with the winners of the contest

Philadelphia, PA - PRCUA District 3 in Philadelphia, PA has collected tabs from aluminum cans for the past few years. About three years ago, Dorothy Wolff of PRCUA Society #129 and St. Mary's Assumption Church in Phoenixville, PA joined our quest. The tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House associated with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children to help provide accommodations and meals for an accompanying parent or family member while their child is receiving care or treatments.

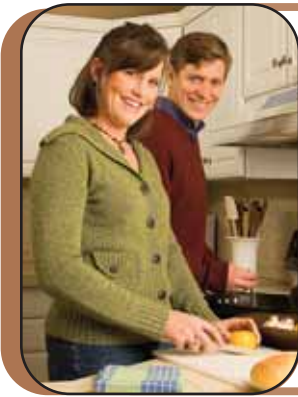
Dorothy Wolff asked the attendees of the religious program at St. Mary's to participate in a corporal work of mercy project and had a contest to collect the tabs for us. As a result, this year Dorothy delivered 100 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. The winners of the project can be found in the picture. Thank you and congratulations to Antonio, Anthony, Meredith and, of course, Dorothy, for an OUTSTANDING JOB WELL DONE!

Ronald McDonald House appreciates the donations. The tabs are converted into money to help the families during their stay. Please contact either District 3 Directors, Sharon Quinn or Joanne Zajac if you would like more information on this project

The group picture on the right was taken at our Annual Join Hands Day event in Philadelphia, PA. Several members from PRCUA District 3 joined hands with other local fraternal groups to make meals for the homebound at Aide for Friends. Thank you to those who participated and a special thank you goes to Agnes Bastryk, PRCUA Marketing Director, for sending the participants PRCUA shirts to wear so everyone knew we were representing the PRCUA.



(L to r): Ed Quinn, Dir. Sharon Quinn, Dir. Joanne Zajac, Donna Zagacki, Marge Czekay and Susan Pekala



Fraternal Summer Recipes

HAM STUFFED SWEET POTATOES - Bake 4 large sweet potatoes at 425 F for 40 minutes. Cut a slice from the top of each potato, scoop out the inside and chop it. Combine 2 cups of fully cooked, chopped ham with 1/3 cup cranberry orange relish, 1/4 cup raisins, 1/4 tsp. brown sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt and 4 Tbsp. of softened butter or margarine. Fold in the chopped potatoes. Spoon the mixture into the potato shells. Place on baking sheet. Reduce the oven to 375 F; bake for 15-20 minutes.

CHEESE MINI MUFFINS - Combine 3/4 cup butter and 2 c. (8 oz) of cubed or shredded sharp Cheddar Cheese in a medium saucepan and melt for about 2 minutes, stirring until well blended. Remove from heat. Stir in 2 cups of self-rising flour. Add to saucepan 1 cup of sour cream and 2 Tbsp. chopped chives. Spoon mixture into mini muffin tins, about 2/3 full. Bake at 375 F for 20-22 min.

BANANA CHOCOLATE CHIP BARS - Cream 2/3 cups of sugar with 2/3 cups of softened butter or shortening. Add 1 tsp. vanilla extract, 1 egg and 1 cup of mashed bananas. Sift 2 cups flour, 2 tsp. of baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt together. Mix flour well into the banana mixture. Add 12 oz. chocolate chips. Spread evenly into greased 15x10-inch pan. Bake at 350 F for 20-25 minutes.

WILD RICE SALAD - Prepare 1 cup of wild rice, drain well. While still warm, add 1/3 cup orange juice, 1/4 cup olive oil, 1 cup pecan pieces, 1 cup dried cranberries, grated rind of 1 orange, 4 chopped scallions, 3/4 tsp. of salt and freshly ground pepper. Mix well and refrigerate overnight.

CRUNCHY APPLE AND CARROT SALAD - Combine 4 carrots (peeled and grated) with 2 apples (cored and chopped), 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 Tbsp. grated horseradish, 1 Tbsp. sugar, 1 Tbsp. lemon juice. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix well, serve immediately.

SNAP BEANS WITH SOUR CREAM - Blanch 2 lbs. of snap beans, season to taste with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Simmer in 1 cup of vegetable stock or bouillon for about 10 minutes. Add 1 Tbsp. butter and 1 cup sour cream and simmer for another 5 minutes.

ROLLED BISCUIT OMELETTE - Cream 8 egg yolks with 4 Tbsp. sugar, then beat with whisk over heat in top of double boiler until light and fluffy. Remove from heat and slowly add 1 cup sifted flour, beating constantly. Season with a little salt. When thoroughly blended, fold in 8 stiffly-beaten egg whites. Pour out on a buttered, floured sheet and bake in 350 F oven for half an hour. Top with jam, jelly or preserves. Fold over, sprinkle with sugar, cut into slices and serve with vanilla sauce.

CELERY ROOT SALAD - Peel and shred 2-3 young celery roots. Pare, core and shred 2-3 apples. Season with salt and pepper, add 1/4 cup olive oil, and 2-3 tbsp. wine vinegar. Mix thoroughly. Let stand in refrigerator for 3-hours before serving.

TATRY'S ANNUAL RECITAL

Lincoln Park, MI - The Tatry Dancers celebrated their 44th Annual Recital on March 28 at Lincoln Park High School in Lincoln Park, MI. Thomas Lackey opened the program with a wonderful welcome after the American National Anthem was played. Rose Ann Lackey, Tatry's Director, then introduced the Tatry Dancers and Choreographer/Teacher Karen Lubiarz. Karen is the very heart and soul of Tatry. She outdid herself once again with an amazing program of Polish folk dances and up-beat novelty dances. This was Karen's 26th year with the Tatry Dancers.

This year's novelty theme was "All in a Days Work." After the curtain rose, Group 2 captured the audience right off the bat with "Please Mr. Postman"; the girls looked great as they danced after their 'postman'. They were followed by Group 4 who won the audience over dancing with "Doctor, Doctor." Then Group 1 took the stage, looking adorable in their clown costumes, and stole everyone's hearts with "Be a Clown." Group 3 did a great job dancing to "9 to 5." Lastly, Group 5 went to work and performed to "Car Wash." It was apparent that they were having fun and the audience loved it.

Traditional Polish dances, regional dances and American polkas were the theme in the second half of the program, which began with the entire Tatry Dance School singing the Polish National Anthem *a cappella*. Groups 4 & 5 opened the second half of the show with a regional dance, "Nowy Sacz Medley." Group 3 picked up the pace with "All the Boys," followed by Group 2's equally fast-paced "Round and Round Polka."

Then it was Group 5's turn to show their dancing skills to the "Polish Home Polka," but the Group 5 girls were not done yet and quickly returned to the stage to perform the "Una Paloma Polka." Next was one of Tatry's favorite dances - the Goralski - which featured the Boy's Group. They did an amazing job demonstrating not only their fancy dance steps, but also their athletic abilities while performing the harder leaps. The girls' footwork kept up with the quick beat for an enjoyable performance.

Group 1 was up next, dancing to the "My Best Friend Polka." Everyone was so proud of them, especially the first-year dancers. They did a wonderful job and didn't miss a beat. Then 2015 Tatry graduate, Brad Bartnicki, took the stage for the "Graduate Polka." Group 4 was up next, dancing to the "Super Sax Polka." "Polish Soul" is a Tatry Dancers staple and this year our graduate, along with the 2016 Tatry graduates, Jaclyn



2015 Tatry Graduate
Brad Bartnicki



GROUP 1 - Back Row: Ava Lackey, Lily Kasprowicz, Will Fust, Ben Allen, Grace Lapointe, Dane Lackey.
Front Row: Anthony Lackey, Gianna Vitale, Haley Kasprowicz, Jude Lapointe



GROUP 3 - Back Row: Tomas Vincent, Evan Lubiarz, Connor Pellerito, Nathan Pellerito, Joey O'Neill, Brenden Walters
Front Row: Riley Bekrija, Lauren Romano, Kiera Skurnit, Alexandra Schade
Not Pictured: Leah Esker, Erin Del Cotto



GROUP 5 - Amanda Johnson, Grace Bertucci, Alexandra Czarniecki, Brad Bartnicki, Rebecca Vincent, Jaclyn Mullen, Sarah Grawburg

Mullen and Rebecca Vincent, did a fabulous job performing this all time favorite.

Groups 2 & 3 followed with their regional dance, the "Kaszuby Medley." Then the 2015 Tatry graduate, took the stage one last time for the "Graduate Waltz." Brad, along with his escort, his sister Jessica Bartnicki who graduated from Tatry in 2012, performed a beautiful waltz. Finally, all the Tatry Dancers took the stage for the Finale. Every dancer did a wonderful job and their parents couldn't have been prouder.

Thanks are extended to Director Rose Ann Lackey, whose unwavering dedication to Tatry is the glue that keeps the group together; to choreographer Karen Lubiarz, who every year produces such wonderful dances and really knows how to make the kids shine; to all the dancers, alumni, officers and especially the parents and family members, who made many of the costumes - this 44th Recital would not have been a success without you.

Congratulations to Tatry's 2015 graduate - we are so proud of you and your accomplishments! Your dedication throughout many years of Polish folk dance classes, as well as your performances at the annual recitals and at community functions, and your participation in PRCUA events, is truly appreciated. You are wished all the best!

Submitted by:
Christina Walters,
Tatry Secretary



GROUP 2 - Left to Right: Camden Walters, Nicolette Schade, Andrew Pierzynowski, Isabella Machowicz, Grace Lackey
Not Pictured: Elena Del Cotto



GROUP 4 - Back Row: Brendan Lubiarz, Sophie Temkow, Sara Gazdecki, Elizabeth Machowicz, Grace O'Neill, Daniel Szafranski
Front Row: Lauren Grawburg, Mikayla Robinson, Marissa Romano, Elise Lubiarz, Isabel Pierzynowski
Not Pictured: Emma Del Cotto, Elizabeth Orozco



BOYS GROUP - Back Row: Nathan Pellerito, Daniel Szafranski, Brad Bartnicki, Brendan Lubiarz, Joey O'Neill
Front Row: Evan Lubiarz, Brenden Walters, Andrew Pierzynowski, Connor Pellerito

MY MISSION IN LIFE – RE-DISCOVERED

Note to readers: At the suggestion of PRCUA Vice President, Micheline Jaminski, I have written a personal interest column for this issue of the Narod Polski, rather than a news story.

After 20 Years of Retirement

After 20 years of retirement from teaching and counseling for the Cleveland Public School District, I recently had the pleasure of working again with young people. And I recall now why I went into the teaching profession so long ago. To see young minds become excited at learning new things, to watch self-confidence grow, to observe occupational goals start to take shape - these are the reasons why teachers spend a lifetime in the classroom. There is a proverb that "Teachers never become wealthy, but no one else lives a richer life." How true it is! There is no endeavor more noble than investing in the future of our country through educating its youth. Thus, I have re-discovered my mission in life - to be a teacher.

Tour Manager

Recently I took a job as Tour Manager with a company specializing in arranging logistics and details of educational tours for student groups. Tour managers direct school district excursions, most often eighth grade class trips to Washington, D. C., which is a mere 375 miles from Cleveland, with rest and meal stops, only eight hours from home.

So, three times this Spring, I led students on an adventure to our Nation's Capital, and on one occasion to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York City, as well. I would like to reflect on my observations for a minute, if you will permit me.

Energy of 8th Graders

Eighth graders are young people in the midst of their physical growth spurt, and as such, are extremely robust, lively, animated and enthusiastic. They seem to have boundless energy. Even after traipsing through Smithsonian Museums, Arlington National Cemetery, monuments dedicated to Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson, past the White House, US Capitol Building, the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress - they still have enough energy to "dance up a storm" at a Disco arranged just for them in the evening.

Eighth graders also have minds that are growing at just as rampant a pace as their bodies. They are quick-witted, eager to learn, with sponge-like minds that absorb every nuance of every issue. I can almost see the wheels churning inside their heads as they try to untangle an intellectual challenge.

Social Needs

While all this growth is taking place inside eighth graders' minds and bodies, they also have social needs to be met. Acceptance, and being part of a group, is THE most critical social need. Not only teens, but all people, need someone to listen to them, to accept them as they are, and to give them respect, but for teens, those needs are particularly acute.

It is a teacher's professional obligation to do all of the above. And there is no greater reward than to feel success at achieving these goals.

It is amazing that in just three days such goals can come to fruition, albeit on a very limited scale. At the conclusion of most trips the students are grateful for the guidance given to them in helping them learn about Washington, D.C. A student with a career goal of architecture was thrilled to observe the many architectural styles evident in Washington. And many additional students started to evaluate other career options as they were introduced to numerous professions held by historical figures.

D.C. Trivia

I have been to D. C. many times in my life, but I always learn something new. I would like to share some trivia with you that I gleaned from recent trips. The framers of the U.S. Constitution favored states' rights over federal government rights. What the colonists originally intended was a conglomeration of independent states, loosely united. This idea sounds like the present day European Union, independent states (countries) sharing a common goal. The thought of a king, or despot, ruling the entire nation was anathema. Thus, the Articles of Confederation were written, in 1777, as the first Constitution of the United States.

States' Rights vs Federal Rights

The problem with this Constitution is that it had no provisions for collecting taxes to pay for an army, among other shortcomings. These Articles of Confederation were used as a draft for the next document, called the Constitution of the United States of America. The National Archives Building contains original copies of these documents. One can see where George Washington used a pencil to cross out the names of each of the original thirteen colonies/states, and to insert the words "United States." Thus, the U.S. Constitution begins with the words: "We the people of the United States..." and not with "We the people of the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc."

Fort McHenry Flag

Another bit of trivia that I found fascinating relates to the U.S. flag, which inspired the Star Spangled Banner. That very flag is the foremost exhibit at the National Museum of American History. Francis Scott Key, the author of the poem which was later set to music as the U.S. National Anthem, saw that flag waving over Fort McHenry, in Baltimore harbor, on the morning of April 14, 1814, following a night of heavy bombardment of the Fort by the British in the War of 1812. The Fort McHenry flag has 15 stars and 15 stripes, one for each state in the union at that time; Vermont was added to the original 13 colonies/states in 1791 and Kentucky in 1792. It was the intent to keep adding stars AND stripes for each new



Ft. McHenry Flag

state. The next time the flag was officially updated was in 1818, and by this time five more states were added to the country. It was determined that to keep adding stripes would make the flag unwieldly. So it was decided in 1818 to return to 13 stripes, one for each of the 13 original colonies, and to add one star for each new state. Thus, the flag of 1818 had 13 stripes and 20 stars.

Date Flags Become Effective

Another point of trivia is that new flags become effective on July 4, following a state's admission to the union. Alaska was admitted to the union on January 3, 1959, and Hawaii became the 50th state on August 21, 1959. Therefore the 49-star flag existed for one year only, from July 4, 1959 until July 4, 1960, when a new flag with a 50th star was added for Hawaii.

Madame Tussauds Wax Museum



Mikhail Gorbachev and his wax figure which is displayed in Madame Tussauds Wax Museum

While in New York City, the 8th grade class paid a visit to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, which includes over 200 life-size wax figures, scattered over five floors, where one can get "up close and personal," and even take selfies with the figures. Wax figures are grouped into theme areas including film and TV, world leaders, pop culture, sports, music, and authentic history, among others. I, personally, wanted a photo with Pope John Paul II. But the most interesting figure to me was Mikhail Gorbachev. When I visited Russia in 2005, I was invited to Moscow State University of Humanities to attend a panel discussion titled, "Twenty Years of Perestroika." Among the panel members was none other than Mikhail Gorbachev-himself, the very person who conceived the idea of restructuring, called *Perestroika*. After the program concluded I approached him and asked if I could take his picture, to which he graciously agreed. So, now I have a photo of the real Mr. Gorbachev, which I can compare to his wax likeness - for authenticity.



A photo with a wax figure of St. John Paul II

Flight 93 Memorial

On the return to Ohio, most class trips stop to visit the "Flight 93 Memorial" to observe the sight where United Airlines Flight #93 crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001 as part of the terrorist plot to attack American symbols of wealth, power and government. The geography of the place contains rather sparsely populated open fields, lacking the Greek temples of Washington, D.C., and the steel and glass skyscrapers of New York City. But it is the memory of those 40 brave passengers and crew members who deserve our respect. When the plane crashed, it was only 18 minutes flying-time to Washington. The exact target is not known, but it is suspected that the plane was heading for the Capitol Building, the White House, or one of the nuclear energy plants along the east coast - but most likely the U.S. Capitol. The impact site around the crash still contains minute fragments of human body parts, too small to be recovered, making the entire memorial scene quite somber.

It is only too sad that on such a whirlwind tour of Washington, New York, and Shanksville, that it is not possible to linger at these profound sites to ponder the meaning of this great tragedy.

Arriving Back Home

As the buses pull into the school parking lot, at precisely the appointed time, parents gather around the caravan of coaches to greet their child with hugs and kisses of joy. The students gather their belongings and eagerly head to the door of the bus to meet their parents. Most pause for a moment to say a sincere "Thank you" with an expression that lets you know that you made an impact on their lives.

In conclusion, it seems that I have rediscovered my niche again: leading students on an educational journey - more priceless than gold.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director
District #5

Congratulations Allison Christopher



Youngstown, OH - Congratulations to PRCUA member, Allison Christopher! Allison is a senior at Ursuline High School in Youngstown, Ohio. She made history when she placed 4th in the nation at the 2015 National Speech & Debate Tournament held in Dallas, Texas. Allison competed against the "best-of-the-best" from all 50 states. She plans to attend the School of International Service at Georgetown University and eventually wants to become Secretary of State. "Ally" is the daughter of Glenn and Cindy (Turkiewicz) Christopher and a member of PRCUA Society #247!

The PRCUA congratulates and salutes Allison for this excellent accomplishment and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

LAST CHANCE!!!!!! SUMMER VACATION CONTESTS FOR PRCUA STUDENTS

Art Contest for Grades K-8 and Photo Contest for Grades 9-12

Surely, all of the PRCUA's young members are enjoying their summer vacation and the many great adventures that they are encountering while traveling, participating in summer camps or just having fun with their family and friends. The PRCUA Fraternal Department and *Naród Polski* publication would like PRCUA youth to share their summer memories with their fellow members. Throughout the months of summer, the PRCUA is sponsoring an Art Contest for Grades K-8 and a Photo Contest for Grades 9-12. Send your drawings and photos today!

Subject: 2015 SUMMER VACATION (either the most memorable activity/experience or the most interesting place visited this summer). Only one entry allowed per member.

Art Contest - One \$50.00 prize will be awarded in each of three age categories: K-Grade 2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8. All Art Contest entries should be 8.5 in. x 11 in. in size (drawing or painting). Please write the student's name, address, phone number with area code, name of school, grade, and a short description about the artwork on the back of the artwork. Entries should be mailed to: SUMMER VACATION ART CONTEST, *Naród Polski*, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101.

Photo Contest - One \$50.00 prize will be awarded for students in Grades 9-12. Only one entry allowed per member. The Photo Contest entry should be submitted as a JPEG, 300 dpi, color or black/white photos, no bigger than 1,000 KB. Photo entries should be submitted by e-mail, along with a short description of the photo's subject matter, along with the student's name, address, phone number with area code, school, and grade. Send to: narod-polski@prcu.org (please write SUMMER VACATION ART CONTEST on the subject line.)

All entries must be postmarked by **August 28, 2015**. Winners will be chosen on September 4, 2015. The names of the winners, and the winning entries, will be published in the October issue of *Naród Polski*.

The PRCUA reserves the right to question or disqualify any artwork that is clearly not the work of the student based on their age and grade level. All participants must be PRCUA members.



Polish News Bytes

Compiled by Robert Strybel, Our Warsaw Correspondent

Referendum before joining eurozone advised

Before scrapping the zloty and adopting the euro, the European Union's common currency, the Polish people should have the right to voice their opinion in a national referendum. That is the view of President-Elect Andrzej Duda's chief foreign-policy adviser Krzysztof Szczerski. He also predicts that Poland would resist giving up more of its sovereignty to Brussels, and that includes opposing the EU's environmental policies which are forcing the country to use less coal, its principal fuel. Poland has been a major beneficiary of EU funds, but many Poles resent Brussels' interference in their country's internal affairs. Duda's party, the conservative Law and Justice party (PiS) has displayed a more Euro-realistic approach unlike the Euro-enthusiasm of the still governing Civic Platform (PO) which has been in power for eight years. Opinion polls show PiS will be forming the next government after winning October's parliamentary elections.

Poland launches first new naval ship in years

The Navy Yard in the Baltic Port of Gdynia was recently the scene of the first launching of a new naval vessel in years, a patrol ship christened the ORP *Ślązak*. Construction began back in 2001 when the vessel had been planned as a corvette named ORP *Gawron*. (ORP = Okręt Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej or Ship of the Republic of Poland.) Commentators have noted that Poland has the facilities needed to build modern naval vessels but can do so only if the Defense Ministry lays out the cash. Poland's defense industry was criticized a recent decision to purchase French helicopters rather than those produced in Poland.

Polish-built solar car headed for Australia

Orzeł 1 (Eagle 1), an experimental solar-powered vehicle built by students of Łódź Technological University, is headed for Australia to compete in the World Solar Challenge. The Formula 1-type vehicle weighs 880 pounds, measures 17 feet in length and has a top speed of 62 mph. It has room for the driver and one passenger. In addition to solar panels, Orzeł 1 is the only entry from Central Europe, that has been fitted with two battery-powered electric motors. At the event (October 18-25), competitors will be required to complete a nearly 1,900-mile route through the desert from Darwin to Adelaide.

National Stadium re-badged for money

Warsaw's ultra-modern but cash-strapped Stadion Narodowy (National Stadium) recently received a financial shot in the arm to the tune of 40 million zlotys (about \$10.6 million) from the PGE electric-power company. The catch is that for the next five years the stadium will have to change its name to incorporate the PGE (Polska Grupa Energetyczna) logo. Built for the 2012 European Soccer Championship, which Poland co-hosted with Ukraine, it is the city's pride and joy. But since then the 60-seat stadium has not hosted enough sporting events, concerts and other large gatherings to cover its considerable maintenance costs. The cash for logo deal seemed to be the only solution, reaffirming the old saying that who pays the piper calls the tune.

Polish Surname Corner

Your Polish last name means something!

Nowak, which started out as a nickname for "the new guy in town", is Poland's most popular last name, shared by over 203,000 people in Poland and possibly up to 50,000 more across North America and around the globe. The next most common are Kowalski, Wiśniewski, Wójcik, Kowalczyk, Kamiński and Lewandowski in that order.



Have you ever wondered what your Polish last name means, how it came about, how many other people use it and whether a noble coat of arms goes with it? For a custom-researched surname analysis answering all those questions please airmail a \$19 check* (adding \$12 for each additional name you wish to have researched) to:

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

You will also get a useful genealogical contact chart which will put you in touch with English-speaking genealogical researchers who can help you track down your family records in Poland, photograph and/or videotape ancestral homesteads and graves and possibly even turn up long-lost relations.

For more information on this service please contact research60@gmail.com

* Payment is also accepted via MoneyGram.

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YEAR PRCUA MEMBERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America would like to congratulate the members listed below on attaining their 50th year as members of our organization. These members reached this plateau during the period between January and June 2015. If you feel that your name was omitted from this list, please call PRCUA Member Services at 773-782-2626.

Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI	Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI	Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI	Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI
540	PERNAL	PATRICIA	M	988	RALSTON	DAVID	A	1575	HAVLIK	GEORGENE	T	2109	TOMAL	STEFAN	
540	WROBEL	REGINA		989	FRONTERA	DORETTE	K	1579	HARDY	MARY	L	2132	GLIVA	STEPHANIE	
593	SZCZEPANSKI	PATRICIA	A	1000	GAYNOR	CLAUDIA	M	1580	JANAS	IRENE	M	2148	BEAKAS	DAVID	P
607	ZOLA	JEFFERY	D	1000	GAYNOR	MICHAEL	G	1580	KOLMAN	RONALD	E	2148	MAZIARZ	STEFANIA	
607	ZOLA	CAROLINE		1000	STRZELCZYK	SHIRLEY	R	1580	LAGODA	PAUL		2148	WESOLOWSKI	MELVIN	
633	MIK	DAVID	F	1000	SURAWSKI	MARIA		1593	JUREWICZ	WILLIAM	J	2152	ZEMBALA	CARYN	A
633	PALUSZEWSKI	LUCILLE	A	1000	WEEKS	EDWIN	R	1593	KASZA	VIRGINIA	J	2152	ZUKOWSKI	DEBORAH	A
683	SUDA	MARIANNE		1000	WYNN	ELIZABETH		1593	KOSCIERZYNSKI	RONALD	J	2159	BAUER	NANCY	J
701	ZAWADZKI	ROMAN	T	1004	PERJAK	LISA	L	1593	MIEKSTYN	MARK		2206	DI DOMINICO	KAREN	S
709	BRANDON	JEFFERY	W	1004	PERJAK	MICHAEL	R	1593	PRZYSTUP	JEROME	E	2220	BRZEZINSKI	DIANE	
709	CREVAR	DEBORAH	M	1031	SPEVAK	CAROLE	J	1598	ADAMIEC	RONALD	F	2220	GOLIAT	FRANCISZEK	
709	JABLONOWSKI	JAMES	M	1118	WILK	SUZANNE	M	1610	KESHEN	PATRICIA	L	2227	FUHR	GERALDINE	
709	SHAW	JOSEPH	D	1408	FITZNER	NORBERT	J	1629	KOZAK	PAUL	A	2227	FUHR	PETER	J
712	KUREK	JOSEPH		1437	RYBALTOWSKI	DENNIS	J	2001	THOMPSON	MARGARET	M	2227	MAZOWITA	MICHAEL	
712	WASIAK, JR	FELIX	A	1451	KRUSZYNSKI	ANITA	M	2010	ZAGORSKA	REGINA	M	2274	BERGMAN	HELEN	
718	LUZYNSKI	BARBARA	A	1486	BOBROWSKI	CYNTHIA	M	2032	KASPRZAK	LISA	A	2274	GOCLOWSKI	STANLEY	
718	POLKOWSKI	THOMAS	E	1486	BURKE	COLLEEN	P	2044	MCNALLY	DIANNE	M	2274	MYERS	PAUL	A
718	YELINEK	DAWN	M	1486	CRONKRITE	MARY	W	2100	MATIA	PAUL	R	2274	NOWAK	THOMAS	J
765	PIETRZYKOWSKI	ROBERT	J	1486	MCNEIL	DENISE	M	2100	PIECHOWSKI	RONALD	E	2293	ZOTTER	DEANNE	L
803	LIGAS	ANTHONY		1486	RIGWOOD	PATRICIA	A	2100	SKOCZEN	WALTER	C	2303	BRZYCKI	LYNDY	L
817	CHARNEY	ELLEN	R	1486	SHEBESTA	STEVEN	M	2102	MUZA	GLENN	M	2303	BRZYCKI	BRYCE	T
817	CHARNEY	CHRISTOPHER	J	1490	KONDRACKI	JOSEPH		2102	MUZA	JEFFREY	T	2303	BURKE	DEBRA	R
817	DOWLING	PAULA	J	1493	PABRAZINSKY	ROSEANN	E	2102	PYTLAK	LUDWIKA		2303	KANIEWSKI	BRIAN	P
817	KURAS	THOMAS	J	1497	ANTOLAK	JEAN		2108	ROBEJSEK	JONM		2303	STANISLAWSKI	ADAM	J
849	BRACH	CELESTE		1497	BOLDE	SUSAN	M	2108	ROBEJSEK	PATRICIA	A	2308	KAZMIERCZAK	RONALD	W
855	CYNKAR	THOMAS	J	1541	DELANO JR	ARTHUR	J	2109	BREJER	JOAN		2308	KRUTSICK	ROBERT	
880	GELLERT	DOROTHY	E	1545	GORSKI	TAMMY		2109	BREJER	ROMAN		2308	WAGNER	JAMES	R
880	GUERRERO	BERNADETTE	J	1545	GORSKI	DARRYL	L	2109	FISCHBACH	DONALD	E	2315	EDWARDS	JANE	M
893	FEDOROWSKI	INEZ	H	1545	POTURALSKI	MONICA	A	2109	FRONCZAK	LORETTA		2315	HALL	JULIE	J
896	WYPASEK	STANLEY		1545	POTURALSKI	KARAN	A	2109	GOSCINSKI	ALAN		2315	IGNASIAK	JEROME	J
907	ROBERTS	ANDREA		1545	POTURALSKI	FRANCINE	J	2109	KLOSOWSKI	ADOLPH	S	2315	JAY	KEITH	S
934	KOZLOWSKI	MARIE	O	1545	POTURALSKI	SANDRA	L	2109	MAYS	ALFRED	R	2315	LAKE	GARY	D
934	SIERKO	MICHAEL	S	1545	POTURALSKI	JOSEPH	F	2109	REGAL	RONALD	F	2315	PIANO	NICHOLAS	
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ANNUAL FREE FISHING DERBY FOR YOUNGSTERS

Sponsored by PRCUA District 7

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2015

10 am to 2 pm

AGES: 1 TO 15 YEARS OLD ALL GIRLS AND BOYS, JUVENILE MEMBERS FROM ALL PRCUA DISTRICTS AND NON-MEMBER FRIENDS

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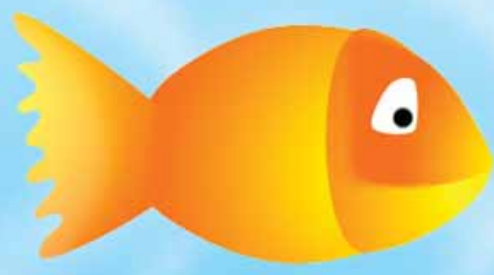
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Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught in each age group.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Bring your fishing pole, camera and lawn chair. Bait will be supplied.

Some fishing poles available upon request.



Fish stocked: largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, walleye, sunfish, crappie and channel catfish.

Seniors over 65 yrs **DO NOT** need a license to help youths bait a hook but ages 16-64 need a valid IL hook & line fishing license.

Come and enjoy fishing with District 7!

Questions? Call Walter Szarowicz 847-577-7274



61ST PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

For PRCUA Members Only

Hosted by Society #1368 St. Rita's Big Rapids, MI

The 61st National Softball Tournament will be held August 21-22, 2015, at Hemlock Field, 402 Hemlock Street and Industrial Field, 603 Bjornson Street, in Big Rapids, Michigan.

Jason Losinski and his Committee have activities planned for the players and guests. Friday's Hospitality Room and Saturday's Awards Banquet will be held at St. Mary's Recreation Center, 1009 Marion Avenue, Big Rapids, MI. The Coed Tournament will be held Friday, 6:00 p.m., Hemlock Park. The Men's and Women's Tournaments will begin on Saturday, 9:15 a.m., Hemlock and Industrial Fields.

Out-of-town players and guests: Lodging is available at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, 1005 Perry Street, Big Rapids MI, 844-281-8554. Room rates are \$99.00 per night plus tax. Make your room reservation as soon as possible; the deadline is August 3, 2015.

Complete the entry form and return it with a check for \$50.00 (non-refundable) payable to: PRCUA Softball. Mail to the Fraternal Department, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642, or enter online at www.prcua.org/sports and use the PayPal option to submit your entry fee. All entries must be postmarked or submitted by August 3, 2015.

Check the PRCUA website (www.prcua.org/sports) or Facebook for updates and additional information.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., President

Micheline I. Jaminski, Vice President

James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer

PRCUA SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO (NORTH)

POLONIA FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE - Adult classes held at St. Ladislaus Parish, W. Roscoe, Chicago, IL on Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Children classes held at Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence, Chicago, IL on Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Contact: Anna Krynski at annakrynski@yahoo.com.

ILLINOIS, CHICAGO (SOUTHWEST SIDE)

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL - Classes held on Fridays 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for Grades Preschool-8; 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for High School; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon for Grades Preschool-8; 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. High School; Art Club 12 Noon – 1:00 pm. Polanie Ensemble practices held on Saturdays 12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. School is located at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church; 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Contact: Halina Szyrzyna at 630-669-9058 or principal@polshool.com.

M. KONOPNICKA POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL - Registration and book sale on Thursday, August 20, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. School offers classes in Polish language, history and geography Polish, religious education and preparation for the sacraments. Ages: Preschool-Grade 11 with "Matura"; Classes will be held on Fridays 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for Preschool-8; 5:00 pm. - 9:00 p.m. for High School Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Contact: 708-990-0749; kontakt@szkolakonopnickiej.org; facebook.com/szkolakonopnickiej; www.szkolakonopnickiej.org.

SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH DANCING - Registration on Thursday, August 20, 2015, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W 131st St., Orland Park, IL. Send early checks/registration to: SWCPD, 5007 S. Knox, Chicago, IL 60632. Tuition is \$100 - All dancers are required to be a PRCUA member, if you have any questions for enrollment, Krystyna Lech will be available at the time of registration. Classes begin on September 10, 2015 and will be held 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W 131st St., Orland Park, IL. (Time subject to change and depends on the age of the child). Contact: Anna Kraszewski at 773-972-0012 or swcenterofpolishdancing@gmail.com.

WESOŁY LUD POLISH FOLK DANCE, CO., INC. - Wesoly Lud has two groups – one meets on Tuesdays and the other meets on Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m. in Homer Glen. Contact: Richard Jaminski at 708-403-5718.

INDIANA

ST. KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL - Registration on Sunday, August 30, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the old school building, 1628 Ridge Road, Munster, IN. School offers: preschool, elementary and middle school from K-8, 3 years of High School with "Matura" as a final exam. Grades K-4 have Polish language, Bible and folk dance classes, grades 5-8 have Polish language, geography, history and Bible classes. Classes meet on Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Contact: Malgorzata Blachut at 219-613-5148 or email: mpblachut@aol.com.

MICHIGAN

GWIAZDA DANCE SCHOOL - Classes held at PLAV Post 10 Hall, 10824 Jos Campau, Hamtramck, MI on Mondays 6:30 pm. – 9:00 p.m. Contact: Jessica Wendt at 313-682-3031 or panijessica@hotmail.com

HALKA DANCERS - Classes will meet on Saturdays mornings at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Activities Bldg., 8200 Roylat, Detroit, MI 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Ages 3-18. Contact: Laura Hejza 586-291-4486.

OPOLE DANCE ENSEMBLE - Classes held at Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 124, 11304 - 14 Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Elizabeth Thacker at 586-944-9683 or opole.director@comcast.net.

POLSKIE MAKI DANCE SCHOOL - Classes held at Immaculate Conception Catholic School, 29500 Westbrook, Warren, MI on Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Contact: Maria Jalkiewicz, at 586-979-5164 or mariadancingqueen@yahoo.com

ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE - Offers Polish and character dance classes to boys and girls, ages 3-18. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings at the PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dancers must be members of PRCUA. Contact: Michelle Stechchulte at 734-283-4589 or mickey-mom20@hotmail.com.

ROGALIN GYMNASTICS - Classes held at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI on Thursdays 5:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Contact: MaryAnn Davis at 734-341-2242.

SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE - Registration on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Linus Activities Room, 6646 Evangeline (one block East of Beech Daly) in Dearborn Hts., MI. Practices will be held every Wednesday night in the St. Linus Activities Room. Groups and times will be determined at a later date. Contact: Pat Steven at 313 563-1761 or e-mail syrenadancers@yahoo.com or check out our facebook page: PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble.

TATRY DANCERS - Classes held at St. John the Baptist Church, 26123 McDonald, Dearborn Hts., MI on Thursdays 5:45 p.m.– 10:00 p.m. Contact: Rose Ann Lackey at 313-274-0183 or lackeyra@sbcglobal.net

WIELICZKA - Registration dates: August 27, 2015 and September 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at PLAV Post 16, 25222 West Warren Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Practices: every Thursday evening beginning September 10, 2015 at PLAV Post 16, 25222 West Warren Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Practice times are age dependent between 6:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Contact: Kristi Mihalic at 734-455-3504, or korjmihalic@att.net.

ZAJACZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE - Classes held at American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane Rd., Sterling Hts., MI on Thursdays 6:00 p.m – 10:00 p.m. Contact: Colleen Bonkowski at 586-558-3673 or zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

ZAKOPANE POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE - Classes are held at Carpathia Club, 38000 Utica Rd., Sterling Hts., MI on Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Contact: Colleen Bonkowski at 586-558-3673 or zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

OHIO

ECHOES OF POLAND FOLK SONG & DANCE ENSEMBLE, INC. - Registrations: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at PRCUA Misiuda Hall 5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo OH, 419-470-8710; Children 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Teen 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Thursday September 10, 2015 for the Adult Ensemble 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Common Space Centers for Creativity, 10 S. Holland-Sylvania Toledo, OH, tel. 419-531-2046. Practices: Tuesdays - Children 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m, Teens 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at PRCUA Misiuda Hall; Thursday - Adult Ensemble 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Common Space Centers for Creativity. Contact: Paulina Ortyl at 419-531-8658 or Teresa Gibala at tagibala@yahoo.com.

HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ POLISH SCHOOL - Classes held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6151 Smith Rd., Brookpark, OH on Fridays 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 pm. Contact: Ewa Wiechec at 440-537-1485.



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REPRESENTATIVES OF POLONIA IN CHICAGO TO THE

POLONIA SUMMIT

at

THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA
(in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall) and

**THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE
POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA**

984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

HOLY MASS AT 2:30 PM

CELEBRATED BY

MOST REVEREND ANDREW P. WYPYCH, D.D.

AUXILIARY BISHOP OF CHICAGO

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE (LIGA)

FOLLOWED BY THE MEETING

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Rep. Mike Quigley Received PAC Medal of Freedom

Chicago, IL - On July 22nd, 2015, Rep. Quigley received the Polish American Congress Medal of Freedom following his remarks to the Polish American Congress Council of National Directors. The medal was awarded to Rep. Quigley for his extraordinary achievements and dedication to the betterment of the Polish-American community in the United States and the people of Poland. While the U.S.-Poland relationship is strong, Rep. Quigley is working hard in Congress to strengthen it even further.

Rep. Quigley has been a staunch advocate for expanding the Visa Waiver Program to Poland since his arrival to Congress in 2009. He first spearheaded bipartisan and bicameral legislation with Senator Kirk and Rep. Lipinski in 2011. In January 2012, Rep. Quigley traveled to Poland to discuss ways to



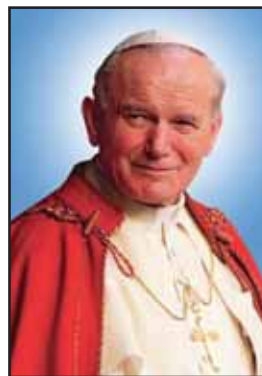
Award presentation



Rep. Quigley presenting his remarks

further enhance the U.S.-Polish partnership, including advancing the VWP legislation, and testified before Congress on the benefits of including Poland and other diplomatic partners in the program. Most recently, Rep. Quigley introduced the Jobs Originating through Launching Travel (JOLT) Act, a bipartisan effort to spur tourism, create jobs, reform outdated visa laws and increase national security.

National Day for Celebrating Saint John Paul II to be Held on October 17, 2015



St. John Paul II

The National Polish Apostolate Committee and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine are hosting a National Day of celebration of the legacy of Saint John Paul II on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The observance will take place at the National Shrine of St. John Paul II in Washington, D.C. This event will be celebrated annually on the weekend closest to October 16, the day Karol Cardinal Wojtyla was elected to the See of St. Peter in 1978. St. John Paul II left an enormous wealth of teachings on the meaning of life, value of the family, purpose of living, human dignity, and the formation of character of young people, etc., to serve as a source of evangelization in our increasingly-growing, secularist culture. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of his death this year, and the first anniversary of his Canonization, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude to God for the great gift of St. John Paul II to the Universal Church and humanity. In his pastoral journeys, John Paul II always had a message for the Polish community and emphasized that his religious and Polish cultural heritage served him well to govern the Universal Church.

Under the leadership of Adam Cardinal Maida, Polonia in the United States, together with other constituencies, played a major role in establishing the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. Its dominant purpose was to promote the legacy of Pope John Paul II in our country. The Polish American community was very instrumental and supportive of this endeavor. With the dawn of the great recession and other factors, the Center was acquired in 2011 by the Knights of Columbus, who generously assumed the challenge of perpetuating and assuring that the purpose and mission of the Center would endure for generations to come. In God's Providence, Pope John Paul II was raised to the honors of the Altar and Canonized in 2014. Upon the request of Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, D.C., the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) designated the Center as the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II in the United States.

Following on their promise, the Knights of Columbus have invested substantial financial resources and established a beautiful museum worthy of one of the greatest Church and world leaders. The museum is a superb tribute to a great Polish Pope, Saint John Paul II. The artistic arrangements of the exhibits, amplified by the latest technology, present the life of Karol Wojtyla as a student, priest, bishop, and pope in an engaging and captivating manner. His life, which was greatly affected by Nazi occupation and Communist rule, is portrayed with vivid reality. The difficult conditions of his life, his deep personal faith in God, and a solid doctrine prepared him to be a spiritual leader, statesman and pastor of the world, who led the Universal Church as the successor of St. Peter for twenty-seven years.

We invite all of the Polish American parishes, national Polish American organizations, and especially those who have emotional ties to the original Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, to attend this special day dedicated to our great countryman Saint John Paul II. The National Polish Apostolate Committee and the Knights of Columbus are dedicated to perpetuate the legacy and mission of Saint John Paul II at his National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

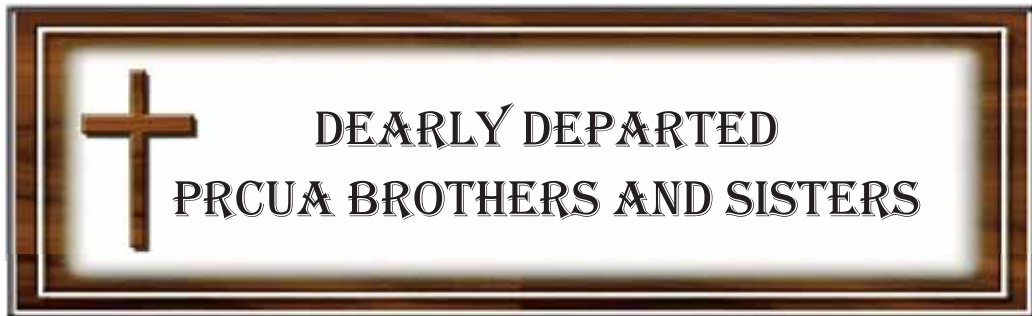
Get well wishes!

*PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak
had heart surgery on July 1*

*and
PRCUA First Lady Judith Drobot
had back surgery on July 28.*

*PRCUA extends best wishes
to Fr. Ptak and to Mrs. Drobot.*

*Our thoughts and prayers
are with both of you, as we wish you
complete and restful recoveries.*



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Abramitis, Helen T.	809	FL	Milewski, Rev. Stanley E.	798 & 3000	MI
Arasin, Sophie	2039	PA	Mudrick, Elizabeth L.	2047	NJ
Baranski, Richard	2220	FL	Obral, Henry	2132	OH
Blain, Charlotte Ann	865	PA	Olechowski, Roberta M.	795	IL
Brozek, Frank J.	463	CT	Omniewski, Walter	1541	PA
Chorobik, Henry	463	CT	Ouimette, Anna S.	87	MI
Czajak, Thomas E.	132	NY	Peters, Richard R.	709	OH
Dripchak, Pamela A.	404	CT	Pickowitz, Rev. John Peter	1268	CT
Dygdon, John T.	179	IL	Pikula, Loretta L.	957	IL
Eisenbath, Madeleine L.	849	MO	Pszczola, John J.	353	NJ
Gates, Gregory	1593	MI	Putlak, Edward J.	308	IL
Gawron, Irene	525	NY	Rdesinska, Catherine	2002	PA
Grzonka, Stanley	1486	IL	Rostocil, Albert G.	2100	OH
Janusz, Louis R.	2315	WI	Rzeppa, Ralph A.	162	MI
Kalata, Julianne J.	1206	IL	Shopinski, Helen V.	817	WI
Kania, Thomas R.	261	MI	Skwarek, Frances	308	IL
Klukowski, Anna	1371	CT	Slotarski, Wesley	1206	IL
Korup, Helen P.	1437	DE	Smigel, Edward J.	213	WV
Krajewski, Stanley	1124 & 1477	MI	Tambourine, Dolores	317	IL
Kupczak, Thomas M.	957	WI	Taurence, Arthur Z.	162	MI
Kwasnik, Frederick	597	NY	Trzcinski, Edward F.	359	MA
Lewandowska, Violet	2045	NJ	Wasko, Marie	105	IL
Luebbers, Josepine M.	72	MO	Weglarz, Norbert T.	2227	MI
Majka, Stella	786	OH	Wozniak, Sophie M.	2220	OH
Mangano, Shirley	2293	PA	Zabielski, Frank E.	308 & 1575	IL
Maruszewski, Richard	283	WI	Zaranski, Mary A.	527	MD
Mazur, Bernice	593	IL			

May they rest in eternal peace.

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS OF
63rd PRCUA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the winners of the 63rd PRCUA National Golf Tournament which was held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Lost Marsh Golf Course in Hammond, IN. Photos from the event will be published in the September issue of *Naród Polski*.

Mixed Srs.: Mary Jane Favot, Bob Favot, Allan Salatowski, Eugene Souva
Men's: Kevin Knight, Mike Mangin, Brian Scott, Kevin Pastrick
Men's Srs.: John Mardeusz, Bernard Kolano, Bob Bielenda, Fred Forystek
Ladies: Terri Lader, Debbie Lee, Vikki Jean Mixon
Mixed: Chris Harinza, Drew Lambert, Lori Lambert, Rick Lambert

Closest to the Pin: Robert Bielenda **Longest Putt:** Aaron Surma
Longest Drive Men's: Patrick Kosowski **Longest Drive Women's:** Lori Lambert



(L-r): Anna Sokolowski, Mayor of Iwonicz Zdrój, and Tadeusz Pilat

Former PRCUA
Resident Vice President
Anna Sokolowski
Honored

The Rzeszow Branch of the Society "Wspolnota Polska" bestowed former PRCUA Res. Vice Pres. Anna Sokolowski with the title of "Ambassador of the International Festivals of Polish Folk Ensembles" at the recent 9th Festival of Children's Polish Folk Ensembles in Iwonicz Zdrój. The other recipient of this distinction was Tadeusz Pilat, Honorary President of the European Union of Polish Communities from Sweden. The PRCUA congratulates Mrs. Sokolowski on this well-deserved recognition.



By Fr. Erich Orzech,
St. Stanislaus Parish
& St. Casimir Parish,
Cleveland, OH

Our Beautiful
August Traditions

The month of August, for many, means back-to-school time already and the end of summer vacation - even though we are only half-way through this season which continues to September 21st. As I write, it's late July and I've already seen "early bird back to school sales" in the newspaper. Somewhere along the way in my lifetime, Labor Day (the first Monday in September) went from being the last big vacation chance during summer break before everyone went back to school to being the first holiday weekend after school had already resumed! And, in many places the talk is to start even earlier! Why, many Catholic School's first Masses of the new year are being celebrated to observe the Holy Day Feast of the Assumption on August 15th!

While I guess that's just the way things are, these days, I hope in the process some of our wonderful Polish customs and traditions associated with this time of year - many of which are experiencing a magnificent resurgence in popularity in some places - don't get negatively affected or lost in the process.

The first of these is the beautiful custom of the WALKING PILGRIMAGES associated with the Feast of the Assumption. I hope we are all familiar with this venerable tradition and the source of this custom in Poland: the National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. From all over the country, from places as close as a few hours away to as far as a month's journey, pilgrims walk along time proven paths to reach the Shrine of Jasna Gora on August 15th. It is a "moving retreat" where, even those along the way who are not directly participating, are drawn-in to offer encouragement to those they encounter along the highways and bi-ways and to offer their homes and property as evening hosts to the camping pilgrims who gladly make use of their hospitality. The whole country is united and transformed by this experience which brings together the young and old, religious and laity, individuals and groups. Anyone who has even been blessed to experience this knows just what I am writing about!

This time of year is also observed and continues to grow as a pilgrimage opportunity in our country, as well. Along the East Coast, it's beautiful to see the walking pilgrimages to the "American Czestochowa" in Doylestown, PA, continue to grow in number and popularity. Chicago has such a pilgrimage South to the Salvatorian Fathers' Shrine in Merrillville, Indiana. Many others on a smaller scale also occur across the country. Even for those who can't walk, popular shrines like the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, and the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, both in Ohio, to name only a few, offer "Polish Day" observances that draw big crowds. Anyone interested would not have to look far to find such an opportunity. The question is, will you bother to look for one?

Our parents and grandparents and those who came before us knew the value of such experiences. Often, the "pilgrimage" was the only kind of "summer vacation" they would take! Our younger readers have just to ask their parents - or better yet their grandparents - to find out just what I mean. Our older readers have only to think back and remember... Today, when push comes to shove, we seem to be able to take care of our bodies with rest, relaxation, and vacations. But when's the last time you did anything to take care of your spirit...your soul? Have you even been on a pilgrimage? Have you ever visited a Shrine for a day to pray? Have you even bothered to go on retreat or make the effort to attend a parish's recollections when they are offered? THERE'S NO BETTER TIME THAN THE PRESENT TO DO SO!!! I only know three things when it comes to this subject: 1). No matter who you are or what you do, you can find a way to do it if you try and it's a priority for you; 2). It doesn't take much to make a difference in your life and you'll be glad you did; and 3). Honestly, you are never acting selfishly when you do what you need to do to take care of yourself, and that includes spiritually, because if you don't, who will? I hope everyone has a chance to make a pilgrimage in some way, shape, or form this year.

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH, which in our Polish tradition is observed as the FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA. I am sure that all of our Polish communities will have some type of special observance on that day, whether at our parishes or at area religious houses or shrines. In Cleveland, we all gather in the evening on the grounds of the Marymount Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis (did they teach you, too?) where our own area's lovely Czestochowa Shrine is located, for Mass and devotions. I'm sure you can find a similar observance somewhere in your area, too...if you try. Once again, it seems the important question here is: "Will you?"

PRCUA St. John Paul II Soc. #1593 Youth Bowling

Sterling Heights, MI - On June 6, PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593 held its annual Youth Bowling event at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights, MI. The children had fun bowling 3 games. Mystery numbers were called for the first two games. Madison Withers won the first game mystery and received CJ Barrymore's tickets as her prize. The second game mystery winner was me, Brenden Cooper, with a score of 100! I was very excited to receive CJ Barrymore's tickets also!

Everyone in attendance was served a great lunch of pizza and pop. After lunch, all of our names were put into a container and when our names were drawn, we got to pick our own prizes. I came home with a really nice PRCUA bag, a water bottle and Gatorade.

Thank you to everyone who made this such a great event. Hope we do this again soon!

Submitted by:
Brenden Cooper



Polish Heritage Night at U.S. Cellular Field



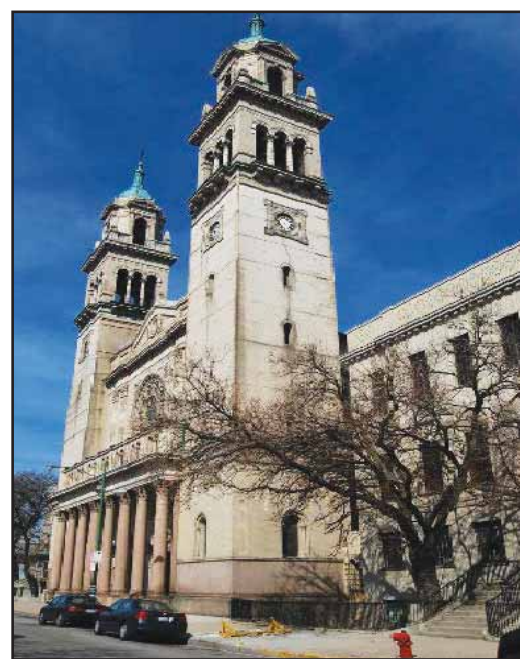
Chicago, IL - PRCUA members, officers and staff again participated in Polish Heritage Night hosted by U.S. Cellular Field on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Chicago White Sox played against Toronto Blue Jays. As part of the celebration, Wesoły Lud performed for the crowd and made the occasion especially meaningful. What a fun night!

By the way, the White Sox won!



Restoring the 185' Twin Towers of St. Adalbert Church

Chicago, IL - St. Adalbert's is a historic Roman Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago, located in an ever diverse West Chicago neighborhood at 1650 W. 17th Street. St. Adalbert Church was constructed in 1914 to the designs of Henry J.



Schlack, using some of the finest material and technology available, and it was founded as a Polish parish. Although St. Adalbert Church has seen few changes in its 100-year existence, much work is needed in what you cannot see: the degrading interior of its two twin towers, which flank the entrance to the church and rise a staggering 185 feet.

These towers are beautiful landmarks that are currently in dire need of restoration. After 100 years of hot Chicago summers and bitterly cold winters, the facade and underlying brick need extensive repairs. Help fund this incredibly important project to ensure the preservation of this beautiful structure! PRCUA would like to acknowledge parishioner Genevieve Gorz for bringing attention to the needs of this historic landmark church. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit St. Adalbert's website at: www.stadalbertchicago.org Help save this beautiful landmark by making a financial contribution today and help them reach their goal of \$3,000,000!

34TH ANNUAL POLISH FEST TO BE HELD IN ROCKFORD, IL

Rockford, IL - The 34th Annual POLISH FEST will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2015 on the grounds of St. Stanislaus Church, 201 Buckbee Street, Rockford, Illinois. The public is invited and entry is free. Easy access is available for the physically handicapped to all areas of the Fest except for the John Paul II Cultural Center and the School Hall.

A Polish/English Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Stanislaus Church will open the Fest. Entertainment throughout the day will include two bands: The Julida Boys from West Bend, WI and Efekt Band from Chicago, IL. Also featured will be The Syrena Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble from Milwaukee, WI, who will perform at 1:30 PM; 3:45 PM; and 5:00 PM. The Children's group "Krakowiczek" from St. Stanislaus' Polish Language School will perform at 12:30 PM; and 2:30 PM.

A Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner will be served from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Other festival type food will be available, along with ethnic Polish offerings: pierogi, potato pancakes, Polish sausage, and sauerkraut, just to name a few. Polish pastries, as well as Polish beer, will also be available.

There will be games for children and adults, including Pull Tabs, Bingo and inflatables. Cash raffles and a basket raffle will be held during the course of the day.

The John Paul II Cultural Center, in the former school building, will be open for visitors to view two rooms of artifacts from Poland on display.

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1 WESTLAND, MI – DOROCZNY PIKNIK TOW. ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 - dla członków i przyjaciół - sobota, 1 sierpnia, Nankin Mills (Hines Park) od 12 w poł. do godz. 20:00. Wejście na południe od Ann Arbor Trail przy Hines Dr. między Merriman i Wayne Rd., na zachodniej stronie Hines Park. Jedzenie i napoje są bezpłatne. Kontakt: Denny i Tina Churchvara (313) 561-7464.

21-22 BIG RAPIDS, MI – 61. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL - szczegóły poniżej.

WRZESIEŃ

7 LABOR DAY - ŚWIĘTO PRACY W USA

12 CARLETON, MI – ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE TOW. ŚW. STANISŁAWA - w sobotę, 12 września o godzinie 9:00. Thorne Hills Golf Course, 12915 Sumpter Rd., Carleton, MI. Liczba uczestników ograniczona do 150. Początek o godz. 9:00. Koszt uczestnictwa dla zawodników - \$45 i \$15 dla innych gości. Cena obejmuje udział w rozgrywkach, lunch, obiad, i napoje. Dodatkowe informacje: Dan Gdowski (734) 497-2681 lub (734) 654-2734.

13 ARLINGTON HTS., IL – DERBY WĘDKARSKIE DLA DZIECI I MŁODZIEŻY - w niedzielę, 13 września, od 10 rano do 2 po poł.; Busse Lake Fishing Wall, Arlington Hts., IL. Informacje: Walter Szarowicz 847-577-7274 (szczegóły poniżej).

15 WYCIECZKA TOW. #162 DO KASYNA FIREKEEPERS - we wtorek, 15 września. Autobus odjedzie o 9:30 sprzed PRCUA #162, Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Przewidywany powrót ok. godz. 18:00. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$35 za osobę (\$20 na gry i \$5 na poczęstunek zostanie załadowany na karty graczy). Uczestnicy muszą mieć ukończone 21 lat aby wejść do kasyna. Termin zgłoszeń upływa 11 września. Rezerwacja i informacje: Stan Pasko, 313-815-5230. Dochód zostanie przeznaczony na dalszą działalność Tow. #162 ZPRKA.

27 BRUNCH DLA CZŁONKIŃ WYDZIAŁU KOBIET NA STANY ILLINOIS-INDIANA - niedziela, 27 września w Oakbrook Drury Lane Theatre. Członkinie otrzymają jeden bezpłatny bilet. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$30 - dorośli, \$15 (dzieci w wieku 6-12 lat), \$10 (dzieci w wieku 3-5 lat). Dodatkowe informacje: (773) 782-2601.

Terminarz zebrań Towarzystw na stronie 2.

UWAGA: Wszystkie artykuły do wrześniowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 18 sierpnia 2015.

Derby wędkarskie dla dzieci i młodzieży

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niedziela, 13 września 2015 r.
od 10 rano do 2 po poł.
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Gospodarzem jest Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA.

Prosimy o zapoznanie się z terminarzem rejestracji do szkół tańca i języka polskiego ZPRKA na str. 11

Zapraszamy kandydatów na bal "Kopciuszek i Księżę" i ich rodziców na spotkanie informacyjne

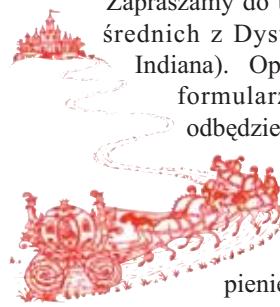
Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej ZPRKA zaprasza młodzież ZPRKA na lunch i spotkanie informacyjne dla kandydatów na bal "Kopciuszek i Księżę" oraz ich rodziców, w niedzielę 20 września 2015 r. o godz. 13:00 w Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej, która jest sponsorem balu, pokryje koszt lunchu. Osoby zainteresowane wzięciem udziału proszone są o zgłoszenie się do 14 września 2015 r. Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc do Gabrieli Zuk pod numer (708) 989-2408, lub do Danuty Stypula (708) 257-9019.

Próby rozpoczynają się w poniedziałek, 5 października i będą się odbywać we wszystkie poniedziałki, aż do balu w St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73rd Ave. w Summit, IL w godz. 19:00-21:30.

Zapraszamy do udziału w balu "Kopciuszek i Księżę" uczniów szkół średnich z Dystryktów 6, 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana). Opłata rejestracyjna jest wymagana w chwili składania formularza zgłoszeniowego. Bal "Kopciuszek i Księżę" odbędzie się w sobotę, 21 listopada 2015 r.

Stypendia zostaną przyznane uczestnikom, którzy zdobędą tytuły "Kopciuszka" i "Księcia" oraz mniejsze - tym którzy zdobędą tytuły I zastępcy. Reszta kandydatów otrzyma również drobne sumy pieniężne.



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61. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL

21-22 sierpnia 2015 - Big Rapids, MI

Tylko dla członków ZPRKA

Organizatorem turnieju jest Tow. #1368 (St. Rita's)



61. Krajowy Turniej Piłki Softball ZPRKA odbędzie w dniach 21-22 sierpnia 2015 r. w Hemlock Field, 402 Hemlock Street i w Industrial Field, 603 Björnson Street, w Big Rapids, w stanie Michigan.

Jason Łosiński i jego komitet organizacyjny zaplanowali dla zawodników i gości szereg dodatkowych atrakcji. Piątkowe spotkanie gościnne (Hospitality Room) i sobotni bankiet rozdania nagród odbędą się w St. Mary's Recreation Center, 1009 Marion Avenue, Big Rapids, MI. Turniej mieszany odbędzie się w piątek o godz. 18:00 w Hemlock Park. Turnieje drużyn męskich i kobiecych rozpoczną się w sobotę o godz. 9:15 w Hemlock i w Industrial Fields.

Dla zawodników i gości spoza miasta zakwaterowanie oferuje hotel Holiday Inn & Conference Center, 1005 Perry Street, Big Rapids MI, 844-281-8554. Cena pokoju wynosi 99,00 dolarów za noc plus podatek. Prosimy o jak najszybsze dokonanie rezerwacji - termin rezerwacji upływa 3 sierpnia 2015.

Aby uczestniczyć w turnieju, osoby zainteresowane muszą wypełnić formularz zgłoszeniowy i odesłać go wraz z czekiem na 50,00 dolarów (nie podlega zwrotowi) płatnym na: PRCUA Softball na adres: Fraternal Department, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642, lub wypełnić zgłoszenie elektronicznie pod adresem: www.prcua.org/sports i wybrać opcję płatności PayPal w celu przesłania wpisu. Wszystkie zgłoszenia muszą być wysłane pocztą lub złożone elektronicznie do 3 sierpnia 2015.

Sprawdź naszą stronę internetową ZPRKA (www.prcua.org/sports) lub Facebook w celu otrzymania aktualizacji i dodatkowych informacji.

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Plan ten zapewnia:

- możliwość wykupienia planu dla osób w wieku od 2 tygodni do 90 lat
- składki dla palących i niepalących
- **przyrost wartości gotówkowej**
- dywidendy dla ubezpieczonego
- **dostępne elektroniczne spłacanie składek**
- ubezpieczenie nie może być zerwane przez ZPRKA, jeżeli składki są opłacane
- **zniżka przy jednorazowej opłacie**
- możliwość ubiegania się o stypendium na studia lub pożyczki edukacyjnej
- możliwość płacenia składek rocznie, co pół roku, kwartalnie lub miesięcznie w zależności od potrzeb
- oferta nie może być łączona z innymi ofertami specjalnymi

W celu wykupienia ubezpieczenia,

skontaktuj się z lokalnym przedstawicielem działu sprzedaży ZPRKA lub z biurem głównym:

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5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$27/miesięcznie—\$300/rocznie suma ubezpieczenia		
wiek	mężczyzna	kobieta
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

5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$54/miesięcznie—\$600/rocznie suma ubezpieczenia		
wiek	mężczyzna	kobieta
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	\$3,523	\$4,010

5-YEAR PAY WHOLE LIFE \$81/miesięcznie—\$900/rocznie suma ubezpieczenia		
wiek	mężczyzna	kobieta
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

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wiek	mężczyzna	kobieta
5	\$66,022	\$75,699
15	\$47,875	\$55,238
25	\$35,409	\$40,055
45	\$18,378	\$20,578
65	\$9,792	\$11,068
75	\$7,298	\$8,306

Prosimy o podanie wieku zbliżonego do daty urodzin.

(Przykład: 5 lat i 5 miesięcy – podajemy wiek 5 lat. 5 lat i 6 miesięcy – podajemy wiek 6 lat.)

Standardowe składki dla niepalących.

Wszystkie wnioski podlegają szczegółowemu rozpatrzeniu.

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UBEZPIECZENIA TERMINOWE

Zalety:

- Początkowo składki są niższe niż te, dla stałych ubezpieczeń.
- Pozwala zakupić ubezpieczenie na wyższą kwotę, zwłaszcza dla osób w młodszy wieku.
- Świetny produkt dla młodych rodzin, które często mają ograniczony budżet, ale znaczną potrzebę zabezpieczenia.
- Może obejmować dodatkowe wydatki, które znikną w czasie, takie jak hipoteka lub inne rodzaje kredytów.
- Certyfikaty są odnawialne.

W przeciwieństwie:

- Po upływie ważności polisy terminowej, zakup nowej polisy wiąże się ze wzrostem składek, w zależności od wieku osoby ubezpieczającej się.
- Ważność ubezpieczenia upływa na końcu określonego terminu.
- Ubezpieczony może nie być w stanie zamienić na ubezpieczenie stałe ze względu na zdrowie.
- Nie posiada wartości gotówkowej i nie są akumulowane dywidendy.

UBEZPIECZENIA STAŁE

Zalety:

- Gwarantuje ochronę przez całe życie, tak długo, jak wpłacane są składki
- Zazwyczaj składki są stałe

- Posiada wartość gotówkową, którą można wykorzystać w formie pożyczki; pożyczka musi zostać zwrócona, w przeciwnym wypadku kwota wypłacona w chwili śmierci ubezpieczonego, zostanie zmniejszona o kwotę pożyczki.
- Nagromadzona gotówka może być wypłacona łącznie lub w części, w gotówce lub przekształcona na dodatek do renty.
- Wartość gotówkową można wykorzystać do celu zmniejszenia przyszłych składek lub na zakup dodatkowego, z góry wypłaconego ubezpieczenia.
- Również dywidendy można wykorzystać do celu zmniejszenia przyszłych składek lub na zakup dodatkowego, z góry wypłaconego ubezpieczenia.

W przeciwieństwie:

- Wysokie składki mogą spowodować niemożność wykupu wystarczająco wysokiego ubezpieczenia.
- Może być bardziej kosztowne niż ubezpieczenie terminowe, zwłaszcza, jeśli nie będzie wykupione na wystarczająco długi okres czasu.

W większości przypadków najlepszą opcją ubezpieczenia na życie jest wykupienie stałego planu ubezpieczeniowego. Terminowe plany ubezpieczeniowe mogą stanowić lepszą opcję dla młodych rodzin, posiadających domy, samochody, kredyty itp., które potrzebują wysokiego zabezpieczenia i chcą lub mogą ubezpieczyć się tylko na określony okres czasu.

3 pytania, które powinna sobie zadać każda osoba: Czy potrzebujesz ubezpieczenia? Jak dużo? Jakiego rodzaju?

Skontaktuj się z lokalnym przedstawicielem ZPRKA w celu dokonania analizy potrzeb i określenia, który plan będzie najkorzystniejszy!

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Czy pamiętasz, że oferujemy elektroniczną wersję “Narodu Polskiego” i usługi bankowe ACH?**Elektroniczna wersja Narodu Polskiego - przyjazna środowisku**

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

Oszczędź czas i pieniądze! Przystąp do programu A.C.H.

Członkowie ZPRKA mogą zarejestrować się do programu bankowego ACH. Umożliwia on użytkownikom dokonywanie automatycznych opłat za posiadane w ZPRKA ubezpieczenia na życie, pożyczki hipoteczne, i/lub spłaty zaciągniętych pożyczek - bezpośrednio z ich konta bankowego. Jednocześnie posiadacze kont emerytalnych annuity mogą zaaranżować automatyczne dokonywanie wpłat na konto annuity i/lub automatyczne wypłaty z tego konta i przelewy bezpośrednio na ich konto bankowe.

Aby zarejestrować się do tej nowej usługi, prosimy o kontakt e-info@prcu.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.

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA - zapisz daty!**21-22 sierpnia 2015**

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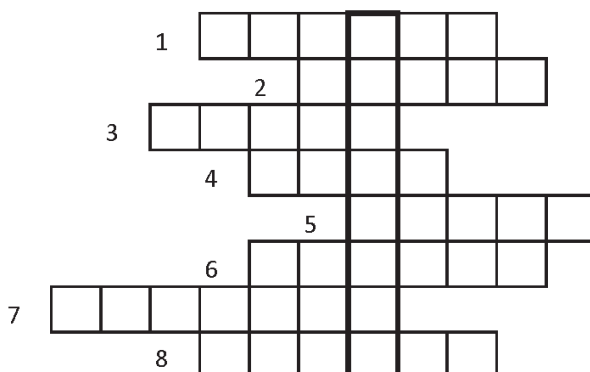


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Waszyngtonie. Wydarzenie to będzie odąd odbywało się co roku w pobliżu 16 października, dnia w którym Kardynał Karol Wojtyła został wyniesiony na Stolicę Piotrową w 1978 roku.

Święty Jan Paweł II pozostawił po sobie ogromne bogactwo nauczania o znaczeniu ludzkiego życia, wartości rodziny, celu istnienia, ludzkiej godności, formacji charakteru młodzieży etc. Materiały te mogą służyć jako źródło ewangelizacji w naszej, coraz bardziej sekularyzującej się kulturze. Wspominając dziesięciolecie Jego śmierci, oraz pierwszą rocznicę kanonizacji mamy okazję do wyrażenia wdzięczności Bogu za wspaniały dar świętego Jana Pawła II dla Kościoła Powszechnego i całej ludzkości. W Jego pielgrzymkach, Jan Paweł II zawsze zwracał się do polskich wspólnot i podkreślał, że Jego religijne i kulturowe dziedzictwo wyniesione z Polski, służyło mu bardzo dobrze w prowadzeniu Kościoła Powszechnego.

Pod przewodnictwem Kardynała Adama Majdy, Polonia w Stanach Zjednoczonych, odegrała znaczącą rolę w utworzeniu Centrum Kulturalnego Jana Pawła II w Waszyngtonie. Dominującym celem Centrum było propagowanie dziedzictwa papieża Jana Pawła II w naszym kraju. Wspólnota polsko-amerykańska była bardzo zaangażowana i włożyła dużo wysiłku w powstanie tego wielkiego pomnika dla naszego rodaka - pierwszego polskiego papieża. Z powodu recesji i finansowych trudności, centrum w 2011 roku zostało przejęte przez Rycerzy Kolumba, którzy wspaniałomyślnie podjęli wyzwanie zapewnienia kontynuacji misji Centrum na następne pokolenia. Dzięki Bożej Opatrzności, papież Jan Paweł II został wyniesiony na ołtarze i kanonizowany w 2014 r. Na prośbę kardynała Donalda Wuerl, Arcybiskupa Waszyngtonu, Konferencja Episkopatu Stanów Zjednoczonych nazwała centrum Narodowym Sanktuarium Świętego Jana Pawła II w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Wierni swojej obietnicy, Rycerze Kolumba zainwestowali poważne środki finansowe i ufundowali piękne muzeum godne jednego z największych ludzi w Kościele i wielkiego światowego lidera. Muzeum to jest wspaniałym hołdem złożonym wielkiemu polskiemu papieżowi, świętemu Janowi Pawłowi II. Artystyczna aranżacja ekspozycji, wzmocniona osiągnięciami najnowszej technologii, prezentuje życie Karola Wojtyły jako studenta, kapłana, biskupa oraz papieża w fascynujący sposób. Jego życie dotknięte nazistowską okupacją i rządami komunistycznymi, jest ukazane w bardzo realistyczny sposób. Trudne warunki życia, głęboka wiara w Boga oraz wierność nauce Chrystusa przygotowały go do roli następcy świętego Piotra, proboszcza świata, który z wielkim swoistym autorytetem i niezwykłym charyzmatem prowadził Kościół powszechny przez 27 lat.

Zapraszamy wszystkie polsko-amerykańskie parafie, organizacje oraz wszystkich tych, którzy mają szczególne, osobiste przywiązanie do oryginalnego Centrum Kulturalnego Jana Pawła II do wzięcia udziału w tym szczególnym dniu, dedykowanym naszemu wielkiemu rodakowi, świętemu Janowi Pawłowi II. Komitet Polskiego Apostolatu oraz Rycerze Kolumba podjęli się utrwalania dziedzictwa i misji św. Jana Pawła II w Sanktuarium Narodowym w Waszyngtonie.



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

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Witam wszystkich! Spóźnione, ale gorące pozdrowienia z Polski! Miniony miesiąc wypełniony był wieloma atrakcjami.



Zespół „Polonia” na Pokazie Mody Legionu Młodych Polek

Linda Kasprzyk wraz z zaproszonymi gośćmi. Sklepik Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce zaprezentował kilka wspaniałych sztuk biżuterii, które można było zakupić podczas tego wydarzenia. Był to miły wieczór spędzony w gronie wspaniałych ludzi.

Pelen wrażeń i zabaw był pierwszy doroczny Piknik Rodzinny ZPRKA, którego gospodarzem byli dyrektorzy Dystr. 7, 8 i 9. W piękne letnie popołudnie w parku P.A.C.F Grove w Glenwood, IL odbyła się Msza św. na świeżym powietrzu, którą dzięki zabiegom dyr. Dystr. 9 Elizabeth Sadus celebrował ks. Ron Kondziolka. Po mszy czekały na obecnych przejażdżki na kucykach i zabawy w dmuchanym domu. Dyrektor Dystr. 8 James Rustik, Michał Dziadkowiec (członek „Wesołego Ludu”) wraz z sekretarzem-skarbnikiem Jamesem Robaczewskim smażyli hamburgery, hot-dogi i polską kielbasę do perfekcji. Załoga kuchenna: Jeanine Leonhard, Joline McConachie i Basia Kwiecień starannie i dokładnie przygotowała i podawała gościom jedzenie. Dekoracją i przygotowaniem miejsca zajęli się członkowie Zespołu Polskich Tańców Ludowych „Wesoły Lud”, wspierani przez kierownika artystycznego i choreografa, Ryszarda Jamińskiego.



Pierwszy Piknik Rodzinny ZPRKA

Dyrektor Dystr. 8 Krystyna Lech i jej córka, Danielle Krolewski przygotowały gry dla najmłodszych i tych troszkę starszych. Dyrektor Anna Krysiński z Dystr. 7 umiejętnie wspierana przez córkę Jaclyn, zapewniła rozrywkę dla najmłodszych zapraszając DJ Piotra Michalaka, klaunów Lulu i Lolo oraz malujące dzieciom twarze: Sylwię Madej i Izabelę Kulik, tancerki Zespołu PiT „Polonia”. Dyr. Kevin Kucik z Dystr. 7 dopilnował, aby sprzęt sportowy był łatwo dostępny dla amatorów sportu. Dzięki współpracy Agnieszki Bastrzyk, Lisy Terlecki i Lindy Kasprzyk powiewały kolorowe napisy i ulotki, a dla najmłodszych przygotowane zostały drobne zabawki oraz inne wspaniałe rzeczy (zdjęcia z pikniku na str. 5 i 20).

Obchody Dnia Niepodległości Stanów Zjednoczonych w ZPRKA zostały zorganizowane przez Sekretarza-Skarbnika Jamesa Robaczewskiego. Razem z pomocą Julie Prado i Mary Jane Robles przygotował różnego rodzaju kielbaski z grilla. Pracownicy ZPRKA wraz z szefem kuchni Panem Robaczewskim prześcigali się w udowadnianiu swoich umiejętności kulinarnych. Każdy pracownik przyniósł przepyszne potrawy, przystawki oraz desery do degustacji. Oficjalny program odchodów odbył się w głównej sali Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce (więcej zdjęć na str. 19).



Obchody Dnia Niepodległości (I-p) Joey, Elaine i James Robaczewscy, Micheline i Ryszard Jamińscy

Kilka dni później, 8 lipca 2015r., tancerze Zespołu Polskich Tańców Ludowych „Wesoły Lud” wystąpili na U.S. Cellular Field przed grą baseballową drużyny White Sox z okazji Dnia Dziedzictwa Polskiego. Chicagowska drużyna White Sox wygrała 7-6 z drużyną Toronto Blue Jays w ostatnim momencie. Wspaniały występ zawodników White Sox i naszych tancerzy!! Specjalne podziękowania dla Jeanine Leonhard za ogłaszanie zespołu podczas występu oraz dla Ryszarda Jamińskiego za poprowadzenie zespołu do kolejnego zwycięstwa! (więcej zdjęć na stronie 14).

Od 10 do 23 lipca, przebywaliśmy z mężem Ryszardem w Polsce. Najpierw odwiedziliśmy Rzeszów i w tym czasie obchodziliśmy „diamentowe” urodziny mamy Ryszarda - Sto Lat, Maria Jamińska! Następnie pojechaliśmy do Iwonicza Zdroju na 9. Polonijny Festiwal Dziecięcych Zespołów Folklorystycznych, w którym uczestniczyło 19 grup dziecięcych. Grupy taneczne przybyły z 8 krajów: Białoruś, Czechy, Kanada, Litwa, Łotwa, Rosja, Ukraina i Stany Zjednoczone. Na festiwal przybyły dwie grupy sponsorowane przez ZPRKA, obie po raz czwarty: „Wesoły Ludek” Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców Ludowych (dyr. zarządzająca Anna Kraszewski; dyr. artystyczny i choreograf Ryszard Jamiński; asystent Michael Dziadkowiec) oraz „Polanie” z Polskiej Szkoły Sobotniej im. Jana Pawła II z Lemont, IL (dyr. zarządzający Agnieszka Witek i Mirek Cisło; dyr. artystyczny i choreograf Antoni Dobrzański; dyr. tańca Sabina Dobrzańska; oraz asystent Olivia Cisło). To był mój pierwszy raz na tym Festiwalu nie jako dyrektor artystyczny i choreograf, ale jako obserwator, który może naprawdę cieszyć się występami jako widz. Byłam przyjęta jako gość festiwalu przez Rzeszowski Oddział Stowarzyszenia Wspólnota Polska i dyrektora Festiwalu Mariusza Grudnia, któremu jestem bardzo wdzięczna. Cały czas byłam



Wesoły Lud w czasie Dnia Dziedzictwa Polskiego na stadionie Cellular Field



„Polanie” i „Wesoły Ludek” w parafii pw. św. Iwona i M.B. Uzdrawienie Chorych w Iwoniczu-Zdroju



„Wesoły Ludek” i „Polanie” po wspólnym koncercie KALEJDOSKOP FOLKLORU ŚWIATA w Iwoniczu Zdroju



A. Witek, M. Jamiński, R. Jamiński, M. Cisło, A. Kraszewski, J. Plewa, M. Dziadkowiec i opiekun zespołów Przemek

jednak blisko naszych tancerzy, dyrektorów oraz rodziców. Bardziej kompletny, szczegółowy artykuł lub nawet dwa wraz z wieloma zdjęciami naszych grup ukaże się we wrześniowym wydaniu „Narodu Polskiego”. Chciałabym z całego serca ponownie pogratulować naszym artystom i ich rodzicom za wspaniałe występy! Podczas festiwalu, pani Anna



Sabina i Antoni Dobrzańscy z burmistrzem Iwonicza Zdroju

Sokołowska, była wiceprezes ZPRKA, została nagrodzona tytułem „Ambasador Światowych Festiwalu Polonijnych Zespołów Folklorystycznych”. W imieniu wszystkich członków ZPRKA, gratulujemy Pani Aniu!



P. Ania Sokołowska odbiera wyróżnienie na festiwalu

Tuż po powrocie z Polski, w piątek, 24 lipca, Towarzystwo ZPRKA #413 zaprosiło wszystkich członków i tych którzy zapisali się na doroczny Krajowy Turniej Golfowy ZPRKA, na zapoznawcze spotkanie towarzyskie.



Komitet Gościnny 63. Turnieju Golfowego ZPRKA

Wiceprezes D o l o r e s Spejewski oraz jej córka Amy, Joann Kush (sekretarz finansowy towarzystwa), Carol Dziegulewicz (prezes), Connie Bonin (dyrektor Dyst. 5). Komitet spisał się wspaniale. Przepięknie przywitano golfistów w Hammond, IN gdzie odbył się turniej w sobotę, 25 lipca! Moja asystent Linda Kasprzyk przyłożyła starań, aby ten turniej golfowy odbył się niczym „dobrze naoliwiona maszyna”. Przewodniczący turnieju pan Rich Sobilo wyraził zadowolenie z organizacji turnieju. Wyniki 63. Krajowego Turnieju Golfa ZPRKA umieszczone są na stronie 14. Gratulujemy (dok. na str. 19)



Linda Kasprzyk, koordynator i Rich Sobilo, przewodniczący Turnieju Golfowego ZPRKA

(dok. ze str. 18) wszystkim zwycięzcom! Bardziej szczegółowy artykuł ukarze się w następnym wydaniu NP.



Michaleen Lamont i prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. gotowi do rozgrywek



(L-p): A. Bastrzyk, Barbara Pawłowski, Robert Fattore na Pierogi Fest w Whiting IN.



(L-p): B. Sadus, M. Jaminski, P. Pawłowski, B. Pawłowski z gośćmi odwiedzającymi stanowisko ZPRKA



Pierogi Fest - wolontariusze (l-r) E. Kemp, E. Matson, B. Pawłowski, B. Matson

marketingu), Robert Fattore (dyrektor sprzedaży), Bożena Matson wraz z córką Evelyn oraz Eric Kemp. Nasza obecność na tego rodzaju wydarzeniach służy jako przypomnienie Polonii o sile naszej organizacji.

Aby zobaczyć więcej zdjęć i aby dowiedzieć się na bieżąco o wydarzeniach ZPRKA, zapraszamy na naszą stronę internetową www.PRCUA.org oraz na naszą stronę Facebooka: www.facebook.com/PRCUA.ZPRKA

Kończąc, chciałabym podkreślić, jak bardzo Polska się rozwija. Warto, aby zachęcać osoby Polskiego pochodzenia do odwiedzania kraju naszych przodków i doświadczania jej urody.

Pracownicy ZPRKA świętowali Dzień Niepodległości

Chicago, IL - Pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA świętowali amerykański Dzień Niepodległości wspólnym lunchem w dniu 2 lipca.



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Konkurs Plastyczny dla klas: K-kl. 8
Konkurs Fotograficzny dla uczniów szkół średnich

Lato w pełnym rozkwicie. Z pewnością wszyscy młodzi członkowie ZPRKA dobrze się bawią i doświadczają wielu wspaniałych przygód podczas wakacyjnych podróży, na obozach letnich lub z rodziną i przyjaciółmi. Departament Braterski ZPRKA i redakcja *Narodu Polskiego* zapraszają młodzież ZPRKA do dzielenia się swoimi wakacyjnymi wspomnieniami. ZPRKA ogłasza konkurs plastyczny dla klas K-kl. 8 i konkurs fotograficzny dla klas 9-12.



Temat: LATO 2015 (przedstawcie swoją najciekawszą przygodę lub najbardziej interesujące miejsce odwiedzone latem). Każdy uczestnik może nadesłać tylko jedną pracę lub zdjęcie.

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Prace konkursowe muszą być wysłane pocztą do **28 sierpnia 2015**. Zwycięzcy zostaną wybrani 4 września 2015. Nazwiska zwycięzców oraz nagrodzone prace zostaną opublikowane w październikowym wydaniu *Narodu Polskiego*.

Zastrzegamy sobie prawo dyskwalifikacji prac wskazujących na niesamodzielne wykonanie, na podstawie wieku ucznia i poziomu klasy. Wszyscy uczestnicy muszą być członkami ZPRKA.

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O godz. 14:30 odprowadzona zostanie Msza św., której celebrazem będzie J.E. biskup Andrzej Wypych, DD, biskup pomocniczy Chicago i krajowy dyrektor wykonawczy Ligi Katolickiej. Po nabożeństwie odbędą się obrady.

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Nie zapominajmy o tym, że w każdej chwili możemy pomóc członkom ZPRKA, którzy dążą do zdobycia wyższego wykształcenia. Co może być bardziej znaczące niż dotacja na Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA i pomoc polsko-amerykańskiej młodzieży w uzyskaniu lepszego wykształcenia?

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Nazwiska darczyńców zostaną wymienione w "Narodzie Polskim", osoby które nie chcą być wymienione, prosimy o zaznaczenie, iż pragną pozostać anonimowe.

Jeśli są Państwo zainteresowani utworzeniem konkretnego stypendium w swoim imieniu dla potomności, czy "Na cześć" lub "Na pamiątkę" ukochanej osoby, prosimy skontaktować się z biurem prezesa ZPRKA Josepha Drobota, tel: 1-800-772-8632, w. 2603, w celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji.

ZPRKA PRZYZNAŁO STYPENDIA

CHICAGO, IL - Od momentu powstania Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, jednym z głównych celów naszej organizacji była pomoc dzieciom i młodzieży w celu zdobycia odpowiedniego wykształcenia. W pierwszych latach działalności ZPRKA przyznało kilka pojedynczych stypendiów dla najbardziej potrzebujących lub najbardziej wyróżniających się uczniów. W 1903 roku, w czasie 28. Sejmu ZPRKA w Detroit, MI, założony został Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA. Pierwsze stypendia z tego funduszu przyznane zostały w 1907 r. Tradycja promowania wyższego wykształcenia wśród członków ZPRKA trwa do dnia dzisiejszego. Każdego roku, Zjednoczenie przyznaje stypendia i pomoc finansową pochodzące z Funduszu Stypendialnego ZPRKA i Funduszu Edukacyjnego ZPRKA. W tym roku w sumie 49 studentów otrzyma stypendia, w tym - 31 z Funduszu Stypendialnego i 18 z Funduszu Edukacyjnego.

Lista wyróżnionych studentów znajduje się na str. 4. Gratulujemy wszystkim, którzy otrzymali stypendia i życzymy wielu sukcesów w nowym roku szkolnym.

PIKNIK RODZINNY ZPRKA Zorganizowany przez Dystr. 7, 8, 9

Chicago, IL - W niedzielę, 28 czerwca odbył się w P.A.C.F. Grove w Glenwood, IL pierwszy Piknik Rodzinny ZPRKA, którego organizatorami były Dystrykty 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA. W czasie pikniku odprawiona została msza św. polowa, którą celebrował ks. Ron Kondziolka z parafii św. Antoniego w Chicago.

Była to naprawdę wspaniała impreza, w której udział brały całe rodziny! Na uczestników czekało wiele atrakcji, m.in.: DJ Piotr Michalak, klauny Lulu i Lolo, dmuchany dom dla dzieci do skakania, przejażdżki na kucykach, kajaki, różne zajęcia sportowe, doskonałe jedzenie. Zabawie na świeżym powietrzu sprzyjała wspaniała pogoda.

Wielkie wyrazy podziękowania dla wszystkich, którzy poświęcili swój wolny czas na zaplanowanie i organizację pikniku, przygotowanie jedzenia, malowanie twarzy dzieciom i wszelką inną pomoc! Wszyscy świetnie się bawili na terenie malowniczego parku P.A.C.F. Grove!

ZPRKA już dziś zaprasza wszystkich na przyszłoroczny piknik, który odbędzie się w ostatnią niedzielę czerwca!

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Doskonale bawili się też dorośli



Malowanie twarzy



L-p: dyrektorzy Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech (D-8), Anna Krysiński (D-7), James Rustik (D-8) z wiceprezeską ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński



Mecz siatkówki



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Przejażdżka kolejką dla najmłodszych... i dla tych trochę starszych

MINISTER MAŁGORZATA OMILANOWSKA Z WIZYTĄ W MPA

Chicago, IL - W środę, 22 lipca Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce gościło Minister Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego, prof. Małgorzatę Omilanowską oraz towarzyszących jej Urszulę Słazak, dyrektor Departamentu Współpracy z Zagranicą, Jacka Milera, dyrektora Departamentu Dziedzictwa Kulturowego i konsula Roberta Rusieckiego.

Goście powitani zostali przez członków zarządu i dyrekcji oraz pracowników MPA i przedstawicieli ZPRKA, mieli okazję zwiedzić sale muzealne, bibliotekę, i archiwum MPA, po których oprowadzani byli przez historyka MPA Jana Lorysia, bibliotekarkę Iwonę Bożek, i Krystynę Grell i archiwistę Teresę Sromek. Towarzyszyli im również prezes MPA Richard Owsiany, dyrektor zarządzający MPA Małgorzata Kot oraz przewodniczący Rady Dyrektorów MPA i prezes ZPRKA, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Przy tej szczególnej okazji, wystawione zostały na pokaz niektóre z najcenniejszych eksponatów z kolekcji MPA. Goście mieli również okazję zwiedzić niedawno oddany pokój starych druków, pokój muzyczny, Pokój Paderewskiego, galerię sztuki, a także niektóre z pomieszczeń, które są w potrzebie remontu.

Następnie minister Omilanowska udzieliła wywiadów przedstawicielom mediów polonijnych. Po krótkiej przerwie na lunch, goście spotkali się w Głównej Sali MPA z grupą przedstawicieli środowiska polonijnego w Chicago. W czasie tego spotkania minister Omilanowska podziękowała zarządowi, dyrekcji i pracownikom MPA za ciepłe przyjęcie oraz wyraziła wdzięczność Polonii amerykańskiej za kultywowanie polskiej kultury i tradycji w Ameryce i za ich wysiłek na rzecz zachowania i ochrony pamiątek polskiej historii i kultury.

Podsumowując, Małgorzata Omilanowska podkreśliła, że gdyby nie było takich miejsc jak MPA, to uniwersalność przekazu o Polsce nie byłaby możliwa. Nazwała pracowników MPA kustoszami cennej narodowej kolekcji.

Goście zatrzymali się także krótko w siedzibie ZPRKA, gdzie minister Omilanowska odwiedziła biuro prezesa ZPRKA Josepha A. Drobo, Jr.



(L-p) Jan Loryś oprowadza dyr. Milera i min. Omilanowską po Pokoju Marynistycznym



W czasie spotkania z przedstawicielami Polonii



(L-p) Małgorzata Omilanowska, Krystyna Grell, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Małgorzata Kot w bibliotece MPA