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**Zapraszamy  
do czytania  
stron 15-20  
w języku  
polskim.**

**VETERANS DAY  
- NOVEMBER 11 -**



*Salute those who  
serve our country  
and protect our  
freedom.*

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## Happy Thanksgiving

Giving Thanks, 2015

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,  
For the labor well done and the barns that are heaped,  
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,  
For the rose and the song and of the harvest brought home,  
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!  
(Author Unknown)

May you enjoy this day with family and friends, giving thanks to the Lord for His abundant blessings in your life. Indeed, all we have is His gift to us each day. A Bountiful, Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to our beloved PRCUA Family, all our Friends and all of Polonia. Smacznego Indyka!

Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, National Chaplain  
Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuć, National Vice Chaplain

## WOMEN HONORED AT THE PRCUA IL-IN WOMEN'S DIVISION BRUNCH

*"Women are the Church's greatest ally. They keep the embers of deep religious fervor burning in the hearts of family members. Let us graciously accept them into our organization and welcome their participation."*  
Rev. Vincent Barzynski, C.R. PRCUA Founder

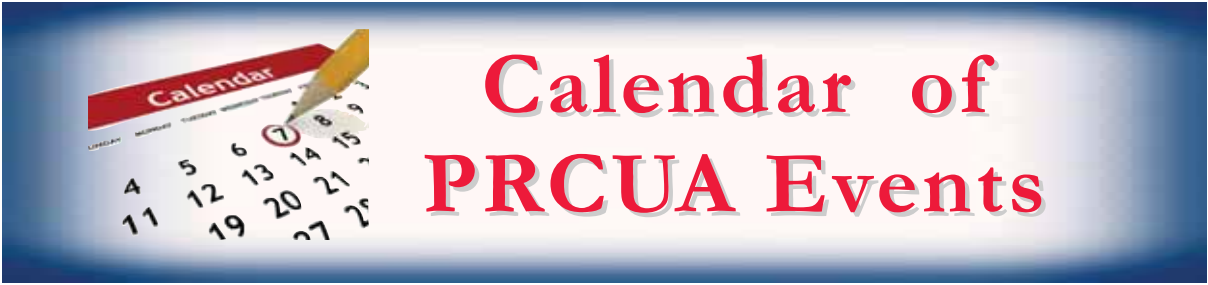
Oakbrook, IL - A very special celebration was held on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at Oak Brook Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook, IL where the PRCUA Fraternal Department honored dedicated members of the Illinois-Indiana Women's Division with a Brunch.

A short program was prepared by the PRCUA Fraternal Department. VP Micheline Jaminski read the biographies of the honorees present at the event and presented them with commemorative certificates. She thanked them for their involvement in the PRCUA (Continued on pg. 7)



Sitting (l-r): Josephine Szarowicz, Barbara Pawlowski, Lori Gorny, Stella Sobilo, Mary Gorny, Diane Cortesi, Alice Robaczewski; standing (l-r): Lorene Pontarelli, Micheline Jaminski, Krystyna Lech, Elizabeth Sadus, Shirley Dudzinski, Carol Zurawski, Geraldine Kowalski, Victoria Bas, Anna Krynski, Loretta Dykla, Lillian Stempinski, Arlene Prugar, Anna Sokolowski, Mary Brzezniak, Mary Jane Robles





NOVEMBER

- 7 DETROIT, MI – FR. AL’S SOCIETY #1493 60th ANNIVERSARY MASS** on Sat., Nov. 7 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Cunegunda Church, 5900 St. Lawrence, Detroit, MI. Social get-together after Mass at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers at 18650 Ford Rd., West of Southfield. Everyone pays their own. To make reservations, contact Wally Ozog at 586-751-8168 or wozog@wowway.com by Nov. 3.
- 9 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT # 7 MEETING** on Mon., Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. Donations appreciated for St. Stan’s Soup Kitchen. Contact: Shirley Dudzinski 773-763-4069.
- 10 JOHNSTOWN, PA – ST. CASIMIR’S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., 306 Power St., Johnstown, PA. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905.
- 14 LEMONT, IL – 35TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL AND 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLANIE DANCERS OF JP II** on Sat., Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont, IL. (See details on pg. 14).
- 15 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC #162 MEETING** on Sun., Nov. 15 at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI 48129. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Contact: Stan Pasko 313-815-5230.
- 15 ORLAND PARK, IL – DISTRICT 8 MEETING** on Sun., Nov. 15 at Noon, after 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL.
- 18 LANSING, MI – SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., Nov. 18 (every third Wed. of each month), Potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting) at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.
- 18 TROY, MI – CIRCUIT XI MEETING** on Wed., Nov. 18 at Noon at Polish American Culture Center, 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: Bernardine Wozniak , Recording Secretary, at 586-731-3692.
- 21 HICKORY HILLS, IL – CINDERELLA AND PRINCE CHARMING BALL** on Sat., Nov. 21, entry at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. at Glendora House, 10225 S. Harlem, Chicago Ridge, IL. (See details on pg. 4.)
- 22 MERRILLVILLE, IN – PAC INDIANA DIV. POLISH HERITAGE DINNER** on Sun., Nov. 22 at Innsbruck Country Club, Merrillville, IN at 1:00 p.m. Pres. Drobot will be honored.
- 22 MT. CLEMENS, MI – SOC. #1593 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** on Sun., Nov 22 at Dooley’s Tavern, 235 N. Groesbeck Hwy., Mt. Clemens, MI. Doors Open 1:00 p.m. Games start 1:30 p.m. Advance Registration \$25.00, if space is available \$30.00 at the door. Admission charge includes: Tournament prizes, pizza, salad, pop, beer on tap and one free raffle ticket. Non-player guest \$15.00. TV’s available to watch football games. 50-50 Share the wealth raffles. Contact Barb Ozog at bwithers03@yahoo.com or at 586-453-3471. Mail your entry to: 30105 Wagner Dr., Warren, MI 48093. If you cannot attend, tax deductible donations to the scholarship fund would be appreciated. Make check payable to: PRCUA 1593.
- 24 WARREN, MI – POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne’s Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168. No meeting in December.

THANKSGIVING DAY

- 27 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 3rd ANNUAL DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DANCE** on Fri., Nov. 27, entry at 5:00 p.m., dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (See details on pg. 4.)

DECEMBER

- 6 MERRILLVILLE, IN – ANNUAL PRCUA OPLATEK** on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, hosted by District #9 at Salvatorian Fathers Monastery in Merrillville, IN. (Details on pg. 4.)
- 8 JOHNSTOWN, PA – ST. CASIMIR’S SOC. #531 MEETING** on Tues., Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., 306 Power St. Send premiums to: Ed Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont, Johnstown, PA 15905
- 12 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Sat., Dec. 12 at 1:00 p.m. at 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Santa arrives about 2:15 p.m. For children ages 0-10. Info: spaskoj@aol.com or mhalbers@wyan.org.
- 12 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 POLKA CHRISTMAS NIGHT** on Sat., Dec. 12 at 8:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall in Wyandotte, MI. (See details on pg. 13.)
- 13 TOLEDO, OH – SOC. #1584, #1633, #1617 & #719 MEETING** on Sun., Dec. at 1 p.m., Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Tom Jesionowski at 419-261-3636.
- 13 HAMTRAMCK, MI – PRCUA MICHIGAN WOMEN’S DIVISION ANNUAL OPLATEK DINNER** on Sun., Dec 13 at 1:30 p.m., at PNA Banquet Hall, 10211 Conant St., Hamtramck, MI. Hosted by the PRCUA Polskie Maki Dance School. (See details on pg. 13.)

- 13 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Sun., Dec. 13 at 2:00 p.m. at 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dinner and drinks \$10 each for members and their spouse/guest. Tickets at the Lounge or call Chris at 734-671-9366.

- 16 LANSING, MI – SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., Dec. 16 (every third Wednesday of each month), Potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:00 (weather permitting) at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7 p.m. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311

- 16 TROY, MI – CIRCUIT XI MEETING** on Wed., Dec. 16 at Noon at Polish American Culture Center, 15 Mile and Dequindre, Troy, MI. Contact: Bernardine Wozniak, Recording Secretary, at 586-731-3692

- 19 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC #162 PRCUA LOUNGE CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Sat., Dec 19 at 7:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Bring a dish if you wish or just join in for the food, drinks and fun. Info: PRCU Lounge at 734-283-4810 (after 6:00 p.m.)

- 20 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC #162 ELECTION MEETING** on Sun., Dec. 20 at 1:00 p.m. 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

- 20 DARIEN, IL – SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH DANCING CHRISTMAS SHOW** on Sun., Dec. 20. at Hinsdale South H.S., 7401 S. Clarendon, Darien, IL. 12 p.m. entrance - 12:30 p.m. start (More details to follow.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

- 31 WYANDOTTE, MI – POLISH-AMERICAN NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATION** on Thursday, Dec. 31 at PRCUA Hall in Wyandotte, MI. For tickets or more information contact PRCU Lounge at 734-283-4810 (after 6:00 p.m.), Keith Zelasko at 734-771-708, Kenny Konopka at 734-629-6796, or Joe Zelasko at 734-283-8538. (See details on pg. 9.)

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To conform with 21st century standards of distributing information, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is asking its members to provide PRCUA with their e-mail addresses in order to update members' database and form an efficient and earth-friendly way of communicating. To send your e-mail address fill out the form above. Provided information will be strictly used for business purposes.



# Attention: Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles!

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Beginning November 14, 2015 through January 31, 2016, SAVE 10% on your purchase of a \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or larger PRCUA Single Pay Life Insurance Certificate for your little one from 2 weeks to age 15 and 5 months.

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Ask us how you can **save 10%** on the purchase of your own Life Insurance Certificate with the **Family Plus Special!**

All applications for the PRCUA 2015 Christmas Special are subject to Underwriting and must be **postmarked by January 31, 2016.**

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### Rates for Males:

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$412	\$735	\$1,702	\$3,314
1	\$421	\$752	\$1,746	\$3,402
2	\$432	\$774	\$1,799	\$3,509
3	\$444	\$797	\$1,858	\$3,625
4	\$456	\$822	\$1,920	\$3,751
5	\$469	\$849	\$1,987	\$3,883
6	\$483	\$876	\$2,055	\$4,020
7	\$497	\$905	\$2,126	\$4,163
8	\$512	\$934	\$2,200	\$4,310
9	\$527	\$965	\$2,277	\$4,463
10	\$543	\$996	\$2,356	\$4,622
11	\$560	\$1,029	\$2,438	\$4,786
12	\$577	\$1,063	\$2,523	\$4,956
13	\$594	\$1,098	\$2,610	\$5,130
14	\$612	\$1,134	\$2,699	\$5,308
15	\$630	\$1,170	\$2,790	\$5,490

### Rates for Females:

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$368	\$647	\$1,482	\$2,875
1	\$377	\$665	\$1,527	\$2,964
2	\$387	\$684	\$1,575	\$3,061
3	\$397	\$705	\$1,627	\$3,165
4	\$409	\$727	\$1,683	\$3,275
5	\$420	\$750	\$1,740	\$3,390
6	\$432	\$774	\$1,800	\$3,509
7	\$444	\$799	\$1,861	\$3,633
8	\$457	\$824	\$1,925	\$3,761
9	\$470	\$851	\$1,991	\$3,893
10	\$484	\$878	\$2,060	\$4,031
11	\$498	\$907	\$2,131	\$4,173
12	\$513	\$936	\$2,205	\$4,320
13	\$528	\$966	\$2,281	\$4,472
14	\$544	\$997	\$2,359	\$4,627
15	\$560	\$1,030	\$2,439	\$4,788

\* Use the proposed insured's nearest age.  
(Ex.: If he/she is 8 yrs. 5 mo. use 8 years,  
if he/she is 8 years 6 months, use 9 years.)

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**PRCUA ZPRKA**

## Welcome to The PRCUA Discount Program!

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## LEARN POLISH at the PRCUA!

The PRCUA will host weekly language classes for adults starting on: Monday, January 11, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the PRCUA Social Hall, 984 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. This continuing program will extend to the end of May and will be taught by Halina Szyrzyna, an Accredited Polish Language Teacher and Principal of John Paul II Polish Language School in Lemont, Illinois. Tuition: Members - FREE; Non-PRCUA Members - \$150.00\*. To register for the class, please email: [linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org](mailto:linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org) or call (773) 782-2601. Register now! Space is limited!

\*If you are not a member and would like to become one, please contact: Agnieszka Bastrzyk: 773-782-2632, [agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcu.org](mailto:agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcu.org) or Robert Fattore: 773-782-2631, [robert-fattore@prcu.org](mailto:robert-fattore@prcu.org).



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before January 1, 2016 or mail to:

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## Annual PRCUA Oplatek Hosted by District #9 Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 Doors open at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Salvatorian Fathers Monastery  
5755 Pennsylvania Street  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
Donation \$30.00 (Children under 12 \$15.00)

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## Southwest Center of Polish Dancing

### Christmas Show

Sunday, December 20th  
12 p.m. entrance - 12:30 p.m. start  
Hinsdale South H.S.  
7401 S. Clarendon, Darien, IL

### End of the year recital

Sunday, April 24th  
12 p.m. entrance - 12:30 p.m. start  
Location TBD



## From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer

**James J. Robaczewski, FIC**



We need the current addresses for the following members. If  
you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to:  
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## *Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

Cocktails 6:30-7:30pm Dinner 7:30pm

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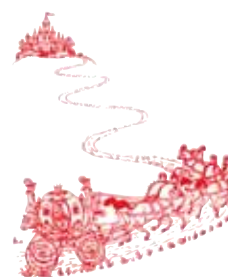
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The 2016 PRCUA calendar features illustrations by Maria Orłowska-Gabrys with excerpts of folk songs from Zielony gaiczek, second edition, compiled by Maria Wieman, published by Wspólna Sprawa, Warszawa, 1978.



*Order while supplies last!*

## PRCUA Christmas Fraternal Freebies Available

Enrich your Christmas celebration with these **FREE** publications offered by your fraternal's Marketing Department to PRCUA members:

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## 60th Anniversary Mass of PRCUA Father Al's Society #1493



**Rev. Alexander S.  
Wilczewski**

Detroit, MI - On Saturday, November 7, 2015 members of PRCUA Father Al's Society #1493 are invited to attend the Society's 60th Anniversary Mass at St. Cunegunda Church located at 5900 St. Lawrence, Detroit Michigan 48210. Mass will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friends of the PRCUA and others are also encouraged to attend.

In honor of the founder and first pastor of St. Cunegunda Parish, Rev. Alexander S. Wilczewski, Stanley Mardeusz organized Father Al's Society in the Fall of 1955. After months of planning, this fraternal benefit society conducted its first meeting on December 11, 1955. The first elected officers were: Rev. Alexander S. Wilczewski (Chaplain), Roman Bochenek (President), Gregory Rosinski (Vice-President), Anthony R. Ozog (Recording Secretary), Mitchell H. Mazur (Financial Secretary) and Leonard Sienkowski (Treasurer).

The purpose of the Society was to honor the founder of St. Cunegunda Church and to promote sports, good fellowship and scholastic achievements. For many years the Society undertook the sponsorship of both boys' and girls' athletic teams for the students at St. Cunegunda School. The Society also sponsored the Fr. Al's Softball League that started in 1956 with three teams and grew to twenty teams in the 1980 season. Educational grants were presented to members of Fr. Al's Society and donations from various fund raising affairs assisted institutions such as the Polish Museum of America, located in Chicago Illinois, as well as St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Throughout the years, members in the Society participated in numerous National Tournaments of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (Golf, Softball, Bowling and Basketball), as well as performing in various Polish dance groups that are supported through monetary donations by Fr. Al's Society.

In December 1988, St. Francis Society #1077 merged with Fr. Al's Society. This membership added to the Society's growth.

Today, Fr. Al's Society is still one of the active societies in Michigan. Members still participate in National PRCUA Tournaments and younger members still participate in Polish dancing. The Society still hosts National Tournaments and still provides assistance to Society college bound members through educational grants.

The present Officers of Fr. Al's Society are: Joseph Ozog Jr. (President), Linda Mikus (Vice-President), Courtney Ozog (Recording Secretary) and Mary Ann Shelton (Treasurer/Financial Secretary).

Facts about Fr. Alexander S. Wilczewski: Born - August 25, 1896, Ordained - September 10, 1922, 1st Pastor of St. Cunegunda - August 3, 1927, Died - November 8, 1963.

*Submitted by: Wallace M. Ozog, PRCUA President Emeritus*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Al's will be hosting the National PRCUA Basketball Tournament in Romulus, MI on March 5, 2016. Since this is our 60th year of existence, we are looking for former players, their children, grandchildren (age 16 and up) to participate. This will be a time of socializing with old friends, have fun and fraternalize. It is also a good way of celebrating 60 years of service to the community. Contact: Joseph Ozog, Jr., at 734-941-3466 for more information.

**All articles for the December issue of *Naród Polski*,  
must be submitted by Tuesday, November 17, 2015.**

## Congratulations

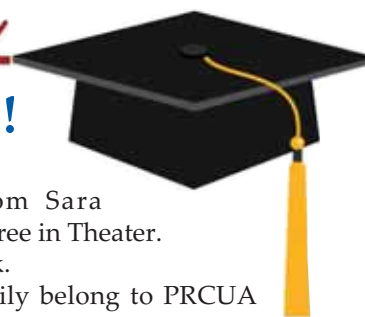
### PRCUA GRADUATES!



Gabrielle Anna Schutz graduated from Sara Lawrence College in New York with a Master Degree in Theater.

Gabrielle is pursuing her career in New York.

She and other members of the Schutz family belong to PRCUA Society #261.



Zachary M. Schultz, son of Mark & Maureen (Czajka) Schultz and grandson of Tim & Mary Czajka (all members of St. Stan's Society #718), graduated from Kettering University this past September.

Zachary earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed by Aerotek as a contractor at Stryker Medical in Kalamazoo, MI.

Zachary would like to thank the PRCUA and St. Stan's Society #718 for educational scholarships received during his undergraduate studies. Their support is greatly appreciated!



## JOIN ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE

Rogalin Dance Troupe teaches Polish and character dance classes to boys and girls ages 3-18. They practice on Tuesday evenings at the PRCUA Hall at 1430 Oak Street in Wyandotte, MI. Dancers must be members of the PRCUA.

For more information on how to join our group or become a member of PRCUA, contact our director, Michelle Stechchulte at 734-283-4589 or [mickeY-mom20@hotmail.com](mailto:mickeY-mom20@hotmail.com). Follow Rogalin Dance Troupe on Facebook to view our upcoming events and pictures.





## The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski  
Vice President ~ wiceprezes



Happy Anniversary to you! Happy Anniversary to you!  
Happy Anniversary PRCUA! Happy Anniversary to you!  
Dwieście lat! Dwieście lat! Niech żyje żyje nam! A kto?  
Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce.

The visionaries in October of 1873 recognized the need to provide a safe haven for their brothers and sisters here in the U.S.A. The PRCUA celebrates 142 years of enjoying the good, conquering the challenges, and moving forward! Times have changed! Needs have changed! People have changed! Poland is now a modern, democratic and vital country, exercising "its inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." We celebrate Poland's modernity all-the-while cherishing the folk culture and religious fervor that sustained us, who live outside of Poland, through the tough times. We will continue to celebrate, so here's to many more years of the PRCUA!

Speaking of celebrations, the Illinois-Indiana Women's Division of the PRCUA hosted a Brunch at the Oakbrook Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook, IL at the end of September, honoring many of the great ladies from Districts 7, 8 and 9. The honorees present were: past Lady Vice President – Lorie Rose Gorny; past Resident Vice President – Anna Sokolowski; past Secretary-Treasurer/Secretary General/National Director – Josephine Szarowicz; current and past National Directors – Shirley Dudzinski, Anna Krysinski, Krystyna Lech, Elizabeth Sadus, and Lillian Stempinski; former First Lady – Loretta Dykla; past Insurance Supervisor - Barbara Pawlowski; current Officers of the IL-IN Women's Division: Geraldine Kowalski – President; Mary Brzezniak – Vice President; Lillian Stempinski – Secretary-Treasurer; and Diane Cortesi - Sergeant-at-Arms as well as Victoria Bas, Mary Gorny, Lorene Pontarelli, Arlene Prugar, Alice Robaczewski, Mary Jane Robles, Stella Sobilo, and Carol Zurawski. Also joining in the celebration were: President and Mrs. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. James J. Robaczewski; past National Director – Steven Cieslicki; my husband – Richard Jaminski and many Family and Friends of the honorees and of the IL-IN Women's Division. Special thanks to my Executive Assistant - Linda Kasprzyk, Director of Marketing – Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Narod Polski Editor/Photographer – Lidia Kowalewicz, and Mieczyslaw Dzis, Musician Extraordinaire for their assistance in making this Brunch the success it was. See article and photos on p. 1.



President Drobot speaking  
at the ERM Seminar

The beginning of October found PRCUA hosting the ERM (Enterprise Risk Management) Seminar sponsored by the LIC – Life Insurers Council of LOMA (Life Office Management Association) at PRCUA Headquarters. The agenda included informative presenters, networking events and of course, an opportunity to tour the Polish Museum of America and our historic building, stimulating discussion and encouraging exchange of knowledge among the representatives of various life insurance companies. We thank Audrey Wittenburg ALMI, ACS, Associate Director of LIC for choosing PRCUA to host this event. Photo #1

Polish Heritage Month celebrations abounded commencing on October 3, 2015, with President Drobot joined by Bob Hojnacki, Michelle Stechshulte and the Rogalin Dancers of Wyandotte, MI representing the PRCUA at the Pulaski Day Parade in Grand Rapids, MI. Congratulations Rogalin for dancing your way through the parade and winning the "2015 Best Children's Entry". See article and photo on p. 7.



Rogalin Dancers walking in the Pulaski Day  
Parade in Grand Rapids, MI

Fattore.

On October 4, 2015, the celebration continued with a Mass at St. Albertus Church in Detroit, MI – attending, among others, were PRCUA Schools: Gwiazda Dancers, Halka Dancers, Polskie Maki Dance Ensemble, Opole Dancers, Rogalin Dancers, Syrena Dancers, Tetry Dancers, Wieliczka Dancers, Zajacek Dance Ensemble and Zakopane Folk Ensemble. The Mass, concelebrated by PRCUA's National Chaplain, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, emphasized the importance of maintaining Polish culture in today's Polonia for generations to come.



Pres. Drobot with the Calumet City Officials  
in Calumet City, IL

Meanwhile, President Drobot participated in the 20th Annual Polish-American Heritage Month Celebration coordinated by Calumet City Treasurer, Gerry Tarka, in Calumet City, IL.

At Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Chicago, IL, the Maria Konopnicka Polish School attended the 36th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating St. John Paul II's visit to Chicago in 1979. At the time, the Pastor of Five Holy Martyrs Parish was his Excellency Bishop Alfred L. Abramowicz, a dear friend of St. John Paul II, and FHM was the center of Southwest Chicago's

Polonia for many, many years. It was the cradle of many PRCUA societies, schools and groups.

Did you know that October 8 was National Pierogi Day? Since when did the delicacy, that we have all grown-up with and loved, need a special day? Just another excuse to divert from the diet? Well, in the spirit of month, I guess we just have to go with the flow.

The Polish Museum of America was delighted to host the Octava Ensemble from Krakow, Poland on October 9. Malgorzata Kot, Managing Director of the PMA, invited the staff of PRCUA and PMA, as well as the public, to hear the singers whose beautiful voices resounded in the Great Hall of the Museum. I was pleased to be part of the experience.

While on the subject of the PMA, it has been 80 years since the PRCUA proposed the idea of establishing a Polish Museum in America. What better way to celebrate this concept than by organizing an Autumn Dance and so, on October 10, together with Malgorzata Kot, my husband Richard, and devoted supporters, we danced the night away at Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, IL. Entertainment was provided by the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company and music by Mira Sojka-Topor and the Kings. We thank all who attended the event and those who, in their absence, sent donations. The PMA serves as an integral part of the Polish-American Community in Chicago, in the USA and in the world. Remember the PMA during the upcoming holiday season – it is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization (all donations are tax deductible).

On October 11, 2015, the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of the PMA was the sight of the Polonia Summit of Polonian Leaders organized by the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia and hosted by the PRCUA and PMA. Most Reverend Andrew Wypych,



Pres. and Mrs. Drobot receiving a  
certificate from Bp. Wypych

D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and National Executive Director of Liga Katolicka, concelebrated Mass and held a meeting for representatives of the Polish American Community. Lectors were from PMA Managing Director M. Kot and PMA President Richard Owsiany. At the close of the event, PRCUA President and Mrs. Drobot were presented

with a certificate and flowers from Bishop Father in honor of their Golden Anniversary. Coordinating the event were Linda Kasprzyk (PRCUA) and Ewelina Bidus (Assistant to Bishop Wypych). Earlier in the day, PRCUA member and employee, Iwona Morawska, ran the Bank of America 38th Chicago Marathon. This annual major marathon is one of the six World Marathon Majors which includes Boston, New York, London, Tokyo and Berlin and ranks third largest. President Drobot thought Iwona needed some extra carbs in preparation for the Marathon and so, "his wish is our command." Congratulations, Iwona, from all of us at PRCUA on fulfilling your dream of completing the marathon!

On October 17, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Director of Marketing, conducted the Continuing Education class for Licensed Agents at the Home Office.

The theme of the PRCUA and PMA Employee Appreciation Day Luncheon held on October 22, 2015 was "all things Chinese" from the décor to the music to the food thanks to the creativity of Linda Kasprzyk, Julie Prado, and Madia Robles. President Drobot entertained the staff with his comedy routine. Sec-Treas. Robaczewski awarded tenure pins to all employees with one year or more full time employment at PRCUA. The winner and reigning champion is Claudine Wicker with 34 years of service (according to Claudine, there were no child labor laws back then – ha! ha!) The clean-up crew supervised by Underwriting Manager Georgia Xamplas did an exceptional job!

The PRCUA Tetry Dancers honored two of their graduates, Jaclyn Mullen and Rebecca Vincent, at the annual Presentation Ball on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland, MI. President and Mrs. Drobot attended the event. Thank you to Director Rose Ann Lackey, Teacher Karen Lubiarsz, and Assistant Kaitlyn Belcher for their efforts on behalf of Tetry Dancers. Congratulations to the Graduates!

Congratulations to the Directors of the Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., PRCUA Members: Charmaine Kalisiak-Zarzycki and her two daughters, Claudette and Andrea – on their 100th Anniversary. It was Charmaine's grandmother, Agnes Matelski-Zarzycki, (Cont on pg. 7)



Iwona Morawska



L-r: Madia Robles, Julie Prado  
and Linda Kasprzyk - creative  
ladies who decorated the  
PRCUA Social Hall



an immigrant from Poland, who started the century-old family business spanning four generations. A Mass celebrating this occasion was held at St. Richard Church, Chicago, IL, on Saturday, October 24, 2015, concelebrated by Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki and Rev. Krzysztof Janczak. The Zarzycki's have two locations on the southwest side of Chicago and in Willow Springs, IL. Once again, congratulations and wishing you another 100 years and more!

On October 25, 2015, PRCUA National Director of District 7 Anna Krysinski and long-time PRCUA member, Romuald Matuszczak, among others, were honored at the PAC-IL Polish Heritage Day Banquet at the White Eagle Restaurant.

Mrs. Krysinski is also co-founder and the Managing Director of the Polonia Ensemble of PRCUA as well as one of the top selling PRCUA Insurance Representatives. Polonia Ensemble performed the stately Polonaise commencing the program



**Dir. Anna Krysinski with Aleksandra Kwasny and Mieczyslaw Dzis**



**Polonia at the Pol-Am Heritage Month Banquet**

and concluded with a song and dance suite from the region of Lowicz, which they dedicated to their beloved Director. Dinner music was provided by violin virtuoso, Aleksandra Kwasny, also a member of Polonia Ensemble. For the finale, Ola was accompanied by the accomplished accordionist Mieczyslaw Dzis (Musical Director). We wish Director Krysinski and Mr. Matuszczak continued success and heartfelt congratulations! And to the Musical Duo – encore!

Meanwhile in Wyandotte, MI – The first annual “Trunk or Treat” event was a huge success! Kudos to Society #162 for hosting a unique take on a Halloween celebration! Congrats to all the winners and especially the First place winners – the Kozlowski's! Look for more information in an upcoming issue of the *Naród Polski*.

The Fraternal Department selected 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow

as its theme for its Annual Polish Heritage Month Coloring Contest for PRCUA members ages 3-15. Entries must be postmarked no later than November 30, 2015. The first World Youth Day in Poland was in 1991 in Czestochowa where 1,600,000 participated. It was the first WYD held in a Slavic country, in a post-Communist country and in a Pope's native country. The 2016 WYD will be held in honor of St. John Paul II from July 25-31.

In the spirit of November – let us acknowledge all those who came before us and now love us from above, let us be grateful for the Veterans who fought to keep us safe and free, and let us be thankful for all the people in our lives!

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.” - Melody Beatty

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
**Remember the Goodness of GOD!**

(Continued from pg. 1) and contributing to the organization's growth and success. Many PRCUA leaders who made major contributions to the Women's Division over the years were present. Among them were: PRCUA V.P. Micheline Jaminski; Past Lady Vice President Anna Sokolowski; Past Vice President Lori Rose Gorny; Past Secretary-Treasurer Josephine Szarowicz, Director of District 7 Anna Krysinski; Director of District 8 Krystyna Lech, Director of District 9 Elizabeth Sadus; Past Dir. of District 7: Lillian Stempinski, Shirley Dudzinski and Alice Robaczewski; Past Dir. of Dist. 9 Stella Sobilo; Officers of the IL-IN Women's Division Pres. Geraldine Kowalski, V.P. Mary Brzezniak, Secy./Treas. Lillian Stempinski, and Sgt.-at-Arms Diane Cortesi; Past PRCUA First Lady Loretta Dykla; Past Insurance Supervisor Barbara Pawlowski, PRCUA retiree - past exec. secy. to the President Mary Gorny; current exec. Secy. to the President Mary Jane Robles; PRCUA retiree Arlene Prugar; as well as Lorene Pontarelli, Carol Zurawski, and Victoria Bas.

PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. also expressed his gratitude to all past and present members of the Women's Division for their dedication, hard work and perseverance in cultivating Polish culture and religious values and supporting the PRCUA for over 140 years of history.

The program ended with Mieczyslaw Dzis, Music and Choral Director of PRCUA's Polonia Ensemble, playing beautiful melodies on his accordion.



## Rogalin Dancers at Pulaski Days in Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, MI - The PRCUA was well represented at the 2015 Pulaski Days in Grand Rapids Michigan. The event started on Wednesday, September 30th with the Kielbasa Eating Contest at 5th Street Hall and ended Sunday night October 4th with the Raffle drawing at Kosciusko Hall. PRCUA was the main sponsor of the event, being the first ever financial sponsor. At the Kielbasa Eating Contest, we had our first ever team entered from Society #78 in Muskegon, along with a table promoting the PRCUA at the event. On the team were: Ted Maciag, Mike Swiatek and Makayla Swiatek, who finished 6th out of 12 teams (Good job!). Friday brought a host of PRCUA members to the Pulaski Days festivities, to enjoy Polish food, refreshments and Polka bands at the 12 Polish Halls well into the night. Saturday started off with Pulaski Days Parade, attended by several thousand people. There were over 50 entries in the parade. PRCUA was again well represented, having the Rogalin Dance Troupe from Society #162 in Wyandotte entered into the parade, led by its Director Michelle Stechschulte and Choreographer Janet Vilag. The signs were held by board members of the dance troupe in addition to mothers of the children. Also in attendance in the parade were: President Joseph Drobot, Past Dist. 10 Dir. Barb Toboy and Bob Hojnacki, handing out candy and trinkets to all the children. Mrs. Judy Drobot, Soc. #162 President Stan Pasko, and Dave & Bridget Butterfield were at the controls of the SUV which played Polka music for the dancers. The Rogalin Dance Troupe were the hit of the parade and won the Best Children's Entry Trophy. Congratulations to the dancers, Michelle and Janet. After the parade



there was an awards ceremony at Laddies Hall, attended by several hundred people. At the ceremony, Pres. Joe Drobot was able to speak to the crowd thanking everyone and pushing to get a PRCUA Dance Troupe potentially in Grand Rapids. We closed the awards ceremony with a live call into the Polka Pops radio station where Bob Hojnacki broadcast live all the winners of the parade. The day ended with a Bachelor Party for Society #718 member Jeff Belczak, which was attended by family and friends of the PRCUA. What a great time was had by all and anyone wanting a true Polish experience should attend next year's Pulaski Days in Grand Rapids. Submitted by: Bob Hojnacki




Dr. Radzilowski is a member of many Polish organizations including the Kosciuszko Foundation, Polish National Alliance, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (Soc. #798) and Polish American Congress. The PRCUA congratulates Dr. Radzilowski for his many meaningful contributions to Polonia.



# 50 YEAR PRCUA MEMBERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America would like to congratulate the members listed below on attaining 50 years or more as members of our organization. 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
3	KANIA	WALERIA
224	SUGAJSKI	STEVE
389	BURDACKI	LAWRENCE
407	BYCZEK	JEANETTE
1477	ZACHARIAS	FRANK
1493	PAWLAK	RONALD
2320	VAN RIXEL	SUSAN



PRCUA #162 SACRED HEART OF JESUS SOCIETY

*Polish/American*  
**New Years Eve Celebration**

Featuring Music By  
The Kielbasa Kings




**Thursday, December 31, 2015**  
**PRCUA Hall**  
**1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI 48192**

**Tickets- \$45.00 Per Person**  
**(advanced only)**  
**Deadline for tickets: Sunday, 12/27/15**  
**Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner at 8:00 p.m.**  
**Music: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**  
**Open Bar- No BYOB**  
**You must be at least 21 years of age**

**For tickets or more information contact**  
**PRCU Lounge**  
**(734) 283-4810 (after 6:00 p.m.)**  
**Keith Zelasko (734) 771-7081**  
**Kenny Konopka (734) 629-6796**  
**Joe Zelasko (734) 283-8538**

Proceeds benefit PRCU Society #162 General Funds



## EMPLOYEES' APPRECIATION LUNCH

Chicago, IL - PRCUA and PMA employees were treated to an Appreciation Lunch on Thursday, October 22 by the PRCUA Officers. The PRCUA Social Hall, filled with the aroma of Chinese food and soft Chinese music in the background, was appropriately decorated with lanterns, a paper dragon, signs, special placemats, and Oriental table decorations. Creative decorations were designed and arranged by Linda Kasprzyk, Julie Prado and Madia Robles.

Before lunch, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski read a special Chinese prayer wishing everyone health, happiness, and prosperity, and the meaning of a Chinese lucky coin that everyone received was explained. President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. thanked everyone for their dedication and service to the PRCUA.

After the meal, PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer presented all PRCUA employees with special personalized pins, engraved with their names and the length of time of their employment. President Drobot expressed words of appreciation to all PMA employees.

Everyone enjoyed good food and time away from their desks, and were grateful to the PRCUA Officers for their thoughtfulness and generosity.



PRCUA and PMA Employees with PRCUA Officers and First Lady Judith Drobot

## Fallen Heroes Project to Honor Polish Soldiers

Robert Michalak of Redmond, Washington is American born and raised. His grandparents immigrated from Poland in 1914 and his family has kept ties with Polish relatives ever since. Michalak has visited Poland more than a dozen times during his lifetime, and although he loves the country of his ancestors he never expected to be helping Polish war heroes.

It was Michalak's service in the U.S. Army that ultimately led him down an unexpected path, one in which he would meet artist Michael Reagan of the Fallen Heroes Project. The Fallen Heroes Project provides, free to the family, a portrait of those who have given their life in the fight on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. Reagan draws each portrait from a photograph provided by the family. He then ships it to them, again at no charge. To date he has completed 4,200 portraits.

"I asked Mike to come and speak at a Trilogy Veterans Club meeting explained Michalak, who first met Reagan at the Redmond VFW Post 2995. We were packing 100 care packages for our troops in Iraq when the artist delivered drawings to two mothers whose sons had died in the war on terrorism. The VFW had planted a tree, along with a granite marker, for each of the men who had given the ultimate sacrifice and Mike wanted to be there to support their families.

"I saw first-hand how Mike's drawings of the fallen heros affects those who are left behind," he continued, "So when Reagan agreed to come and speak, we turned the event into a fundraiser to help with the costs for shipping these portraits all over the country and even the world."

Michalak and Reagan became friends and at a lunch that was attended by a number of veterans. Michalak asked Reagan if he had ever considered drawing portraits of the Polish soldiers who died as part of the allied forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Two articles in the VFW magazine indicated that he had completed drawings of both Canadian and British soldiers," said Michalak. Reagan's response was yes, provided that Michalak did the footwork on finding the families. With the support of the Polish Home Assn. of Seattle, it took Michalak several months to get through to the right person at the Polish Embassy in Washington D.C, but eventually, with time and persistence, he prevailed.

"The Polish Embassy sent the request to the Polish Military and they approved the project," he said. "Now we are waiting to hear from the families of the men who gave their lives. I believe there are 42." An original portrait will be presented to each family and a digital copy will be made for the Military Museum in Warsaw.

### About the Fallen Heroes Project

I met Reagan years ago when his project first started. He had a great job at the University of Washington in branding. He was known in the community for his generous donations of his sketches to charities to be sold at auction. His portraits hung in the homes of movie stars and famous politicians.

Reagan had served in the Marines during Vietnam and had been witness to some very tough sights. His homecoming, like many from that war, was not welcoming. Confused, he lost his wife and child in a divorce because of his depression and anger. He eventually found his way with his art, remarried, and was living a comfortable life in Edmonds, Washington.

Then one day the phone rang. A woman - whom he had never met - wanted to commission him to do a portrait. When he learned that the woman was a recent widow of a Marine killed in Iraq, he told her that he could not charge her.

When she received the drawing of her deceased husband, life changed for her. It was as if he had come home, she said. Word spread within the military community and soon Reagan was drawing more and more portraits. Each family reaching out to him, after they received their portrait, sharing how cathartic it was for them.

It wasn't long before Reagan felt compelled to take early retirement and devote himself to helping the families of the "Fallen Heros."

"This project has never been about the politics of the war," said Reagan. "It has only been about one thing, thanking the families for their sacrifice and letting them know that we all care."

Reagan has given away 4,200 portraits. His 501c3, Fallen Heroes Project, exists to help pay for the framing and shipping charges that have to be covered. He has made no money from his drawings, but he has made a lot of friends.

"When I am drawing these servicemen and servicewomen, I often feel like they are in my studio with me," explained Reagan.

According to the official casualty list there have been 6,739 Fallen Heroes in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. These figures do not include PTSD victims and those who come home physically broken in some way.

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015, Reagan was presented with the Congressional Medal Honor for his service in founding the non-profit Fallen Heroes Project. He made the trip to Washington, DC for the ceremony which was held at Arlington National Cemetery.

If the Polish government decides on a ceremony for the presentation of the portraits, Michalak will make the trip to Poland on Reagan's behalf, so that the artist can continue to work in his studio. Michalak has already promised to escort the portraits to Poland to guarantee a safe delivery.

I recently asked Reagan if he will ever finish drawing the Fallen Heroes?

"Never, and the war isn't over. I get requests almost every day," said Reagan. Soon he will have 42 Polish soldiers to draw. "Terrorism will be here a long time; so will I."

More information about this project can be found at [www.fallenheroesproject.org](http://www.fallenheroesproject.org)

Article by Theresa Poalucci, reprinted with the permission of Robert Michalak



## My Own Story for a Lifetime: Pope Francis' Visit to Philadelphia

I am the product of a paint soaked brush, swirling together a multitude of colors on a white pallet – a blend of ethnicities, each with rich traditions I've adopted as my own. Despite my interests in each piece of the puzzle of my genetic makeup, I have the deepest appreciation for my Polish roots.

I was held as a newborn by a grandmother - whose eyes gleamed with tears every time she heard a good story or read a card sent to her by a friend - and whose home permanently held the scent of *babka* and *kielbasa*. I was baptized at St. Josephat's Church in Roxborough, PA, and my first favorite Christmas carol was *Lulajże Jezuniu*. I didn't do ballet and hip-hop like my best friends growing up. I, instead, learned Polish dancing every Saturday morning with my younger sister, as my mom and grandmom looked on stage with pride.

As a little girl, I can remember my grandmom, Helen Melnick, speaking fondly of the Pope (now Saint Pope John Paul II), as a good Polish man. My mom, AnneMarie Monachino, told me her fond memories of taking a bus to the seminary to see him when she was a kid. These stories stuck with me, and fostered a profound love for Jesus Christ, Poland and His Holiness early on.

Back in 2012, when I first heard whispers of an anticipated visit to the U.S. by Pope Francis, I felt a pull to participate. Having these stories from the two generations of women older and wiser than me, I wanted a story of my own. I craved to experience what they had shared with me all those years before. And so, I went.

The air was crisp, the sky cloudy, but the ground was dry. A perfect autumn morning, there was a 0% chance of rain Saturday and Sunday, and 80% predicted for Monday. Was it coincidence or divine intervention? I can't say, but there was no way it was going to rain on the Pope.

Everyone planned to meet at the Newman Center, the Catholic Student Parish at West Chester University, at 8:30 a.m. There was a group of 45 students making the pilgrimage into Philadelphia to attend the Festival of Families and, crossed fingers and folded hands, catch a glimpse of His Holiness.

Smiles stretched widely across my friends' faces as we boarded the bus to Paoli Station, iced coffee in one hand and Septa Papal Pass in the other. This was the beginning of a very long, very special day.

We arrived at the train station and were helped by kind Septa workers with warm demeanors who checked our tickets and waved us through. "Please say hi to the Pope for us!" a female employee exclaimed. "Sure thing," I replied with laughter.

I was taken aback by the sea of black and white habits occupying the waiting area outside. Thirty sisters traveled from Nashville to Philadelphia to see the Pope and shared their excitement with a few students. It's not every day that you see a large group of young, vibrant sisters out together and it stirred a curious excitement among anxiously waiting pilgrims.

Getting into the city was a breeze, even with the number of people we had. It seemed the media had blown it out of proportion, for which I was relieved. Some credited the smoothness of travel to God. I have to mention the Septa employees, security, and volunteers in playing a significant part as well.

We exited the train at the 30th Street Station and were greeted by a long line of porta-potties and street vendors, scattered and waiting for us to open our empty college pockets. After comparing prices and bargaining a little, I gave in and bought 2 small Vatican flags for a 2 for \$5 steal.

After a short walk to the security checkpoint, we approached and found a place in line. There were about five lanes to choose from and none were full. A couple from Idaho chatted with us for a few minutes. They couldn't say enough about how wonderful their week had been in Philly and how excited they were to welcome the Pontiff to town. Their cheerful grins were a comfort, and made me remember how lucky we were to live in such close proximity to the city.

Security moved quickly and before we knew it, we were towards the front of the line. I scanned the crowd and observed people taking urgent bites of apples, and quickly peeling oranges that had a vibrancy which popped against the surrounding gray buildings and overcast sky. "Anything you can throw," the secret service agent said, "Take everything out of your pockets, place your bag on the table, and turn all electronics on so we can check them, please."



**Megan Monachino and her cousin, Kathryn Reinhart waiting on the lawn on the parkway with our papal passes for the Mass to begin**

Mass for priests and other religious orders.

The Logan Circle and Benjamin Franklin Parkway; however, were happily crowded. It was quite comfortable everywhere in the city to my surprise. When we did need to weave through crowds to keep up with the group. We were met mostly with nods of approval and forgiving smiles for bumping into each other.

I showed my Festival of Families pass to a volunteer and entered the Festival Zone, where we found a nice, shaded area of steps to eat lunch and regroup on.

A young priest strolled over to our group and cracked a joke, "Hey, you guys, keep it down over here!" We chuckled. It was true. We were 45 students with our mouths stuffed with food. Little conversation



**Priest hearing confessions on the parkway before the start of the festival of families on Saturday**

was taking place. The priest sat down close by and offered to hear confessions if anyone wished to attend. Many students took him up on the offer, and other priests followed in suit. Quiet conversations took place and sins were forgiven.

We finished up lunch and moved closer together to pray a rosary on the steps humbly and quietly amidst the commotion of the festival. Throughout the rosary, a scent of roses overwhelmed us and it wasn't until after closing the prayer, after the smell had vanished, that someone mentioned the mysterious scent and everyone nodded in unison.

The morning blended into afternoon and the clouds dispersed and made room for the sun. We agreed that the gates were getting increasingly more crowded and we should find a place to wait for Pope Francis's parade. Besides, we didn't arrive eight hours early to stand behind crowds. We were set on getting a first-row view.

I picked up my bag and hung my camera around my neck as we rounded the parkway in search of some open space. It seemed impossible. The temperature rose and we found ourselves in the middle of a storm of people standing shoulder-to-shoulder moving only inches at a time.

After what felt like forever, we made our way out of the congestion and found a gate that stretched 50 feet with no one around. It was too good to be true. We parked our bodies along the fence, marking our territory.

Then, we waited. The Pope wasn't scheduled to come onto the parkway until after 7 p.m. It was 2 o'clock. We passed the time by playing cards and talking to friendly strangers. Students took turns swapping spots to make bathroom and food runs. The energy became increasingly livelier.

Hours later, loud drums boomed from the Jumbo-Tron as the Pope walked out to the lectern at Independence Hall, from which Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. He used his native Spanish language to speak on immigration and religious freedom. Unlike some of his earlier speeches in the U.S. where he used English, Pope Francis' speaking felt more natural, and there was a visible and contagious passion in his eyes for the subject on which he was preaching. The crowd roared and beamed at the overall glee. I thought back to my grandmom, and wondered how she was feeling while watching from the television at home.

The Pope closed his speech with an "Our Father." A soft, cool breeze awakened the hair on my arms, and all around me, thousands of bowed heads prayed together. Chills. Peace. A calming was shared in a fleeting moment that I hung onto for as long as it allowed me. Was this how my mother felt as a young girl with Pope John Paul II?

The waiting ensued, but felt appropriate. Patience was coming naturally to me today, by some miracle. The sun set behind the buildings and the sky turned from reds and oranges to a cool, dark blue. At 7:10 p.m., a line of black SUVs and motorcycles flooded the streets with flashing red and blue lights. Vatican flags whipped against the wind of the speeding vehicles to which they were attached. The papal parade had begun. Pope Francis was coming.

Bodies pushed against the gates. Others climbed onto walls and into trees to get a better view – modern day Zacchaeuses. Cell phones and cameras acted as contemporary palm branches, our arms extended beyond the gate in front of us. I was blessed enough to be right against the gate, with no one to obstruct my view. I felt the sense of urgency and hopefulness surrounding me. People began to squeal and chant, "We love Francis!" and "Viva la papa!"

The Latino community was present in abundance, and I felt connected to them in a unique way, knowing this must have been what it was like for the Polish Americans when JP II visited.

Then, the moment we had been waiting for all day had arrived and departed in a flash. Pope Francis rode by in his pope mobile. His vehicle was going fast, 25 mph I guessed, but I was able to catch the gleam in his eyes and sparkle in his smile. I watched him wave to children and families, without turning to face our side in the 8 seconds he was within reach. He was there and gone before I could process it.

The reaction came later, in the moments after being told the Pope wasn't doing another lap, and accepting that I had seen all that I would see of him tonight. My friend and I looked at each other and around at the rest of our peers' faces and broke into celebration, "We just saw the Pope. How many people can say that? We are so lucky."

As I tilted my head back, and raised my eyes to the night, I saw something significant. Above was darkened by clouds, but the moonlight was peeking through in just the right places to paint a cross, lit up in the sky.

I returned on Sunday morning, this time with my mom, Aunt Margaret and my cousin Kathryn. It was nice to experience the Pope's visit with the women who had inspired my faith from the beginning. My Aunt Margaret is my godmother, and a beautiful example to me as a Polish American Catholic. My mom was again seeing a Pope with her sister, and I with Kathryn, whom I am close enough to call a sister.

Sunday's excitement matched Saturdays, but was slightly different. The mass of people was definitely larger in number, but everyone I encountered was patient and warm as they had been the previous day. The small details of how the day carried on meant the most. In line for security, this time taking 2 hours as opposed to 15 minutes, a group of sisters (the same order from Nashville coincidentally) sang hymns in a heavenly tune. The hundreds of waiting people in the crowd joined in, singing "Ave Maria" and "Here I Am, Lord."

Inside the parkway, we sat up on a grassy hill shaded by trees. During Mass, thousands of Christians knelt on the ground in solidarity, eyes raised to the altar and Jumbo-Trons. At the "Our Father" strangers joined hands, a connected chain of believers, and though Pope Francis said the Mass in Spanish, I felt God's presence all around.

Philadelphia was blessed to host the Pontiff for the World Meeting of Families. I was blessed to have obtained my own story, to have been in the presence of the successor of St. Peter, and to have participated in a Papal Mass with my family.

This is the story I will tell my children one day. I hope to instill in them a special love for the Pope, as my grandmother and mom did for me. I owe my faith to them, to PRCUA, and to God.

My favorite foods are still golabki and pierogi, I pray especially to the good Polish man, Saint John Paul II, and my grandmom still cries at a good story or a heartfelt card.

*Submitted by: Megan Monachino, PRCUA Soc. #2003*



**Pilgrims watching Pope Francis on the big screen in the park**



## The Polish Museum of America Autumn Dance *Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of its Founding*



L-r: PRCUA Officers and PMA Board Members James Robaczewski, Micheline Jaminski, Joseph Drobot, PMA President Richard Owsiany, PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot



Wesoly Lud presenting Polka Warszawska



Wesoly Lud dancing Chicago Polka



Wesoly Lud dancers invited guests to also dance

Chicago Ridge, IL - The Polish Museum of America's Autumn Dance was held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Glendora Banquets in Chicago Ridge, IL on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the PMA's founding. The event was organized jointly by the PMA and the PRCUA Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, who founded the Museum in 1935 and faithfully remains one of its main supporters.

The program opened with PMA President Richard Owsiany welcoming the guests. Short remarks were offered by PMA Chairman of the Board and PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., who also made a toast to the PMA. PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot said Grace before the dinner. PMA Vice Chair and PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski was the Emcee for the evening.

Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America presented a short but lively dance performance, which was rewarded with the applause and many words of high praise from the audience.

Guests had a wonderful time dancing to the music by Mira Sojka-Topor & The Kings until the early morning hours.

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The Polish Museum of America is one of the nation's first ethnic museums. It's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and promote materials, artifacts and history that chronicle Polish history and the history of Polish-Americans.

The PMA was founded on October 15, 1935, at a plenary session of the PRCUA Board of Directors, when then PRCUA President Joseph Kania presented the idea of establishing the Archives and Museum of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. The proposal was approved by the Board of Directors. Joseph Kania appointed Mieczyslaw Haiman, a Polish American historian, to serve as the Museum's first curator.

The first public display area opened on January 12, 1937 in a specially designed and constructed room within the headquarters building of the PRCUA.

Over time, the Museum's collections expanded rapidly with numerous donations and acquisitions. Therefore, the PRCUA decided to convert its auditorium into the Museum's Great Hall of Exhibits, which was opened on October 9, 1939. In 1941, the Museum acquired two extremely valuable collections which contributed to its rapid expansion. First, was the collection of artifacts from the Polish Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair in New York, which could not be returned to Poland after the outbreak of World War II and was partially purchased by the PRCUA Archives and Museum. The second collection consisted of Ignacy Jan Paderewski memorabilia, donated to the Museum by his sister, Antonina Wilkonska, after the death of the famous composer, pianist and statesman. In 1945, the Museum purchased a priceless Kosciuszko collection.

In 1971, the PRCUA Archives and Museum was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in its own right (separate from the PRCUA) and changed its name to the Polish Museum of America.

In 1972, PRCUA VP Stella Nowak organized The Ladies Auxiliary of the PMA, which raised funds for renovations and the modernization of many rooms, among them the Art Gallery, which opened on May 10, 1973.

Walter L. Sojka and Sabina P. Logisz organized in 1979 the first Museum Summer Ball. This annual event is one of the main fundraisers for PMA operations.

In 1980 the Great Hall underwent general renovation.

On November 5, 2011, the renovated art gallery on the 4th floor reopened. Renamed the Stephen and Elizabeth Ann Kusmierczak Art Gallery, it presents a permanent exhibit of unique Interwar Period art.

Thanks to the other generous donations, on January 26, 2014, the new PMA Gift Shop on the first floor was opened and the main entrance to the PRCUA and PMA was dedicated. The remodeled Rare Book Room was blessed and opened on the PMA Library's 100th Anniversary on April 18, 2015.



Guests enjoying the dinner and dancing



# Pres. Drobot Attends the Polish American Heritage Month Celebration in Calumet City



President Drobot speaking at the wreath laying ceremony



Left to right Hammond 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski, Calumet City 5th Ward Alderman Roger Munda, Calumet City Treasurer Gerry Tarka, Calumet City Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

wife, Judith, attended the event and Pres. Drobot had the privilege to present his remarks at the ceremony.

Calumet City, IL - The 20th Annual Polish American Heritage Month Celebration took place in Calumet City, IL on Sunday, October 4, 2015. The event began with a Field Mass at Pulaski Park in Calumet City, celebrated by Rev. Sefan Kosinski. The Mass was followed by a wreath laying ceremony in the park.

The second wreath laying ceremony was held in the afternoon at Pulaski Park in Hammond, IN and was organized in cooperation with the Pulaski Citizens Club of Hammond.

The celebration ended with a Polish family style luncheon at Cavalier Inn Restaurant in Hammond, IN, where the official proclamation was read. During the program Gerry Tarka (Soc. #413), Calumet City Treasurer received special recognition from the Mayor of Calumet City and the City Council in recognition of 20 Years of dedicated commitment to recognize the strong Polish American presence in Calumet City and the nation through the celebration of Polish American Heritage Month.

PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot and his

## POLONIA SUMMIT



Bishop Wypych celebrating Mass with the assistance of Polish-American priests

Great Hall of the Polish Museum of America in Chicago, IL.

The Summit began with a Mass concelebrated by Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago Andrew Wypych and pastors of various Polish-American parishes. The Arkadiusz Gorecki Collegium Cantorum Choir graced the Liturgy with uplifting hymns.

Bishop Wypych asked all of the organizations to work together to begin a new chapter in Polish-American history, based on universal and culture-centered human and Christian values. He reminded all participants about Polonia's past and its great accomplishments and proposed that the League be viewed as an organized movement, which would concentrate on working towards strengthening Polonia and providing charitable help to Poland.

In order to do this, Bishop Wypych proposed four priorities to be considered and discussed by the participants of eight panels.: 1. to create Regional Board of Directors, representing different organizations from the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin; 2. to create a Junior Board to work with the younger generation of Polish-Americans, and to teach them so they can be the future leaders; 3. to create scholarships and programs for continuous education of local leaders; 4. to organize a Polonia Charity Banquet to celebrate the unity of Polonia and to give recognition to the most eminent members of Polish-American community and scholarship recipients.



President and Mrs. Drobot with the wedding anniversary certificate

In conclusion, Bishop Wypych thanked all the participants of the Summit and appealed to them to draw on the experiences from the past and their individual operations and activities, and focus on the future, based on working together for the good of the Polish American community and the good of the Church in Poland.

Bishop Wypych thanked the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and the Polish Museum of America for hosting the Summit. He also surprised President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and Mrs. Judith Drobot with a special blessing, a certificate and a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated in August.

# Michigan Fraternal Alliance and Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors Meeting



L-r: PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog, Past Dist. 10 Dir. Barbara Toboy, Janet Ames, Penrickton Center for Blind Children Administrator, Dist. 10 National Director Colleen Bonkowski, Joann Ozog

this year's meeting was "Celebrating Fraternalism in Michigan."

The program on Thursday consisted of a CE class on Ethics for the Insurance agents, a workshop making "Tie Pillows" which were presented to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, a workshop making pumpkins out of material for the Ashley Care Center in Ashley, Michigan, a seminar on "When Clients Object" and also, one on Social Security Benefits.



L-r: Colleen Bonkowski and Joann Ozog displaying the donated items

were announced. Celeste Grabowski, a member of PRCUA #1593, was runner up as Fraternalist of the Year and Clare Sutka, a member of PRCUA #162 was one of three MFA Scholarship winners. Congratulations are extended to both of these members. The evening ended with a very enjoyable Magic/Comedy show.

Friday began very early with breakfast followed by the annual meeting. The officers and various committees presented their reports. Many dignitaries extended greetings. Joseph Annotti, President and CEO of the American Fraternal Alliance, gave a superb talk on "The Future of the Fraternal Movement."

Each year the MFA and MFIC have a Wish List of items that are donated to a needy organization. This year \$2,600 worth of food, cleaning items, monetary donations and gift cards were collected for the Penrickton Center for blind children. The Michigan PRCUA Dance Schools donated \$1,780 of the total amount of \$2,600 collected. The schools have done this for a number of years and we must applaud and thank the directors, dancers and families for their involvement with this worthwhile fraternal program.

PRCUA members present at this meeting were: Colleen Bonkowski, National PRCUA Director, District 10; Barbara Toboy, former National PRCUA Director, District 10; President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann. Congratulations are also extended to Mr. Ozog who is the current President of the Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors. Colleen Bonkowski, Wallace and Joann Ozog and Barbara Toboy delivered to the meeting the items that were donated by the PRCUA Michigan schools.

The Conference is a time to meet individuals from other fraternals, a time to exchange sales/marketing ideas and a time to attend educational programs. The 2016 meeting will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan, on October 5, 6 and 7. Mark your calendar! We encourage members of PRCUA to attend!

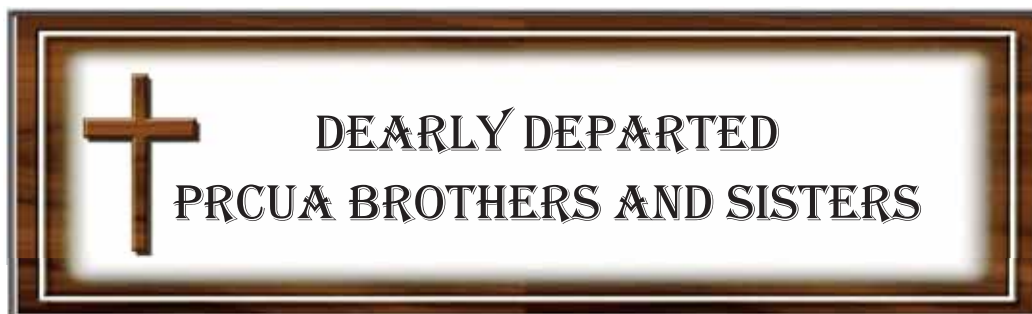


Some of the items donated for the Penrickton Center

Ann Arbor, MI - Michigan Fraternal Alliance (MFA) and Michigan Fraternal Insurance Counselors (MFIC) held their annual meeting October 1 and 2 at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The theme of

A Banquet was held in the evening where the Fraternalist of the Year and the scholarship recipients





Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
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Buszkiewicz, Kristen L.	475	IL	Mrotek, Armella	1612	IL
Carl, Violet R.	707	PA	Obara, Doris Rita	1437	DE
Czarnecki, Adolph	549	MA	Pankiewicz, Piotr	2303	WI
Dale James E.	471	CA	Pawelec, Joan K.	2009	PA
Davis, Maryanna	527	MD	Reznicek, Warren David	1000	IL
Domaracki, Stephanie A.	572	NJ	Ripchik, Stella	639	MA
Dudek, Clara	257	NY	Rybczynski, Joan	540	NY
Finn, Mary	322	OH	Rybka, Edward	2220	OH
Forystek, Eugene	718	MI	Rzeppa, Scott P.	162	MI
Gaseor, Dorothy P.	795	IL	Sidoroski, Leonard	1027	NY
Gery, James J.	261	MI	Spolny, Erna	2220	OH
Giermek, Emily	28	NY	Stanek, Wojciech W.	286	CT
Godfryd, Edward R.	849	IL	Stawicki, Timothy	479	PA
Goley, Mary	1213	NJ	Stout, Jacob J. K.	1437	CO
Golik, Edward	29	NY	Teliga, Julia	2308	OH
Gordon, Deborah A.	1584	OH	Tsatsos, Darryl P.	1618	MI
Gryczko, Margaret	1380	PA	Ventrua, David J.	136	PA
Gunia, Josephine	855	PA	Wegryn, Evelyn	1219	IL
Jaworowski, Anthony E.	703	PA	Wegzyn, Matthew L.	718	MI
Jemlich Helen Anna	1486	IL	Westman, Irene	1133	PA
Kettler, Steven J.	162	MI	Wick, Henry S.	951	NY
Knight, Mary S.	2308	WI	Wisniewski, Florence	237	PA
Kuminski, Chester	2220	OH	Zaporski, Wayne E.	2315	GA
Kuminski, Helen K.	2220	OH	Zoldowski, Lawrence	2148 & 2206	MI
Macey, Stella I.	2007	PA	Zurek, Theresa Ann	162	MI
Majewski, ALLEN	2108	OH	Zyla, Bruno	907	NJ
Marsolek, Eleanore M.	499	IN			

*May they rest in eternal peace.*



## SOPHIE "SALLY" WEGLARZ

Sophie "Sally" Weglarz (92), passed away on Monday, October 5, 2015. She was born May 12, 1923 in East Chicago, IN to the late Maciej and Mary (nee Czyznikiewicz) Kaleta. Sophie was the beloved wife of the late Walter J. Weglarz; loving mother of Richard R. Weglarz and Christine M. (Robert) Shamberg; cherished grandmother of Mark A. (Jill) Weglarz and Kyle A. (Kerstin) Shamberg; great-grandmother of Tommy, Charlie, Max and Lukas; dear step grandmother and step great-grandmother; loving sister of Joan Radlowski, Jerry Kralka and the late George Kaleta, Lillian Kaleta, Thomas Kaleta and Joseph (Jean) Kralka; devoted aunt of many nieces and nephews and godmother to 6.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary Parish in Buffalo Grove, IL on Saturday, October 10, 2015. She was laid to rest at St. Mary Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shamberg, 537 Bridgestone Ct., Inverness, IL 60010.

Sally was the member of PRCUA Societies 122, 308, and 3000. She was employed in the PRCUA Home Office from 1965 to 1988, was the member of the Pre-Convention Committee and attended several PRCUA Conventions. She will be deeply missed by her many PRCUA friends. Please remember Sophie Weglarz in your prayers. May she rest in eternal peace. PRCUA extends heartfelt condolences to the whole family.

## PRCUA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

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**August 19-20, 2016:** PRCUA Softball Tournament, Woodhaven, MI

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## Conservative Law and Justice back in power

By Robert Strybel, Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW—The conservative Law and Justice (PiS) party in alliance with two small right-wing groupings has become the first political formation since the demise of communist rule in 1989 to be able to rule independently. It achieved the basic majority needed to form a government without coalition partners by winning 235 mandates in the 460-seat Sejm (lower house). Its less decisive victory in 2005 had forced Jarosław Kaczyński's party to team up with two none-too-compatible smaller parties and ultimately fall from power in snap elections two years later. (PiS is the abbreviation of "Prawo i Sprawiedliwość" – Polish for Law and Justice.)

Official election results showed PiS winning 37.58% of the vote ahead of its chief rival, the Civic Platform (PO) with 24.09 support. Two small new groupings, the anti-system Kukiz-15 party of rock musician Paweł Kukiz (8.81%) and Nowoczesna (Modern) of hard-nosed pro-market economist Ryszard Petru (7.6%) have made their parliamentary debut. And the Peasant Party (Stronnictwo Ludowe – 5.13%), which just barely cleared the 5% threshold, also made it into parliament.

## Polish Surname Corner

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**The PRCUA Office will be closed  
on Thursday, November 26  
and Friday, November 27, 2015  
on the occasion of Thanksgiving**



## Higher Perspectives

### "Polonia...looking back and looking ahead"

This past month, which happened to be Polish Heritage Month, found me involved with two different happenings which, when it came time to think of what to write about for this article, provided ample food for thought. They happened only two days apart and, as this article's title implies, gives all of us in the Polish community a chance to both look back and ahead in reflection.

The first event occurred on Oct. 10th in Krakow, Poland. The Very Rev. Canon Joseph L. Sredzinski, a priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA, making his twenty-something visit back to the land of his heritage (this time with high school classmates) died unexpectedly in his sleep. He was 71 years old and had been a priest for 45 years.

Fr. Joe grew up in Uniontown, PA, in a Polish family. He was the oldest of several children who were all instilled with the culture, tradition, and faith which together make us who we are. He attended his local parish school, St. Joseph's, and then went on to St. Anthony High School in Watkins Glen, NY, before continuing his studies at St. Mary's College and Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, MI.

He was ordained a priest on May 9, 1970 and, in addition to various parish and non-parochial assignments, served as the National Chaplain since 1981 of our fellow Polish fraternal organization, the Polish Falcons of America, on the Board of P.A.P.A. - the Polish American Priests' Association - and as organizer of the Polish Heritage Club in Uniontown. He hosted a local radio program in Pennsylvania for years. A significant recent achievement of his was serving as the initiator of the impressive and now annual Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa celebrations in Pittsburgh's St. Paul Cathedral uniting the Polonia of western Pennsylvania from that diocese as well as the Dioceses of Greensburg and Altoona-Johnstown. He was recognized for his service to Polonia by being named an honorary canon of the Archdiocese of Lublin, Poland, in 2007.

But, such statistics don't capture the essence of the man. Fr. Joe was alive with a true Polish-priestly soul. Happy and exuberant to see the many people who called him friend, he was quick with a kind word and engaging smile. He humbly helped many and energetically and joyfully promoted the faith as well as the beauty and significance of our Polish culture and tradition. A man of seemingly boundless energy, he also bore his share of wrongs patiently and, reflective of his strong spirituality and relationship with the Lord, exuded a true joy that would leave you happy to be alive - and happy to have been in his company.

His loss leaves a significant hole in Pennsylvania Polonia and beyond. It leads us to ask, though... After such a productive life, where is the person inspired enough to take his place? Where is the next busy person who will bother to make the time because the cause of Polonia is a significant enough priority to carry on these tasks?

This leads to the next event, which occurred on Oct. 12th in Chicago. At the invitation of Bp. Andrew Wypych, it's director, I attended a planning/reorganization meeting of the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia which was held at the P.R.C.U.A. headquarters and was well attended by representatives of Chicago Polonia.

The purpose was to solicit opinions from among those active in the Polish community as to how best move this venerable organization forward. As we know, it was founded to offer direct aid and relief to a Poland first ravaged by war and then communist tyranny. However, the restoration of a truly free Poland has, naturally, changed things. There do remain true needs, but they are not the same as before. Also, given this fact, the question was raised as to how the organization can also now work to promote and support Polonia in this country, as well.

Needless to say, there were various opinions for every possibility put forth, but one in particular was pronounced: How do we get and keep people involved in the important work of Polonia? Naturally, we look to the younger generation to do so. But, where are they and why not in the numbers of their predecessors?

It was pointed out with satisfaction that many of our Polish organizations annually award scholarships to deserving candidates - but that we then never see many of them again. Is it time to adjust things? Things like the amount offered in a scholarship. Fifty years ago a \$500 scholarship was significant. Now, it doesn't even pay for books for a semester! Should fewer scholarships be given out but of greater value to make a more significant impact? If so, then competition would be greater but so would the prestige of the award. Of course, the criteria would necessarily have to be adjusted as well. In addition to everything else, would the scholarship winner then be judged based less on whose family they belong to but, rather, say on whether they have been involved in Polonia or not. Have they been active in our cultural groups, language and dance schools, sports programs, parishes, etc.? If they may live where there is not an active Polonia, have they shown participation in community service and a willingness for giving back? Wouldn't it be more likely to expect people to remain involved or committed if they already have been than expect them to somehow wake up at some future date and become a part of something pretty much foreign to them?

These are just some of the thoughts...But, I think we can all see how the two fit together. How many more people can we loose who seemingly cannot be replaced before we work to adjust things and make an organized effort to ensure they will be? I would encourage all of our readers to reflect upon this. Bring it up in discussion at the various meetings of the organization in which you participate. Encourage healthy adjustments to meet the needs of the times. Don't wait for someone else to do it...be part of the progress yourself!!!

#### IN MEMORIAM

Just as I was writing this article, I learned of the sudden passing of Msgr. Peter W. Zendzian, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Pastor of St. Matthias Church in Ridgewood, NY, at the age of 63. In my view, he was a true giant in his service to Polonia and the Church, a priest's-priest, and a true and valuable friend.

May Canon Joseph Sredzinski, Msgr. Peter Zendzian, and all our deceased priestly servants of Polonia, rest in peace.



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





## LISTOPAD

**7 DETROIT, MI – MSZA ŚW. Z OKAZJI 60-LECIA TOW. #1493 (FR. AL'S SOCIETY)** - sobota, 7 listopada o godz. 15:30 w kościele św. Kunegundy, 5900 St. Lawrence, Detroit, MI. Po mszy spotkanie towarzyskie w Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, 18650 Ford Rd. (na zachód od Southfield). Jedzenie i napoje płatne na miejscu. Rezerwacje do 3 listopada u: Wally Ozog, tel. 586-751-8168 lub wozog@wowway.com.

**14 LEMONT, IL – UROCZYSTY BANKIET Z OKAZJI 35-LECIA OTWARCIA POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. JANA PAWŁA II ORAZ 15-LECIA ZESPOŁU POLANIE** - sobota, 14 listopada, Crystal Grand Banquets, 12416 S. Archer Ave., Lemont, IL. Rozpoczęcie o godz. 7:00 wieczorem. Szczegóły str. \_\_\_\_

**21 HICKORY HILLS, IL – BAL KOPCIUSZKA I KSIĘCIA** – sobota, 21 listopada w Glendora House, 10225 S. Harlem, Chicago Ridge, IL (szczegóły obok).

**22 MERRILLVILLE, IN – OBIAD Z OKAZJI OBCHODÓW DZIEDZICTWA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKIEGO**, organizatorem jest Oddział KPA na stan Indiana. Niedziela, 22 listopada, godz. 13:00, Innsbruck Country Club, Merrillville, IN. Wyróżnienie otrzyma prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

**22 MT. CLEMENS, MI – TURNIEJ GRY W EUCHRE, TOW. # 1593**, niedziela, 22 listopada, Tavern Dooley, 235 N. Groesbeck Hwy., Mt. Clemens, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 13:00, rozgrywki rozpoczną się o 13:30. Wymagana przedpłata w wysokości \$25,00, przy wejściu \$30,00 (jeśli będą wolne miejsca). Wstęp obejmuje: nagrody, pizzę, sałatki, napoje gazowane, piwo z beczki i jeden darmowy bilet na loterię. Widzowie- \$15,00. Kontakt Barb Ozog, bwithers03@yahoo.com lub (586) 453-3471. Zgłoszenia i wpisowe można przysyłać na adres: 30105 Wagner Dr., Warren, MI 48093. Mile widziane donacje na rzecz funduszu stypendialnego (darowizny można odpisać od podatku). Czeki należy wystawiać na: PRCUA 1593.

### 26 ŚWIĘTO DZIĘKCZYNIENIA

**27 WYANDOTTE, MI – DOROCZNA ZABAWA PO ŚWIĘCIE DZIĘKCZYNIENIA TOW. #162** – piątek, 27 listopada 2015 r. w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 18:00, zabawa w godz. 19:00-21:00. Wstęp: \$12. Możliwość zakupu jedzenia i napojów alkoholowych. Do tańca grać będzie Gerry Kaminski's Polka Network. Dodatkowe informacje: Stas Pasko (734) 284-5929 lub John Zelasko Sr. (734) 671-9366.

## GRUDZIEŃ

**6 Merrillville, IN – DOROCZNY OPLATEK ZPRKA** - niedziela, 6 grudnia 2015, wstęp o godz. 12:00, lunch - godz. 13:00, klasztor oo. Salwatorianów w Merrillville, IN. (Szczegóły na str. 17.)

**12 WYANDOTTE, MI – ZABAWA BOŻONARODZENIOWA DLA DZIECI TOW. #162** - sobota, 12 grudnia o godzinie 13:00, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Wizyta św. Mikołaja o godz. 14:15. Dla dzieci w wieku 0-10 lat. Informacje: spaskoj@aol.com lub mhalbers@wyandotte.org.

**12 WYANDOTTE, MI – BOŻONARODZENIOWA NOC Z POLKA TOW. # 162** - sobota, 12 grudnia o godzinie 20:00, PRCUA Hall, Wyandotte, MI. Do tańca grać będzie zespół The Kavaliers. Wstęp wolny, donacje mile widziane (dochód przeznaczony na dalszą działalność Tow. #162). Płatny bar, jedzenie do zakupu na miejscu.

**13 Hamtramck, MI – DOROCZNY OPLATEK WYDZIAŁU KOBIET NA STAN MICHIGAN** - niedziela, 13 grudnia, PNA Banquet Hall, 10211 Conant St., Hamtramck, MI. Gospodarzem będzie Szkoła Tańca "Polskie Maki". Wstęp - godz. 13:30, program - godz. 14:00, obiad - godz. 14:30. Loteria fantowa. Dorośli - \$20, dzieci (do 10 lat) - \$15. Weześniejsze rezerwacje i opłata wymagane. Rezerwacje do 5 grudnia u Marii Jalkiewicz (586) 979-5164.

**13 WYANDOTTE, MI – SPOTAKNIE BOŻONARODZENIOWE DLA SENIORÓW TOW. #162** - sobota, 13 grudnia o godzinie 14:00, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Kolacja i napoje \$10 \$ każdy dla członków i ich małżonków lub gości. Bilety: PRCUA Lounge lub zadzwoń do Chrisa, tel. (734) 671-9366.

**19 WYANDOTTE, MI - SPOTAKNIE BOŻONARODZENIOWE W PRCUA LOUNGE TOW. #162** - sobota 19 grudnia o godzinie 19:00, PRCUA # 162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Uczestnicy mogą przynieść dowolną potrawę. Informacje PRCUA Lounge, tel. (734) 283-4810 (po godz. 18:00).

**20 DARIEN, IL – PRZEDSTAWIENIE BOŻONARODZENIOWE POŁUDNIOWO-ZACHODNIEGO CENTRUM POLSKICH TAŃCÓW** - niedziela, 20 grudnia, wstęp - godz. 12:00, przedstawienie - godz. 12:30. Hinsdale South High School, 7401 S. Clarendon, Darien, IL (więcej szczegółów w kolejnym wydaniu)

### 24-25 ŚWIĘTA BOŻEGO NARODZENIA

**31 WYANDOTTE, MI – POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA ZABAWA NOWOROCZNA** - czwartek, 31 grudnia, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Bilety w cenie \$45 od osoby (tylko w przedsprzedaży) można zakupić do 27 grudnia. Wstęp - godz. 19:00, obiad - godz. 20:00, zabawa - godz. 21:00-1:00. Otwarty bar. Wszyscy uczestnicy muszą mieć ukończone 21 lat. Bilety i dodatkowe informacje: PRCUA Lounge (734) 283-4810 (po 6:00 pm), Keith Zelasko (734) 771-708, Kenny Konopka (734) 629-6796, lub Joe Zelasko (734) 283-8538.

Prosimy o zapoznanie się z terminarzem zebrań Towarzystw i Dystryktów na str. 2.

**UWAGA: Artykuły do grudniowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 17 listopada 2015.**

*Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej*  
Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce  
ma zaszczyt zaprosić Państwa  
na czterdziesty czwarty

### Bal Kopciuszka i Księcia

w sobotę, 21 listopada 2015 roku

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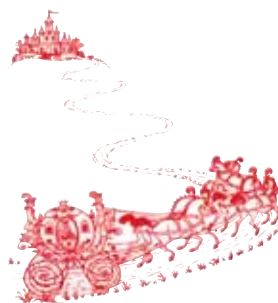
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Od 14 listopada 2015 r. do 31 stycznia 2016 r. ZPRKA oferuje Specjalny Program Bożonarodzeniowy dla dzieci w wieku od 2 tygodni do 15 lat i 5 miesięcy. Kupując polisę ubezpieczeniową Single Pay Life Insurance na sumę 5.000, 10.000, 25.000, 50.000 dolarów lub więcej możesz zaoszczędzić 10%.

Każda nadesłana aplikacja ubezpieczenia na życie zostanie nagrodzona prezentem. Każda aplikacja będzie również uprawniała wnioskodawcę do udziału w loterii, w której do wygrania jest Apple® iPad Mini w kolorze srebrno/białym. Aplikacje na sumy 25.000 dolarów lub więcej otrzymają 2 losy na loterię!

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Kontakt w języku polskim:  
**Agnieszka Bastrzyk**, dyrektor marketingu

Tel. 1-800-772-8632 w. 2632,  
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Zapytaj jak możesz **zaoszczędzić 10%** kupując polisę ubezpieczeniową na życie dla siebie poprzez specjalny **Rodzinny Plan**.

Wszystkie wnioski na Specjalny Program Ubezpieczeniowy ZPRKA podlegają szczegółowemu rozpatrzeniu i muszą być wysłane pocztą do **31 stycznia 2016 r.**



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**Składki dla chłopców:**

Wiek	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$412	\$735	\$1,702	\$3,314
1	\$421	\$752	\$1,746	\$3,402
2	\$432	\$774	\$1,799	\$3,509
3	\$444	\$797	\$1,858	\$3,625
4	\$456	\$822	\$1,920	\$3,751
5	\$469	\$849	\$1,987	\$3,883
6	\$483	\$876	\$2,055	\$4,020
7	\$497	\$905	\$2,126	\$4,163
8	\$512	\$934	\$2,200	\$4,310
9	\$527	\$965	\$2,277	\$4,463
10	\$543	\$996	\$2,356	\$4,622
11	\$560	\$1,029	\$2,438	\$4,786
12	\$577	\$1,063	\$2,523	\$4,956
13	\$594	\$1,098	\$2,610	\$5,130
14	\$612	\$1,134	\$2,699	\$5,308
15	\$630	\$1,170	\$2,790	\$5,490

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Wiek	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$368	\$647	\$1,482	\$2,875
1	\$377	\$665	\$1,527	\$2,964
2	\$387	\$684	\$1,575	\$3,061
3	\$397	\$705	\$1,627	\$3,165
4	\$409	\$727	\$1,683	\$3,275
5	\$420	\$750	\$1,740	\$3,390
6	\$432	\$774	\$1,800	\$3,509
7	\$444	\$799	\$1,861	\$3,633
8	\$457	\$824	\$1,925	\$3,761
9	\$470	\$851	\$1,991	\$3,893
10	\$484	\$878	\$2,060	\$4,031
11	\$498	\$907	\$2,131	\$4,173
12	\$513	\$936	\$2,205	\$4,320
13	\$528	\$966	\$2,281	\$4,472
14	\$544	\$997	\$2,359	\$4,627
15	\$560	\$1,030	\$2,439	\$4,788

\* Podaj w przybliżeniu wiek ubezpieczonego (np: jeśli dziecko ma 8 lat i 5 miesięcy, wybierz 8 lat; jeśli dziecko ma 8 lat i 6 miesięcy, wybierz 9 lat).

Wszystkie wnioski na Specjalny Program Ubezpieczeniowy ZPRKA podlegają szczegółowemu rozpatrzeniu i muszą być wysłane pocztą do **31 stycznia 2016 r.**

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Zajęcia odbywać się będą do końca maja i będą prowadzone przez Halinę Szyrzyne, akredytowanego nauczyciela języka polskiego i dyrektora Polskiej Szkoły im. Jana Pawła II w Lemont, IL.

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## Książeczki i broszurki o tematyce bożonarodzeniowej

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

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## Anna Krysińska Laureatką Nagrody Kultury 2015

W niedzielę, 25 października 2015, podczas corocznego bankietu Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej w sali bankietowej „Białego Orła” w Niles, odbyło się uroczyste wręczenie nagród i honorowych wyróżnień Polsko-Amerykańskiego Dziedzictwa.

Okoliczność zaszczyliło swoją obecnością wiele ważnych i znanych osobistości, przedstawicieli środowiska polonijnego. Obecni byli przedstawiciele Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, z wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski i sekretarzem-skarbnikiem Jamesem Robaczewskim na czele.

Cześć artystyczną uświetnił folklorystycznym śpiewem i tańcem zespół „Polonia”, hymny narodowe zaśpiewała Aleksandra Podowska, koncert skrzypcowy wykonała Aleksandra Kwaśny przy fortepianowym akompaniamencie Mieczysława Dziś.

Spośród wielu zasłużonych osób, prestiżowymi nagrodami uhonorowano 7 laureatów; ks. Ryszarda Miłka, proboszcza parafii św. Franciszka Borgii, polskiego pochodzenia sędzinę Diann Marsalek, Ireneusza Wróblewskiego, prezesa Fundacji Dar Serca Dorotę Małachowską, Romualda Matuszczaka, oraz prof. Dr. Marka Rudnickiego za ich przykładową postawę obywatelską, wytrwałą służbę publiczną, oryginalność i kreatywność, aktywność twórczą, oraz cenną działalność filantropijną. Gratulacje.

Dyrektor artystyczny zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”, pod patronatem Zjednoczenia Polskiego-Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, Anna Krysińska została obdarowana nagrodą Kultury 2015.

W imieniu tancerzy wszystkich grup wchodzących w skład zespołu „Polonia”, rodziców, kadry instruktorskiej oraz choreograficznej na czele z założycielką Cecylią Rożnowską pragnę złożyć Annie Krysińskiej serdeczne gratulacje, wyrazy głębokiego szacunku, powodzenia, jak również życzenia dalszych, wielkich sukcesów.

*Tekst i zdjęcia  
Dorota Romek*

*Zjednoczenie Polskie  
Rzymsko-Katolickie  
w Ameryce  
gratuluje  
Pani Ani Krysińskiej  
zasłużonego  
wyróżnienia oraz  
życzy wielu  
kolejnych sukcesów w  
pracy z młodzieżą!*



Laureatka w otoczeniu rodziny -  
siedzi: Cecylia Rożnowska,  
stoją: (l-p) Jonathan Krysiński,  
Janusz Krysiński, Anna Krysińska,  
Adam Krysiński i Jaclyn Krysińska



Delegacja ZPRKA: stoją (l-p) Georgia Xamplas,  
Kevin Kucik, Anna Krysińska, Micheline Jaminski,  
Ryszard Jaminski, Emilia Kurda, James  
Robaczewski; siedzą (l-p) Elizabeth Sadus, Robert  
Fattore, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Julie Prado



Anna Krysińska z córką Jaclyn w otoczeniu tancerzy z zespołu „Polonia”



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Bilety: dorośli - \$30 od osoby  
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## DO WSZYSTKICH SEKRETAREK TOWARZYSTW ZPRKA

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**Szkoła Polska im. Jana Pawła II**  
serdecznie zaprasza na

**Uroczysty Bankiet z okazji  
35. Lecia istnienia Szkoły**

oraz

**15. Lecia istnienia Kółka "Polanie"**

**w sobotę, 14 listopada, 2015  
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w

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## Kalendarz ZPRKA na 2015 r. Zamów już dziś! Nakład ograniczony!

Zachęcamy wszystkich członków do zamawiania kalendarza ZPRKA na rok 2015, z ilustracjami Marii Orłowskiej-Gabrys i fragmentami polskich pieśni ludowych pochodzących ze śpiewnika "Zielony gaiczek", wydanie drugie, zebrane przez Marię Wieman, wydanej przez: Wspólna Sprawa, Warszawa, 1978,

Kalendarz będzie dostępny w biurze ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Zamówienia można również kierować pocztą elektroniczną na adres: marketing@prcu.org lub telefonicznie na numer telefonu (773) 782-2630.



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## KONFERENCJA POLONIJNA



J.E. biskup Andrzej Wypych

Chicago, IL - Ponad 90 przedstawicieli organizacji polonijnych uczestniczyło w Konferencji Polonijnej, zorganizowanej przez Ligę Katolicką Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii w niedzielę, 11 października w Wielkiej Sali im. Sabiny F. Logisz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce w Chicago, IL.

Konferencja rozpoczęła się od mszy św. koncelebrowanej przez J.E. biskupa Andrzeja Wypycha, DD, biskupa pomocniczego Chicago i krajowego dyrektora wykonawczego Ligi Katolickiej, w asyście kilku proboszczów z polonijnych parafii. Chór Collegium Cantorum Arkadiusza Góreckiego uświetnił nabożeństwo śpiewem religijnych pieśni.

Biskup Wypych zaprosił wszystkie organizacje do wymiany poglądów i współpracy, opartej na uniwersalnych wartościach kulturowych i chrześcijańskich, która otworzy nowy rozdział w historii Polonii amerykańskiej. Przypomniawszy wszystkim uczestnikom bogatą przeszłość Polonii i jej wielkie dokonania i zapelował do nich, aby czerpiąc z doświadczeń historii i dotychczasowej działalności, skoncentrowali się na przyszłości, opartej na wspólnej pracy dla dobra dobra społeczności polonijnej i Kościoła w Polsce.

W tym celu, biskup Wypych zaproponował cztery priorytety, które miały być uwzględnione i omówione przez uczestników ośmiu paneli: 1. utworzenie Regionalnej Rady Ligi Katolickiej, w skład której wejdą różne organizacje ze stanów Illinois, Indiana i Wisconsin; 2. stworzenie Rady ds. Młodzieży, której zadaniem będzie praca z młodym pokoleniem Amerykanów polskiego pochodzenia i przygotowanie przyszłych liderów; 3. utworzenie stypendiów i programów kształcących przywódców w lokalnych parafiach i organizacjach; 4. zorganizowanie bankietu charytatywnego Polonii na cześć zjednoczonej Polonii, w czasie którego uhonorowani zostaną najwybitniejsi przedstawiciele środowiska polonijnego i stypendyści.

Na zakończenie biskup Wypych podziękował wszystkim uczestnikom szczytu i zaapelował, a szczególnie Zjednoczeniu Polskiemu Rzymsko-Katolickiemu w Ameryce oraz Muzeum Polskiemu w Ameryce za przyjęcie uczestników konferencji w siedzibie ZPRKA i MPA.

Biskup Wypych zaskoczył miło państwo Josepha i Judy Drobot, udzielając im specjalnego błogosławieństwa z okazji 50. rocznicy ślubu, którą obchodzili w sierpniu.



Przedstawiciele ZPRKA i MPA z biskupem Wypychem: (l-p): Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., James Robaczewski, Judy Drobot, J.E. bp. Wypych, Anna Krysiński, Micheline Jamiński, Richard Owsiany, Małgorzata Kot

**Wydział Kobiet ZPRKA na Stan Michigan**

zaprasza na

**DOROCZNY OPLATEK  
w niedzielę, 13 grudnia 2015 r.**

PNA Banquet Hall, 10211 Conant St., Hamtramck, MI

**Wstęp - godz. 13:30; Program - godz. 14:00; Obiad - godz. 14:30**  
Loteria fantowa.

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Szkoła Tańca Ludowego "Polskie Maki"**

## 11 LISTOPAD - ŚWIĘTO NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI

11 Listopada przypada Narodowe Święto Niepodległości, obchodzone w Polsce na pamiątkę odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości w 1918 roku po 123 latach rozbiorów.

11 listopada 1918 roku Niemcy podpisali rozejm w lasu Compiègne pod Paryżem, rozejm zakończył trwającą od 1914 roku I wojnę światową.

Święto narodowe 11 listopada wprowadzone zostało na mocy ustawy Sejmu w 1937 roku i było obchodzone do 1944 roku. Święto 11 listopada zostało przywrócone przez Sejm w 1989 roku.



**Tow. #162 ZPRKA zaprasza na  
POLSKO-  
AMERYKAŃSKĄ  
NOC SYLWESTROWĄ**

**czwartek, 31 grudnia 2015 r.**

ZPRKA Hall, 1430 Oak St Wyandotte, MI

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**The Kielbasa Kings**

**drzwi otwarte o godz. 19:00**

**kolacja o godz. 20:00**

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1 listopada - Święto Wszystkich Świętych, poświęcone pamięci o zmarłych świętych Kościoła katolickiego, zostało wprowadzone do kalendarza kościelnego przez papieża Grzegorza IV w 834 r.

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2 listopada - Zaduszki, jest to dzień poświęcony zmarłym, których w tym dniu szczególnie się wspomina.



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**Zabawa jesienna  
Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce**

Chicago Ridge, IL - W październiku 2015 r. Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce obchodziło 80. rocznicę jego założenia. Z tej okazji odbyła się w sobotę, 10 października 2015 roku w Glendora Banquets w Chicago Ridge, IL, Zabawa jesienna MPA, zorganizowana wspólnie przez MPA i Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce, które było założycielem muzeum w 1935 roku i do chwili obecnej pozostaje jednym z jego głównych sponsorów.

Uczestników zabawy powitał ciepło prezes MPA Richard Owsiany. Krótkie przemówienie wygłosił prezes zarządu ZPRKA i przewodniczący Rady Dyrektorów MPA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., który wznosił również toast za pomyślność tej instytucji. Dyrektor zarządzający MPA Małgorzata Kot odmówiła krótką modlitwę przed kolacją po polsku, a sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA, po agnielsku. Program prowadziła wiceprezes ZPRKA i członkini Rady Dyrektorów MPA Micheline Jamiński.

W czasie wieczoru wystąpił z krótkim programem tanecznym Zespół Polskich Tańców Ludowych "Wesoły Lud" Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce. Dynamiczny występ został nagrodzony gromkimi brawami i słowami najwyższego uznania ze strony publiczności.

Goście doskonale się bawili do wczesnych godzin porannych przy muzyce w wykonaniu zespołu Miry Sojki-Topór & The Kings.

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Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce jest jednym z najstarszych i największych muzeów etnicznych w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Jego misją jest gromadzenie i ochrona cennych dokumentów i pamiątek polskiego dorobku kulturalnego, promocja zgromadzonych materiałów historycznych oraz umożliwianie społeczeństwu amerykańskiemu poznania i zrozumienia naszej narodowej egzystencji.

MPA zostało założone w dniu 15 października 1935 roku, na plenarnym zebraniu zarządu ZPRKA, w czasie którego ówczesny prezes ZPRKA Joseph Kania przedstawił ideę utworzenia Archiwum i Muzeum Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce. Wniosek został zatwierdzony przez Radę Dyrektorów. Józef Kania mianował Mieczysława Haimana, polonijnego historyka, na stanowisko pierwszego kustosa muzeum.

Pierwsze sale wystawiennicze otwarte zostały w dniu 12 stycznia 1937 roku w specjalnie zaprojektowanym i skonstruowanym pomieszczeniu w budynku ZPRKA.

Z biegiem czasu, zbiory muzeum rozszerzyły się szybko dzięki licznie napływającym darowiznom i nabywanym materiałom. Dlatego też ZPRKA postanowiło przekształcić salę balową ZPRKA w Wielką Salę Muzeum, w której miały być wystawiane eksponaty i kolekcje. Sala została otwarta w dniu 9 października 1939 roku. W 1941 roku Muzeum otrzymało dwa niezwykle cenne zbiory, które przyczyniły się do jego szybkiego rozwoju. Pierwszy był zbiór artefaktów z Polskiego Pawilonu na Wystawie Światowej z 1939 roku w Nowym Jorku, które z powodu wybuchu II wojny światowej nie mogły powrócić do kraju i zostały częściowo zakupione przez Archiwum i Muzeum ZPRKA. Druga kolekcja składająca się z pamiątek po słynnym kompozytorze, pianście i polityku, Ignacym Janie Paderewskim, przekazana została do muzeum przez jego siostrę, Antoninę Wilkońską, po śmierci wielkiego mistrza. W 1945 roku Muzeum zakupiło bezcenny zbiór Kościuszki.

W roku 1971, Archiwum i Muzeum ZPRKA zostały zarejestrowane jako niezależna instytucja "non-profit" (oddzielona od ZPRKA) i jako taka zmieniła nazwę na Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce.

W 1972 roku, wiceprezeska ZPRKA Stella Nowak zorganizowała Koło Pomocnicze Pań MPA, które zbierało fundusze na remonty i modernizację wielu sal muzealnych i utworzenie Galerii Sztuki, która została otwarta 10 maja 1973 r.

Walter L. Sojka i Sabina P. Logisz zorganizowali 16 lipca 1979 r. pierwszy Bal Letni Muzeum. Ta coroczna impreza jest jedną z głównych form zbierania funduszy na działalność muzeum.

W 1980 roku Wielka Sala MPA została poddana generalnemu remontowi. 5 listopada 2011 roku otwarta została, całkowicie odnowiona galeria sztuki na 4 piętrze, pod nazwą Galeria Sztuki im. Stephena i Elizabeth Ann Kusmierczak. Galeria prezentuje stałą wystawę unikalnych dzieł sztuki z okresu międzywojennego.

Dzięki kolejnym hojnym darowiznom został całkowicie wyremontowany nowy sklepik z upominkami na parterze budynku oraz główne wejście do ZPRKA i MPA, uroczystie otwarte w dniu 26 stycznia 2014 roku. W dniu 18 kwietnia 2015 r. w 100. rocznicę Biblioteki MPA, został poświęcony i otwarty wyremontowany nowy pokój starych druków.





## UROCZYSTY BRUNCH KU CZCI CZŁONKIŃ WYDZIAŁU KOBIET ZPRKA NA STANY IL-IN



Oakbrook, IL - Bardzo szczególna uroczystość odbyła się w niedzielę, 27 września 2015 roku w Oak Brook Drury Lane Theatre w Oak Brook, IL, gdzie Departament Braterstwa ZPRKA zorganizował brunch dla członkiń Wydziału Kobiet na Stany Illinois-Indiana.

Na okazję tą Departament Braterstwa przygotował krótką część oficjalną. Wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński odczytała biografie obecnych członkiń i działaczek Wydziału. Każda z wyczytanych pań, która obecna była na sali, otrzymała okolicznościowy dyplom. Wiceprezes podziękowała im za ich zaangażowanie w działalność Wydziału Kobiet oraz na rzecz ZPRKA. Ich pomoc i poświęcenie znacznie przyczyniły się do rozwoju i sukcesu wielu przedsięwzięć organizowanych przez Wydział i Zjednoczenie.

W uroczystości udział wzięły m.in.: wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński; była wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski; była wiceprezeska Lori Rose Górny; była sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA Josephine Szarowicz; dyrektor Dystryktu #7 Anna Krysiński; dyrektor Dystryktu #8 Krystyna Lech; dyrektor Dystryktu #9 Elizabeth Sadus; były dyrektorki Dystr. #7 Lillian Stempinski i Shirley Dudziński; żona byłego prezesa ZPRKA, Loretta Dykla; była superwizorka ubezpieczeniowa Barbara Pawłowski; obecne członkinie zarządu Wydziału Kobiet ZPRKA z prezeską Geraldine Kowalski, wiceprezeską Mary Brzeźniak, sierżantem Diane Cortesi oraz była sekretarka prezesa Mary Górny; obecna sekretarka prezesa Mary Jane Robles; Arlene Prugar, Alice Robaczewski i Lorene Pontarelli, Carol Żurawski, Victoria Bas i Stella Sobilo. Nieobecne były na uroczystości: dyrektorka Dystr. #6 Constance Bonin, była wiceprezeska Dolores Spejewski, Maria Janik, Joann Kush, Petronella Latuszek, Geraldine Plotke, Barbara Rustik, Jeanne Ryjewski i Emily Skrzypiec.

Prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. wyraził wdzięczność wszystkim byłym i obecnym członkiniom Wydziału Kobiet ZPRKA, dziękując im za ich poświęcenie, ciężką pracę i wytrwałość w kultywowaniu polskiej kultury i wartości religijnych oraz wspieranie swoich mężów, ojców i synów od chwili założenia ZPRKA ponad 140 lat temu, a szczególnie od chwili powstania Wydziału Kobiet w 1925 r.

Program zakończył się występem Mieczysława Dziś, dyrektora muzycznego ZPiT "Polonia", który zagrał na akordeonie piękne, znane i lubiane melodie.



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