Merrillville, IN - 160 PRCUA members with their families and friends attended the Annual PRCUA Opłatek on Sunday, December 6 at the Salvatorian Fathers Monastery in Merrillville, IN. This year’s event was hosted by PRCUA District 9.

Arriving guests were warmly greeted by District 9 National Director Elizabeth Sadus and District 9 President Paul Pawlowski. Guests were able to spend some time before dinner socializing and viewing the display of scrapbooks presenting the activities of PRCUA St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language School, as well as ornaments hand-made by the school students. Meanwhile, enjoyable music was performed by xylophonist Glenn Ellison.


The family-style dinner began with the most ancient and beloved of Polish Christmas traditions: sharing the Opłatek with each other and exchanging wishes for peace and prosperity.

After dinner, Dir. Sadus thanked all of the special guests in attendance. She then introduced the children from St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language School, who prepared a short Jasélka program, a Nativity Play, which recounted the story of the birth of Jesus. The performance, which was directed and choreographed by Agata Wilgocki, finished with a rousing round of applause.

After the entertainment, the children were visited by a very special guest, St. Nicholas (played by Walter Dynowski) who brought a bag full of sweets for the youngsters.

The enjoyable Christmas event ended with a raffle of exquisite prizes.

(More photos on pg. 7)
### JANUARY

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

- **CHICAGO, IL – REGISTRATION FOR “KRASNOLUDKI” KINDERGARTEN** on Sat., Jan. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and on Tuesday, January 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL. For more information contact Anna Krysiński at 847-529-2555.

- **DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI – ST. STAN’S SOC. #718 CORPORATE COMMUNION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** on Sun., Jan. 10. Mass will be held in memory of our deceased members at 11:00 a.m. at St. Linus Church on Hessel Street between Telegraph & Beach Daly Rds. south of Warren Ave. Following Mass a complimentary dinner will be served at the Stitt VFW Post on Waverly Street just south of W. Warren Rd and east of Telegraph Rd. After dinner, a short meeting will be held and election of officers for 2016. For additional information contact: 313-278-5219.

- **WYANDOTTE, MI – RYDER CUP BOWLING #162 (HOST SOCIETY) VERSUS #718** on Sat., Jan. 16. Registration at 11:00 a.m. at Indian Lakes. Afterglow at Soc. #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. $40 per person includes bowling, prize money and food. Interested bowlers should contact Bob Hojnacki at hoj606@hotmail.com or 313-384-6235.

- **HICKORY HILLS, IL – WESOŁY LUD ROARING TWENTIES DINNER DANCE** on Saturday, January 16 at Camelot Banquets, 8624 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, IL. Entry at 7:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 p.m. (Details on right.)

- **WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 GENERAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** on Sun. Jan. 17 at 1:00 p.m at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Contact: S. Pasko 313-815-5230.

- **MT. PROSPECT, IL – POLONIA ENSEMBLE’S MARDI GRAS BALL** for parents and children on Sat. Jan. 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 E. Buhmrr St. Mt. Prospect, IL (Details on pg. 14.)

- **WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., Jan. 26 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne’s Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

- **BRIDGEVIEW, IL – M. KONOPNICA POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL ANNUAL PARENT’S BALL** on Sat., Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Paradise Elegant Banquets, 9220 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

- **LEMONT, IL – PRCUA DISTRICT 8 “MARDI GRAS” LUNCHEON** on Sun., Jan. 31 at Crystal Grand Banquets, 12416 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL. Entrance at 11:00 a.m. (See pg. 4 for details.)

- **WYANDOTTE, MI - SOC. #162 SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR KEVIN RZEPPA** on Sun., Jan. 31 at Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. (See details on pg. 13)

### FEBRUARY

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- **STERLING HTS., MI – ZAJACZEK BOWLING FUNDRAISER** on Fri., Feb. 5 at Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Hts., MI. For more info contact: zajaczechance@yahoo.com.

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- **TOLEDO, OH – OHIO SOCIETIES SUPER BOWL PARTY** on Sun., Feb. 7 at Misuda Hall Clubhouse, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Tom Jesionowski at 419-261-3636.

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- **WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne’s Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

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- **WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 PACZKI DAY BUS TRIP** on Sun., Feb. 21 at 12:00 p.m. at Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Tom Jesionowski at 419-261-3636.

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- **TOLEDO, OH – OHIO SOCIETIES SUPER BOWL PARTY** on Sun., Feb. 28 at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI. Music by Duane Malinowski. Cocktails 5:15 p.m.; Promenade 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m. Semi-formal attire. Adults $55; Students thrue age $20 $50. Contact: Maria Jalkiewicz 586-979-5164 (See details on pg. 4)
Changes to PRCUA Annuity APY

Effective February 1, 2016, the new Annual Percentage Yields (APYs) for our annuity portfolio are as follows:

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The APYs listed above apply to all newly issued annuities as well as existing C-series annuities in our Millennium, Classic, and Preferred series.

Note: Please be advised that the above noted APYs could change with market conditions in the future. Please visit www.PRCUA.org/annuity for the current annuity APYs.

* The minimum guaranteed APY referenced refers only to the PRCUA issued Millennium, Classic and Preferred series annuities from May 2011 and later. Other annuity series or certificates may have a different applicable minimum guaranteed APY. Please refer to your annuity certificate for the applicable minimum guaranteed APY.
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: James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call (773) 782-2600 Ext. 2605 or 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2605.

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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, IL.
Tuition:
Members - FREE; Non-PRCUA Members - $150.00*.
To register for the class, please email: linda-kasprzyk@prcua.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@prcua.org 
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PRCUA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS
SAVE THESE DATES:
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April 8-10, 2016 - Bowling Tournament, Wyandotte, MI
July 23, 2016 - Golf Tournament, Sterling Hills, MI
August 19-20, 2016 - Softball Tournament, Woodhaven, MI

For information: Call: 773-782-2601 (Office of the V.P.); Email: linda-kasprzyk@prcua.org; Read: Naród Polski; Web: www.prcua.org
The 2016 free PRCUA calendar is available to PRCUA members. Members can pick up the calendar at the Home Office, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL or you can order it by calling the Marketing Department at 773-782-2630 or email your request to: marketing@prcua.org.


Order while supplies last!

Dear PRCUA Members!

Just in time for Christmas and the gift-giving season, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is delighted to announce our newest member benefit, brought to you by PerkSpot.

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Let the savings begin!

Fraternally,
Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
National President

As you organize your gift giving, please remember to help our fellow PRCUA members who are struggling to obtain a higher education. What could be more meaningful than donating to the PRCUA Education Fund and helping Polish American youth become better educated?

The PRCUA urges its members and friends to support our youth by donating to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donors’ names will be listed in Naród Polski, unless you check the last box. Donation amount $_____________

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If you are interested in establishing a specific scholarship in your own name for posterity, or “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one, please call President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2602 for more information.

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The holiday party season was in full swing starting December 1st with Supervisor (D-22) Edward Muszalski’s annual Christmas Party for his licensed agents and deputies and their families at Primetime Restaurant in Hickory Hills, IL. Those in attendance included President and Mrs. Drobot; D-8 Dir. Krystyna Lech with husband Tadeusz, daughter Danielle Kroplewski and granddaughters; D-8 Dir. James Rustik; Dir. of Sales Robert Fattore; from the Underwriting Department – Manager Georgia Xamplas and Anna Trush; past Resident VP Anna Sokolowski with husband Mark, daughters Basia and Alicia and granddaughters; the Frankowicz’s, members of the Muszalski family including daughters, Anna Toltzman and Diane Little with their spouses and families, and my husband Richard. A good time was had by all. Thank you Mr. Muszalski!

The next day, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Paulina Kauczynska, together with Vice Consuls R. Rusiecki and K. Zielinski and her staff, hosted a lovely reception at the Polish Consulate for Polishian leaders and guests. Pani Consul Kauczynska introduced holiday wishes to all and the Oplatke was shared. It was nice to see the Polishian leaders in the holiday spirit. Many partook of the delicious cake and punch that had been prepared for the Christmas Cars including none other than our own PRCUA “Crooner,” President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. joined by his wife, Judy, and past President of the PAC-IL Division Irene Moskal-Del Giudice.

The weekend of December 4-6 was an intensively busy one, especially for the PRCUA Board of Past President of the PAC-IL Division Irene Moskal-Del Giudice. Mrs. B. Uzarowicz and Mr. J. Lorys. If this wasn’t exciting enough, Ms. Powers’ Manager, Jasiu Sobański, a friend of our family, together with my daughter Nicole arranged Richard’s and my early birthday! Mrs. Drobot ably assisted by Mary Jane and Madia Robles and me on behalf of the PRCUA. The Oplatek was shared, refreshments served and the old Polish kolędy were sung and enjoyed. Congratulations to the efforts of Polish Teachers everywhere!

On December 9, there was the PRCUA/PMA Employee Christmas Party at Mary’s Holiday Inn in Lemont. The work environment was at full steam. The festivities included charades, a Christmas trivia competition and a “White Elephant” Gift Exchange. I want to thank President Drobot and Sec-Treas. Robaczewski for assistance with songs like “Must be Santa” (originally by Mitch Miller) and “Santa Must be Polish” (originally by Bobby Vinton). See p. 10 for photos and more details. In the evening, my husband and I accepted an invitation to attend the Polish Teachers Association “Oplatke” at the Copernicus Center. President Ewa Koch warmly greeted guests and guests inviting us to extend our holiday wishes to all. Sto Lat, Mr. President! Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year. The Southwest Polish Society sponsored its annual Christmas Party at Camelot Banquets in Hickory Hills, IL December 10. “Hostess with the mostest” was my dear friend, Evelyn Czedzilo, who together with her committee did a great job entertaining. Agnieszka Bastryk, Director of Marketing, joined me to spread the PRCUA cheer with gifts of our 2016 calendar and Christmas car song booklets.

The PRCUA was represented at the Polish American Chamber of Commerce Holiday Event on Dec. 11 by Dir. of Marketing Agnieszka Bastryk (also PACC Secretary) and Dir. of Sales Robert Fattore. The annualelly hosted Christmas program at the Copernicus Center on Sun., Dec. 13. Drama, singing and dancing told the story of the season. The Polonez was performed to the music of “Bóg się rodzi” – a traditional Polish carol as well as a lively Oberak by the seasoned dancers of Polonia. Krasnodolski, and Malta Polonia performed a medley of folk dances. A wonderful presentation! In my view the execution of the effort of the performers, the instructors – especially “musician extraordinaire” Mieczyslaw Dzis, Music Dir., Jaclyn Krysinski (dance) and Barbara Kulesza (dance) and the Manager, Anna Krysinski, whose passion for Polonia Endeavor is second to none, as she speaks. Her passion is matched only by the love and respect for her mother, Cezylia Roznowski, the Ensemble’s Artistic Dir. and Choreographer. A new branch of Polonia has been established at St. Ferdinand’s Parish and the young dancers made their debut at this performance. Bravo Polonia Ensemble of PRCUA! See photos on p. 18.

As Richard and I applauded the talents of Polonia and Mrs. Dzis, President and Mrs. Drobot were applauding the talents of Mr. Dzis’ daughter, Marlena, who performed with the Lira Singers at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Chicago, IL. And in Michigan, the PRCUA Women’s Division sponsored its Annual Oplatke in Hamtramck, MI – successfully and elegantly hosted by Polskie Maki Dancers with their Manager Maria Jalkiewicz and Choreographer Kelly Malinowski co-chairing. (See details on p. 13.)

The final weekend before Christmas was set into motion beginning with our President’s Birthday Party. Meredith Wilson would have been happy to hear how often “76 Trombones” was sung around the office in the last few weeks. President Drobot was gearing up for his “76th” birthday! Mrs. Drobot ably assisted by Mary Jane and Madia Robles organized the luncheon. My contribution was Reese’s peanut butter cupcakes (one of Mr. Drobot’s favorites). Other than our PRCUA and PMA friends and employees, guests were: PRCUA Directors Anna Krysinski (D7) and Elizabeth Sadus (D9), Anna Sokolowski, Paul and Jan Odrobina and Polish Radio personality Rafał Muszalski entertaining us with the delicious meal and desserts, PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot and Archivist Halina Misterka accompanied by pianist Jerzy Jablonski orchestrated a singing-along and we all know how hard it is to coexist President and Mrs. Drobot and Jim Robaczewski to burst into song. Needless to say, the birthday boy had a blast and so did his guests! Sto Lat, Mr. President! Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year.

That evening Richard and I attended the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School Christmas program at St. Louis de Montefort in Oak Lawn, IL. School Principal Stanislaw Skubisz together with his teaching staff and President Sylvia McHenry and her board made us feel welcome and a part of the Konopnicka family. Children and Christmas – the perfect combination. I applaud the efforts and talents of the performers (including Santa) and their motivators!

On Sat., December 20, Secy. Treasurer James Robaczewski and Supervisor of Insurance (D22) Edward Muszalski joined me at the Oplatke hosted by the John Paul II Polish Language School and Polish Club of Lemont at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont, IL. Principal of the former, Halina Szyznyz and President of the latter, Alina Kimel, greeted the guests inviting us to extend PRCUA’s holiday wishes to all gathered. Rev. Waldemar Stawiarski, Pastor, blessed the children and extended his wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Polanie Dancers of JPPI Polish School, under the artistic (cont. on pg. 7)
direction of Choreographer Antoni Dobrzanski and assisted by his wife, Sabina, sang “kolejdy” (Soloist: Olivia Witek) and performed a medley of Krakowiaks, concluding with the Lajkonik (Mirek Cislo, former Wesoly Lud dancer, presently one of the Managers of Polanie). Thank you to these dedicated individuals and also to the other Manager, Agnieszka Witek, and dance assistants, Patricia Szyrzyńska, Olivia Cislo, and Natalie Johnson. The Góralski Dance Group “Giewont” under the direction of Monika Leja also performed. And what do you think was next – eating and singing, of course! Bravo Polanie! Great job!

The day was still young, and I was off to the PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing Christmas Recital at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago, IL. After the welcome remarks by School Manager Anna Kraszewski and Instructor, Danielle Kroplewski, the program commenced with all the children on stage singing kółdzy – Christmas scenes flashing on a screen in the background. Each group from SWCPD performed their regional dance suites: Cieszyn, Rzeszow, Krakowiak, Podlasie. Then came Wesoly Lud with dances and songs from Lubusk and Eastern Krakow. Gathering for the finale, the dancers sang “Pastoralki.” Of course, Sw. Mikolaj (Saint Nicholas) arrived. Richard Jaminski is the Artistic Director and Choreographer, and together with Dance Instructors: Danielle Kroplewski, Michael Dziadkowiec, Ola Herdzik, Kasia Bialas, Sylvia Kupiec and assistants Stephanie Anhalt, Anna Cieplucha and Weronika Niedzielska work to share their talents with the future generation. Applause! Applause! After St. Nicholas arrived, Ms. Kraszewski asked President Drobot and I to speak. Pres. Drobot approached the stage, the performers and audience broke into song – “Sto Lat” was the order of the day as it was Mr. Drobot’s actual birthday! Receiving a basket of Reese’s and Snickers, the President expressed his thanks and extended holiday greetings on behalf of the PRCUA. A few words in Polish and the customary photo session followed. Soon after, the Drobots were on their way home for the holidays to Michigan!

At this time, I would like to acknowledge other events that took place in Ohio and Michigan, for example, Echoes of Poland from Toledo, under the direction of Paulina Ortyl, were extremely busy. They organized a Christmas Party on December 4 and then their Wigilia on December 12 (see p. 9) and Caroling on December 14. Gwiazda Dancers under the direction of Jessica Wendt held its Christmas party on December 7. Complete details with photos are on p. 8. Congratulations are extended to the Wawel Folk Ensemble which just celebrated its Golden Anniversary with a banquet on November 21 and a concert on December 5. PRCUA members and sports enthusiasts, Donna and Tom Skurski are Wawel’s Artistic Director/Choreographer and Managing Director, respectively. Wawel is the only dance ensemble in North America to attend all ACPC/PFDAA Polish Folk Dance Festivals in addition to 10+ Rzeszow Festivals. Sto lat Wawel! Sto lat to Donna and Tom! Wishing you continued success!

And last, but certainly not least, congratulations to Tricia (Zajac) and Michael Dennis on the birth of their son, Jonathan Michael Dennis, born on October 31, 2015. Tricia is one of the Choreographers/Dance Instructors of PRCUA Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. May God bless you both and your son with health and happiness!

It was a busy month and after all of the events and celebrations, then came the actual holidays. A joyous time to be with family and friends. A time to observe the traditions that we hold so near and dear. I hope your holidays were happy and memorable. I know mine were. As we start the New Year, let us remember all those who are an integral part of the fabric of our daily lives. Let us never take one another for granted and may we make this year, better than ever!
Polonia Representatives Celebrate Christmas at the Polish Consulate

Chicago, IL - The Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago hosted its annual Christmas party for the representatives of the Polish-American community on Wednesday, December 2nd. Guests were welcomed by Consul General Paulina Kapuścińska, who wished everyone “Merry Christmas” on behalf of her family and all the employees of the Consulate.

Over 140 representatives of Polish organizations, Polish-American businessmen, clergy, artists, and media representatives participated in the celebration. The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America was represented by President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife, Judy, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard, and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski.

82nd PRCUA NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

March 5, 2016 in Romulus, MI

The 82nd PRCUA National Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Fr. Al’s Society #1493 will host the tournament. Out-of-town players and guests will be housed at the Embassy Suites, 8600 Wickham Rd., Romulus, MI. The cost will be $99.00 for a King Suite and $109.00 for a Double Suite. This includes a full breakfast. The double room suites hold up to 4 people and there is a $10.00 charge for additional people with a maximum of 6 guests.

Games will be played in four Divisions:
- Women’s Open (3 on 3)
- Men’s Over 50 (3 on 3)
- Men’s Over 50 (4 on 4)
- Women’s Open (4 on 4)

The entry fee is $50.00 per team. Fees are non-refundable. The entry form is available on-line at www.pruca.org; it must be completed and returned to the Home Office with the entry fee. Make checks payable to: PRCUA. Please send entry forms to: PRCUA c/o Fraternal Dept., 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101. Check must be included with Entry Form. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 26, 2016.

If any Father Al’s members would like to play basketball or volunteer to help out, you should contact Joe Ozog at (734)941-3466.

PRCUA Gwiazda’s Christmas Party

Hamtramck, MI - On December 7, 2015, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers held their annual Christmas Party at the PNA Hall in Hamtramck, Michigan. The event was the perfect time to reflect on the first half of the 2015-2016 dance year and to enjoy each other’s company while celebrating the season.

This event featured a potluck dinner, with all sorts of tasty homemade dishes, along with decadent desserts. The event also featured caroling, crafts and games for the dancers and a visit from Św. Mikolaj (St. Nicholas).

This year Św. Mikolaj presented each of the Gwiazda’s dancers with a Polska soccer t-shirt so that the dancers would be able to cheer on Robert Lewandowski and the rest of the members of the Polish National soccer team when they compete in the Euro Cup matches in the summer of 2016. A great time was had by all.

A hearty “thank you” goes to Gwiazda’s Director, Jessica Wendt, Choreographer Basia Nowakowski, President Kim Zaliwski, Suzanne Palac for organizing the food, Kristen Bauer for organizing and running the decorations, and the children’s games, to Tadek Palac and to all the dancers’ families who contributed to the event.

In order to keep Santa’s fun train going, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers met again on December 14, 2015 at the General Skiorski Post 10 in Hamtramck, Michigan to hold a Polish ornament making workshop. Dancers who attended had the opportunity to learn about and make their own Polish Christmas ornament. Thanks go to Jessica Wendt, Cindy Cervenak, Kim Zaliwski, and all others who helped to organize this event.

The Gwiazda Dancers will now take a well-deserved break over the holidays and will return to the floor ready to go in 2016. The group already has several performances on its schedule for early 2016 and is looking forward to its April 2016 recital.

Submitted by Nicholas J. Novakowski, Gwiazda Secretary and 1997 Alumnus

Men’s Over 50 (3 on 3 - all players must be over age 50).
Echoes Christmas Party

Toledo, OH - On December 4, the Echoes of Poland Folk Song and Dance Ensemble of the PRCUA hosted a Christmas Party for the entire Ensemble and their families. In attendance was National Director from District 5, Tom Jesionowski. The attendees were treated to craft making and carols (kolędy) with Eric Hite and his accordion. Rob Szczublewski led the singing of both English and Polish favorites and greeted Santa with a lively version of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”. The whole party was a fabulous way to start the Christmas season. Our thanks go to the chairpersons: Mary Pat Antoniuk and Christine Forbes, who spent countless hours arranging and organizing this event. May we take this time to wish you and yours Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.

Echoes Celebrate Wigila

Toledo, OH - On Saturday, December 12, at St. Adalbert in Toledo, Ohio, the Children and Teen Ensemble of The Echoes of Poland Folk Song & Dance Ensemble of the PRCUA participated in their Wigilia celebration with an enthusiastic, packed house. In attendance was National Director from District 5 Tom Jesionowski. The Children’s Ensemble performed dances from the regions of: Cieszyn, Lublin, Przepióreczka, and Krakowiak. The Teen’s Ensemble presented Kujawiak, and Trojak Slask. Couples in the Children’s and Teen’s Ensembles performed: Polka Podlaska, Polka Spacerowa, and Krakowiaczek Jeden. The Ensembles performed to a very appreciative crowd. Everyone had a great time. We were so honored and proud to represent the PRCUA and be part of our beautiful Polish culture for all to see.

The Echoes of Poland has been under the direction of, and choreographed by, Paulina Tul Ortyl for the past 47 years. She has been the only director and choreographer that the group has had. The group performed at various festivals this past summer and fall.

Toledo Sings

Toledo, OH - What voices! What music! What food, and, oh, what fun! This was Kolędy Night at the PRCUA Club on North Detroit Ave. in Toledo, Ohio on December 14 with Randy Krajewski, and the Three Polish Tenors: Eric Hite, Robert McMahon, and Jim Rutkowski. The men played and sang to a packed house, and no one went away disappointed. In attendance were the National Director from District 5 Tom Jesionowski, Father Paul Kwiatkowski, and about 100 voices all raised in singing Polish koledy. How could anyone not have had a wonderful time with such music, singing and refreshments?

It was wonderful to hear all these voices singing Polish carols together. No one wanted to go home. One of the highlights of the evening was when Randy and Eric played accordion solos that stole the show and brought the audience members to their feet, cheering and clapping until their palms hurt. All were sorry to see the night end, leaving the hall with songs in their hearts and internal peace that can only be described as the “Glow of Christmas.”

We would like to thank the Officers and Board for all of their hard work in putting this together and, especially, all the wonderful cooks and bakers who made the great food that everyone enjoyed. Most of all we want to thank all who were there to enjoy the evening with us. We hope this will become an annual event for PRCUA Societies: 719, 1584, 1617, and 1633.

Photos and articles submitted by: Teresa Gibala, Walter Gibala and Dir. Tom Jesionowski

The Three Polish Tenors: Eric Hite, Jim Rutkowski, Robert McMahon with Randy Krajewski on the organ
December 9 at Marcello’s Restaurant in Chicago.

PRCUA Officers welcomed everyone and wished them a blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy and successful New Year. More wishes were bestowed upon each other when everyone joined in the old Polish tradition of sharing Oplatek.

Grace before the meal was offered by PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski.

Employees enjoyed a nice ambiance, good food, comradery, and a fun program consisting of games, trivia questions, and singing Christmas carols in which the employees competed in two groups led by President Joseph A. Drobot Jr., and Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski. The “White Elephant” gift exchange brought many smiles to everyone’s faces. PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski and her Assistant Linda Kasprzyk made sure that all employees, old and new, participated in the games and had a good time.

Pres. Drobot was accompanied by his wife, Judy, and VP Jaminski was accompanied by her husband, Richard, who also provided cheerful Christmas music during the evening.

PRCUA Officers spreading Christmas cheer (l-r): Joseph Drobot, Micheline Jaminski, James Robaczewski

Employees enjoying the Italian buffet

First Lady Judy Drobot and PMA Pres. Richard Owsiany sharing Oplatek

Fun and Games

HALINA JUNAK EULOGY

Cleveland, OH - With the death of Halina Junak, the world lost a hero, yes, a TRUE HERO. Halina exhibited the virtues of honor, valor, character, patriotism, and bravery. She overcame tragedy, and horrendous calamity of World War II. She fought against the vicious and brutal attack of Hitler upon Poland, and she resisted the merciless occupation of Poland by Soviet Russia under the heel of Joseph Stalin.

Halina did not have a childhood or youth. She never went to movies, parties or dances as a teenager. Instead, she became a member of Poland’s Home Army and became a soldier in World War II’s largest underground army. And she always said, “I never regretted what I did. Not even for one minute.”

After putting her young life on the line for the independence of her homeland, Halina was jailed, physically tormented, psychologically humiliated, spat upon, called a spy and a traitor, and ultimately sentenced to death as “an enemy of democratic Poland” - her beloved Poland, for which she risked her life in a blaze of the Warsaw Uprising.

Polish patriots like Halina personify the greatest irony of history. The Poles who fought the Nazis the hardest, became the greatest enemies of the Soviet regime.

And some 55 years later, for the very same actions that Halina was convicted for high treason, declared a traitor and sentenced to death - that is, for defending Poland against its vicious and brutal aggressors - Halina was declared a HERO by the Polish government, and was awarded Poland’s Home Army Medal, accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity signed by Lech Walesa, then President of Poland.

Yes, indeed, Halina Junak is a modern-day hero. In fact, whenever I greeted her at events in Cleveland, OH, I called her MY HERO. I think she liked that.

Halina Junak lived life on her own terms. On January 11, 2015 she was taken to Metro Hospital in Cleveland after suffering a severe stroke. Ten days later she was sent home under hospice care, expected to live 24 to 48 hours. Halina’s strong will proved them wrong. For more than eight days later she was sent home under hospice care, expected to live 24 to 48 hours. Halina’s strong will proved them wrong. For more than eight months, Halina refused to let go of this life. Finally, on September 26, 2015 she accepted the invitation of God, on her own terms, and went to her eternal reward in heaven.

Let Halina serve as a role model to us, as an example of what it means to be loyal, sincere and steadfast. Let this be her legacy – that she left the world a much, much better place than she found it – for she had an influence upon everyone she met. That means you, me, all of us. Let’s carry on Halina’s sense of integrity. And, like Halina, let us speak the truth, and fight for it with all our might.

To Halina’s son, Andy, and grandchildren Andrew and Jessica - remember that your mother and grandmother was a great lady and a great patriot. She was small in stature, but she was a giant in character. You follow a grand legacy, and it is your responsibility to carry it forward. So, when times get tough, and you don’t know how you will face the future, remember your mother’s and grandmother’s courage, and push yourself to success. It will be the greatest tribute that you can pay to her.

I am sure that as Halina approaches the golden gates of heaven – she is greeted with a 21-gun salute, and the jets roar overhead leaving plumes of red and white smoke in her honor. The angels greet her with trumpets blasting, and all the bells of heaven are shouting joy at the return of a true HERO. “Welcome home, good and faithful servant.”

Submitted by: Rose Ann Lackey

Mitchell Bienia, National Director District 5

L-r: Julie Prado and Linda Kasprzyk leading the “White Elephant” gift exchange

Little Dane shows his Polish Pride

Dearborn Heights, MI - Dane Thomas Lackey really believes in his Polish heritage. He insisted that he had to be a Polish Eagle for Halloween. Dane is pictured in his costume that was made by his mother. He received nothing but compliments from everyone.

Dane is a 7-year-old member of the PRCUA Tatry Dancers in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. His twin sister, Ava, and little sister, Morgen, also dance with Tatry. His grandmother, Rose Ann Lackey, Director of the Tatry Dancers, is very proud.

Submitted by: Rose Ann Lackey

Dane Lackey as a Polish Eagle

Little Dane shows his Polish Pride

PRCUA and PMA Employees Celebrate Christmas

Chicago, IL - PRCUA and PMA employees had a fabulous time at the 2015 employee’s Christmas Party held on Wednesday,
The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America would like to congratulate the members listed below on attaining their 50th year as members of our organization. These members reached this plateau during the period between July 2014 and December 2015. If you feel that your name was omitted from this list, please call PCRUA Member Services at 773-782-2626.

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Memorial Mass Held by Toledo Societies

Toledo, OH - The PRCUA Toledo Societies 1584, 719, 1584, and 1633 held a Memorial Mass for all deceased members, followed by a meeting and Brunch on October 25. Thank you to National Director from District 5 Thomas Jesionowski for organizing this event. Special thanks go to Fr. Paul Kwiatkowski, our Chaplain, for presiding at the Mass and Tom Jesionowski for assisting. Thanks to Vikki Jean Mixon for the decorations and the delicious food we had. The Mass was followed by a very productive membership meeting and then Brunch followed for all who attended. It was a special, moving, and productive event for all.

Photos and article submitted by: Tom Jesionowski District 5 National Director & Teresa A. Gibala

Press Conference with Actress Stefanie Powers at the Polish Consulate

Chicago, IL - The Consulate General of Poland in Chicago organized a press conference with American singer and actress Stefanie Powers on December 7th. Polish-American leaders and media representatives were invited to participate in the event. The actress was welcomed and introduced by Consul General Paulina Kapuścińska, and the conference was conducted by Daniel Bociaga from the 1030 AM Polish Radio Station.

Stefanie Powers (born as Stefania Zofia Federkiewicz) is very proud of her Polish roots. She has appeared in several motion pictures, TV shows, and performed in musicals and plays. She was nominated twice for an Emmy Award and for five Golden Globe Awards for her role in the TV series “Hart to Hart”.

Actress talked about her childhood, education, career, charity work, and her connection and commitment to Poland, especially her support for the Solidarity movement during the time of martial law in Poland. She also devotes a great deal of time to the cause of wildlife preservation. Stefanie Powers can presently be seen in the latest Broadway musical “Gotta Dance” staged in Chicago.

PRCUA Officers Joseph Drobot and his wife, Judy, Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard, and James Robaczewski are all big fans of Stefanie Powers. They were grateful to have this opportunity to personally meet the actress and to participate in the event.

Christmas Dinner Concludes the PRCUA Quarterly Board Meeting

Harwood Hts., IL - The PRCUA Quarterly Board meeting on December 5th ended with the PRCUA Officers, Directors, past PRCUA Presidents and their spouses attending a Christmas dinner at the Old Warsaw Restaurant in Harwood Heights, IL.

The evening began with the beloved Polish tradition of sharing the Oplatek wafer and wishing each other Merry Christmas.

President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. welcomed everyone, thanked them for the efficient and constructive meeting earlier that day, and wished everyone a joyful Christmas and many blessings in the upcoming year.

After a tasty Polish-style buffet, everyone enjoyed a few laughs while playing games and socializing. The event ended with singing Jak szybko mijają chwile (How Quickly Time Passes.)

VP Micheline Jaminski sharing Oplatek with Vice-Chaplain Fr. Anthony Iwuc

Toledo members attending the Memorial Mass

Stefanie Powers with Daniel Bociaga

L-r: Teresa Gibala, Vikki Jean Mixon, Father Paul Kwiatkowski, Dir. Tom Jesionowski, Dawn Szych Liske

L-r: D-7 Dir. Anna Krysinski, D-8 Dir. Krystyna Lech, D-3 Dir. Joanne Zajac, President’s Assistant Mary Jane Robles, D-6 Dir. Constance Bonik

L-r: D-1 Dir. Marsha Mikuszewski, D-5 Dir. Thomas Jesionowski, Director of Sales Robert Fattore

L-r: D-3 Dir. Sharon Quinn with husband Edward, D-4 Dir. Eileen Hanley, VP Micheline Jaminski, D-9 Dir. Elizabeth Sadus, VP’s Assistant Linda Kasprzyk, D-7 Dir. Kevin Kucik

President Emeritus Wallace and Joanne Ozog

President Joseph Drobut with wife Judy

L-r: D-1 Dir. Marsha Mikuszewski, D-5 Dir. Thomas Jesionowski, Director of Sales Robert Fattore

Vice-Chaplain Rev. Anthony Iwuc singing

Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski (l) and Chaplain Rev. Walter Ptak

President Emeritus Francis Rutkowski with wife Patricia

Krystyna and Mitchell Bienia, Dir. Dist. 5
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Bellante, Santo J.  2308  FL
Brewster, Joseph Robert  671  IL
Czech, Eleanor A.  633  CT
Estes, Dorothy  2206  KY
Fazzini, Rose  418  IL
Fryogle, Roberta Ann  247  OH
Glusac, Edith S.  87  MI
Golasa, Carol M.  2003  PA
Golembiewski, Edward S.  1497  IL
Grodzki, Helen T.  784  OH
Grzenia, Stelle  354  IL
Janiszewski, George  57  CA
Kogut, Michael A.  359  MA
Kopac, Edward S.  213  WV
Krajewski, Joseph T.  261  MI
Krok, Cecilia  308  IL
Krok, Rose  2271  TX
Lapinski, Raymond  2152  OH
Lebryk, Delphine  413  IN
Lechowicz, Edmund  239  IL

May they rest in eternal peace.

A Christmas To Remember

Hamtramck, MI - Christmastime is undoubtedly the most wonderful time of the year! How lucky we all are to share the richness of a Polish heritage. Christmas cheer and love were indeed shared by all who attended the annual PRCUA Michigan Women's Division Oplatek Dinner. The annual event was held at the PNA Banquet Hall in Hamtramck, MI on Sunday, December 13, 2015. It was hosted by the PRCUA Polskie Maki Dance School of Warren, MI (previously of Hamtramck, MI) PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann, Past Vice President Bob Bielenda and his wife, Eleanor, National Directors of District #10 Colleen Borkowski and Thomas Lisiecki, Vice President of the Michigan Women's Division Rita Cerankowski and several representatives from the PRCUA Michigan dance schools among the two hundred guests in attendance.

The sharing of the Oplatek wafer between family and friends is a Polish tradition of wishing good health, happiness and fortune to one another. It is a time for forgiving past hurts, making up and starting fresh all over again. The first PRCUA Michigan Women’s Division Oplatek Dinner was celebrated in 1938, the same year the Division was formed at this special occasion: Past PRCUA Vice President Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark, past PNA Vice President Paul Odrobina and his wife Janice, Directors Anna Kryskińska (D-7) and Elizabeth Sadus (D-9). Traditionally, a resounding “Happy Birthday” and “Sto Lat” were sung. The celebration ended with everyone singing Polish and English Christmas carols accompanied by Jerzy Jablonski on the piano.

The Michigan Women’s Division celebrates their seventy-seventh year of existence this year. The group continues to generously donate to the PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, and other charitable endeavors which benefit Polonia, as well as some of our membership.

Congratulations to Polskie Maki on the celebration of their 40th anniversary. Special thanks go to the two generations of Polskie Maki Dancers who performed at the Oplatek Dinner, and to School Director Maria Jalkiewicz, Choreographer Kelly Malinowski, and the Polskie Maki parents for providing a wonderful afternoon of food and entertainment filled with Christmas traditions and Polish customs.

Submitted by: Kelly Malinowski, Choreographer

Polskie Maki dancers at the Michigan Women’s Division Oplatek

Happy Birthday and Sto Lat
President Drobot!

Chicago, IL - On Friday, December 18, President Joseph A. Drobot and Mrs. Judy Drobot treated PRCUA and PMA employees to a lunch on the occasion of Mr. Drobot’s birthday. He received gifts and many wishes of health and prosperity from the employees and a few special guests who joined him for this special occasion: Past PRCUA Vice President Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark, past PNA Vice President Paul Odrobina and his wife Janice, Directors Anna Kryskińska (D-7) and Elizabeth Sadus (D-9).

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Do you know what your Polish last name means?

To learn all about your Polish last name, what it means, how it came about, how many people use it, where they’re from and whether a coat of arms goes with it, please airmail a $19 check or money order (adding $12 for each additional surname you wish to have researched) to:

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

You will also get a useful genealogical contact chart which can help you track down your family records in Poland and possibly even turn up long-lost relations.

For more information contact: research60@gmail.com
As I write, it is still the late Advent Season and, naturally, everyone's attention is turned to the upcoming Christmas celebrations. I hope that you not only were able to get all of the shopping, cooking, decorating, wrapping, cleaning, card writing and every other kind of preparation done in time, but that you were actually able to use the Advent time of spiritual preparation for its intended purpose: to make sure that in all of that other work of preparing you didn't overlook WHO we are actually preparing for - JESUS - to have a place in our lives and our hearts. With Him there, every Christmas is indeed "Merry" - and much more than that! Without Him, then despite all the other stuff, there's no real Christmas at all.

As we now usher in a new year of grace, this article affords me the glad opportunity to wish a most happy, healthy, and blessed New Year to all of our Narod Polski readers and our PCUSA family. May all of the joy of celebration, which marks our Christmas Season, remain with you all through the prosperous and successful 2016.

As I am sure you know, this new year roughly coincides with a special Holy Year announced by Pope Francis - a YEAR OF MERCY. It actually began on the patronal feastday of the United States, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th and will run through the end of the Church's liturgical year concluding on the Feast of Christ the King, which in 2016 falls on Sunday, Nov. 20th. It is a great gift which the Holy Spirit has inspired our Holy Father to offer to the Church and to each and every one of us. It is something that, I sincerely hope, all of us will continue to hear more and more about as this year unfolds, thus finding us all growing in our appreciation for, understanding of, and participation in the merciful love of God.

God, in His goodness, has always seen fit to provide His people with that which they need at any given time in salvation history to aid them on their pilgrimage journey of faith. During the last century or so, it seems that the whole concept of God's Mercy, in all of its dimensions, is precisely that thing which the people of our time need.

This would be why St. Faustina Kowalska was privileged to receive the message of Divine Mercy from our Lord. This would be why the ensuing Divine Mercy devotion has become the fastest growing one in the Church throughout the world.

It was already the great Servant of God, Pope Pius XII, who reminded us why this was so when he lamented how the great sin of our times is the loss of a sense of sin. If that was true during his time then, sadly, it is even more so now. What does this mean?

Well, contemporary people have the ability to see themselves as basically pretty good. And, there's nothing wrong with that, either, as most of us work toward that end and would put ourselves in that category, too. However, they also know that this is not the whole story - there is a sense of sin. If that was true during his time then, sadly, it is even more so now. What does this mean?

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NOWY ROK

16 WYANDOTTE, MI – TURNIEJ KRĘGŁARSKI TOW. #162 (GOSPODARZ) I TOW. #718 - sobota, 16 stycznia. Rejestracja o godz. 11:00 w Indian Lanes. Spotkanie po turnieju w #162 Lounge on Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Koszt uczestnictwa - $40 od osoby (w cenę wliczony jest koszt wstępu, nagrody i początku turnieju). Osoby zainteresowane udziałem powinni się skontaktować z Bobem Hojnackim na adres: hjo606@hotmail.com lub telefonicznie na numer: 313-384-6255.

16 HICKORY HILLS, IL – ZABAWA TANECZNA “ROARING TWENTIES” ZESPOŁU WESOŁY LUD - sobota, 16 stycznia w Camelot Banquets, 8624 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, IL o godz. 19:00; obiad o godz. 19:30 (szczegóły na str. 14).

23 MT. PROSPECT, IL – WIELKI RODZINNY BAL KARNAWALOWY ZPIT POLONIA - sobota, 23 stycznia w godz. 18:00-1:00 w Crystal Palace Banquets, Mt. Prospect, IL (szczegóły na str. 18).

30 BRIDGEVIEW, IL – BAL RODZICÓW SZKOLY POLSKIEJ IM. M. KONOPIŃCKIEJ - sobota, 30 stycznia, godz. 18:30 w Paradise Elegant Banquets in Bridgeview, IL.

31 LEMONT, IL – LUNCH KARNAWALOWY “MARDI GRAS” DYSTRYKTU #8 ZPRLKA - niedziela, 31 stycznia w Crystal Grand Banquets, Lemont, IL.

31 WYANDOTTE, MI - OBIAD SPAGHETTI I BENEFIS NA RZECZ KEVINA RZEPPEY - TOW. #162 - niedziela, 31 stycznia w Soc. # 162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI w godz. od 13:00 do 17:00. Grać będzie zespół Kavaliers. Donacja $10.00 obejmuje spaghetti, sałatki, bułki, napoje. Desery. Platny bar. Loterie.

LUTY

NOWY ROK

5 STERLING HTS., MI - ROZGRYWKI KRĘGŁARSKIE I ZBIÓRKA FUNDUSZ ZPIT ZAJĄCEK - piątek, 5 lutego w Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling HTS, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: zajaczkedance@yahoo.com.

4 TLUSTY CZWARTEK

10 POPIELEC

9 WYANDOTTE, MI - AUTOKAROWA WYJEZDZKA TOW. #162 PO PACZKI W TLUSTY WTOREK - wtorek, 9 lutego. Autobus odjeżdża z przed PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI o godzinie 9:00 i wraca o 18:00. Rejestracja na początku lutego w PRCUA Lounge. Liczba miejsc ograniczona do pierwszych 5 osób, które zapłacą.


12 MADISON, IL - OBIADY Z RYBĄ TOW. #1004 - w każdy piątek, począwszy od 12 lutego do 20 maja od 17:00 do 20:00 Polish Hall, 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. Kanapki, sałatki, dodatki i desery. Do zjedzenia na miejscu lub na wynos. UWAGA: 19 lutego będzie specjalne menu wielkopostne. Kompletne menu i ceny na stronie: sttisaniauslodzeg.wwebly.com


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Każda nadesłana aplikacja ubezpieczenia na życie zostanie nagrodzona pretensem. Każda aplikacja będzie również uprawniona wnioskodawcy do udziału w loterii, w której do wygrania jest Apple iPad Mini w kolorze srebrnym/biazym. Aplikacje na sumę 25 000 złotych lub więcej otrzymają 2 losy na loteria!

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Zapraszamy wszystkich na specjalny program bożonarodzeniowy ZPRKA, zaplanowany na listopad i grudzień, a więc być gotowe do 31 grudnia 2016 r.

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**Rok 2016 w Polsce**

Rok 2016 został ogłoszony w Polsce Rokiem Henryka Sienkiewicza z okazji podwójnej rocznicy - 100 rocznicy śmierci oraz 170 rocznicy urodzin wielkiego pisarza i laureata literackiej Nagrody Nobla (1905). Sienkiewicz urodził się 5 maja 1846 w Woli Okrzejskiej, zmarł 15 listopada 1916 w Vevey (Szwajcaria).


W dniach 26 lipca–31 lipca odbędą się w Krakowie Światowe Dni Młodzieży. Światowe Dni Młodzieży to spotkania młodych katolików z papieżem, organizowane w formie religijnego festiwalu. Mottem tego roku będzie: Błogosławieni miłosierni, albowiem oni miłosierdzia dostąpią. Spotkania zostały zapoczątkowane z inicjatywy św. Jana Pawła II w 1985 r. i odbywają się co dwa-trzy lata. W Polsce odbędą się po raz drugi, pierwszy raz odbyły się w 1991 roku w Częstochowie, uczestniczył w nich wówczas papież Jan Paweł II.

W dniach 8 lipca–9 lipca Warszawa będzie gospodarzem 27. szczytu NATO. Szczyty NATO to spotkania szefów państw lub rządów krajów Rady Północnoatlantyckiej (NAC), w czasie których dokonuje się oceny i wprowadzenie nowych strategii paktu. Decyzje podjęte podczas szczytu są ogłaszane w deklaracji końcowej i komunikatach. Polska będzie gospodarzem szczytu po raz pierwszy.
**Sto Lat Panie Prezesie!**

Chicago, IL - W piątek, 18 grudnia, prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot zaprosił pracowników ZPRKA, MPA i kilku serdecznych gości na lunch urodzinowy. Jubilat otrzymał prezenty i wiele życzeń zdrowia i pomyślności. Tradycyjnie, odśpiewano gromkie “Sto lat” i “Happy Birthday”. Przyjęcie zakończyło się miłym akcentem - odśpiewaniem kilku kolęd w języku polskim i angielskim. Śpiewającym akompaniował na fortepianie pan Jerzy Jabłoński. Prezesowi towarzyszyła żona Judy. Specjalnie na tą okazję przybyli również: b. wiceprezes ZPRKA Anna Sokołowski z mężem Markiem, b. wiceprezes PNA Paul Odrobina z żoną Janice, dyrektorki Anna Krysińska (Dyst. #7) i Elizabeth Sadus (Dyst. #9).

Panu Drobotowi składamy serdeczne życzenia wielu lat zdrowia i wszelkiej pomyślności!

**Spotkanie najmłodszych uczniów szkół polonijnych z Mikołajem w Konsulacie**

Chicago, IL - Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago zorganizował 5 grudnia 2015 r. spotkanie najmłodszych uczniów szkół polonijnych z Chicago i okolic ze Świętym Mikołajem. W programie spotkania znalazł się m.in. występ dziecięcego zespołu „Little Stars” Agaty Paleczny, wspólna zabawa z piosenkami, spotkanie ze Świętym Mikołajem i upominki. W tym roku upominki dla dzieci zasponsorował PNC Bank, a poczęstunek Krakus Ham i Oak Mill Bakery.

W spotkaniu udział wzięło blisko 120 dzieci z kilkunastu szkół polonijnych, które odpowiedziały na zaproszenie Konsulatu. Złudźmy wszystkim uczniom szkół polonijnych, a także ich rodzicom i nauczycielom wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.
“Magiczne Święta”
z zespołem Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”

Miesiąc grudzień, co roku obfituje w szereg imprez i atrakcji związanych z przygotowaniami i obchodami Świąt Bożego Narodzenia. Dla tancerzy z wszystkich grup tworzących zespół „Polonia” działający pod patronatem ZPRKA, jest to czas intensywnych przygotowań do zbliżających się uroczystych, świątecznych występów.


Kolejny rok dobiega końca, kolejne święta mijają bardzo uroczo według historycznej receptury prawdziwych polskich tradycji i typowej świątecznej atmosfery, pachnącej świeżą choinką. Dla młodych tancerzy to kolejny sukces sceniczny potwierdzający ich talent, profesjonalizm i miłość do polskiego folkloru, czego potwierdzeniem są zawsze wielkie brawa i zachwyt wszystkich dzieci i młodzieży do śpiewania, tańczenia i kołędujących w naszych szeregach, wszelkie informacje można uzyskać dzwoniąc: 1-847-529-2555, Facebook oraz Poloniaensemble.com. Dzieląc także wszystkim wiernym czytelnikom i zapraszając na kolejne występy oraz prasowe opowieści o kolejnych występach.

Tancerze oraz kadra instruktorska, folklorystycznego Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” w Chicago, prośbą Państwu życzyć Wszelkiej pomyślności w nadchodzącym Nowym Roku 2016!

Dorota Ramek

Dla Dyrektor Szkoły Św. Fedrynanda Siostry Doroty Domin i ks Proboszcza Zdzisława Torby:

Serdzecze podziękowania za umożliwienie utworzenia grupy Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” przy Parafii św. Ferdynanda, z najlepszymi życzeniami na Nowy Rok 2016 składają dyrekcja, nauczyciele, tancerze i rodzice Grupy „Mała Polonia” przy Parafii św. Ferdynanda

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Spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe dla Polonii w Konsulacie

Konsul Generalny w Chicago zorganizował we środę, 2 grudnia doroczne bożonarodzeniowe spotkanie środowisk polonijnych.

Wśród uczestników obecni byli liczni przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych, polonijnych firm, duchowieństwa, świata polonijnego oraz przedstawiciele polskich mediów i środowiska polonijnego.


Spotkanie towarzyszył śpiew nadchodzącym Nowym Roku. Spotkanie otwarte było tradycyjnym koncertem, w którym chętnie w wykonaniu członków zespołu najpiękniejszych polskich kolęd.

Zakończenie spotkania zaprosiła wszystkich o wspólny obiad. Obiad odbył się w Konsulacie w Chicago.

Konferencja prasowa z aktorką Stefanie Powers w Konsulacie w Chicago

Chicago, IL - Konsul Generalny RP w Chicago zorganizował w dniu 7 grudnia konferencję prasową z amerykańską piosenkarką, aktorką i scenarzystką polskiego pochodzenia, Stefanie Powers. Do udziału w spotkaniu zaproszeni zostali przedstawiciele polskich mediów i środowisk polonijnych.

Aktorka została przedstawiona przez Konsul Generalną Paulinę Kapuścińską, a konferencja była prowadzona przez Daniela Bociągię ze stacji Polskiego Radia 1030 AM i 1300 AM.

Stefanie Powers (w. Stefania Zofia Federkiewicz) wystąpiła w wielu filmach, programach telewizyjnych, musicalach i przedstawieniach. Jest laureatką licznych nagród i wyróżnień: nagrody Emmy, pięciokrotnie Złotego Globu (za rolę w serialu “Hart to Hart”), Peoples Choice Award, brytyjskiej TV Times Award, niemieckiej Bambi i Złotego Medalu od Amerykańskiego Instytutu Kultury Polskiej.

Aktorka opowiada o swoim dzieciństwie, edukacji, karierze, pracy charytatywnej i jej związkach z Polską, a zwłaszcza jej poparciu dla Solidarności w czasie stanu wojennego w Polsce. Wspomniała również o swoim zaangażowaniu w sprawy ochrony środowiska naturalnego. Stefanie Powers może obecnie zobaczyć w najnowszym musicalu “Gotta Dance” w Chicago.

W spotkaniu udział wzięli członkowie zarządu ZPRKA: prezes Joseph Drobot z żoną Judy, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i włos Ryszardem oraz sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski. Wszyscy są wielkimi fanami aktorki i byli wdzięczni, że mogli się z nią spotkać osobiście.

25. Doroczny Ball im. Shirley Galanty w Michigan

na cześć absolwentów szkolnictwa ZPRKA w Michigan

Sobota, 20 lutego 2016 r.
Crystal Gardens
16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI
Koktajle - godz. 17:15
Promenada - godz. 18
Obiad - godz. 18:30
Bilety: $55 dorośli; $50 - studenci do lat 20.
Informacje i rezerwacje: Maria Jalkiewicz (586) 979-5164

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Merrillville, IN - Około 160 członków ZPRKA wraz z rodzinami i przyjaćmi, wzięło udział w dorocznym Oplatku ZPRKA, który odbył się w niedzielę, 6 grudnia w Klasztorze Ojców Salwatarianów w Merrillville, IN. Gospodarzem tegorocznej imprezy był Dystrykt #9 ZPRKA.


Obiad rozpoczął się starą i ukochaną przez wszystkich polską tradycją polskiego dzielenia się oplatkiem i wzajemnego składania sobie życzeń świątecznych i noworocznych.

Po kolacji, dyr. Sadus wymieniła obecnych na uroczystości gości specjalnych, dziękując im za przybycie i wsparcie.


Po występie dzieci odwiedził długo oczekiwany, specjalny gość, czyli Święty Mikołaj (w tej roli wystąpił Walter Dynowski), który przyniósł torbę słodyczy dla młodzieży.

Mile świąteczne spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe zakończyła loteria fantowa.