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Happy New Year 2016

Annual PRCUA Oplatek

Merrillville, IN - 160 PRCUA members with their families and friends attended the Annual PRCUA Oplatek 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 program started with Dir. Elizabeth Sadus and Pres. Paul Pawlowski welcoming everyone and inviting PRCUA Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski and PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. to lead everyone in singing the Polish and American National Anthems. PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak offered the Invocation.

The family-style dinner began with the most ancient and beloved of Polish Christmas traditions: sharing the Oplatek

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 *Jaselka* 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)



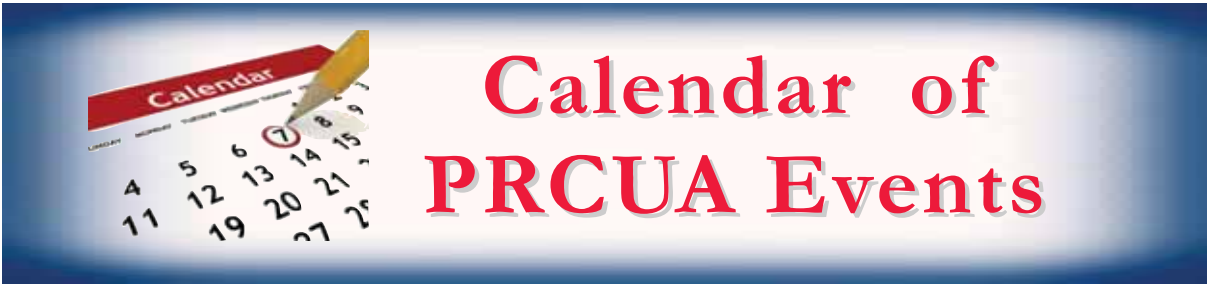
**Dist. 9 Pres. Paul Pawlowski
and Dist. 9 National Director
Elizabeth Sadus welcoming
guests**



Students of the R. Kalinowski Polish School with members of the school faculty and past and present PRCUA Officers, Directors and their spouses



Guests singing the American National Anthem



JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 9 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.
- 10 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 Hass 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.
- 16 WYANDOTTE, MI – RYDER CUP BOWLING #162 (HOST SOCIETY) VERSUS #718** on Sat., Jan. 16; Registration at 11:00 a.m. at Indian Lanes. Afterglow at Soc. #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. \$40 per person includes bowling, prize money and food. Interested bowlers should contact Bob Hojnacki at hoj606@hotmail.com or 313-384-6255.
- 16 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.)
- 17 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.
- 23 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 S. Elmhurst, Mt. Prospect, IL (Details on pg. 14.)
- 26 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.
- 30 BRIDGEVIEW, IL – M. KONOPNICKA 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.
- 31 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.)
- 31 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

- 5 STERLING HTS., MI – ZAJACZEK BOWLING FUNDRAISER** on Fri., Feb. 5 at Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Hts., MI. For more info contact: zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.
- 7 TOLEDO, OH – OHIO SOCIETIES SUPER BOWL PARTY** on Sun., Feb. 7 at Misiuda Hall Clubhouse, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH, starting at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Call the clubhouse for more information 419-470-8710.
- 9 FAT TUESDAY - PACZKI DAY**
- 9 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 PACZKI DAY BUS TRIP** on Tues., Feb. 9. Bus departs PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the Lounge at the beginning of February. Open to the first 56 paid reservations.
- 9 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN’S SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING** on Tues., Feb 9 at Randy’s Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave. Dearborn Hts., MI at 8:00 p.m. Everybody welcome to attend. For more info contact: Jerry Nasiatka at jnasiatka@mi.rr.com.
- 10 ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 12 MADISON, IL – ST. STANISLAUS SOC. #1004 FRIDAY FISH FRY & TACOS** every Friday starting February 12 through May 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Polish Hall, lower level, 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. Cod sandwich \$4.50, taco \$2. Shrimp, chicken strips, pollock fish, onion rings, fries, slaw, dessert, and drinks are also available. Eat-in or carry-out. NOTE: February 19 will be a special Lenten Fish Fry menu with homemade desserts. Complete menu and prices at ststanislauslodge.weebly.com.
- 13 TOLEDO, OH - TOLEDO SOCIETIES CITY WIDE DART TOURNAMENT** on Sat., Feb. 13 and every Saturday and Sunday til Feb. 27 when the city dart championship team will be crowned. Tournament will be held at Misuda Hall Clubhouse, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. City wide is a fundraiser. A sign up sheet for workers is available in the clubhouse. Additional information: 419-470-8710
- 20 SOUTHGATE, MI - 25th PRCUA SHIRLEY GALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL** on Sat., Feb. 20 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 thru age 20 \$50. Contact: Maria Jalkiewicz 586-979-5164 (See details on pg. 4)

- 20 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN’S ONE GAME BOWLING KNOCK-OUT** on Sat., Feb. 20 at Cherry Hill Lanes, located on the corner of Cherry Hill & Inkster Rds. Starting at 12:00 p.m. Registration at 11:15 a.m. Dinner and open bar to follow at the Stitt VFW Post located on Waverly Street, just east of Telegraph Rd. and south of Warren Ave. Cost for bowlers is \$30 and non-bowlers are \$25. Contact Ed and Janet Ryes for information (734) 459-9517. Note: Ladies may start a little later.
- 21 TOLEDO, OH – SOC. #719, #1584, #1617 & #1633 MEETING** on Sun., Feb. 21 at 12:00 p.m. at Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Contact: Tom Jesionowski at 419-261-3636.
- 23 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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Rates for Males:

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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
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* 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.

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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.



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Fraternally,
Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
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The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ wiceprezes



*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves.
The book is called Opportunity and its first Chapter is New Year's Day."
(author unknown)*

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 Krolewski 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 Kapuścińska, together with Vice Consuls R. Rusiecki and K. Zielinski and her staff, hosted a lovely reception at the Polish Consulate for Polonian leaders and guests. Pani Consul Kapuścińska extended holiday wishes to all and the Oplatek was shared. It was nice to see the Polonian leaders in the holiday spirit. Many partook of the delicacies provided and yet others were entertaining by singing Christmas Carols 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 Directors who met for their quarterly meeting. We know what happens then there is "all work and no play," so on Saturday the Christmas spirit was celebrated with good food and great company. The setting was Old Warsaw Restaurant in Harwood Heights. President and Secy.-Treas. led those in attendance with "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and I was able to incorporate "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the Right-Left game. The following day, after the conclusion of the meeting, District 9 with Director Elizabeth Sadus at the helm, hosted the Annual PRCUA Oplatek at the Salvatorian Fathers Monastery in Merrillville, Indiana. Children from the St. R. Kalinowski Polish Language School

reminded us of the true reason for Christmas with their Nativity presentation under the direction of Teacher Agata Wilgocka. Congratulations to all participants of this wonderful tradition! (For more on these events, see articles and photos in this issue of NP).

For those of you who get "star struck" you will understand when I tell you about my meeting with the "Girl from U.N.C.L.E.", Mrs. Hart from "Hart to Hart", Becky from the movie "McLintock", and currently Joanne in the musical "Gotta Dance", among other roles. In other words, Stefania Zofia Federkiewicz, better known as Stefanie Powers. Ms. Powers is not only an actress, but a dancer and singer and a fellow Polish American. Consul General P. Kapuścińska hosted a reception on December 7, 2015, welcoming Ms. Powers to Chicago. It was attended by among others the PRCUA Officers and spouses, Mrs. A. Sokolowski,



After show (l-r:) Richard and Micheline Jaminski, Stefanie Powers, Nicole Bencik

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 Christmas gift – tickets to opening night of Ms. Powers' latest venture "Gotta Dance" which you "gotta see!" (The musical which stars a cast of some of the most talented stars runs at the Bank of America Theater in Chicago until January 17, 2016). Richard, Niki and I met with Ms. Powers after the performance (Thank you Jasiu).



Sharing oplatek at Polish Teachers Assoc. party

– Malgorzata Czachor). Entertainment was provided by students of the Cardinal Wyszyński Polish School – violinist, Aleksandra Kwasny (a PRCUA member and dancer with Polonia Ensemble) and singer, Victoria Stankiewicz individually. Greetings and remarks were made by, among others, Vice Consul RP Konrad Zielinski, Jan Kopec (Alliance of Polish Clubs), Dr. Jolanta Tatara (Chair of the "Kongres Oświaty Polonijnej"), Editor of "Głos Nauczyciela" – Helena Ziolkowska, Anna Sokolowski and me on behalf of the PRCUA. The Oplatek was shared, refreshments served and the old Polish *koledy* were sung and enjoyed. Congratulations to the efforts of Polish Teachers everywhere!

The Southwest Polish Society sponsored its annual Christmas Party at Camelot Banquets in Hickory Hills, IL on December 10. "Hostess with the mostess" was my dear friend, Evelyn Cedzidlo, who together with her committee did a great job entertaining. Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Director of Marketing, joined me to spread the PRCUA cheer with gifts of our 2016 calendar and Christmas carol song booklets.

With friends from SW Polish Society

The PRCUA was represented at the Polish American Chamber of Commerce Holiday Event on Dec. 11 by Dir. of Marketing Agnieszka Bastrzyk (also PACC Secretary) and Dir. of Sales Robert Fattore.



Robert Fattore and Agnieszka Bastrzyk

On the 12th, President and Mrs. Drobot and Sec-Treas. and Mrs. Robaczewski celebrated "The Love and Peace of Christmas" presented by the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra at the Copernicus Center.

It was PRCUA Polonia Ensemble's turn to mesmerize the audience with its Christmas program at the Magical Holiday ("Magiczne Świąta") at 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 Oberek by the seasoned dancers of Polonia. Krasnoludki, and Mała Polonia performed a medley of folk dances. A wonderful presentation, I was very proud of the execution and the efforts of the performers, the instructors – especially "musician extraordinaire" Mieczysław Dzis, Music Dir., Jacyln Krysinski (dance) and Barbara Kulesza (dance) and the Manager, Anna Krysinski, whose passion for Polonia Ensemble resounds in every word she speaks. Her passion is matched only by the love and respect for her mother, Cecylia 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 Mr. 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 Oplatek 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 Rafal Muskała. After partaking of the delicious meal and desserts, PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot and Archivist Halina Misterka accompanied by pianist Jerzy



M. Konopnicka Polish Language School Christmas program

Jablonski orchestrated a sing-along and we all know how hard it is to coax 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 health and happiness!

That evening Richard and I attended the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School Christmas program at St. Louis de Montfort in Oak Lawn, IL. School Principal Stanislaw Skubisz together with his teaching staff and President Sylwia 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., Dec. 19, while Richard and I tended to our Christmas decorating (finally), President and Mrs. Drobot accepted an invitation to the Wigilia hosted by the Alliance of Polish Clubs. There can never be enough eating and singing during the holidays!

On Sunday, December 20, Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski and Supervisor of Insurance (D22) Edward Muszalski joined me at the Oplatek 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 Szyrzyna, and President of the latter,



John Paul II School and Polanie Dancers performing

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 JPPII Polish School, under the artistic (cont. on pg. 7)

direction of Choreographer Antoni Dobrzanski and assisted by his wife, Sabina, sang “koledy” (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 Szyrzyna, 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 *koledy* – 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 “Pastoraliki”. Of course, Św. Mikołaj (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



SWCPD Recital

extended holiday greetings on behalf of the PRCUA. A few words in Polish and the customary photo session followed. Soon after, the Drobotos 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!



Jonathan Michael Dennis

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!

Photos from the Annual PRCUA Oplatek (Cont. from page 1)



Photos by: L. Kowalewicz, P. Pawlowski

PRCUA Gwiazda's Christmas Party



Reindeer ring toss



Lukasz Wendt with
Św. Mikołaj

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 festive 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. Mikołaj (St. Nicholas).

This year Św. Mikołaj presented each of the Gwiazda 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 Pałac for organizing the food, Kristen Bauer for organizing and running the children's games, to Tadek Pałac 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 Sikorski 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. Nowakowski, Gwiazda Secretary and 1997 Alumnus



Dancers with Św. Mikołaj



Students dressed in the Polish soccer team t-shirts



Gwiazda dancers displaying handmade ornaments

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.



Prayer before sharing of the
Oplatek

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 Jamiński and her husband, Richard, and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski.

Also present were Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski, Executive Editor of *Naród Polski* Lidia Kowalewicz and Jolanta Zachara from the PRCUA General Office.

Chaplain of the Polish Highlanders Association in America, Fr. Jacek Palica, offered the invocation and a blessing. Consul Kapuścińska invited all of the guests to participate in the beautiful Polish tradition of sharing the Christmas wafer - Oplatek - the symbol of love and reconciliation. While sharing the Oplatek, guests wished each other a healthy and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Afterwards, everyone joyfully joined in the singing of beautiful Polish Christmas carols performed by the Polish Highlanders. PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. was invited to sing a few of the American carols.

Before dinner, scouts from the Polish Scouting Organization ZHP, Inc. entered carrying the Bethlehem Peace Light, a flame that originates from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The Bethlehem Peace Light is a symbol of hope, love and reconciliation. By sharing the Peace Light, scouts spread the good news and preach the highest universal values of brotherhood and peace.

Dinner was prepared in a true old-Polish style. Guests had the opportunity to taste a variety of traditional Christmas Eve dishes. After dinner, guests continued singing carols by a fragrant Christmas tree, adorned with beautiful ornaments and bright lights.

The Annual Christmas celebration for the representatives of Polonia is organized by the Polish Consulate to strengthen Polonia's ties with Poland and to preserve Poland's cherished Christmas traditions. The PRCUA is grateful to Consul General Paulina Kapuścińska for hosting this celebratory gathering.



Consul General Paulina Kapuścińska (c) with PRCUA Officers and their spouses (l-r) Joseph Drobot, Anna Sokolowski, Judy Drobot, Micheline Jaminski, Richard Jaminski, James Robaczewski



Polish scouts sharing the Bethlehem
Peace Light



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 Suites 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.

The gym facilities will be at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria. The awards dinner will be held at the Romulus Progressive Club on Saturday after the last game. Mass will be celebrated at St. Aloysius Church either on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Games will be played in four Divisions: **Men's Open; Women's Open (4 on 4); Women's (3 on 3); Men's Over 50 (3 on 3)** - all players must be over age 50.)

All players must be members of the PRCUA in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster. This tournament is for PRCUA members only. Non-members are invited to join the PRCUA. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the court.

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.



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 *kolędy*. 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



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, 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, comraderie, 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



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



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.



Employees enjoying the Italian buffet

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



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

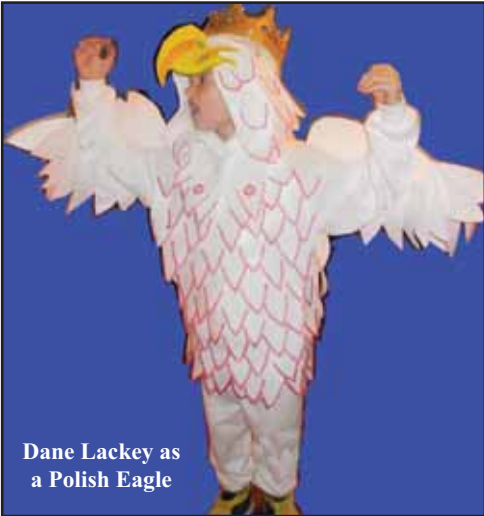


Fun and Games

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.



Dane Lackey as a Polish Eagle

Submitted by: Rose Ann Lackey

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 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."

Mitchell Bienia, National Director District 5

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YEAR PRCUA MEMBERS

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

Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI	Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI	Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI	Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI
7	GRZEGOREK	RALPH	PA	308	JODLOWSKI	JOHN	MI	632	PIASCIK	ANNA	NY	957	PANIZZI	DIANNE	IL
20	MARKOWSKI	JEAN	NJ	308	PERION	SHERI	IL	633	PALUSZEWSKI	LUCILLE	CT	988	FILIPKOWSKI	MARIANNA	IL
27	NOSAL	MARIANNE	CT	308	HALM	LORIANNE	FL	633	MIK	DAVID	CT	988	DOMAN	DOROTHY	FL
27	NOSAL	ALEXANDRA	CT	308	LACZKOWSKI	JAKUB	IL	639	DODA	JADWIGA	MA	988	RALSTON	DAVID	IL
27	NOSAL	STEPHEN	NY	317	WEEKS	KATHLEEN	NJ	639	DODA	HENRYK	MA	989	FRONTERA	DORETTE	MI
31	GUZIEWICZ	CAROL	PA	322	SABO	PATRICIA	PA	639	JAROSZ	STEPHANIE	MA	997	BACKING	EDWIN	WI
69	SMYKAY	ANTONINA	FL	322	PYKOSH	CHARMAINE	PA	651	BIERNAT	LEON	NY	1000	WYNN	ELIZABETH	IL
76	NEBUS	JOHN	NJ	322	PERGOLA	GERALDINE	PA	683	SUDA	MARIANNE	IL	1000	WHITEHEAD	CHRISTINE	IL
76	CURTIS	KELLY	NJ	327	JYACHOSKY	RITA	PA	683	GODFRYT	MARIA	IL	1000	GAYNOR	CLAUDIA	IL
78	USMIAL	LEO	MI	337	BRYNIARSKI	STANLEY	IN	701	ZAWADZKI	ROMAN	CA	1000	GAYNOR	MICHAEL	IL
78	JADOS	JOHN	MI	337	BRYNIARSKI	MICHALINE	IN	709	JABLONOWSKI	JAMES	OH	1000	STRZELCZYK	SHIRLEY	IL
78	KRAUS	BEVERLY	MI	337	NEVERS	KENNETH	IL	709	SHAW	JOSEPH	OH	1000	SURAWSKI	MARIA	IL
78	YECK	KEVIN	MI	337	RUSCHAK	DEBORAH	IN	709	CREVAR	DEBORAH	OH	1000	MACHAY	MICHAEL	IL
78	DUREN	MICHAEL	MI	347	FYDA	SUSAN	IL	709	WILKINS	JOHN	OH	1000	KOWALSKI	MICHAEL	MI
78	LASSER	DEBORAH	MI	347	KNAFELC	GENEVIEVE	IL	709	MRAK	KAREN	OH	1000	KOWALSKI	SUZANNE	MI
84	MAZZONI	LAURALYN	IL	354	ROPACKI	THOMAS	AZ	712	KUREK	JOSEPH	NY	1000	WEEKS	EDWIN	NJ
87	STAFIEJ	STANLEY	MI	359	KIELTYKA	BLANCHE	MA	712	KEILHOLZ	ELIZABETH	NC	1000	BRONISZEWSKI	SUSAN	PA
87	KACZMAREK JR	RAYMOND	MI	359	CWALINSKI JR	ALEXANDER	MA	712	BUCHALSKI	VICTOR	NY	1000	PETULA	ALFREDA	PA
87	WOLICKI	MELVIN	MI	359	SKALSKI	STEVEN	CA	712	WASIAK JR	FELIX	NY	1000	MONDRY	GREGORY	PA
87	FIGURA	EDWARD	MI	359	SKALSKI	JULIA	MA	715	BACH	CELINE	NY	1004	PERJAK	LISA	IL
87	LAWSON	MARY	MI	359	BROOKS	MARK	MA	718	CZAPSKI	DEBORAH	MI	1004	PERJAK	MICHAEL	IL
87	MLYN CZYK	EDWARD	MI	359	TWARDZIK	MICHAEL	NY	718	KOPEC	ROGER	NY	1031	MILEWSKI	ADELINE	CT
87	HARDY	SUSAN	MI	359	WIES	LORAIN	NY	718	DUBEY	MARY	MI	1031	MORYL	PAUL	IN
87	MICAL	ROBERT	MI	385	MACALUSO	MICHELLE	NY	718	SZUPER	JOSEPHINE	MI	1031	SPEVAK	CAROLE	IN
87	MICAL	MARIA	MI	385	GORCZYCA	STEVEN	NY	718	FLANAGAN	ILENE	MI	1031	MORYL	PAUL	IN
87	WOJCIECHOWSKI	RAYMOND	MI	308	KLUS	JAMES	IL	718	POLKOWSKI	THOMAS	MI	1034	STOLARZ	GERALD	IN
105	BASKA	MARK	KS	408	SNOPKO	VALERIE	IL	718	YELINEK	DAWN	MI	1034	HOFFMAN	JANET	IN
122	WIATROWSKI	JEFFERY	IN	413	DZIEGLOWICZ	CAROL	IN	718	SZUPER	BARBARA	MI	1081	PERRINS	JOANNE	PA
132	BURNS	DONNA	NY	413	HNATKO	DEBRA	IN	718	TABACZYNSKI	KAREN	MI	1081	DOUGHERTY	ROSEMARY	PA
136	SYSAK	JOANNE	PA	413	KASPRZYCKI	MARY	IN	718	KROPINSKI	BARBARA	MI	1109	CHMURA	MERCEDES	WI
136	SUHO SKI	DONALD	PA	413	COLEMAN	KATHLEEN	IN	718	LUZYNSKI	BARBARA	MI	1118	WILK	SUZANNE	MI
136	SYSAK	JEFFREY	PA	413	REED	PHYLLIS	IN	750	BLAZYNSKI	JOHN	NY	1202	HOERNKE	DEBORAH	WI
139	SOCHA	NANCY	IN	413	MICHEL	DAVID	IN	765	PIETRZYKOWSK	ROBERT	NY	1246	LENSMIRE	GAIL	OH
139	MALENKI	MARIANNE	IL	419	KUKLINSKI	CAROLYN	NY	795	ZYK	NORBERT	IL	1253	WASIELEWSKI	BONNIE	WI
162	ROLAFF	ROSANN	MI	419	KOZLOWSKI	HELEN	NY	795	SIEPKA	ROBERT	IL	1253	WASIELEWSKI	DAVID	WI
162	STOKOWSKI	HELENA	MI	419	KUKLINSKI FALSO	KAREN	FL	802	GLENN	WENDY	NJ	1253	WASIELEWSKI	MICHAEL	WI
162	MICIURA	TED	MI	424	STOROZUK	EMILY	MA	802	PETERS	KATHY	NC	1253	WASIELEWSKI	THOMAS	WI
162	MICIURA	RICHARD	MI	425	NOSAL	JOSEPH	CT	803	LIGAS	ANTHONY	NJ	1404	STANCZAK	MARCIA	MI
162	MICIURA	STANLEY	MI	445	WINKELMANN	LISA	MN	803	GRYGLAK	MARIA	NJ	1408	FITZNER	NORBERT	NY
162	STASIAK	STEPHANIE	MI	450	SANDROWSKI	JOHN	MO	803	OLEJARZ	RONALD	NJ	1425	KWIESIELEWIC	LORA	WI
186	PLANTAGO	PAMELA	IL	450	JOHNSON	LINDA	MO	817	DOWLING	PAULA	IL	1437	RYBALTOWSKI	DENNIS	DE
186	KESLINKE	JOHN	IL	450	WOYTUS	ROSE	MO	817	CHARNEY	ELLEN	WI	1451	NAGIELSKI	EDWARD	OH
189	WIEDENBECK	DONNA	WI	450	HENNINGSSEN	PAUL	MO	817	KURAS	THOMAS	AR	1451	KRUSZYNSKI	ANITA	OH
203	GORECKI-FARAGO	CECELIA	FL	463	KASPRZYCKI	MICHAEL	CT	817	CHARNEY	CHRISTOPHE	WI	1477	GURDZIEL	RONALD	OH
213	PIETRAS	HENRY	IN	463	KASPRZYCKI	JOANNA	CT	823	KALBFELL	KEVIN	IL	1486	URBAN	RANDALL	IL
234	ONDAS	JOHN	IN	463	GNYP	BARBARA	CT	840	LUKASIK	JOSEPH	NY	1486	WOODS	GERARD	NY
237	LORENTZ	EDWIN	PA	463	PACE	JAMES	CT	849	HAYNES	ROBERT	IL	1486	BURKE	COLLEEN	MA
237	VAUGHAN	ALLISON KAREN	PA	463	MALUK	ANGELINA	CT	849	CROSS	JOSEPH	IL	1486	ZIEWACZ	KAZIMIERZ	MA
239	SWIETLIK	JEROME	WI	463	DZIUBA	BARBARA	CT	849	BRACH	CELESTE	IL	1486	SHEBENIK	JAMES	IL
240	SLOMSKI	ANNE	PA	463	BRINKMAN JR	ROBERT	CT	855	FEDERLINE	RAISSA	PA	1486	CRONKRITE	MARY	IL
261	MULAWA	BRONISLAUS	MI	463	ELIAS	CAROL	CT	855	CAPETS	VICTOR	PA	1486	SHEBESTA	STEVEN	IL
261	KLUKA	MARGARET	MI	463	DZIUBA	THOMAS	CT	855	CAPETS	JOHN	PA	1486	RIGWOOD	PATRICIA	IL
261	WOJTEWICZ	EUGENE	MI	463	ANNATONE	MARGARET	CT	855	FEDERLINE	RAISSA	PA	1486	MCNEIL	DENISE	TN
261	WESLEY	CAROL	MI	471	STEMPINSKI	JOSEPH	IL	855	CYNKAR	THOMAS	MD	1486	BOBROWSKI	CYNTHIA	IL
261	KRAJEWSKI	STEPHEN	MI	475	GRACZYK	MICHAEL	IL	855	KLJUCARIC	LORI	PA	1486	MAZUR	THOMAS	IL
261	LOBAZA	JEFFREY	CA	479	MISCOVICH	COLLEEN	PA	864	KRASUSKI	STANLEY	PA	1486	URBAN	EILEEN	IL
261	MAKOWSKI	RICHARD	MI	522	BUGAJ	STANISLAUS	OH	865	WAGNER	JOANNE	PA	1490	KONDRACKI	JOSEP	CT
262	ZIEWACZ	TADEUSZ	CT	527	OLSZEWSKI	FRANCIS	MD	880	GRACZYK	MARY	IL	1493	PABRAZINSKY	ROSEANN	MI
283	OSTROWSKI	WALTER	WI	527	WINIECKI	JOSEPHINE	MD	880	GUERRERO	BERNADETTE	IL	1493	MIER JR	LEONARD	MI
283	OSTROWSKI	JACK	AZ	527	MAZZEI	LAURA	MD	880	GELLERT	DOROTHY	IL	1497	ANTOLAK	JEAN	IL
283	WISNIEWSKI	PAUL	WI	527	MAWRY	ANTONIO	MD	893	NAPIORKOWSKI	STEFANIA	MN	1497	BOLDE	SUSAN	MI
283	GOLEMBIEWSKI	GAIL	FL	527	BLITZ	PAUL	MD	893	REMBISH	MONICA	MN	1541	PILYIH	PATRICIA	PA
283	FRANECKI	DENNIS	WA	528	BIEDRZYCKI	RAYMOND	WI	893	LESNY	THERESA	MN	1541	PEDERSEN	DOROTHY	PA
283	FRANECKI	MARK	WI	531	CZYRNIK	LISA	PA	896	WYPASEK	STANLEY	RI	1541	DELANO JR	ARTHUR	PA
283	KOWALSKI	BERNADINE	WI	531	OLSHEWSKY	TIMOTHY	PA	896	CYGANIEWICZ	ROBERT	RI	1541	ZELASKY	MARIAN	NC
283	PIANTEK	BARBARA	WI	539	PISKORSKI	JAN	MO	896	SHIMKUS	PATRICIA	RI	1543	GORNY	LORIE	IL
290	BOGDANOWICZ	YVONNE	IL	540	EVERINGHAM	CAMILLE	NY	896	STEINHOF	HELEN	MA	1543	RATAJ	JOSEPH	IL
291	PAWLOWSKI	FRANK	NJ	540	PAWLAK	JAMES	NY	896	KULPA	BARBARA	MA	1543	GORNY	RICHARD	IL
291	WISNIEWSKI	CHESTER	NJ	540	PERNAL	PATRICIA	NY	896	KULPA	DOLORES	NC	1543	KUJAWA	MARIA	IL
294	VESPA	CHRISTINE	NJ	540	BALZER	WILLIAM	NY	896	ZYSKOWSKA	EUGENIA	GA	1543	ZYGOWICZ	DEBRA	IL
294	CLARK	BOGUMILA	NJ	549	YAMIOLKOWSKI	SUSAN	MA	934	WAKSNIS KAPCOLA	MARY	PA	1543	WALEGA	EUGENE	IL
294	STANDOWSKI	JUDITH	NJ	593	HESSLER	NADINE	IL	934	SIERKO	MICHAEL	PA	1545	POTURALSKI	MONICA	NY
294	KALEN	KATHLEEN	CT	593	SZCZEPANSKI	PATRICIA	IL	934	KOZLOWSKI	MARIE	PA	1545	SMERKA	PATRICIA	NY
295	WOLENTER	CHARLES	PA	607	ARGENTO	DANIEL	WV	951	GOLISZEK	KIMBERLEY	NY	1545	SCHIAVI	KAREN	NY
308	PRUCNAL	WIESLAW	IL	607	ZOLA	JEFFERY	OH	957	CAMPAGNOLO	RICHARD	IL	1545	GORSKI	TAMMY	NY
308	PRUCNAL	RYSZARD	IL	607	ZOLA	CAROLINE	OH	957	LABARBARA	PETER	IN	1545	POTURALSKI	FRANCINE	NY
308	BURDZINSKI	MICHAEL	CA	632	BIDNICK	PAUL	VA	957	GAWRONSKI	GREGORY	IL				

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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.



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



Toledo members attending the Memorial Mass

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.



Stefanie Powers with Daniel Bociaga

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.



L-r: Richard and Micheline Jaminski, Consul Paulina Kapuścińska, Stefanie Powers, Judy and Joseph Drobot, James Robaczewski

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.



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

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.)



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



D-2 Dir. Gregory Olma



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 Drobot 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



PRCUA General Counsel John Chitkowski with wife Kerry



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



President Emeritus Francis Rutkowski with wife Patricia



Krystyna and Mitchell Bienia, Dir. Dist. 5



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Alvarado, Joyce	1404	MI	Maikowski, Florence	623	CT
Bellante, Santo J.	2308	FL	Marsh, Denise A.	718	MI
Brewster, Joseph Robert	671	IL	Mayersky, Chestine J.	337	IN
Crzech, Eleanor A.	633	CT	Mckenna, William H. Jr.	2109	OH
Estes, Dorothy	2206	KY	Michalak, Rita	963	WI
Fazzini, Rose	418	IL	O'Brien, Mary A.	463	CT
Fryfogle, Roberta Ann	247	OH	Olszewski, Jozef	2109	OH
Glusac, Edith S.	87	MI	Opich, Michael	72	MO
Golasa, Carol M.	2003	PA	Pakula, David John	31	IL
Golembiewski, Edward S.	1497	IL	Pomiecko, Albert A.	2220	OH
Grodzki, Helen T.	784	OH	Rucnicki, John Walter	87	MI
Grzenia, Stelle	354	IL	Ryba, Pearl	125	NJ
Janiszewski, George	57	CA	Sacka, Joseph R. Jr.	162	MI
Kogut, Michael A.	359	MA	Sadlik, Helen M.	404	CT
Kopec, Edward S.	213	WV	Skoraczewski, Anthony J.	542	IL
Krajewski, Joseph T.	261	MI	Slifka, Frank J.	1598	IL
Krizek, Cecilia	308	IL	Swistak, John A.	803	NJ
Krok, Rose	2271	TX	Tarchala, Maria	1587	MI
Lapinski, Raymond	2152	OH	Wlodarczyk, Jessy B.	186	IL
Lebryk, Delphine	413	IN	Zaremba, Henry	343	PA
Lechowicz, Edmund	239	IL			

May they rest in eternal peace.



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 Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki, Vice President of the Michigan Women's Division Rita Cerankowski and several representatives from the PRCUA Michigan dance schools were 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 the 39th National Convention.

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 Krysiński (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.



VP Misia Jaminski presenting Pres. Drobot with candles on cupcakes that she baked



We wish President Drobot many years of good health and every success!

Pres. Drobot with the employees and guests

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:

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50-Year Members - (Continued from pg. 11)

Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI
1545	SCHIAVI	SUSAN	NY
1545	POTURALSKI J	JOSEPH	NY
1545	GORSKI	DARRYL	NY
1545	POTURALSKI	SANDRA	NY
1545	SCHIAVI	RICHARD	NY
1561	DIECKELMAN	MARY	IL
1561	KURELO	LOIS	IN
1575	HAVLIK	GEORGENE	IL
1579	HARDY	MARY	IA
1579	DUDY	SUZANNE	OR
1580	JANAS	IRENE	NJ
1580	BALICKI	ANDREW	NJ
1580	LAGODA	PAUL	NJ
1580	KOLMAN	RONALD	IL
1580	SENDZIAK JR	STEVEN	IL
1593	JUREWICZ	WILLIAM	MI
1593	KOSCIERZYNSK	RONALD	MI
1593	MIEKSTYN	MARK	TN
1593	PRZYSTUP	JEROME	TX
1593	TOMCZYK	HENRY	MI
1593	TOMCZAK	STEPHEN	MA
1593	KASZA	VIRGINIA	MI
1598	ADAMIEC	RONALD	IL
1598	OLESZCZUK	STEPHAN	IL
1610	KESHEN	PATRICIA	IL
1615	CHARNESKI	DANIEL	PA
1617	DOBRAK	HELEN	OH
1629	KOZAK	PAUL	IL
2001	THOMPSON	MARGARET	NJ
2005	MC GEE	DIANE	NJ
2010	ZAGORSKA	REGINA	PA
2018	DOB	KENNETH	FL
2021	JANOSKI	MARY	PA
2021	KOLPAK	FRANCIS	DE
2032	KASPRZAK	LISA	PA
2044	MCNALLY	DIANNE	PA
2053	CINFICI	PATRICIA	PA
2053	SEAMAN	MARIA	PA
2100	MATIA	PAUL	FL
2100	PIECHOWSKI	RONALD	OH
2100	SKOCZEN	WALTER	OH
2100	VOGDES	PATRICIA	OH
2102	MUZA	GLENN	OH
2102	MUZA	JEFFREY	OH
2102	PYTLAK	LUDWIKA	OH
2108	ROBEJSEK	JON	OH
2108	ROBEJSEK	PATRICIA	OH
2109	BREJER	JOAN	FL
2109	BREJER	ROMAN	FL
2109	CUDNIK	SOPHIE	OH
2109	FISCHBACH	DONALD	OH
2109	FRONCZAK	LORETTA	OH
2109	GOSCINSKI	ALAN	OH
2109	KLOSOWSKI	ADOLPH	OH
2109	MAYS	ALFRED	OH
2109	REGAL	RONALD	OH
2109	RELL	MARIANNE	OH
2109	RELL	MICHAEL	OH
2109	ROSLAN	THERESE	OH
2109	SZALKOWSKI	HELEN	OH
2109	SZALKOWSKI	SANDRA	OH
2109	TOMAL	STEFAN	OH
2109	VLASUK	THOMAS	OH
2132	GLIVA	STEPHANIE	OH
2144	COWIE	ANDREA	OH
2144	KAPLAR	JAMES	OH
2144	KAPLAR	RICHARD	VA

Soc.	Last Name	First Name	MI
2144	KOLENO	DANIEL	OH
2145	COX	KATHLEEN	IN
2148	BEAKAS	DAVID	OH
2148	JASINSKI	VIRGINIA	OH
2148	MAZIARZ	STEFANIA	KY
2148	WESOLOWSKI	MELVIN	OH
2148	KUJAWA	DENNIS	OH
2152	ZEMBALA	CARYN	OH
2152	ZUKOWSKI	DEBORAH	OH
2159	BAUER	NANCY	OH
2159	BIALORUCKI	DENISE	OH
2159	HIMMANEN	SHARON	NY
2159	KOZLOWSKI	TIMOTHY	OH
2159	WEBER	GAYLE	OH
2159	GRASKA	DOROTHY	OH
2199	ZACNY	TADEUSZ	MI
2206	DI DOMINICO	KAREN	IN
2206	KUZMA	SOPHIA	OH
2220	BRZEZINSKI	DIANE	OH
2220	GOLIAT	FRANCISZEK	OH
2220	HLAVIN	DONNA	OH
2220	MASKI	LAURA	OH
2227	FUHR	GERALDINE	MI
2227	FUHR	PETER	MI
2227	GAMALSKI	MICHAEL	IN
2227	MAZOWITA	MICHAEL	MI
2227	PODGORNY	LILLIAN	MI
2227	ROZKOWSKI	JOHN	MI
2227	ROZKOWSKI	LEOKADIA	MI
2274	BERGMAN	HELEN	MA
2274	KASSIN	MARYANN	MI
2274	MYERS	PAUL	MI
2274	NOWAK	THOMAS	MI
2274	PIASECKI	ANTONI	FL
2274	PIASECKI	MARK	MI
2274	GOCLOWSKI	STANLEY	MI
2293	GRALEWSKI	THOMAS	PA
2293	ZOTTER	DEANNE	NC
2303	KANIEWSKI	BRIAN	IL
2303	STANISLAWSKI	ADAM	WI
2303	BRZYCKI	LYNDY	WI
2303	BRZYCKI	BRYCE	WI
2303	KAMINSKI	ROMAN	WI
2303	FALKOWSKI	GEORGE	WI
2303	SKRECZKO	JOSEPH	WI
2303	SOBCZAK	DAVID	WI
2303	BURKE	DEBRA	WI
2303	FELDMEYER	SCOTT	WI
2303	GARDETTO	PATRICIA	WI
2303	SOBCZAK	DEANNA	WI
2308	WAGNER	JAMES	WI
2308	KRUTSICK	ROBERT	PA
2308	KAZMIERCZAK	RONALD	WI
2315	EDWARDS	JANE	IN
2315	IGNASIAK	JEROME	WI
2315	HALL	JULIE	WI
2315	BENKERT	SHERI	WI
2315	JAY	KEITH	WI
2315	LAKE	GARY	WI
2315	PIANO	ANGELA	WI
2315	PIANO	NICHOLAS	WI
2315	SZYDLOWSKI	MARY	WI
2315	HAJEWSKI	JOHN	WI
2315	DUGINSKI	MICHAEL	WI
2315	HOGAN	JOHN	WI
2315	GRYSKIEWICZ	DIANE	WI
2320	SPANSKI	LORETTA	MI



**"WELCOME 2016
- THE YEAR OF MERCY"**



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

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 PRCUA family. May all of the joy of celebration, which marks our Christmas Season, remain with you all throughout a 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 pilgrim 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 have the ability to rationalize along these lines. In other words, if I'm basically pretty good, then suddenly there's a reason for all that not-so-good stuff in our life and our world. And the reason is that it's other people's fault. Those bad people over there do this. The tough situation I'm stuck in drives me to do that. Well if everyone and everything else is the sinner or the cause of all the bad that happens, but Jesus came to call sinners and redeem them, then where does that leave us? In a place where we don't want to be: outside of God's plan of salvation.

This Year of Mercy is meant to remind all of us that, as good as we may be, we too are not perfect and need God's forgiveness. The key is that we have to recognize this. We have to ask for it. It can be described as the difference between Peter and Judas. One denied Jesus and the other betrayed Him. You can argue which is worse, but at least you have to admit you know someone in order to betray them... so they both sinned. But it's what happened next that is most important. When the "cock crowed", Peter wept bitterly and repented. He would later overcome his denial by three times telling Jesus: "You know that I love You". Judas, too, realized he did wrong. He went to return the bribe money but it was too late to change things. He said to himself that he did something so bad that even God couldn't forgive him. In despair, he went off and hung himself. He put himself outside the scope of God's mercy.

If Peter - and every other saint for that matter - can overcome their imperfections to become great saints, then the path is open for us as well. Provided that we take it. May 2016 be a time for all of us to remember that God's love is greater than our sins and His mercy is stronger than our failings. Jesus in the Gospel told us everything we need to know to make it happen in our lives when He said, "Ask, and you shall receive". It certainly is always good to follow Jesus' advice but, for you and I during this special Year of Mercy, perhaps never more so.



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Kalendarz ZPRKA

STYCZEŃ

1 NOWY ROK

16 WYANDOTTE, MI – TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI TOW. #162 (GOSPODARZ) I TOW. #718 - sobota, 16 stycznia. Rejestracja o godz. 11:00 w Indian Lanes. Spotkanie po turnieju w #162 Lounge na Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$40 od osoby (w cenę wliczony jest koszt wstępu, nagrody i poczęstunek). Osoby zainteresowane udziałem powinny się skontaktować z Bobem Hojnackim na adres: hoj606@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 KARNAWAŁOWY 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 SZKOŁY POLSKIEJ IM. M. KONOPNICKIEJ - sobota, 30 stycznia, godz. 18:30 w Paradise Elegant Banquets in Bridgeview, IL.

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

31 WYANDOTTE, MI - OBIAD SPAGHETTI I BENEFIS NA RZECZ KEVINA RZEPPY - 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. Płatny bar. Loterie.

LUTY

1 NOWY ROK

5 STERLING HTS., MI - ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE I ZBIÓRKA FUNDUSZY ZPiT ZAJĄCZEK - piątek, 5 lutego w Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Hts, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

4 TŁUSTY CZWARTEK

10 POPIELEK

9 WYANDOTTE, MI - AUTOKAROWA WYCIECZKA TOW. #162 PO PĄCZKI W TŁUSTY 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 56 osób, które zapłacą.

9 DEARBORN HTS, MI. - LOSOWANIE STYPENDIÓW TOW. #718 - wtorek, 9 lutego w Randy'ego Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave. Dearborn Hts., MI o godz. 20:00. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do udziału. Informacje: Jerry Nasiatka: jnasiatka@mi.rr.com.

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: ststanislauslodge.weebly.com

20 25. DOROCZNY BALL IM. SHIRLEY GALANTY W MICHIGAN - sobota, 20 lutego w Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort. St. Southgate, MI. (szczegóły na str. 19).

20 DEARBORN HTS, MI - ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE TOW. #162 - sobota, 20 lutego; rejestracja o godz. 11:15, rozgrywki o 12 w poł. Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 Inkster Rd., Dearborn Hts., MI. Po rozgrywkach spotkanie w Stitt VFW Post przy Waverly Street, na wschód od Telegraph Rd. i na poł. od Warren Ave. Koszt uczestnictwa \$30 dla zawodników i \$25 dla osób towarzyszących. Informacje: Ed i Janet Ryes (734) 459-9517. Uwaga: rozgrywki pań mogą się zacząć z opóźnieniem.

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Kalendarz ZPRKA na 2016 r. Zamów już dziś! Nakład ograniczony!



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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
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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

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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 2016 r. Wrocław będzie gospodarzem Europejskiej Stolicy Kultury wraz z San Sebastián. Europejskie Stolicy Kultury to miasta wybrane przez Unię Europejską, które w ciągu jednego roku prezentują życie kulturalne miasta, całego regionu i państwa. W 2000 roku Europejską Stolicą Kultury został wybrany Kraków.

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. Motem tegorocznych Światowych Dni Młodzieży będzie: *Błogosławieni miłośnicy, 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.



Przyjęcie bożonarodzeniowe dla pracowników ZPRKA i MPA



Chicago, IL - Pracownicy biur Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce doskonale się bawili na tegorocznym przyjęciu bożonarodzeniowym, które zorganizowane zostało we środę, 9 grudnia w restauracji Marcello w Chicago, IL.

Pracowników powitali członkowie zarządu ZPRKA, życząc im błogosławionych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia oraz zdrowia i wszelkiej pomyślności w nadchodzącym Nowym Roku. Dzieliąc się tradycyjnie polskim opłatkiem, wszyscy również składali sobie życzenia. Krótką modlitwę przed obiadem odmówił sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA, James Robaczewski.

Dobre jedzenie, wzajemne towarzystwo i program, na który składały się różne zabawne świąteczne gry, zgadywanki i śpiew kołęd, podczas którego pracownicy rywalizowali w dwóch grupach dowodzonych przez prezesa Drobota i sekretarza-skarbnika Robaczewskiego,

wprawiły wszystkich w miły, świąteczny nastrój. Najwięcej uśmiechów wywołała zabawa "Biały słoń" polegająca na wymianie i wzajemnym podkradaniu sobie prezentów.

Wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński i jej asystentka Linda Kasprzyk, które przygotowały program wieczoru, postarały się, aby wszyscy się doskonale bawili i żeby każdy z pracowników został włączony do zabawy.



Prezesowi Drobotowi towarzyszyła żona Judy a wiceprezesce Jamińskiej towarzyszył jej mąż Ryszard, który również przygotował oprawę muzyczną na ten świąteczny wieczór.



Sto Lat Panie Prezesie!

Chicago, IL - W piątek, 18 grudnia, prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot z a p r o s i ł pracowników ZPRKA, MPA i kilku serdecznych gości na lunch urodzinowy. Jubilat otrzymał prezenty i wiele życzeń zdrowia i p o m y ś l n o ś c i . T r a d y c y j n i e , odśpiewano gromkie "Sto lat" i "Happy Birthday".



Prezenty i życzenia dla jubilata (l-p): Janice i Paul Odrobina, Anna i Mark Sokołowsky, Judy Drobot, Małgorzata Kot, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Przyjęcie zakończyło się miłym akcentem - odśpiewaniem kilku kołęd 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!

Najlepsze głosy w ZPRKA i MPA (l-p): Joseph i Judy Drobot, Halina Misterka, Małgorzata Kot, Maria Grządziel, James Robaczewski

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.

Życzymy 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 przygotowaniem i obchodem 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.

Po raz kolejny, podczas przedstawienia „Magicznych Świąt” w Copernicus Center, grupy „Krasnoludki”, „Mała Polonia” oraz „Polonia” zaprezentowały widowisko „Staropolska Kolęda” do słów i w reżyserii Iwony Puc. Młodszy i starszy tancerze zaprezentowali publiczności scenę kolędników przybywających do staropolskiego dworu, gdzie zostają powitani przez hojnych gospodarzy, których role wspaniale odegrali; goście występujący aktor Andrzej Krukowski w towarzystwie Doroty Wójciak. Pośród rozśpiewanych kolędników nie zabrakło oczywiście: Diabła, Śmierci, Turonia i Królów, którzy oprócz śpiewu i tańca pokazali swoje wspaniałe talenty aktorskie, a w których role wcielili się: Tomek Tarnowski, Mateusz Bomba, Oliwia Trojan, Izabella Ziarko, Natalia Machaj, Sylvia Madej i Marvin Grzebieluch. Po raz pierwszy zaprezentowała się też nowo utworzona grupa zespołu „Polonia” przy parafii św. Ferdynanda. Okrasą przedstawienia były oczywiście najmłodsze aniołki „Krasnoludki”. Opracowanie muzyczne przygotował Mieczysław Dziś, choreografię Barbara Kulesza, Iwona Puc i Jacyln Krysiński, a nad całością czuwała dyr. Anna Krysińska. Wielkie podziękowania należą się także Rodzicom: Dorocie Romek, Ewie Wszółek i Agnieszce Woźny. Serdeczne wyrazy podziękowania dla wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński i jej męża Ryszarda, którzy wsparli naszych tancerzy swoją obecnością.

Kolejny rok dobiega końca, kolejne święta mijają bardzo uroczysto 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 zachwyty



publiczności. Dziękujemy wszystkim widzom za liczną frekwencję na tegorocznych „Magicznych Świątach” i zapraszamy na kolejne już za rok. Zapraszamy również



wszystkie dzieci i młodzież do śpiewania, tańczenia i kolędowania w naszych szeregach, wszelkie informacje można uzyskać dzwoniąc: 1-847-529-2555, Facebook oraz Poloniaensemble.com. Dziękując 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, pragną Państwu życzyć Wszelkiej pomyślności w nadchodzącym Nowym Roku 2016!

Dorota Romek



Dla Dyrektora Szkoły Św. Ferdynanda Siostry Doroty Domin i ks Proboszcza Zdzisława Torby:

Serdeczne 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



Przedszkole Artystyczne „Krasnoludki” ogłasza zapisy na semestr wiosenny 2016

„Krasnoludki” to ogólnorozwojowe zajęcia dla dzieci, wszechstronnie rozwijające osobowość dziecka poprzez różne formy artystyczne: rytmikę, umuzykalnianie, taniec, śpiew i plastykę. Dzieci nabywają umiejętność pracy w grupie, uczą się koncentracji, rozwijają kreatywność i wyobraźnię. Kładzie się też duży nacisk na patriotyczne i religijne wychowanie oraz naukę i wzbogacanie języka polskiego.

Zapisy do Przedszkola Artystycznego „Krasnoludki” odbędą się w sobotę, 9 stycznia 2016 w godzinach od 10:00 do 12:00 oraz we wtorek, 12 stycznia w godzinach od 19:00 do 21:30 w Centrum Kopernikowskim przy 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. w Chicago.



Serdecznie zapraszamy dzieci do wstąpienia w nasze szeregi. Po bliższe informacje prosimy dzwonić do Anny Krysińskiej pod numer (847) 529-2555.

www.poloniaensemble.com

Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” ZPRKA

gorąco zaprasza na

WIELKI RODZINNY BAL KARNAWAŁOWY

23 stycznia 2016 r.

w godz. 18 do 1 rano

Crystal Palace Banquets

1070 S Elmhurst Rd, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056



W programie: występ Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”;
wykwitny obiad, przekąski, otwarty bar;
zabawę dla dzieci i dorosłych; DJ State of Mind

**Bilety w cenie: \$65 dorośli (otwarty bar),
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Wspaniałe jedzenie i świetna atmosfera.

Wszyscy mile widziani

Spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe dla Polonii w Konsulacie

Konsulat Generalny w Chicago zorganizował we środę, 2 grudnia doroczne Bożonarodzeniowe spotkanie środowisk polonijnych.

Licznie przybyłych gości, powitała Konsul Generalny Paulina Kapuścińska, życząc wszystkim radosnych świąt Bożego Narodzenia w imieniu swojej rodziny oraz wszystkich pracowników Konsulatu.

Wśród uczestników obecni byli liczni przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych, polonijnych firm, duchowieństwa, świata artystycznego, środków masowego przekazu. Zjednoczenie reprezentowali prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. z żoną Judy, wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski z mężem Ryszardem i sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski. Obecne również były: b. wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski, red. naczelny "Narodu Polskiego" Lidia Kowalewicz i Jolanta Zachara z biura ZPRKA.



Konsul Paulina Kapuścińska zaprasza do podzielenia się opłatkiem

Błogosławieństwo udzielił wszystkim kapelan Związku Podhalan w Ameryce, O. Jacek Palica. Konsul Kapuścińska poprosiła wszystkich o tradycyjne podzielenie się opłatkiem - symbolem miłości i pojednania. Dzieliąc się opłatkiem, uczestnicy życzyli sobie wzajemnie zdrowych i radosnych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia oraz pomyślności w nadchodzącym Nowym Roku. Spotkaniu towarzyszył śpiew najpiękniejszych polskich kolęd w wykonaniu członków zespołu góralskiego, w który chętnie



L-p: Ryszard i Misia Jamiński z Jamesem Robaczewskim dzielą się opłatkiem

włączyli się goście. Amerykańskie kolędy zaintonował prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

W czasie uroczystości nastąpiło symboliczne przekazanie Betlejemskiego Światła Pokoju przez harcerzy ze Związku Harcerstwa Polskiego w Ameryce. Betlejemskie Światło Pokoju to symbol nadziei, miłości i pojednania. Harcerze, roznosząc światło, dzielą się radosną nowiną i krzewią największe uniwersalne wartości braterstwa i pokoju.

Kolacja przygotowana została w prawdziwym staropolskim stylu. Goście mieli okazję skosztować tradycyjne polskie potrawy wigilijne: przyrządzone na różne sposoby śledzie i ryby, pierogi, kapustę z grzybami, gołąbki, kutię, czerwony barszcz, ciasta i wypieki i inne. Po kolacji, kontynuowano śpiew kolęd przy blasku świec z pięknej, pachnącej choinki.



L-p: Irene Moskal-Del Giudice, Judy i Joseph Drobot śpiewają kolędy w konsulacie

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA - zapisz daty!

4-5 marca 2016 - Turniej koszykówki - Romulus, MI

8-10 kwietnia 2016 - Turniej kręglarski - Wyandotte, MI

23 lipca 2016 - Turniej golfowy - Sterling Hts., MI

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Dodatkowe informacje: 773-782-2601 (biuro wiceprezesa); e-mail: linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org; czytaj w "Narodzie Polskim" lub na stronie: www.prcua.org/sports



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z okazji jubileuszu 5-lecia tancerzy
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Niedziela, 16 stycznia, 2016 r.

Camelot Banquets,

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Wstęp: 7:00 p.m. – Obiad: 7:30 p.m.

Bilety: \$40.00 - Dzieci do 10 lat \$20.00

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Konferencja prasowa z aktorką Stefanie Powers w Konsulacie w Chicago

Chicago, IL - Konsulat 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 środowiska polonijnego.

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



L-p: Konsul Paulina Kapuścińska, Stefanie Powers, Daniel Bociąga

Stefanie Powers (wł. 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 opowiadała 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 można 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 z mężem Ryszardem i 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 szkół tańca 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

OPLĄTEK ZPRKA

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

Wchodzący goście witani byli serdecznie przez dyrektora Dystryktu #9 Elizabeth Sadus i prezesa Dystryktu, Paula Pawłowskiego. Przed obiadem, uczestnicy mieli czas na towarzyskie pogawędki, obejrzenie albumów prezentujących działalność Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego oraz ozdób, wykonanych przez uczniów szkoły. Miłej atmosfery dopełniła muzyka w wykonaniu Glenna Ellisona.

Program rozpoczęli oficjalnym powitaniem dyrektor Elizabeth Sadus i prezes Paul Pawłowski. Hymny narodowe odśpiewali prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski. Modlitwę odmówił kapelan ZPRKA, ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak.

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

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

Uczniowie Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego przygotowali Jasełka, które opowiedziały historię narodzin Jezusa. Spektakl w reżyserii i choreografii Agaty Wilgockiej, został nagrodzony gromkimi oklaskami. W jasełkach wystąpili: David Dudzik - zerówka; Zofia Helfen, Malia Książek, Eva Lopatniuk Lopez, Genevieve Munson, Julia Ponnezhan, Henry Ponnezhan - kl. I; Victoria Blachut, Olivia Helfen, Wiktoria Przybysz, Veronica Wilgocki, Hailey Wojtaszek - kl. II; Evelyn Matson, Jakub Orzel, Aleksander Szot, Simon Traciak, Oliver Wilgocki, Abigail Wojtaszek - kl. IV oraz Daniel Golko z I kl. Liceum.

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

Miłe świąteczne spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe zakończyła loteria fantowa.

