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## STATE OF THE UNION

Dear Members and Friends,

Let me begin this year's State of the Union message with news of events that are happening throughout the fraternal benefit industry that could have a profound effect on our organization.

Ever since the financial crisis of 2008 and the continuing low, low interest rate environment created by the U. S. Federal Reserve, financial institutions, including fraternal benefit organizations of which we are a part, have seen their returns on investments decline significantly. This has led to reduced profits and challenging solvency issues.

Because of this situation, regulatory agencies, both federal and state, have become more involved in the oversight of the day-to-day management affairs of the financial services industry.

The regulatory body for the insurance and fraternal benefit organizations is the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). This organization is composed of State Department of Insurance Commissioners, whose purpose is to assure that the financial promises made by insurance and fraternal benefit companies to their members are protected and kept.

The NAIC manages this responsibility through a series of procedures, audits, mandates and informal influences. The NAIC, through each state's Department of Insurance, can assume the operation of a distressed company, can strongly suggest a merger and, in the worst case, can liquidate a company and assign the insurance and annuity responsibility to another company.

Consequently, those fraternal benefit organizations that are not sufficiently schooled in the challenging investment climate and profitability management, have come under the direct influence of their respective state's Department of Insurance and are required to correct their deficiencies or merge.

### THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH OUR PRCUA!!!

We are not one of them. As of this past year, the PRCUA successfully passed the Risk Based Audit of the State of Illinois, Department of Insurance and our profitability and solvency ratios are very good.

### SO WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO THE PRCUA?

Because the NAIC would like to see the PRCUA change its method of governance.

Our organization, as well as most fraternals, operates under the Convention system of governance, wherein elected delegates from representative societies elect the executive officers and directors of the organization. This is a well-established process. However, the elected officers may not be the most qualified in business acumen, causing many organizations to suffer a deteriorating decline to their solvency. This weakens the promises made to each certificate holder.

Thus, the NAIC is stepping in.

The NAIC, with its regulatory authority, is suggesting that this organizational model must change. It is recommending that fraternals initiate this voluntarily. It is asking that each fraternal review its management style and consider moving away from the fraternal model of governance through the convention and move to a corporate structure.

The difference between the two forms of governance is basically the elective process used in choosing the directors and executive officers of the organization.

In the fraternal model, the executive officers and directors are chosen by popular vote of convention delegates to manage the organization for a set number of years, answerable only to the convention. A convention, for example, may meet only once every four years, subjecting the organization to the possibility of poor management.

Under some fraternal models, ineffective management cannot be removed until the next convention, thereby weakening the organization's financial strength.

The position suggested by the NAIC is to adopt some form of the corporate model of governance. (Continued on page 3)



**Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.**  
**PRCUA National President**



## Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

*As we prepare to celebrate the greatest of all feasts, Easter, may the Risen Lord strengthen our faith and belief in His resurrection. May the peace of the Christ, risen from the dead, fill our hearts and homes as we share with each other the blessed egg, a symbol of new life which we share in Him.*

*A Blessed and Joyful Easter to our beloved  
PRCUA Family and to all of Polonia.*

*Smacznego Jajka! Wesołego Alleluja!*

Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, National Chaplain

Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc, Vice-Chaplain

# Calendar of PRCUA Events



## MARCH

**4 TOLEDO, OH – THE ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DINNER** on Fri., March 4, PRCUA Hall, 5255 Detroit, Toledo, OH, 4-8 p.m. \$8 – 4 pierogi, vegetable salad, bread and butter, dessert, beverage. Advanced orders by the dozens by 2/26/16. \$9 (cheese, potato, kraut or potato/cheese). Contact: 419-531-8658 or 419-475-6262.

**5 ROMULUS, MI – 82nd PRCUA NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** on Sat., March 5 at Romulus H.S., Romulus, MI (See details on page 8.)

**6 BRIDGEVIEW, IL – MKACG 41ST ANNUAL SPRING FASHION SHOW** on Sun., March 6, entry at Noon, Lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Nikos Banquets in Bridgeview, IL (See details on page 13.)

**7 CHICAGO, IL – PULASKI DAY CELEBRATION** on Mon., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Polish Museum of America (See details on page 4.) PRCUA Office Closed.

**12 TROY, MI – PRCUA SOC. #1593 SKATE PARTY** on Sat., March 12 at Skate World, 2825 E Maple, Troy, MI. Contact: Valerie Brumm at 248-622-8949 or Valerie.brumm@gmail.com (See details on page 12.)

**13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

**13 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER** on Sun., March 13 at PRCUA Social Hall. (See details on page 5.)

**13 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING & CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER** on Sun., March 13 at 1 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI 48129. Dues: Linda Alexander, 69 Winder, Unit 462, Detroit, MI 48201. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner immediately following the meeting. Contact: Pres. Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230.

**18 TOLEDO, OH – THE ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DOZEN SALE** on Fri., March 18 at PRCUA Hall, 5255 Detroit, Toledo, OH, 10 a.m.-6:00 p.m. \$9 (cheese, potato, kraut or potato/cheese). Order by 3/9/16. Contact: 419-531-8658 or 419-475-6262.

**19 WARREN, MI – 11th ANNUAL ZAJACZEK RECITAL** on Sat. March 19 at 2 p.m. at Warren Woods Auditorium, 13400 E. Twelve Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Colleen Bonkowski at zajaczekdance@yahoo.com

**19 TOLEDO, OH – PRCUA TOLEDO SOCIETIES: #1584, #1617, #719, AND #1633 MOTOR CITY CASINO BUS TRIP** on Sat., March 19, 2016. Buses will leave at 10 a.m. Return at 5 p.m. Cost \$35 - receive \$30 comp. Sign up in the PRCUA Clubhouse, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH and pay by March 1st. More info: 419-470-8710.

**20 WARREN, MI – PRCUA ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY #261 ANNUAL MASS COMMEMORATING ST. JOSEPH** on Sun., March 20 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 4401 Bart Ave., Warren, MI (located 1 block north of 9 Mile Rd. and 1 block East of Ryan). For more information, contact St. Joseph President Tom Lisiecki at 586-795-8901.

**22 WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., March 22 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne's Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

**25 GOOD FRIDAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED**

**27 HAPPY EASTER!**

## APRIL

**1 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 TRIBUTE ARTIST DINNER SHOW** (Neil Diamond, Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash) on Fri., April 1 at PRCUA Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak Street Wyandotte, MI. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m., Show Time 8:15-10:45 p.m. (See details on page 4.)

**3 DARIEN, IL – PRCUA ŚWIĘCONKA** Hosted by PRCUA District #8 on Sun., Apr. 3 at Alpine Banquets, Darien, IL. (See details ad on page 4)

**3 LEMONT, IL – JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL AND POLANIE DANCERS ŚWIĘCONKA** on Sun., Apr. 3. 8:30 a.m. Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Program and refreshments to follow in School Gym.

**8-10 WYANDOTTE, MI – THE NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT**, Fri.-Sun. April 8-10 at Taylor Lanes,In Taylor, MI. (See details on page 11.)

**10 DETROIT, MI – BLESSING OF THE PRCUA DANCE SCHOOLS** on Sun., April 10 at St. Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth St., Detroit, MI.

**10 CHICAGO, IL – CELEBRATE POLAND AT NAVY PIER** (See details on page 5.)

**16 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI – PRCUA OPOLE DANCE RECITAL** on Sat., Apr. 16 at Lakeview High School, 21100 E. 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, MI. Contact Elizabeth at 586-944-9683 for tickets.

**17 WARREN, MI – HALKA DANCERS ANNUAL RECITAL** on Sun., April 17 at 3:00 p.m. at Van Dyke Auditorium at Lincoln High School, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. Tickets \$7 each. Contact: Laura Hejza for more information at 586-296-1815.

**17 LINCOLN PARK, MI – TATRY DANCERS RECITAL** on Sun., April 17 at 3:00 p.m. at Allen Park High School Auditorium, 19001 Champaign, Allen Park, MI. Tickets: \$6.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door. Contact Rose Ann Lackey at 313-274-0183.

**17 MT. CLEMENS, MI – PRCUA SOC. #1593 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** on Sun., April 17 at Dolleys Tavern, 235 N. Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, MI. (See page 9.)

**23 TOLEDO, OH – PRCUA TOLEDO SOCIETIES #167, #719, #1584, #1633 MONEY RAFFLE** on Sat., Apr. 23 at PRCUA Misiuda Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Ave. Toledo, OH. Tickets at \$60.00 (dinner included) on sale. First come first served. To reserve your ticket or get more information call Nikki Jean Mixon at 419-351-2698 or e-mail her at Vjmixon@buckeye-express.com

**24 CHICAGO, IL – SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH DANCING END OF YEAR RECITAL** on Sun., April 24 at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago, IL. Doors open at 12:00 Noon, show at 12:30 p.m. Contact: Anna Kraszewski at 773-972-0012.

**30 LINCOLN PARK, MI – PRCUA #162 ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE RECITAL** on Sat., April 30 at 3:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park High School Auditorium, 1701 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. (See details on page 12 ).

**30 REDFORD CHARTER TWP., MI – PRCUA WIELICZKA DANCE ENSEMBLE 60TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL** on Sat., Apr. 30 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 Chicago West, Redford Charter Twp., MI. Recital and dinner \$16.00. Contact: Kristi Mihalic at 734-455-3504

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Attn: Pam Tuytens

### ATTENTION!

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

**(Continued from pg. 1) STATE OF THE UNION**

This model suggests that all certificate owners of insurance and annuity contracts annually elect a board of directors.

The board candidates for election should be experienced in business, finance and insurance matters.

This elected board will then qualify and hire the chief executive/operating officer who will report and be accountable to the board. Candidates would be properly screened for education and business expertise and would be subject to dismissal should operations not be satisfactory.

Because of the NAIC concerns, your PRCUA has formed a committee of the Board of Directors to study and prepare a report indicating suggestions that may be considered for managing this change.

Results of this committee work will be formally discussed at future board meetings and any recommended changes to the governance of our organization will be presented to all delegates of the prior convention and all members. The formal name of the committee is:

**The Corporate Governance Committee**

Its mission is to review the present governance of the PRCUA and recommend changes to this structure that will provide assurances that the officers and directors chosen to lead the PRCUA forward are properly qualified in education, integrity, business and insurance experience and dedicated to the principles of the PRCUA.

Now let's move on to the sales and operating results of 2015.

**SALES**

Overall, sales of our financial products in 2015 increased by \$3.35 million with this showing a 22% increase over 2014. Sales of annuities accounted for almost all of this increase, reflecting the very competitive savings rates offered by the PRCUA. Unfortunately, in 2015 and continuing into 2016, favorable opportunities for the PRCUA to reinvest these funds has declined, leading to a slowing of interest income to our organization.

Consequently, as notified in another section of this newspaper, rates on our annuity class C for the 2, 4 and 7 year issues have been reduced.

Sales of PRCUA life products are holding steady as we continue to adjust our product offerings to the changing demographics of our aging population. We are completing the rework of our Final Expense product for a spring introduction that will address the needs of the "Baby Boomer" generation.

**OUR BUILDING**

Maintaining and continuing to operate in our 103-year-old building is a constant challenge. Besides increasing repair and maintenance issues, this past year we invested over \$500,000 into a new roof and the replacement of our basement sewer system.

Because of the concrete dust created after all the jackhammering needed to remove and replace all the old sewers, we are now cleaning the entire basement.

**FINANCIALS**

The year 2015 created a very engaging financial environment for the PRCUA. As mentioned previously, yields in the bond market have fallen throughout the year and we have seen high yielding bonds called back by the issuer, leaving the PRCUA with a cash position that must now be reinvested in a falling interest rate environment. Our bond portfolio is much larger than in 2014, but the percent increase in interest income has not kept pace. This has created a very complex problem of managing income and expenses which has led to lower overall net income.

Our expenses have kept pace with the inflation in health care and employee costs. We have added necessary positions in Information Technology and Sales assistance. Actuarial costs associated with the Final Expense Program were high in 2015 but will not recur in 2016 as the Final Expense actuarial work has been completed and building maintenance costs should be more controllable.

Another major expense of 2015 was the burden of having to pay, what in my opinion, was an excessive cost to the Department of Insurance, State of Illinois, for the Risk Based Audit of our organization. This added over \$170,000 to our expenses and consequently reduced our profit by that significant amount. Fortunately, this audit occurs only once every five years.

While our net profit for 2015 did not measure up to my expectations, we were successful in working through all of the situations that confronted the PRCUA in 2015 and we are in a position to navigate successfully into the new year.

For your review, the Financial Statements for 2015 are published on page 6 of this issue.

Thank you for your continued membership in the PRCUA. We have a wonderful organization and a great fraternal. If you agree, I ask you, as a favor to our organization, to encourage others to join the PRCUA. It is our responsibility to bring in new members so that we can continue to foster and promote the ideals of our Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

In closing, let me say that your officers, board of directors and employees are dedicated to providing you with the strongest financial organization possible and with the best member services - anywhere.

God bless you and God bless the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.  
National President

**Attention Current and Future PRCUA Annuity Holders!**

**If your annuity was originally purchased from the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, please remember:**

**PRCUA contribution limit.** Per your annuity contract, you may make more payments to your annuity at any time, before the maturity date. Payments must be at least \$25.00, however, at this time, should not exceed more than \$15,000 in any calendar year. Please see your contract for more information.

**Maturity date.** The maturity date of your annuity is shown on page 1 of your contract. If you have not reached your maturity date, you can change this date by submitting a written request to the PRCUA. Please see your contract for more information.

**I've reached my maturity date, what happens now?**

If your annuity was purchased originally with the PRCUA and if you have already reached your maturity date, please be advised that you may make a contribution of up to \$15,000 by April 30, 2016. After this date, the PRCUA will no longer accept additional contributions to your matured annuity. More information about your specific options will be mailed to you.

[Do you plan to make a tax-deductible contribution to your PRCUA Traditional IRA annuity?](#)

**Deadline for contributions for the 2015 tax year: April 18, 2016.**

**Deadline for contributions for the 2015 tax year for Maine and Massachusetts: April 19, 2016.**

The deadline for individual retirement account contributions is usually the same date your tax return is due, which is typically around April 15th. However, several holidays have changed the due date for IRA contributions, and your deadline for 2015 deposits depends on the state in which you live.

**Different due dates.** For most people, IRA contributions for tax-year 2015 are due by April 18, 2016. The tax deadline was pushed back nationwide due to the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia. However, residents of Maine and Massachusetts have until April 19, 2016 to make 2015 IRA contributions due to the Patriots' Day holiday celebrated in these states.

Tax Year	Maximum Contribution (under age 50)	Maximum Contribution (age 50 or older)
2015	\$5,500	\$6,500
2016	\$5,500	\$6,500

The maximum you can contribute to all of your Traditional and Roth IRAs is the lesser of: \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or older), or your taxable compensation for the year.

Please visit [www.prcua.org/annuities](http://www.prcua.org/annuities) to view our competitive Annuity Portfolio.

If you have any questions, please contact your PRCUA Sales Representative or the PRCUA Annuity Department: (800) 772-8632.

**PRCUA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS  
SAVE THESE DATES:**

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

July 23, 2016 - Golf Tournament, Sterling Hts., 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](http://www.prcua.org)

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**ATTENTION!**  
The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America  
is requesting your assistance.  
Help fraternals maintain their tax-exempt status!!  
[www.Raceto100.org](http://www.Raceto100.org)

## Race to 100

### Take Action Now!

The American Fraternal Alliance's policy and advocacy homepage is a resource for information about the state and federal issues facing fraternal benefit societies. The American Fraternal Alliance is dedicated to preserving and protecting the tax-exempt status of fraternals and ensuring that your society is able to continue serving communities across the nation.

PRCUA and the AFA, need your help in informing our federal and state legislators about the community services that fraternal benefit societies provide all across the country, in towns big and small! Here's one of the pieces of legislation with which we need your help. **House Congressional Resolution 19**

The American Fraternal Alliance, as well as the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, are supporting a Congressional Resolution that reaffirms the value and validity of the fraternal business model. The purpose of this initiative is to raise awareness of the many contributions Alliance member societies make to the financial well-being of their members, as well as the quality of life within the communities in which those members live and work.

House Congressional Resolution 19, the "Fraternal Resolution" introduced in February 2015, is sponsored by Rep. Kind (D-WI) and Rep. Paulsen (R-MN). Our objective is to recruit 100 co-sponsors for the Resolution among members of the U.S. House of Representatives in advance of any significant debate on reform of the U.S. Tax Code.

As of January 29, 2016, the Alliance has secured 70 co-sponsors. Our goal of 100 co-sponsors is within sight. Please contact your Congressman by registering at [www.Raceto100.org](http://www.Raceto100.org) and follow the directions to ask for their support of House Resolution 19.

**Święconka**  
Hosted by District 8 - PRCUA

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**

**Entry: 12 Noon**  
**Lunch: 1:00 p.m.**  
**Alpine Banquets**  
8230 Cass Ave., Darien, IL

**Donation: Adults \$35.00**  
**Children \$17.50 (10 and under)**

**For information and reservations call:**  
**Director Krystyna Lech**  
**708-341-6781**

## 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 public is cordially invited to attend the official State of Illinois celebration of

## Pulaski Day

Monday,  
March 7, 2016  
10:00 a.m.

**Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall**  
**Polish Museum of America**

984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL

Speeches by political leaders, Polish and Polish-American dignitaries, wreath laying ceremony, refreshments after the program

**DISTRICT #7**  
**CORNED BEEF &**  
**CABBAGE DINNER**

*Sunday, March 13, 2016*  
*Cocktails at 1 p.m.; Dinner at 2 p.m.*  
**PRCUA Social Hall**  
984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

**COST: \$35**  
**Catered by Ray Harrington**  
**Cash Raffle**

**RSVP by March 6, 2016**  
(no tickets sold at the door)

Please make checks payable to District 7 and send to:  
Lillian Stempinski,  
7339 W. Lee St., Niles, IL 60714  
847-965-7378

## PRCUA Supports Participation in World Youth Day

Chicago, IL – The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is proud to announce its support of PRCUA youth who will participate in the 2016 World Youth Day (WYD). To encourage participation in this momentous event, the PRCUA has established a stipend of \$100 for any member of the PRCUA between the ages of 13 and 21 years who will be attending the World Youth Day. Any PRCUA member of this age group who wishes to receive a stipend is required to submit the application below – before leaving for Poland – to verify their PRCUA membership of 2 years or more, with a minimum of a \$5,000 life insurance certificate.

The stipend will be mailed to the individuals upon his/her return from the WYD Conference, after the participant submits proof of attendance to the PRCUA.

This year, the World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland from July 25 to 31, 2016.

Send complete application to:

World Youth Day  
PRCUA Fraternal Dept.  
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60642

or email to: [fraternal-department@prcua.org](mailto:fraternal-department@prcua.org)

## Application for PRCUA World Youth Day Stipend

First/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Society # \_\_\_\_\_

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All articles for the April 2016 issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

**2nd Annual PRCUA Family Picnic and Outdoor Mass**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**  
Hosted by Districts 7, 8 and 9

**Refreshments** **Music**  
**PACF Grove**  
**I8600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd.**  
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**Sunday, April 10, 2016**  
Navy Pier • 12pm - 4pm

Music • Dance • Colorful Costumes • Local Artists

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Sundays, February 21–April 17  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015  
OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA  
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642**

**ASSETS**

Bonds.....	\$181,855,853
Stocks...(Preferred \$11,244,394 - Common \$ 2,583,645).....	13,828,039
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....	2,528,772
Real Estate Owned including Contract Sales.....	4,885,844
Certificate Loans.....	947,418
Cash on Hand and On Deposit.....	2,869,524
Short Term Investment.....	5,007,491
Electronic Data Processing Equipment.....	178,957
Premiums Actually Collected by Subordinate Lodges Not Yet Remitted to Home Office.....	68,579
Investment Income Due and Accrued.....	<u>2,667,332</u>

**TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS**

**\$214,837,808**

**LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS**

Aggregate Reserve For Life Certificates and Contracts.....	\$202,300,688
Deposit – Type Contracts.....	4,986
Certificate and Contract Claims.....	1,162,864
Provisions For Refund Payable in Following Calendar Year.....	100,000
Life Premiums Received in Advance.....	418,718
Surrender Values on Canceled Certificates.....	10,053
Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	237,537
Commission to Field Workers Due or Accrued.....	6,046
General Expenses Due or Accrued.....	187,273
Taxes, Licenses and Fees Due or Accrued.....	68,200
Unearned Investment Income.....	2,676
Amounts Withheld or Retained by Society as Agent or Trustee.....	101,613
Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers	500,000
Assets Valuation Reserve.....	<u>2,768,630</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

**\$207,869,284**

Special Bonus Dividend Payable in Following Year.....	-0-
Unassigned Funds.....	<b>\$6,968,524</b>

**TOTAL  
TOTAL**

**\$6,968,524  
\$214,837,808**

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**

(Excluding Unrealized Capital Gains and Losses)

Life and Annuity Premiums.....	\$18,103,846
Net Investment Income.....	10,353,673
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	245,272
Reimbursement for Educational Stipends.....	5,073

**TOTAL INCOME**

**\$28,707,863**

**DEDUCT:**

Death Benefits.....	\$2,123,679
Matured Endowments.....	258,172
Annuity Benefits.....	5,350,997
Disability Benefits.....	687
Surrender Benefits.....	4,111,410
Interest on Certificates or Contract Funds.....	387
Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingencies.....	670,943
Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies.....	-0-
Increase in Aggregate Reserve for Certificates and Contracts with Life Contingencies.....	10,956,216
Commission on Premiums.....	238,390
Contributions for Employees Benefits.....	237,773
General Insurance Expense and Fraternal Payments.....	4,170,581
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	387,223

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$28,506,458**

Net Gain From Operations Before Refunds to Members and Excluding Realized Capital Gains and Losses.....	\$201,405
Refund to Members.....	102,628
Net Gain From Operations After Refunds to Members.....	<u>\$98,777</u>
Net Realized Capital Gains.....	<u>153,581</u>

**NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS**

**\$252,359**

**UNASSIGNED FUNDS AND SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

Unassigned Funds 12/31/14	\$7,118,628	Unassigned Funds 12/31/15	\$6,968,524
Net gain from operation	252,359	Change in reserve	175,995
Change in Non-Admitted Assets	13,842	Increase FASB Liabilities for Pension	100,000

Urealized losses 140,310

**TOTALS**

**\$7,384,829**

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**SUMMARY OF VALUATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 2015**

Number of Life Certificates	Amount of Insurance	Total Reserve
49,360	\$321,660,270	\$202,300,688

Expected Mortality on Gross Amounts At Risk.....	\$1,681,716
Net Death Losses Incurred in 2015 Less Reserve Released.....	591,567
Ratio Per Cent of Actual to Expected Mortality on Gross Amounts at Risk During 2015.....	35.18%

Net Investment Income.....	\$10,353,673
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**RATE OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO MEAN ASSETS**

2011 - 5.14%	2012 - 5.33%	2013 - 5.23%
	2014 - 5.24%	2015 - 5.07%

**RATIO OF ASSETS TO LIABILITIES**

2011 - 102.21%	2012 - 102.78%	2013 - 103.47%
	2014 - 103.61%	2015 - 103.35%

The Society's valuation indicates that on the basis of the American Experience of 1941, 1958 and 1980, 2001 Commissioner's Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with interest at 2 1/2% through 5.5%, the future assessments at the rates now collected together with the invested assets are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety of \$6,968,524 over the above statutory standard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph A. Drobot Jr., President  
Micheline I. Jaminski, Vice President  
James J. Robaczewski, Secretary - Treasurer  
Emily Kurda, Controller  
Steimla & Associates, Inc., Actuary

**PRCUA ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO SUPPORT  
THE JESUIT PROGRAM MAGIS 2016**

PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. has been asked by Howard Craig, Provincial Assistant for Advancement, from the Midwest Jesuits to help with the program MAGIS 2016.

**What is MAGIS 2016?**

This program is specifically designed for young Catholics to enrich their spiritual formation, to engage them in the disciplines of Ignatian spirituality, and to provide opportunities for service to Christ and the Church.

This summer, young people from around the globe will be attending World Youth Day, July 26 - 31, 2016 in Krakow, Poland. As local Jesuits have done preceding World Youth Day events in the past, the Jesuits of the South Poland Province are going to host an *Ignatian Experience* from July 17-23, the week before World Youth Day.

The committee for MAGIS 2016 has established a scholarship fund to allow young people from developing nations to attend the seminar. The Midwest Jesuits are seeking funds to help provide scholarships for these less fortunate young people who want to attend this unique spiritual event.

President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. is asking PRCUA members to consider becoming benefactors to the MAGIS 2016 Program. Members who wish to make a gift, may send a donation through the Midwest Jesuits website at: <https://connect.jesuitsmidwest.org/Magis2016> or send a gift directly to:

MAGIS 2016 Fund  
c/o Midwest Jesuits  
2050 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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## PRCUA WIELICZKA DANCE ENSEMBLE 60TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

Saturday, April 30, 2016

2:00 p.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine School

27101 Chicago West, Redford Charter Twp., MI.

Recital and dinner \$16.00

For more information contact: Kristi Mihalic at 734-455-3504



## The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski  
Vice President ~ wiceprezes

## MARCH MADNESS

The Carnival Season was in full swing throughout January with all the School dances (see p. 18 for details of the one sponsored by Maria Konopnicka Polish School) and continued to the Mardi Gras which PRCUA District 8 celebrated with a Luncheon at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont, IL on January 31st. National Directors of District 8 – Krystyna Lech and James Rustik – chaired the event which was attended by current and past officers including former Secretary-Treasurer Josephine Szarowicz, past National Directors Lillian Stempinski (D-7) and Steven Cieslicki (D-8). A guest performance by the Downers Grove South High School Jazz Band was a hit! Extra! Extra! Read all about it on page 11!

Within one week, the Polish Museum of America was honored with visits from Polish Dignitaries: On February 5, the delegation included: Polish Foreign Ministry's Secretary of State Jan Dziedzicak who was accompanied by Sejm Representative Michał Dworczyk, Polish Ambassador to the U.S. Ryszard Schnepp, Foreign Ministry's Deputy Director for Polonian Affairs Joanna Kozińska-Frybes and Polish Consul in Chicago Robert Rusiecki; on February 10, Senator Artur Warzocha, from the Podkarpackie Voivodeship - Marshal Wadysaw Ortyl, Head of International Cooperation Piotr Kwaśniak and; on February 11, dr. Rafał Leśkiewicz, Director of the Office of the Institute of National Remembrance. The PRCUA had the occasion to show its historic building and boardroom as well. The PMA which boasts 80 years of caretaking the treasures of Poland and Polish-Americana is truly the "crown jewel" of the Polish-American community and we are proud of the efforts of PMA Director Małgorzata Kot and her staff. By the way, when was the last time you visited the PMA? Consider this your personal invitation when you are in town or in the neighborhood.



Polish Dignitaries with the PMA and PRCUA Officers and employees

Representing the PRCUA, Richard and I attended the 66th Annual Physicians' Ball sponsored by the Polish-American Medical Society (PAMS) at the Ritz-Carlton in Downtown Chicago on February 6, 2016. Among the many dignitaries in attendance, from the State of Illinois were Governor and Mrs. Bruce Rauner, U.S. Senator Mark Kirk and U.S. Congressman Bob Dold, Jr. as well as Ambassador Ryszard Schnepp and Consul Robert Rusiecki of the Republic of Poland. Following the Presentation of Awards and Scholarships, was a beautiful performance by the Polonia Ensemble of PRCUA who danced a Polonaise, followed by a waltz and then led the guests in a Social Chodzony. Congratulations to Dr. Kornelia Król MD, President of PAMS and her Committee on a lovely event and for their charitable work.



Polonia Ensemble with Congressman Bob Dold with wife Danielle, Dr. Kornelia Król, President of PAMS and VP Micheline Jaminski



L-R: Polonia dancer, Jaclyn Krysinski, Choreographer, PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski, Bożena Halasziewicz, Pres. of the Legion of Young Polish Women

Do you celebrate Pączki Day on "Tłusty Czwartek" (Polish for Fat Thursday) or on "Mardi Gras" (French for Fat Tuesday)? Well, although the delicacies were seen on the former at the PRCUA Headquarters, we opted to treat the PRCUA and PMA employees on the latter with an assortment of pączki filled with such Polish favorites as rose, prune, advocaat and raspberry and an American mix which included sea salt caramel and custard. PRCUA purchased the Oak Mill pastries through a fundraiser sponsored by the Polish American Association which provides Chicago's Polish community with social services for immigrants. It was a win-win for both sides.

The Lenten season commenced with prayers and distribution of ashes throughout the Roman Catholic world and it was no different at the PRCUA Home Office. PRCUA and PMA Employees were blessed by the new Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Rev. Andrzej Totzke SChr



With Polanie Dancers at the Polish Heritage Day Celebration on Ash Wednesday.

Richard and I spent a very snowy Valentine's Day at the Polish Heritage Day Celebration in Lemont, IL. Sponsored by the Polish Club of Lemont, the festivities commenced with a Polish Mass at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish officiated by Pastor Rev. Waldemar "Valdi" Stawiarski, followed by a program dedicated to the 1050th Anniversary of Polish Christianity. During the Program, there were greetings, words of appreciation and gratitude, bi-lingual recitations of the history of Poland's Christianity, performances by the Parish Choir directed by Mira Sojka-Topór which included Bogurodzica ("Mother of God"), the oldest Polish hymn, and by the PRCUA Polanie Dancers of



Zajaczek Graduate: Victoria Szczerbinski with Dir. Colleen Bonkowski and Chor. Linda Dennis and Rachel Kasperek



Gwiazda Graduates: Ewa Szstandera and Bartek Sobiesiuk with Dir. Jessica Wendt and Chor. Basia Nowakowski



Halka Graduates: Katelyn LaDuke and Antonio Federico with Dir. Laura Hejza and Chor. Thomas Lisiecki



Tatry Graduate Rebecca Vincent with Dir. Rose Ann Lackey and Chor. Karen Lubiarz

the John Paul II Polish School. On behalf of the PRCUA, I would like to thank Edward Muszalski, Supervisor of Insurance, who manned the PRCUA booth and the Polanie Dancers and their Choreographer, Anthony Dobrzanski, assisted by his wife Sabina and Patricia Szyszyna for participating in this event. Mrs. Halina Szyszyna, Principal, of the John Paul II Polish School which holds its classes at Sts. Cyril and Methodius was also present with Vice Principal, Monika Gornikowska and several others. Congratulations to the Polish Club of Lemont on a successful event!

The Silver Anniversary of the Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was held at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, MI on February 20, 2016. Full details with a photo gallery will be in the next issue of the Naród Polski, but in the meantime, here's a teaser. 16 graduates from 5 of the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools were presented at the 25th "Shirley Ball" (as Mr. Ted Klamerus refers to the Michigan State Ball). (Cont. on pg. 9)



Scholarship Winners 1st row (l-r): Anne Stec, Veronica Czarnota, Victoria Szcerbinski; 2nd row Katherine Mandernach, Rebecca Vincent, Ewa Sztandera

The Committee which is composed of all the PRCUA Michigan School Directors did an amazing job organizing the Ball and honored two of its members for 25 years of dedicated service on the Ball Committee – Rita Cerankowski and Rose Ann Lackey. Choreographer of the dance portion was Kelly Malinowski who assumed the role after her mother, the late Shirley Ann Galanty passed away in 2010. Honorary Committee Member, Thomas Lisiecki also served as the Emcee. President and Mrs. Drobot, Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, Richard and I were in the company of many wonderful PRCUA

Michiganders as well as with the Chancellor of Orchard Lake Msgr. Thomas Machalski.

Happy 88th Birthday to Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc! Happy Birth Date to Emilia Grace Drobot who was born on February 8, 2016 to Emily and Timothy Drobot (and Grandparents President and First Lady Drobot, Jr.)! And to all of you.

*Życze Wesołego Alleluja oraz Smacznego Jajka i Mokrego Dyngusa!*

Misia Jaminski



Shirley Galanty Michigan State Ball

## 1,050 Years of Poland's Christianity Celebration on the Campus of the Orchard Lake Schools

ORCHARD LAKE, MI – This year marks the 1,050th anniversary of Poland's Christianity. It began in 966 with the baptism of Mieszko I, Poland's first historically known king. At that time, Christianity was accepted as the religion of the Polish nation. This faith helped the Poles endure years of war, totalitarian oppression and martial law. Even in the last 50 years, Poland has experienced monumental change. "The gift of faith has been passed from one generation to the next and we, by God's grace and providence, are the recipients of that 1,050-year faith tradition," said Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski, Jr., Chancellor-Rector, Orchard Lake Schools.

On June 22, 2016, the anniversary celebration will commence on the grounds of the Orchard Lake Schools. Invited guests include the Papal Nuncio and Primate of Poland; all the Polish-American Bishops; the President, Vice President, Secretary-General and Episcopal Delegate for Poles in the Diaspora of the Polish Episcopal Conference and all members of Polonia throughout the United States. Plans are also underway for Archbishop Allen Vigneron, by official decree, to name the Orchard Lake Schools the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II.

This historical and spiritual event, cosponsored by the National Polish Apostolate, the Orchard Lake Schools and the Polish American Priests' Association, will begin with a Mass and General Procession for all. Guests are invited to come wearing their native costume with their society's banner as a celebration of national pride.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Polish Heritage Night at Cellular Field  
June 28, 2016 at 7:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota Twins

For additional information contact:

Linda Kasprzyk, PRCUA Fraternal Department at 773-783-2601



## WELCOME NEW BABY GIRLS!

Olivia Urbina was born on November 25, 2015, the daughter of Regina and German Urbina of Macomb Township, Michigan. Regina is a graduate of Mala Polska Dance Ensemble in 2002. After attending and playing



sports for Wayne State University, she is now employed as a teacher for the Warren Consolidated Schools. During Regina's younger days, she volunteered in pierogi making for the PRCUA Pope John Paul Society fraternal account. Her husband, German, is employed by Empire Electronic in Troy, Michigan, as an Industrial Engineer.



Emilia Grace Drobot was born on February 8, 2016 - 6 lbs. 5 oz. 19 inches long - to Timothy and Emily Drobot, Big Brother Joey (Joseph A. Drobot III). She is the third granddaughter and tenth grandchild of PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot Jr. and First Lady Judith.

Congratulations to the Urbina and Drobot Families



**PRCUA #1593  
St JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY  
Euchre Tournament  
Sunday, April 17, 2016**



Doors open at 1pm ~ Cards start at 1:30pm  
Dooley's Tavern  
235 N Groesbeck Hwy, Mt Clemens, MI 48043



### Cost of the event:

\$25 registers in advance  
\$30 at the door if space is available  
Guests \$15 per person



### Includes:

Tournament Prizes  
Pizza, Salad, Pop, Beer on Tap  
1 Free Prize Raffle Ticket



Name(s):

Phone number/email address:

Total Number of Players:

Total Number of Guests:

Total Paid:

### SIGN UP TODAY!

Organizer:  
Barb Ozog - bwithers03@yahoo.com 586.453.3471  
30105 Wagner Dr, Warren, MI 48093

If you are unable to attend, tax deductible donations are appreciated

Check's payable to PRCUA #1593

**THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!**

All proceeds go towards PRCUA #1593 St John Paul II Society's fraternal and scholarship accounts.

**PRCUA Office will be closed  
on Good Friday, March 25, 2016**

## Kevin Rzeppa Fundraiser...

Wyandotte, MI - On Sunday January 31, 2016, PRCUA Society #162 hosted a spaghetti fundraiser for Kevin Rzeppa. Kevin is now 5th on the list for his second liver transplant. The Society decided to host the fundraiser to help Kevin with his expenses since he has not been able to work.

About 700 people attended the event from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. A spaghetti dinner was available for a donation of \$10. It included a cash bar, bake sale, Chinese Auction, Silent Auction, as well as several Share the Wealth Raffles. The crowd enjoyed dinner music to the fine sounds of Wyandotte's own Kavaliers and Friends. Many musicians came to join the band to support this great cause.

One hundred percent of the income generated from the event was donated to Kevin. All of the items for the benefit - the food, beverages, music, bake sale, and Silent & Chinese Auction items - were donated by various individuals and groups. Cash donations were also made on site.

We would like to thank everyone who in any way helped with this event. From the many donations, the organizers, workers, cooks and musicians, we say "Thank you! *Bóg Zapłać!*"



Kavaliers & Friends



Charlene and Paul Rzeppa (Kevin's parents) thank the crowd



Soc. #162 Mike Halberstadt & President Stan Pasko



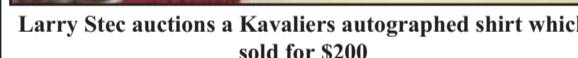
Crowds at the Fundraiser



The crowd listens to Paul and Charlene Rzeppa



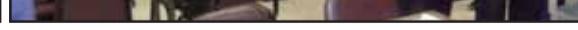
The dancers enjoy the music



Larry Stec auctions a Kavaliers autographed shirt which sold for \$200



Silent Auction area



And the food line continues



*Thank you ...  
- Dziękujemy*

The Rzeppa family would like to give our gracious thanks to everyone who helped make Kevin's benefit an extreme success. All the support from many PRCUA Societies and members strongly exemplifies the true meaning of a fraternal organization. We will never forget the outpouring of support and love that we received. Belonging to this organization makes us proud, and the PRCUA will always have a special place in our hearts.

*God Bless You -- Niech Bóg Wam Błogosławi!*



**FRIDAY, APRIL 8 TO SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016**

**TAYLOR LANES**

The 79th Annual PRCUA National Bowling Tournament will be held on April 8, 9, and 10, 2016, at the Taylor Lanes Bowling Facility in Taylor, Michigan. (Taylor Lanes is located at 24800 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI 48180.) This year's tournament is being hosted by PRCUA Society #162, Sacred Heart of Jesus of Wyandotte, MI.

Squad times are as follows:

- Singles/Doubles – Friday, April 8 (9:00 am and 1:00 pm)
- Team Event – Saturday, April 9 (9:00 am and 1:00 pm)
- Singles/Doubles – Sunday April 10 (9:00 am only)

To secure your preferred squad time, be sure to get your 100% completed entry form in promptly along with the proper entry fees. (Please be sure to fill out all information on the entry form, including your average information.) Squads will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis and the deadline for submitting your entry is Friday, March 18, 2016.

Two hotels have been secured to serve as our host hotels for this year's tournament. Each has a special PRCUA rate and offer some type of complimentary breakfast. Book soon, as room rates are good for a certain number of rooms at each hotel. The Hotels are: **La Quinta**, 12888 Reeck Rd., Southgate, MI 48195, (734) 374-3000, PRCUA Rate: \$71.10/Code: PRCUA Bowling; **Comfort Inn and Suites**, 18950 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195, (855) 781-4895, PRCUA Rate: \$109.99/Code: PRCUA Bowling.

Stanley Pasko and his team of volunteers from Society #162 have been busy planning yet another great event for all of us. In addition to the bowling tournament, Society #162 will be hosting:

➤ Hospitality gathering at the "World Famous 162 Lounge" on both Thursday and Friday nights (April 7th and 8th). The hall is located at 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. Complimentary draft beer and wine along with munchies will be available from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm each night!

➤ Awards Banquet at the PRCU Banquet Hall in Wyandotte (adjacent to the lounge) on Saturday, April 9th following the team bowling event. Lounge will open at 6:00 pm and the Hall will open at 7:00 pm. Music from 7:30-11:30 by The Brass Express. Cash bar and food available for purchase at the hall.

➤ Details on neighboring church and Mass schedules will be made available at the tournament and at the PRCU Hall.

An information packet (maps, schedules, etc.) will be available at the PRCU 162 Lounge and at the hotels upon check-in. Additional information will be posted in the *Naród Polski* and online at [www.prcua.org](http://www.prcua.org) prior to the tournament.

I hope that you plan on attending this year's tournament. Society #162 in Wyandotte has a great tournament planned and there will be much fun to be had! Mark your calendars and get those entry forms in the mail! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Regards,  
Patrick Kosowski  
PRCUA National Bowling Tournament Director

## District 8 Mardi Gras Luncheon

Lemont, IL - PRCUA District 8 organized a very pleasant Mardi Gras Luncheon on Sunday, January 31 at Crystal Grand Banquets Hall in Lemont, IL.

Guests were officially welcomed by District 8 Director James Rustik, who asked PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski to lead everyone in a short prayer before the meal.

After a tasty lunch, Directors of District #8 Krystyna Lech and Jim Rustik introduced five very talented students from the Downers Grove South Jazz Combo Band, who presented a medley of jazzy tunes that made the audience feel as if they were transported to the Mardi Gras streets of New Orleans.

The pleasant afternoon ended with more fun and games prepared by Jim Rustik and PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jamiński, and the drawing of the winners in the cash raffle. Everyone enjoyed the festivities.

Representatives of the John Paul II School, Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School, Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language School, and M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group, along with 2016 Cinderella Olivia Cislo and Prince Charming John Slubowski were in attendance to support this event.

Thanks are extended to everyone who helped to make this event such a success.



L-r: Micheline Jaminski, Jim Rustik, Krsytyna Lech, Jim Robaczewski with young performers from the Downers Grove South Jazz Combo Band



## PRCUA Funds for Higher Education Available



**Deadline: June 1, 2016**

Each year, the PRCUA offers funds for higher education to its members from three separate programs: 1) PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.; 2) Scholarship Program; and 3) PRCUA Educational Loans. Each program requires the submission of a separate application.

### One-Time Scholarships

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

### **In Memory of Victoria Kushel**

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

### **In Memory of Dr. Stanley A. Ozog**

Available for the study of Osteopathic Medicine,  
Pre-Medicine or Nursing

### Perpetual Scholarship

#### **In Memory of Adele Szumilus Sularski**

No specific major area of study has been established

Also, the PRCUA Board of Directors can establish additional scholarships as funds are available.

### HOW TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION

For eligibility rules and to download applications and instructions, go to: [www.prcua.org](http://www.prcua.org). Click on *Membership*, then click on *Scholarships*.

For Education Loans go to: [www.prcua.org](http://www.prcua.org). Click on *Products*, then click on *Member Loans*.

Or you can write to:

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

**DEADLINE - JUNE 1, 2016** - All school transcripts, GPA scores, other verifications, requirements, and the completed application form must be postmarked by **June 1, 2016** in order to meet the eligibility rules.

**The PRCU of Wyandotte Presents:  
Tribute Artist Dinner Show!**

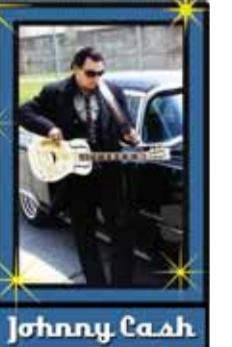
**STARRING:**



**Neil Diamond**



**Roy Orbison**



**Johnny Cash**

**PRCU Banquet Hall**  
1430 Oak Street Wyandotte, MI 48192  
Doors Open 6:30 pm - Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm  
Show Time 8:15 - 10:45 pm  
Tickets \$25. ON SALE NOW! @ PRCU Lounge: 734-283-4810  
Or please contact: Stas: 313-815-5230 or Bernie: 734-512-9802  
Complimentary BEER & WINE ★ CASH BAR Available  
Limited Seating! **ONE NIGHT ONLY!** Limited Seating!

**Friday, April 1, 2016**

## Gwiazda Dancers' Mid-Winter Happenings



Harriet Kowalski with the Misty Blues

assistance, Kamil Dechnik for designing the event flyer and to all the families and friends who attended the event to make it such a success.



Gwiazda dancers with local media



Dancers performing at Polish Folk Dance Festival from the metro-Detroit area also participate in this event. Gwiazda presented its Lubelski and Cieszyn suites, as well as the Krakowiak.

After that whirlwind day, the Gwiazda Dancers returned to their weekly rehearsals as they continue to prepare for their annual recital in April 2016.



Gwiazda dancers perform at countdown to Paczki day

Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski, Gwiazda Alumnus 1997 & Secretary

**CONGRATULATIONS**

WINNER OF THE 2015 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

The 2015 Christmas Special Grand Prize winner of the Apple ® iPad mini is a member of PRCUA Society 1492 - Jeffrey Kuras, Jr of Davie, FL! Congratulations!



**SKATE PARTY  
PRCUA #1593  
12 March 2016**

Skate World 2825 E Maple, Troy, MI 48083

1-5pm \$5 entry

Rental \$3 regular / \$5 blades

\*\*\*Must arrive NO LATER THAN 1:15pm to qualify for the group rate\*\*\*  
Contact: Valerie Brumm 248.622.8949 Valerie.brumm@gmail.com

## POLISH OFFICIALS VISITED THE PMA AND PRCUA

Chicago, IL - Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland Jan Dziedziczak paid a week-long visit to the U.S. in February. After visits to New York and Washington, D.C., Minister Dziedziczak came to Chicago where he met with local authorities and Polish American community representatives. On Friday, Feb. 5, he visited briefly the PMA and PRCUA, where he and his guests toured the museum and the library and had the opportunity to talk with the PMA and PRCUA leaders. The Minister praised both institutions for their work to preserve Polish heritage and for serving as the ambassadors of Polish culture in America. His brief visit ended with a Polish media press conference in the PMA Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall. At the conference, he asked Poles in America for help in defending the good name of Poland and to encourage American politicians to take positive actions towards Poland. Minister Dziedziczak was accompanied by Sejm Representative Michał Dworczyk, Polish Ambassador to the U.S. Ryszard Schnepf, Foreign Ministry's Deputy Director for Cooperation with the Polish Diaspora



L-r: PMA Pres. Richard Owsiany, PRCUA Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski, PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski, Min. Jan Dziedziczak, Parliament Rep. Michał Dworczyk, PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PMA Managing Dir. Małgorzata Kot Joanna Kozińska-Frybes and Polish Consul in Chicago Robert Rusiecki.

On Wednesday, February 10, the PMA hosted Jan Ortyl, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Region of Poland; Edgar Szewczyk, Department of Economic Cooperation, Podkarpackie Region; Piotr Kwaśniak, Head of International Cooperation Section, Podkarpackie Region; Marek Różycki, Secretary General of Wspólnota Polska; and Artur Warzocha, Senator. The next day, February 11, the PMA hosted guests from the Institute of National Remembrance: Rafał Leśkiewicz, Ph.D., Director and Andrzej Pieczunko, Deputy Director, Office for the Preservation and Dissemination of Archival Records. Guests were given tours of the PMA. Both delegations conducted discussions with representatives of the Museum on future cooperation and the implementation of joint projects.

## PRCUA #162 Rogalin Dance Troupe Presents 47th Dance Recital School Daze

When: Saturday, April 30th 2016

Where: Lincoln Park High School

1701 Champaign Rd., Lincoln Park, MI

Time: 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.)

Cost: \$10.00

Contact Michelle Stechschulte for more information  
at Mickeymom20@hotmail.com





## DEARLY DEPARTED PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Albarano, Francis Guy	1472	PA	Lucewicz, Alexander J.	2030	NJ
Allan, Florence	228	PA	Lysiak, Leonard S.	1228	IL
Barnas, James	823	IL	Malinowski, Michael H.	435	TX
Bobinski, Paul	27	CT	Mazurkiewicz, Claudette M.	124	OH
Bobowski, Mary	132	NY	McCraven, Helen	1593	MI
Boc, Irena	2144	OH	Mohar, Joseph	2100	OH
Burke, Phyllis	899	MA	Nawara, Gertruda	308	IN
Campione, Allen	542	IL	Niemaszky, Jennie	658	MA
Casper, Joseph	1081	PA	Nowachek, Anthony G.	1000	IL
Cichon, Irene	1486	CT	Orawiec, Daniel J.	413	IN
Ciesielski, Joseph E. Jr.	1000	IL	Osaben, Stephen V.	1024	GA
Cihy, Helen	213	WV	Peckowski, John	234	IN
Dean, Helen	572	NJ	Pikulski, Joseph	228	PA
Depa, Bernice I.	1497	WI	Pluskota, Frances	239	IN
Dober, John Raymond	1580	IL	Rajtar, Leonarda	893	MN
Donovan, Pearl D.	228	PA	Raspopnik, Jr., Joseph M.	1024	PA
Ferriera, Adrienne C.	448	NJ	Rataic, Gladys D.	262	CT
Franecki, Dennis James	283	WI	Rejman, Loretta M.	1575	IL
Ginginas, Sophie	1000	IL	Romanski, Violet A.	499	IN
Golik, Frances	29	MD	Rozman, Emily	565	IN
Golonka, Helen	278	IL	Rudawski, Jeanette	72	MO
Gorcowski, Edward J.	849	IL	Rudis, Felix S.	1591	AZ
Gorski, Alice	593	IL	Rybicka, Anna	1014	PA
Jamroz, Helen M.	766	MO	Scasny, Susan A.	353	NY
Jarosz, Joseph	162	MI	Sobczak, Florence	413	AZ
Kalinowski, Walter	418	IL	Soda, Dorothy	2015	PA
Kania, John P.	160	NY	Stasik, Caroline P.	384	PA
Kmiec, Chester	1579	IL	Trkula, Michael A.	2291	PA
Kozlowski, Leo	1031	OH	Waszkiewicz, Helen Lottie	1477	MI
Kwilosz, Mary C.	370	IL	Wisniewski, Jane	1133 & 2291	PA
Lawler, Lottie B.	2021	PA	Zaborowski, George W.	1000	IL
Leonard Jr., William G.	631	FL	Zajac, Joseph	2227	MI
Lepkowski, Teena	2159	OH	Ziolo, Wanda B.	519	NY

*May they rest in eternal peace.*



### Sofie (Zofia) Banasikowski 1920-2016

Spring Hill, FL - Sophie Banasikowski, 95, died in Spring Hill, FL on January 21, 2016. She was born in Suwalki, Poland to Stanislawa & Wladyslaw Brzozowski. Sophie was the first woman speed skater in Suwalki and a 1st place winner in the Speed Skating National Competition. But WWII shattered her dream of becoming an Olympic skater. Imprisoned by the Soviets in 1940, she did forced labor until she was released in July 1941, only to be arrested by the Germans and sent to Soldau Concentration Camp. In Dec. 1941, she was sent to Plonsk to care for children of a German family. Released in 1942, she was rearrested in 1944 and did forced labor. She was sent to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp and later worked at Siemens factory. Near the end of WWII, the camp was liberated by the Swedish Red Cross and she was taken to Sweden, where she met and married Col. Edmund G. Banasikowski.

Sophie emigrated to Milwaukee, WI with her daughter. Edmund joined them later. She became a Polish dance instructor who taught thousands of youth in the PRCUA, PWA, and PNA. She choreographed Polish folk dances for PRCUA concerts and conventions. She choreographed performances for the International Institute Folk Fair (IIFF) and at its 19th Fair, she arranged Polish folk dances to the accompaniment of the New Life Choir. She also did presentations on Polish traditions at the IIFF Polish Exhibit and on local TV.

Sophie was a member of PRCUA, PNA, PAC, "Polanki" Polish Women's Cultural Club, Political Prisoners Assoc., Polish Veterans of WWII-S.P.K., Polish Home Army Veterans Assoc. and Century Club-Rexnord. This remarkable woman was awarded the Auschwitz Cross, the Polish Home Army Cross, and the Polish Army Medal by the Polish Government in Exile, The Distinguished Service Award, both the Silver and Gold Mark of Distinction, World Federation of Polish Veterans of WWII-S.P.K. London.

PRCUA extends condolences to the entire Banasikowski family.

May God reward her with eternal life.

**M. Konopnicka  
Adult Culture Group**  
of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America  
extends a cordial invitation to you and your friends to attend the



**41st Annual Spring  
Fashion Show  
& Luncheon with  
Entertainment  
on Sunday, March 6, 2016**

**Nikos Banquets  
7600 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL**

**Entry: 12:00 p.m. Luncheon: 1:00 p.m.**

**Donation: \$35 - Adults, \$20 Children to age 10**

**Additional information and reservations:  
Liz or Walter Dynowski at (708) 532-1541  
15612 S. Hollyhock Court, Orland Park, IL 60462**

**Proceeds from the Fashion Show go toward scholarships  
for 2017 Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball Candidates.**



### Fraternal Recipe Corner Easter Dishes

**ORANGE BABKA (BABKA POMARAŃCZOWA)** - Mash 2 sticks of softened butter with 1 c sugar until fluffy. While mixing, add 4 egg yolks, one at a time. Add 1 1/2 c flour, 1/2 c potato flour. Whip 4 egg whites until stiff and add to the mixture. Place 1 unpeeled orange in a dish and scald with boiling water. Take it out of the water, dry with a paper towel, and finely grate the orange peel, then squeeze the orange juice from the orange. Add to the cake batter and mix. Grease a Bundt pan with soft butter and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Pour the batter in and bake for about 50 min. in 355F. Cool down, take out of the pan, and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

**EASTER CHEESE DESSERT (PASCHA WIELKANOCNA)** - Cream 2 softened butter sticks with 1 3/4 c powdered sugar. Add 3 sieved, hard-boiled egg yolks, 2 lbs. ground farmer's cheese, 2/3 c sour cream, 1/4 c raisins, 1/3 c chopped walnuts, 1/3 c chopped dried figs, 1 tsp finely chopped candied orange rind, and 1 tsp vanilla extract. Mix ingredients well, transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate for 24 hours. Take out of the fridge, dip bowl in hot water and turn it upside-down on a platter.

**WHITE EASTER BARSZCZ (biały barszcz wielkanocny)**: In pot combine 3 c water in which fresh or smoked kielbasa has been cooked with 3 c cold water. Add 2-3 c liquid ryemeal sour,\* bring to boil and simmer 5 min. Remove from heat. In small mixing bowl, fork-blend or whisk 1 heaping T flour with 3/4 c sour cream until smooth. Add 1 c hot stock 1 T at a time to sour-cream mixture, fork-blending or whisking constantly, then stir mixture into pot. Return to heat and simmer 2-3 min just below boiling point. Serve over hard-boiled eggs and sliced cooked sausage. Cubed farmer cheese, dry rye-bread cubes and horseradish may also be provided.

\* If liquid ryemeal sour is not available, add 2 c water mixed with 2-3 T cider vinegar. (Recipe by: Robert Strybel)

**BEETROOT & HORSERADISH (ćwikła z chrzanem)**: Drain 1 12 oz can pickled red beets (reserving liquid). Grate coarsely or chop fine and mix with 1-2 heaping T prepared horseradish. Optional: sprinkle with a pinch or 2 ground caraway. This relish as an absolute "must" to accompany traditional Polish Easter food (eggs, ham, sausage, roasts). Note: Use the beet liquid to dye several shelled hard-boiled eggs by keeping them submerged 1 hr. Pat the red eggs dry with paper towel and intersperse them among the white hard-boiled shelled eggs for a colorful accent. (Recipe by: Robert Strybel)

## Traveling in time to the Paschal joy of yesteryear

### Easter (the Great Night) in Old Poland

By Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

Easter, known in Polish as Wielkanoc (literally: Great Night) or Wielka Niedziela (Great Sunday) finally arrived after six long weeks of Lent. Things began with a Eucharistic procession that encircled the outside of the church three times before the actual Mass got under way. Church bells, which had fallen silent on Holy Thursday, now rang out joyously. Gunshots and detonations could be heard in memory of the rumbling believed to have accompanied the opening of Christ's tomb. A local garrison might even provide an artillery salute.

The church was ablaze with lights and full of flowers and greenery. Gone was the somber mood, dimmed lights and violet-shrouded statues of Lent, Christ's Tomb was now empty, and a figure of Christ holding the Banner of Resurrection was seen on the altar. After Mass parishioners greeted each other with "Chrystus zmartwychwstał" (Christ has risen), to which the response came: "Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał! (Truly He has risen).

Famished after six weeks of lean Lenten fare, all looked forward to Święcone. The breakfast began with prayers and the sharing of blessed Easter eggs, accompanied by mutual well-wishing. On the table there appeared a tureen of steaming Easter soup – żurek or biały barzszcz – containing hard-cooked eggs and kielbasa slices. Hard-cooked eggs, plain or garnished with various toppings, were ravenously devoured by Poles who had not tasted a single egg since before Ash Wednesday.

White (unsmoked) kielbasa with white or red beetroot-flavored horseradish was a typical Easter treat. Better-to-do families also feasted on smoked hams and baked pork loins while those less well off made do with kaszanka (kiszka) and zimne nogi (jellied pigs feet). Babkas, mazurkas, cheesecakes (sernik) and sekacz (log cake) were typical Easter desserts.

The rest of the day was usually spent in the family circle, chatting, snacking and possibly taking an afternoon stroll. Youngsters amused themselves with such Easter games as wybitka, where two competitors tapped their Easter eggs together and the winner was the one whose egg did not crack. They also rolled eggs down a small hill or inclined planks to see whose went the farthest. German-influenced Easter egg hunts were known only in Prussian-ruled Poland.

Easter Monday, known in Polonia as Dyngus Day and in Poland as Lany Poniedziałek (Wet Monday), is when Śmigus-Dyngus is celebrated. It evolved from two separate customs: the Śmigus part referred to boys whipping girls' legs with pussy willow branches, while Dyngus referred to Easter trick or treating. A stingy householder might be drenched with a bucket of water.

In Old Poland it was the house-to-house rounds by begging masqueraders lasting from Easter Monday until Pentecost that provided the most amusement. In some places the revelers pulled along a little cart containing a live, stuffed or carved wooden rooster, a symbol of spring, vitality and robust health. They also recited humorous poems or songs, one of which translates as:

Easter begging we have come,  
About Jesus we'll sing a song.  
About the Virgin and Saint Pete,  
About old Judas and the thief.  
Generous housewife, if you please,  
Treat us to vodka, bread and cheese.



Śmigus-Dyngus

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Honoree Małgorzata Kot accepting the awards

### Congratulations to PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and Historian Jan Loryś

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Polonus Awards are presented to the most deserving Polish Americans. Winners are selected through voting via Internet. Director Kot received the Polonus 2015 award in the "Activists of the Year" category and Jan Loryś received a Honorary "Golden" Polonus for his many outstanding lifetime achievements.

Mr. Loryś was unable to accept the award personally. He was in Poland celebrating his mother, Maria Loryś' 100th Birthday.



### HOLY WEEKS

The glorious feast of Easter calls forth a resounding "ALLELUIA!"

Jesus, in the greatest act of mercy, conquers all.

There is a story about a first grade teacher who showed her class a picture of the empty tomb of Jesus. When asked what this picture means, one young student said, "JESUS IS LOOSE!"

Indeed, Jesus (God) and His Spirit are roaming free – everywhere, every day, in everything.

God shows up in our workplace, classroom, office, in the boutique, grocery and big box store.

God shows up in our spouse, our family, our relatives, our neighbors, our friends, our service persons.

God shows up in the veteran, the gardener, the homeless, the desperate, the displaced ...

in those we meet – rich or poor – along our way.

WE FIND GOD IN THOSE AROUND US, AND WE CAN BE GOD'S PRESENCE TO ALL WE TOUCH EACH DAY.

As we anticipate our experience of Holy Week 2016 – we may consider a parallel with the "holy weeks" of our lives:

**Palm Sunday** – matches our entrance into the Jerusalem of our faith journey. By Baptism we are adopted as Children of God and share all the privileges of adoption.

**Holy Thursday** – matches all the days and years when we were privileged to receive the Body and Blood of God – daily nourishment for our journey, which we share as members of the Mystical Body of Christ. As we have our feet washed by Jesus, we share in and accept fully our heritage from Jesus – all the elements of following Him: union with His body, carrying the cross, membership in the Church, feeding on the Word in the Bible, receiving the Sacraments, growing in holiness, persevering in discipline, enjoying true freedom, peace, love, hope and the promise of eternal life. We center our life on our Eucharistic Lord.

**Good Friday** – matches all the challenges, temptations, hurts, losses, desperation, weaknesses – the crosses we carry in our lives. Jesus, YOU are THE WAY . . . You teach us how to handle them all.

**Holy Saturday** – matches the times we wait in stillness – just as Jesus rested in the tomb.

It is a time of joy and sadness intermingled. The joy of Holy Thursday transitions to the joy of paschal time. Jesus descends into the place where holy souls waited for Him to bring the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment.

During our Holy Saturdays we look to Our Lady of Sorrows for solace in our grief, as we wait in watchful expectation for the Light that is to come. It is a second Advent, a holy vigil.

**Easter Sunday** – The Easter Proclamation declares the Easter Mystery. The Paschal candle evokes the truth that Christ is the Light of the world. As Christians we follow the Risen Christ.

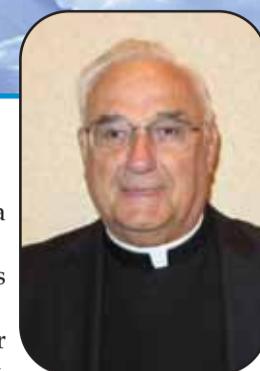
We have come full circle from our Baptism. We renew our Baptismal promises. We review the history of our salvation. The commemoration of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross and the Presence of the Risen Christ are a foretaste of our eternal glory. What a Holy Week!

What holy weeks!

JESUS IS LOOSE!!! – Pay attention!

WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA!

A BLESSED AND GLORIOUS EASTER SEASON!



By Rev. Canon  
Anthony D. Iwuc,  
Vice Chaplain,  
PRCUA



# Kalendarz ZPRKA

## MARZEC

**4 TOLEDO, OH - OBIAD PIEROGOWY ZESPOŁU "ECHOES OF POLAND"** - PRCUA Hall, 5255 Detroit, Toledo, OH; w godz. 16-20; koszt obiadu \$8 - w tym 4 pierogi, sałata jarzynowa, chleb, deser, napoje; Wcześniejszego zamówienia: 12 pierogów w cenie \$9.00 (z serem, ziemniakami, kapustą kiszoną lub mieszane z serem i ziemniakami) można składac do 26 lutego pod nr. telefonu: (419) 531-8658 lub (419) 475-6262.

**5 ROMULUS, MI - 82 KRAJOWY TURNIEJ KOSZYKÓWKI ZPRKA** - sobota, 5 marca w Romulus High School, Romulus, MI - szczegóły na str. 16.

**6 BRIDGEVIEW, IL - POKAZ MODY GRUPY KULTURALNEJ DOROSŁYCH** - sobota, 6 marca, Nikos Banquets, 7600 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL. Wejście: 12.00 - szczegóły str. 16.

**7 CHICAGO, IL - OBCHODY DNIA PUŁASKIEGO** - poniedziałek, 7 marca o godz. 10:00, Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL - szczegóły na str. 20. BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE.

**12 TROY, MI - ZABAWA NA WROTKACH TOW. #1593** - sobota, 12 marca w Skate Worlrd, 2825 E. Maple, Troy, MI w godz. 1-5 po południu. Wstęp \$5, wypożyczenie wrotka \$3, wypożyczenie łyżworolek \$5. Cena grupowa obowiązuje tylko do godz. 1:15 po poł. Informacje: Walerie Brumm (248) 622-8949 lub Valerie.brumm@gmail.com.

**13 CHICAGO, IL - DOROCZNY OBIAD CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DYSTR. #7** - niedziela, 13 marca w świetlicy ZPRKA w Chicago. Szczegóły str. 17.

**13 WYANDOTTE, MI - OBIAD CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE TOW. #162** - niedziela, 13 marca, bezpośrednio po zebraniu, które rozpocznie się o godz. 13:00. Dodatkowe informacje: Stan Pasko (313) 815-5230.

**13 ZMIANA CZASU** (przesunięcie o godzinę do przodu)

**18 TOLEDO, OH - SPRZEDAŻ PIEROGÓW organizowana przez ZPiT "Echoes of Poland"** - piątek, 18 marca w godz. 10:00-18:00, PRCUA Hall, 5255 Detroit, Toledo, OH. 12 pierogów w cenie \$9.00 (z serem, ziemniakami, kapustą kiszoną lub mieszane z serem i ziemniakami). Zamówienia i informacje pod numerem telefonu: (419) 531-8658 lub (419) 475-6262

**19 WARREN, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU ZAJĄCZEK** - sobota, 19 marca o godz. 14:00 w Warren Woods Auditorium, 13400 E. Twelve Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Colleen Bonkowski zajaczekdance@yahoo.com

**19 TOLEDO, OH - WYCIECZKA TOW. #1584, #1617, #719 I #1633 DO KASYNA** - sobota, 19 marca. Autobusy odjada o godz. 10 rano. Przewidywany powrót o godz. 17:00. Koszt uczestnictwa \$35. Dodatkowe informacje pod numerem (419) 470-8710.

**20 WARREN, MI - MSZA TOW. #261 ZPRKA KU CZCI ŚW. JÓZefa** - niedziela, 20 marca, godz. 11 w kościele św. Marka, 4401 Bart Ave., Warren, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Tom Lisiecki, tel. (586) 795-8901.

**25 WIELKI PIĄTEK - BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE**

**27 WIELKANOC**

## KWIECIEŃ

**1 WYANDOTTE, MI - PRZEDSTAWIENIE KU CZCI ARTYSTYÓW** (Neil Diamond, Roy Orbison, Johny Cash) - piątek, 1 kwietnia w PRCUA Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Wejście godz. 18:30, gorący bufet - godz. 19:00; przedstawienie w godz. 20:15-22:45. Bilety \$25 - liczba miejsc ograniczona. Bilety do nabycia w PRCUA Lounge (734) 283-4810, lub Staś (313) 815-5230 lub Bernie (734) 512-4810.

**3 DARIEN, IL - DOROCZNA ŚWIĘCONKA ZPRKA** - niedziela, 3 kwietnia, Alpine Banquets, Darien, IL. Gospodarzem jest Dystr. #8 ZPRKA. (Szczegóły na str. 16).

**3 LEMONT, IL - ŚWIĘCONKA SZKOŁY POLSKIEJ IM. JANA PAWŁA II I ZESPOŁU "POLANIE"**, niedziela, 3 kwietnia, Msza św. o godz. 8:30 w kościele śś. Cyryla i Metodego, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Po mszy uroczysta akademia i poczęstunek w szkolnej sali gimastycznej.

**8-10 79 DOROCZNY TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI ZPRKA** - piątek-niedziela 8-10 kwietnia w Taylor Bowling, Taylor, MI. (Szczegóły na str. 17).

**10 CHICAGO, IL - DZIEŃ POLSKI NA NAVY PIER** - niedziela, 10 kwietnia, Navy Pier Crystal Gardens, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL w godz. 12:00-16:00. Polska muzyka, taniec, sztuka i wiele innych atrakcji.

**10 DETROIT, MI - UROCZYSZE BŁOGOSŁAWIEŃSTWO SZKÓŁ TAŃCA ZPRKA W MICHIGAN** - niedziela, 10 kwietnia w kościele św. Jacka, 3151 Farnsworth St., Detroit, MI.

**16 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU "OPOLE"** - sobota, 16 kwietnia w Lakeview High School, 21100 E. 11 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI. Bilety: Elizabeth tel. (586) 944-9683.

**17 WARREN, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU "HALKA"** - niedziela, 17 kwietnia, godz. 15:00, Van Dyke Auditorium w Lincoln High School, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. Bilety - \$7. Informacje: Laura Hejza (586) 296-1815.

**17 LINCOLN PARK, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU "TATRY"** - niedziela, 17 kwietnia, godz. 15:00 w Lincoln Park High School Auditorium, 1701 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Bilety \$6 - w przedsprzedaży, \$8 przy wejściu. Informacje: Rose Ann Lackey, tel. (313) 274-0183.

**17 MT. CLEMENS, MI - TURNIEJ KARCIANY "EUCHRE" TOW. #1593** - niedziela, 17 kwietnia, Dolleys Tavern, 235 Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, MI. Wejście - godz. 13:00, turniej - godz. 13:30. Informacje: Barb Ozog, tel. (586) 453-3471.

**24 CHICAGO, IL - RECITAL POŁUDNIOWO-ZACHODNIEGO CENTRUM POLSKICH TAŃCÓW Z OKAZJI ZAKOŃCZENIA ROKU SZKOLNEGO**, niedziela, 24 kwietnia, Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago, IL. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 12, pokaz o godz. 12:30. Informacje: Anna Kraszewski, tel. (773) 972-0012.

**30 LINCOLN PARK, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU "ROGALIN"** - sobota, 30 kwietnia, godz. 15:00, Lincoln Park High School Auditorium, 1701 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 13:30, recital o godz. 14:00. Bilety - \$10. Informacje: Michelle Stechshulte: Mickeymom20@hotmail.com.

**30 REDFORD CHARTER TWP., MI - RECITAL Z OKAZJI 60-LECIA ZESPOŁU "WIELICZKA"** sobota, 30 kwietnia, god. 14:00, St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27101 Chicago, W, Redford, Charter Twp., MI. Recital i obiad - \$16. Informacje: Kristi Mihalic, tel. (734) 455-3504.

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

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Attn: Pam Tuytens

## UWAGA CZŁONKOWIE ZPRKA!

W celu dostosowania się do nowoczesnych standardów dystrybucji informacji, Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce prosi swoich członków, aby dostarczyli do ZPRKA swoje adresy e-mail, w celu aktualizacji bazy danych członków i stworzenia efektywnego i ekologicznego sposobu komunikacji. Aby wysłać adres e-mail, wystarczy wypełnić odpowiednie miejsca powyżej. Podane informacje zostaną wykorzystane wyłącznie do celów biznesowych.

## Tłusty Wtorek i Wielki Post w ZPRKA

Chicago, IL - Od wielu już lat pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA obchodzą wspólnie różne święta i okazje. W ostatni dzień karnawału, we wtorek, 9 lutego w Stanach Zjednoczonych obchodzony był Tłusty wtorek.



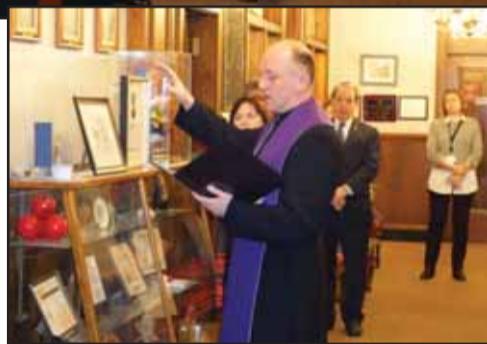
Pączki były smacznym dodatkiem do porannej kawy

Dzięki uprzejmości zarządu ZPRKA oraz wolontariuszki MPA, Małgorzaty Palki, pracownicy mogli się delektować wybornymi pączkami.



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Dzień później, 4 lutego, przypadała Środa Popielcowa, rozpoczynająca w Kościele katolickim okres Wielkiego Postu. Wielki Post to czas, który ma pobudzić katolików do odnowy duchowej i nawrócenia.

Do biura ZPRKA przybył z posługą ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, dyrektor Misji Duszpasterskiej św. Trójcy w Chicago. Ks. Totzke odmówił wraz z zebranymi pracownikami ZPRKA i MPA modlitwy i poświęcił popiół, którym następnie znaczył wszystkim na czołach znak krzyża.



Środa Popielcowa w biurze ZPRKA

## Dzień Pułaskiego



Oficjalne obchody Dnia Pułaskiego w stanie Illinois odbędą się w poniedziałek, 7 marca 2016 o godz. 10:00. w sali im. Sabiny F. Logisz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL

W czasie uroczystości: przemówienia polityków, miejskich i stanowych i przywódców organizacji polonijnych oraz złożenie wieńca pod obrazem S. Batowskiego "Pułaski pod Savannah"

Wstęp wolny

## Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA - zapisz daty!

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

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

20 sierpnia 2016 - Turniej softball, Woodhaven, MI

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



**UWAGA: Artykuły do kwietniowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 22 marca**



**Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej**  
Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce  
pragnie serdecznie Państwa zaprosić do udziału w

## 41. DOROCZNYM WIOSENNYM POKAZIE MODY I LUNCHU

w niedzielę 6 marca 2016 r.

**Nikos Banquets**

7600 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL



**Wejście: 12.00 Lunch: 13.00**

**Bilety: \$35 dorosli, \$20 dzieci do lat 10**

Dochód z pokazu przeznaczony zostanie na stypendia dla przyszłorocznego uczestników Balu "Kopciuszka i Księcia"

Prosimy o wsparcie tego wartościowego celu!

Aby uzyskać dodatkowe informacje, dzwoń do: Liz lub Walter Dynowski tel. (708) 532-1541

## PRCUA wspiera uczestników Światowego Dnia Młodzieży

Chicago, IL - Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce postanowiło wspomóc wszystkich młodych członków ZPRKA, którzy wezmą udział w tegorocznych Światowych Dniach Młodzieży (ŚDM). Aby zachęcić do udziału w tym doniosłym wydarzeniu, ZPRKA ustawiło jednorazowe kieszonkowe w wysokości \$100, dla każdego członka ZPRKA w wieku 13-21 lat, który weźmie udział w Światowych Dniach Młodzieży.

Wszyscy, którzy pragnątrzymać kieszonkowe, są zobowiązani do wypełnienia przed wyjazdem do Polski formularza ze str. 5 (Application for World Youth Day Stipend), w celu sprawdzenia ich członkostwa. Każda ubiegająca się osoba musi być członkiem ZPRKA przez co najmniej 2 lata i posiadać polisę ubezpieczeniową na życie w wysokości minimum \$5,000. Wypełnione formularze należy przesyłać na adres: Światowy Dzień Młodzieży, PRCUA Fraternal Dept., 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 lub przesyłać mailem: fraternal-department@prcua.org.

Pieniądze będą wysłane do wszystkich członków - uczestników Światowych Dni Młodzieży, po ich powrocie do USA i przedstawieniu dowodu ich obecności na konferencji.

W tym roku Światowy Dzień Młodzieży odbędzie się w Krakowie, w Polsce w dniach 25 do 31 lipca, 2016.

## WESPRZYJ FUNDUSZ EDUKACYJNY ZPRKA



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

ZPRKA wzywa swoich członków i sympatyków do wspierania naszej młodzieży poprzez dotacje na Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA (PRCUA Education Fund, Inc). Fundusz jest organizacją niedochodową i posiada status 501(c)(3).

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

ZPRKA oferuje swoim członkom pomoc finansową na studia w formie trzech oddzielnych programów: Fundusz Edukacyjny ZPRKA (PRCUA Education Fund, Inc), stypendia ZPRKA i pożyczki studenckie. Każdy program wymaga wypełnienia odrębnego podania.

**Stypendia jednorazowe:** \$1500 - "Ku pamięci Aleksandra, Anny, Jana i Waltera Kuszel"- przeznaczone dla studentów formacji religijnej; \$1500 - "Ku pamięci Victorii Kushel"- dla studentów pielęgniarskiego (jedno w wysokości \$1000 i jedno w wysokości \$500); "Ku pamięci Dr. Stanleya A. Ozoga" - przeznaczone dla studentów kształcących się w kierunku osteopatii, medycyny lub pielęgniarskiego.  
**Pomoc wieczysta:** "Ku Pamięci Adele Szumilus Sularski"- bez wyszczególnienia kierunku studiów.

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

Podania o stypendia i dodatkowe informacje można znaleźć na stronie: [www.prcua.org](http://www.prcua.org). W sprawie utworzenia stypendium w swoim imieniu i "Na cześć" lub "Na pamiąkę" ukochanej osoby, prosimy skontaktować się z biurem prezesa ZPRKA Josepha Drobota, tel: 1-800-772-8632, w. 2603, w celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji.

## PerkSpot - DODAKTOWE KORZYŚCI DLA CZŁONKÓW ZPRKA

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce zachęca członków do korzystania z programu PerkSpot. Dzięki PerkSpot możesz oszczędzić na podróżowaniu, zakupie sprzętu komputerowego, telefonów komórkowych, biletach do kina, wyjściach do restauracji, zakupie odzieży, różnych usługach, itp. W PerkSpot znajdziesz wyjątkowe rabaty przy zakupie produktów u licznych krajowych i lokalnych sprzedawców.

PerkSpot jest dostępny niemal z każdego miejsca.

1. Jest darmowy i przystosowany do każdego urządzenia (telefonu, komputera, tabletu) - w domu lub w podróży!
2. Lista tysięcy ofert w kilkudziesięciu kategoriach jest aktualizowana każdego dnia.
3. Za pomocą lokalnej wyszukiwarki znajdziesz najlepsze rabaty w twojej okolicy.
4. Nie znalazłeś sprzedawcy lub produktu, którego szukasz? Jako klient, wyślij wniosek, a eksperci PerkSpot postarają się, aby znaleźć je dla ciebie.

Odwiedź [PRCUA.PerkSpot.com](http://PRCUA.PerkSpot.com) aby znaleźć wyjątkowe zniżki na różne produkty i usługi. Wystarczy się zalogować, a jako użytkownik PerkSpot będziesz co tydzień otrzymywać nowe oferty zniżek. Podziel się tą informacją z innymi członkami ZPRKA oraz ze swoją rodziną i przyjaciółmi. Zacznij oszczędzać już dziś!



Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce zaprasza na  
**WARSZTATY PISANEK  
WIELKANOCYCH**

sobota 19 marca 2016, w godz. 9:30-11:30

Dla uczestników od 10 roku życia. Dzieciom MUSZĄ towarzyszyć dorośli.

\$25 – od osoby

Każdy uczestnik proszony jest o przyniesienie 3-4 jajek ugotowanych na twardo.

Rezerwacja do 11 marca. Ograniczona ilość miejsc.

Czeki prosimy wystawiać na: Polish Museum of America i wysyłać na adres:

PMA Easter Workshop, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642.

W sprawie rezerwacji telefonicznej i dodatkowych informacji, prosimy dzwonić pod numer: 773-384-3352, wew. 2102 (akceptujemy karty kredytowe).

## 79. Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA



79. Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA odbędzie się w dniach 8-10 kwietnia w Taylor Bowling, 24800 Eureka Road, Taylor, MI. Organizatorem tegorocznego turnieju jest Tow. Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa #162, w Wyandotte, MI.

Uczestnicy mogą pobrać formularz zgłoszeniowy na stronie [www.prcua.org](http://www.prcua.org) lub zadzwonić do Wydziału Braterstwa ZPRKA pod bezpłatny numer 1-800-772-8632 lub 1-800-773-782-2601.

Terminarz rozgrywek:

- gra indywidualna / podwójna - piątek, 8 kwietnia  
- godz. 9:00 i 13:00
- gra zespołowa - sobota, 9 kwietnia  
- godz. 9:00 i 13:00
- gra indywidualna / podwójna - niedziela, 10 kwietnia  
- tylko o godz. 9:00

W celu zapewnienia korzystnego terminu rozgrywek, zespoły powinny jak najszybciej wysłać wypełniony formularz zgłoszeniowy wraz z odpowiednimi opłatami. Prosimy o uważne wypełnienie wszystkich informacji, w tym swojej średniej. Drużyny będą kompletowane według kolejności zgłoszeń. Termin nadsyłania zgłoszeń upływa w piątek, 18 marca 2016.

Zawodnicy i goście mogą zakwaterować się w dwóch hotelach, w których organizatorzy zarezerwowały pokoje. Oba hotele oferują specjalne stawki dla ZPRKA oraz bezpłatne śniadania w stylu kontynentalnym. La Quinta, 12888 Reeck Rd, Southgate, MI, tel. 734-374-3000 (Cena pokoju: \$71.10 z kodem: PRCUA Bowling) i Comfort Inn, 18950 Northline Rd, Southgate, MI, tel. 855-781-4895 (Cena pokoju: \$109.99 z kodem: PRCUA Bowling)

Stanley Pasko i jego zespół wolontariuszy zaplanowali dla uczestników dodatkowe atrakcje:

• Wieczorki integracyjne w PRCUA #162 Lounge, w czwartek i piątek (7 i 8 kwietnia). Sala znajduje się na 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Przekąski, piwo i wino w godz. 19:00-21:00.

• Bankiet z wręczeniem nagród odbędzie się w PRCU Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI w sobotę, 9 kwietnia po zakończeniu rozgrywek zespołowych. PRCUA Lounge zostanie otwarty o 18:00 a sala bankietowa o godz. 19:00. W godz. 19:30-23:30 grać będzie do tańca zespół The Brass Express. Płatny bar i jedzenie dostępne do zakupienia na sali.

• Szczegółowe informacje o terminach mszy św. w najbliższym kościele, będą udostępnione w czasie turnieju i w PRCUA #162 Lounge.

Pakiet informacji (mapy, harmonogramy rozgrywek, itp) będą dostępne w PRCUA #162 Lounge i w hotelach podczas zameldowania. Dodatkowe informacje będą opublikowane przed turniejem w "Narodzie Polskim" oraz dostępne na stronie [www.prcua.org](http://www.prcua.org).

Organizatorzy zapraszają do udziału w turnieju i zaplanowanych imprezach towarzyszących!

**Dystrykt 7 ZPRKA serdecznie zaprasza na**

## **DOROCZNY OBIAD**

## **"CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER"**

**w niedzielę 13 marca 2016 r.  
984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL**

**Koktajle - 1 po pol., obiad - 2 po pol.**

**Wstęp - \$35 od osoby**

**Loteria pieniężna**

**Obiad przygotuje Ray Harrington**

Rezerwacje do 6 marca 2016

Prosimy wystawiać czeki na: District #7 PRCUA  
i przesyłać na adres: Lillian Stempinski  
7339 W. Lee St., Niles, IL 60714



## Zabawa karnawałowa w Polskiej Szkole im. Marii Konopnickiej

„Miło szaleć, kiedy czas po temu,  
A tak, bracia, przypij każdy swemu,  
Bo o głodzie nie chce się tańcować,  
A podpiwszy, łacniej jest błaznować”



goście, a wśród nich państwo Jamińscy i państwo Lechowie będący przedstawicielami Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko - Katolickiego, które jest patronem naszej szkoły. Serdecznie dziękujemy naszym gościom za ich obecność pośród nas.

Tradycyjnie już nieodłącznym elementem zabaw w Polskiej Szkole im. Marii Konopnickiej są loterie fantowe sponsorowane przez rodziców naszych uczniów. Podczas tegorocznej loterii zebraliśmy ponad tysiąc dolarów, które przeznaczone zostaną na zabawy organizowane dla wychowanków szkoły. Bardzo dziękujemy za podarowane farty i zakup losów na loterię.

Dziękujemy serdecznie państwu Galicom, właścicielom sali bankietowej i rodzicom uczennic szkoły Konopnickiej, którzy są jednym z naszych sponsorów i zadali o pyszną kolację, dodając od siebie doskonałą przekąskę o północy. Nawet nasi maturzyści, którzy tego dnia uczestniczyli w balu studniówkowym, zaszczycili nas swoją obecnością pod koniec zabawy.

Mamy nadzieję, że spędzony wspólnie czas pozwolił nie tylko na tańce i szaleństwa na parkiecie, ale również na chwilę rozmowy z przyjaciółmi i nawiązanie nowych znajomości, na co na co dzień nie mamy zbyt wiele czasu.

Wszystkich, którzy towarzyszyli nam w świetnej zabawie, prosimy o przyjęcie podziękowań, a nieobecnych zapraszamy w przyszłym roku, bo tak wspaniałe zabawy są tylko w Konopnickiej.

Maturzystom życzymy szczególnie zdanego egzaminu i sukcesów w dorosłym życiu, a rodzicom i gościom dziękujemy za wspólne miłe chwile podczas charytatywnej zabawy szkolnej.

Dyrektor Stanisław Skubisz  
Prezes Sylwia McHenry



pisał w pieśni XX z „Ksiąg pierwscratch” Jan Kochanowski, zachęcając do zabawy w karnawale.

Posłuszni zaleceniom ojca poezji polskiej Zarząd, rodzice i nauczyciele bawili się szampańsko w sobotę 30 stycznia w sali bankietowej Paradise Elegant Banquet w Bridgeview.

Zabawa karnawałowo-walentynkowa dla rodziców, gości i sympatyków szkoły organizowana jest corocznie przez nasz Zarząd. W tym roku na parkiecie bawiliśmy się w rytm muzyki zespołu Maximum, w którym charytatywnie zagrali rodzice naszych uczniów, pani Agnieszka Bobak i pan Dariusz Żegleń.

Oprócz rodziców i nauczycieli w naszym gronie znaleźli się także licznie przybyli

## WIZYTA POLSKICH DELEGACJI W MPA I ZPRKA



Minister Jan Dziedziczak w czasie konferencji prasowej w MPA



Archiwista Halina Misterka (l) prezentuje niektóre z najcenniejszych eksponatów w zbiorach MPA



Członkowie zarządu ZPRKA z min. Janem Dziedziczakiem i posłem Michałem Dworczykiem

Polski i zachęcenie amerykańskich polityków do podejmowania pozytywnych działań na rzecz Polski.

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W środę, 10 lutego, gościli w MPA i ZPRKA: Jan Ortyl, marszałek województwa podkarpackiego; Marek Różyczyk, sekretarz generalny Wspólnoty Polskiej; Artur Warzocha, senator, zastępca przewodniczącego Komisji Spraw Emigracji i Łączności z Polakami za granicą; Edgar Szewczyk, oddział współpracy gospodarczej Urzędu Marszałkowskiego Wojewody Podkarpackiego; Piotr Kwaśniak, kierownik, oddział współpracy międzynarodowej, Kancelaria Zarządu, Urząd Marszałkowski Województwa Podkarpackiego.

W czwartek, 11 lutego odwiedzili Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce goście z Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej: dr Rafał Leśkiewicz, dyrektor Biura Udostępniania i Archiwizacji Dokumentów, oraz Andrzej Pieczunko, zastępca dyrektora.

Obie delegacje zostały oprowadzone po muzeum i przeprowadziły rozmowy z przedstawicielami MPA i ZPRKA w sprawie przyszłej współpracy i realizacji wspólnych projektów.

### Dodatkowe ubezpieczanie do świadczeń Medicare dla członków ZPRKA w stanach Illinois i Indiana

Zabezpiecz swoją przyszłość! Korzystając z ubezpieczenia PRCUA Medicare Supplement Insurance, wydanego przez Mutual of Omaha, masz wybór planów, które spełnią Twoje oczekiwania. Możesz wybrać dowolnego lekarza lub szpital, który akceptuje Medicare.

Po wycenę i dodatkowe informacje, prosimy o kontakt z przedstawicielem i członkiem ZPRKA Stanem Nowak: (773) 782-2755; [stan-nowak@prcua.org](mailto:stan-nowak@prcua.org)

### ZAPISZ DATĘ!



Noc dziedzictwa polskiego na stadionie Cellular Field 28 czerwca 2016 godz. 19:10

Zagrają:  
Chicago White Sox kontra Minnesota Twins

Dodatkowe informacje można uzyskać dzwoniąc do Departamentu Braterstwa ZPRKA, tel. 773-783-2601

## LUNCH "MARDI GRAS" - na zakończenie karnawału -

Lemont, IL - Około 70 osób uczestniczyło w lunchu "Mardi Gras", zorganizowanym przez Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA w niedzielę, 31 stycznia, w Crystal Grand Banquets w Lemont, IL, z okazji kończącego się karnawału.



Lunch Mardi Gras zorganizowany przez Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA

Gości powitał dyrektor Dystryktu Jim Rustik, który poprosił następnie sekretarza-skarbnika ZPRKA Jima Robaczewskiego o krótką modlitwę przed posiłkiem.

Po smacznym lunchu dyrektorzy Dystr. #8 Krystyna Lech i Jim Rustik przedstawili zaproszony specjalnie na tą okazję zespół jazzowy Downers Grove South Jazz Combo Band. Pięciu utalentowanych uczniów ze szkoły średniej Downers Grove South zaprezentowało wiązkę utworów, które przenosły słuchaczy na ulice Nowego Orleanu.



Młodzi muzycy z Downers Grove South Jazz Combo Band



Organizatorzy lunchu - dyrektorzy Krystyna Lech i James Rustik

Miłe popołudnie, spędzone w niewyklej sympatycznej atmosferze, zakończyły wesołe zabawy przygotowane przez Jamesa Rustika i wiceprezesa



ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński oraz przed posiłkiem losowanie zwycięzców loterii pieniężnej.

Wśród gości obecni byli m.in. przedstawiciele Szkoły Polskiej im. Jana Pawła II z Lemont, IL, Szkoły im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego z Munster, IN i Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej z Oak Lawn, IL oraz Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych im. M. Konopnickiej z Olivią Cisło i Johnem Ślubowskim - "Kopciuszkiem i Księciem 2016".



Micheline Jamiński zaprosiła gości do wspólnej zabawy



"Kopciuszek 2016" Olivia Cisło losuje zwycięzców loterii

(dokończenie ze str. 20) przeznaczone do namaszczania w czasie chrztu, bierzmowania, sakramentu kapłaństwa i do namaszczania chorych, a kapłani odnawiają swoje przyrzeczenia kapłańskie. Po uroczystej mszy wieczornej zwanej Mszą Wieczery Pańskiej, kapłani obmywają nogi wiernym na pamiątkę obmycia przez Chrystusa nóg dwunastu apostołom.

Wielki Piątek zwany Dniem Męki Pańskiej, jest dniem upamiętniającym mękę i śmierć Chrystusa na krzyżu. W dniu tym katolików obowiązuje post ścisły. Nie odprawia się w tym dniu Mszy św., a jedynie po południu sprawowana jest liturgia, podczas której śpiewa się pieśni o krzyżu i tajemnicy Męki Pańskiej. Na zakończenie nabożeństwa, podczas uroczystej procesji, przenosi się do wcześniej przygotowanego Grobu Pańskiego eucharystyczne ciało Chrystusa.

Wielka Sobota to dzień adoracji Chrystusa złożonego do grobu. Nie sprawuje się Mszy świętych. Zgodnie ze starym polskim obyczajem przy symbolicznej mogile Zbawiciela czuwa warta. Od godzin porannych w kościołach całej Polski trwa adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu przy Grobie Pańskim. Księga błogosławia w tym dniu przyniesione przez wiernych pokarmy przeznaczone na świąteczny stół, czyli tzw. święcone. W koszyczkach ze świętym nie może zabraknąć baranka (symbolu Chrystusa Zmartwychwstałego), chleba (symbol Ciała Chrystusa), jajek (symbolu narodzenia) i wędlin (na znak, że kończy się post). Święci się również chrzan, – bo „gorycz męki Pańskiej i śmierci została zwyciężona przez słodycz zmartwychwstania”, masło (oznaka dobrobytu). Tego dnia święci się również wodę.

Wielka Niedziela to dzień radości ze Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, dzień, do którego Kościół przygotowuje się przez cały rok liturgiczny. Wczesnym rankiem odprawiana jest Msza święta zwana Rezurekcją. Rezurekcję rozpoczyna procesja dookoła kościoła. Dawniej, towarzyszył jej huk petard i armatek oraz dźwięk dzwonów kościelnych. Po rezurekcji zasiadano do świątecznego śniadania, które rozpoczęło dzielenie się jajkiem.

Święta Wielkanocy kończą się w Polsce w poniedziałek, zwany Lonym Poniedziałkiem lub śmigusem-dyngusem, czyli wzajemnym oblewaniem się wodą.



Zofia Stryjeńska - "Dyngus"

## CZY WIESZ JAKI TO ZWYCZAJ WIELKANOCNY?

1. Zwyczaj ze wsi podkrakowskich. W Poniedziałek Wielkanocny mężczyzna przebiera się za starą, ubraną w łachmany i ubrodzoną sadzą kobietę. Chodzi po wsi w towarzystwie krakowiaków i Cygana, niosąc krzyż w dłoni, nagabując napotkanych ludzi o datki i brudząc im twarze sadzą.

2. Zwyczaj obchodzony w Krakowie we wtorek po Świętach Wielkanocnych, pierwotnie nawiązujący do pogańskiej tradycji wiosennych Dziadów, polegający m.in. na rzucaniu i toczeniu jaj, symbolu zmartwychwstania..

3. Topienie w Wielką Środę kukły wykonanej ze słomy i starych ubrań. Zanim kukła była wrzucona do stawu lub rzeki, była najpierw ciągana na sznurze lub łańcuchu, a mieszkańców wsi okładali ją kijami. Gdy w okolicy nie było stawu lub rzeki, kukłę palono w pobliżu wsi.

4. Straże stojące w Wielki Piątek przy Grobie Pańskim, zazwyczaj wartę pełnią harcerze i strażacy. Zwyczaj wywodzi się z czasów odsieczy wiedeńskiej, kiedy chłopi ubrani w zdobyczne stroje tureckie, powracając z wojny w okresie Wielkiego Tygodnia, udawali się wprost do kościołów, gdzie zaciągali wartę przy Grobie Pańskim.

5. Zwyczaj wożenia przez młodych mężczyzn po wsi koguta na dwukołowym wózku w Poniedziałek Wielkanocny. Koguta karmiono wcześniej ziarnem moczym w spirytusie, dzięki czemu piało głośno. Wózek malowany na czerwono i zdobiono suszonymi zdżblami zboża, traw i kwiatów oraz kolorowymi wstążkami. Z czasem żywego koguta zastąpiono sztucznym: ulepionym z gliny, pieczonym z ciasta, lub wycinanym z deski. Prowadzący go śpiewali i zbierali po domach datki.

6. Zwyczaj ludowy, polegający na wylewaniu tradycyjnej postnej zupy lub zakopywaniu garnka z tą zupą, będący symboliczną zemstą na uprzykrzonym postnym jadle. Obchodzony w Wielki Piątek wieczorem lub w Wielką Sobotę rano.

7. Wywadzający się z Krakowa i obchodzony w Palmową Niedzielę we wsiah Małopolski, zwyczaj odwiedzania domów i kościołów przez grupy poprzebieranych krakowskich żaków. Umorusani sadzą, ubrani w wysokie słomiane czapki zwinięte w trąbkę i ozdobione wstążeczkami lub pasenkami bibuły oraz baranie kożuszki przepasane słomianymi warkoczami, nosili duże kosze i laski ozdobione bibułkami. Chodząc składali życzenia i recytowali wierszyki, życząc dobrych świąt i domagając się przysmaków.

8. Zwyczaj obchodzony w południowej Małopolsce. W nocy z Niedzieli na Poniedziałek Wielkanocny pojawiają się owinięte w słomę maszkary. Twarze ukryte mają za futrzanymi maskami z wycięciami na oczy i nos. Nie odzywają się, wydają tylko pomruki i trąbią na blaszany rożek. Gestykulując, proszą o datki, polewając przy tym wodą.

## UWAGA, OBECNI I PRZYSZLI POSIADACZE FUNDUSZY EMERYTALNYCH ANNUITY!

Jeżeli wykupiliście fundusz emerytalny Annuity bezpośrednio w Zjednoczeniu Polskim Rzymsko-Katolickim w Ameryce, prosimy pamiętać:

**Limit wpłat:** Na mocy podpisanej umowy, osoba posiadająca konto annuity w ZPRKA może dokonywać dodatkowych wpłat kapitałowych w dowolnym momencie, aż do chwili terminu wygaśnięcia funduszu. Dodatkowe wpłaty w każdym roku kalendarzowym nie mogą być mniejsze niż \$25, jednak nie powinny przekraczać \$15,000. Prosimy o dokładne zapoznanie się ze swoim kontraktem w celu uzyskania szczegółowych informacji.

**Termin wygaśnięcia:** Termin wygaśnięcia funduszu emerytalnego jest zaznaczony na pierwszej stronie kontraktu. Właściciel funduszu, może zmienić ten termin poprzez złożenie pisemnego wniosku do ZPRKA, przed upływem terminu. Prosimy o dokładne zapoznanie się ze swoim kontraktem w celu uzyskania szczegółowych informacji.

### Minął termin wygaśnięcia na moim koncie Annuity w ZPRKA, co teraz?

Jeżeli wykupiłeś konto emerytalne bezpośrednio w ZPRKA i jeśli osiągnął on termin wygaśnięcia, pamiętaj, że do 30 kwietnia 2016 możesz dokonać dodatkowej wpłaty kapitałowej w wysokości do \$15,000.

Po tym terminie, ZPRKA nie będzie przyjmować dodatkowych wpłat do wygasłego funduszu emerytalnego. Informacje na temat konkretnych opcji będą wysyłane do naszych członków.

Czy masz zamiar dokonać wpłaty na konto Traditional IRA, którą odliczysz od podatku?

**Termin dokonywania wpłat za rok podatkowy 2015 upływa 18 kwietnia 2016 r. Ostateczny termin wpłat za rok podatkowy 2015 w stanach Maine i Massachusetts upływa 19 kwietnia 2016 r.**

Termin wpłat na indywidualne konta emerytalne jest zazwyczaj taki sam jak termin rozliczeń podatkowych, zwykle około 15 kwietnia. Ze względu na niektóre święta, termin wpłat na konta IRA jest zależny od stanu, w którym mieszkasz.

**Różne terminy:** Dla większości obywateli, termin wpłat na konta IRA na rok podatkowy 2015 upływa 18 kwietnia 2016. Termin składania rozliczeń podatkowych przesunął się w całym kraju ze względu na takie święta jak np. Dzień Emancypacji w Dystrykcie Kolumbii. Mieszkańcy stanów Maine i Massachusetts, gdzie obchodzony jest Dzień Patriotów, mogą dokonywać dodatkowych wpłat na konta IRA na rok 2015, do dnia 19 kwietnia 2016 roku.

Rok podatkowy	Maksymalny wkład (do 50 roku życia)	Maksymalny wkład (dla osób w wieku 50 lat lub starszych)
2015	\$5,500	\$6,500
2016	\$5,500	\$6,500

Limity wpłat na konta Tradycyjne i Roth IRA dotyczą ogólnej sumy wpłaconej na oba konta. Suma ta nie może być wyższa niż suma rocznego dochodu podlegającego opodatkowaniu za dany rok albo podanego powyżej limitu wpłaty.

Proszę odwiedzić [www.prcua.org/annuities](http://www.prcua.org/annuities) aby zapoznać się z naszą ofertą kont emerytalnych Annuities.

Jeśli masz jakieś pytania, skontaktuj się z agentem ZPRKA lub Działem Kont Emerytalnych Annuities: (800) 772-8632.



## Wesołych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego



*Alleluja!*

*Radość wielkanocnego poranka niech umacnia naszą wiarę i kieruje nas do ludzi w potrzebie, tak duchowej, jak i materialnej.*

*Na Święta Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, przesyłamy pozdrowienia dla Zjednoczenia i Polonii.*

Ks. Kanonik Władysław J. Ptak  
Naczelnny Kapelna

Ks. Kanonik Antoni D. Iwuć  
Wicekapelan



## WIELKI TYDZIEŃ I WIELKANOC

Wielkanoc jest najstarszym i najważniejszym świętem chrześcijańskim, obchodzonym na pamiątkę Zmartwychwstania Chrystusa, triumfu życia nad śmiercią. Znane jest również jako Pascha (od hebrajskiego Pesach, wiosennego Święta Przaśników upamiętniającego wyjście Żydów z Egiptu). W kościele katolickim ochodzone początkowo było w dniu żydowskiej Paschy, a od soboru w Nicei w 325 r., w pierwszą niedzielę po pierwszej wiosennej pełni Księżyca. Mieści się w przedziale czasowym pomiędzy 22 marca i 25 kwietnia ale nie ma stałej daty, dlatego określana jest jako święto ruchome.

Wielki Tydzień rozpoczyna się Niedzielą Palmową, również nazywaną dawniej w Polsce niedzielą kwietną lub wierzbną. Niedziela Palmowa obchodzona jest na pamiątkę wjazdu Chrystusa do Jerozolimy. Witające go tłumy rzucaly na drogę płaszcze oraz gałązki palm, wołając: "Hosanna Synowi Dawidowemu". W Jerozolimie obchodzona od IV wieku, gdzie patriarchy wjeżdżały na osłicy do miasta. Zwyczaj poświęcania palm wprowadzono do liturgii w wieku XI. W Polsce Niedziela Palmowa obchodzona jest od średniowiecza. Według tradycji polskiej, tego dnia wierni przynoszą do poświęcenia w kościele palemki, symbol odradzającego się życia. Najczęściej robione są one z gałązek wierzbowych i bukszpanu, ozdobione kwiatkami - prawdziwymi lub zrobionymi z bibuły, mchem, ziołami, wstępka. Po poświęceniu palemki, uderzało się nią lekko domowników, by zapewnić im szczęście na cały rok, a połknienie jednej poświęconej bazi wróżyło zdrowie i bogactwo. Zatknięte za obraz lub włożone do wazonów palemki chroniły domostwa przed nieszczęściem i złośliwością sąsiadów.

Wielki Czwartek rozpoczyna Triduum Paschalne, na pamiątkę ustanowienia przez Chrystusa sakramentów kapłaństwa i Eucharystii podczas Ostatniej Wieczerzy. Podczas porannej mszy zwanej Mszą Krzyżma, w katedrach święcone są oleje, (dokończenie na str. 19)