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PRCUA PRESIDENT JOSEPH A. DROBOT, JR. ATTENDS THE MEETING

WITH PRESIDENT ANDRZEJ DUDA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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President Andrzej Duda addressing guests at the Polish Embassy

Washington, D.C. - President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda paid a three-day visit to the United States. The primary reason for

President Duda's

visit was to attend

Security Summit

along with over 50

Summit took place

day of his visit in

Washington,

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President Duda shaking the hands of Polonia representatives at the Polish Embassy

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness." (Honore de Balzac)

### WHEN MOTHER'S **EYES ARE SMILING**

When mother's eyes are smiling, Sure its like a morn in spring. In the lilt of Mother's laughter You can hear the angels sing. When Mother's hearts are happy, All the world seems bright and gay. And when Mother's eyes are smiling, Sure they'll steal your heart away.



speaker at the National Press Club where he delivered a short speech and answered questions concerning the security of Poland and international security, the upcoming July NATO Summit in Warsaw, and the internal situation in Poland.

Later that day, he met with representatives of Polonia at the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. where he was enthusiastically welcomed by Polish American leaders, Polish

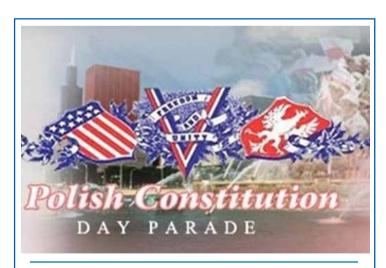
and Polish American veterans, and professionals working in international institutions in Washington, D.C. Invited guests included PAC and PNA **President Frank** Spula and P R C U A President Joseph



PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. (l) with **Eugene Bak, Executive Director of Pol-Am** Cultural Center in Cleveland, OH

A. Drobot, Jr. Addressing the participants at the Embassy, President Duda thanked Polonia for its support in difficult times, for cultivating the Polish language, culture and traditions in the United States, and for defending Poland's good name. He also asked for the Polish American community to continue lobbying for Polish interests.

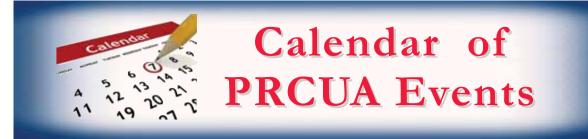
On Thursday, March 31, participants of the Nuclear Security Summit were invited to dine with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House. President Duda had the opportunity to talk briefly with President Obama and raise issues of security in the region of Eastern Europe.



**JOIN PRCUA AT THE** 125th MAY 3rd POLISH PARADE Saturday, May 7 at 11:15 a.m. along State Street from Lake St. to Van Buren, St. in Chicago, IL

This year marks the 225 anniversary of the adopting the Constitution of May 3, 1791 by the Great Sejm of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (composed of the Crown - Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania). It was the second written and adopted constitution in the world (the first written constitution was adopted in the United States in 1787.)

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#### 7 CHICAGO, IL - MAY 3RD POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE

8 LEMONT, IL – JOHN PAUL II POLISH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS on Sun., May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 607 Sobieski St. Lemont, IL.

#### 8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

8 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET on Sun., May 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. (See details on pg. 13.)

9 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 MEETING on Mon., May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley L. Dudzinski, Secretary at 773-763-4069.

14 DETROIT, MI – JOIN HANDS DAY on Sat., May 14 at St. Albertus Church, 4231 St. Aubin St., Detroit, MI. For information, call Dir. Tom Lisiecki 586-795-8901.

14 WILLOW SPRINGS, IL – MARIA KONOPNICKA POLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL GRADUATION on Sat., May 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Cisterian Fathers' Our Lady Mother of the Church, 8191 Archer Ave., Willow Springs, IL.

**IS LEMONT, IL – JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL 8th GRADE GRADUATION LUNCH** on Sun., May 15 at 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Crystal Banquets, 12416 Archer Ave, Lemont, IL. R.S.V.P. by May 5th at 630-538-1952.

16 ORLAND PARK, IL – DISTRICT #8 MEETING on Mon., May 16 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W 131st St, Orland Park, IL.

20 DETROIT, MI – 46th ANNUAL POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT AT COMERICA PARK on Fri., May 20 at Comerica Park Stadium, Detroit, MI. Tigers vs Tampa Bay Rays. (See details on page 12.)

21 LEMONT, IL – JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL AND POLANIE DANCERS END-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAM on Sat., May 21 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Gym, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL.

21 MUNSTER, IN – ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL MASS on Sat., May 21, at 9:15 a.m. at Carmelite Fathers Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN.

21 DEARBORN HTS., MI – SOCIETY #718 VERSUS SOCIETY #162 RYDER CUP GOLF on Sat., May 21 at Warren Valley Golf Course, Dearborn Hts., MI. Afterglow at Randy's Bar & Grille. Hosted by St. Stan's Society #718. Contact: Mike Halberstadt 734-281-7036.

24 WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., May 24 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne's Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

#### 30 MEMORIAL DAY - PRCUA CLOSED

### JUNE

#### I PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND DEADLINES

**3 DES PLAINES, IL – PMA SUMMER GALA** on Fri., June 3 at Café La Cave, 2777 N. Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL. Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m. For additional information call Sharon Orlowski at 847-767-2757. For reservations call: Mary Jane Robles at 773-782-2603. (See details on pg. 3.)

4 **STERLING HTS., MI – SOC. #1593 YOUTH BOWLING FUN DAY** on Sat., June 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 5 Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy., Sterling Hts., MI. (See details on pg. 13.)

**5** CHICAGO HTS., IL – SACRED HEART MASS on Sun., June 5, at 12:00 Noon at St. Kieran Church, 724 195th Street, Chicago Heights, IL. Lunch following at: Balagio Restaurant, 17501 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, IL. (See details on pg. 4.)

5 TOLEDO, OH – ECHOES OF POLAND SPRING CONCERT, on June 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the historic Ohio Theatre, 3114 Lagrange Street, Toledo, OH. (See details on pg. 5.)

**WYANDOTTE, MI – MICHIGAN FINANCIAL SECRETARIES TRAINING** on Sat., June 11 at 10:00 a.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. To register for the training call Pat Tropp at 773-782-2600 ext. 2605; pat-tropp@prcua.org.

**14 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING** on Tues., June 14 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Everyone welcome!

I4 FLAG DAY

**17-19 MILWAUKEE, WI – 35th POLISH FEST** on Fri-Sun., June 17-19 at Henry W. Maier Festival Park, 200 N. Harbor Dr., Milwaukee, WI. PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Dance Company will perform on Sat. June 18 at 1:30 p.m. on the Folk Stage and 3:30 p.m. on the Cultural Stage. PFDAA Gala at 6 p.m. More information at www.polishfest.org. Stop at the PRCUA booth and say hello!

18 LA PORTE, IN – 2nd ANNUAL PRCUA HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW on Sat., June 18 from 1:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. at 620 Bach Street, LaPorte, IN. (See details on pg. 9.)

#### 19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**26 GLENWOOD, IL – 2ND ANNUAL PRCUA FAMILY PICNIC AND OUTDOOR MASS** on Sun., June 26, at PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd. in Glenwood, IL. Hosted by Districts 7, 8 & 9. Mass at Noon, picnic until 6:00 p.m. Refreshments, complimentary snacks for children, music, games for the whole family and more. For more information contact: 773-782-2601.

26 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., June 26 at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 1059 Mollno, Wyandotte, MI.

28 WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., June 28 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne's Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168. No meetings in July and August.

28 CHICAGO, IL – POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT AT CELLULAR FIELD on Tues., June 28 at 7:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota Twins. For additional information contact: Linda Kasprzyk, PRCUA Fraternal Department at 773-783-2601.

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#### **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.

All articles for the June 2016 issue of Naród Polski, must be submitted by Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

# **Attention Illinois Members!**

### **Final Expense Insurance now Available!**

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Or email your request for more information to: life@prcua.org

### **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 World Youth Day 2016. 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

# **Application for PRCUA World Youth Day Stipend**

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### 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.



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

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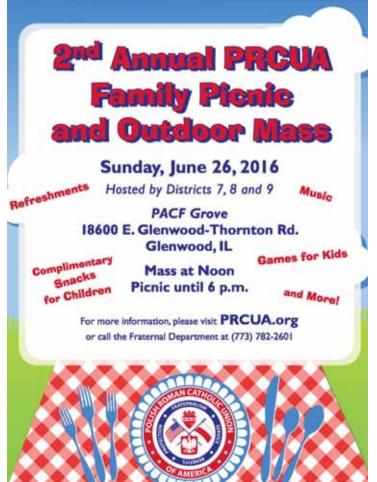
The American Fraternal Alliance's policy and advocacy home page is a resource for information about the state and federal issues facing fraternal benefit societies. The American Fraternal Alliance is dedicated to preserving and protecting the tax-exempt status of fraternals and ensuring that your society 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 cosponsors. Our goal of 100 co-sponsors is within sight. Please contact your Congressman by registering at www.Raceto100.org and follow the directions to ask for their support of House Resolution 19.



# 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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Donation: \$35.00 (Children 10 & under \$17.50) Please R.S.V.P. to: Elizabeth Sadus, 708-481-6796 Reservations must be made by Saturday, May 28, 2016

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**



### 1050th Anniversary of **Poland's Christianity** Celebration

A Committee of Polonian organizations in the Chicago area has been organized to coordinate the 1050th Anniversarv of Poland's Christianity. The main Chicagoland celebration of this event will be held on August 28, 2016 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Merrillville, Indiana.

More details will be posted in the upcoming issues of Naród Polski. The PRCUA encourages all members to make plans to participate in the local parish celebrations and in the main event on August 28, 2016.



The Toledo PRCUA is looking for bartenders to work in the

The Toledo PRCUA is looking for bartenders to work in the bar and also for special events in our hall. If you are looking for something to do and this seems interesting to you please contact VikkiJean at 419-351-2698 or vjmix@bex.net

#### Submitted by: Joanne Zajac, District #3 National Director

Hannah and Wyatt are the children of Matthew and Julia Dickinson of Pompano Beach, FL.

Society #2013 members and family members from Philadelphia and New Jersey

congratulate Hannah and Wyatt on their achievements. Keep up the GREAT WORK Hannah

All are members of the PRCUA Society #2013.

and Wyatt!

# Dripping With Elegance - 25<sup>th</sup> Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball 🛛 🛸

Southgate, MI - The big night had finally arrived for sixteen outstanding young men and women of the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools. The graduating seniors were presented to PRCUA dignitaries, family, friends and Detroit area Polonia at the PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball. They were honored for their countless contributions and dedication to the PRCUA, as well as to their church, community and respective dance schools. The Ball, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, was held on February 20, 2016 at the Crystal Gardens Banquet and Conference Center in Southgate, MI.

While the guests mingled in the ballroom during the cocktail hour, the sixteen honorees met privately with PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., and his wife, Judy, as well as PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard, during the State Ball's second annual Meet and Greet.

The Ball's official opening ceremonies began with a promenade of the PRCUA Michigan dance school

directors and choreographers. By remaining on the dance floor, they helped to welcome the PRCUA national celebrities and special guests which included PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., and his wife Judy; PRCUA Vice President, Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard - artisitic choreographer and director of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Company; PRCUA National Chaplain, Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak; PRCUA President Emeritus, Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann; Associate Sales and Marketing Director, Ted Klamerus and his wife, Sally; and Rector President of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary and Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski.

Co-Chair for the Ball, Kelly Malinowski, paid tribute to her mother, the late Shirley Ann Galanty, founder of the Ball, and thanked all of the Michigan dance school directors for assisting her in continuing her mother's legacy as State Ball Committee members. Special thanks were also given to the dance school instructors who share their love of Polish heritage with their students at weekly dance classes. A surprise tribute was also paid to Co-Chair Rita Cerankowski and Rose Ann Lackey (Tatry) for serving on the Ball Committee for the past twenty-five years. Both ladies were crowned with a tiara - as honorary debutantes – and bestowed with an Honorary State Ball Medallion as well as being presented with a bouquet of flowers. It was an honor well deserved by two loyal debutantes!

It was now time to bring in the honorees for the evening. To the tune of "Radetsky's March," beautiful young ladies dressed in long white gowns and tiaras, clung onto the arms of handsome young men who donned in black tuxedos and top hats, as they made their way into the ballroom with sheer elegance.

A beautiful job was done by Zajaczek honoree, Victoria Szczerbinski and Rogalin honoree, Anne Stec, who led the audience with the singing of the Polish and American National Anthems. Special thanks to Monsignor Machalski for giving the Invocation before dinner and to Thomas Lisiecki, National District #10 Director, for making a toast to the graduates and for serving as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

After dinner, the very moment in time had finally arrived for the honorees and their escorts to perform their dance presentation program. The program entitled, "Dripping With Elegance," was a tribute to the late Shirley Ann Galanty, who was a true dance diva. "Dripping with Elegance," was one of Mrs. Galanty's catch phrases when she was

2016 Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball Honorees



2016 scholarship winners and School Directors with VP M. Jaminski, Honorary Debutantes Rose Ann Lackey and Rita Cerankowski, and Pres. Drobot



Michigan PRCUA Schools Directors and Choreographers with PRCUA National Officers and their spouses and PRCUA Dignitaries

instructing students for the Ball. The program began with the honorees entering the ballroom to "76 Trombones." Next came the "Carousel Waltz," followed by a tango to "Hernando's Hideaway." Each honoree was then introduced to the audience by their respective dance school teacher. President Drobot and Vice President Jaminski then bestowed upon each of the honorees the Honorary State Ball Medallion and words of praise. A surprise tribute was then made by Vice President Jaminski, as she congratulated the State Ball Committee on a job well done. A framed silver certificate to commemorate the special 25th anniversary of the Ball was presented to each of the committee members.

As is customary during the Ball, the honorees made four special presentations.

On behalf of all the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools, a donation of \$750 was made to the Pennies for Poland campaign. On behalf of the Michigan State Ball Committee and honorees, and in memory of the late Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski, a gift of \$500 was made to the Orchard Lake Schools. In memory of the late, Shirley Ann Galanty, a gift of \$500 was made to the PRCUA Education Fund. A final presentation was made to commemorate the Ball's 25th anniversary with a \$1,000 donation to the Saint John Paul II Be Not Afraid Foundation.

With all the excitement of giving, it was time for the State Ball Scholarship drawing. The year 2016 marked the 5th anniversary of the scholarship program sponsored by the Ball. Five scholarships were randomly selected, lottery style, with a surprise gift of a sixth scholarship awarded by PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$250. The lucky winners of the scholarships included: Veronica Czarnota (Rogalin), Katherine Mandernach (Rogalin),

Anne Stec (Rogalin), Victoria Szczerbinski (Zajaczek), Ewa Sztandera (Gwiazda), and Rebecca Vincent (Tatry).

The parents of our honorees were called upon to join their sons and daughters on the floor to receive the traditional Family Blessing given by PRCUA National Chaplain Fr. Walter Ptak. The end of the formal presentation program was concluded with the honorees and their escorts performing the Polonez. Hesitant on leaving the floor, there was one more order of business to conduct and that was the honorees and their escorts presenting an encore performance to "Słodkie Georgie Brown." The remainder of the evening was opened for dancing to the music of PRCUA member Duane Malinowski and his Orchestra.

Sincere appreciation is extended to all of the PRCUA Michigan dance school directors who served on the State Ball Committee for all their time and efforts in preparing for the Ball. The committee members included: Colleen Bonkowski (Zajaczek), Co-Chair Rita Cerankowski, Laura Hejza (Halka), Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki), Rose Ann Lackey (Tatry), Co-Chair and Ball Choreographer Kelly Malinowski, Kristi Mihalic (Wieliczka), Pat Steven (Syrena), Michelle Stechschulte (Rogalin), Beth Thacker (Opole), and Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda) and honorary member Thomas Lisiecki (Halka and Zakopane). Each committee member received a Waterford crystal bowl to commemorate the

Ball's historic 25th anniversary year.

Special recognition is also extended to our two National District #10 Directors, Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki. As active and busy as they are with their National Director duties and dance school responsibilities, the State Ball is truly appreciative of all their efforts. We are truly lucky to have not one, but two National Directors within the PRCUA dance schools to work with!

The Ball Committee would also like to acknowledge the Michigan dance school teachers who work weekly with their students and assist in preparing their students for the Ball. Special anniversary trinket gifts were presented to: Tricia Dennis (Zajaczek), Rachael Kasperek (Zajaczek), Thomas Lisiecki (Halka), Karen Lubiarz (Tatry), Kelly Malinowski (Polskie Maki), Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda), Basia Schemanski (Wieliczka), Tommy Schemanski (Wieliczka), Donna Skurski (Opole), Janet Vilag (Rogalin), and Sarah Wolicki (Syrena).

What a pleasure it was to work with the Michigan State Ball Honorees Class of 2016.

They have proven themselves to be excellent representatives of the PRCUA; truly an outstanding group of young adults. I would be remiss if I didn't extend a special SHOUT OUT to all the escorts who practiced alongside the honorees each week in preparation for the Ball. They all worked very hard. Many thanks to: Eric Bell, Jacob Bzura, Lee Moore, Griffin Nace, Bradley Reckinger, Patrick Selix, Joseph Smigiel, Michael Surowiak, Dennis Szczechowski, Connor Thompson, David Thompson and Brian Vincent. Thank you all for your time and efforts. You all did a magnificent job!

We hope that the State Ball was an evening that everyone will not soon forget! Congratulations to the Class of 2016. We are all truly proud of you!

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Malinowski, Co-Chair

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### 2016 Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball Honorees



Alexsandra Gilliland is the Sarah Margaret Bielat is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Jeffery and Marilyn of David and Amy Bielat of Gilliland of Flat Rock, MI. Flat Rock, MI. She is a Alex is a member of Society #162 and has been a Rogalin dancer for fourteen years. Mr. Dennis A. Szczechowski was Alexsandra's escort for the evening.



seventeen-year-old daughter member of Society #162 and has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for sixteen years. Mr. Griffin Nace, was Sarah's escort for the evening.



Megan Rose Bunton is the seventeenyear-old daughter of Robert and Erica Bunton of Wyandotte, MI. She is a member of Society #162 and has been a Rogalin dancer for thirteen years. Mr. Bradley Reckinger, was Meagan's escort for the evening.



Antonio Federico is the seventeen-yearold son of Joseph and Debbie Federico of Warren, MI. He is a member of Society #261 and has been a member of the Halka Dancers for fourteen years. Antonio's guest for the evening was fellow Halka graduate, Miss Katelyn LaDuke.



year-old daughter of David and Janice Vincent of Detroit, MI. Rebecca is a member of Society #1413 and has been dancing with the Tatry Dancers for eight years. Rebecca's brother, Mr. Brian K.



Katherine Elizabeth Mandernach is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Stephen and Martha Mandernach of Brownstown, MI. Katherine is a member of Society



Lucia Irene Jelsomeno is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Joe and Mary Ellen Jelsomeno of Wyandotte, MI. Lucia is a member of Society #162 and has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years. Lucia's escort for the evening was Mr. Connor Thompson.

seventeen-year-old son of

Slawomir and Barbara

Sobiesuik of Hamtramck, MI.

He is a member of Society

#261 and has been a member

of the Gwiazda Dancers for

eight years. Bartek's guest

Ewa Sztandera is the

eighteen-year-old daughter

of Miroslaw and Janina

Sztandera of Hamtramck, MI.

Ewa is a member of Society

#261 and has been dancing

with the Gwiazda Dancers of

fourteen years. Fellow

Gwiazda graduate, Mr.

Sztandera.



Kayla Alizabeth Salamon is the seventeen-vear-old daughter of John and Salamon Michelle of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for twelve years and is a member of Society #162. Mr. Eric Bell, was Kayla's escort for the evening.



Bartek Sobiesiuk is the Anne Frances Stec is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Larry and Tracie Stec of Wyandotte, MI. Anne is a member of Society #162 and has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years. Anne's escort for the evening was Mr.



Victoria Ann Szczerbinski is the seventeen-vear-old daughter of Gerard and Mary Szczerbinski of Richmond, MI. Victoria is a member of Society #1618 and has been a member of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble for eleven vears and four years with the Mala Polska Folk Ensemble. Fellow Zajaczek dancer, Mr. Joseph Smigiel was Victoria's escort for the evening.



Veronica Grace Czarnota is Katelyn Sophie LaDuke is the the seventeen-year-old Michelle Czarnota years and is a member of Bzura, was Veronica's escort escort for the evening. for the evening



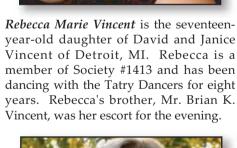
seventeen-year-old daughter daughter of Tony and of Keith and Susan LaDuke of of St. Clair Shores, MI. She is Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of Society #261 and a member of the Rogalin has been a Halka Dancer for Dance Troupe for fourteen fourteen years. Fellow Halka graduate, Mr. Antonio Society #162. Mr. Jacob Federico, was Katelyn's



Sarah Rose Waligora is the the seventeen-year-old daughter of Ron and Diane Waligora of Wyandotte, MI. She is a member of Society #162 and has been a member of the Dance Troupe for fourteen Rogalin Dance Troupe for thirteen years. Mr. David Thompson was Sarah's escort for the evening.



Ashley Marie Witkowski is seventeen-year-old daughter of Andy and Ann Witkowski Marie of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin years and is a member of Society #162. Ashley's escort for the evening is Mr. Patrick Selix.



Bartek Sobiesiuk was Ewa's #162 and has been a member of the escort for the evening. Rogalin Dance Troups for sixteen years. Mr. Lee Moore, was Katherine's escort for the evening. The PRCUA congratulates all these young men and women for demonstrating pride in their Polish heritage and for cherishing their Polish customs. Thank you for the great joy you brought to so many audiences throughout the years and may you all enjoy a bright and happy future.





Tupac Shakur had once remarked, "It's the game of life. Do I win or do I lose? One day they're gonna shut the game down. I gotta have as much fun and go around the board as many times as I can before it's my turn to leave.

Happy Spring! Depending on where you were in April it was a month with all seasons.

Regardless of what happening was outside, it was warm and toasty among our PRCUĂ members.

The celebration of Polish Easter Traditions continued on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 3) with my husband, Richard and I attending two



**Polanie Dancers on stage** 

Świeconka events but not before Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont, IL. With the angelic voice of Mira Topór-Sojka, Director of the Parish Choir, we prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. I personally have found "Jesus, I trust in you," a mantra of great comfort. The first Święconka event followed Mass at the parish gym, hosted by the Polish Club of Lemont (Alina

Kimel, President) and the John Paul II Polish School (Halina Szyrzyna, Principal). On behalf of the PRCUA, I extended Easter greetings and pride in the Polanie Dancers of John Paul II Polish School who followed with a short dance program of Polish and American dances.

Next stop, the PRCUA Świeconka hosted by D-8, chaired by National Director and D-8 VP, Krystyna Lech. Guests, including President and Mrs. Drobot, Secy.-Treas. Robaczewski and his family, past VP Anna Sokolowski, Director D-9 Elizabeth Sadus, and past Director D-7 Lillian Stempinski, arrived at Alpine Banquets in Darien, IL and were treated to an enjoyable social afternoon. Entertainment was provided by the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company and various amusements. Please read Editor Lidia Kowalewicz's article on pg. 10 complete with photos. On a personal note, our one-month old granddaughter, Ariana Cynthia Turkiewicz, made her formal debut at this PRCUA event much to her Babcia's delight. (For those



Jola Lech

of you who did not hear me shout from the "top of the mountain" on March 4 - Ariana was born to our daughter, Nicole, and Michael Turkiewicz, son of Mary Alice and past Director D-4 Richard Turkiewicz. Ariana weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19-3/4 in. in length. This little bundle of joy joins cousin Cole Pearson in filling this Babcia's heart with more happiness).

Earlier in the day, PRCUA members, Jola Lech and Thomas Frankowicz, ran in the 2016 Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K. The 4.97-mile run is a Chicago tradition, with the course weaving through downtown Chicago. Starting and ending in Grant Park, it kicks off the running season in Chicago. Afterwards, Jola still had enough energy to attend the Święconka. Bravo to all the participants!

The following weekend - April 8-10 found the PRCUA Executive

Officers in Wyandotte, MI at the 2016 PRCUA Bowling National Tournament. Hosted by the energetic group

from Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #162 (chaired by Society President Stan Pasko) together with Bowling Coordinator Patrick Kosowski, food, fun and a little friendly competition was provided for all participants and guests including past PRCUA Officers and Directors. At the PRCU Hall in Wyandotte there wasn't just one but two hospitality events that it felt like "Cheers" -

where everybody knows your name! Singles and doubles played on Friday and Sunday, teams on Saturday, followed by the Awards Ceremony at the PRCU Hall. Congratulations to Bowler of the Year: Edward "Edzio" Kapanowski (St. Stan's #718) and to all the winners. READ ALL ABOUT IT in Patrick Kosowski's article in the June issue of the Naród Polski! Special thanks to Director D-10 Colleen Bonkowski and her sidekick "the wise beyond her years" Natalya for their assistance at the Tournament and my good luck charm Sally (and Ted) Klamerus and coach Virginia Nega. (The Pink Ladies missed their 5th bowler, Basia



D-10 Dir. C. Bonkowski, D-5 Dir. T. Jesionowski, VP M. Jaminski, Bowling Chairman Stan Pasko, D-6 Dir. C. Bonin and Secy.-Treas. J. Robaczewski

**Bowling - Sally Klamerus** and Virginia Nega



**Annual Blessing of Polish Dance Schools** 

Toboy - former Director D-10 who had a death in the family - our condolences to Ron Toboy on the passing of his Uncle Gene Kurzenda, a member of PRCUA Society #162).



**Polonia Ensemble at Navy Pier** 



Wesolv Lud at Navy Pier



**PRCUA Booth at Navy Pier** 

and "Wesoły Lud" performed together with a "cast of thousands." The event was one of several weekends dedicated to Chicago's



VP Jaminski with Opole's Donna Skurski



Syrena dance recital

On Sunday of that same weekend. President and Mrs. Drobot attended Mass at St. Hyacinth Church in Detroit, MI for the Annual Blessing of the Polish Dance Schools together with Directors D-10 C. Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki. The PRCUA Dancers who participated in this

were: event Gwiazda, Halka, Opole, Polskie Maki, Rogalin, Syrena, Wieliczka, Zajaczek and Zakopane. What beautiful way to acknowledge the importance

of the Polish folk dance community in Michigan and honor those dedicated dancers!

Meanwhile, Jim Robaczewski, Richard and I returned to Chicago to 'Celebrate Poland" at Crystal Gardens in Navy Pier, where our PRCUA Dance Groups "Polonia"

"Neighborhoods of the World" and was coordinated this year by the

Polish American Chamber of Commerce, spearheaded by Anna Morzy, President, and Bogdan Pukszta, Executive Director. Our PRCUA Director of Marketing Agnieszka Bastrzyk is Interim Secretary and Treasurer of PACC. We thank her and her family, as well as Director of Sales Robert Fattore and Sales Assistant Anna Marrah, for manning the PRCUA booth which was right next to the Polish Museum of America booth manned by volunteers Mary Jane Robles and Sharon Orlowski (Chair of the 2016 PMA Summer

Gala). There were many new and familiar faces at this extravaganza of Polish culture, artifacts, fashion, and connections. business Congrats to all participants and supporters!

Returning to Michigan the following weekend, the Drobots and the Jaminskis, with the assistance of Director D-10 Colleen Bonkowski attended five Michigan dance school recitals: OPOLE at which Donna Skurski

Ariana Cynthia Turkiewicz

celebrated 45 years of teaching in PRCUA - 40 years with Opole, preceded by 5 years with Gwiazda; SYRENA; GWIAZDA (Jessica Wendt celebrated 5 years as director); HALKA (Rita Cerankowski celebrated 35 years as Director and Thomas Lisiecki, 25 years as Dance Instructor); and the TATRY Dancers celebrated their 45th Anniversary.

Also throughout this busy weekend of April 16-17: President Drobot together with Fraternal Field Organizer, Bob Hojnacki, represented the PRCUA at the Pulaski Queen Ball in Grand Rapids, MI on Saturday. Richard and I attended

Mass on Sunday at St. Faustina Church in Warren, MI and also visited with PRCUA members of John Paul II Society #1593 at its Euchre Tournament (Barbara Ozog, Chair; Society President and PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace M. Ozog). See details of this event and the recitals in future issues of the Narod Polski.

Back in Illinois, my friend Evelyn Cedzidlo (staunch supporter of PRCUA events) and St. Mary's CCW in Mokena, hosted another successful Polka Mass and Luncheon. PRCUA Wesoły Lud performed once again at this annual event with the assistance of Wesoly Lud alumni Manager Jeanine Leonhard and Mirek Cislo.

On April 20th, the PMA hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon with a short program honoring the Volunteers of the Year - Halina Bieniewska, Matthew Sobieszczyk and Louis Bielakowski in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of the Museum. The program included remarks by the très eloquent PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot, President Richard Owsiany, Chairman of



Board Joseph A. Drobot Jr. and former PRCUA First Lady Joann Ozog, with a tribute to PMA Volunteer Felicia Krupinski, who recently passed away. A Mass on the Feast of St. Adalbert (April 23rd) was held at

St. Adalbert Church in Chicago where hundreds gathered to save the 3rd oldest Polish Church in Chicago patterned after St. Paul's Basilica in Rome, Italy. The neighborhood was once the home to many Polish immigrants whose "blood, sweat and tears" built this parish. Unfortunately, as is the pattern, the neighborhood went through its changes and the residents moved out. Not all parishes are as fortunate as Holy Trinity Parish. whose parishioners remained parishioners even when they moved out of the neighborhood. Now, the Archdiocese of Chicago has listed this beautiful Church for closure – sighting costly repairs and maintenance as a stumbling block. Albeit, the neighborhoods of Chicago are rebuilding and the grandchildren

**Euchre Tournament** 

of the immigrants are slowly returning – is it too little, too late? Only time will tell. The PRCUA admires the perseverance of the Preservation Committee, together with the Polonian leaders and enthusiasts, who have come to the rescue of St. Adalbert's and support this cause.

The Southwest Center of Polish Dancing of PRCUA (Managing Director Anna Kraszewski and Artistic Director/Choreographer Richard Jaminski) held its 31st Annual Spring Recital at Mother McAuley



#### **SWCPD** Recital

Congratulations to the entire SWCPD Staff and our stars for a job well done! An article with photos will be in the next issue of the Naród Polski.

I want to take this opportunity to mention that, as someone who has spent almost her entire life in the Polish American world of Polish culture, I admire and applaud the efforts put forth by the school managers/directors, language teachers, dance instructors, assistants, and parents of all schools and groups, especially those in our PRCUA. I personally know the difficulties in balancing your precious time, energy, and creativity with your family and jobs with this "hobby," but rest assured, your contribution to these young Polish Americans enriches their lives with pride, optimism, self-confidence, and another family to turn to. The rewards are far greater than one can imagine. Sometimes, we just have to sit back and enjoy the view. From where I sit, I see your accomplishments and I am so proud! On behalf of the PRCUA Officers, Board of Directors and Members, thank you for all that you do! Bravo to all the dancers!

On a somber note, after the very successful Bowling Tournament which was chaired by Stan Pasko - his mother, Christine, passed away on April 10. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Our deepest condolences to Stan and his sisters Delphine and Natalie.

To all Mothers - Happy Mother's Day! To all Graduates - Congratulations and Best Wishes! And to all of you - remember your Polish pride as we celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution of 1791 on May Third.



With Gwiazda's Director Jessica Wendt



Halka - Tom Lisiecki. **Rita Cerankowski** 



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Darien, IL - A delicious lunch, an entertaining performance and a friendly atmosphere were planned for the guests who attended the annual Święconka lunch on Sunday, April 3, 2016. This year's PRCUA Święconka was hosted by

District #8 at Alpine Banquets in Darien, IL. The committee decorated the tables with Easter baskets filled with the colorful eggs, and prepared a table full of intriguing raffle prizes.

Guests were warmly welcomed by District #8 National Director Krystyna Lech. She and National Director of District #8 James Rustik hosted this year's Święconka. PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James

Robaczewski and PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski offered prayers in English and Polish before lunch was served.

Lunch began with a delicious *żurek*, the traditional Polish soup served on Easter Sunday. After the meal and dessert, Jeanine Leonhard, introduced dancers of the PRCUA's Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company who

### Another Pleasant Afternoon at the Annual Święconka



Songs and dances from Lubusk

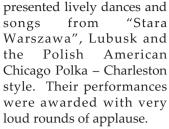


"Stara Warszawa" dance

PRCUA's Wesoly Lud dancing a Charleston-style Pol-Am Chicago Polka

Święconka participants formed the line and picked the names of the winners. The PRCUA's 2016 Cinderella Olivia Cislo and 2016 Prince Charming John Slubowski helped with distributing the prizes.

A big "Thank You" goes to the organizers, volunteers and all who helped to make this event successful, as well as to all who attended!



PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. thanked the Directors of District #8 and the

organizing committee for their efforts to make this afternoon a special event and for carrying the tradition of Święconka. VP Micheline Jaminski entertained everyone with games which brought smiles to many faces.

The program ended with a split-thepot raffle and prize raffle run by District #8 National Directors James Rustik and Krystyna Lech. A group of the youngest



Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company dancers with PRCUA Officers and their spouses, District #8 Directors and Mrs. Jaminski's pride and joy - granddaughter Ariana

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### Gwiazda Dancers' Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - Even though the dance year was winding down, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers showed no signs of slowing down as they headed into their 56th Annual Spring Recital.

On March 24, 2016, Gwiazda dancers hosted a pisanki (Polish Easter egg) making workshop for their students. The students were given background about this traditional folk art and had an opportunity to try their hand at designing and coloring their own pisanki. A good time was had by all.

Friday, April 8, 2016 started a marathon dance weekend for the Gwiazda Dancers as they took to the court and performed during pre-game festivities at the Detroit Pistons'

annual Polish American Heritage Night, as the Detroit Pistons hosted Polish player, Marcin Gortat, and the Washington Wizards. For its performance, the Gwiazda Dancers, along with the Wawel Folk Ensemble, performed the Krakowiak. Following the pre-game performance, the dancers took in the game

which saw the Pistons defeating the Wizards 112 to 99 and clinching their first playoff spot in 7 years.

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, the Gwiazda Dancers, along with PRCUA President Joseph Drobot and many other PRCUA Michigan dance schools, participated in the



Gwiazda Dancers and Pistons' Mascot Hooper at **Polish Heritage Night** 



Gwiazda Dancers perform on the court at the Detroit Pistons' Polish Heritage Night

Fourteenth Annual Blessing of the Polish Folk Dance Ensembles at St. Hyacinth Church in Detroit, Michigan. The brainchild of St. Hyacinth's the late longtime pastor, Very Rev. Francis Skalski, the event has been continued by St. Hyacinth's current pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan and coordinated with dedicated parishioners at the church. Gwiazda has been fortunate to participate in many of these blessings over the past fourteen years. In addition to celebrating the dance schools' preservation of Polish folk song and dance in the United States, the event took a somber tone as Rev. Iwan called the Mass' attendees to remember

the 6th anniversary of the Smoleńsk catastrophe. Saturday, April

16, 2016 saw the start of another marathon dance weekend for the Gwiazda Dancers as they continued to prepare for their 56th Annual Recital with а rehearsal. It was a



dress Gwiazda Dancers and other PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools at the Annual Blessing of Polish Dance Ensembles

long day spent making sure that all dances, costumes, and props were in order so that everything would be perfect for the recital the next day.

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Centerline High School in Centerline, Michigan, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers presented their 56th Annual Spring Recital. As curtain call drew nearer, the Gwiazda Dancers received a special visit from PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, her husband, Richard, and PRCUA National Director of District 10, Colleen Bonkowski. They congratulated the dancers on their hard work, wished them luck on their performance and encouraged them to continue celebrating their Polish heritage.

The Recital began with the singing of the American and Polish National Anthems. Following the anthems, Gwiazda presented its two 2016 graduates, Ewa Sztandera and Bartek Sobiesiuk.

Ewa Sztandera is the 18-year-old daughter of Janina and Mirosław Sztandera. Ewa has been a member of the Gwiazda Dancers for fourteen years and the assistant teacher for the past two years. A senior at the International Academy East, she has achieved magna cum laude honors, is a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies, Social Justice Club, Art Club - that created a mural at the new Children's Hospital of Michigan location in Troy, MI - and enjoys performing with the theater troupe, Crossed Fingers. In the fall, Ewa plans to study nursing at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Bartek Sobiesiuk is the 17-year-old son of Barbara and Sławomir Sobiesiuk. He has been a member of the Gwiazda Dancers for eight years. A senior at Hamtramck High School, he is a member of the First Robotics Team and the National Honor Society. In the fall, Bartek plans to study electrical engineering at Lawrence Technological University.

Following the graduates' presentations with their parents, the graduates, along with their Mateusz escorts. Koper

(Gwiazda Alumnus 2010) and Alexandra Chabowski (Gwiazda Alumnae 2014) danced a waltz to the theme song from the popular program, "Game of Thrones".

Group 2 performing dances from Cieszyn

After the waltz, the Gwiazda Dancers presented the National Dances of Poland. These included the Polonez performed by the Gwiazda Alumni group, the Krakowiak by the entire Ensemble, and the Kujawiak/Oberek by Group 1. Interspersed between the performances, the audience was treated to Gwiazda parent Tom Osentoski's playing and explanation of the dudy (Polish bagpipes).

With the National Dances concluded, the Gwiazda Dancers presented Regional Dances from Poland. Group 1 presented songs and dances from Łowicz, followed by Group 3's presentation of songs and dances from Śląsk. Next came songs and dances from Kaszuby presented by Group 2, dances from Spisz presented by the Gwiazda Alumni, dances from Opoczno presented by Group 3, dances from Cieszyn by Group 2, and dances from Lublin by Group 1.

After a quick break with some raffles, the dancers returned for part two of the program which featured lively Polish American Polkas and American novelty numbers. Group 2 danced to the "Apples, Peaches Pumpkin Pie Polka"; the "Szalała Szalała Polka" was presented by Group 1; the "Stomp Your Feet Polka" was danced by Group 3; and the entire Ensemble performed the "Helena Polka."

The 2016 Novelty Numbers theme was "Made in Detroit," and featured dances celebrating iconic Detroit Teams, foods, and beverages. In recognition of the Detroit Tigers, Group 2 danced to the song "Bless You Boys. Group 1 made the audience thirsty for Faygo Pop as they danced to "Soda Pop" by Robbie



**Group 3 performing dances** from Opoczno

Williams, and Group 3 made everyone wish they were crunching on Better Made potato chips as they danced to "Potato Chips" by Slim Gaillard.

As is their tradition, the Gwiazda Dancers closed their Recital with a suite of dances from Beskid Zywiecki. The dances began with Tom Osentoski playing "Dudy Zywieckie." Gwiazda's Zywiec Suite included the dances siustu, sarna, and hajduk.

Big thank you's go out to all Gwiazda parents and students for their hard work over the 2015-2016 dance year. To Gwiazda Director Jessica Wendt; Gwiazda Choreographer Basia Nowakowski; Gwiazda President Kim Zaliwski; Gwiazda Treasurer



Group 3 performing dances from Opoczno

Magdalen Srodek; Gwiazda Costume Director Cindy Cervenak; Suzanne Pałac for her assistance with raffle prizes; the back stage helpers Lisa Tokarski, Kristen Bauer, and Michelle Gerdan; the tickets and concessions crew Bob Straske, Ken Babicz, and Ben Wendt; Tom Osentoski for his dudy playing and presentations during the recital; Rita Cerankowski for the graduate sashes; Max Rodriguez for creating the Detroit Skyline Back Drop used in the Novelty numbers; Gwiazda Alumni Dominika Koper, Mateusz Koper, Ola Chabowski, Karina Trypus, and

Krys Luzinski; Aaron Taczynski for his assistance with lighting at the recital venue; P.L.A.V. Post 10 in Hamtramck for the use of their facilities for the group's practices; and all program book sponsors

With the Recital complete, the dancers gathered again on April 18, 2016 to return costumes. In the upcoming weeks Gwiazda will perform at St. Florian Church in Hamtramck, Michigan's Strawberry Festival in May and also in May at the Annual Detroit Tigers' Polish

American Heritage Night. After that, the group will take a well-earned break as it gears up for its 2016-2017 dance year and looks forward to its 57th Annual Recital.

> Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski 1997 Gwiazda Alumnus and Secretary



Gwiazda Ensemble "Selfie'

(photo courtesy of Telewizja Detroit)

### Florida PRCUA Members Observe Polish Custom of Blessed Easter Baskets

Winter Springs, FL - Even a few spring showers didn't dampen the tradition of blessing the *Święconka* Easter baskets for members of PRCUA Society #1492. This was the 27th Holy Saturday Easter Baskets Blessing held by the Soc. #1492 in St. Stephens Church in Winter Springs, FL.

Submitted by: Richard Turkiewicz



### Mark Dobrzycki Honored With Two Prestigious Awards

Chicago, IL - Mark Dobrzycki, a well-known Polish-American activist in Chicago and a long-time member of PRCUA Soc. #1000 received two prestigious awards on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

Mark is one of twelve recipients of the 2016 Chicago Bar Association's (CBA) Vanguard Award. The Vanguard Awards were established in 1998 to honor individuals and institutions who have made the law and legal profession more accessible to the Chicago community. The 2016 Vanguard Awards reception took place at Chicago's Standard Club in Chicago. PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. represented the PRCUA at the event.

In the evening, Mark was also honored with the CVLS Distinguished Service Award. CVLS (Chicago Volunteer Legal Services) is an organization of over 2,300 volunteer attorneys who donate free legal services to thousands of low-income Chicagoans annually.

Mark is the Director of the Amicus Polonaise Clinic. He has been the announcer at the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade in Chicago, has served on the Board of Directors for the Copernicus Foundation, Chicago Access Network and Northwestern University Alumni Association, served as an advisor and community consultant for the "Living Together" permanent exhibit at the Field Museum of Natural History and is a Trustee of the Village of Harwood Heights in Illinois.

Mark is the son of Danuta and late Stanley Dobrzycki. He and his wife, Diana, are the parents of a daughter Adriana and they are residents of Harwood Hts., IL. Mark is a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, IL (BS) and Loyola University in Chicago (MBA). He is also a photojournalist and photographer who worked for the Associated Press Midwest Bureau in Chicago, The New York Times, San Francisco Examiner, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, and other publications. For 6 years he produced and hosted a TV program on ETC-TV Chicago.

PRCUA congratulates Mark Dobrzycki on receiving this well-deserved award and expresses good wishes for much success in the future.

### 46th Annual Polish American Night at Comerica Park

Friday, May 20, 2016 at Comerica Park Stadium, Detroit, MI Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays. Field pregame ceremonies at 6:30 pm Game starts at 7:10 pm For further information, contact Wally Ozog at 586-751-8168

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### PRCUA 64th ANNUAL NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

#### For PRCUA Members Only - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!! Contact the Fraternal Department at 773-782-2601 for Membership Information

The PRCUA will be golfing at Maple Lane Golf Club, 33203 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights, MI, on **Saturday**, **July 23,2016**. Jerry Lubiarz, Chairman, and St. Rita Society #1368 are excited to host this event. Shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m.

#### THIS IS A FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT

A scramble is a great team event. On every hole, each member of the team may hit a tee shot. The team determines the best shot and then all team members hit from that location. This procedure is repeated until the ball is holed out. A team score is then recorded and the team moves to the next hole.

The categories are Ladies, Mens, Mixed and Seniors (62 and over); foursomes can be all male, all female, or mixed. The entry form must be completed and returned to our office by mail or e-mail, along with the \$50.00 entry fee per golfer by July 8, 2016 (See entry form for further instructions). Any questions, please call the Fraternal Department at 773-782-2601.

Winners in each category will be announced at the banquet immediately following the tournament at the Maple Lane Golf Club Clubhouse.

#### LODGING

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 30000 Van Dyke, Warren, MI - Phone: 586-573-7600. King Std. - \$85, 2 Double Std. - \$90, King Exec. Suite - \$105, 2 Double Family Suite - \$125. Make your reservations by **July 15,2016**, to get the special rate! Individuals are responsible for making reservations, payment of rooms, taxes & incidentals. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or \$100.00 cash deposit.

Welcome gathering on Friday, July 22, 2016, 8:00 pm – Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 30000 Van Dyke, Warren, MI.

#### ENTRY FORM

Entry forms are available online at <u>www.prcua.org/sports</u>. <u>Entries must</u> <u>be postmarked or electronically submitted by Friday</u>, July 8, 2016. <u>No entries will be accepted after the deadline</u>.

<u>CONTESTS - MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TOURNAMENT!!!</u> SKINS GAME: The basic format for "Skins" is one in which the winner (individual or team) is awarded a "Skin" for the lowest score on each hole. If desired, these scores can be adjusted by using handicaps. There are no ties in this game and it is possible to have as many as eighteen "Skins" awarded. A "Skin" is usually exchanged for a monetary award.

**LONGEST DRIVE:** The winner is the player who hits his or her ball the farthest in a single stroke, while keeping the ball in the fairway. Men and women may compete separately or play against each other taking advantage of the placement of different tee grounds to level the playing field.

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN:** This usually occurs on a par-3 hole. Players try to hit their ball closest to the hole in a single shot from the teeing ground. The ball must come to rest on the green in one stroke. The player whose ball is closest to the hole wins. Men and women may compete separately, or play against each other taking advantage of the placement of different tee grounds to level the playing field.

See the June issue of Narod Polski and/or go to the PRCUA website (prcua.org/sports) for updates.

Hit 'em long & not too often,

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. President Micheline Jaminski Vice President James Robaczewski Secretary-Treasurer

Make your check payable to PRCUA #1593 and mail to: PRCUA #1593, c/o Wallace M. Ozog, 30214 Woodhouse Dr., Warren MI 48092 Questions? Call 586-751-8168 or e-mail: wozog@wowway.com.

# DEARLY DEPARTED PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>
Adeszko. Dorothy	1580	IL	Kulig, Zofia	623	СТ
Baran, Michael	565	IN	Kurzyn, Louis John	666	СТ
Bartos, Gean V.	1368	FL	Lacivita, Dolores J.	855	PA
Bayne, Richard	2290	PA	Lipinski, Richard	683	IL
Bazan, Genevieve C.	1004	IL	Liszewski, Matthew P.	539	MO
Belzowski, Linda	1031	MI	Lukasik, Julia	1202	WI
Biel, Alfred	1593	MI	Macaluso, Josephine T.	385	NY
Biernacki, Rev. Jacob S.	413	MO	Maciorowski, Walter	1486	IL
Blusiewicz, Grace	1591	OH	Mayausky, Beverly	2100	OH
Bodzenski, Frances, E.	479	PA	Mitchell, Wanda	1408	NY
Bonk, Frank	308	IL	Mondro, James	1493	MI
Bystrek,Stanley	157	NJ	Morgan, Helen	2031 & 2042	CT
Cisek, John	849	IL	Mrow, Pauline	718	MI
Ciurej, Edward	1000	IL	Noga, Lillian	878	IL
Clark, Janice	1593	MI	Nosal, Joseph Jan	425	СТ
Cyganiewicz, Stanley J.	896	RI	Organist, Kenneth C.	237	PA
Dombroski, Florence	934	PA	Paglini, Samuel F.	1000	IL
Dripchak, Helen	404	CT	Paskus, Alfonso G.	1004	IL
Drost, Diana	179	IL	Pasternak, Theresa D.	2100	OH
Ewens, Genevieve M.	2308	WI	Patton, Francis	1004	IL
Furman, Henry J.	531	PA	Paulett, Steven	2144	OH
Gaj, Joseph J.	896	RI	Pietrzak, Virginia C.	2148	OH
Gayda, Imelda	237	PA	Pollack, Jason	1591	OH
Genek, John Joseph	385	NY	Ptacnik, Phyllis M.	2227	MI
Gleba, Rev. William	540	NY	Restko, Catherine	308	IL
Glemkowski, Frank J.	308	IL	Restko, Michael	290	IL
Gmyrek, Robert M	1027	NY	Rimkus, Constance	308	IL
Hapanowicz, Edwin E.	149	OH	Roden, Norman	1493	MI
Humay, Wanda E.	31	PA	Rucinski, John	817	WI
Jankoski, Josephine	1364	NJ	Sobol, Josephine	878	IL
Jasinski, Stefan	540	NY	Sodul, Thomas	2002	PA
Jez, Thaddeus I.	475	IL	Solarz, Theodore	2132	OH
Jeziorowski, Mary	2206	OH	Stec, Bernice	308	IL
Kazmierczak, Eugene E.	397	NY	Swider, Charles M	572	NJ
Kolodziej, Bruno	795	OH	Truchon, Edmund C.	1000	IL
Kowalczyk, Joseph	1447	NY	Wilant, Helen	1423	WI
Kramarz, Marie	927	NY	Wolniak, Helen	308	IL
Kreszowski, Dorothy J.	1000	IL	Zbacnik, Florence	1206	MI
Kroll, Helen	1147	IL		1200	

May they rest in eternal peace.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 MEMBERS

Detroit, MI – St. Stan's Soc. #718 will award college scholarship grants and grammar/high school tuition grants at St. Stan's Annual Family Picnic. Applicants must be a member of Society #718 and have at least a \$5,000 PRCUA whole life insurance certificate in order to qualify. The number of awards are to be determined.

The application can be found on St. Stan's website: go to **www.prcua.org**, go to **Contact Us**, click on **PRCUA Societies Online**, then click on **St. Stan's Society #718**. The deadline for applying is **July 1**, **2016**.

For more information please contact Tom or Janice Dudek at 734-981-8119 or e-mail **cvg52@comcast.net**.

### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SOC. #1579

St. Joseph the Worker PRCUA Soc. #1579 celebrated its 42nd anniversary on March 4, (1974-2016) and the 48th anniversary of the PRCUA Polish Dance and Language School on January 17 (1968-2016).

A Family Picnic Reunion is planned at the Polish American Community Fair in Glenwood, IL on Sunday, August 14, 2016.

More info will be coming soon!

If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact Barbara Pawlowski, Soc. #1579 Financial Secretary, at 13551 S Brainard Ave, Chicago, IL 60633-1873. Please respond by June 15, 2016.

Plan your vacation so you can attend this historic event!

### 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.

<u>One-Time Scholarships</u> 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**. Click on *Membership*, then click on *Scholarships*. For Education Loans go to: **www.prcua.org**. Click on *Products*, then click on *Member Loans*.

Or you can write to: **PRCUA**, **Educational Benefits**, **984** N. **Milwaukee Ave.**, **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.



#### SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO1:00 P.M.

\$8 PRCUA - \$10 NON-MEMBER- \$5 LUNCH ONLY
5 Star Bowling Center
2666 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI

3 Games (2 Games for Bumpers) Shoes, Prizes & Lunch Pay at Check-In

RSVP to valerie.brumm@gmail.com or call 248-622-8949 by May 31



### **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

May 8th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

> PRCU Hall 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI

Adults- \$7.00; Children under 10 yrs. eat free

Eggs, pancakes, sausage, fried bologna & onions, hash browns, toast & wide selection of fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice

### Former Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools Receives Prestigious Fidelitas Medal

Orchard Lake, MI (3-29-2016) – The Fidelitas Medal, first awarded in 1949, is presented in recognition of one's fidelity in serving God, country, and the Orchard Lake Schools. Fidelitas medalists are evaluated for their realization of the religious and cultural ideals of Orchard Lake Schools founder, Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, a Polish missionary priest, who established the original education institution in Detroit in 1885.

The Very Reverend Timothy F. Whalen, former rector of Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and former chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, and current pastor at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church in Glenshaw, PA is the 69th Fidelitas Medal recipient. He was awarded the schools' most prestigious honor at the Ambassadors Ball on April 9, 2016. The Orchard Lake Schools had the privilege of hearing from Fr. Whalen upon his

receiving initial news of his honor. He shared the following thoughts:

In accepting the position of Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools in 2000, I did so solely out of love for the Orchard Lake Schools and their proud and beautiful mission which I imbibed while a student in the Prep. During my term as Chancellor, I became very much aware of my own shortfalls and inadequacies but I never wavered in my attempt to be "faithful" to what I perceived as my responsibilities to the Schools and its constituents. Many times during those 12 years, I knelt and stood at the grave of Fr. Dabrowski and asked for his help and guidance and I believe my prayers were answered. I may not have been the most gifted of leaders, but if the core of the Fidelitas Medal is "fidelity" or "faithfulness," I can attest that I was faithful to the best of my ability. And I recall the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta that "God does not expect us to be successful, only faithful.

She also said she saw herself as being nothing more than a pencil in God's hand, and without feigning any false humility, I see myself in the same light. I was blessed to serve the Orchard Lake Schools for a little less than 12 years, and when you have a span of time like that you have the opportunity to enhance and fulfill the Mission of the Schools through a number of different projects and initiatives. I am proud of the fact that we were able to secure the accreditation of the seminary by the construction and renovation of the Cardinal Maida Library, while at the same time, dramatically enhancing the profile of St. Mary's Prep, and its ability to attract students for admission on a national and international level, through the construction of the ice arena.

Likewise, I am proud of the fact that we were able to establish a seminary campus in Krakow, which has contributed to not only the quantity but the quality of the candidates that have been received by SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. During this time frame, I am especially proud that we were able to create what we christened as "The Polish Mission" and to secure its operation through the generous endowment provided by Dr. and Mrs. Edward Wikiera, which has contributed to not only the restoration of the Campus Galeria but also to the recognition of the Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools by the Ministry of Culture in Poland.

And, in addition, I am proud of the efforts we made to preserve and enhance the beauty of the campus by the restoration of the Lourdes Grotto and the entrances to the campus.

But, in all that I have cited, the key pronoun is "we". "I" didn't accomplish any of this, but I believe that Divine Providence created the circumstances and brought together the right people during my tenure as Chancellor to make all of these initiatives succeed. When I refer to "we", I am implying not only Polonia, our alumni, friends and benefactors, the trustees and regents, and a very qualified administrative staff but, above all, to the action and grace of none other than the Holy Spirit without which nothing truly lasting can endure.

As the Psalmist says, "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the laborers labor." It is with great joy that the PRCUA extends congratulations to Rev. Timothy Whalen as a most worthy recipient of this momentous honor.

### **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 costumes, with their Society's banner, as a celebration of national pride.



#### *Misericordiae Vultus* The Jubilee Year of Mercy, 2015 - 2016

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 2015, His Holiness Pope Francis announced to the World an extraordinary Holy Year – The Jubilee Year of Mercy. This Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8th 2015 and will conclude on the Feast of Christ the King on November 20th, 2016.



By Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak National Chaplain, PRCUA

A Jubilee Year, in the Catholic tradition, is a time of great joy, a time to rejoice in God's love for us. It is also a time for us to receive God's mercy and forgiveness and to extend mercy to others who may have offended us.

At the present time, a Jubilee Year happens in our Church every 25 years. The first Jubilee Year was held in 1300, invoked by Pope Boniface VIII and the last one was the Great Jubilee Year of 2000, during the pontificate of St. John Paul II. With this in mind, the convening of a Jubilee Year other than in the normal 25 year intervals may seem a bit unusual, but it is not. Take for instance the 20th Century. St. John Paul II convened a Jubilee Year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950 years since the death of the Lord and called this Jubilee, The Year of Redemption. Another extraordinary Jubilee Year in the 20th Century occurred in 1933 the 1,900 year anniversary of the Death of the Lord. There are many other such examples throughout the history of the Church. In announcing this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wants us to focus in on God's Mercy for us and, in turn, our love and mercy towards others. In a world that grows more hostile each day, this Year of Mercy should be a source of joy and hope for all God's people!

In the opening sentence of the Bull of Indiction called *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis sets the tone of this Jubilee Year reminding us that "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy". The Pope goes on to say that "mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him". The Pope then reminds us that we need to constantly contemplate the great mystery of mercy. "It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace" and that "our salvation depends on it". In contemplating this mystery "we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives".

One of the special features of a Holy Year is the opening of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilicas in Rome. Pope Francis describes it in these terms: "On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope". Since not everyone will be able to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica or one of the other three Papal Basilicas, the Pope has asked that each Diocese make available Holy Doors or Doors of Mercy for the faithful to pass through during this Year of Mercy, according to their tradition. In doing so, all will have the chance to take part in this Year of Extraordinary Grace. Passing through these Holy Doors also have particular indulgences attached to them, which help us grow in God's grace.

I am sure that you have already heard about the great Jubilee Year in the bulletins of the parish you attend but I wanted to share this with you, as your Chaplain, through *Naród Polski*. For those who would like more information on the Jubilee Year, including the beautiful prayer composed by Pope Francis for this upcoming Year of Mercy, it can be found at the Vatican website: <u>www.iubilaeummisercordiae.vat</u>

P.S. Once again, I will be leading a trip to Poland this Summer, through PAT Tours, July 9th - July 22nd, 2016. Space is limited now. If you are interested in joining me, please email me at wjmptak@gmail.com for more information,

I'd be happy to have you join me for this Pilgrimage of Faith during this Year of Mercy, especially as we visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy and the Convent of St. Faustina in Kraków.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE PRCUA CONSTITUTION (Continued from April Narod Polski)

4. There was an amendment to **Section One, Article 01C Purposes**, which currently reads:

1. The objects and purposes of this Fraternal Benefit Society, which exists solely for the benefit of the members of the UNION, and their beneficiaries, shall be:

a. To unite its members fraternally for social, cultural, religious, benevolent and intellectual improvement, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION;

b. To provide assistance to its members;

c. To engage in the insurance business and in any other business reasonably

incidental to the insurance business and to form or acquire subsidiaries to the extent permissible under state laws;

d. To engage in any lawful social, cultural, religious, benevolent, intellectual, educational, charitable, moral, fraternal or patriotic activity for the benefit of the members of this UNION or the public as the Board of Directors may determine; e. As a Fraternal Benefit Society, to operate and maintain a Life Insurance

Department for the benefit of its members;

f. To promote the spirit of charity by assisting worthwhile endeavors and financially assisting them whenever possible;

g. To arrange patriotic gatherings commemorating American and Polish national and religious affairs;

h. To publish the publication known as NAROD POLSKI.

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5. There was an amendment to **Section Two Article 02A Membership**, which currently reads:

1. Individuals, whether adult or juvenile, of Polish ancestry or those who support the purpose of the UNION, may be eligible for membership in the organization if they meet the requirements for membership established by the UNION, apply for membership upon a form in use by the UNION, and are accepted into membership in accordance with the rules, procedures and rituals of the UNION.

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6. There was an amendment to **Section Two Article 02B The UNION and its Members**, which currently reads:

1. Membership of the UNION is limited to insured, social and honorary members and shall be considered adult members unless they meet criteria of being a juvenile member.

2. An insured member shall be defined as follows:

a. Any member who pays his insurance premium to his Society or annuity deposit to the Home Office, Society dues, and who upholds the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION:

b. Any member whose Benefit Certificate is "PAID UP", or who has a Single Premium Certificate, and continues to pay his dues to his Society, and who upholds the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION.

 A social member is one who pays his dues to the Society and who upholds the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION. This member currently has no Benefit Certificate. Social members shall have the privileges of membership, except for: a. matters pertaining to insurance,

b. participation in Nationally Subsidized Programs offered by the UNION unless approved by the Board of Directors,

c. holding office,

d. voting for Officers, Directors or Delegates,

e. cannot be a Delegate to the Convention from his Society.

4. An honorary member is a distinguished personage whom the Convention or the Board of Directors has deemed fit to select because of his unusual recognition in the UNION or among the Polish people. Such member shall have the privilege of membership and any additional rights as given to them through the Convention or the Board of Directors except for the same limitations for a social member noted in 3a through 3e which gives the honorary member the privileges of membership except for matters pertaining to insurance participation, subsidized programs unless approved by the Board of Directors, holding office, voting for officers or being a delegate from a Society.

5. Membership – Juvenile. Certificates in force in the Juvenile Division of the UNION shall be issued upon the lives of children for whose support and maintenance a member of the UNION or one eligible to be a member of the Union is responsible. Children may be admitted from birth until attained age of sixteen (16) next birthday and will become an adult member at the age of sixteen (16).

a. When the ownership provision is selected at the time of completion of the original application, an applicant on a Juvenile member Certificate or the duly appointed successor of the applicant will have control and continue to be the owner of the insurance Certificate until such time as the applicant or duly appointed successor deems it appropriate to transfer ownership of the Certificate to the Juvenile member. If no ownership provision is elected at the time of completion of the original application, then the applicant will be the owner of the insurance Certificate until the adult attained age of the Juvenile member. At that time, ownership is automatically transferred to the insured member.

b. In the state of New York, when such Juvenile members attain the age of sixteen (16) they shall be transferred to and become members of the Adult Division of the UNION, as required by Article 45, 4507<sup>©</sup> of the Insurance Law of the state of New York.

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7. There was an amendment to **Section Three, Article 03A Convention**, which currently reads:

1. The Supreme Legislative, Judicial and Executive power of the UNION, its (Cont.)

Constitution and By-Laws and Articles shall be vested in the Convention as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation as amended.

2. The Convention shall meet every four (4) years commencing not later than the second Sunday in August 1982, and each quadrennial thereafter, at a place fixed by the preceding Convention. If the last Convention has failed to fix the place, then the site shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors no less than one (1) year prior to the Convention.

3. The President convokes the Convention by a proclamation in March of the Convention year.

4. One-third (1/3) of the legally elected Delegates present at the Convention shall constitute a quorum. A session of the Convention not having a quorum shall, however, have the right to adjourn sessions and to compel absentees to be present at the session under fine to be imposed in each case.

5. The Convention, among other things, shall have the power:

- a. to pass and levy assessments;
- b. to prescribe the ways of collecting same;
- c. to create and abolish Departments and Committees;
- d. to establish all offices;
- e. to define the manner in which they shall be filled;
- f. to declare and interpret rules of conduct for the Societies, Departments, Branches, Officers and Officials:
- g. to correct, change and improve the Constitution;
- h. to hear the Officers' reports;
- i. to elect the Officers and Directors;
- j. to fix the salary of the Officers and Officials;
- k. to give instructions to the Board of Directors;
- 1. to change and improve on the order of deliberations;
- m. to sit as a court and to render decisions;
- n. in short, to do everything that will accrue to the welfare and development of the UNION within the limits of legal statues and limitations.
- 6. The Convention shall elect the following:
  - a. President,
  - b. Vice-President,
  - c. Secretary-Treasurer,
  - d. National Chaplain and
  - e. Directors each District as created per the Constitution Article 05A shall have the number of directors as follows:
  - District 1 One Director i.
  - ii. District 2 One Director
  - District 3 Two Directors iii
  - District 4 One Director iv.
  - District 5 Two Directors v.
  - vi. District 6 One Director
  - District 7 Two Directors vii.
  - viii. District 8 Two Directors
  - District 9 One Director ix.
  - District 10 Two Directors х.

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2. The Convention shall meet every four (4) years commencing not later than the second Sunday in August 1982, and each quadrennial thereafter, at a place fixed by the preceding Convention. If the last Convention has failed to fix the place, then the site shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors no less than one (1) year prior to the Convention.

3. The President convokes the Convention by a proclamation in March of the Convention year.

4. One-third (1/3) of the legally elected Delegates present at the Convention shall constitute a quorum. A session of the Convention not having a quorum shall, however, have the right to adjourn sessions and to compel absentees to be present at the session under fine to be imposed in each case.

5. The Convention, among other things, shall have the power:

- a. to pass and levy assessments;
- b. to prescribe the ways of collecting same;
- c. to create and abolish Departments and Committees; d. to establish all offices and define the manner in which they shall be filled;
- e. to declare and interpret rules of conduct for the Societies, Departments, Branches, Officers and Officials;
- g. to correct, change and improve the Constitution and By-Laws;
- h. to hear the Officers' reports;
- i. to elect the Officers and Directors;
- j. to fix the salary of the Officers and Officials;
- k. to give instructions to the Board of Directors;
- 1. to change and improve on the order of deliberations;

- m. to sit as a court and to render decisions:
- n. in short, to do everything that will accrue to the welfare and development of the UNION within the limits of legal statues and limitations.
- 6. The Convention shall elect the following:
  - a President
  - b. Vice-President,
  - c. Secretary-Treasurer, d. National Chaplain

  - e. Directors each District as created per the Constitution Article 05A shall have the number of directors as follows:
    - District 1 One Director
    - ii. District 2 One Director
    - District 3 Two Directors iii.
    - District 4 One Director iv.
    - District 5 Two Directors V.
    - vi. District 6 One Director
    - District 7 Two Directors vii.
    - District 8 Two Directors viii. District 9 One Director ix.
    - District 10 Two Directors x.

8. There was an amendment to Section Three, Article 03E Delegates to the Convention, which currently reads:

1. The Convention of the UNION shall be composed of the Delegates or their Alternates elected by the Societies.

2. A Society that does not send a Delegate to the Convention may submit matters to the Convention in writing or through a Delegate of a different Society.

3. A member delinquent to the UNION more than two (2) months in his assessments has no right to be voted in as a Delegate and if elected as a Delegate, loses his rights to be a Delegate.

4. No Officer or Chaplain of the central body of any other Fraternal Society or Insurance Company or an Officer of any of its branches or a Delegate to any other Fraternal Benefit Society Convention can be a Delegate to any of the Conventions of the UNION. This prohibition does not apply to any Officer of an Insurance Company or any of its branches, in which the UNION has a financial investment and interest, and such Officer may be a Delegate to the Convention of the UNION.

5. Societies who do not meet the requirements of being an active Society as defined by the By-Laws of the UNION by the date of the Proclamation of Convention are not allowed to submit Delegates to the Convention.

6. A Society delinquent to the UNION more than two (2) months in its assessments loses its rights to representation at the Convention.

7. All National Officers, Chaplains, Directors during their term and Past Presidents, automatically are Delegates to the National Convention. This does not reduce the Delegate count of the Societies in which they belong. They are Delegates-at-Large.

8. Besides regular Delegates, every Society shall elect an equal number of Alternates, who, in case the Delegate fails to present himself at the Convention, shall fill his or her place with the same rights. No Delegates may vote on behalf of more than one Society. The Society has the right to rotate Alternates, however a list of succession shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the UNION. Furthermore, if the Delegate is unable to attend all sessions of the Convention and must leave, he must surrender his credentials to the alternate, if the alternate is at the Convention. The alternate may serve as a Delegate for the remainder of the sessions with full rights as a Delegate upon verification by the Credentials Committee and after taking the oath of a Delegate.

9. The Society shall issue to each Delegate credentials signed by the President and Financial Secretary of the Society. A duplicate of the Delegate's credentials shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the UNION.

10. A Society having from eleven (11) to one hundred (100) insured members has the right to one Delegate; Societies having more than one hundred (100) insured members have the right to one additional Delegate for each additional one hundred (100) insured members or fraction thereof; (provided that all the Societies having less than eleven (11) insured members shall be combined by the Board of Directors into groups comprising as nearly as possible one hundred (100) insured members, and each such group shall be instructed at the appropriate time for the election of Delegates that they are to convene and elect one Delegate for each such group comprising one hundred (100) insured members or less.) The number of insured members in each Society shall be the number indicated in the Premium Statement of April 1st of the Convention year.

11. Every Delegate has full rights as a member of the Convention. He may, however, for cause be deprived of his rights by the Convention.

12. All Credentials, either for the Delegate or Alternate, and the list of succession for Alternates, must be postmarked by May 30 of the Convention year. All Credentials not postmarked by May 30 of the Convention year nor having the signatures of the President and Treasurer of the Society, shall be presented to the Convention for approval or disapproval of the member's Delegate application.

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1. The Convention of the UNION shall be composed of the Delegates or their Alternates elected by the Societies.

2. A Society that does not send a Delegate to the Convention may submit matters to the Convention in writing or through a Delegate of a different Society.

3. Societies who do not meet the requirements of being an active Society as defined by the By-Laws of the UNION by the date of the Proclamation of Convention are not allowed to submit Delegates to the Convention.

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11. Societies having less than eleven (11) insured members shall be combined by the Board of Directors into groups comprising as nearly as possible one hundred (100) insured members, and each such group shall be instructed at the appropriate time for the election of Delegates that they are to convene and elect one Delegate for each such group comprising one hundred (100) insured members or less. The number of insured members in each Society shall be the number indicated in the Premium Statement of April 1st of the Convention year.

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# 9. There was an amendment to Section Three, Article 03J Duties of the Officers of the Convention, which currently reads:

1. The Executive Committee of the Convention consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

The Chair of the Convention is the highest Officer of the Convention. The Chair

 has the right to direct all the acts of the Convention, and to submit to the
 Convention business as heretofore outlined;

b. opens and adjourns sessions; recognizes and declares out of order Delegates wishing to speak; decides all questions with reference to parliamentary rules; supervises voting and announces its results; gives information with reference to the order of the Convention's business when asked by the Convention;
c. confirms all acts of the Convention;

d. excuses Delegates from sessions when, in his opinion, it is imperative to do so; e. appoints as outlined in the By-Laws, if the Convention so wishes, all the Committees of the Convention and submits such appointments to the Convention for approval;

- f. approves the minutes of the Convention;
- g. directs and rules on all affairs of the Convention; ex-officio he is a member of all the Committees of the Convention, and performs all duties proper to his high office;
  h. has the right to vote upon every question as he sees fit and proper. In case of a tie vote, his vote shall be decisive providing he did not cast his vote on the question originally. From any decision of the Chair, in matters of order and parliamentary rules, an appeal may be taken to the Convention whose decision is final.
  i. if the Chair wishes to run for an Office of the UNION, he shall first resign from the position before seeking any office of the UNION.
- 3. The Vice-Chair of the Convention, when performing the duties of the Chair, possesses the rights and privileges of the Chair.

#### 4. The Secretary of the Convention

a. has absolute control over his Assistants and he has the right to assign to them any duties properly belonging to his office;

b. has the duty to keep and supervise the keeping of true and accurate records of all the acts of the Convention, and to write the minutes of each session in three copies, and to submit such to the Convention at the next following session for approval;c. shall conduct all correspondence and communications of the Convention, and present copies of same to the Convention at its or its Chair's request;d. shall note the Convention's disposition of motions made;

e. shall keep in charge all documents, write up all the minutes and authenticate them jointly with the Chair and surrender such to the President of the UNION within thirty (30) days from the adjournment of the Convention, provided, however, that the Secretary and Chair of the Convention must certify to the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws before the Convention adjourns.

5. The Sergeant-at-Arms has absolute control over his Assistants and it is his duty to keep order on the Convention floor. The Sergeant-at-Arms and his Assistants are subject to the orders of the Chair of the Convention.

6. The Convention minutes in their entirety shall be published and distributed to all Officers, Directors, Delegates, Societies and Circuits, and any member who so requests them within 180 days of the adjournment of the Convention.

7. Officers of the Convention shall not receive any compensation until all tasks required by the Constitution and By-Laws and Approved by the Conventions are completed. The completion of said tasks is to be certified by the Budget and Grievance Committee.

Following the amendment, Section Three, Article 03J Duties of the Officers of the Convention, will now read:

1. The Executive Committee of the Convention consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

2. The Chair of the Convention is the highest Officer of the Convention. The Chair directs and rules on all the acts of the Convention, is an ex-officio member of all Convention Committees and submits to the Convention business as heretofore outlined.

a. opens and adjourns sessions; recognizes and declares out of order Delegates wishing to speak; decides all questions with reference to parliamentary rules; supervises voting and announces its results; gives information with reference to the order of the Convention's business when asked by the Convention;
b. confirms all acts of the Convention;

c. excuses Delegates from sessions when, in his opinion, it is imperative to do so;d. appoints as outlined in the By-Laws, if the Convention so wishes, all the Committees of the Convention and submits such appointments to the Convention for approval;

e. approves the minutes of the Convention;

f. has the right to vote upon every question as he sees fit and proper. In case of a tie vote, his vote shall be decisive providing he did not cast his vote on the question originally. From any decision of the Chair, in matters of order and parliamentary rules, an appeal may be taken to the Convention whose decision is final.g. if the Chair wishes to run for an Office of the UNION, he shall first resign as Chair before seeking any office of the UNION.

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d. shall note the Convention's disposition of motions made;

e. shall keep in charge all documents, write up all the minutes and authenticate them jointly with the Chair and surrender such to the President of the UNION within thirty (30) days from the adjournment of the Convention, provided, however, that the Secretary and Chair of the Convention must certify to the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws before the Convention adjourns.

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7. Officers of the Convention shall not receive any compensation until all tasks required by the Constitution and By-Laws and Approved by the Conventions are completed. The completion of said tasks is to be certified by the Budget and Grievance Committee.

10. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 04J Official Bonds**, which currently reads:

1. Corporate surety bonds shall be secured and the premiums thereof be reimbursed for their premiums at the end of the claim period of the Bond by the UNION for the President and any other Officer, employee or agent of the UNION designated by the Board of Directors in an amount as determined by the Board of Directors.

Following the amendment, Section Four, Article 04J Official Bonds, will now read:

1. Corporate surety bonds shall be secured and the premiums paid for by the UNION for the President and any other Officer, employee or agent of the UNION designated by the Board of Directors in an amount as determined by the Board of Directors.

11. There was an amendment to **Section Twelve, Article 12E Membership – Juvenile**, which currently reads:

1. Children shall be admitted under such rules and regulations as may be enacted by the Board of Directors and which are not in conflict with the laws of the States in which the UNION is licensed to do business, and benefit certificates to be issued by the UNION shall be first approved by the Board of Directors and shall be issued in such amounts, forms and provide such benefits as are permitted by the laws of the States wherein the UNION is licensed to do business.

2. Certificates issued prior to May 1, 1938, are based on the English Life No. 6, four percent (4%) interest, Illinois Standard Method Valuation, except the Educational Annuity which is based on the Standard Industrial Table of Mortality, four percent (4%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation; certificates issued from May 1, 1938 to May 31, 1942, are based on the American Experience Table of Mortality with three and one-half percent (31/2%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation, except the Educational Annuity and Term to Age 16, which are based on the Standard Industrial Table of Mortality with three and one-half percent (3½%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation; certificates issued from June 1, 1942 to August 31, 1951, are based on the American Experience Table of Mortality with three percent (3%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation, except the Juvenile Term, which is based on the Standard Industrial Table of Mortality with three and one-half percent (31/2%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation; and all certificates issued on and after September 1, 1951, are based on the 1941 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with two and one-half percent (21/2%) interest, Commissioners Reserve Method of Valuation; certificates issued after January 1, 1965, to December 1, 1988, are based on 1958 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with two and one-half percent (2½%) interest, Commissioners Reserve Method of Valuation. Life Insurance Policies issued after December 2, 1988 are based on the 1980 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with five percent (5%) interest, Commissioners Reserve Method of Valuation.

3. The maintenance of funds to the full amount of the tabular reserves required by such standards after providing for all death claims and other liabilities is hereby made obligatory.

4. Every Juvenile certificate shall at all times be subject to any changes, additions or amendments duly made to the Charter, Articles of Incorporation of the UNION or to the Constitution and By-Laws, so far as the same relate to the Juvenile Division; and any such changes, additions or amendments, from time to time made, shall govern and control the outstanding Juvenile certificates in all respects and in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same had been made prior to and were in force at the time of the issuance of such certificates and making the application therefore.

5. All sections of the By-Laws of the UNION relating to duties of Officers, beneficiaries, proofs of claims, time of bringing action for recovery of benefit, the matter of waivers, the receipts, allocations of receipts and disbursements of funds, transfer of membership, the detail of business, the payment of dues and assessments, the declaration of dividends, and the effect of failure to pay dues and assessments, shall apply to the Juvenile Division, the same as to the other Departments or Divisions of the UNION, and to Benefit Certificates issued thereunder and to beneficiaries of members of such Department or Division.

6. Regular monthly assessments and dues are payable for every member of the Juvenile Division without notice on the first day of each calendar month and if not paid on or before the first day of the following month, the child, by that fact, shall stand suspended from the UNION and shall forfeit all privileges of membership and rights to benefits except as provided in his certificate.

7. The insertion in the official publication of the UNION of the notice of regular or special assessments and also other official notices shall be sufficient notice to the applicants for the Juvenile members. The sending by mail of the official publication to each individual applicant who is a member of the UNION, addressed to his last known address according to the books of the UNION, shall be deemed as regular and sufficient notice to such applicants of their liability for the assessment due and other matters published in such official announcements.

Following the amendment, **Section Twelve**, **Article 12E Membership** – **Juvenile**, will now read:

1. Children shall be admitted under such rules and regulations as may be enacted by the Board of Directors and which are not in conflict with the laws of the States in which the UNION is licensed to do business, and benefit certificates to be issued by the UNION shall be first approved by the Board of Directors and shall be issued in such amounts, forms and provide such benefits as are permitted by the laws of the States wherein the UNION is licensed to do business.

2. Certificates issued prior to May 1, 1938, are based on the English Life No. 6, four percent (4%) interest, Illinois Standard Method Valuation, except the Educational Annuity which is based on the Standard Industrial Table of Mortality, four percent (4%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation; certificates issued from May 1, 1938 to May 31, 1942, are based on the American Experience Table of Mortality with three and one-half percent (31/2%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation, except the Educational Annuity and Term to Age 16, which are based on the Standard Industrial Table of Mortality with three and one-half percent  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation; certificates issued from June 1, 1942 to August 31, 1951, are based on the American Experience Table of Mortality with three percent (3%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation, except the Juvenile Term, which is based on the Standard Industrial Table of Mortality with three and one-half percent (31/2%) interest, Illinois Standard Method of Valuation; and all certificates issued on and after September 1, 1951, are based on the 1941 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with two and one-half percent (21/2%) interest, Commissioners Reserve Method of Valuation; certificates issued after January 1, 1965, to December 1, 1988, are based on 1958 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with two and one-half percent (21/2%) interest, Commissioners Reserve Method of Valuation. Life Insurance Policies issued after December 2, 1988 are based on the 1980 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with five percent (5%) interest, Commissioners Reserve Method of Valuation.

Life Insurance Certificates issued by the UNION after January 1, 2007 will be based upon the 2001 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Mortality Table.

The maintenance of funds to the full amount of the tabular reserves required by such standards after providing for all death claims and other liabilities is hereby made obligatory.

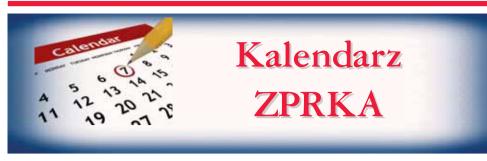
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4. Every Juvenile certificate shall at all times be subject to any changes, additions or amendments duly made to the Charter, Articles of Incorporation of the UNION or to the Constitution and By-Laws, so far as the same relate to the Juvenile Division; and any such changes, additions or amendments, from time to time made, shall govern and control the outstanding Juvenile certificates in all respects and in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same had been made prior to and were in force at the time of the issuance of such certificates and making the application therefore.

5. All sections of the By-Laws of the UNION relating to duties of Officers, beneficiaries, proofs of claims, time of bringing action for recovery of benefit, the matter of waivers, the receipts, allocations of receipts and disbursements of funds, transfer of membership, the detail of business, the payment of dues and assessments, the declaration of dividends, and the effect of failure to pay dues and assessments, shall apply to the Juvenile Division, the same as to the other Departments or Divisions of the UNION, and to Benefit Certificates issued thereunder and to beneficiaries of members of such Department or Division.

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#### 7 CHICAGO, IL – PARADA Z OKAZJI DNIA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA

8 LEMONT, IL – MSZA GRADUACYJNA SZKOŁY POLSKIEJ IM. JANA PAWŁA II, niedziela, 8 maja, o godz. 13:30 w kościele śś. Cyryla i Methodego, 607 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL.

#### 8 DZIEŃ MATKI W USA

8 WYANDOTTE, MI – TOW. #162 - ŚNIADANIE-BUFET Z OKAZJI DNIA MATKI – niedziela, 8 maja w godz. 8:00-12:00, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dorośli - \$7, dzieci do lat 10 - wstęp wolny. W menu: jajka, naleśniki, smażona wędlina z cebulą, smażone ziemniaki, tosty, wybór owoców, kawa, herbata, sok.

9 CHICAGO, IL – ZEBRANIE DYSTRYKTU #7 ZPRKA - poniedziałek, 9 maja, o godz. 19:30 p.m. w świetlicy ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Kontakt: Shirley L. Dudzinski, tel. (773) 763-4069.

14 WILLOW SPRINGS, IL – MSZA ŚW. DLA ABSOLWENTÓW KLASY MATURALNEJ I VIII POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. M. KONOPNICKIEJ - sobota, 14 maja, godz. 10:30, Our Lady Mother of the Church, 8191 Archer Ave., Willow Springs, IL.

14 **DETROIT, MI – DZIEŃ POŁĄCZONYCH RĄK (JOIN HANDS DAY)** - sobota, 14 maja w kościele św. Alberta, 4231 St. Aubin St., Detroit, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Tom Lisiecki, tel. (586) 795-8901.

15 LEMONT, IL – LUNCH GRADUACYJNY ABSOLWENTÓW KLAS VIII POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY JANA PAWŁA II - niedziela, 15 maja, w godz. 10:00-13:30, Crystal Banquets, 12416 Archer Ave, Lemont, IL. Rezerwacje do 5 maja, tel. (630) 538-1952.

**16** ORLAND PARK, IL – ZEBRANIE DYSTRYKTU #8 ZPRKA - poniedziałek, 16 maja, o godz. 19:00 w sali parafialnej przy kościele Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W 131st St, Orland Park, IL.

**20 DETROIT, MI – 46. DOROCZNA NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NA STADIONIE COMERICA PARK**, piątek, 20 maja, Comerica Park Stadium, Detroit, MI. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Detroit Tigers i Tampa Bay Rays. Uroczystości przed meczem o godz. 18:30, mecz o godz. 19:10. Dodatkowe informacje: Wally Ozog, tel. (586) 751-8168 lub Christopher Ozog. tel. (586) 524-4907.

21 LEMONT, IL – AKADEMIA NA ZAKOŃCZENIE ROKU SZKOLNEGO W SZKOLE POLSKIEJ IM. JANA PAWŁA II I W ZESPOLE TAŃCA LUDOWEGO "POLANIE" - sobota, 21 maja, sala gimnastyczna przy parafii śś. Cyryla i Metodego, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL

21 MUNSTER, IN – MSZA ŚW. Z OKAZJI ZAKOŃCZENIA ROKU SZKOLNEGO W SZKOLE POLSKIEJ IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO, sobota, 21 maja, godz. 9:15, klasztor Ojców Karmelitów, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN.

21 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE (RYDER CUP) TOWARZYSTW #718 I #162 - sobota, 21 maja na polu golfowym Warren Valley Golf Course w Dearborn Hts., MI. Spotkanie po rozgrywkach w Randy's Bar & Grille. Gospodarzem rozgrywek będzie Tow. #718. Dodatkowe informacje: Mike Halberstadt (734) 281-7036.

26 DZIEŃ MATKI W POLSCE

**30 MEMORIAL DAY – BIURO ZPRKA ZAMKNIĘTE** 

### CZERWIEC

1 TERMIN NADSYŁANIA PODAŃ O STYPENDIA I POMOC FINANSOWĄ NA STUDIA

**3 DES PLAINES, IL – 36. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE -** piątek, 3 czerwca, Café La Cave, 2777 N. Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL. Koktajle - godz. 19:00, kolacja - godz. 20:00. Dodatkowe informacje: Sharon Orlowski (847) 767-2757. Rezerwacje: Mary Jane Robles (773) 782-2603. Szczegóły na str. 20.

**4 STERLING HTS, MI – MŁODZIEŻOWE ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE TOW. #1593** - sobota, 4 czerwca od godz. 11:00 do 13:00 w 5 Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy., Sterling Hts., MI. Koszt uczestnictwa \$8 dla członków ZPRKA, \$10 dla uczestników, którzy nie należą do ZPRKA, \$5 dla osób korzystających tylko z lunchu. W cenie: 3 gry (2 gry dla dzieci na liniach "bumper"), wypożyczenie butów, nagrody i lunch. Rezerwacje do 31 maja - valerie.brumm@gmail.com lub tel. (248) 622-8949. 5 CHICAGO HTS., IL – MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA - niedziela, 5 czerwca o godz. 12 w południe w kościele św. Kierana, 724 195th St., Chicago Heights, IL. Szczegóły na str. 20.

**5 TOLEDO, OH – KONCERT WIOSENNY ZESPOŁU ECHOES OF POLAND** - niedziela, 5 czerwca o godzinie 15:00 w Ohio Theatre, 3114 LaGrange, Toledo, OH. Bilety: dorośli \$10, emeryci \$7 uczniowie powyżej 10 lat \$3. Dzieci do 10 lat - wstęp wolny. Dodatkowe informacje i zakup biletów: Paulina, tel. (419) 531-8658.

11 WYANDOTTE, MI – SZKOLENIE DLA SEKRETARZY FINANSOWYCH ZE STANU MICHIGAN - sobota, 11 czerwca o godz. 10:00 w PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Rejestracja do 8 czerwca u Pat Tropp, tel. (773) 782-2600 w. 2605 lub pat-tropp@prcua.org.

14 DEARBORN HTS., MI – LOSOWANIE STYPENDIÓW TOW #718 wtorek, 14 czerwca o godzinie 20:00 w Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Zapraszamy wszystkich - każdy mile widziany!

#### 14 DZIEŃ FLAGI W USA

**17-19 MILWAUKEE, WI – 35. FESTIWAL POLSKI** - piątek-niedziela, 17-19 czerwca w Henry W. Maier Festival Park, 200 N. Harbor Dr, Milwaukee, WI. W sobotę, wystąpi zespół Wesoły Lud - o godz 13:30 na scenie Folk Stage i o godz. 15:30 na scenie Cultural Stage. Uroczysta gala PFDAA o godz. 18:00. Więcej informacji na www.polishfest.org. Prosimy odwiedzić stoisko ZPRKA!

18 LA PORTE, IN – 2. DOROCZNY POKAZ SAMOCHODOWY ZPRKA - sobota, 18 czerwca w godz. 13:00-17:00, 620 Bach Street, LaPorte, IN. Rejestracja samochodów od godz. 12:00, koszt uczestnictwa \$10. W godzinach wieczornych dodatkowe atrakcje. Informacje: Adam (219) 369-2406.

19 DZIEŃ OJCA W USA

#### 23 DZIEŃ OJCA W POLSCE

**26** GLENWOOD, IL – 2. DOROCZNY PIKNIK RODZINNY I MSZA POLOWA - niedziela, 26 czerwca w PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL w godz. 12:00 - 18.00. Gospodarzami są Dystryktry 7, 8, 9 ZPRKA. Dodatkowe informacje (773) 782-2601. Szczegóły na str. 20.

28 CHICAGO, IL – NOC DZIEDZICTWA POLSKIEGO NA STADIONIE CELLULAR FIELD - wtorek, 28 czerwca o godz. 19:10. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Chicago White Sox i Minnesota Twins. Szczegóły na str. 22.

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

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Maple Lane Golf Club 33203 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Hts., MI <u>TYLKO DLA CZŁONKÓW ZPRKA!</u> <u>NOWI CZŁONKOWIE MILE WIDZIANI!</u> Aby zostać członkiem ZPRKA, prosimy o kontakt 773-782-2632 lub agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcua.org

Gospodarzem turnieju jest: Tow. #1368 ZPRKA, przewodniczącym jest Jerry Lubiarz.

ZGŁOSZENIA: Dostępne na stronie: <u>www.prcua.org/sports</u>. Zgłoszenia muszą być nadesłane pocztą lub elektronicznie do piątku, 8 lipca 2016. Zgłoszenia nadesłane po terminie, nie będą uwzględnione.

NOCLEGI: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 30000 Van Dyke, Warren, MI, tel. (586) 573-7600. Rodzaj pokoju i cena: King Stand - \$85; Double Stand - \$90, King Exec. Suite – \$105, 2 Double Family Suite - \$125. Termin rezerwacji upływa 15 lipca 2016. Uczestnicy odpowiedzialni są za dokonanie rezerwacji i wszystkich opłat. Przy dokonywaniu rezerwacji wymagane będzie przedstawienie karty kredytowej lub wpłata gotówką depozytu w wysokości \$100.00.

#### JEST TO TURNIEJ DRUŻYN CZTEROOSOBOWYCH

Przy każdym dołku, każdy zawodnik drużyny będzie mógł wybić piłeczkę na tzw. tee. Drużyna wybierze następnie najlepsze trafienie i wszyscy zawodnicy drużyny będą kontynuować z tego miejsca. Ta procedura będzie powtarzana aż piłka znajdzie się w dołku. Wynik zespołu będzie zanotowany i zespół przeniesie się do następnego dołka.

Turniej rozgrywany będzie w kilku kategoriach: żeńskiej, męskiej, mieszanej i seniorów (62 lat i więcej). Czteroosobowe drużyny mogą być męskie, żeńskie lub mieszane. Wypełniony formularz zgłoszeniowy należy odesłać do naszego biura za pośrednictwem poczty lub poczty elektronicznej wraz z opłatą \$ 50.00 od golfisty do 8 lipca 2016 roku (instrukcje na formularzu zgłoszeniowym). Wszelkie pytania, prosimy kierować do Działu Braterskiego na numer (773) 782-2601.

Zwycięzcy w poszczególnych kategoriach zostaną ogłoszeni na bankiecie bezpośrednio po turnieju w Maple Lane Golf Club Clubhouse. W czasie turnieju rozegrane będą również konkursy - szczegóły na miejscu.

ZAPRASZAMY DO UDZIAŁU I WSPÓLNEJ ZABAWY!



Msza święta ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa

niedziela, 5 czer wca 2016 godz. 12:00 St. Kieran Church 724 195th St, Chicago Heights, IL

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Koszt uczestnictwa: \$35.00 (dzieci do lat 10 \$17.50)

Rezerwacje: do soboty, 28 maja 2016 r. u Elizabeth Sadus, tel. 708-481-6796

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce serdecznie zaprasza Szanownych Państwa na doroczny

### 36. Bal Letni

w piątek, 3 czerwca 2016 roku Całé La Cave 2777 N. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

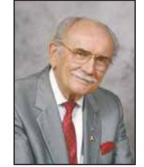
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Koktajle 19:00 Kolacja 20:00

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### Śp. Dominik Józef Piwowarski

Dominik Józef Piwowarski (l. 86) zmarł 16 kwietnia 2016, w Chelsea, MI. Dołączył do grona najbliższych, którzy odeszli przed nim: ojca Henryka, matki Elżbiety, sióstr Marii i Agnieszki, ukochanej żony Francoise, z którą przeżył ponad 50 lat oraz chrześnicy-siostrzenicy Teresy.

Pozostawił pogrążonych w żałobie 3 siostrzeńców: Roberta (Ivonne) Leight, George'a (Cathy) Debski,

Stani Lecha Bielinskiego, siostrzenicę Ritę (Kim) Michener z rodzinami. Dominik urodził się w Katowicach w Polsce. W czasie II Wojny Światowej został wywieziony do Niemiec, a potem do Belgii. Był więźniem obozu koncentracyjnego.

Studiował w Rzymie w seminarium duchownym, lecz sytuacja rodzinna zmusiła go do powrotu do Belgii, gdzie podjął pracę w kopalni, aby utrzymać rodzinę. W Belgii spotkał i poślubił Francoise, w 1957 roku wyemigrowali z Belgii do USA. Pracował w GM.

Dominik cieszył się życiem, miał wielu przyjaciół. Interesował się polowaniami, pracą w ogródku i lubił opowiadać historie. Był utalentowanym śpiewakiem. Od przyjazdu do USA należał do Parafii Matki Bożej Królowej Apostołów, a także do chóru parafialnego i Chóru Filaretów. Był bardzo dumny, że mógł śpiewać w czasie wizyty Ojca św. Jana Pawła II w Hamtramck, MI w 1987 roku, pod dyrekcją Mr."B" Budwiela - organisty i dyrygenta chóru. Należał również do ZPRKA i był członkiem Towarzystwa #2274.

Jego silna wiara zaprowadziła go do Boga na wieczny odpoczynek. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Mu dać, Panie!

### 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 polskoamerykańskiej 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 pielęgniarstwa (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 pielęgniarstwa

<u>Pomoc wieczysta:</u>"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. 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,
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2. Lista tysięcy ofert w kilkudziesięciu kategoriach jest aktualizowana każdego dnia.

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Odwiedź 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!

### INFORMACJA DLA CZŁONKÓW Tow. Józefa Robotnika #1579

Towarzystwo Józefa Robotnika #1579 obchodziło 4 marca 42. rocznicę założenia Towarzystwa (1974-2016) oraz 48. rocznicę założenia szkółki tańca i języka polskiego w dniu 17 stycznia (1968-2016).

W związku z powyższymi rocznicami planowany jest wspólny piknik rodzinny dla członków Towarzystwa #1579 w czasie jarmarku, Polish American Community Fair, który odbędzie się w Glenwood, IL w niedzielę, 14 sierpnia 2016 r.

Więcej informacji już wkrótce!

Jeśli macie Państwo jakiekolwiek pomysły i sugestie, lub chcielibyście zgłosić się do pomocy, prosimy o kontakt z Barbarą Pawłowską, sekretarzem finansowym Tow. #1579 na adres 13551 S. Brainard Ave, Chicago, IL 60633-1873. Prosimy o zgłoszenia do 15 czerwca 2016 r.

Zaplanujcie swoje wakacje tak, abyście mogli uczestniczyć w tym historycznym wydarzeniu!

### UWAGA CZŁONKOWIE ZPRKA W STANIE ILLINOIS!!! ZPRKA wprowadza nowe programy ubezpieczeniowe

### Legacy Shield Final Expense Whole Life

Już teraz - możecie ubezpieczyć się na życie w ciągu 15 minut, bez konieczności robienia badań lekarskich i testów laboratoryjnych. Aby zapewnić sobie szybko ubezpieczenie, musicie jedynie odpowiedzieć na kilka pytań dotyczących waszego zdrowia i potwierdzić telefonicznie podane informacje. BEZ CZEKANIA!

ZPRKA ogłasza wprowadznie nowych, stałych programów ubezpieczeniowych na życie - tzw. Legacy Shield Final Expense Whole Life!

Szybki proces zatwierdzenia obejmuje sprawdzanie recept na lekarstwa i wywiad telefoniczny. Osoba ubiegająca się o ubezpieczenie może złożyć podanie i zostać zatwierdzona w ciągu kilku minut. Płatności można dokonać bezpośrednio z konta bankowego lub za pomocą czeku, który należy przesłać pocztą.

ZPRKA oferuje trzy opcje programów Legacy Shield:

- Legacy Single Premium ze składką jednorazową
- Legacy 5-Pay z opłatami przez 5 lat
- Legacy Level Pay ze stałymi opłatami

Oferta przeznaczona jest dla osób w wieku od 40 do 85\*, które mogą wykupić ubezpieczenie na sumę od \$2 500 do \$25 000 w zależności od wyboru planu.

Pamiętajcie, żę przy wykupie ubezpieczenia Planu rodzinnego ZPRKA (PRCUA Family Plan) przez 2 lub więcej osoby, przysługuje zniżka w wysokości 10%.

Zakup już dziś plan, który będzie korzystny dla Ciebie i Twoich bliskich! Powiedz o tym planie swoim znajomym!

Aby otrzymać więcej informacji, należy skontaktować się z lokalnym przedstawicielem handlowym lub biurem ZPRKA pod numer (800) 772-8632 wew. 2631 lub 2632.

\* Tylko opcje Legacy Single Premium i Legacy 5-Pay

Tak, jestem zainteresowany(na) otrzymaniem dodatkowych informacji na temat programu Legacy Shield Final Expense.

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UWAGA: Artykuły do czerwcowego wydania *"Narodu Polskiego"* muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 17 maja.

Maria Jamińska

### 37. rocznica pacyfikacji wsi Różaniec

Miesiące marzec i kwiecień są Miesiącami Pamięci Narodowej bowiem wydarzało się w nich w czasie II wojny światowej i okupacji, kilkaset pacyfikacji wsi oraz masowe ludobójstwa cywilów w różnych regionach Polski.

17. marca 2016 r. upamiętniono Polaków ratujących, z narażeniem życia, Żydów skazanych na zagładę i uroczyście otwarto Muzeum Polaków Ratujących Żydów podczas II wojny światowej im. Rodziny Ulmów w Markowej koło Łańcuta na Podkarpaciu.

18 marca 2016 r. obchodzona była 73. rocznica pacyfikacji wsi Różaniec koło Tarnogrodu, pow. Biłgoraj, woj. Lublin. Ze wzruszeniem wspominają tamte tragedie osoby, które przeżyły piekło ale też ciężko ich rodzinom, potomkom i wszystkim pamiętającym o okropnościach lat czterdziestych.

Zgromadzeni kombatanci, świadkowie tamtych wydarzeń, seniorzy, rodziny, władze gminy i organizacji zbowidowskich, sołtys wsi, młodzież szkolna i mieszkańcy, składali wieńce i kwiaty przed pomnikiem i na grobach pomordowanych, uczestniczyli we Mszy św. w Kościele Parafialnym w Różańcu II oraz obejrzeli część artystyczną w wykonaniu uczniów. W czasie Mszy. św. odczytano nazwiska kilku osób zamordowanych i ogłoszono, że zostanie sporządzony wykaz wszystkich osób, które zginęły.

Żyjący świadkowie, w gronie rodzinnym opowiadali o wydarzeniach i atmosferze, która towarzyszyła zastraszonym ludziom. W latach 40-tych ubiegłego wieku, w całym powiecie biłgorajskim trwała fala masowych łapanek i aresztowań ludności cywilnej. W ciągłym strachu i nękaniu ludzi, mijały tygodnie, miesiące i lata agresji niemieckiej.

Wczesnym rankiem, w niedzielę, 9 października 1942 r., niemieckie wojska obstawiły wsie od szosy Tarnogród–Jarosław aż do granicy Rudy Różanieckiej. Były to wsie: Wola Różaniecka, Różaniec, Wola Obszańska, Obsza i Zamch. Wszystkich złapanych przewieziono na Ogród Księży w Różańcu, gdzie wybrano i rozstrzelano 9 osób: 6 z Różańca i 3 z Woli Obszańskiej. Z pozostałych wybrano 10 osób i razem z drugą 10-tką z Woli Różanieckiej wywieziono do obozu w Majdanku.

W dniu 26 listopada 1942 r. oddziały SS zaczęły palić Kolonię na południowo-wschodniej stronie Różańca, gdzie pod lasem rozstrzelano 20 osób, a złapano 30 i wywieziono je do obozów. Także w grudniu 1942 r. oddział SS rozstrzelał 10 osób, w tym sześciu mieszkańców Różańca, za to, że pomagali jeńcom sowieckim (3) i Żydowi (1).

Nadszedł pamiętny dzień 18 marca 1943 r. Jednostki niemieckiego Wermachtu otoczyły Różaniec, rozpoczynając pacyfikację i palenie gospodarstw z inwentarzem. Gaszenie pożarów i ratowanie inwentarza było zabronione. W dniu tym spłonęło ponad 260 gospodarstw z inwentarzem na długości około 4 km po obydwu stronach drogi. W tym dniu zamordowano i spalono około 70 mieszkańców naszej wsi. (...) W dniu 29 czerwca 1943 r. w Różańcu wznowiono pacyfikację, złapano wtedy 700 osób, które umieszczono w obozach w Zamościu i Zwierzyńcu. (...) Łapanki nie omijały Różańca i okolicznych wsi i w późniejszych miesiącach. O tych tragediach mało kto wiedział, jedynie może rodziny pomordowanych. \*1) Dlatego też nie ujęto ich w wykazach imiennych osób pomordowanych. Przykładem może być rodzina Antoniego i Anny Jamińskich.

Pod koniec listopada 1942 r. Niemcy zaczęli palić Jamińszczyznę-Kolonię (przysiółek Różańca), gdzie mieszkał Antoni Jamiński z rodziną. Antoniego nie było w domu, był w "lesie". Jego żona Anna wraz ze swoją mamą (Marią Zawadą) trzepały [międliły] len na podwórku w pobliżu stodoły. W domu była trójka małych dzieci: Jasio miał 5 i pół roku, Janina niecałe 3 latka i Marysia, która miała 6 miesięcy. Dzieci (starsze) z przerażeniem obserwowały jak nagle na podwórze zajechali Niemcy, którzy skierowali się do kobiet pracujących pod stodołą. Coś krzyczeli a potem padł pierwszy strzał i upadła jedna kobieta (prawdopodobnie babcia). Widocznie zastrzelili babcię po to, aby zastraszyć Annę i aby szybciej odpowiedziała gdzie jest jej mąż i inne interesujące ich osoby. Dzieci już drżały, a kiedy usłyszały następny strzał i zastrzelono mamę, Jasio otworzył okno jako jedyną drogę ucieczki dla nich trojga. Potem SS-mani podpalili stodoły i stajnie, a następnie dom mieszkalny. Płoneły zabudowania i obie zabite kobiety. (Janina Jamińska kuzynka, która mieszka obecnie w Biłgoraju, w czasie rozmowy telefonicznej ze mną 12 lutego 2016 r. tak wspominała Jasia: "Serce się krajało, jak ten chłopczyna niósł na rękach jedno dziecko a druga dziewczynka trzymała się jego bluzy i szedł przez pola do wsi, do rodziny". Kiedy Antoni wrócił, zastał spalone, stodoły, stajnie, budynek mieszkalny, zwęglone zwłoki żony i teściowej ale gdzie dzieci? Początkowo dziećmi zajęli się krewni z Różańca. Później ojciec w obawie o ich bezpieczeństwo wywiózł dzieci do Rudki-Franusie, do rodziny Jana i Marii Zawadów (ich wujka i cioci). Gdyby nie to, nie wiadomo, co by się stało z dziećmi 18 marca 1943 r., kiedy Niemcy kończyli palenie Kolonii i pacyfikowali całą wieś Różaniec. Od tego czasu Antoni częściej przebywał na terenie Rudki i okolic Sieniawy niż w Różańcu.

22 maja 1944 r. na Franusiach został zastrzelony Antoni Jamiński. Prawdopodobnie poszukiwano też jego dzieci, którym grożono. Dzieci w tym czasie były u cioci Anastazji na Wołczastych. Antoniego pogrzebano pod lipą na podwórzu. Dopiero po wojnie odkopano zwłoki i pochowano na cmentarzu w Sieniawie.

Dzieci zostały całkowitymi sierotami.

Jasio, Janina, Marysia z rodzinami, ze swoimi dziećmi i wnukami, pamiętają skąd ich korzenie, odwiedzają miejsce urodzenia i składają hołd rodzicom. Jasio (który już nie żyje) przynajmniej raz w roku jeździł ze swoimi synami do Różańca, by uczyli się historii i pamiętali. Kiedy chłopcy założyli rodziny i byliśmy wszyscy razem, jeździliśmy z nimi tam na pole pod lasem, gdzie stały dom i zabudowania gospodarcze, gdzie spalono naszą babcię i prababcię. Rysio i Misia, Jacek i Ania zapalali znicze, składali kwiaty i wsłuchiwali się w opowiadania krewnych, którzy byli naszymi przewodnikami (z rodziny Jamińskich, Kowalczyków, Kędzierskich).

Najczęściej odwiedzany jest grób Antoniego Jamińskiego w Sieniawie. Teraz jest to grób obojga rodziców Jamińskich. Nawet członkowie Wesołego Ludu z Chicago tam wstąpili.

19 lipca 2008 r. Reprezentacyjny Zespół Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce "WESOŁY LUD", który wówczas uczestniczył w XIV Światowym Festiwalu Polonijnych Zespołów Folklorystycznych w Rzeszowie – na zaproszenie burmistrza miasta i gminy Sieniawa – wystąpił w Sieniawie z pięknym koncertem polskich tańców ludowych dla mieszkańców miasta i gminy Sieniawa. Po koncercie młodzi artyści przebierali się a Ryszard pojechał z nami na cmentarz w Sieniawie, by złożyć kwiaty i pomodlić się na grobie swojego dziadka Antoniego Jamińskiego. Po chwili pod cmentarz podjechał autokar, a z niego wysiedli członkowie Zespołu Wesoły Lud wraz opiekunami i przyszli na cmentarz (pani Misia powiedziała im, gdzie jest Rysio i dlaczego). Oni poprosili o podwiezienie, by razem z panem Rysiem oddać hołd jego przodkom. Sami prowadzili po polsku modlitwę: Ojcze nas i Zdrowaś Maryjo. Nam gardła się ścisnęły, ciekły łzy ze wzruszenia a im "szkliły się oczy", ponieważ spotkali się pierwszy raz tutaj z historią ludzi, świadkami historycznych wydarzeń. Oto ich ulubiony pan Richard wraz ze swoim ojcem stoją nad grobem dziadka, ludzi którzy doświadczyli okropności II wojny światowej. Ci młodzi Amerykanie pochodzenia polskiego w drugim, najczęściej trzecim lub czwartym pokoleniu, poznali historię nie z książek a z rzeczywistości i bardzo to przeżywali. Podziwialiśmy ich wrażliwość i dobroć. Zawsze wspominamy ich i podajemy za przykład wielu

młodym osobom.

18 marca 2016 r. w Różańcu odwiedziliśmy rodziny oraz spotkaliśmy wiele ciekawych nowych osób, znających dobrze historię miejscowości. Nauczyciel historii w Zespole Szkół Agrotechnicznych obiecał zgłosić Antoniego i Annę Jamińskich do (mającego być sporządzanego) wykazu osób, które zginęły w czasie pacyfikacji miejscowości.

W Księdze Pamiątkowej zamieściliśmy wpis następującej treści: W 73. Rocznicę pacyfikacji Różańca podziwiamy Waszą odwagę i cierpienia. Pamiętamy. Jesteście w naszych myślach i sercach. Cześć Waszej pamięci. Rodzina – potomkowie Anny i Antoniego Jamińskich: wnuki (-owie): Teresa Ożga, Maria Kosińska, Tadeusz Strug, Małgorzata Mikołowicz; prawnuczka Dorota Mikołowicz; Maria Jamińska [z d. Kozłowicz] – synowa.

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\*2) Spisana historia Różańca przez Wojciecha Lisa, mieszkańca tej wioski, którego już z nami nie ma

i \*2) w: "Nasza mała Ojczyzna Różaniec". Materiały zostały zebrane i opracowane przez uczniów i nauczycieli ze Szkoły Podstawowej im. Kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego w Różańcu drugim - a udostępnione mi w czerwcu 2011 r.

#### Stypendia dla członków Tow. św. Stanisława #718

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### Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA - zapisz daty!

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

19-20 sierpnia 2016 - Turniej softball - Woodhaven, MI

Dodatkowe informacje: 773-782-2601 (biuro wiceprezesa); e-mail: linda-kasprzyk@prcua.org; czytaj w

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### Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago gościł uczestników sesji treningowej w ramach przygotowań do Szczytu NATO

Oficerowie Wojska Polskiego wraz z przedstawicielami cywilnych polskich instytucji państwowych złożyli wizytę w Chicago w dniach 4-7 kwietnia 2016 r. w celu wzięcia udziału we wspólnej polsko-amerykańskiej wymianie doświadczeń i najlepszych praktyk przed nadchodzącym Szczytem NATO w Warszawie.



C y k l s p o t k a ń treningowych zorganizowany został przez G w a r d i ę Narodową Stanu Illinois i amerykańskich ekspertów w stanie

Illinois, którzy przygotowywali Szczyt NATO w Chicago w 2012 r.

Na zaproszenie Konsula RP w Chicago Roberta Rusieckiego uczestnicy spotkań szkoleniowych odwiedzili polską placówkę konsularną 6 kwietnia, aby podsumować kilkudniową konferencję, ale również spotkać się m.in. z polskimi weteranami II wojny

światowej czy przedstawicielami S t o w a r z y s z e n i a Historycznego Armii Polskiej z siedzibą w Chicago.

Witając gości Konsul Rusiecki podkreślił wagę owocnej i ścisłej 23-



letniej współpracy Wojska Polskiego z Gwardią Narodową Stanu Illinois, bardzo dobrej współpracy wojska polskiego i amerykańskiego oraz relacji dwustronnych pomiędzy Polską a Stanami Zjednoczonymi Ameryki.



Reprezentujący stronę amerykańską Generał Michael Zerbonia zaznaczył kluczową rolę Polski jako członka NATO i chwalił Polskę jako "najlepszego spośród sojuszników Stanów Z j e d n o c z o n y c h Ameryki".

Reprezentujący stronę polską Generał Adam Joks, dziękując za zorganizowanie sesji, przyznał, że dała ona uczestnikom nowe cenne perspektywy na wiele rozwiązań w przygotowaniach do organizacji Szczytu NATO w Warszawie 8-9 lipca 2016 r.

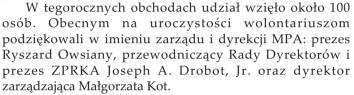
Rzeczpospolita Polska jest członkiem Organizacji Traktatu Północno-Atlantyckiego od 12 marca 1999 r.

### Dzień Wolontariusza w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce

Chicago, IL - W czwartek, 21 kwietnia odbył się w Sali Głównej im. Sabiny F. Logisz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce doroczny Dzień Wolontariusza.

Dni Wolontariusza MPA zapoczątkowane zostały kilkanaście lat temu przez Joann Ozog, żonę ówczesnego prezesa ZPRKA i przewodniczącego Rady Dyrektorów MPA Wallace'a Ozoga, jako wyraz podziękowania dla tych wszystkich, którzy rozumiejąc potrzeby muzeum,

bezinteresowanie poświęcają swój czas i liczne talenty pomagając w bibliotece, archiwum i muzeum.



Od lat, MPA wybiera również Wolontariusza Roku. W tym roku tytuł Wolontariusza Roku im. Felicji Krupińskiej przyznany został trzem wolontariuszom: Halinie Bieniewskiej, Matthew Sobieszczykowi i Louisowi Bielakowskiemu.

Joann Ozog, zwracając się do obecnych, uzasadniła, iż przyznane w tym roku tytuły Wolontariusza Roku noszą imię zmarłej niedawno Felicji Krupińskiej, która sama poświęciła wiele godzin pracując społecznie w muzeum.

Komentujuąc uroczystość, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. podkreślił, iż widok tak wielu osób, które pomagają MPA kierując się potrzebą własnych serc i wiarą w jego misję, robi niezwykłe wrażenie.



Członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji MPA: (l-p) Ryszard Owsiany, Małgorzata Kot, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.



Joann Ozog wspomniała zmarłą Felicję Krupiński



Wolontariusze Roku: (l-p) Matthew Sobieszczyk, Louis Bielakowski, Halina Bieniewska



Grupa wolontariuszy z członkami zarządu i dyrekcji oraz pracownikami MPA (zdjęcie: J. Siegel)

### ZPRKA 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 ustanowiło jednorazowe kieszonkowe w wysokości \$100, dla każdego członka ZPRKA w wieku 13-21 lat, który weźmie udział w Światowych Dniach Młodzieży.

Wszyscy, którzy pragną otrzymać kieszonkowe, są zobowiązani do wypełnienia przed wyjazdem do Polski formularza ze str. 3 (Application for World Youth Day Stipend), w celu sprawdzenia ich członkowstwa. Każda ubiegająca się osoba musi byc członkiem ZPRKA przez co najmniej 2 lata i posiadać polisę ubezpieczniową 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 przesłać mailem: fraternal-department@prcua.org.

Pieniądzę 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.



Darien, IL - Na uczestników tegorocznej Święconki ZPRKA, zorganizowanej przez Dystrykt #8 w Alpine Banquets w Darien, IL, w niedzielę 3 kwietnia, czekało wiele atrakcji. Wszystkich witali organizatorzy, stoły udekrowane zostały kwiatami, koszykami wypełnionymi kolorowymi jajkami i serwetkami w wielkanocnych odcieniach fioletu.

Gości powitali dyrektorzy Dystryktu #8 Krystyna Lech i James Rustik. Modlitwy przed obiadem odmówili wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński - w języku polskim i serketarz-skarbnik ZPRKA James Robaczewski - w języku angielskim.

Obiad rozpoczął się podaniem tradycyjnego wielkanocnego żurku. Po smacznym posiłku i deserze, Jeanine Leonhard zapowiedziała występ zespołu Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, który z dużą werwą zaprezentował dynamiczne tańce i wprowadzające w nastrój nostalgii pieśni. Wiązanka tańców "Starej Warszawy" rozpoczęła program, następnie zespół zawirował w tańcach z regionu Lubuska i zakończył występ chicagowską polką w stylu Charlestona. Występy zostały nagrodzone gromkimi brawami i wyrazami uznania dla młodych wykonawców.

Po występie prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. podziękował dyrektorom Dystryktu #8 oraz komitetowi organizacyjnemu za poświęcenie i przygotowanie bardzo sympatycznego spotkania i kontynuowanie tradycji dorocznych Święconek. Wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski wprowadziła wszystkich gości w jeszcze milszy nastrój, zapraszając wszystkich do wspólnych gier, które wywołały uśmiech na wielu twarzach.

Program zakończył się losowaniem zwycięców loterii pieniężnej i fantowej, które przeprowadzili dyrektorzy Lech i Rustik. Grupa najmłodszych uczestników Święconki również ofiarowała swoją pomoc przy losowaniu nazwisk zwycięzdów loterii. Kopciuszek 2016 Olivia Cisło i Książę 2016 John Ślubowski pomogli organizatorom w roznoszeniu wygranych do szcześliwych zwycięzców.

Dyrektorzy Dystr. #8 oraz cały komitet organizacyjny i wszyscy pomocnicy, zasługują na szczere wyrazy uznania i podziękowania za przygotowanie kolejnego bardzo udanego spotkania. Wyrazy podziękowania za wsparcie organizowanych przez ZPRKA imprez, należą się również wszystkim gościom, którzy wzięli udział w tegorocznej Święconce.



### PREZES JOSEPH DROBOT WZIĄŁ UDZIAŁ W SPOTKANIU Z PREZYDENTEM ANDRZEJEM DUDA

Waszyngton, D.C. - Prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. uczestniczył w dniu 30 marca w spotkaniu przedstawicieli organizacji polonijnych i weteranów z prezydentem Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, Andrzejem Dudą. Spotkanie odbyło się w Ambasadzie RP w Waszyngtonie.

Zwracając się do uczestników spotkania prezydent Duda podziękował Polonii za wsparcie w trudnych chwilach, za kultywowanie języka polskiego, kultury i tradycji w Stanach Zjednoczonych i obronę dobrego imienia Polski. Zaapelował również do środowsk polonijnych o dalszy lobbing na rzecz polskich interesów.

Prezydent Andrzej Duda przyjechał do Stanów Zjednoczonych aby wziąć udział w Szczycie Bezpieczeństwa Nuklearnego w Waszyngtonie, który odbył się w dniach 31 marca i 1 kwietnia.

W pierwszym dniu wizyty w Waszyngtonie, prezydent Duda był gościem w National Press Club, gdzie wygłosił krótkie przemówienie i odpowiadał na pytania dotyczące bezpieczeństwa Polski i bezpieczeństwa międzynarodowego, wewnętrznej sytuacji w Polsce oraz Szczytu Sojuszu Północnoatlantyckiego, który odbędzie się w lipcu 2016 roku w Warszawie.

W czwartek, 31 marca, uczestnicy Szczytu Bezpieczeństwa Nuklearnego zostali zaproszeni do Białego Domu na kolację z prezydentem USA Barackiem Obamą. Prezydent Duda miał okazję odbyć krótką rozmowę z prezydentem Obamą, w czasie której poruszył kwestię bezpieczeństwa w rejonie Europy Wschodniej.



DOŁĄCZ DO ZPRKA na 125-tej PARADZIE 3 MAJA w CHICAGO sobota, 7 maja o godz. 11:15 wzdłuż State St. - od Lake St. do Van Buren, St.

W tym roku obchodzimy 225. rocznicę uchwalenia Konstytucji 3 maja 1791 przez Wielki Sejm Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów. Była to pierwsza w Europie i druga na świecie spisana konstytucja (pierwsza konstytucja została uchwalona w Stanach Zjednoczonych w 1787 roku).

Z okazji Dnia Matki Wszystkim Mamom składamy życzenia zdrowia, cudownych chwil pełnych uśmiechu oraz nieustającego zadowolenia ze swoich dzieci!

Izień Matki