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w języku
polskim.**

PRCUA HONORS ITS PATRON AT THE ANNUAL SACRED HEART MASS

Chicago Hts., IL - Members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America gathered together on June 5th at St. Kieran Church in Chicago Heights, for the Annual Sacred Heart Mass. The event was organized by PRCUA District #9.

The Mass began with a procession led by flag bearers Steven DeLonka, John Frankowicz, and Paul Pawlowski; followed by PRCUA St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language & Dance School students dressed in colorful Polish folk costumes (David and Christian Studzinski, Amy and Ania Rolniak, Tomasz and Wiktoria Przybysz, Noah Wygocki, Zosia and Olivia Helfen); and 2016 Cinderella Olivia Cislo and 2016 Prince Charming John Slubowski. They were followed by PRCUA President Emeritus Francis Rutkowski and wife Patricia; National Directors: D3 Joanne Zajac and D3 Sharon Quinn & husband Ed; D5 Mitchell Bienia & wife Krystyna; D6 Constance Bonin; D7 Anna Krysinski, D7 Kevin Kucik, past D7 Director Steve DeLonka; D8 Krystyna Lech & husband Tadeusz, D8 James Rustik; D9 Elizabeth Sadus; D10 Colleen Bonkowski & husband Brian and D10 Thomas Lisiecki; PRCUA Officers VP Micheline Jaminski with husband Richard and granddaughter Ariana, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski with wife Elaine; the Mass concelebrants PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak and National Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc.



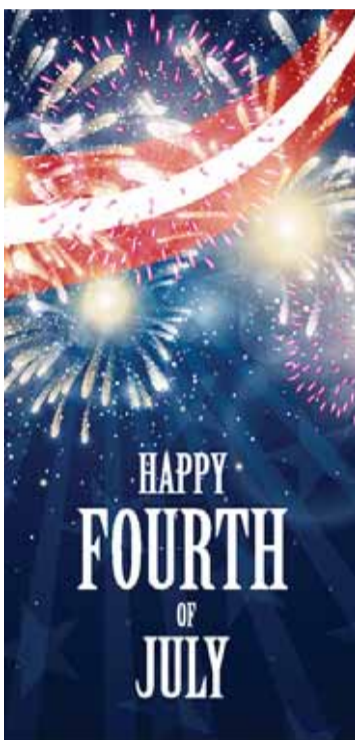
PRCUA National Chaplains concelebrating the Sacred Heart Mass

In his homily, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak reminded the faithful, who gathered in the church, to reflect and rejoice because we all have a place of refuge in our Savior Jesus Christ, to understand that all who profess the Catholic faith are His followers, and that we need to remember that through all difficulties He is ready to embrace us with love and compassion, and forgive us because He is the God of Mercy.

Ania Rolniak and Amy Rolniak, students of St. Raphael Kalinowski School, were the lectors of the Readings in English and in Polish. Brothers Tommy and Joey Robaczewski served as the altar boys. Organist Mary Pierce, and soloist Crystal Phillips Pierce, enhanced the Mass with uplifting and inspirational music and hymns.

The PRCUA extends thanks to the Pastor of St. Kieran Church, Rev. John Siemanowski, for his hospitality, to Dist. #9 Director Beth Sadus for chairing the event, to all who enhanced the Mass in any capacity, and to all PRCUA members who took time to come and praise the PRCUA Patron - the Sacred Heart of Jesus - at this Annual Mass, in memory of living and deceased PRCUA members.

After Mass, about 80 people gathered at the Balagio Restaurant in Homewood, IL for a luncheon. Director Elizabeth Sadus welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Mass and the luncheon. Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc offered a prayer and blessing before the meal.



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PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL



Flag bearers, students of St. Raphael Kalinowski School, and past and present Officers and Directors in a procession to the church



Ania Rolniak and Amy Rolniak offering the Readings



Rev. Walter Ptak with altar boys Tommy and Joey Robaczewski



2016 Prince Charming and Cinderella and students from the St. Raphael Kalinowski School bringing the Offertory gifts



Dir. Elizabeth Sadus welcoming guests at the luncheon



Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc blessing the food



Guests at the luncheon in the Balagio Restaurant



Soloist Crystal Phillips Pierce (l) and Organist Mary Pierce (r)

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL



Calendar of PRCUA Events

JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

9 TOLEDO, OH – PRCUA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING on Sat. July 9 at Chippewa Golf Course. Dinner and party to follow. Contact: Paul Wulf at 419-351-0929. (See details on pg. 4.)

20 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2042 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., July 20 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

23 STERLING HTS., MI – 64th PRCUA ANNUAL NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT on Sat., July 23 at Maple Lane Golf Club, 33203 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights, MI. Hosted by St. Rita Society #1368. (See details on pg. 12.)

25-31 KRAKÓW, POLAND – 31st WORLD YOUTH DAY

30 WESTLAND, MI – ST. STAN'S SOCIETY #718 FAMILY PICNIC on Sat., July 30 at Nankin Mills (Hines Park) from Noon to 8:00 p.m. The entrance is located south of Ann Arbor Trail at Hines Drive, between Merriman and Wayne Rd., on the west side of Hines Park. All food and beverages are complimentary. Contact Tina & Denny Churchvara for more information at 313-561-7464.

AUGUST

8 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 MEETING on Mon., August 8 at 7:30 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley L. Dudzinski, Secretary at 773-763-4069.

17 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2042 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., August 17 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

19-20 WOODHAVEN, MI – 62ND NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT on Fri. and Sat. Aug. 19-20 in Woodhaven, MI. Hosted by St. Stan's #718. Any member wishing to participate should contact Bob Hojnacki at 313-384-6255. (See details on pg. 7.)

28 MERRILLVILLE, IN – 1050TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLAND'S CHRISTIANITY CELEBRATION on Sun., Aug. 28 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Merrillville, IN. (See details below.)



1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity Celebration

The main Chicagoland celebration of the 1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity will be held on August 28, 2016 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville, Indiana.

Pre-Mass musical program will start at 11:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at Noon.

For information regarding this event, please contact Andrzej Gedlek at 708-423-1712 or a.gelek@op.pl or Rev. Lukasz Kleczka at Lukasz.kleczka@mailsds.org or 219-487-3319; www.chrzestpolski966.org

Additional information will be posted in the August issue 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.

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). Distr. #9 Polish Dance School and St. Joseph the Worker Society invite you, your family and your friends to join us for a Family Picnic Reunion which will take place at the Polish American Community Fair in Glenwood, IL on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Bring a dish to share and join the fun!

For more information, please contact Barbara Pawlowski, Soc. #1579 Financial Secretary, at 13551 S. Brainard Ave, Chicago, IL 60633-1873.

Plan your vacation so you can attend this historic event!

All articles for the August 2016 issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Attention PRCUA Members! Final Expense Insurance Now Available!*

Obtain life insurance in 15 minutes without medical tests and physical exams! Answer only a few medical questions and verify information to secure your coverage immediately! No waiting – No hassle – No paperwork!

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Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
Attn: Life Insurance Information
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101
 Or email your request for more information to:
life@prcua.org

PRCUA Goal for Growth Program



June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Attention PRCUA Members – help grow the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America!
Rewards for you and your Society, plus win prizes!

A special Referral Reward program is taking place during June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017 as recognition for your efforts to refer new members to the PRCUA. Participate and YOU, your Society, and the entire PRCUA will benefit from each confirmed new whole life insurance membership!



For you:

A \$10 Referral Reward will be paid to you, the recommender, when you complete a valid referral. The referral must also result in the purchase of a whole life insurance certificate. A complete referral is one which has a valid name, address, phone number and preferably an e-mail address. The individual referred must be interested in becoming a PRCUA member and be willing to meet with a Sales Representative.

Win a spectacular trip for two: At the end of the program in June 2017*, recommenders who submitted a minimum of 5 valid referrals in which each referral purchased whole life insurance, will be entered into a **Grand Prize drawing for an all-inclusive 4-day trip for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico!** For every 5 referrals thereafter, you will receive another chance to win.

For your Society:

Each PRCUA Society will benefit by receiving **\$10 per whole life insurance new member** gained during this time period. Additionally, each of these new certificates will be an entry into the Society Cash Drawing for the benefit of the Society. Your Society will have a chance to win up to a combined total of \$6,500:

1st place - \$2,000; 2nd place - \$1,000; 3rd-5th place - \$500; 6th-15th place - \$200

The more new members there are, the greater the chances for your Society to win! All participating Societies will be recognized in the *Naród Polski*, on the PRCUA website and on Facebook for their efforts to help grow the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Qualifications: This program applies to all PRCUA Whole Life Insurance with a \$5,000 minimum insurance face value. Annuities and Term Insurance plans do not qualify. Although PRCUA Sales Representatives do not qualify for the Referral Reward, if they sell a certificate to the recommended person, referral sales will qualify for the current 2016 Life Insurance Sales Contest and commissions will be paid to the writing agent as is customary. All Referral Reward payments will be made after the completion of the program. Any insurance certificates that are inactive will not qualify*.

*All referred new members must have an active certificate on the date of the raffle – Friday, June 30, 2017 – to qualify.

PRCUA New Member Referral

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____ Society: _____

Name of Recommender: _____ Recommender's Phone: _____

Recommender's E-mail: _____

Preferred/Suggested PRCUA Sales Representative: _____

Mail to: PRCUA, Goal for Growth Program, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642 **or email:** life@prcu.org

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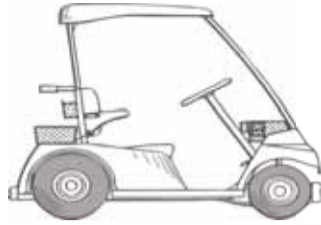
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PRCUA MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

**Put together a foursome for our
PRCUA Memorial Golf Outing
Scramble!**

When: Saturday, July 9, 2016
Where: Chippewa Golf Course
Cost: \$50.00 per person

Fee includes golf, cart, and choice of steak or chicken dinner. Contact Paul Wulf 419-351-0929 with any questions.

PRCUA Memorial Golf Outing Scramble

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____
- 4.) _____

Please indicate if you would like steak or chicken.
Make checks payable to PRCUA.

Dinner and party to follow at:
PRCUA
5255 N. Detroit Ave., Toledo, OH
419-470-8710



Turn forms in to Paul Wulf or Dawn Szych-Liske (Treasurer mailbox).

Financial Secretary Training in Wyandotte, MI

Wyandotte, MI - PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and Member Services Manager Julie Prado traveled to Wyandotte, MI on June 11 to conduct a training for the Financial Secretaries. Attending the training were the Financial Secretaries and Directors from Michigan and Ohio: President Emeritus Wallace and Joann Ozog, Larry O'Reilly, Linda M.K. Alexander, Ted Klamerus, Teresa Gibala, D10 Director Thomas Lisiecki, D10 Director Colleen Bonkowski, and D5 Director Thomas Jesionowski.

If anyone is interested in hosting a training session, contact the Secy.-Treas. Office at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2605.



Participants in the Michigan Financial Secretaries Training Session

PRCUA School Registration

Please submit 2016-2017
Language School and
Dance Group Registration
information
by July 15, 2016 to:
lidia-kowalewicz@prcua.org

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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PRCUA, 984 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101
Attn: Pam Tuytens

ATTENTION!

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

2016 PGSA GENEALOGY Workshop
Saturday, September 24, 2016 Taft High School, Chicago

A PRIMER

- Making sense of my family's history!
- What countries did my families come from?
- What records will help find my ancestors?
- Where can I find my records?
- How do I organize my findings?

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Quick PLAN SUMMARY

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The following tables provide a comparative summary of our available Annuity plans. All Annual Percentage Yields (APYs) shown are subject to change at any time. For additional information, please contact us at ☎ 1-800-772-8632 or visit our website at 🌐 www.PRCUA.org/annuities.



Contributions and APY Credits

Contributions must be received at our home office by the 15th calendar day of the month in order to be eligible for receiving interest for that month. Interest is credited as of the end of the last calendar day of each month.

GOLD SERIES	PLAN	ISSUE AGES		MIN INITIAL DEPOSIT	APY*	SURRENDER CHARGE	
	FPDA-100-D	0-90	(NQ) Non-Qualified Annuity	\$300	Min Guaranteed 2.000% \$300 and over 3.500%**	8 Years	
	FPDA-200-D	0-90	(IRA) Traditional IRA Annuity				10%
	FPDA-200R-D	0-90	(ROTH) Roth IRA Annuity				9%
	FPDA-200SE-D	0-90	(SEP) SEP IRA Annuity				8%
	FPDA-200SI-D	0-90	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA Annuity				7%
	FPDA-400-D	0-90	(TSA) TSA Annuity				6%
			5%				
			4%				
			3%				
						10% Annual Free Withdrawal Allowed	

SILVER SERIES	PLAN	ISSUE AGES		MIN INITIAL DEPOSIT	APY*	SURRENDER CHARGE	
	FPDA-101-D	0-90	(NQ) Non-Qualified Annuity	\$300	Min Guaranteed 2.000% \$300 and over 2.750%**	5 Years	
	FPDA-201-D	0-90	(IRA) Traditional IRA Annuity				7%
	FPDA-201R-D	0-90	(ROTH) Roth IRA Annuity				6%
	FPDA-201SE-D	0-90	(SEP) SEP IRA Annuity				5%
	FPDA-201SI-D	0-90	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA Annuity				4%
	FPDA-401-D	0-90	(TSA) TSA Annuity				3%
						10% Annual Free Withdrawal Allowed	

BRONZE SERIES	PLAN	ISSUE AGES		MIN INITIAL DEPOSIT	APY*	SURRENDER CHARGE	
	FPDA-102-D	0-90	(NQ) Non-Qualified Annuity	\$300	Min Guaranteed 1.500% \$300 and over 2.000%**	3 Years	
	FPDA-202-D	0-90	(IRA) Traditional IRA Annuity				5%
	FPDA-202R-D	0-90	(ROTH) Roth IRA Annuity				4%
	FPDA-202SE-D	0-90	(SEP) SEP IRA Annuity				3%
	FPDA-202SI-D	0-90	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA Annuity				
	FPDA-402-D	0-90	(TSA) TSA Annuity				
						10% Annual Free Withdrawal Allowed	

* The APYs could change with market conditions in the future. The APYs are based on our ability to lower our total expenses and still maintain a strong solvency ratio. Please visit www.PRCUA.org/annuities for the current annuity APYs.

** This APY is an introductory yield which is guaranteed for the first certificate year. Subsequent years will be credited at the current market yield.









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ACTIVITY

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Learn Polish Words - Letter B

Draw a line connecting pictures with the words

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| 1. |  | BALON |
| 2. |  | BIEDRONKA |
| 3. |  | BECZKA |
| 4. |  | BUTY |
| 5. |  | BAŁWAN |
| 6. |  | BANAN |

Find-the-words fun

A B E A C H B S U
 E D N A S I A M T
 S P R I N K L E R
 W M E L R E L F A
 I N O I T A C A V
 M O U N A B I K E
 P E D A N O M E L

Find the words in the grid - they can go in any direction but always in a straight line. The leftover letters spell a phrase.

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| BALL | POOL | TAN |
| BEACH | SAND | TRAVEL |
| BIKE | SEA | VACATION |
| HIKE | SPRINKLER | |
| LEMONADE | SWIM | |

Solution:




Fill in the blanks with the words AND, CAR, DRAGON, DROP, GARDEN, LION, LOT, NATION, NOW, ONE, PAN, PET, PUN, RANGE, RING, SET to reveal the names of 13 flowers.



ANSWER:

- SNAP DRAGON
- POIN SET TIA
- Y RING AS
- HAD RANGE A
- O PUN CIA
- PET UNIA
- PAN SY
- ANEM ONE
- S NOW DROP
- LOT US
- GARDEN IA
- CAR NATION
- D AND E LION

Who is this famous Polish person?

- Polish writer, essayist, novelist, and journalist. Literature Nobel Prize winner. His works include: The Trilogy, Quo Vadis, The Teutonic Knights, In Desert and Wilderness. From 1876-78, he was a correspondent of *Gazeta Polska* in North America.
- A Renaissance mathematician and astronomer who formulated a model of the universe that placed the Sun at the center of the universe.
- A Polish physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person and only woman to win the Nobel Prize twice (chemistry and physics); and the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris.
- A Polish civil engineer who achieved prominence as a pre-eminent bridge designer in the United States. He was the son of a famous Polish actress in the U.S.A. who specialized in Shakespearean and tragic roles.
- Born in Zelazowa Wola, considered Poland's greatest composer and virtuoso pianist of the Romantic period, best known for his solo pieces for piano and his piano concertos.
- Polish painter known for paintings of notable historical Polish political and military events. His works include paintings like Rejtan, Union of Lublin or Battle of Grunwald, numerous portraits, a gallery of Polish kings, and murals in St. Mary's Basilica, Kraków.

ATTENTION!

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
is requesting your assistance.
Help fraternal maintain their tax-exempt status!!
www.Raceto100.org

Race to 100

Take Action Now!

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 fraternal and ensuring that your society is able to continue serving communities across the nation.

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

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


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

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

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**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@prcu.org

Application for PRCUA World Youth Day Stipend

First/Last Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Society # _____

62nd PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

**For PRCUA Members Only - New Members Welcome
Hosted by Society #718 - St. Stanislaus Kostka - Dearborn, MI
August 19-20, 2016**

The 62nd National Softball Tournament will be held on Friday & Saturday, August 19-20, 2016, at Woodhaven Recreation Center Baseball Field, 23101 Hall Rd., Woodhaven, MI.

Out-of-town players and guest accommodations will be at the Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI. Room rates per night plus tax are: King-\$79, Queen-\$76, Queen Dbl-\$79. Make your room reservation as soon as possible, by calling 737-676-8000 before August 5, 2016 and mentioning code PRCUA.

Dan Gdowski, Chairman, and Jerry Nasiatka, Co-Chairman have finalized the tournament event schedule as follows:

Friday, August 19

- 6:00 p.m. - **Co-Ed Games** - Woodhaven Recreation Center, 23101 Hall Road, Woodhaven, MI.
- 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - **Welcome Gathering** - Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI.

Saturday, August 20

- 9:00 a.m. - **Men's/Women's Games** - Woodhaven Recreation Center, 23101 Hall Road, Woodhaven, MI.
- **Lunch** - will be served at the Pavilion within walking distance of the fields.
- 5:30 p.m. - **Awards Banquet** - Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI.

Mass times at Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church, 21892 Gudith Rd, Woodhaven, MI are: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Entry forms will be available online at www.prcua.org/sports. All entries must be completed and returned to the Home Office, together with a \$50.00 entry fee per team. All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing fields. Make your check payable to: PRCUA Softball. Mail your entries to: PRCUA Fraternal Dept., 84 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 or enter online at www.prcua.org/sports and use the PayPal option (a \$5.00 convenience fee will apply) to submit your entry fee. All entries must be postmarked or submitted by August 5, 2016.

Check the *Narod Polski*, PRCUA website (www.prcua.org/sports), or Facebook for updates.

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Happy Birthday America!!!

I begin each month wondering what new and exciting news I will have to keep our loyal *Narod Polski* readers informed, involved and intrigued.

And so, I begin with the first weekend in June which was very eventful with the 36th Summer Gala sponsored by the Polish Museum of America at Café La Cave in Des Plaines, IL. Congratulations to Sharon Orłowski who chaired this year's successful event. Attending the Ball from the PRCUA were the Executive Officers and their spouses; Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak; Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc; National Directors: Joanne Zajac and Sharon Quinn (D3); Eileen Hanley (D4); Mitchell Bienia and wife Krystyna (D5); Anna Krysinski and husband Janusz (D7); Colleen Bonkowski and her husband Brian (D-10); and Thomas Lisiecki (D10); as well as President Emeritus Francis Rutkowski and wife Patricia. All were in town for the 2nd Quarter PRCUA Board of Directors meeting the following day.

The honoree of this year's PMA Spirit Award was the Polish American Chamber of Commerce, spearheaded by President Anna Morzy. PRCUA Director of Marketing, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, is the PACC Treasurer. I nominated this energetic organization for this distinction as it is a vital asset to Chicago's Polish American Community. These business people know when to be serious and when to have fun. Congratulations to the PACC – wishing you continued energy and success! (See p. 16.)

On Sunday, June 5, Elizabeth Sadus (Director D9) and her District chaired the Annual PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass at St. Kieran Church in Chicago Heights, IL, with a luncheon at Balagio Restaurant. With our daughter Niki away on business, granddaughter Ariana joined Babcia and Dziadzia at this her second PRCUA event. This new member of PRCUA was a perfect angel during the Mass and Luncheon. Congratulations to Dir. Sadus and her Committee for a lovely afternoon! PRCUA Chaplain Fr. Ptak, together with Vice Chaplain Fr. Iwuc, presided over the Mass, inspiring us to continue to lead good Christian lives. Special thanks to the students of St. Rafał Kalinowski School with Margaret Blachut, School Board President in attendance, for participating in the Mass.

(See p. 1.)

Personal events abounded in June as there were weddings, christenings, showers and graduation parties.

On June 14, my Executive Secretary, Linda Kasprzyk, chaired the Flag Day festivities at the Home Office, which began with welcome remarks by President Drobot and incorporated the talents of PRCUA employees: Audrey Carpenter, Anna Marrah, Carlos Escobar, and Kacper Szumiec. Linda - who is a great patriot, retired Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force Reserves (20 Years) and a retired Chicago Police Officer (26 years) - wrote a moving tribute about "Old Glory". (See p. 17.) Among the guests were President Emeritus Wallace M. Ozog and his wife, Joann, PRCUA First Lady Judy Drobot, and Resident VP Emeritus Anna Sokolowski. All partook of a "good old American" lunch of hot dogs, chips, pop, watermelon and "stars and stripes" (blueberry, cherry and apple) pies. Let us always remember that the American flag represents life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. God Bless America! God Bless our Flag! And God Bless Linda and the program participants for a job well done!

On Saturday, June 18, 2016, PRCUA Wesoly Lud Dancers (Chicago, IL) and PRCUA Zakopane Dancers (Warren, MI) together with Dolina Dancers (Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN), Syrena Dancers (Milwaukee, WI) and other Polish folk dance ensembles from Chicago participated in the 35th Polish Fest in Milwaukee, WI. Each group performed a 30-minute show throughout the weekend on the Cultural and Folk Stages. On Saturday evening, the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc. - this year, through its Treasurer, Edziu Rajtar (also Artistic Director and Choreographer of Dolina) - coordinated a Gala Concert of its member groups. Bravo to all the ensembles and special applause goes to Edziu Rajtar for being an outstanding emcee (and thanks to my husband, Richard, for being the sound engineer). It was great to see



Polish Fest in Milwaukee, WI
(l-r) Sharon Haberski, Micheline Jaminski, Agnes Bastrzyk



M. Jaminski with
Ada Dziewanowska



PRCUA Zakopane and Wesoly Lud



Wesoly Lud

ethnographer and choreographer who is 99-1/4 years young – she says she found the Fountain of Youth in Polish Folk Dancing!

Polonia Ensemble celebrated Fathers' Day on June 19 with its Spring Recital at Copernicus Center, Chicago, IL followed by a luncheon and raffle. The performance, emceed by the Group's Manager Anna Krysinski (Dir. D7) included the National Dances - Kujawiak and Krakowiak (performed by all three groups), as well as the



Father's Day performance by the Polonia dancers



dances from the regions of Górný Śląsk and Biłgoraj. Virtuoso Ola Podowska performed several solos as well as a "Czardasz" with Musical Director, Mieczysław Dziś, and a tribute to all fathers was given by Mateusz Bomba. The youngest dancers –



Polonia Ensemble

Krasnoludki - who need only to dress in costume, stand and smile in order to capture the hearts of the audience, sang and danced their little hearts out for their parents, families and friends as did the newly formed Mała Polonia from St. Ferdinand Parish. Congratulations to the staff: Choreographers/Dance Instructors: Barbara Kulesza, Jaclyn Krysinski and Paweł Truchan; Music Director Mieczysław Dziś; and of course, co-founders of Polonia Ensemble: Anna Kysiński and Artistic Director/Choreographer Cecylia Rożnowska and to all the performers! Richard and I enjoyed the performance and the hospitality. Bravo to all!

On June 22, the Celebration of 1050 years of Christianity took place at the Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake in Michigan. Chancellor of the Seminary is the Very Rev. Monsignor Thomas Machalski and PRCUA Chaplain, Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak are members of the Administration. A bi-lingual Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Thomas Wenski (English) Archbishop of Miami and Most Reverend Witold Mroziowski (Polish) Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Brooklyn. Representing the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America were: President & Mrs. Joseph Drobot, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, Director (D10) Colleen Bonkowski & daughter Natalya, as well as dancers from PRCUA Dance Schools Zajaczek and Rogalin.

The 2nd PRCUA Family Picnic and Mass took place on Sunday, June 26th at the PACF Grove in Glenwood, IL. Although clouds



Representatives from the Home Office and Districts 7, 8, 9 (l-r): Edward Muszalski, Anna Kryszynski, James Robaczewski, Krystyna Lech, Misia Jaminski, Mary Brzezniak, James Rustik, Elizabeth Sadus, Diane Cortesi, and Emily Kurda



Wesoly Lud dancers presented their Director Richard Jaminski with a birthday cake



(L-r) Mateusz Bomba and Kacper Szumiec advertising the 2nd PRCUA Picnic on Radio Deon



Kids having a blast at the PRCUA picnic

loomed early, the skies cleared putting forth a beautiful day beginning with Mass celebrated by Rev. Ron Kondziolka. With so many members in attendance, Dir. (D8) Jim Rustik assisted by Edward Muszalski (Supervisor D22 & President of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group) and Guest Chef Secretary-Treasurer Jim Robaczewski had to quickly flip their paddles grilling all the food. The kitchen was supervised by Linda Kasprzyk, assisted by Wesoly Lud Moms Mrs. Pikul and Mrs. Kaczmarczyk, and Dir. (D7) Anna Kryszynski. Basia Kwiecień manned the refreshments. Dir. (D8) Krystyna Lech, together with her daughter Danielle Kroplewski, disbursed the food tickets and did an amazing job with the various children's games. Thanks to a special connection with the Polish American Community Fair (PACF) Grove by Dir. (D9) Beth Sadus, the picnic was held in this most perfect venue including a man-made lake (for pedal boats), a train for the children, an air-conditioned pavilion, tents and 20 acres of lush green nature to enjoy. There were clowns, ponies, face-painting (provided by Jaclyn Kryszynski, Thomas Tarnowski, Kamila Szwedko and Adrian Paszek from Polonia Ensemble), a bouncy house, music and sports. The successful marketing campaign headed by Director of Marketing Agnieszka Bastrzyk and her team – assistant Mateusz Bomba and Kacper Szumiec on Polvision, radio, Facebook, etc. resulted in record breaking attendance. Special thanks go to all who worked hard and played hard under the banner of the PRCUA. We especially thank Richard Jaminski, who was the DJ, and members of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company for setting up and decorations, and Anna Kryszynski and members of Polonia Ensemble for clean up. Thank you, Ania Kraszewski - Manager of Southwest Center of Polish Dancing, for bringing your dancers and their families. VP Emeritus Anna Sokolowski and her family joined the festivities, as did Barbara and D9 Pres. Paul Pawlowski, and members of the M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group. Bozena Matson and her family, as well as Agata Wilgocki from the St. R. Kalinowski Polish School in Munster attended as well. The JPII Polish School and Polanie Dancers from Lemont, IL were represented by Agnieszka Witek, together with family and friends. There were many familiar and new faces. Sto Lat to Jan Fedor for celebrating his name's day with us by bringing his musical friends to play for the Mass as well as entertain the guests and to Richard Jaminski who celebrated his birthday!

Polish Heritage Night with the White Sox in Chicago, IL was held on June 28, 2016. The Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company entertained the fans at the entrance gate and on the field. (See article and photos in the next issue of the *Naród Polski*.)

Congratulations to Patricia (Zupnik) and Andrzej Lech, son of Dir. D8 Krystyna and Tadeusz Lech, on the birth of their first child Adeline Rae born on June 28, 2016. This is the first grandchild for the Zupniks and the sixth for the Lechs.

Please remember: PRCUA National Golf Tournament – July 23; PRCUA National Softball Tournament – August 19-20; Chicagoland's 1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity – August 28.

For details, see this issue of the *Naród Polski*, or go to the prcua.org website, or PRCUA Facebook.



Adeline Rae Lech

We Flip Over Gymnastics



Wyandotte, MI - On Sunday April 3rd 2016, the 41st PRCUA 162 Gymnastics Exhibition was held at the PRCU Hall in Wyandotte, Michigan. It began with the parade of gymnasts entering the hall while a Polka medley played. Groups One through Six prepared to demonstrate skills that were learned this season.

Group One bunny-hopped and log-rolled down the mats to a story. Group Two used the springboard; they performed jumps and turns with perfection. Groups Three, Four, and Six tumbled for the crowd. They did dive-rolls, cartwheels, handstands, round-offs, and back-handsprings. Group Five demonstrated moves on the beam. They showed great balance moving forward, backwards, and sideways. Group Three ended the program with a bridge contest; Kylie Digna was the winner.



Each gymnast received a certificate and a medal for their participation. This year, there were five children who received their Five-Year Award. They are: Kylie Digna, Sophia Lenard, Addison Somerset, Mattison Somerset, and Jason Tarasiewicz. Nick Chesney was presented with the 10-Year Award.

All gymnasts had an award winning performance. Their hard work all season truly paid off. Maryann Davis and Abby Davis were extremely proud of each and every gymnast. Everyone is already looking forward to next season.



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 Kraków, 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: M A G I S 2016 Fund, c/o Midwest Jesuits, 2050 N. Clark St., Chicago, Illinois 60614.

An Evening of Showing Pride in Our Heritage

Detroit, MI - The sun was shining brightly, children in colorful Polish folk costumes were seen on the field, and Polish music was heard throughout Comerica Park Stadium. It was the 46th Annual Polish American Night at Comerica Park in Detroit Michigan. Approximately 32,000 persons were in attendance for the game between the Detroit Tigers and the Tampa Bay Rays. Prior to the game, Polish bands were situated in various locations. The lively music got the baseball fans into the mood for an enjoyable evening.

The program began with the Honor Guard consisting of the Polish Scouts and the PRCUA



PRCUA dancers



Dancers displaying their Polish pride

Tiger players, J. D. Martinez and Cameron Maybin interact with them on the field while the players were warming up. This was a nice gesture on the part of these professional athletes to mingle with the children.

The dance groups represented on the field were PRCUA - Polskie Maki, Opole, Rogalin, Gwiazda, Tatry, Wieliczka, Syrena, Halka, and Zajacek; PNA - Centennial and the Polish Alliance Dancers Polanie Song and Dance Ensemble; and PWA - Zamek and Lowicz Dancers.

As the dancers exited the field, Christopher Ozog, Co-Chairman of the event, was introduced. He thanked the Tiger organization for implementing and continuing this Polish American Night program for forty-six years. He also extended thanks to the many individuals and organizations who supported this program by their participation.

He then acknowledged the following dignitaries: PRCUA - Joseph Drobot, Jr., National President; Bob Bielenda, National Vice President Emeritus; Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki, National Directors of Dist. 10; Ted Klamerus, Marketing Manager; and Michael Ozog, Supervisor Dist. 25; PNA - Stella Szczesny, Region E Fraternal Dept.; Thomas Schemanski, Dist. 10



Victor Martinez exercises before the game while PRCUA Gwiazda dancers and the school choreographer Jessica Wendt perform on the field

Commissioner; Polish Falcons - Janet Knauber, Director; Friends of Polish Art - Brian Malski, Vice President; National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame - Jim Conrad, Board Member; PAC Michigan Division - Ann Bankowski, President and Barbara Lemecha, Vice-President; Polish American Credit Union - Mark Reaume, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Ken Chmelko, Marketing Manager; American Polish Century Club - Arnold Beller, Executive Secretary and Polish Festival Chairman; Miss Polonia Universe 2016 - Paulina Kowalczyk; Polish American Night Scholarship Recipients - Ashley Fruehauf, Hanna Gove, Kristen Karwin, Danielle Krass and Katelyn LaDuke.

The Honor Guards remained on the grass behind second base while the Detroit Tigers PA announcer asked that the fans stand and remove their hats while Robert Szczublewski, a PRCUA member from

Toledo Ohio sang the Polish National Anthem and also the American National Anthem prior to the start of the game.

Longtime Polish heritage supporter, Raymond Okonski threw out the ceremonial first pitch. A native of Detroit, Mr. Okonski graduated from Cass Tech in 1944 and retired from United Technologies. Mr. Okonski will be celebrating his 90th birthday on June 11. He was very delighted to have been chosen to throw out the first pitch. He said that he did practice and was very happy with the sidearm throw that was caught by the Tiger's catcher.

Polish American Night was first organized by the late Leon Zarski, a Detroit public school teacher. He and the late Fr. Ted Blaszczyk, who at the time was Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Detroit, Michigan, worked on the idea. They gained the approval of the Detroit Tigers organization and Polish American Night has been a tradition for the past 46 years.

In 1990, Fr. Ted was ready to give it up and he asked Wallace Ozog to take over as Chairman. Wally did so until 1998 when he became National PRCUA President and moved to Chicago. For the next 13 years, Barbara Raczynski Toboy and her father, Ralph Raczynski, took over the reigns as Co-Chairmen. Barbara and her father gave this position back to Wallace Ozog when he returned to Michigan. The job was too big for one person, so Wally asked his youngest son, Christopher, to Co-Chair Polish American Night with him.

The members of PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593 assisted in the coordination of dancers, tickets, and dignitaries. The behind-the-scene workers who should be applauded are: Barbara Ozog, Valerie Brumm, Cindy Cooper, and Brian Brumm, who were in charge of organizing the dancers to go on the field; Wally Ozog, who was in charge of tickets; and Christopher Ozog, who coordinated dancers and dignitaries.

Special thanks are extended to members of PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718, as well as members of PRCUA Father Al's Society #1493, who attended the 46th Annual Polish American Night. Their support with the T-shirts is much appreciated. Thanks are also extended to parents, dancers, directors, choreographers, organizations, and individuals, especially National PRCUA President and Mrs. Joseph Drobot, Jr., for making this event possible because of their participation. We must not forget the two individuals who took photos of this great event so that we will have future memories. They are Dr. Alicja Karlic, Editor in Chief of *The Polish Weekly* and Sports Editor Anna Ambroszkiewicz of *The Polish Weekly*. We appreciate their presence and their willingness to take photos.

The Tigers lost 7-5, however, the evening concluded with a beautiful fireworks show that was enjoyed by all and ended another successful Polish American Night.



Ray Okonski threw out the first pitch



Wayne State University Polish Club



**PRCUA SPORTS
TOURNAMENTS
SAVE THESE DATES:**

July 23, 2016 - Golf Tournament - Sterling Hts., MI
August 19-20, 2016 - Softball Tournament - Woodhaven, MI
Date pending - 2017 Basketball Tournament - Big Rapid, MI
April 28-30, 2017 - Bowling Tournament - Livonia, MI

For information: Call: 773-782-2601 (Office of the V.P.); Email: linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org; Read: *Naród Polski*; Web: www.prcua.org

Echoes of Poland Presented Their 49th Annual Concert

Toledo, OH - On Sunday, June 5, 2016, at The Ohio Theatre, in Toledo, Ohio, The Echoes of Poland Folk Song & Dance Ensemble of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America presented its 49th annual live concert to an enthusiastic audience. In attendance were National Directors from District 5 Tom Jesionowski and past National Director from District 5 Joan Sylak.

The audience was taken on a musical journey back in time with dances such as: Polonez, Mazur, Kujawiak, Kurpie, and Zywiec. A dancing solo in Zywiec was performed by David and Julia Antoniuk, and Henry and Sophia Wiercinski.

The host for the program was Robert Szczublewski. The Children's Ensemble performed dances from the regions of Cieszyn, Lublin, and Krakow including dances *Przepióreczka*, and *Krakowiaczek jeden*. The Teen's Ensemble performed Kujawiak and Trojak Slask. Couples in the Children's and Teen's Ensembles performed Polka Podlaska. The final Polka Spacerowa was performed by all the Ensembles.

Our vocal soloist was Robert Szczublewski. Rob performed *Góralu, czy ci nie żal*, and *Kraj rodzinny matki mej*. The singing solos in Kujawiak, Kurpie and Zywiec were performed by Robert Szczublewski and Walter and Teresa Gibala.

The Echoes of Poland are directed and choreographed by Paulina Tul Ortyl. Mrs. Ortyl founded the ensemble 49 years ago when asked to prepare a group of young people to perform a Polish Christmas celebration. From the Adult Ensemble, the Children's Ensemble and Teen's Ensemble were added, and the Kapela.

The Echoes spend a great part of the year performing. This summer is no exception. The Ensemble will perform in July at the Lagrange Street Polish Festival and in August at the Our Lady of the Scapular Parish Festival. The Ensemble has traveled and participated in festivals in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California,

throughout the Midwest and Canada. They have even participated in the Triennial Folk Festival in Rzeszow, Poland where, in 1980, the Ensemble won the highest honor for authentically portraying folk culture in the Dozynski - the Polish Harvest Celebration.

Thanks for a great performance, wonderful afternoon of song and dance, and a little taste of home. Sto Lat, Paulina and Echoes!

Submitted by: Teresa A. Gibala



Echoes dancers in Krakowiak costumes

portraying folk culture in the Dozynski - the Polish Harvest Celebration.



Echoes Ensemble performing at their 49th Annual Concert



Echoes Ensemble ready for the Mazur



All Echoes of Poland Ensembles with Choreographer Paulina Tul Ortyl (center) and District 5 Director Thomas Jesionowski (far right)



Above: Zywiec dancers David and Julia Antoniuk, and Henry and Sophia Wiercinski



Right: Soloists Robert Szczublewski, Teresa and Walter Gibala

DURBIN MEETS WITH SENATOR FROM POLAND

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) recently met with Senator Anna Maria Anders of Poland in his Capitol office to discuss the relationship between the United States and Poland and issues of mutual concern.

"Illinois—and Chicago in particular—has long had a special relationship with Poland," Durbin said. "Chicago is routinely cited as having one of the biggest Polish populations outside Warsaw and Polish-American contributions are evident throughout history."

"I discussed with Senator Anders our shared concerns about Poland's security and Russian aggression. Poland's leadership in standing with the Ukrainian people amid a Russian military incursion is to be applauded. Despite occasional differences, the United

States and Poland have enjoyed a historically strong relationship and I expect that to continue."

Durbin—who visited Poland in May of 2015 and met with then President-Elect Andrzej Duda's top foreign affairs staff—fought to include Poland in the Visa Waiver Program as part of comprehensive immigration reform passed by the Senate in the 113th Congress. Unfortunately, the legislation was not called for a vote in the House of Representatives.

Senator Anders has ties to the United States, having earned a Master's in Business Administration from Boston University and later working in the U.S. Her father is legendary General Władysław Anders, who helped save thousands of Polish Jews from the Russian gulags in World War II.



Visit Our PRCUA Booth at the Upcoming Festivals!

- Polish Fest in Cheektowaga, NY - July 14-17
- PCAM Polish Festival in Baltimore, MD - July 16-17
- Pierogi Fest in Whiting, IN - July 29-31
- Twin Cities Polish Festival in Minneapolis, MN - Aug. 12-14
- 1050 Polish Christianity in Merrillville, IN - August 28
- Taste of Polonia in Chicago, IL - September 2-5
- Polish Heritage Festival in Michigan City, IN - Sept. 11



PRCUA MEMBERS' NEWS

Congratulations Natalia Kowalewicz!



Natalia Kowalewicz

Natalia Anna Kowalewicz graduated on May 12 from Loyola University Chicago Quinlan School of Business with a Master of Science degree in Human Resources. She has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Loyola University. In recognition of her high scholastic achievements, Natalia was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society for the Collegiate School of Business on April 30. Currently, she is employed at a law firm in Chicago.

Natalia is a member of PRCUA Soc. #800. In 1995-96 she attended PRCUA North Suburban Language School. She is a graduate of the I. J. Paderewski Polish Saturday School. While in high school she worked part-time at the PRCUA Home Office. Twice she was a recipient of a PRCUA Scholarship.

For the past two years, Natalia worked as a weekend guide at the Polish Museum America and she volunteers at various PMA events.

Natalia is the daughter of Dariusz Kowalewicz and *Narod Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, both of whom are also PRCUA members. Congratulations, Natalia, and best wishes for your continued success!

Ania Toboy Steps Lively to Win National Title



U.S.P.A. Princess
Ania Toboy

Ania Victoria Toboy, 10 years old, of Wyandotte, Michigan, was crowned U.S.P.A. Princess by the United States Polka Association at its 48th Annual Polka Festival and Convention in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, May 28, 2016. Ania, along with five other contestants, competed for the title of Junior Miss U.S.P.A. and Teen Miss U.S.P.A.

In the Junior Division, contestants are age 10 – 13 years old and have a love and enjoyment of Polka music. The Teen Division contestants are age 14 – 18 years old. Each contestant was asked a few questions during the pageant and were judged on their answers and enjoyment of Polka dancing, which they demonstrated along with their escorts. Maryja Prytko of Millbury, Massachusetts was crowned Junior Miss U.S.P.A. and Emily Olszewski of Murrysville, Pennsylvania was crowned Teen Miss U.S.P.A. Ania and the remaining three contestants were crowned U.S.P.A. Princesses.

Ania is a fourth grader at Washington Elementary School who is active in basketball, softball, and swimming. She is a member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Society #162 and a member of the PRCUA Rogalin Dance Troupe. She is also very active with the Polish Scouting Organization in Wyandotte. Ania was cheered on by her proud parents, Ron and Past District 10 Director Basia Toboy and sister Zosia. She is the granddaughter of Ralph & Irene Raczynski. All three generations are active PRCUA members. Ania is looking forward to representing the United States Polka Association at Polka dance festivals around the country.

The U.S.P.A. is an organization dedicated to Polish Polka music and Polish traditions. Based in Cleveland, Ohio, it was chartered by the State of Connecticut as a nonprofit corporation on December 28, 1968. U.S.P.A. was chartered in the state of Ohio on April 27, 1993.

This organization promotes interest and participation in Polka music and Polish traditions.

To find out more about the United States Polka Association check out their website at www.uspapolka.com



Emily Matson proudly displaying her awards

2nd Place Art Contest Winner Emily Matson

St. Rafal Kalinowski Polish School student, Evelyn Matson, a member of PRCUA Society #693 and the daughter of Bożena Matson, Soc. #693 Financial Secretary, was awarded 2nd place in the second edition of the May 3rd Constitution Interschool Art Contest. Evelyn received a diploma, a book *Gawędy o Warszawie* (Stories of Warsaw), and an Amazon Fire Tablet.

The award presentation ceremony took place on Saturday, May 7, at a banquet celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the May Third Parade in Chicago and the 25th May Third Parade sponsored by the Alliance of Polish Clubs. Congratulations, Evelyn!



Emily's winning entry

YOUNG MEMBERS OF SOC. #2013

Submitted by: Joanne Zajac, President/Financial Secretary of Society #2013 and Dist. #3 National Dir.

Hannah Dickinson Received First Holy Communion



Hannah with Joanne Zajac, Dist. #3 Director

Family and Members of Society #2013 wish to congratulate Hannah Frances Dickinson on making her First Holy Communion. Uncles, Aunts and Cousins travelled to Florida to be there for Hannah on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Hannah received Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew's Parish in Coral Springs, Florida. A celebratory brunch was held in Hannah's honor following the Mass. Mom Julie, Dad Matt, and brother Wyatt were all so proud and happy for Hannah.

Congratulations to Hannah also for her outstanding scholastic achievements; Hannah's complete composite Iowa Test Scores: NPR 98 placing in the top 2% nationally. Keep up the good work, Hannah!



Hannah Dickinson with her parents and brother Wyatt

On the Way to First Grade



Congratulations to Wyatt Liam Dickinson upon his graduation from Kindergarten at St. Andrew's School in Coral Springs, Florida.

Wyatt is the son of Julie and Matt Dickinson and the brother of Hannah Dickinson. All of his family members wish him well. Good job on the Reading Program, Wyatt. He has read over 30,000 words and received another award for his outstanding work. Way to go, Wyatt!

Double Graduation in Schultz Family



Congratulations to Melissa Ann Schultz who graduated from Kindergarten at St. Christopher's in the Northeastern part of Philadelphia, PA.

Congratulations also go to her sister, Kelsey Ann Schultz who graduated from Pre-K3 at St. Christopher's as well.

The girls are the daughters of Walter and Michelle Schultz. All of the family are PRCUA members.

Keep up the good work and enjoy the summer. The whole family sends their love and congratulations!

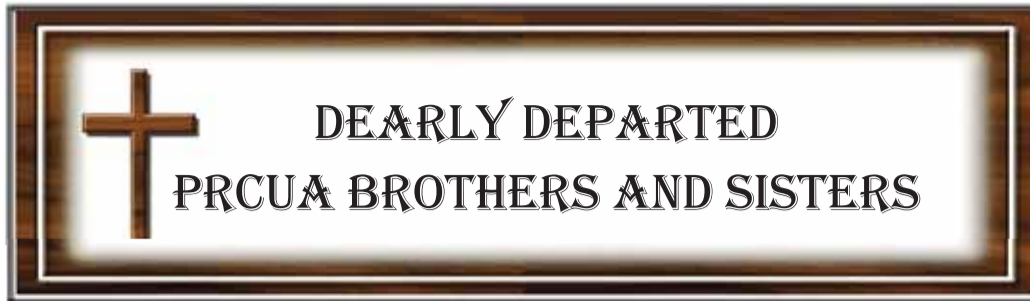
Soc. #2013 Welcomes New Member



Philadelphia's Society 2013 in PRCUA District #3 is proud to introduce everyone to its newest PRCUA member.

Christopher Matthew Tomaszewski was born on December 4, 2015. He was welcomed not only by the Tomaszewski Family but also by our PRCUA fraternal family.

God bless baby Christopher and his mom, Michelle.



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Altschuh, Robert E.	72	MO	Lada, Joseph	1591	OH
Bialach, Stanislaw	753	MA	Lepkowski, Frances A.	817	WI
Boulette, Bernice	767	NY	Lesniak, Helen	407	IL
Brannigan, Brian P.	2109	OH	Lisecki, Raymond F.	162	MI
Bukala, Jennie T.	709	OH	Maslanka, Alfred A.	359	GA
Castelletti, Emily	509	OH	Menard, Lucille	994	IL
Cervenak, Cynthia L.	1593	MI	Natalino, Irene	2044	PA
Chase, Carlyle	160	NY	Oleksyk, Mary	1000	IL
Cieslak, Stephen	2220	OH	Ostroski, Helen	1000	IL
Cynkar, Stella A.	855	PA	Piatek, Grace C.	593	IL
Diel, William J.	539	MO	Piwowski, Dominik	2274	MI
Edinger, Christine Lynn	283	WI	Podolak, Felix	907	NJ
Estes, Charles A.	2206	OH	Pokoj, Michal	542	IL
Golda, John J.	572	NJ	Raica, Sally	593	IL
Grabinski, Theresa	2,220	OH	Rajtar Anna E.	445	MN
Grabowski, Concetta T.	1301	NY	Riek, Laura M	531	IN
Greevers, Pauline M.	2303	WI	Ruchalski, Florence	2003	FL
Grycza, Louis E.	1579	OH	Rybicki, Wanda	1219	IL
Gula, Edward M.	1004	IL	Steffgen, James	1206	IL
Gula, Helen Dolores	122	IL	Steffgen, Lorraine	1206	IL
Guźenda, Eugene	162	MI	Szostak, Zofia	2227	MI
Hensel, Penelope	2308	WI	Taras, Marilyn	1486	IL
Janas, Casimir	1031	IN	Traczynski, Edmund	1133	PA
Janusz, Stanley J.	2388	NJ	Walat, Edward	531	PA
Jaskula, Sophie	1486	NY	Warz, Edward E.	1109	IL
Kadzielewski, Jerome	795 & 1486	AZ	Zablontny, Joseph	335	PA
Kowalski, Bernadine J.	283	WI	Zalucki, Henrietta S.	1408	NY
Krul, Ann M.	1343	NY	Zelazo, Bertha	1611	MA

May they rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA Michigan Directors and Choreographers Attend Milwaukee Polish Fest

Milwaukee, WI - On Saturday, June 18, 2016, several PRCUA Michigan Directors and Choreographers attended and performed at 2016 Polish Fest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Polish Fest is the largest Polish Festival held in the United States.

The PRCUA Michigan Directors & Choreographers at Polish Fest included: Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda Choreographer), Laura Hejza (Halka Director), Tommy Lisecki (PRCUA National Director, Choreographer of Halka and Zakopane Ensembles) and Christopher Ozog (former PRCUA National Director of District 10).

Ms. Hejza, Mr. Lisecki, and Mr. Ozog all performed in the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDA) gala concert of Polish Folk Dance at Polish Fest with the PRCUA Zakopane Folk Ensemble.

Fine performances were turned in at the concert with PRCUA Michigan dance schools well represented.

Submitted by: Nicholas J. Nowakowski



L-r: PRCUA D-8 Director Krystyna Lech, former D-10 Director Christopher Ozog, VP Misia Jaminski, Halka Dancers Director Laura Hejza, D-10 Director & Halka and Zakopane Dancers Choreographer Tommy Lisecki, and Gwiazda Choreographer Basia Nowakowski

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish Words - Letter B - 1. BECZKA, 2. BANAN, 3. BAŁWAN, 4. BIEDRONKA, 5. BALON, 6. BUTY;
Find-the-words - SUMMER FUN
Who is this famous Polish person? - 1. HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ, 2. MIKOLAJ KOPERNIK, 3. MARIA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA, 4. RALPH MODJESKI, 5. FRYDERYK CHOPIN, 6. JAN MATEJKO

64th PRCUA 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 Lubiarcz, Chairman, and St. Rita Society #1368 are excited to host this event. Shotgun start is at Noon.

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, Men, 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 at the Maple Lane Golf Club Clubhouse immediately following the tournament.

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 www.prcua.org/sports. **Entries must be postmarked or electronically submitted by Friday, July 8, 2016. No entries will be accepted after the deadline.**

CONTESTS - MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TOURNAMENT!

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.

HIT 'EM LONG & NOT TOO OFTEN.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
President

Micheline Jaminski
Vice President

James Robaczewski
Secretary-Treasurer

Calling all former Cinderellas, Prince Charmings, and Candidates

SAVE THE DATE: "Calling all former Cinderellas, Prince Charmings, and Candidates" - your presence is requested at the upcoming 45th Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball sponsored by the Adult Culture Group where you will be introduced. Date: November 19, 2016; Place: Glendora Banquets. For information: Liz Dynowski 708-846-2004 or Monica Pazdziora 708-268-6906.

Gwiazda Dancers' Mid-May Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - Even with their Spring Recital a few weeks behind them, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers showed no signs of slowing down as they danced their way into mid-May and the summer of 2016.



Gwiazda performs at Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside Out Event in Hamtramck



Gwiazda dancers perform at Detroit Tigers' Polish American Night



(Front, l-r) Gwiazda Dir. Jessica Wendt, Max Chabowski and Asst. Teacher Ewa Sztandera with (back) the Detroit Experience Factory

student, Max Chabowski gave Polka lessons to a group from the Detroit Experience Factory at the Gwiazda Dancer's practice space in Hamtramck, Michigan. The Detroit Experience Factory is a non-profit organization that leads free and paid tours in the city of Detroit. Their tours include walking, architectural, and brewery tours.

With these events behind them, the Gwiazda Dancers had a relaxing Memorial Day Weekend, and are looking forward to enjoying the summer. They'll be back at it soon - kicking off the 2016-2017 dance year by participating in the Polish Day Parade on Labor Day in Hamtramck, Michigan.

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

On May 13, 2016, members of the Gwiazda Dancers performed at Zussman Park located in Hamtramck, Michigan as part of the Detroit Institute of Arts' (DIA) Inside Out Event. The dancers performed the Oberek, Krakowiak, and Polka as part of their performance, which was well received by an enthusiastic audience.

A week later, on May 20, 2016, the Gwiazda

Dancers literally took to the field as they, along with many other PRCUA Dance Groups and Metro-Detroit Area Polish American Organizations, participated in the Detroit Tigers' 46th Annual Polish American Night at Comerica Park. The Gwiazda Dancers performed the Krakowiak, Oberek and Polka at this event. After the performance, members of the groups remained at the ball park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Tampa Bay Rays. Although the Tigers lost 7 to 5, a good time was had by all.

On May 23, 2016, Gwiazda's Director, Jessica Wendt, along with Gwiazda's Assistant Teacher, Ewa Sztandera, and Gwiazda Group 1

Higher Perspectives

"1050 YEARS OF GRACE"



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

I sincerely hope that all readers of the *Narod Polski* are by now well aware that this year of 2016 marks the "Millennium Plus Fifty" - the 1050th anniversary of Poland's Christianity. Synonymous with this historic fact is the simultaneous recognition of the establishment of the statehood of the Polish Nation. This explains why this anniversary has been one celebrated not only within the Church but also by the Polish Government, which made associated observances of this event one of its major themes this year.

There are many different aspects which can be reflected upon in this light. Certainly, a significant one would be its historical and political ramifications. With the Baptism of Mieszko, Poland was drawn into the orbit of the West and the Latin Church, which would influence its affairs to this very day. The peoples directly to the East, while just as Christian, were drawn into the orbit of the Eastern and Orthodox Churches with similar far-reaching effects. It is hard to consider any subsequent historic and political developments throughout the ages without taking this into serious consideration.

However, we can't overlook the most fundamental aspect of this historic fact: it was an act of Faith. And, this "seed" of Faith planted on fertile Polish soil took root and grew as in few other places on God's earth. It can rightly be said that the Christian Faith - in its unique Polish Roman Catholic expression - is inseparable from Polish identity and in understanding its culture, traditions, and history. It has led to the formation of a truly "Catholic Nation," of which there are fewer now than there once were in history. It has been handed down from generation to generation, learned as much on a Babcia's knee as in the most august halls of any of Poland's great theological academies. It helps form the fiber of a people and molds the heart and soul of a nation: POLONIA, SEMPER FIDELIS!

This Faith, as a lived reality in the life of Poland and its people, has been the source of great grace and inspiration. The list of Poland's contributions to every aspect of human life, civilization, and development is far too great to consider here, but suffice it to say, they flow from a nation fed from the Font of Faith. In times of glory and triumph, in times of normalcy and uncertainty, but perhaps most especially in times of unimaginable hardship and terror, it has provided the resilience for the Polish Phoenix to always rise again. Just a glance at the history of Poland and its people in the last 100 years gives repeated witness to this fact.

It is for all of these reasons that we celebrate! And, celebrate we have done and will continue to do!

I was privileged to be part of two such celebrations within one week in June. On the 19th, Cleveland Polonia celebrated its observance of the Millennium +50 at a packed St. John Cantius Church. His Excellency Witold Mroziowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, NY, was the main celebrant and homilist at a gala concelebrated Mass. The combined choir from our Polish parishes inspired all with its renditions of our great and uplifting Polish hymnody. The good food, music, and fellowship afterward bore witness to the tradition of great Polish hospitality.

On June 22nd, the scene shifted to Orchard Lake, MI, where the National Observance for U.S. Polonia was celebrated, sponsored by the Orchard Lake Schools, Polish American Priests' Association, and National Polish Apostolate Committee of the U.S.C.C.B. With Adam Cardinal Maida Emeritus of Detroit, Polonia's ranking prelate, in attendance, the Mass of Thanksgiving was offered by Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit, Bishop David Walkowiak of Grand Rapids, Aux. Bishop Andrzej Wypych of Chicago, Aux. Bishop Mroziowski of Brooklyn, and Aux. Bishop Emeritus Francis Reiss of Detroit, along with a host of priests from around the country. PRCUA National President Joseph Drobot, in attendance with his wife, Judy, was one of the lecturers at the Mass. The celebration also served as the occasion for Archbishop Vigneron to name the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Orchard Lake as the "Archdiocesan Shrine of Pope St. John Paul II" and to dedicate a new area in the shrine to house the relic of the saintly pontiff entrusted to the school's care.

In his homily, Archbishop Wenski noted how St. John Paul once told someone emigrating from Poland not to fear having to leave home for, "no matter where you go, you will always be Polish". These words are a reminder and a challenge to all of us, as well, who are a part of Polonia. We must cling to that which makes us strong and our ethnic identity is one such important factor. And, as noted, a big part of being Polish is our Faith. History has shown that if we drift away from or lose either one, we run the great risk of drifting away from or losing the other, too. May this 1050th anniversary year of Poland's Christianity be an opportunity for all of us, then, to recommit ourselves to who we are, to strengthen that which makes it so: OUR FAITH!

Deepest Sympathy

The PRCUA extends sincere condolences to Edward Kaplaniak, past Director of District #3, on the passing of his beloved wife Mary Catherine Kaplaniak, who died on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The Funeral Mass took place on Saturday, June 25 at Resurrection Catholic Parish in Johnstown, PA.

Please remember Mrs. Kaplaniak and the entire Kaplaniak Family in your prayers. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. Edward Kaplaniak, 521 Southmont Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15905



58th OPOLE DANCE SCHOOL RECITAL

St. Clair Shores, MI - On April 16, 2016, the PRCUA Opole Dancers held their 58th Annual Dance Recital. This year's recital was held at the South Lake High School Auditorium in St. Clair Shores, MI. Elizabeth Thacker, Opole Director and past graduate, began the program by welcoming friends and family in the audience. Ms. Beth has been the director of Opole for the past nine years.

The program was then turned over to Donna Skurski, who has been Opole's Teacher/Choreographer for the past 40 years (she has been a PRCUA teacher for the past 45 years). Mrs. Donna's knowledge of dance and high standards always combine to make an exceptional recital. The Opole Dancers were also very honored to have PRCUA Vice President Misia Jaminski, along with her husband Richard, in attendance at this year's Recital.

The program began with the "American" dances, which included both tap and jazz numbers. The theme of the recital was "Numbers." The 4th class opened up with a jazz routine to Gloria Estefan's "1, 2, 3." This was followed by the always-adorable tots class tapping to "Six Little Duckies." The 2nd class then marched out and performed a tap dance to "76 Trombones." The 1st class then celebrated the Roaring 20s with their tap dance to "5 Foot 2." Dressed in tuxes and top hats, the 4th class took the stage again to perform to the *A Chorus Line* hit "One." Finally, the first half of the program concluded with a performance by members of the 3rd class to "Hawaii 5-0."

During intermission, audience members were treated to snacks and beverages in the lobby area while the students prepared for the second half of the program. Once seated, the audience was delighted as the curtains opened to reveal a stage full of Opole students dressed in brightly colored Polish folk costumes, as they sang the Polish National Anthem. Immediately following the anthem, the 3rd class performed a Polonez, one of the national dances of Poland. The 2nd class followed with the Góralski, which is always a crowd favorite. The 4th class then debuted their suite of dances from Nowy Sącz. The tots class took the stage again, with their rendition of the "Pennsylvania Hills Polka." A Krakowiak performed by the 2nd class followed. The Krakowiak is also one of the national dances of Poland. The 3rd class then took the stage to perform dances from Lublin. This dance featured Opole's newest set of costumes, which looked beautiful! Opole holds an annual bowling fundraiser each year to raise money for its costume fund. The 1st class then took the stage to perform to the "Happy Musician's Polka." Another Krakowiak was performed by the 4th class and the 2nd class danced to "Hello Everybody Polka." The recital ended with an Opole tradition, the "Hoe-Down Polka," which started with the 4th class and concluded with all the students performing together on stage. After the performance, PRCUA V.P. Jaminski expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Donna, as she celebrated her 40th anniversary with Opole.

During the recital, awards were given for both perfect attendance and good attendance (1 absence). Isabella Zosel also received an award for her 10 years as an Opole dancer, and Rita Lapinski received a 5-year award. The group now looks to perform at various events throughout the summer before starting to learn a new set of dances in September.

To learn more about the Opole Dancers, please contact Elizabeth Thacker at opole.director@comcast.net or 586-944-9683. Also, please search for "P.R.C.U.A. Opole Dance School" on Facebook and hit the "Like" button.



Tots: Caitlyn Chunn, Ethan Milot, Zane Jared, Aniela Houle



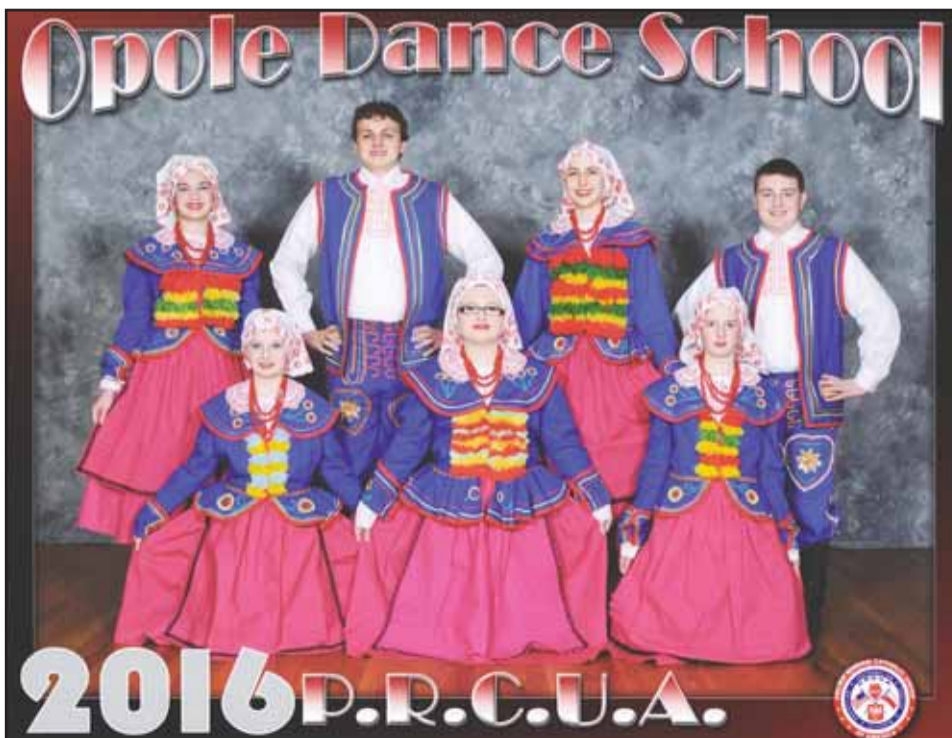
1st Class: (front row) Eli Kujawski, Max Jared, Allen Maybee; (back row) Marysia Thacker, Olivia Milot, Audrey Harenski, Bernadette Chambers, Jessica Hall



2nd Class: (front row) Alexis Zosel, Audrey Harenski, Sadie Siemen, Sydney Zosel, Emily Thacker; (back row) Dean Jared, Jaelyn Kupraszewicz, Paul Thacker



3rd Class: (front row) Mary Grace Chambers, Cora Kujawski, Shilo Siemen; (middle row) Sophie Orłowski, Emma Stuckey, Marissa Harenski, Rose Reilly; (back row) Darren Szczotka, Brianna Chunn, Paige Milot, Isabella Zosel, Rita Lapinski, Kate Daly, Matthew Chambers



4th Class: (front row) Brianna Chunn, Megan Milot, Nichole Chambers; (back row) Isabella Zosel, Maximilian Rakozy, Audry Rakozy, Austin Chunn

Polish American Chamber of Commerce Received 2016 Polish Spirit Award at the PMA Summer Gala

Des Plaines, IL - The 2016 Polish Museum of America Summer Gala, the primary PMA annual fundraiser event, was held on June 3, in the elegant Café La Cave in Des Plaines, IL. Two hundred guests attended the Gala.

The program opened with Summer Gala Chair Sharon Orłowski welcoming the guests, followed by the singing of the Polish and American National Anthems by Chairman of the PMA Board of Directors and President of the PRCUA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. This was followed by an Invocation offered by Rev. Stanisław Czarnecki, S.J. and remarks by Consul of the Republic of Poland Robert Rusiecki.

PMA President Richard Owsiany and Managing Director Małgorzata Kot raised a toast in honor of the past, present and the future of the Polish Museum of America.

After dinner, the major contributors were introduced: Copernicus Foundation, Deborah L. Greenlee, Legion of Young Polish Women, Victoria Granacki and Lee Wesley, Edmund Gronkiewicz, Małgorzata Palka, Polish Genealogical Society of America, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Polish Women's Alliance of America, John and Antoinette (Trela) Schoen, Mark and Anna Sokołowski and Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Versen, Sr. and Family.



PACC members: Bogdan Puksza, Marek Kowalczyk, Agnieszka Kowalczyk, Stanley Skoczeń, Anna Morzy, Grażyna Skoczen, Halina Wikar, Sławek Wysocki, Beata Bukowski, Paul Ryndak, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Tony Zaskowski, with Consul Robert Rusiecki, PMA Pres. Richard Owsiany, PMA Managing Dir. Małgorzata Kot, and PRCUA Pres. Joseph A. Drobot

The Legion of Young Polish Women presented PMA with a check donation in the amount of \$3,000.

The official program concluded on a high note with the presentation of the Polish Spirit Award. This award is presented annually to an individual or an organization who exemplifies Polish American ideals. This year, the Summer Gala Committee chose the Polish American Chamber of Commerce (PACC) as recipient of this prestigious award. PACC was founded in 1994, and is engaged in the development of economic cooperation between the U.S. and Poland.

Music for guests' dancing pleasure was provided by the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra. Throughout the evening a Silent Auction was held. Guests had the unique opportunity to bid on an assortment of valuable items, as well as tickets for cultural and entertainment events, and restaurant vouchers. A special "Wish List" detailing specific items needed by various PMA departments was on display in the hope that PMA patrons would most generously make those wishes come true.

Thanks to the generosity of Museum supporters and all who attended, significant funds were raised for the PMA's future operations. *Bóg zapłać!*



Photos: Julita Siegel, Lidia Kowalewicz

PRCUA #162 – Paint Me a Party

Wyandotte, MI - Society #162 broke in 46 new artists on Thursday, June 2 at the PRCUA Banquet Hall in Wyandotte, MI. President Stan Pasko coordinated a great evening of fun with friends. Gayla and Rochelle, from *Paint Me a Party*, taught the class of 46 students. Each artist started with a blank canvas and by the end of the night, had created a beautiful painting to take home. The class took about two hours to complete.

Snacks were served and the painters were allowed to bring beverages of their choice. The fundraiser was a great success and everyone can't wait until the next one in the Fall and then, hopefully, again near Christmas.

Submitted by: Stan Pasko



Chicago, IL - PRCUA and PMA employees celebrated Flag Day on June 14th. Also attending the ceremony were: First Lady Judy Drobot, PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace M. Ozog and his wife Joann, past Resident Vice President Anna Sokolowski, Dir. Anna Krysiński (D7), Dir. Krystyna Lech (D8) and Dir. James Rustik (D8), Dir. Elizabeth Sadus (D9), and retired PRCUA employee Frances Surowiec.

The celebration began at Noon with everyone gathering by the American flag waving at the west side lawn of the Home Office building. President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. welcomed everyone and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski led the singing of the American National Anthem.

Carlos Escobar read the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda Kasprzyk, Secretary to the VP, Flag Day Celebration Coordinator, and one of the most patriotic employees, read a moving tribute to the flag. Opening prayers

were read in Polish by Kacper Szumiec, the newest PRCUA employee, and in English by Anna Marrah.

Next, everyone entered the Social Hall. This year Robert Kowalski and Eric Kemp were the "Grill Masters." After the hearty lunch, Audrey Carpenter read the closing prayer and everyone joined in singing "America the Beautiful."



Ceremony by the flag



Robert Kowalski (l) and Eric Kemp (r) grilling hot dogs and sausages



From the right: Joann and Wallace Ozog and Judy Drobot



L-r: Directors Elizabeth Sadus, Anna Krysiński, Krystyna Lech, VP Micheline Jamiński, Sales Director Robert Fattore

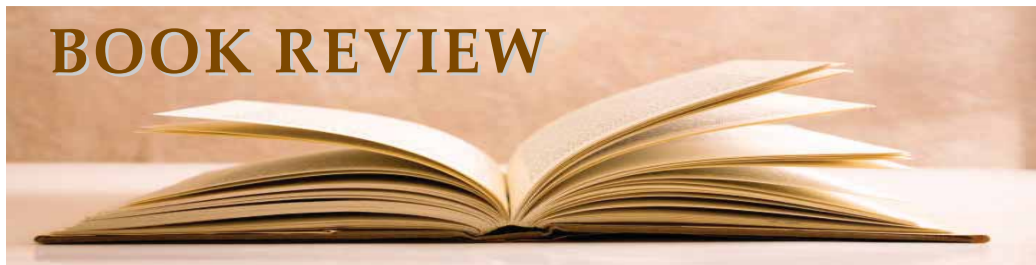


VP Micheline Jamiński thanks Linda Kasprzyk for coordinating the program



Luncheon at the Home Office Social Hall

BOOK REVIEW



City of Saints: A Pilgrimage to John Paul II's Krakow

"Read—and learn more about Poland and Polish history, about a great saint, and about our Catholic Faith." That was the inscription I placed on the title page of the gift copies of *City of Saints: A Pilgrimage to John Paul II's Krakow* which I gave to my children and their families for Christmas; it aptly summarizes the achievements of the book.

Georg Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of Washington's Ethics and Public Policy Center, is a renowned Catholic theologian, a leading authority on the Catholic Church, and the author of more than twenty books whose works have been translated into more than a dozen languages. His two-volume biography of St. John Paul the Great—*Witness to Hope* and *The End of the Beginning*—has been internationally acclaimed. It is almost certainly the case, as one reviewer has claimed, that "Mr. Weigel knows more about John Paul II than anybody else alive." The research for his biography of Pope John Paul II, combined with more than two decades of teaching at and then directing the *Tertio Millennio* Seminar in Krakow, has qualified him to write with authority about the city that gave the world Karol Wojtyla; and in *City of Saints* Weigel has produced a "spiritual travelogue" which teaches and delights.

The inspiration for the book is Weigel's firm conviction that "Karol Wojtyla took the Cracovian ethos he had begun to assimilate as a student, and the lessons he had learned as a priest and bishop, to the world stage as Pope John Paul II" and that "in doing so, he helped bend the curve of history in a more humane—and a more Cracovian—direction." This conviction provides the goals and plan for the book:

To follow Karol Wojtyla through Krakow is to follow an itinerary of sanctity while learning the story of a city. Thus . . . the story of Karol Wojtyla, St. John Paul II, and the story of Krakow are interwoven in a chronological pilgrimage through the life of a saint that reveals, at the same time, the richly textured life of a city where a boy grew into a man, a priest, a bishop—and an apostle to the world. In telling the story of Karol Wojtyla and of Krakow, the book provides keen insights into the history of Poland and into the Catholic Faith.

As Weigel suggests, the book is structured around Wojtyla's life experiences in Krakow; thus, after an introduction to the city and John Paul's connections with it, Weigel organizes his examination of the Krakow and its environs around three major divisions: "Student Pathways," "Pathways of a Priest and Bishop," and "Papal Pathways."

The first section, "Student Pathways," examines Wadowice, Karol Wojtyla's place of birth (Family, Fatherhood, and Fatherland); the Debniki neighborhood of Krakow where Wojtyla lived as a college student (The Mystery of Vocation); the Jagiellonian University where Wojtyla began his advanced studies (Faith and Reason); and World War II (The Mystery of Evil and the Dignity of Work).

The second section, "Pathways of a Priest and Bishop," traces the formation of Karol Wojtyla as priest and bishop by discussing Wawel: the Royal Castle and Cathedral (Salvation History and World History); Skalka where St. Stanislaw was slain (Religious Freedom, the First of Human Rights); St. Florian's Parish (Pastoral Appointment, Srodowisko, and the Beginning of World Youth Day); the Metropolitan Curia and the Planty (The Good Shepherd in the Modern World); the Main Square and the Royal Mile (The Spaciousness of the Church); Nowa Huta and the Ark Church (The Universal Call to Holiness); and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and Tynec (Prayer, Contemplation, and Living Biblically).

Finally, the third section of the book, "Papal Pathways," reviews the Blonia Krakowkie (Living Stones, Confirmed in Faith); Lagiewniki (Trust in Divine Mercy); and In Thanksgiving (Lessons in the Tatras). Although the book is organized around Karol Wojtyla's experiences with the subsections reviewed, Weigel provides a history of the various locales or topics under consideration and reports on each site's current circumstances.

The text brings both the delight and discovery of a first-rate travelogue and the learning and solace of spiritual instruction. All of these effects are advanced by a prose style which is simple and clear, making Weigel's insights and observations easily accessible; and the book is enhanced with well-chosen photographs which will bring back memories to those readers who are familiar with the sites and will entice those who have yet to visit Krakow.

The joys and rewards of this book transcend religious affiliation, nationality, and ethnic identity; but the book should have a special place in the hearts and libraries of Catholics, Poles, and Polish Americans. Buy it; read it; enjoy it; give it as a gift—"and learn more about Poland and Polish history, about a great saint, and about our Catholic Faith."

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University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

City of Saints: A Pilgrimage to John Paul II's Krakow. George Weigel. Crown Publishing Group, a division of Penguin Random House LLC. New York, 2015. 317 pp. \$15.00.

2016 Ryder Cup Golf VIII St. Stan's #718 defeats Wyandotte #162

Dearborn Hts., MI - Saturday May 21st, 2016 was the date for the 8th Annual Ryder Cup Golf event between PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 and PRCUA Wyandotte Society #162. The event took place at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Hts., MI. The Ryder Cup series has continued to grow in size since it began 8 years ago with 96 golfers participating and over 120 people attending from the two PRCUA Societies.

The format was the same as in past events:

- First 6 holes - two-person scramble.
- Second 6 holes - alternate shot between you and your partner.
- Final 6 holes - individual game "A" player versus "A" player from each society and "B" player versus "B" player from each Society.
- Each 6 holes are based on 1 point (final 6 holes worth 2 points) similar to the PGA Ryder Cup event for a total of 4 points which could be won between each foursome.

Society #718 took the lead early by a few points, #718 kept the lead with about half the golfers finished, and in the end St. Stan's held on for a 59 to 37 point victory. This is the third straight victory for St. Stan's #718. The series has #718 St. Stan's in the lead at 5 - 3 after eight years. Afterward, everyone headed back to Randy's Bar in Dearborn Heights, MI where attendees enjoyed beverages, food and Polkas well into the night.

Special thanks go to: Mike Halberstat for organizing the #162 members; Randy Lanfair for making sure there was a wonderful spread of food at Randy's Bar; Mark Hamilton for helping with the scores; and both Societies for participating.

Great time!

Submitted by: Bob Hojnacki





LIPIEC

4 ŚWIĘTO NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI W USA - BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

9 TOLEDO, OH – SPOTKANIE GOLFOWE - sobota, 9 lipca w Chippewa Golf Course. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$50 od osoby. Obiad i przyjęcie po rozgrywkach w sali ZPRKA przy 5255 N. Detroit, Ave., Toledo, OH. Informacje: Paul Wulf (419) 351-0929. Formularz zgłoszeniowy na str. 5.

23 STERLING HTS., MI – 64. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA - sobota, 23 lipca w Maple Lane Golf Club, 33203 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Heights, MI. Gospodarz turnieju - St. Rita Society #1368. Szczegóły na str. 20.

30 WESTLAND, MI – PIKNIK RODZINNY TOW. #718 - sobota, 30 lipca w Nankin Mills (Hines Park) w godz. od 12:00 do 20:00. Wejście znajduje się na południe od Ann Arbor Trail przy Hines Drive, między Merriman i Wayne Rd., w zachodniej części Hines Park. Posiłki i napoje są bezpłatne. Dodatkowe informacje: Tina & Denny Churchvara, tel. 313-561-7464.


SIERPIEŃ

8 CHICAGO, IL – ZEBRANIE DYSTRYKTU #7 ZPRKA - poniedziałek, 8 sierpnia o godz. 19:30 w świetlicy ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Kontakt: Shirley L. Dudziński, tel. (773) 763-4069.

19-20 WOODHAVEN, MI – 62. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL - piątek, sobota 19-20 sierpnia, Woodhaven, MI. Gospodarzem turnieju jest Tow. św. Stanisława Kostki #718. Tylko dla członków ZPRKA. Członkowie, którzy chcieliby uczestniczyć w turnieju proszeni są o kontakt z Bobem Hojnackim, tel. (313) 384-6255. Szczegółowe informacje - str. 23.

28 MERRILLVILLE, IN – OBCHODY 1050. ROCZNICY CHRZTU POLSKI - Szczegóły poniżej.

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



Uroczyste obchody 1050. rocznicy Chrztu Polski w Merrillville, IN

Chicagowskie uroczystości z okazji 1050. rocznicy Chrztu Polski odbędą się w dniu 28 sierpnia 2016 roku w Sanktuarium Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej w Merrillville, Indiana.

Program muzyczny przed mszą o godz. 11, Msza św. o godz. 12.

Dodatkowe informacje: Andrzej Gedlek tel. 708-423-1712, a.gelek@op.pl; Rev. Lukasz Kleczka tel. 219-487-3319, Lukasz.kleczka@mailsds.org; www.chrzestpolski966.org

Szczegóły zostaną podane w sierpniowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego". ZPRKA zachęca wszystkich członków, aby zaplanowali wzięcie udziału w lokalnych uroczystościach parafialnych oraz w obchodach w Merrillville



ODWIEDŹ STOISKA ZPRKA NA FESTIWALACH

Polish Fest w Cheektowaga, NY - 14-17 lipca
PCAM Polish Festiwal w Baltimore, MD - 16-17 lipca
Pierogi Fest w Whiting, IN - 29-31 lipca
Twin Cities Polish Festival w Minneapolis, MN - 12-14 sierpnia
Obchody 1050 rocznicy Chrztu Polski w Merrillville, IN - 28 sierpnia
Taste of Polonia w Chicago, IL - 2-5 września
Polish Heritage Festival w Michigan City, IN - 11 września

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 członkostwa. Każda ubiegająca się osoba musi być członkiem ZPRKA przez co najmniej 2 lata i posiadać polisę ubezpieczeniową na życie w wysokości minimum \$5,000. Wypełnione formularze należy przysłać na adres: Światowy Dzień Młodzieży, PRCUA Fraternal Dept., 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 lub przesłać mailem: fraternal-department@prcu.org.

Pieniądzą 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.

DOROCZNA WYPRZEDAŻ DUPLIKATÓW KSIĄŻEK W MPA

piątek, 29 lipca w godz. od 14 do 19
sobota, 30 lipca w godz. od 10 do 16
niedziela, 31 lipca w godz. od 11 do 15
984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL
Świetlica ZPRKA na parterze budynku

Biblioteka Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce zaprasza na wyprzedaż duplikatów książek o różnorodnej tematyce, w języku polskim i angielskim. Dochód z wyprzedaży jest przeznaczony na dalszy rozwój naszej placówki, która jest instytucją niedochodową. Książki nie sprzedane podczas wyprzedaży zostaną przecenione i będą dostępne w godzinach otwarcia biblioteki.

W sprawie dodatkowych informacji – prosimy dzwonić pod numer 773-384-3352 wew. 6 albo odwiedzić nas na portalu internetowym: www.PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org.

ZMIANA ADRESU/ PRENUMERATA "Narodu Polskiego"

- ZMIANA ADRESU ADRES E-MAIL
 PRENUMERATA REZYGNACJA Z PRENUMERATY

Nazwisko: _____
Nowy adres: _____
Miasto: _____ Stan: _____ Kod poczt. _____
Adres e-mail: _____
Stary adres: _____

Aby uzyskać dostęp do gazet on-line na stronie:
www.PRCUA.org/narod-polski

wybierz opcję: "Start your digital Narod Polski subscription."

Jeśli chcesz otrzymać papierową wersję gazety prześlij e-mail na adres:

pam-tuytens@prcu.org

lub wypełnij powyższy formularz i wyślij na adres:

PRCUA
984 N Milwaukee Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60642-4101
Attn: Pam Tuytens

UWAGA CZŁONKOWIE ZPRKA!

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

SŁUŻYMY INFORMACJĄ W CZASIE LETNICH FESTIWALI

Chicago, IL - Lato jest doskonałą okazją dla przedstawicieli Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, aby spotkać się z uczestnikami licznych festynów i pikników i zapoznać ich z produktami ubezpieczeniowymi, finansowymi i programami członkowskimi oferowanymi przez ZPRKA.



Dyrektor ds. marketingu Agnieszka Bastrzyk rozmawia z odwiedzającymi stoisko ZPRKA w czasie dorocznego pikniku Parafii św. Trójcy

Zapraszamy wszystkich członków (i nie tylko) do odwiedzenia stoisk ZPRKA w czasie letnich imprez. Lista zbliżających się festiwali, w czasie których można się będzie spotkać z przedstawicielami ZPRKA znajduje się na stronie 19.

Z prawej: b. dyrektor Dystr. #6 ZPRKA Sharon Haberski i dyrektor departamentu sprzedaży Robert Fattore w czasie Festiwalu w Milwaukee, WI

64. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA

Sobota, 23 lipca 2016
Maple Lane Golf Club

33203 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Hts., MI

TYLKO DLA CZŁONKÓW ZPRKA!

NOWI CZŁONKOWIE MILE WIDZIANI!

Aby zostać członkiem ZPRKA, prosimy o kontakt 773-782-2632 lub agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcu.org



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

ZGŁOSZENIA: Dostępne na stronie: www.prcua.org/sports. 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 wpłaty 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 Departamentu Braterstwa 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!

UWAGA: Artykuły do sierpniowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 19 lipca.

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA - zapisz daty!

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

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

2017 r. - Turniej koszykówki - Big Rapids, MI

(data zostanie podana w późniejszym terminie)

28-30 kwietnia 2017 - Turniej kręglarski - Livonia, MI

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



- PerkSpot - DODAKTOWE KORZYŚCI DLA CZŁONKÓW ZPRKA

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

PerkSpot jest dostępny niemal z każdego miejsca.

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

Odwiedź PRCUA.PerkSpot.com 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. Zaczynaj 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 szkoły tańca i języka polskiego w dniu 17 stycznia (1968-2016).

Szkoła tańca i zarząd Towarzystwa zapraszają wszystkich członków Towarzystwa wraz z rodzinami i przyjaciółmi na wspólny piknik rodzinny dla członków Tow. #1579, który odbędzie się w czasie jarmarku, Polish American Community Fair, w Glenwood, IL w niedzielę, 14 sierpnia. Przyniescie swoją ulubioną potrawę do podzielenia się z nami i włączcie się do wspólnej zabawy!

Dodatkowe informacje: Barbara Pawłowska, sekretarzem finansowym Tow. #1579 na adres 13551 S. Brainard Ave, Chicago, IL 60633-1873.

Zaprenumeruj elektroniczną wersję Narodu Polskiego

Członkowie ZPRKA, którzy chcieliby zaprenumerować gazetę "Naród Polski" w formie elektronicznej, mogą dokonać zmiany w bardzo prosty sposób - wystarczy wejść na naszą stronę internetową, www.prcua.org i wybrać "Naród Polski", a następnie odpowiednio wypełnić rubrykę "Manage Your Subscription".

Przystąpienie do programu A.C.H.

Program bankowy ACH umożliwia użytkownikom dokonywanie automatycznych opłat za ubezpieczenia na życie, pożyczki hipoteczne, i/lub spłaty zaciągniętych pożyczek w ZPRKA - bezpośrednio z ich konta bankowego. Jednocześnie posiadacze kont emerytalnych annuity mogą zaaranżować automatyczne dokonywanie wpłat na konto annuity i/lub automatyczne wypłaty z tego konta i przelewy bezpośrednio na ich konto bankowe.

Aby zarejestrować się do tej nowej usługi, prosimy o kontakt e-info@prcu.org. Rejestracja jest prosta i wymaga wypełnienia obowiązujących formularzy, które rozpoczną proces automatycznych przelewów.

Program na rzecz wzrostu ZPRKA

1 czerwca 2016 - 31 maja 2017

Uwaga członkowie ZPRKA - pomóżcie Zjednoczeniu Polskiemu Rzymsko-Katolickiemu w Ameryce wzrosnąć! Wygraj nagrody dla siebie i swojego Towarzystwa!

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce zaprasza wszystkich członków ZPRKA do udziału w specjalnym programie **Poleć nowego członka - otrzymaj nagrodę**. Program otwarty jest dla wszystkich członków ZPRKA, którzy w okresie od 1 czerwca 2016 roku do 31 maja 2017 roku polecą potencjalnych nowych członków. Członkowie ZPRKA, którzy wezmą udział, Towarzystwa ZPRKA, do których należą oraz Zjednoczenie odniosą korzyści przy zatwierdzeniu każdego nowego członkostwa w ZPRKA!



Dla Ciebie: Za polecenie każdego nowego klienta, który wykupi polisę ubezpieczeniową, osoba polecająca wypełniająca zgłoszenie, otrzyma \$10 nagrody. Nagroda za polecenie nowego członka zostanie wypłacona osobie polecającej po wypełnieniu ważnego zgłoszenia i zakupie nowej polisy ubezpieczeniowej na życie przez poleconego klienta. Ważne zgłoszenie to takie, na którym umieszczone zostaną: nazwisko, adres, numer telefonu oraz jeśli możliwe adres e-mail. Osoba polecona musi być zainteresowana wykupieniem członkostwa w ZPRKA i

wyrazić zgodę na spotkanie z agentem ubezpieczeniowym.

Wygraj spektakularną podróż dla dwóch osób: Na zakończenie programu, w czerwcu 2017 r. *, nazwiska osób polecających, które złożą co najmniej 5 ważnych zgłoszeń, z których każde zgłoszenie zakończy się wykupem stałego ubezpieczenia na życie, będą upoważnione do losowania nagrody głównej **4-dniowych wakacji all inclusive dla dwóch osób do Puerto Vallarta w Meksyku!** Każde następne 5 zgłoszeń będzie kwalifikowało osobę zgłaszającą do otrzymania kolejnej szansy na wygraną.

Dla Twojego Towarzystwa: Każde Towarzystwo ZPRKA otrzyma \$10 za każdego nowego członka, który wykupi stałe ubezpieczenie na życie w tym terminie. Dodatkowo, za każdą nowo wykupioną polisę ubezpieczeniową, Towarzystwo otrzyma jeden los na losowanie nagrody pieniężnej dla Towarzystwa. Twoje Towarzystwo będzie miało szansę wygrać nawet do \$6 500:

1 miejsce - \$2000; 2 miejsce - \$1000; 3-5 miejsce - \$500; 6-15 miejsce - \$200

Im więcej nowych członków, tym więcej szans na wygraną uzyska Twoje Towarzystwo! Wszystkie Towarzystwa ZPRKA, które wezmą udział w Programie na rzecz wzrostu Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, zostaną wymienione w "Narodzie Polskim", na stronie internetowej oraz na Facebooku ZPRKA.

Wymagania: Program dotyczy wszystkich ubezpieczeń stałych na życie w wysokości \$ 5,000 lub wyższych, oferowanych przez ZPRKA. Plany emerytalne i ubezpieczenia terminowe nie będą brane pod uwagę. Agenci ubezpieczeniowi nie mogą brać udziału w programie nagród za polecenie nowego członka. Za każdą sprzedaną polisę ubezpieczeniową poleconemu klientowi, będą kwalifikować się do udziału w konkursie sprzedaży dla agentów ubezpieczeniowych ZPRKA i otrzymają odpowiednią prowizję. Wszystkie nagrody w Programie polecającym nowych członków zostaną przyznane po zakończeniu programu. Wszelkie polisy ubezpieczeniowe, które są nieaktywne nie będą się kwalifikować*.

* Aby wziąć udział w losowaniu, wszyscy nowi członkowie muszą mieć aktywne polisy ubezpieczeniowe w dniu loterii - w piątek, 30 czerwca 2017.

Zgłoszenie nowego członka

Imię i nazwisko: _____
 Adres: _____
 Miasto: _____ Stan: _____ Kod poczt.: _____
 Nr. tel: _____ E-mail: _____
 Płeć: Mężczyzna ___ Kobieta ___ Data urodzenia: _____ Tow.: _____
 Nazwisko polecającego: _____
 Nr. tel. polecającego: _____ E-mail polecającego: _____
 Wybrany agent ubezpieczeniowy: _____

Prześlij na adres: PRCUA, Goal for Growth Program, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642;
email: life@prcu.org

UWAGA CZŁONKOWIE ZPRKA

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! Bez dodatkowego wypełniania formularzy!

ZPRKA ogłasza wprowadzenie 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. Potrzebujecie jedynie 15 minut, aby dowiedzieć się, czy możecie otrzymać ubezpieczenie na życie.

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, że 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.

* Dostępny w stanach: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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

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

Imię i nazwisko _____

Wiek _____

Imię i nazwisko męża/żony _____

Wiek _____

Adres _____

Miasto _____

Stan _____ Kod pocztowy _____

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Wypełnij i prześlij powyższą formę na adres:

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
Attn: Life Insurance Information
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

Lub napisz prośbę o więcej informacji na adres:
life@prcu.org



ZPiT "Polonia" zaprezentował pokaz polskich strojów ludowych



Des Plaines, IL - Istniejący od 1926 r. Polski Klub Artystyczny w Chicago (The Polish Arts Club of Chicago) obchodził w czerwcu rocznicę 90-lecia swego istnienia. Organizacja ta zajmuje się promowaniem polskiej sztuki, muzyki i literatury. Obchody jubileuszowe odbyły się w dniu 12 czerwca 2016 roku w Cafe La Cave w Des Plaines, IL.

Po zakończeniu części oficjalnej programu, wystąpił ZPiT "Polonia" ZPRKA, który przedstawił pokaz mody polskich strojów regionalnych i narodowych. Zaprezentowane zostały stroje z następujących regionów Polski: podhalański, sądecki (strój panny i męzatki), cieszyński, krakowski (strój panny i męzatki), śląski, rzeszowski (strój panny i męzatki), biłgorajski, lubelski, łowicki, opoczyński, kurpiowskie (z regionu Kurpi Białych i Kurpi Zielonych), kaszubski (strój panny i męzatki), warmiński (strój panny i męzatki), a także stroje narodowe: strój szlachecki (kontusz) i strój ułański.

Uczestnicy uroczystości otrzymali specjalnie wydrukowany opis prezentowanych regionów i strojów, przygotowany przez Tadeusza Więcka. Narratorem w czasie pokazu była instruktorka ZPiT "Polonia" Jaelyn

Krysinski, która wyjaśniła, iż Polska została etnograficznie podzielona na pięć makroregionów: Wielkopolskę, Małopolskę, Pomorze, Mazowsze i Śląsk. Każdy z tych makroregionów składa się z kolei z wielu regionów. Istnieje w sumie 52 zbadanych i udokumentowanych regionów w Polsce, każdy z nich ma swoją unikalną kulturę, tradycje, styl życia, stroje, muzykę i pieśni, opowieści, gwary itp. Prezentując kolejne stroje ludowe, tancerze "Polonii" zabrali uczestników uroczystości na wyjątkową "wycieczkę" po Polsce.

Polskie stroje ludowe, znane z bogatej kolorystyki i różnorodności noszone są w Polsce do dziś przy okazji świąt i uroczystości oraz przez zespoły folklorystyczne.

Na zakończenie wszyscy tancerze "Polonii" przemaszerowali korowodem śpiewając *Piękna nasza Polska cala*. Pokaz nagrodzony został gromkimi brawami.

Dziękujemy dyrekcji zespołu "Polonia", uczestniczącym w pokazie tancerzom i ich rodzicom za przygotowanie i przedstawienie ciekawego programu i godne reprezentowanie ZPRKA.



Spotkania z ekspertami ZUS w Chicago

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago informuje, że w dniach 19-24 września 2016 r. odbędą się w Chicago spotkania z ekspertami Zakładu Ubezpieczeń Społecznych (ZUS) w sprawie ubiegania się o świadczenia emerytalno-rentowe z Polski.

Będą to konsultacje indywidualne podczas których zainteresowani będą mogli omówić konkretne sprawy dotyczące świadczeń emerytalno-rentowych. Porady będą udzielane bezpłatnie.

Terminy i miejsca:

Spotkania z ekspertami z ZUS będą odbywać się każdego dnia – od poniedziałku 19 września do piątku 23 września w dwóch blokach czasowych tj. od godz. 10 rano do 2 po południu oraz od godz. 4 po południu do 8 wieczorem, a w sobotę 24 września od godz. 9 rano do 2 po południu. Spotkania odbędą się w siedzibie Związku Narodowego Polskiego w Chicago przy: 6100 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646.

O czym należy pamiętać przed spotkaniem:

Do spotkań należy przygotować się zabierając ze sobą wszystkie dostępne dokumenty dotyczące emerytury, przede wszystkim: dowody zatrudnienia w Polsce (potwierdzające zatrudnienie i osiągnięte wynagrodzenie), dokumenty potwierdzające służbę wojskową, dokumenty potwierdzające okres studiów, akty stanu cywilnego (urodzenia, małżeństwa, zgonu), a także posiadaną dokumentację medyczną (w przypadku ubiegania się o świadczenia uzależnione od stanu zdrowia) oraz dokument potwierdzający tożsamość (dowód osobisty, paszport, prawo jazdy). Proszę pamiętać, aby wymienione dokumenty były w oryginale lub przynajmniej w kopii potwierdzonej za zgodność z oryginałem przez organ Social Security lub przez polskiego konsula. Jeśli Państwa sprawy są już w toku rozpatrywania przez ZUS – należy przynieść pisma i decyzje otrzymane z ZUS. W razie potrzeby te dokumenty będzie można przekazać ekspertom ZUS.

Konieczność zapisów:

UWAGA – na spotkania obowiązują wcześniejsze zapisy. Prowadzić je będzie Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago od 16 czerwca 2016 r. do wyczerpania miejsc. Zgłoszenia będą przyjmowane tylko telefonicznie pod nr tel. 312 337 8166 w. 226. Dzwoniąc do konsulatu prosimy podać następujące dane: imię, nazwisko, numer telefonu, wybrany dzień i godzinę spotkania oraz temat rozmowy z ekspertami ZUS, np. pobieram emeryturę w USA, chcę również złożyć wniosek o emeryturę w Polsce; chcę złożyć wniosek o emeryturę po zmarłym mężu/żonie; chcę złożyć wniosek o zasiłek pogrzebowy, potrzebuję uzyskać zaświadczenie o niepobieraniu emerytury z Polski – gdzie powinienem się zwrócić, w jaki sposób najszybciej skontaktuję się z ZUS, w jaki sposób mogę złożyć wymagane dokumenty, jeśli mieszkam w USA.

UWAGA: Osoby, które zapiszą się na spotkania z ekspertami ZUS, a następnie zmianie ulegną ich plany i nie będą mogły w nich uczestniczyć, powinny niezwłocznie powiadomić o tym konsulat, dzwoniąc pod numer telefonu: 312 337 8166 w. 226.

W HOŁDZIE AMERYKAŃSKIEJ FLADZE



Uroczystość złożenia przysięgi fladze



Poczęstunek

ZPRKA Wallace M. Ozog z żoną Joann, były wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski, dyrektorzy krajowi ZPRKA Anna Krysiński (D7),

Krystyna Lech i James Rustik (D8, Elizabeth Sadus (D9) oraz emerytowana pracownica biura Frances Surowiec.



Poczęstunek

Kacper Szumiec, Audrey Carpenter i Anna Marrah. Grilla obsługiwali w tym roku Robert Kowalski i Eric Kemp. Na zakończenie akademii odśpiewana została wspólnie pieśń "America the Beautiful".

Chicgo, IL - Pracownicy biura ZPRKA i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce po raz kolejny spotkali się na dorocznej akademii z okazji Święta Flagi amerykańskiej.

W ceremonii uczestniczyli również: pani Judy Drobot, były prezes



Prezes Joseph Drobot, Anna Sokołowski i Judy Drobot przysłuchują się Lindzie Kasprzyk (l) i Audrey Carpenter (p)

Uroczystość rozpoczął prezes ZPRKA, który powitał zebranych przed powiewającą na maszcie flagą USA. Sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA James Robaczewski poprowadził śpiew hymnu amerykańskiego.

Krótki, doniosły i niezwykle patriotyczny program przygotowała asystentka wiceprezesa Linda Kasprzyk. W akademii wystąpili również: Carlos Escobar,

PROGRAMY EMERYTALNE ZPRKA

ZPRKA zachęca do zapoznania się z szeroką ofertą planów emerytalnych Annuity, które są dostępne w chwili obecnej w naszym silnym portfelu produktów finansowych. Nasze programy emerytalne mogą odegrać istotną rolę, pomagając obecnym i potencjalnym członkom w zabezpieczeniu przyszłości finansowej ich rodzin.

Oferowane przez ZPRKA plany, są bardzo konkurencyjne w porównaniu z podobnymi ofertami dostępnymi w chwili obecnej na rynku. Wpłaty na konta Annuity w ZPRKA można zacząć już od \$300. Dodatkowe korzyści wynikają z faktu, iż przy wykupie naszych produktów emerytalnych nie doliczane są opłaty za usługi.

Tabele na str. 5 przedstawiają porównawcze zestawienie dostępnych w ZPRKA planów emerytalnych. Oprocentowanie roczne (Annual Percentage Rate - APY) może ulec zmianie w dowolnym momencie. Dodatkowe informacje można uzyskać dzwoniąc pod numer: 1-800-772-8632 lub znaleźć na naszej stronie internetowej www.PRCUA.org/annuities.

W celu zakwalifikowania się do otrzymania odsetek za dany miesiąc, składki muszą być dostarczone do biura ZPRKA do 15 dnia każdego miesiąca. Odsetki są doliczane na koniec ostatniego dnia każdego miesiąca.

ZAPISY NA ROK SZKOLNY 2016-2017

Prosimy dyrektorów szkół języka polskiego i tańca ludowego o dostarczenie do redakcji "Narodu Polskiego" informacji o zapisach na rok szkolny 2016-2017.

Informacje należy przesyłać do 15 lipca 2016 na adres:
lidia-kowalewicz@prcua.org



62. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL

19-20 sierpnia 2016
Woodhaven, MI

Tylko dla członków ZPRKA

Nowi członkowie mile widziani!

Organizatorem turnieju jest

Towarzystwo św. Stanisława Kostki #718

62. Krajowy Turniej Piłki Softball ZPRKA odbędzie się w piątek i sobotę, 19-20 sierpnia 2016 r. Woodhaven Recreation Center Baseball Field, 23101 Hall Rd., Woodhaven, MI.

Zakwaterowanie dla zawodników i gości przyjezdnych dostępne będzie w Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI. Ceny zakwaterowania za noc: pokój z łóżkiem King - \$79 plus podatek, z łóżkiem Queen - \$76 plus podatek, z dwoma łóżkami Queen - \$79 plus podatek. Sugerowana jest jak najszybsza rezerwacja pokoju pod numerem: 737-676-8000. Termin rezerwacji upływa 5 sierpnia 201. Przy rezerwacji należy wspomnieć hasło: PRCUA.

Dan Gdowski, przewodniczący i Jerry Nasiatka, współprzewodniczący ustalili następujący harmonogram turnieju:

Piątek, 19 sierpnia

☛ 18:00 - gra mieszana - Woodhaven Recreation Center, 23101 Hall Road, Woodhaven, MI.

☛ 19:00 -22:00 - Wieczorek powitalny - Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI.

Sobota, 20 sierpnia

☛ 09:00 - rozgrywki drużyn kobiecych i męskich - Woodhaven Recreation Center, 23101 Hall Road, Woodhaven, MI.

☛ Lunch - będzie serwowany w pawilonie - pieszy dystans od boiska.

☛ 17:30 - Bankiet z rozdaniem nagród - Best Western, 21700 West Road, Woodhaven, MI.

Msze św. w kościele Our Lady of the Woods, 21892 Gudith Rd, Woodhaven, MI odprawione zostaną w sobotę o 16:00 i niedzielę o 9:00 i 11:00.

Formularze zgłoszeniowe dostępne są na stronie internetowej www.prcua.org/sports. Wszystkie zgłoszenia należy wypełnić i odesłać do biura ZPRKA wraz z wpisowym w wysokości \$50.00 od drużyny. Wszyscy zawodnicy muszą być członkami ZPRKA i być na bieżąco z opłatami składek. Każdy zawodnik może zgłosić udział tylko raz. Zawodnicy są zobowiązani do podpisania deklaracji, że będą przestrzegać przepisów i zasad dobrej sportowej rywalizacji i gry fair play na boisku i poza nim. Czeki należy wystawić na: PRCUA Softball. Zgłoszenia z opłatami należy wysłać na adres: 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 lub zarejestrować się elektronicznie na stronie internetowej www.prcua.org/sports korzystając z opcji płatności PayPal (\$5.00 opłata manipulacyjna). Wszystkie zgłoszenia muszą być wysłane pocztą lub złożone elektronicznie do 5 sierpnia 2016 r.

Sprawdź naszą stronę internetową ZPRKA (www.prcua.org/sports) lub Facebook w celu otrzymania aktualizacji i dodatkowych informacji.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., prezes

Micheline I. Jaminski, wiceprezes

James Robaczewski, sekretarz-skarbnik

POSZUKUJEMY KOPCIUSZKÓW, KSIĘCIÓW I BYŁYCH KANDYDATÓW BALU



Zapisz datę! "Zapraszamy wszystkie osoby, które w przeszłości zostały wybrane Kopciuszkiem i Księżciem oraz byłych kandydatów balów - Wasza obecność jest konieczna na nadchodzącym 45. Balu "Kopciuszek i Książę", sponsorowanym przez Grupę Kulturalną Dorosłych. Chcielibyśmy ponownie zaprezentować Was w czasie balu jubileuszowego. Data: 19 listopada 2016; Miejsce: Glendora Banquets. Dodatkowych informacji udziela: Liz Dynowski tel. 708-846-2004 lub Monica Paździora tel. 708-268-690.

ZPRKA uczciło swojego Patrona Boskie Serce Jezusa

Chicago Hts., IL - Członkowie Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce zbrali się w dniu 5 czerwca w kościele pod wezwaniem św. Kierana w Chicago Hts., na uroczystej mszy św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa, patrona ZPRKA, która odprawiana jest corocznie w intencji żyjących i zmarłych członków.

Organizacją tegorocznej uroczystości zajął się Dystrykt #9 ZPRKA z dyrektorką Elizabeth Sadus.

Mszę rozpoczęła procesja do kościoła, której przewodził poczet sztandarowy w osobach Stevena DeLonki, Johna Frankowicza i Paula Pawłowskiego, za nimi szli: ubrani w polskie stroje ludowe uczniowie Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego z Munster, IN (David i Christian Studziński, Amy i Ania Rolniak, Tomasz i Wiktoria Przybysz, Noah Wygocki, Zosia i Olivia Helfen), Kopciuszek i Księżę 2016 - Olivia Cisto i John Ślubowski, były prezes ZPRKA Francis Rutkowski z żoną Patricią; były dyr. Dystr. #7 Steve Delonka, dyrektorzy krajowi ZPRKA: D-3 Joanne Zajac i Sharon Quinn z mężem Edem; D-5 Mitchell Bienia z żoną Krystyną; D-6 Constance Bonin; D-7 Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik, D-8 Krystyna Lech z mężem Tadeuszem i James Rustik; D-9 Elizabeth Sadus; D-10 Colleen Bonkowski z mężem Brianem i Tomasz Lisiecki; wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski z mężem Richardem i wnuczką Ariana, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski z żoną Elaine, koncelebranski mszy, kapelani ZPRKA ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak i ks. kanonik Antoni Iwuć.

Zwracając się do wiernych w homilii, ks. Ptak przypomniał, iż Zbawiciel nasz, Jezus Chrystus daje nam wszystkim schronienie w swoim Boskim Sercu, zaś wszyscy, którzy wyznają wiarę katolicką, są Jego naśladowcami i muszą pamiętać, że pomimo wszystkich naszych niedoskonałości i problemów życiowych, jest zawsze gotów nam przebaczyć i przyjąć nas z miłością i współczuciem, ponieważ On jest Bogiem miłosierdzia.

Lektorkami w czasie mszy były Ania Rolniak (w jęz. angielskim) i Amy Rolniak (w jęz. polskim), jako ministranci służyli Tommy i Joey Robaczewski, a dary do ołtarza przynieśli Kopciuszek i Księżę 2016 oraz uczniowie Szkoły im. Kalinowskiego. Mszę wzbogaciła wzniosła muzyka i pieśni w wykonaniu Mary Pierce (organy) i Chrystal Phillips Pierce (śpiew).

Po mszy, około 80 osób zebrało się w restauracji Balagio w Homewood, IL na lunchu. Dyrektor Elżbieta Sadus powitała gości i podziękowała im za wspólną modlitwę w czasie mszy i udział w lunchu. Ks. kanonik Antoni Iwuć odmówił modlitwę i udzielił wszystkim błogosławieństwa.

ZPRKA pragnie podziękować ks. Johnowi Siemanowskiemu za gościnność w parafii św. Kierana, dyrektor Dystr. #9 Beth Sadus oraz wszystkim, którzy włączyli się w organizację uroczystości, a także członkom Zjednoczenia i wiernym, którzy wzięli udział we Mszy ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa, patrona ZPRKA



Ks. Władysław Ptak (l)
i ks. Antoni Iwuć (p)



36. Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce

Des Plaines, IL - Tegoroczny, 36. Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, największa impreza dochodowa na rzecz MPA, odbył się

3 czerwca, w eleganckiej sali bankietowej Café La Cave w Des Plaines, IL z udziałem 200 gości.



Konsul Robert
Rusiecki



Ks. Stanisław
Czarnecki, S.J.

Program otworzyła p o w i t a n i e m przewodnicząca balu Sharon Orłowski, hymny w jęz. polskim i angielskim zaśpiewał przewodniczący Rady Dyrektorów MPA i

prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Po modlitwie, którą odmówił ks. Stanisław Czarnecki, S.J. krótko wystąpił konsul RP w Chicago Robert Rusiecki. Uroczysty toast wzniesli prezes MPA Richard Owsiany w jęz. angielskim i dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot w jęz. polskim.

Po kolacji nastąpiła prezentacja najbardziej zasłużonych patronów tegorocznego balu. Legion Młodych Polek dokonał przekazania dla MPA czeku w wysokości \$3000.

Część oficjalną b a l u zakończyło wręczenie dorocznej Nagrody D u c h a Polskości.



Przedstawiciele Polsko-Amerykańskiej Izby Handlowej odebrali Nagrodę Ducha Polskości

Tegoroczna n a g r o d a została przyznana Polsko-Amerykańskiej Izbie Handlowej (Polish American Chamber of Commerce - PACC), organizacji powstałej w 1994 roku, zajmującej się rozwojem współpracy gospodarczej pomiędzy USA i Polską.



Przekazanie donacji przez Legion Młodych Polek

Do tańca bawiła gości Orkiestra Antoniego Kawałkowskiego. W kularach odbywała się przez cały czas trwania balu, Cicha Aukcja, na której można było zakupić wartościowe przedmioty i bilety na imprezy rozrywkowo-kulturalne oraz talony do restauracji.



Wyróżnienie najhojniejszych sponsorów (l-p): zarząd ZPRKA (Joseph Drobot, James Robaczewski, Micheline Jaminski), Rosalie Lindberg, John i Antoinette (Trela) Schoen, Lee Wesley i Victoria Granacki



W rytmie walca



Pracownicy i wolontariusze MPA