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CHICAGO POLONIA CELEBRATES 1050th ANNIVERSARY OF POLAND'S CHRISTIANITY



Consul General of RP
Piotr Janicki



PMA Pres. Richard Owsiany



PMA Managing Director
Małgorzata Kot

Chicago, IL - A special exhibition and reception took place on the evening of Friday, August 26, 2016 at the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of the Polish Museum of America (PMA) as part of the Chicagoland Observances marking the 50th Anniversary of Poland's Millennium of Christianity. The PMA presented archival documents, photographs and memorabilia from Chicago's 1966 celebration of the Millennium of the Baptism of Poland. Much of the exhibition came from the collection of two great Polish activists: Bishop Alfred Abramowicz (d. 1999), who served as chairman of the Executive Committee of Chicago's celebrations of the Millennium of Polish Christianity in 1966, and Sig Sakowicz (d. 2004), the committee's press director and well-known WGN commentator. PMA Archivists Halina Misterka and Teresa Sromek were the curators of the exhibition.

Guests were greeted by PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot, who also introduced the guest speakers. Brief remarks were given by: Consul General of the Republic Poland in Chicago Piotr Janicki, Rector of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago Very Rev. Gregory Sakowicz, PMA President Richard Owsiany, Chairman of the 1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity Organizational Committee Andrzej Gedlek, (Continued on pg. 5)

PRCUA V. P. JAMINSKI ELECTED AS NATIONAL PAC TREASURER



2016-2018 PAC National Officers

Rosemont, IL - The Executive Committee of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is pleased to announce that PRCUA's National Vice President Micheline Jaminski was elected as National Treasurer of the Polish American Congress (PAC) at the PAC's National Convention, which convened in Rosemont, IL on September 15-17. Other PAC Officers elected for the 2016-2018 term are: President Frank J. Spula, First Vice President Rick Pierchalski, VP for Polish Affairs Bożena Kaminski, VP for American Affairs Anthony Bajdek, VP for Public Relations Mark Pienkos, VP for Cultural Affairs Deborah Majka, VP for Financial Development Hubert Cioromski, VP for Membership Development Richard Mazella, and Secretary Timothy Kuzma. Elections took place on Friday, September 16 and the new administration was sworn in on September 17.

After many years of absence, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has returned to a position of prominence with this leading Polish American organization. PRCUA extends congratulations to Mrs. Jaminski on her new appointment as PAC Treasurer and wishes her every success on this new assignment. The PAC will benefit from her enthusiasm, dedication, and experience.

The Polish American Congress is a national umbrella organization, representing over 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Its membership is comprised of fraternal, educational, veteran, religious, cultural, social, business, political organizations, and individual members. With 41 State Divisions and Chapters, the PAC is represented in 23 states.

History of the Polish National Anthem

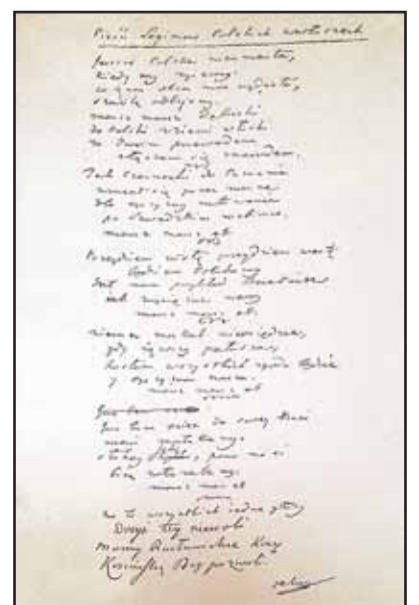
As we proudly celebrate our Polish American heritage during "October - Polish American Heritage Month" this is the perfect time to learn more about the Polish National Anthem. Although most official ceremonies in Polonia begin with the singing of the Polish National Anthem (*Mazurek Dąbrowskiego - Dąbrowski's Mazurka*) followed by the American National Anthem (*Star Spangled Banner*), many Polish Americans don't know the history or the meaning of the song.

Mazurek Dąbrowskiego was originally known as the *Song of the Polish Legions in Italy (Pieśń Legionów polskich we Włoszech)*. The music is a Polish folk tune, a mazurka by an unknown composer. It originally consisted of six stanzas and a chorus, repeated after all but the last stanza. It was written in Reggio di Emilia in Italy in July of 1797 by Józef Wybicki (1747-1822), Polish jurist, poet, political and military activist, and a close friend of Generals Tadeusz Kościuszko and Jan Henryk Dąbrowski.

The song was written shortly after the failure of the Kościuszko Insurrection (1794) and the Third Partition of Poland (1795) which erased Poland from the map of Europe. Many Polish soldiers and officers emigrated to Italy and to France, where they joined local military units, believing that France and her allies would come to

Poland's aid. General Jan Dąbrowski, together with Józef Wybicki, Karol Kniaziewicz, and Antoni Amilkar Kosiński, organized the Polish Legions in Italy, serving under General Napoleon Bonaparte.

Written on the occasion of the departure of the Polish Legions to the French Revolutionary War, the song was meant to boost the morale of Polish soldiers. The text is full of examples of victories and heroes relevant to Polish history: Stefan Czarniecki (defeater of the Swedes), Tadeusz Kościuszko (Insurrection leader), (Continued on pg. 5)



Manuscript of Mazurek
Dąbrowskiego



OCTOBER

2 RIVERVIEW, MI – EDWARD BZURA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING on Sun., Oct. 2 at Riverview Highlands Golf Course, Riverview, MI. Best ball play. \$75 per golfer, includes golf & dinner following at the PRCU Hall. Watch for more information. Hole sponsors are very much appreciated. All proceed benefit our Scholarship Programs. For more information contact Chris Zelasko at 734-671-9366.

10 COLUMBUS DAY - PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

11 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN'S SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING on Tues., Oct. 11 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Everybody is welcome to attend.

16 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING on Sun., Oct. 16 at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Dues: Linda Alexander, 1059 Mollno, Wyandotte, MI.

19 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2042 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Oct. 19 (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.

22 TOLEDO, OH – 4TH ANNUAL PRUCA SPORTSMEN'S DINNER AND RAFFLE on Sat., Oct. 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 5255 N. Detroit, Ave., Toledo, OH. (See details on pg. 4.)

23 WYANDOTTE, MI – POLISH HERITAGE DANCE on Sun., Oct. 23 at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wynadotte, MI. (See details on right.)

25 WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne's Jr. H. S., 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

30 STERLING HTS., MI – PRCUA MICHIGAN CULTURAL WORKSHOP 2016 on Sun., Oct. 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; registration 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Hts., MI (North of 14 Mile and Hoover). Open to all PRCUA members ages 8-18. Cost: \$20.00. (See details on pg. 13.)

30 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOC. #162 TRUNK OR TREAT on Sun., Oct. 30 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI (Corner of 14th and Oak). Contact Natalie at 734-778-1730 or Chris at 734-671-9366. (See details on pg. 11.)

MADISON, IL - POLISH HALL (St. Stanislaus #1004) FRIDAY FISH FRY & TACOS. Every Friday starting September 23 through November 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. Polish Hall, lower level, 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL 62060. Cod sandwich \$4.50, taco \$2. Shrimp, chicken strips, pollock fish, onion rings, fries, slaw, dessert, and drinks are also available. Eat-in or carry-out. See our website for complete menu and more info: ststanislauslodge.weebly.com

NOVEMBER

1-2 ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

11 VETERANS DAY

14 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 MEETING on Mon., Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley L. Dudzinski, Secretary at 773-763-4069.

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19 CHICAGO RIDGE, IL – 45TH CINDERELLA - PRINCE CHARMING BALL on Sat., Nov. 19 at Glendora Banquets, 10225 S. Harlem, Chicago Ridge, IL.; entry at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. (See details on pg. 4.)

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24-25 THANKSGIVING - PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

PRCUA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS - SAVE THESE DATES:



March 18, 2017 - Basketball Tournament - Big Rapid, MI

April 28-30, 2017 - Bowling Tournament - Livonia, MI

July 22, 2017 - Golfing Tournament - Romulus, MI

3rd weekend in August of 2017 - Softball Tournament - Muskegon, MI

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

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ATTENTION!

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

All articles for the November 2016 issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

PRCUA Goal for Growth Program

June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

**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 resulting in the purchase of Whole Life Insurance, 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:

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| 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

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Give More to Charity – Tax Free!

Anna Marrah, PRCUA Sales/Marketing Departments



M o s t people say they wish they could give more to charity, but are worried about the effects it will have on their finances. However, with the 2015 IRA qualified

charitable distribution (QCD) rules, you can donate more while receiving tax benefits at the same time.

When the owner of a traditional IRA turns 70 ½, a required minimum distribution (RMD) kicks in. Depending on current income amounts, a taxable distribution being added to your estate could bump you into a higher tax bracket. However, if the RMD is given directly to an approved public charity, the money is not considered income and can be a tax-free donation. QCD benefits apply to distributions of up to \$100,000 from either a Traditional or Roth IRA. Giving through IRA distributions can have its benefits.

“For older IRA owners facing their annual RMD obligations, the QCD rules provide a more tax-efficient means to do charitable giving than simply taking RMDs and separately donating (other) money to claim a charitable tax deduction,” writes Pinnacle Advisory Group partner and director of wealth, Michael Kitces, in an article for *The Wall Street Journal*.

To make qualified donations, however, there are a few requirements that must be met.

First, contributions must be made directly from the IRA account to a public charity. If a distribution is withdrawn to a personal account first, it is considered taxable income.

Second, the IRA owner must make the donation after turning 70 ½, regardless of the IRA account type. If the distribution is made even the day before, the donation is ineligible for the tax deduction. Financial advisors often suggest waiting at least a few days to avoid possible confusion that could result in taxation.

Third, the entire donation must be given without any gift or return. Even a small gift, like a bracelet or chicken dinner, will turn the donation into an exchange of goods that is ineligible for QCD treatment.

The QCD rules can make giving easier for you, knowing that your generosity will provide tax benefits. If you are interested in using your PRCUA IRA to make charitable donations, talk to your financial advisor today to see if this donation strategy is right for you.

Kitces, M. (2016, July 4). The Benefit of Donating Your Required IRA Distributions to Charity. *The Wall Street Journal*. Retrieved from <http://blogs.wsj.com>.

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What do you know about our Polish-American community?

Test your Polonian historical literacy
By Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

See how many of these questions you can answer. The correct replies are found on pg. 7.

1. What American city now has the largest Pol Am population?
2. Which of the following fields did not attract too many Old Polonian immigrants: Coal-mining, cattle ranching, or the auto industry?
3. Which American president was accused by Polonia of selling Poland down the river to Stalin?
4. What city is known as the Pączki Capital of America?
5. A former senator from Maine and Secretary of State, who became the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, was the son of Polish immigrants named Marciszewski. What name was he best known under?
6. One of the earliest groups of Polish settlers in America named their settlement after the Blessed Virgin and called it Panna Maria. What state was that in?
7. If a Polish immigrant named Zimowski wanted to anglicize his surname to something close in meaning, he would choose which of the following: Hawthorne, Winters, or Johnson.
8. In which of these cities would you find the fewest Polish Americans: Buffalo, Minneapolis or Seattle?
9. The pop song containing the line “Moja droga ja cię Kocham” was the creation of which recording artist?
10. Which is the oldest Pol Am insurance fraternal: PNA or PRCUA?
11. What product should be on the dotted line in an old polka-beat joke song that goes: “Who stole the from the butcher shop?”
12. Which of these newspapers is no longer appearing: Gwiazda Polarna, Dziennik Związkowy or Ameryka-Echo?
13. What was the name of President Jimmy Carter's National Security Adviser who helped overthrow communism in Poland?
14. A tradition-minded PolAm family would most likely enjoy pączki on: Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday or Holy Saturday?
13. Which saint would a typical Old Polonian parish probably not be named after: St. Stanislaus, St. Sebastian, or St. Hedwig?
14. What is the Dyngus Capital of America?
15. The Polish Falcons of America are headquartered in: Chicago, Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh.
16. Angel wings and bowknots are among the American names given to a light, fried, sugar-dusted pastry known in Polish as
17. Which Polish officer fell in battle in defense of America's independence: Tadeusz Kościuszko or Kazimierz Pułaski?
18. The long defunct PolAm college set up in Cambridge Springs, PA in the early 20th century was known as: St. Mary's of Orchard Lake or Alliance College?
19. The first small group of Poles to arrive in America in the early 17th century were mainly: noblemen, craftsmen, or priests?
20. The PolAm population of the USA is roughly estimated at from 9 to 12 million, 4 to 5 million, or 10 to 22 million?

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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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. Please call for details: Liz Dynowski 708-846-2004 or Monica Pazdziora 708-268-6906.

M. Konopnicka Adult Culture Group of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America cordially invites you to attend the

45th Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Cocktails 6:30-7:30pm Dinner 7:30pm

Glendora Banquets

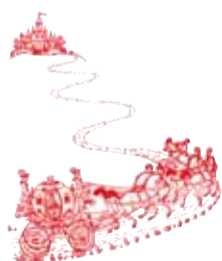
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November 12, 2016

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Collegium Cantorum Polonia/Sing to the Lord Choir with Director Arkadiusz Gorecki



Guests viewing the Exhibit

Merrillville, IN - On Sunday, August 28, Polish Americans from Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan assembled for the main celebration of the 1050th Anniversary of Polish Christianity at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville, IN. The celebration began with a procession featuring the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, which proceeded from the sanctuary to the statue of St. John Paul II, and then to the field altar. His Excellency Bishop Joseph Zawitkowski, senior bishop of the Diocese of Lowicz, was the main celebrant of the Mass. Concelebrating with him were: Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago Bishop Andrew Wypych, Provincial of the Polish Province of Salvatorian Fathers Rev. Piotr Filas SDS, Curator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville, IN, Rev. Luke Kleczka SDS, and other priests from the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Gary. Flag bearers from various Polish American organizations and societies, Polonia leaders, and representatives from Polish language schools, scouts, and dancers dressed in Polish folk costumes stood posts by the altar. A couple dressed in Łowicz costumes, men dressed as knights from various historical periods, and a couple dressed as Poland's Prince Mieszko I and Princess Dabrowka, assisted the concelebrants at the altar. Representing the PRCUA administration was National Vice President Micheline Jaminski, who was also a member of the Anniversary's Organizing Committee.



Procession in front of St. John Paul II statue



Main celebrant Bp. Zawitkowski at the field altar

A very enlightening and patriotic sermon was delivered by Bishop Zawitkowski. In his homily, the bishop deeply touched everyone's heart, recalling the painful but glorious history of the Polish nation. At the conclusion of his sermon, he called upon all present to renew their Baptismal vows.



Offeratory gifts were brought by the VIPs, members of the Polish organizations and youth



(Continued from pg. 1) PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, and PMA Historian Jan Lorys. Archivist Halina Misterka briefly described the most interesting items presented at the exhibition.

The anniversary program included viewing the exhibit, and a performance by Collegium Cantorum Polonia/Sing to the Lord Choir under the direction of Dr. Arkadiusz Gorecki.

The celebration ended with a screening of documentary footage of the highlights of 1966 observances at Chicago's Soldier Field, filmed by NBC Channel 5 TV Chicago, WMAQ-TV, and WGN TV. After the program, guests were invited for refreshments.



Wesoly Lud performing at the stage



PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski (l) and PNA Pres. Frank Spula at the PRCUA and PNA booths

Tomalski (violin), Emilia Topór (violin). Their performances intertwined with Polish folk and national dances performed by children and young adults from



Wesoly Lud with Choreographer Richard Jaminski and PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski

PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, PNA Wici Song and Dance Ensemble, and Śleobodni Polish Highlander Folk Ensemble.

The Salvatorian Fathers and numerous volunteers prepared and served delicious Polish food in the Millenium Banquet Hall. What a fitting tribute this entire celebration was in marking this momentous anniversary of Poland's Christianity.

Photos: L. Kowalewicz, M. Bomba, A. Bastrzyk, J. Karkoszka

(Continued from pg. 1) **HISTORY OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ANTHEM** Henryk Dąbrowski, and Napoleon Bonaparte, with whom many Poles hoped to win back the independence of their country.

Bogurodzica, Gaude Mater Polonia (God Save Poland) and *Rota* were used as Polish National Anthems in the past. In the course of history, the text of the *Dąbrowski's Mazurka* was occasionally modified to suit changing socio-political situations in Poland, and other names of Polish heroes of different times were used in the lyrics supporting the actual needs. With only a few minor changes from the original text, *Dąbrowski's Mazurka* was officially recognized as the National Anthem of Poland in 1926.

Dabrowski's Mazurka (Translation)

Poland has not yet perished,
So long as we still live.
What the alien force has taken from us,
We shall retrieve with a sabre.
Chorus: March, march, Dąbrowski,
From the Italian land to Poland.
Under your command
We shall rejoin the nation.
We'll cross the Vistula and the Warta,
We shall be Polish.

Bonaparte has given us the example
Of how we should prevail. *Chorus*
Like Czarniecki to Poznań
After the Swedish occupation,
To save our homeland,
We shall return across the sea. *Chorus*
A father, in tears,
Says to his Basia
Listen, our boys are said
To be beating the tarabans. *Chorus*



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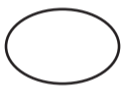


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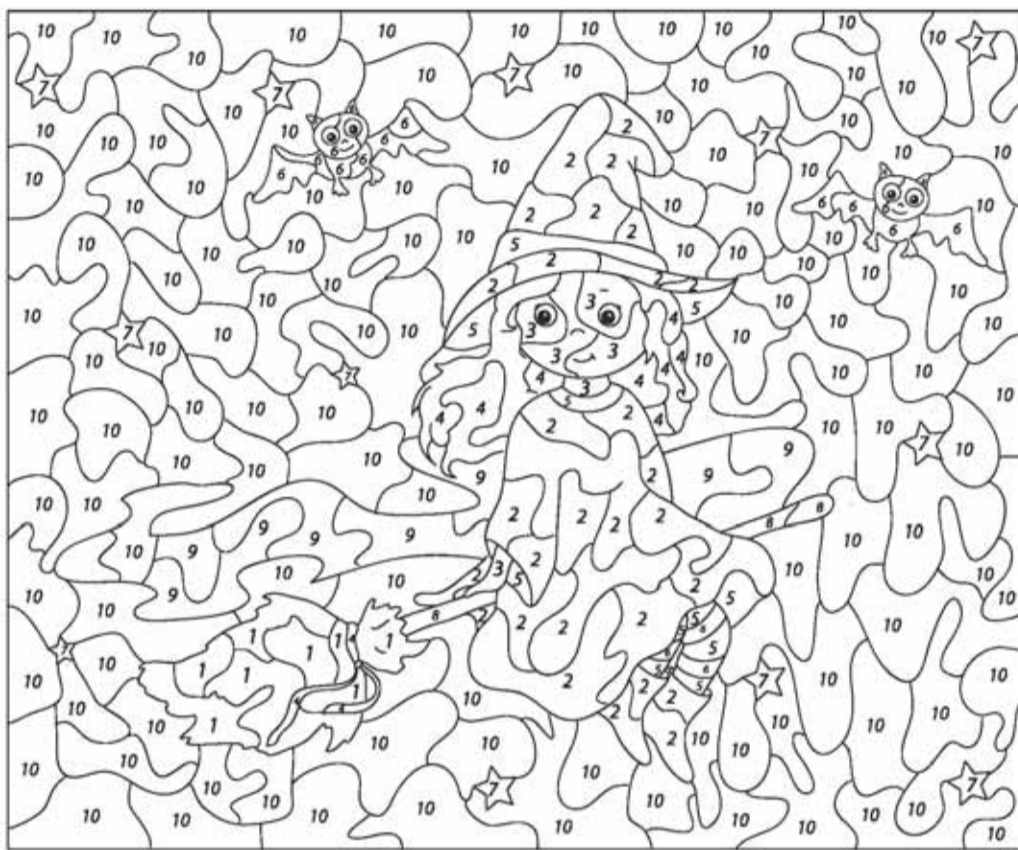
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Solve simple math problems and color the picture according to the numbers you calculated.

Learn Polish words - Letter E

Draw a line connecting the correct picture with the word

- 1.  ELIPSA
- 2.  EKRAK
- 3.  ELEKTROWÓZ
- 4.  ETYKIETA
- 5.  EKIERKA
- 6.  ETUI



- 6 - 5 =  1 + 2 =  3 + 2 =  4 + 3 =  4 + 5 = 
- 8 - 6 =  7 - 3 =  1 + 5 =  9 - 1 =  8 + 2 = 

Find 10 differences



Insert the missing letters to complete words

1. s _ _ l g _ _ t 4.
 2. m _ _ y c _ _ y 5.
 3. w _ _ h d _ _ l 6.



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100 Participants Join in the Fun at the PRCUA Annual Fishing Derby



Elk Grove Village, IL – The Annual PRCUA Fishing Derby was held on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at the relaxing grounds of the Ned Brown Preserve (Busse Woods). The beautiful weather that day was one of the biggest contributing factors to the success of the fishing derby. The sun was up and shining at 6:30 a.m. and continued throughout the day.

For the first time in the PRCUA Fishing Derby's history, the event was open to participants regardless of age – provided that everyone over the age of 16 had a valid Illinois Hook & Line fishing license. Eager early-bird participants showed up at a little past 9 o'clock, trying to beat other competitors with an early start. However, the fishing contest started at 10 o'clock, therefore no fish caught before that time were counted.

There were around 100 people in attendance, who came out to enjoy a beautiful day and have some fun - 50 of whom actually competed in the contest. An abundant lunch, prepared and served by Marek and Bogumila Bomba, and Barbara Truchan, was provided for everyone who came out that day. Lunch gave participants some time to fill empty stomachs and restore their energy to prolong their good natured rivalry.



President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla with VP Micheline Jaminski



The biggest fish caught



Participants waiting for prizes

#7 VP Stephan DeLonka, who all contributed much to the success of the PRCUA Fishing Derby. The reward for their volunteering was seeing all the happy faces from start to finish at the event. Thanks also go to PRCUA employee Anna Marrah for making the beautiful certificates and PRCUA Director of Marketing Agnieszka Bastrzyk for overall supervision of the event preparation. There are big hopes that next year's Derby, scheduled for September 10, 2017, will bring even more guests to share in this fun day of fishing for young and old.

Written by: M. Bomba, photos: L. Kowalewicz



Participants and organizers of the 2016 PRCUA Fishing Derby



L-r: Bogumila and Marek Bomba, Mateusz Bomba, Walter Szarowicz, Micheline Jaminski, Stephen DeLonka



Ron Johnson (r) with new PRCUA members



Winners: (l-r) Nicholas Williams, Patryk Niemiec, Annette Truchan, Natalia Niemiec

Winners were awarded for the most fish caught in the following age groups: 0-6, 7-11, 12-15, 16-20, and 21 and up. The winners were Natalia Niemiec, Patryk Niemiec, Nicholas Williams, and Annette Truchan accordingly. There was no winner for the age group 21 and up as none of the participants in this age group caught any fish. The winners were awarded with fishing rods, certificates of success, and fishing goodie bags, while all participants of the contest received certificates of participation and goodie bags as a consolation prize.

After many years of enjoying the Fishing Derby, sponsored by PRCUA District #7, this year marked the passing of the organizational torch for this popular event. District #7 President Walter Szarowicz, who has planned and run this event from its conception, began training a younger generation to take the reins by working with PRCUA employee Mateusz Bomba, who is also from District #7. The 2016 Fishing Derby was another excellent event that was a huge success.

Special thanks go to Kasia Szwedo, Pawel Truchan, PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski with her husband Richard, Michael Napierala, Paulina Partyka and District

Echoes Festivals Fun Continues

Toledo, OH - The festival fun continued for the Echoes of Poland on Sunday, August 21, at the Birmingham Hungarian Festival in Toledo, OH. The Festival was celebrated by the Children and Teen Ensembles of the Echoes of Poland Dance Ensemble. The Children's Ensemble performed dances from the regions of Cieszyn, Lublin, as well as the dances Przepioreczka, and Krakowiak. The Teen's Ensemble performed the Kujawiak, and Trojak Slask. Couples in the Children's and Teen's Ensembles performed: Polka Podlaska, Polka Spacerowa, and Krakowiaczek Jeden. The Ensembles performed to very enthusiastic crowds. Everyone had a great time.

On Saturday, August 27, the Adult Ensemble joined in the festival fun at Our Lady of the Scapular Polish Festival in Wyandotte, Michigan. The dance group entertained an enthusiastic crowd including PRCUA National Director from District 5 Tom Jesionowski and past PRCUA National Director from District 10 and Emcee Barbara "Basia" Toboy. The Adult Ensemble performed a Polonez, Mazur, Kujawiak, and a dance from Kurpie. We are so honored and proud to represent the PRCUA, and our beautiful Polish culture, for all to experience at these events.

The Echoes of Poland is under the direction and choreography of Paulina Tul Ortyl for the past 49 years. She is the only director and choreographer the Echoes have had. The group has performed at various festivals this summer and will continue to do so throughout the fall.

Submitted by: Teresa A. Gibala



Echoes of Poland's Children and Teen Ensembles performing at the Birmingham Hungarian Festival in Toledo, OH



Echoes Dancers with PRCUA past National Dist. #10 Director Barbara Toboy, National Dist. #5 Director Tom Jesionowski and Echoes' Director and Choreographer Paulina Tul Ortyl

CORRECT ANSWERS TO THE POLONIAN HISTORICAL LITERACY QUIZ ON PAGE 4:

1. New York City;
2. cattle ranching;
3. Franklin Delano Roosevelt;
4. Hamtramck, MI;
5. Edmund Muskie;
6. Texas;
7. Winters;
8. Seattle;
9. Bobby Vinton;
10. PRCUA;
11. kiszka;
12. Ameryka-Echo;
13. St. Sebastian;
14. Buffalo, NY;
15. Pittsburgh;
16. chruściki (in Polonia) and faworki (in Poland);
17. Kazimierz Pułaski;
18. Alliance College;
19. Polish craftsmen;
20. 9 to 12 million.



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Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ wiceprezes



*There's nothing as fine as an autumn day,
with the smell in the air of fresh mowed hay.
Each tree is a wonder, of beauty, untold.
Each leaf brushed with color, a sight to behold.
There's a nip in the air – crisp cool and clear –
To remind us that winter soon will be here!
But for now we have autumn, the "Show-Off" of seasons!
My favorite, by far, and these are the reasons!
(June Kellum – Oct. 1973)*

WELCOME TO POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH! I was curious how October received this designation, so I did what the now-generation does and "googled" my inquiry. According to Wikipedia, Polish American Heritage Month was originally in August, starting in 1981. The concept was initiated by Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia because of the numerous Polish cultural events held throughout the U.S. during this summer month. In 1984, lobbying efforts by the Polish American Cultural Center, together with the Polish American Congress, resulted in House Joint Resolution 577 which designated August as Polish American Heritage Month. In 1986, the month was changed to October in order to encourage U.S. schools to celebrate Polish American Heritage during the school year. October is also the month in which the first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, VA and the time that many Polish American organizations honor Casimir Pulaski, who died in October of 1779.



Several of our members will be participating in Polish American Heritage Month festivities this year. They welcome local members and fellow Polish Americans to participate:

October 2, 2016: Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia, organized since 1936, starting at 12:30 Downtown - 20th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway: PRCUA National Directors (D-3) Joanne Zajac and Sharon Quinn are on the formation committee and would love to see you there!

October 4, 2016: Prairie Trails Library, Burbank, IL will feature a tribute to Polish Folk Culture with a performance by the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company at 7 p.m.

October 7, 8, and 9, 2016: Pulaski Days in Grand Rapids, MI. Parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, National Director (D-10) Colleen Bonkowski, and Fraternal Field Organizer Bob Hojnacki will be marching together with the PRCUA Rogalin Dance Troupe (Michelle Stechschulte, School Director). Check online at pulaskidays.org for a complete schedule of the Grand Rapids events.

October 30, 2016: National Directors (D-10) Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki are sponsoring the PRCUA Michigan School Polish Cultural Workshop featuring lessons in cooking, dancing, language, and crafts. (See complete details on page 13 in this issue of *Naród Polski*.)

Check this issue of the *Naród Polski*, your local newspapers, and parish bulletins for events near you or check out the following link http://www.polamjournal.com/Editors_Desk/PAJ_100th/paj_100th.html by my friend Staś Kmieć – and find 100 Things Every Polish American Should Do.

#101 – sign up a new member to the PRCUA – best thing you can do for Polish American Heritage Month, the future of PRCUA, and the success of Polonia! Don't forget the Referral Program.

#102 – Ages 3-18 yrs. can enter the PRCUA 2016 October Polish American Heritage Month Coloring Contest. (See page 12.)

In any event, celebrate being a proud Polish American in October and throughout the year! Now to events since my last article:

The Chicagoland Celebration of the 1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity was held the last full weekend of August. It began on Friday, August 26, 2016, with the formal opening of the Polish Museum of America's Summer Exhibit featuring Chicagoland's Observance of Poland's Millennium of Christianity in 1966. This Exhibit included memorabilia from the events that took place through the collaborative effort between Chicago Polish organizations and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Between 75,000 to 100,000 Polish and Polish-American Catholics gathered at Soldier Field in Chicago to celebrate the 1,000 years of Poland's Christianity with the main event – Holy Mass. The grand opening of the Exhibit at the PMA was graced with such guest speakers as the new Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Piotr Janicki, and the new Pastor of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Reverend Gregory Sakowicz. Rev. Sakowicz reflected on the memory of his father, Sig Sakowicz, who, fifty years earlier, was WGN-TV commentator and served as Press Secretary of the Millennium Committee. Rev. Sakowicz also highlighted the past contributions of His Excellency Bishop Alfred L. Abramowicz, who was the Millennium Committee's Chairman. Near and dear to many in the PRCUA are those contributions of the late Bishop Abramowicz to the PRCUA (for those who do not know – as pastor of Five Holy Martyrs Parish on Chicago's southwest side, he was the guiding spirit instrumental in the establishment of the FHM Youth Dancers, Maria Konopnicka Polish School,

Adult Culture Group, the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, and the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing) as well as to the Polish American and Roman Catholic community. Produced by the PRCUA for posterity, a film was shown containing television footage from the 1966 celebration combined with commentary from PMA Historian Jan Lorys. The voices of the amazing Choir of Holy Trinity Parish that could be heard during the film added greatly to the festivities and the significance of this Golden Celebration of Poland's Millennium. Congratulations to the PMA with President Richard Owsiany, Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and the staff for an outstanding Exhibit featuring this historic event!

On August 28, 2016 – fifty years to the date of the 1966 Observance, it was once again time to gather together as a Polish American community from Chicago and its neighboring suburbs to celebrate this milestone anniversary. This time, in Merrillville, IN, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, a well-known and respected Polonian religious center. Leaders from Polish organizations in Chicago and the Salvatorian Fathers formed a committee to arrange this historic celebration, in which I was honored to represent the PRCUA. The initiator of this observance was Andrzej Gedlek, a National Director of the Polish American Congress and past President of the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America. The several thousand participants, including our PRCUA dancers from the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director/Choreographer), the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (Anna Kraszewski, Managing Director), and the Mała Polska Dancers of the St. Rafał Kalinowski Polish School (Agata Wilgocki, Dance Instructor), were witness to the solemnity of Holy Mass concelebrated by Biskup Józef Zawitkowski (Senior Bishop of the Archdiocese of Łowicz, Poland), Biskup Andrzej Wypych (Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Chicago), Rev. Piotr Filas SDS (Superior – Provincial House of the Polish Province of the Society of the Divine Saviour, Kraków, Poland), and Rev. Łukasz Kleczka SDS (Curator of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Merrillville, IN) with many other priests in attendance. Many dignitaries graced the celebration with their presence including Consul General Janicki, Consul Robert Rusiecki, members of the Organizing Committee, and others. An artistic program completed the day's festivities coordinated by M. Sojka-Topór (See page 1.)

I personally want to thank all of our PRCUA family and friends for answering the call to be part of the day: PRCUA Wesoly Lud, PNA Wici, ZPPA Śleobodni of USA, and local Polish artists. A complete article by our Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz gives more details in *Naród Polski* of this historic event. Hopefully, in fifty years, someone will undertake the 1100th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity and remember those of us who preceded them, as we in the present remember those who came before us.

Meanwhile during this same last weekend in August in Grand Rapids, Michigan, PRCUA made its presence known with performances by the PRCUA Zajaczek Dancers (Colleen Bonkowski, School Director; Tricia Dennis and Rachel Kasperek, Dance Instructors) and PRCUA Zakopane Dancers (Colleen Bonkowski, Managing Director, Thomas Lisiecki, Artistic Director and Choreographer).

Labor Day week-end was another busy weekend for PRCUA with the Taste of Polonia in full swing at the Copernicus Center, Chicago, IL. The PRCUA booth was manned by Director of Marketing Agnieszka



PRCUA Zajaczek Dancers



PRCUA Zakopane Dancers



L-r: Robert Fattore, Edyta Targońska, Anna Grabowski, Edward Muszalski at the PRCUA booth at Taste of Polonia Festival

Bastrzyk, her assistant Mateusz Bomba, and PRCUA volunteers. The PRCUA Polonia Ensemble (Anna Krysinski, Managing Director) also performed. Other events that weekend included the Polish Day Parade in Hamtramck, MI, where PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers (Jessica Wendt, School Director) participated; Polish Polka

Fest Weekend, Muskegon, MI attended by Frank Swiatek and members of PRCUA Society #78; among countless other events. I personally attended the wedding of two PRCUA members: Joanna Gorczyca (Wesoły Lud alumna) and Edward Bleka in Lemont, IL and my grandson Cole's 8th birthday celebration. Hope you all enjoyed the last long weekend of summer!



Joanna Gorczyca and Edward Bleka

The second weekend in September found the PRCUA at its third Board of Directors Meeting of the year. With many different business matters to attend to, two days of meetings were in order. President Drobot, with energy to spare, attended the PMA 2nd Annual Dance later that evening, dancing to disco favorites. On Sunday, September 11, the Polish Heritage Festival in Michigan City, Indiana was a nice reprieve. With perfect weather and a beautiful setting (International Friendship Gardens), we enjoyed a peaceful outdoor Mass officiated by Bishop Donald J. Hying of the Diocese of Gary, IN (musical renditions by Polonijna Orkiestra Ludowa). The event also offered wonderful entertainment. PRCUA Wesoły Lud dancers performed, as did the ZPPA Polish School of Góralskie Song and Dance and the Ampol-Aires Polka Band. National Dir. (D-10) Colleen Bonkowski stopped by with husband, Brian; National Dir. (D-9) Elizabeth Sadus and PMA Board Member Grace Bazylewski manned the PRCUA/PMA booth; and President and Mrs. Drobot, among other friends were in attendance. Jeanine Leonhard emceed the Wesoły Lud performance again this year. The dancers, as always, did an outstanding job and were very well received. Congratulations to the Festival Committee, including Margaret Picur, the Entertainment Chair, for a great Festival enjoyed by all!



Wesoły Lud at the Polish Heritage Festival in Michigan City
photo by: Paul Kemiell

The country, each with unique perspectives and agendas, come together to better promote their heritage for a more unified Polonia. Of course, those same differences can be frustrating, but in the end, we have hope that if everybody does something positive for Polonia, our heritage will be passed on to the next generation and we will be better for it. Representing the PRCUA were President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. who also presided over the elections; Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, whom I thank for overseeing the ballot counting, and me, the newly-elected National Treasurer of the Polish American Congress. I thank all for their support, confidence, and vote. As always, I pledge to give my best.



Deliberations at the PAC meeting

On September 18, 2016, I attended the Annual PRCUA District 7 Fishing Derby chaired by Mateusz Bomba with Agnieszka Bastrzyk (with husband Daniel and children Alex and Natalka), Kasia Szwedo, friends and family members who volunteered to continue this event. The "fishing pole" was passed from the dynamic duo of Walter Szarowicz (President, District 7) and Steve DeLonka (Vice President, District 7) to Mateusz, who is an assistant in the PRCUA



Mateusz presents the prizes

Sales & Marketing Department, a multi-talented performer with Polonia Ensemble, and a District 7 member. After over 25 years, Mr. Szarowicz and Mr. DeLonka decided to "retire" and mentor Mateusz. Now, gentlemen, you can come, sit back, and enjoy the countless Fishing Derbies to come! There were many children from Districts 7, 8, and 9 who came with their parents and enjoyed this outdoor pastime. It was open to current members as well as to potential future members. Thank you to Wally and Steve and your families and friends whom you have "volunteered" through the years! Enjoying the day with me, was President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla, National Dir. D-9 Elizabeth Sadus along with her nephews, Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, Agata Wilgocki, and my wonderful Richard. I did miss many familiar faces who worked tirelessly in the past at the Fishing Derby and for District 7 - Joyce Szarowicz, Irene DeLonka, Lillian Stempinski, to name a few - I hope you all feel better soon.

Also on September 18th was the Orientation Luncheon for the Candidates of the 45th Cinderella and Prince Charming Ball, Camelot Banquets, Hickory Hills, IL as well as the John Paul II Polish School Picnic in Lockport, IL. Both events were well attended. Save the date of November 19, 2016 for the Ball!

Congratulations to the Polish Museum of America on receiving the Gold Medal for Merit to Culture - Gloria Artis. Award ceremony took place on September 27 at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York. PMA President Richard Owsiany and Managing Director Małgorzata Kot accepted the award on behalf of the PMA.

As we anticipate all the wonders and celebrations of the upcoming season that continue through the end of this year, may we never forget the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and all such cowardly acts of violence against the innocent. May God bless you all and keep you safe!



John Paul II Polish School Picnic

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PMA Presents First Published Guide to Archives

Chicago, IL -- In July 2016, after many years of work and effort, the Head Office of the State Archives of Poland published the *Informator o zasobie archiwalnym Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce* - the Polish language guide to the Archives Collections of the Polish Museum of America (PMA). This is the first ever extensive publication detailing the documents and materials in the PMA Archives' holdings since its founding in 1935.



Cover of the new Guide

The PMA officially presented the Guide on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 6:30 pm, in the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall at the event attended by over 30 people.

PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot greeted the guests and introduced Mrs. Targońska, who summarized the content of the publication. Brief remarks were given by PMA President Richard Owsiany, Archivist Halina Misterka and PMA Historian Jan Loryś.



L-r: Archivist Teresa Sromek, Author Edyta Targońska, Archivist Halina Misterka displaying copies of the new publication

Edyta Targońska and PMA



Author Edyta Targońska interviewed by Polvision TV

Archivists Halina Misterka and Teresa Sromek shared with the guests their memories and anecdotes from the life of archivists - lights and shadows, long-term measures for publishing. The presentation was accompanied by a slideshow and selected documents from the Archives Collections of the PMA.

After the program, guests were invited to a reception and had an additional opportunity to talk privately with the author.

Photos: L. Kowalewicz



Guests at the reception





YEAR PRCUA MEMBERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America would like to congratulate the members listed below on attaining their 50th year as members of our organization. These members reached this plateau during the period between January 2016 through December 2016 and are listed in Society order. If you feel that your name was omitted from this list, please call PRCUA Member Services at 773-782-2626.

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1000	HINTZ	MARIOLA		1451	SIMMONS	PAUL	J	2013	PAWLOWSKI	REGINA	F
1000	KOCOUREK	DONNA	M	1451	TEPER	ROBERT	J	2013	PRATLEY	EILEEN	
1000	MC CORMICK	DOROTHY		1457	PIFFNER	MARY	M	2021	SITARZ	IRENE	
1000	PRZEWOZNIK	FRANK		1472	MATHIESON	TERRI	A	2022	LESZCZYNSKI	LISAK	
1000	SLIWINSKI	DOMINIC	J	1472	PRZYBYSZ	TIMOTHY	J	2026	MALINOWSKI	CECILIA	T
1000	SLIWINSKI	VERONICA		1486	CISNEROZ	SHIRLEY	A	2051	JANUSKA	HARRIET	
1000	STACHNIK	JOHN	J	1486	DEMPSKI	JAMES	L	2051	MACK	AGNES	
1000	SZORC	ANDREW	C	1486	JORSKI	CHRISTINE		2053	BRYSON	JANICE	C
1000	URBANER	JOSEPH	F	1486	RUSSELL	LEONA	M	2053	KEOHAN	MARGARET	J
1000	WEISE	GREGORY	V	1486	SIM	ARTHUR	H	2053	MOSZCZIENSKI	FRANCES	A
1000	YUDISKI	LAWRENCE		1486	SIM	MARY	A	2053	SHUKER	DONNA	M
1003	PARIS JR	ROBERT	L	1490	KORZENIEWSKI	STELLA	M	2108	PAPPADAKIS	JOAN	C
1004	BAZAN	EUGENE		1492	KURAS	ELIZABETH	J	2108	PAPPADAKIS	MICHAEL	
1004	CAMPBELL	CATHERINE	A	1493	KOSINSKI	ELLEN		2108	ROBEJSEK	BRIAN	J
1004	DUDAK	PHILIP	S	1497	WYSKIEL	RICHARD		2109	ARCHACKI	RUTH	I
1004	RAINS	JANET	L	1507	ZIEBRON	PETER	C	2109	BABINEC	BERNADINE	
1004	WIESEMANN	CHRISTINE	A	1538	MCLAUGHLIN	JEAN	M	2109	BONKOWSKI	DEBORAH	
1005	BARWICK	IRENE	J	1538	MCLAUGHLIN	MICHAEL	J	2109	GRUSZKA	DANIEL	J
1020	UGEN	MARYANN		1538	SCHERNECKE J	STEPHEN		2109	KANE	YOLANDA	A
1031	COTTER	LINDA	J	1541	MOSAKOWSKI	JULIE	B	2109	KLIK	DARIUSZ	
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1031	SUTOR	DELORES	A	1541	ZIMMER	DOROTHY	A	2109	WITKOWSKI	STEPHANIE	
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Donate Your Rosaries

Dear and Kind Readers of *Narod Polski*,

I hope this letter finds you healthy, happy and peaceful. These days of hard times all of us are worried and praying for the world and each other.

We are a community, 30% of us are well-off and the rest are poor and half - educated. But they are pious people. I would like to ask you to send me your spare rosaries for the needy people in India. We will keep you in our prayers.

God bless you,
Fr. Paul Cruz

Please send the rosaries to:

Fr. Paul Cruz
Kottiyam P.O.
Kollam 691 571
Kerala, India

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish Words: Letter E:

1. ETYKIETA; 2. EKIERKA; 3. ETUI;
4. ELIPSA; 5. EKLAN;
6. ELEKTROWÓZ.

Insert the missing letters to complete

- words: 1. Skull; 2. Mummy; 3. Witch;

4. Ghost; 5. Candy; 6. Devil.

Find 10 Differences:



Thank You Notes From PRCUA Scholarship Recipients

August 17, 2016

Re: 2016/2017 PRCUA Student Scholarship Grant

Dear Mr. Drobot, Ms. Jaminski and Mr. Robaczewski:

I am the recipient of a \$750.00 PRCUA Student Scholarship Grant for 2016/2017. I would like to express again my sincere gratitude for your assistance in my selection for the grant. I was ecstatic to learn I would receive this award and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

At the completion of this school year, I will receive my associates degree in Computer Aided Drafting and anticipate an internship with a local company next summer. My goal, after graduation in 2019 with my Bachelors Degree in Engineering Design, is to work in product design and research for a sporting goods company.

Thank you again for your financial support.

Sincerely,
James Smiegocki, Jr.

* * *

August 7, 2016

Dear President Drobot and Executive Officers,

I want to thank you and the Scholarships and Education Committee for awarding me a \$1000.00 scholarship to continue my education at Illinois Institute of Technology. I am truly blessed to be part of such a generous and understanding organization.

The generosity and acceptance that PRCUA has shown me is something that I will be forever thankful for in my life.

On behalf of my entire family and myself, we extend our appreciation for the scholarship award and may God bless the PRCUA organization.

Sincerely,
Bartholomew Grabowski

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Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! My family and I truly appreciate it, and it makes a big difference in my education!!

Sincerely,
Lindsay Dodovich

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SOC. #1579 CELEBRATED ITS 42ND ANNIVERSARY



Rev. Kondziolka celebrating the outdoor Mass



Past National Dist. #9 Director Elizabeth Grabowski, Soc. #1579 children and their families enjoying the balloon sculpting



John Parzywot PACF Pres., with Scholarship Committee members Kim Pie and Vicky Werich and scholarship recipients



Soc. #1579 Fin. Secy. Barbara Pawlowski with Society members

Glenwood, IL - About 200 people attended the Polish American Community Fair in Glenwood, IL on Sunday, August 14. In conjunction with the fair, a Family Picnic Reunion of PRCUA St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579 celebrated their 42nd Anniversary and the PRCUA Polish Dance

and Language School of District #9 celebrated their 48th Anniversary.

Rev. Dr. Ronald Kondziolka, Director of Pastoral Care at St James Hospital & Health Centers in Chicago Heights, IL, and a Weber Catholic H.S. alumni, celebrated the outdoor Mass.

It was nice to see many of the older members and all members of St. Joseph the Worker Society come together and enjoy themselves. The Society's oldest member, Josephine Spajewski, who turned 101 years old in March, was unable to attend but was mentioned and wished all the best. We were happy to see past National Lady Vice President Lorie Rose Gorny, age 94, who is a very devout patron and District #9 supporter. Some of the original dancers from District 9's Polish Dance and Language School were present: Paul and Ted Pawlowski, Rich Sanders, his daughter Rose, and Janet Switkowski, with her daughter Bernadette.

A special thank you goes to the Polish American Community Fair and Grove, President John Parzywot and his Committee for allowing all of us to join in the fun. There were plenty of activities throughout the whole day for young and old alike. Thanks to all of the members mentioned above, for their dedicated help and support in making this a special day to remember. Thanks to Rev. Kondziolka, St. Joseph Rosary Ladies of St. Liborius Parish in Steger, IL, District #9 National Director Elizabeth Sadus, and *Narod Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz for advertising the picnic in the newspaper.

*Barbara Pawlowski, Soc. #1579 Fin. Secy.
Photos: Cathy Aldana, Paul Pawlowski*



Lorie Gorny (l) and Barbara Pawlowski (r)



Zbigniew and Marzena Matyskiewicz & daughter Anastazja, who celebrated her 9th birthday, surprised Barbara Pawlowski with a bouquet of flowers



Sunday – October 30, 2016
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

PRCUA #162 - 1430 Oak St.
Wyandotte, MI
(Corner of 14th and Oak)

Prizes for best decorated Cars!
Hot Dogs – Cider – Popcorn

To register your car: stop by the Lounge and sign up, or
contact Natalie – (734) 778-1730 or Chris – (734) 671-9366



21ST ANNUAL POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION IN THE CALUMET REGION, IL

Sunday, October 2, 2016

10:30 a.m. Wreath laying ceremony in Pulaski Park in Calumet City, IL.
(across from City Hall, 204 Pulaski Rd., Calumet City, IL)

11:30 a.m. Field Mass at Pulaski Park in Hammond, IN.
(139th Street and Sheffield Ave., Hammond, IN.)

12:30 p.m. Wreath laying ceremony at Pulaski Park in Hammond, IN
In cooperation with the Pulaski Citizens Club of Hammond, IN
(139th Street and Sheffield Ave., Hammond, IN)

Sit-down authentic Polish family style luncheon starting at 1:30 p.m.
at Cavalier Inn Restaurant, 735 Gostlin St., Hammond, IN.
Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Official Proclamation & Program following lunch.

Music by Gennie "O" and the Next Step

Donation \$20.00 in advance

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

NO CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE - DINE IN ONLY

Cash Bar Available

Music from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets call Calumet City Treasurer Gerry Tarka at 708-935-1222 or stop by, or call the Cavalier Inn at 219-933-9314.

1050th Anniversary of Polish Christianity: 966-2016

**PRCUA 2016 OCTOBER POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
COLORING CONTEST**



**966-2016 A.D. – 1050th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE POLISH STATE
AND ITS BAPTISM INTO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH**

In 965 A.D., Duke Mieszko I of Poland married Czech princess Dobrowa (Dąbrówka, in Polish) and in 966, he embraced her Roman Catholic faith. His baptism brought the Polish State into the cultural sphere of Western Christianity, ending paganism, protecting it from attack by any Catholic country, and spreading Latin culture into Poland. As the first Christian ruler of Poland, Mieszko I is considered the de facto creator of the Polish State. In addition to the great conquests accomplished during his reign, essential for the future of Poland, Mieszko I was well-known for his internal reforms, aimed at expanding and improving the monarchy system. History credits Dobrowa with the establishment of Holy Trinity and St. Wit Churches in Gniezno and the Church of the Virgin Mary in Ostrów Tumski, Poznań. (Paraphrased from Wikipedia)

Poland continues to turn to its Roman Catholic faith for guidance and strength. Celebrations for Poland's Millennium abounded in 1966 throughout the world and the PRCUA was an integral part of the planning of the Chicagoland Observance. Now in 2016, fifty years later, the celebrations continue and once again PRCUA finds itself promoting the 1050th Anniversary of Poland's Christianity.

This Coloring Contest is open to PRCUA members from 3 to 18 years old. Use crayons, pencils, markers or paint (no fabric, sequins, or glitter, etc.)

Age categories: 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-15 years, & 16-18 years. 1st & 2nd Place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

Prizes are age-appropriate and include a certificate of achievement.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received at the Home Office by Monday, October 31, 2016.

Mail to:

**PRCUA Coloring Contest
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101**

Please Print:

NAME _____ AGE _____ ADDRESS _____ SOC# _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ GRADE _____

Include the name of the language or dance school if you are a current student: _____

Sponsored by the Fraternal Department of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America



DEARLY DEPARTED

PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Albanice, Stella	2227	MI	Moddes, Roger A.	997	WI
Antonowich, Helen	683	IL	Mroccka, Beverly A.	2109	OH
Augustine, Paul S.	345	PA	Obidzinski, Herman	899	MA
Baber, Melissa S.	87	MI	Paczkowski, Edmund	294	NJ
Banko, Rita	404	FL	Padlo, Anna M.	28	NY
Barabasz, Peter B.	1617	OH	Patterson, Sigmund C.	1000	IL
Beakas, Frank J.	2206	OH	Piotroski, Stanley	957	IL
Bialorucki, Chester S.	36	OH	Pogorzelski, Vincent H.	977	OH
Bobinsky, Sylvester	158	OH	Powers, Constance M.	2319	PA
Bobrowski, Bruno A.	1486	IL	Sarnowski, Stanley	124	OH
Bogus, Anthony	997	WI	Smuskiewicz, Susan O.	988	IL
Buchalski, Jennie M.	261	MI	Stemkowski, Theresa	163	OH
Cross, Joseph Thomas	849	IL	Stevens, Charles W.	718	MI
Dudek, Henry	896	RI	Summerfelt, Laurenta	878	IL
Dwyer, Josephine	1147	IL	Suszynski, Theresa	509	IL
Finan, Dorothy	450	MO	Talaska, Rev. Richard	1253	WI
Foulk, Stephanie	816	PA	Taweck, Laverne	1580	IL
Golubski, Marianne	709	OH	Tolotska, Josephine A	359	MA
Guziejewska, Genevieve	448	NJ	Torno, Irene	1591	OH
Hynek, Rita	1034	IN	Urbanski, Valerie M.	1368	MI
Irons, Gary L.	322	IL	Urkevich, Joseph	1000	NY
Jablonski, Dianne	1000	IL	Uszkowski, Joseph R.	257	NY
Jeziarski, John	29	PA	Vonsavage, Eleanor A.	1580	PA
Johnson, Margaret	593	IL	Waclawik, Rose	317	WI
Kaczmarek, Jean	1032	IN	Wasek, Joseph	148	PA
Klus, Zofia	880	IL	Weike., Patricia A.	162	MI
Korpak, Loraine A.	817	WI	Wienckowski, Irene L.	540	NY
Krasinski, Janet	802	NJ	Witkowski, Rev. Msgr. Bernard	2011	PA
Krasinski, Stanley	802	NJ	Wojton, Mark	855 & 621	PA
Lenart, Richard T.	87 & 718	MI	Worso, Casimir	2152	AZ
Lewczak, John Stanley	572	NJ	Wysocki, Francis	160	NY
Malec, Anna	896	RI	Wyrwal, Sister Amelia, Mary Simplicia	540	NY
Manning, Regina K.	2044	PA	Zendzian, Rev. Peter W.	950	NY
Margerum, Joan	1593	NJ	Zielinski, Frank	404	CT
Mazur, Rosalie T.	893	MN	Zulewski, Eugenia M.	162	MI
Migala, Estelle	1500	IL			

May they rest in eternal peace.

P . R . C . U . A .

Michigan

CULTURAL WORKSHOP

Sunday – October 30, 2016

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Registration 9:00 am – 9:30 am

(Continental breakfast & lunch provided)

American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights

33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Hts., MI (North of 14 Mile and Hoover)

Open to all PRCUA members ages 8-18

** See the "Bring a Friend" offer **

Cost: \$20.00

(Checks payable to your respective dance school)

Must respond by Saturday, October 8, 2016

(Classes are limited)


Each participant will receive a commemorative t-shirt
(For further information, see your dance school director)

PRCUA Cultural Workshop 2016 Special "Bring a Friend" offer

This year, we are having a special offer to the PRCUA Cultural Workshop. If a participant (PRCUA member) brings a friend (Non-PRCUA member), they will receive a \$5 discount. So, the PRCUA members pays \$15 and the friend (Non-PRCUA member) pays \$20. This friend will be introduced to the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Fraternal Organization with information on how to become a member and see all the benefits that are offered to members. (Take home flyers/pamphlets of information will be given)


With this special, we are hoping to promote our Fraternal and to offer benefits (not only dance classes) to these participants.

REGISTER TODAY!



LEARN POLISH

at the PRCUA!



The PRCUA will again host weekly language classes for adults starting on:

Tuesday, November 8, 2016
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

in the PRCUA Board Room,
984 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642.





This continuing program will extend to the end of May 2017 and will be taught by Halina Szyrzyna, an Accredited Polish Language Teacher and Principal at John Paul II Polish Language School in Lemont, Illinois.

Tuition for PRCUA Members - **FREE**
Tuition for Non-PRCUA Members - \$150.00*

To register for the class, please email: linda-kasprzyk@prcu.org or call (773) 782-2601.

Register now! Space is limited!

*If you are not a member and would like to become one, please contact: Robert Fattore: (773) 782-2631, robert-fattore@prcu.org or your local PRCUA Sales Representative.

PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers in Hamtramck Polish Day Parade

Hamtramck, MI - While others might have been squeezing in one last trip to the cottage or a trip to the beach on Monday, September 5, 2016, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers took to the streets (literally) and marched in the Annual Polish Day Parade in Hamtramck, Michigan. The Polish Day Parade, which was held in conjunction with the City of Hamtramck's 37th Annual Labor Day Festival, serves as the kick-off for Gwiazda's new school year. In addition to the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers, PRCUA National President Joseph Drobot attended the event, as well as many other PRCUA-sponsored dance schools. The Polish Day Parade also featured various ethnic dance groups, veterans' groups, marching bands and other community organizations.



Gwiazda Dancers and parents, Gwiazda Director Jessica Wendt, Choreographer Basia Nowakowski, and 2016 Graduate Ewa Sztandera



Gwiazda Dancers, parents, Director, Choreographer, and 2016 graduate with PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr.

The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers are excited to return to practice for their 2016-2017 year. They already have several performances scheduled in September and will present their 57th Annual Dance Recital this school year.

Submitted by:
Nicholas J.
Nowakowski
(1997
Gwiazda
Alumnus &
Secretary)

Ronald Bak Is Honored and Retires After 50 Years

Canton, MI - After 50 years of officiating basketball and football, PRCUA member Ronald Bak has decided to hang up his whistle. Ron was honored at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 37th Annual Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet on April 30, 2016. He, along with only 5 other officials, was recognized and awarded a plaque for his 50 years of officiating. The banquet was held at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, Michigan. Ron was accompanied by his wife, Barbara, along with his children and their spouses.

Ron played many sports throughout elementary and high school, and in the Army, which then led to his love of officiating. Throughout his career he refereed approximately 1,200 games. During the regular football and basketball seasons, he worked 2 to 3 games per week. The majority of his games were in the Detroit, MI area and surrounding suburbs for both public and private schools.

Ron refereed football games at all levels starting with elementary school though college. He worked a number of high school state playoff games including quarter finals, semi-finals and even a division final game. In November of 2010, Ron was thrilled to have been chosen to referee the State Final game at Ford Field in Detroit, MI.

When officiating college football, he worked in the GLIAC Conference, which is affiliated with the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics). Throughout his career, he refereed approximately 135 college games including 14 playoff games, two Junior College Bowl Games, a Midwest Junior College Championship Bowl Game, and an NAIA National Championship game. In 1990 he was selected to work the East/West All-Star Game in Lansing, MI at Michigan State University. A player for the East All-



Ronald with his wife Barbara and family

Star team, Jerome Bettis, later played in the NFL. Ron remained busy during the basketball season by officiating elementary through high school levels, including some high school playoff games. Ron has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 57 years. They raised three children in Dearborn Heights, MI and currently reside in Canton, MI. They have been blessed with six grandchildren. Ronald, Barbara, their children and grandchildren are all members of PRCUA St. Stans Society #718. In his retirement, Ron will continue to play golf, bowl, spend time with family and friends, or simply watch a game on TV.

The PRCUA salutes Ron Bak for his impressive lifetime achievements in the field of sports officiating and for his dedication to the PRCUA for so many years. Congratulations!
Written by Janet Rys

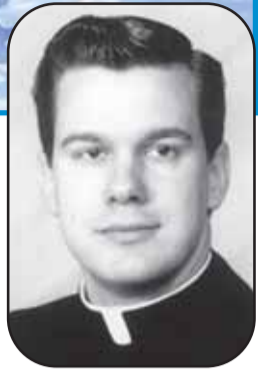


Ronald Bak

Higher Perspectives

"A New Saint For Our Times"

It seems that God, in His goodness, always manages to make present in every age one stand-out individual who personifies the gospel commandment of Jesus to live-out His Law of Love. After all, the only new command which Jesus gave - in addition to what was inherited and perhaps refined from the Old Testament - was "this is my commandment, that you love one another." Jesus tied so much importance to this command that he even reminded his followers that "whatever you do unto the least of these little ones, you do unto me." Saints from past times who exemplified this include St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Philip Neri, among others. In our own day, just canonized in September, it was Mother



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



St. Teresa of Calcutta

Teresa of Calcutta. The very name of "Mother Teresa" conjures up in our minds images of that small, frail, woman wrapped in the distinctive white and blue-trimmed sari-habit unique to her Order, the Sisters of Charity. It evokes the slums of Calcutta - and countless other places in the world where her Order ministers - where the poorest of the poor, the destitute, the forgotten sick and suffering, and the dying receive, sometimes for the first and only time in their lives, the unconditional love and the smile-filled, kind, caring acceptance of Jesus Himself. Even in our sin-hardened world and among sometimes the most unlikely of recipients, the presence of the Sisters of Charity and their faith-filled, dedicated service brings forth in all its radiance the beauty and appeal of Jesus and the gospel message in our world.

With such a shining light amidst the darkness, it's no wonder that Mother Teresa and her Order's unique charism had a vast appeal to a wide array of individuals. From the seemingly anonymous and known but to God to the world famous (Malcolm Muggeridge credited her with his late-in-life conversion to Catholicism) many made their pilgrimage to the "little nun" who seemed to do things no one else was doing and for a reason totally different from the way the world operates. In front of the "great" and the small alike, Mother Teresa was the same person: a fearless proponent of the reality, the beauty, and the truth of our Faith.

Very often, such people were surprised by Mother Teresa's reaction to them. Why? Because she often treated many of them like Jesus acted toward some people.. she sent them home!!! (See Mark 5:1-20) She wanted them to realize that they didn't have to come half-way around the world to do something "special" with their faith in order to put it into practice. All they had to do was open their eyes at home to find the "Calcutta" in their midst!

This was another great lesson from Mother Teresa to our generation. She was fond of noting that there are many kinds of poverty. The one we normally associate with the term was the most superficial kind. This kind was easy to remedy and she and her sisters did a great job at it by applying the above-mentioned acts of love, along with physical sustenance. On the other hand, rather, the worst kind of poverty was that kind experienced by people who seemingly were not poor on the surface. It is the kind that afflicts our society, the well-to-do and the comfortable, the suburbanite and the carefree. She said, "The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty." She noted that any society which does not care about or for its unborn or its elderly - to name just two categories - because it's inconvenient or might take a sacrifice or for whatever reason - is truly poor in the worst way. It's that society which could learn a lesson from those they often look down upon... those who may be poor with regard to what the world has to offer but who, in fact, are rich in what the world can't give: faith and love.

The reason that the Church canonizes saints - the reason Mother Teresa is a saint today - is because they are held up as being exemplary in their living of the Christian life. There is something all of us can learn from the example of Mother Teresa. Perhaps we can start by making our own a prayer that she is said to have recited daily:

Dear Jesus,

Help me spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so that my life may be a reflection of You. Shine through me and be in me so that everyone I come in contact with may feel Your presence. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine - so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.

Toledo Area Polka Society 2016

Saturday - September 24

LENNY GOMULKA & CHICAGO PUSH (Massachusetts)

Doors Open - 6:30 pm Music - 7-11 pm
Member \$15 / Guest \$19

Sunday - October 2

BUFFALO CONCERTINA ALL STARS (New York)

Doors Open - 1:30 pm Music - 2-6 pm
Member \$15 / Guest \$19

Sunday - November 13

JOHN STEVENS' DOUBLESHOT (Pennsylvania)

Doors Open - 1:30 pm Music - 2-6 pm
MEMBER APPRECIATION

Show your 2016 TAPS membership card for \$5.00 admission
(must be a paid member as of 10/31/16) / Guest \$19

Sunday - December 11

RANDY KRAJEWSKI & THE CZELUSTA PARK ALL STARS (Ohio)

Christmas Dinner Dance - reservations required - details to follow



Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
- PRCUA Misiuda Hall

5255 North Detroit Avenue - Toledo OH



PAŹDZIERNIK

2 RIVERVIEW, MI – DOROCZNE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE IM. EDWARDA BZURY, niedziela, 2 października, Riverview Highlands Golf Course, Riverview, MI. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$75 od zawodnika, obejmuje: udział w rozgrywkach i obiad w sali ZPRKA.. Organizatorzy zapraszają chętnych do sponosowania dołków. Dochód przeznaczony zostanie na Fundusz Stypendialny Tow. #162. Dodatkowe informacje: Chris Zelasko: (734) 671-9366.

10 DZIEŃ KOLUMBA - BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

11 DEARBORN HTS., MI – LOSOWANIE ZWYCIĘZCÓW STYPENDIÓW TOW. ST. STAN'S #718, wtorek, 11 października o godz. 20:00 w Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Wstęp wolny.

22 TOLEDO, OH – 4. DOROCZNA KOLACJA SPORTOWCÓW ORAZ LOTERIA, sobota, 22 października od 15:00 do 20:00; kolacja o godz. 16:00. 5255 N. Detroit, Ave., Toledo, OH. Cena \$35 od osoby. Informacje: Joel (419) 349-0634, Butch (419) 729-9680, David (419) 392-2647.

23 WYANDOTTE, MI – ZABAWA DZIEDZICTWA POLSKIEGO, niedziela, 23 października w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI; drzwi otwarte o 13:00, zabawa w godz. 14:00-18:00. Wstęp - \$12. Informacje: Staś Pasko (734) 284-5929 lub John Zelasko, Sr. (734) 671-9366.

30 STERLING HTS., MI – WARSZTATY KULTURALNE W MICHIGAN, niedziela, 30 października w godz. 10:00-15:00, rejestracja 9:00-9:30, American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights, 33204 Maple Lane Dr., Sterling Hts., MI. Dla członków ZPRKA w wieku 8-18 lat. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$20.00. Liczba miejsc ograniczona, zgłoszenia będą przyjmowane do 2 października. Każdy uczestnik otrzyma pamiątkową koszulkę. Uczestnicy - członkowie ZPRKA, którzy przyprowadzą osobę nie należącą do Zjednoczenia, otrzymają \$5 zniżki. Szczegóły u dyrektorów szkółek ZPRKA w Michigan.

30 PRCUA #162 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT, niedziela, 30 października na parkingu PRCUA Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI w godz. 15:00-17:00. Nagrody dla trzech najoryginalniej udekorowanych samochodów. W celu zarejestrowania udziału swojego samochodu prosimy dzwonić na nr.: (734) 778-1730 lub (734) 671-9366.

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1-2 WSZYSTKICH ŚWIĘTYCH I ZADUSZKI

6 ZMIANA CZASU NA ZIMOWY

**11 DZIEŃ WETERANA (USA)
ŚWIĘTO NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI (POLSKA)**

14 CHICAGO, IL – ZEBRANIE DYSTRYKTU #7 ZPRKA - poniedziałek, 14 listopada o godz. 19:30 w świetlicy ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Kontakt: Shirley L. Dudziński, tel. (773) 763-4069.

19 CHICAGO RIDGE, IL - 45. BAL KOPCIUSZKA I KSIĘCIA – sobota, 19 listopada w Glendora House, 10225 S. Harlem, Chicago Ridge, IL (szczegóły obok).

24-25 ŚWIĘTO DZIĘKCZYNIENIA - BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

- PerkSpot - Dodatkowe korzyści dla członków ZPRKA

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Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce
ma zaszczyt zaprosić Państwa
na

45. Bal Kopciuszka i Księcia

w sobotę, 19 listopada 2016 roku
Glendora Banquets

10225 South Harlem Avenue, Chicago Ridge, Illinois

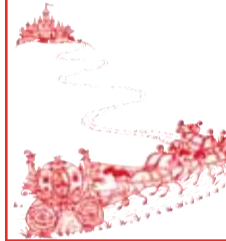
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Godzina koktajlowa: 6:30 - 7:30 wiecz.
Obiad: godz. 7:30 wiecz.

Donacja \$75.00 od osoby

Rezerwacje będą przyjmowane do
12 listopada 2016 r.

Informacje i rezerwacje: Vicky Kroplewski
(708) 599-7129



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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.

UWAGA: Artykuły do listopadowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 18 października.



Taaaka ryba!!! Derby wędkarskie ZPRKA

Elk Grove Village, IL - Doroczne derby wędkarskie ZPRKA odbyły się w niedzielę, 18 września 2016, na terenie parku Ned Brown Preserve (Busse Woods). Piękna pogoda sprawiła, że tegoroczne derby wędkarskie można uznać za wyjątkowo udane.



Wędkarstwo - to sport dla cierpliwych

Po raz pierwszy w historii derby wędkarskie ZPRKA były otwarte dla wszystkich uczestników - bez względu na wiek - pod warunkiem, że osoby w wieku powyżej 16 lat posiadały ważną licencję wędkarską. Zawody rozpoczęły się o godz. 10 i chociaż niektórzy uczestnicy pojawili się już po godz. 9, mając nadzieję, że uda im się szybko coś złowić, pod uwagę były brane tylko ryby złowione dopiero po godz. 10.



L-p: Wiceprezes Jamiński, Marek i Bogumiła Bomba, Barbara Truchan

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Stephan DeLonka odznacza kolejną złapaną rybę

Zwycięzcy otrzymali wędkę, dyplomy i torby ze sprzętem rybackim, natomiast wszyscy uczestnicy zawodów otrzymali certyfikaty uczestnictwa i nagrody pocieszenia.

Państwo Marek i Bogumiła Bomba oraz pani Barbara Truchan przygotowali oraz podali obfity lunch. Po zjedzeniu lunchu i wypełnieniu pustych żołądków, wędkarze wrócili z nową energią do łowienia i rywalizacji.

Specjalne podziękowania składamy Kasi Szwedo, Pawłowi Truchan, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński z mężem Ryszardem, Michałowi Napierała, Paulinie Partyka oraz prezesowi i wiceprezesowi Dystr. #7 Walterowi Szarowiczowi i Stephenowi DeLonka, dzięki którym tegoroczne derby wędkarskie ZPRKA odniosły duży sukces. Nagrodą za ich pracę były wszystkie uśmiechnięte twarze. Wyrazy podziękowania kierujemy również dla Anny Marrah z biura ZPRKA za przygotowanie pięknych dyplomów oraz dla dyrektora marketingu, Agnieszki Bastrzyk za ogólny nadzór nad przygotowaniem imprezy. Mamy nadzieję, że zaplanowane na 10 września 2017 roku zawody, zgromadzą jeszcze więcej uczestników tej świetnej zabawy.



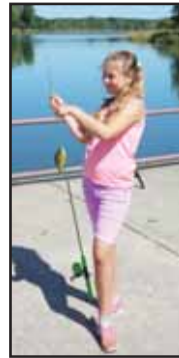
Walter Szarowicz rozdaje przynętę



Mateusz Bomba wręcza nagrody



Młode miłośniczki wędkarstwa



Ryszard Jamiński skrupulatnie zaznaczał ilość złowionych ryb



Jonathan Krysiński (p) - jeden z trzech wędkarzy z grupy dorosłych



Walter Szarowicz i Stephen DeLonka z grupą uczestników zawodów



Rejestracja



Przerwa na lunch i odpoczynek



Wiktor i Konrad Białas z rodzicami



Taaaka ryba - czy taaaka żaba?



I jeszcze jedna ryba została doliczona



Agnieszka i Daniel Bastrzyk z Olkiem i Natalką



Dist. #9 Director Elizabeth Sadus z siostrzeńcami



Radość przy każdej złowionej rybce

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 polecają 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

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Nr. tel: _____ E-mail: _____

Płeć: Mężczyzna ___ Kobieta ___ Data urodzenia: _____ Tow.: _____

Nazwisko polecającego: _____

Nr. tel. polecającego: _____ E-mail polecającego: _____

Wybrany agent ubezpieczeniowy: _____

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email: life@prcua.org

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!

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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:

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DO WSZYSTKICH SEKRETARZY TOWARZYSTW ZPRKA

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Edyta Targońska (l) i Halina Misterka (p) odpowiadały na pytania gości

W środę, 21 września odbyła się w godzinach wieczornych w Sali Głównej MPA oficjalna prezentacja i promocja Informatora. W prezentacji uczestniczyła autorka publikacji Edyta Targońska, archiwista, kierownik Oddziału gromadzenia i opracowania zasobu Archiwum Państwowego w Lublinie.



Spotkanie z uczestnikami wieczoru autorskiego

W wieczorze udział wzięło ponad 30 osób. Dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot powitała zgromadzonych i przedstawiła panią Targońską, która w skrócie zapoznała zebranych z treścią publikacji. W czasie spotkania wystąpili

również prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany, archiwista Halina Misterka oraz historyk Jan Loryś.

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Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce odznaczone złotym medalem Zasłużony Kulturze Gloria Artis

Chicago, IL - W dniu 27 września 2016, w siedzibie Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Nowym Jorku odbyła się ceremonia wręczenia odznaczeń Zasłużony Kulturze Gloria Artis. Złote medale otrzymali Instytut Józefa Piłsudskiego w Nowym Jorku oraz Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce w Chicago. Brązowym medalem odznaczony został Janusz Sporek, artysta i dyrektor polonijnych chórów w Nowym Jorku. Odznaczenia wręczył wicepremier, prof. Piotr Gliński, Minister Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego. W imieniu Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce medal przyjęli Ryszard Owsiany, prezes zarządu i Małgorzata Kot, dyrektor zarządzająca.



L-r: Richard Owsiany, minister Piotr Gliński, Małgorzata Kot

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Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce i Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce po raz drugi przyłączyły się do inicjatywy Muzeum Piśmiennictwa i Drukarstwa w Grębocinie oraz Fundacji Świątynia Sztuki, którzy są organizatorami międzynarodowej imprezy rodzinnej pod nazwą „Święto Latawca”. Tegoroczne Święto Latawca odbyło się 24 września 2016 r. w gmachu i ogrodach ZPRKA i MPA w Chicago.

Podczas popołudnia odbyły się warsztaty składania i puszczania latawców, można było również skorzystać z bezpłatnego wstępu do muzeum. Dzień Latawca był imprezą darmową dzięki grantowi Edward T. & Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation.



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Obchody 1050. rocznicy Chrztu Polski (Kont. ze str. 20)

przedstawiciele polonijnych organizacji, stowarzyszeń i szkół, harcerze, dzieci i młodzież w strojach ludowych. Przy ołtarzu asystowali tancerze przebrani w stroje łowickie i polskie stroje rycerskie z różnych epok oraz w kostiumy księcia i księżniczki - symbolizujący postacie Mieszka I i Dąbrowki.

Głębokie w treści, patriotyczne kazanie wygłosił ks. biskup Zawitkowski. Wspominając bolesne, ale i chwalebne dzieje narodu polskiego, poruszył serca i uczucia wiernych. Wezwał również wszystkich do odnowienia przyrzeczeń chrzcielnych.

Na zakończenie, odczytane zostały listy okolicznościowe nadesłane przez: Watykański Sekretariat Stanu - w imieniu papieża Franciszka, biskupa Chicago Blase'a Cupicha, Kancelarię prezydenta RP Andrzeja Dudy, marszałka Sejmu Marka Kuchcińskiego, sekretarza Stanu Annę Marię Anders, gubernatora Illinois Bruce'a Raunera.

Po zakończeniu mszy uczestnicy udali się na poczęstunek przygotowany przez OO. Salwatorianów oraz licznych wolontariuszy.

Po zakończeniu części oficjalnej, organizatorzy przygotowali jubileuszowy koncert polonijnych artystów, zespołów i grup tanecznych. Koncert prowadził Marek Czystoch, wystąpili: Anna Siwiec-Sitkowska (sopran), Mirosława Sojka-Topór (sopran), Katarzyna Zawiślak (mezzo-sopran), Jan Król (tenor), Andrzej Ciupek (bas-baryton), Marta Komorowska (fortepian), Bogusław Tomalski (skrzypce), Emilia Topór (skrzypce). Polskie tańce ludowe i narodowe wykonały dzieci i młodzież z zespołów: Wesoly Lud ZPRKA, Wici ZNP i Śleobodni ZPPA.

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Dary mszalne złożyli m.in. wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński i konsul generalny Piotr Janicki



Kolejne dary przyniosła młodzież z zespołów tanecznych oraz wicekonsul Robert Rusiecki i historyk MPA Jan Loryś



Program słowno-muzyczny



Na scenie zatańczył zespół Wesoly Lud ZPRKA



Grupa pracowników i członków ZPRKA

Obchody 1050. rocznicy Chrztu Polski



Ks. Gregory Sakowicz



Micheline Jamiński,
wiceprezes ZPRKA
i członek Komitetu
Organizacyjnego

W 1966 roku Polonia uczciła 1000-lecie Chrztu Polski szeregiem uroczystości. Inicjatorem obchodów Milenium chrztu Polski był kard. Stefan Wyszyński. Planowanie uroczystości rozpoczęto już w 1961 r. Przygotowania były koordynowane przez Centralny Komitet Obchodów znajdujący się w rzymskim ośrodku duszpasterstwa emigracyjnego, którym kierował do 1964 r. abp. Józef Gawlina, a po jego śmierci, bp. Władysław Rubin. W rozpoczęciu Milenium chrztu Polski w Rzymie uczestniczył w styczniu 1966 r. papież Paweł VI. Obchody Milenium odbyły się w prawie wszystkich parafiach polskich poza granicami Polski. Uroczystości religijne w Chicago przygotowane zostały wspólnie z Episkopatem Polski, oprócz tego przygotowano również uroczystości świeckie. 26 sierpnia 1966 r. w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce wystannik prymasa Polski – biskup Władysław Rubin z Rzymu otworzył wystawę Polpex 1966, zorganizowaną przez Towarzystwo Filatelistyczne Polonus Philatelic Society. 28 sierpnia 1966 r. odprawiona została na stadionie Soldier Field w Chicago uroczysta msza św., w której udział wzięło ponad 100 tys. ludzi. Mszę odprawił arcybiskup Chicago John P. Cody.

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W piątek, 26 sierpnia (dokładnie w 50. rocznicę wystawy w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce, MPA przygotowało wernisaż, na

którym zaprezentowane zostały archiwalne dokumenty, zdjęcia i pamiątki z obchodów Tysiąclecia Chrztu Polski w Chicago w 1966 roku. Znaczna część wystawionych materiałów pochodziła z kolekcji dwóch wielkich działaczy polonijnych: zmarłego w 1999 r. biskupa Alfreda Abramowicza, który pełnił funkcję przewodniczącego Komitetu Wykonawczego obchodów w Chicago oraz Siga Sakowicza (zm. 2004), słynnego i znanego prezentera stacji WGN - dyrektora prasowego obchodów. Kustoszami wystawy były archiwistki MPA Halina Misterka i Teresa Sromek. W czasie uroczystości wystąpił Chór Collegium Cantorum Polonia / Chór „Śpiewajmy Panu” pod dyrekcją dr. Arkadiusza Góreckiego.



Kustoszki wystawy Halina Misterka i Teresa Sromek, prezes MPA Richard Owsiany, Paweł Grajner i historyk Jan Loryś



Organizatorzy i wolontariusze

Gości powitała i program prowadziła dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot, przemówienia wygłosili konsul generalny RP w Chicago Piotr Janicki, rektor Katedry Świętego Imienia w Chicago ks. Gregory Sakowicz, prezes MPA Richard Owsiany, przewodniczący Komitetu Organizacyjnego Obchodów 1050. Rocznicy Chrztu Polski Andrzej Gędek, wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński, historyk MPA Jan Loryś oraz archiwista MPA Halina Misterka, która w skrócie opowiedziała o wystawie i zachęciła gości do jej zwiedzania.

Wernisaż zakończył się pokazem fragmentów filmu dokumentalnego z uroczystości Tysiąclecia Chrztu Polski na Soldier Field w Chicago w 1966 roku, nagranych przez kanał 5 telewizji NBC.

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W niedzielę, 28 sierpnia 2016 roku, odbyły się w Sanktuarium Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej w Merrillville, IN główne uroczystości 1050 rocznicy Chrztu Państwa Polskiego, na których zgromadziła się licznie Polonia ze stanów Illinois, Indiana i Michigan. Obchody rozpoczęły się w Sanktuarium, z którego wyruszyła "procesja dziejów", niosąca obraz Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej do pomnika św. Jana Pawła II, a następnie do ołtarza polowego. Mszy św. przewodniczył ks. biskup Józef Zawitkowski, biskup senior Diecezji Łowickiej, nabożeństwo koncelebrowali: biskup pomocniczy Archidiecezji Chicago ks. biskup Andrzej Wypych, prowincjał Polskiej Prowincji Salwatorianów ks. Piotr Filas SDS, kustosz Sanktuarium M.B. Częstochowskiej w Merrillville, IN ks. Łukasz Kleczka SDS oraz księża z Archidiecezji Chicagowskiej oraz Diecezji Gary. Przy ołtarzu wartę zaciągnęły poczty sztandarowe, (dok. na str. 19)



Pokłon M.B. Częstochowskiej w Sanktuarium



Andrzej Gędek,
przewodniczący Komitetu
Organizacyjnego



Konsul Piotr Janicki zwiedził
wystawę oprowadzony przez
historyka Jana Lorysia

WICEPREZESKA ZPRKA WYBRANA SKARBNIKIEM KRAJOWEGO ZARZĄDU KONGRESU POLONII AMERYKAŃSKIEJ

Rosemont, IL - Zarząd Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce ma przyjemność ogłosić, że Krajowy Wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński została wybrana krajowym skarbnikiem Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej (KPA) w czasie Krajowej Konwencji Kongresu, który odbył się w dniach 15-17 września w Rosemont, IL. W skład nowego zarządu KPA weszli również: Frank J. Spula - prezes; Rick Pierchalski - pierwszy wiceprezes; Bożena Kamiński - wiceprezes ds. spraw polskich; Anthony Bajdek - wiceprezes ds. amerykańskich; Deborah Majka - wiceprezes ds. kultury, Richard Mazella - wiceprezes ds. członkostwa; Hubert Ciromski - wiceprezes ds. rozwoju finansowego; Mark Pienkos - wiceprezes ds. relacji publicznych; Timothy Kuźma - sekretarz. Wybory odbyły się w piątek, 16 września, nowa administracja została zaprzysiężona na 2-letnią kadencję w sobotę, 17 września.

Po wielu latach nieobecności, członek zarządu ZPRKA ponownie zajął stanowisko w administracji Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej. Pani Jamińska ma bogate doświadczenie w pracy dla Polonii amerykańskiej oraz rozległą wiedzę w zakresie zarządzania. ZPRKA składa wiceprezes Jamińskiej gratulacje i życzy wielu sukcesów w pracy na stanowisku skarbnika w krajowym zarządzie KPA.

Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej jest organizacją patronacką, zrzeszającą i reprezentującą ponad 10 milionów Amerykanów polskiego pochodzenia. Wspiera szereg inicjatyw społecznych, edukacyjnych i kulturalnych mających na celu promocję wiedzy o polskiej historii, języku i kulturze oraz osiągnięć Polonii amerykańskiej. W jej skład wchodzi organizacje braterskie, kulturalno-oświatowe, weterańskie, religijne, społeczne, polityczne i inne oraz indywidualni członkowie. 41 Oddziałów KPA działa w 23 stanach.

- PAŹDZIERNIK - MIESIĄC DZIEDZICTWA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKIEGO



Stany Zjednoczone to kraj z największą Polonią na świecie. Miesiąc dziedzictwa polsko-amerykańskiego obchodzony był w Stanach Zjednoczonych po raz pierwszy w sierpniu 1981 roku z inicjatywy ówczesnego prezesa Polsko-Amerykańskiego Centrum Kulturalnego w Filadelfii, Michaela Blichasza. Michael Blichasz oraz Kongres Polonii Amerykańskiej podjęli starania u polityków władz lokalnych i krajowych w celu rozszerzenia obchodów na inne stany.

W 1986 roku obchody przeniesiono na październik, w celu ułatwienia dzieciom i młodzieży szkolnej uczestnictwa w uroczystościach organizowanych przez szkoły i polonijne organizacje.