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A vacancy exists for the office of PRCUA District #1 National Director.

Members are hereby informed that applications to fill the above vacancy are now being accepted. The applicant must be an active member of PRCUA, in good standing for at least five years, and a resident of District #1, which is composed of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The vacancy shall be acted upon at the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for March 10-11, 2017. Applications can be obtained from the office of PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, FIC.

Completed application, with a photo, must be filed no later than **February 15, 2017** by registered or certified mail, or in person. To obtain an application, please contact:

**Secretary-Treasurer James J. Robaczewski
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984 N. Milwaukee Avenue

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The duties of Directors, as defined in the PRCUA Constitution approved by the August 2014 Convention, are to:

- participate in all Board Sessions of the Board of Directors;
- supervise the locations of funds of the UNION;
- approve the bond of the President and all other Officials of whom a bond is required;
- examine and approve all reports and official actions of the respective Officers and be responsible for the safety, development of, and order of the UNION;
- upon the advice and written recommendation of the UNION's actuaries, may make an equitable distribution of surplus by the payment of dividends;
- shall be bound to operate within the budget as approved by the Convention and reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly by the Budget Committee.

In addition to the official duties of a Director of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America as outlined in the Constitution, a Director is encouraged to:

- support membership in the PRCUA by encouraging individuals, both adult and juvenile, to become members of the PRCUA through its life insurance and annuity programs;
- solicit and encourage individuals to represent the PRCUA as licensed agents or fraternal deputies by joining the Sales Department of the PRCUA and promoting PRCUA financial products;
- initiate, cooperate and participate in the local representative district's activities as it relates to the fraternal goals and mission of the PRCUA.

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NARÓD POLSKI CELEBRATES 120TH ANNIVERSARY!



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Masthead on the first page of the first issue of *Naród Polski*, published under the title of *Naród* on Friday, January 1, 1897



JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR! – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JAN 2, 2017.

14 DEARBORN HTS., MI – RYDER CUP BOWLING #162 on Sat., Jan. 14 (Host Society) versus #718 starting with registration at 11:00 a.m. at Cherry Hill Lanes. Afterglow at Randy's Bar & Grill 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. \$40 per person includes bowling, prize money and food. Interested bowlers should contact Bob Hojnacki at hoj606@hotmail.com or 313-384-6255.

15 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN'S CORPORATE COMMUNION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS on Sun., Jan. 15. Mass will be held in memory of our deceased members at 11:00 a.m. at St. Linus Church on Hass Street between Telegraph & Beach Daly Rds., south of Warren Ave. Following Mass a complimentary dinner will be served at the Stitt VFW Post on Waverly Street, south of W. Warren Rd. and east of Telegraph Rd. After dinner, a short meeting will be held and the election of officers for 2017. For additional information, contact 313-278-5219.

18 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Jan 18 (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.

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

FEBRUARY

2 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN'S SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING on Thurs., Feb 2 at Randy's Bar & Grill, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI at 8:00 p.m. Everybody is welcome to attend. For more information contact: Jerry Nasiatka at jnasiatka@mi.rr.com.

4 STERLING HTS., MI – ZAJACZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE POLISH PARTY on Sat., Feb. 4 at 6:00 p.m. at American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Hts., MI. Tickets and information: 586-770-7397 or zajaczekdance@yahoo.com. (See details on pg. 4.)

11 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 TOPPERMOST BEATLES TRIBUTE DANCE on Sat., Feb 11, at the PRCUA Banquet Center, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Doors open at 6 p.m.; music from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Entry: \$15 per person, food and cash bar available. Proceeds will benefit the PRCUA #162 Scholarship Fund. For more info contact Chris Zelasko at 734-671-9366.

11 MUNSTER, IN – ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL DINNER DANCE on Sat., Feb. 11 at Carmelite Shirne Banquet Hall, Munster, IN. The door and cash bar opens from 6:00 p.m., dance begins at 6:30 p.m. Music by: DJ Melon. Performances by School students and Mala Polska Dance Ensemble. Raffle after the dinner. Tickets \$ 45 per person. For additional information contact School President at 219-613-5148.

11 MT. PROSPECT, IL – POLONIA ENSEMBLE'S MARDI GRAS BALL for parents and children on Sat. Feb. 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 S. Elmhurst, Mt. Prospect, IL (Details on pg. 4.)

13 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 MEETING & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS on Mon., Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Shirley L. Dudzinski, Secretary at 773-763-4069.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

15 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Feb. 16 (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.

18 TROY, MI – SHIRLEY ANN GALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL on Sat., Feb. 18 at The San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI. More details will be posted in February issue of Naród Polski.

18 DOWNERS GROVE, IL – DISTRICT #8 CANDLELIGHT BOWL on Sat., Feb. 18 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Tivoli Bowl, 938 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL. Must be 16 yrs. & older. (See details on pg. 7.)

PRESIDENTS' DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

28 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 PACZKI DAY BUS TRIP on Tues., Feb 28, 2017. Cost \$25. Bus leaves PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI at 9:00 a.m. Bus will leave Hamtramck at 5:00 p.m. sharp. For more information contact Mike at 734-283-4810.

Save the Date - Polish Hall Turns 100!

MADISON, IL – Polish Hall (PRCUA St. Stanislaus Society #1004) will be Celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a Polka Dance open to the public, families, and members. The dance will take place on Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The Good Times Band played 400 consecutive Sunday night engagements from 1975 to 1984, over 8 years, at the Polish Hall, 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. This event will feature Dave Hylla's Good Times Band, as a reunion for all who came to those earlier dances. Admission \$2. Ages 12 years & under free. Polish food will be on sale and more is in the works. Celebrate 100 Years (Five Generations) and reminisce with us. Proceeds will go toward the upkeep of the aging building, so that we can carry on for another 100 years. If you have any questions, contact Beverly Bargiel at STANISLA@SBCGLOBAL.NET. Check Facebook: POLISH.HALL.MADISON.

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The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is asking its members to provide PRCUA with their e-mail address 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.



**40th Anniversary Concert
of the Wesoly Lud
Polish Folk Dance Comp.**

April 2, 2017

Mother McAuley High School
3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago, IL

All Wesoly Lud alumni
are asked to contact
Ania Kraszewski on Facebook
(Wesoly Lud Alumni)
or at wesolyud@gmail.com

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Rates for Males:

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$458.20	\$816.40	\$1,891.00	\$3,682.00
1	\$468.05	\$836.10	\$1,940.25	\$3,780.50
2	\$479.85	\$859.70	\$1,999.25	\$3,898.50
3	\$492.80	\$885.60	\$2,064.00	\$4,028.00
4	\$506.75	\$913.50	\$2,133.75	\$4,167.50
5	\$521.45	\$942.90	\$2,207.25	\$4,314.50
6	\$536.70	\$973.40	\$2,283.50	\$4,467.00
7	\$552.50	\$1,005.00	\$2,362.50	\$4,625.00
8	\$568.90	\$1,037.80	\$2,444.50	\$4,789.00
9	\$585.90	\$1,071.80	\$2,529.50	\$4,959.00
10	\$603.50	\$1,107.00	\$2,617.50	\$5,135.00
11	\$621.80	\$1,143.60	\$2,709.00	\$5,318.00
12	\$640.65	\$1,181.30	\$2,803.25	\$5,506.50
13	\$659.95	\$1,219.90	\$2,899.75	\$5,699.50
14	\$679.75	\$1,259.50	\$2,998.75	\$5,897.50
15	\$699.95	\$1,299.90	\$3,099.75	\$6,099.50

Rates for Females:

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$409.40	\$718.80	\$1,647.00	\$3,194.00
1	\$419.30	\$738.60	\$1,696.50	\$3,293.00
2	\$430.10	\$760.20	\$1,750.50	\$3,401.00
3	\$441.65	\$783.30	\$1,808.25	\$3,516.50
4	\$453.90	\$807.80	\$1,869.50	\$3,639.00
5	\$466.65	\$833.30	\$1,933.25	\$3,766.50
6	\$479.90	\$859.80	\$1,999.50	\$3,899.00
7	\$493.65	\$887.30	\$2,068.25	\$4,036.50
8	\$507.85	\$915.70	\$2,139.25	\$4,178.50
9	\$522.55	\$945.10	\$2,212.75	\$4,325.50
10	\$537.85	\$975.70	\$2,289.25	\$4,478.50
11	\$553.65	\$1,007.30	\$2,368.25	\$4,636.50
12	\$570.00	\$1,040.00	\$2,450.00	\$4,800.00
13	\$586.85	\$1,073.70	\$2,534.25	\$4,968.50
14	\$604.15	\$1,108.30	\$2,620.75	\$5,141.50
15	\$622.05	\$1,144.10	\$2,710.25	\$5,320.50

* Use the proposed insured's nearest age.
(Ex.: If he/she is 8 yrs. 5 mo. use 8 years,
if he/she is 8 years 6 months, use 9 years.)

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If you are looking for a way to assist in the education of the youth of Polonia, consider donating to: The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Education Fund



The PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Illinois. It is a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to students seeking undergraduate, graduate or professional degrees.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants consist of eligible PRCUA members who are sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled full-time in undergraduate studies or those students enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs. Full-time enrollment shall conform to those guidelines established by the federal financial aid program. (A minimum of twelve (12) credit hours for day students or eight (8) credit hours for evening students.) Part-time graduate or professional students are also eligible. On occasion, assistance could be given to non-PRCUA members.

How can I donate to, or establish a scholarship in my own name, as part of the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.?

1. You can make a donation in any denomination that will be directed to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc. and used for educational purposes as directed by the Board.

2. You can make a one-time donation of \$1,000 to \$24,999 to establish a scholarship(s) in your own name – as your personal legacy or “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” an individual or organization. It will be distributed in one year, or divided over a period of years, to students in the areas of study that you designate.

3. You can establish a PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND in your own name by making a donation of \$25,000 or more in capital deposits within a 12 month period. The income generated from this donation will be used to award scholarships to students in a specific area of study as designated by you. A perpetual scholarship can also be established to honor or memorialize someone special.

What kind of donations can be made to the PRCUA Education Fund, Inc.?

Donations can be made in the form of cash, checks, real estate property, stocks and securities, gifts of future interest, insurance, wills, trusts.

Can donations be made “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” an individual or organization?

This program provides an opportunity for you to memorialize or honor a special person or group and make a positive impact in the future of a college bound student. By donating \$1,000 or more, you can establish a scholarship in your own name or “In Memory/Honor of” an individual or organization.

What are the criteria used for evaluating applications and awarding scholarships?

If not specified by the donor, selection criteria will include, but not be limited to: scholastic average, involvement in the Polish American community, local community service, individual financial need and availability of funds. Judging will be based upon the information submitted in the student’s completed application.

All articles for the February issue of **Naród Polski**, must be submitted by Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC



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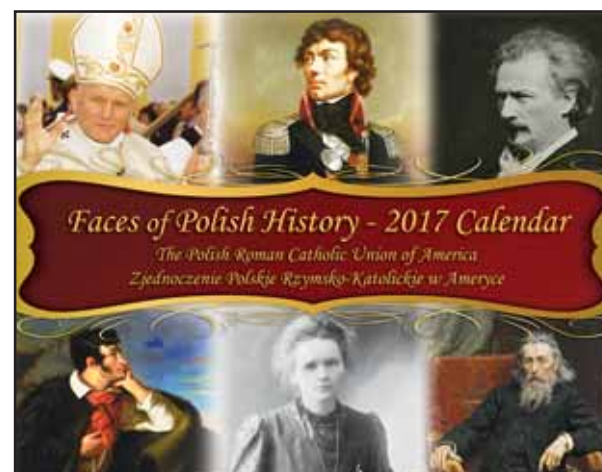


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The theme for the 2017 PRCUA calendar features Faces of Polish History. This calendar highlights Polish figures who have written the pages of our history and shaped our heritage with pride and sacrifice. We hope you enjoy this new calendar!

Order while supplies last!



District #7 Hosted the Annual PRCUA Oplątek



Chicago, IL - December of 2016 began with the annual Christmas festivities. On Saturday, December 3, District #7 hosted the Annual PRCUA Oplątek at the Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL.

Arriving guests were warmly welcomed by District #7 National Directors Anna Krysinski and Kevin Kucik and newly elected District #7 Officers: President Mateusz Bomba and Secretary Thomas Tarnowski.



Directors Krysinski and Kucik opened the program and invited PRCUA National Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc to give the Benediction. Before the dinner was served, everyone joined in sharing Oplatki and wishing each other Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



After dinner, the Polonia Dance Ensemble performed a short artistic program. Everyone cheered when the youngest group took the floor. Led by their teacher, Jaclyn Krysinski, and accompanied by Musical Director Mieczyslaw Dzis, on the accordion, "Krasnoludki" twirled around and danced to the Christmas music, jingling little bells and looking adorable in their red-and-green costumes. Next, Polonia presented the dances from the Lowicz region. The program ended with the Ensemble singing popular Polish and American Christmas carols. All of the guests joined in the joyful singing, accompanied by Mieczyslaw Dzis (accordion) and Nicole Kwasny (violin).



Two 50/50 raffles were held at the end of the program, and two lucky winners were very happy to receive extra cash for Christmas shopping.



In attendance were past and present PRCUA Officers and Directors, outgoing District #7 Officers, members of the Adult Culture Group, 2017 PRCUA Cinderella Kayla Leonhard and Prince Charming Kacper Kaczmarczyk, and a group of Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company members.

Photos: L Kowalewicz





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GARNEK

Name These Polish Winter Traditions

1. A Christian Feast Day celebrated on January 6th. On this day, in church, Poles receive in church a small box containing chalk and incense. At home, they inscribe the letters "K+M+B+" with the blessed chalk on the door frame above the main door of the house. The letters, with a cross after each one, stand for the names of the three Wise Men: Kaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The marks remain above the door all year long.
2. The two days dedicated to the two oldest (usually) members of our families. In 2017 it will be celebrated in Poland on January 21 and 22 respectively. In the U.S., these two occasions are combined into one and celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day.
3. In Poland, a joyous period of time between Christmas day and Ash Wednesday filled with socializing and entertainment including weddings, balls and masquerades.
4. An old Polish winter tradition of organized sleigh ride parties. In the past, they were especially popular among the Polish aristocracy. A cavalcade of horse-drawn sleighs from one house to another, where they were entertained everywhere with a hearty meal, followed by dancing.
5. A traditional sweet, crisp pastry made out of dough that has been shaped into thin twisted bows, deep-fried and sprinkled with powdered sugar. They are most commonly eaten during Carnival time and especially in the period just before Lent.

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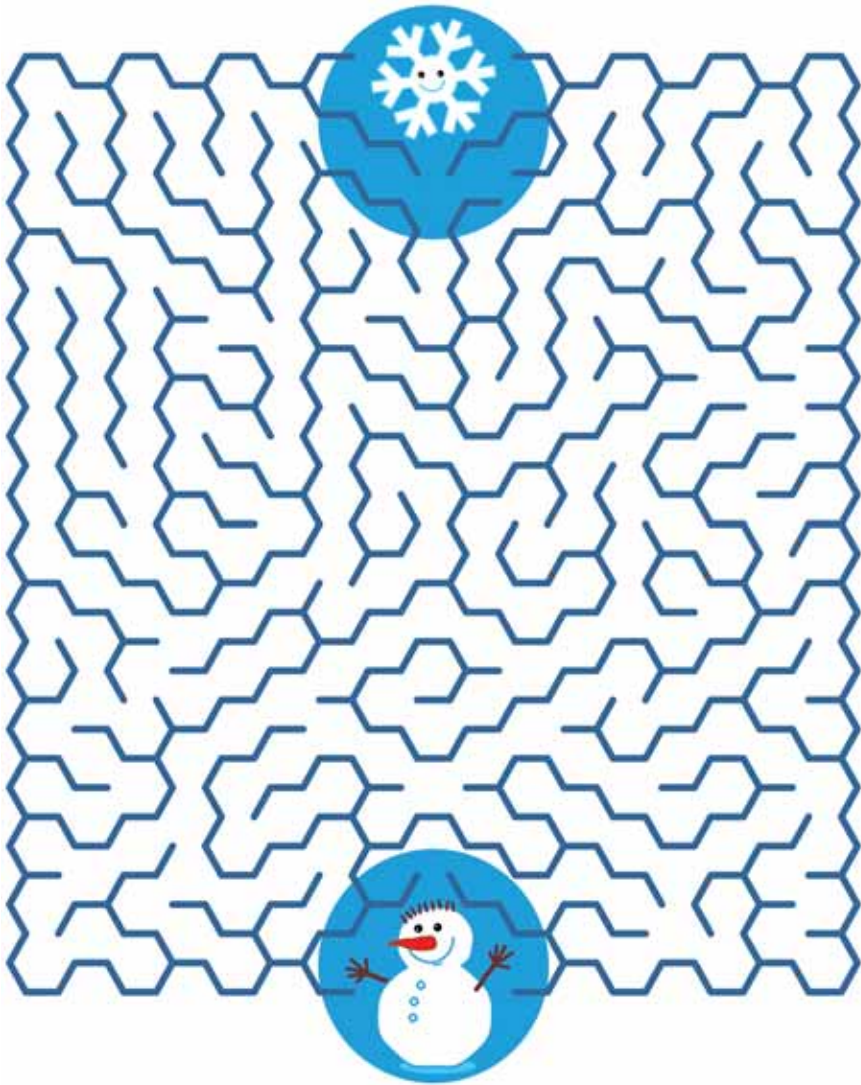
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Winter Maze

Help the little snowflake find the way through the maze and meet the best friend.



PRCUA ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 11, 2017
Carmelite Shrine Banquet Hall
Munster, IN.

Door and cash bar opens at 6:00 p.m.
Dance begins at 6:30 p.m.
Music by: DJ Melon.
Performances by school students
and Mala Polska Dance Ensemble.
Raffle after the dinner.

Tickets \$ 45 per person.
For more information contact School President at
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THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA

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PRCUA Malbork Dance Group



THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER
on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
at **DIAMOND HALL**
439 Diamond Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Registration fee \$25.00 per dancer (ages 3 to 18)

Classes to begin Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
and will continue weekly through April 2017

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED!

For more information: MalborkDanceGroup@gmail.com

SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR: Michelle DeBaek (734) 776-5986

SCHOOL MANAGER: Dawn Rosinski



PRCUA ~ DISTRICT 8

Candlelight Bowl & Split the Pot Cash Raffle

Saturday, February 18, 2017 ~ 8:00pm – 1:00am ~ 16 yrs. & older
Tivoli Bowl ~ 938 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL

Aurelio's Pizza & Salad Served at 8:30pm / Full Cash Bar Available
Bowling Begins at 9:30pm ~ Late night snacks also available for purchase

\$25 p/p or \$45 p/couple ~ RSVP Deadline, Saturday, February 11, 2017
Bowling is limited to the first 96 people ~ *sign up early!*

A Split-The-Pot Cash Raffle will be held at the event!

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Congratulations to PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot

Chicago, IL - Polish Museum of America Managing Director Malgorzata Kot was named "The Person of the Year" by *Dziennik Zwiazkowy*, the largest Polish language daily newspaper in the U.S. This title is awarded to individuals for their outstanding achievements and work for the Polish American community.

The award ceremony was held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at The Copernicus Center in Chicago, IL.

Guest speakers for the evening were Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Piotr Janicki and Pastor of St. Constance Parish Rev. Tadeusz Dziesko.

The award was presented to Malgorzata Kot by Malgorzata Blaszcuk, *Dziennik Zwiazkowy* Executive Editor and Frank Spula, President of the Polish American Congress, Polish National Alliance and the Publisher of *Dziennik Zwiazkowy*.

Malgorzata Kot expressed her gratitude for receiving this honor and emphasized that she accepts the award on behalf of the Polish Museum of America. She thanked the PMA Executives, Directors, employees, volunteers, and her family and friends for their continuous support, and invited everyone to become PMA members.

Congratulations were extended by PMA Executive Directors Chairman and PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Personal tributes to Mrs. Kot were given by Alicja Nawara, a teacher and a Board member of the Polish Teacher Association in America and Halina Misterka, PMA Head Archivist. Both ladies are also Malgorzata's personal friends.

Congratulations to Malgorzata Kot on receiving this momentous and much-deserved honor as "The Person of the Year", and best wishes for success in all of her future endeavors, career, and personal life. Bravo!



(L-r) Malgorzata Kot being presented the award by Malgorzata Blaszcuk and Frank Spula



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	FPDA-200-D	0-90	(IRA) Traditional IRA Annuity			9%
	FPDA-200R-D	0-90	(ROTH) Roth IRA Annuity			8%
	FPDA-200SE-D	0-90	(SEP) SEP IRA Annuity			7%
	FPDA-200SI-D	0-90	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA Annuity			6%
	FPDA-400-D	0-90	(TSA) TSA Annuity			5%
						4%
						3%
10% Annual Free Withdrawal Allowed						
SILVER SERIES	PLAN	ISSUE AGES		MIN INITIAL DEPOSIT	APY*	SURRENDER CHARGE
	FPDA-101-D	0-90	(NQ) Non-Qualified Annuity	\$300	Min Guaranteed 2.000% \$300 and over 2.750%**	7%
	FPDA-201-D	0-90	(IRA) Traditional IRA Annuity			6%
	FPDA-201R-D	0-90	(ROTH) Roth IRA Annuity			5%
	FPDA-201SE-D	0-90	(SEP) SEP IRA Annuity			4%
	FPDA-201SI-D	0-90	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA Annuity			3%
	FPDA-401-D	0-90	(TSA) TSA Annuity			
10% Annual Free Withdrawal Allowed						
BRONZE SERIES	PLAN	ISSUE AGES		MIN INITIAL DEPOSIT	APY*	SURRENDER CHARGE
	FPDA-102-D	0-90	(NQ) Non-Qualified Annuity	\$300	Min Guaranteed 1.500% \$300 and over 2.000%**	5%
	FPDA-202-D	0-90	(IRA) Traditional IRA Annuity			4%
	FPDA-202R-D	0-90	(ROTH) Roth IRA Annuity			3%
	FPDA-202SE-D	0-90	(SEP) SEP IRA Annuity			
	FPDA-202SI-D	0-90	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA Annuity			
	FPDA-402-D	0-90	(TSA) TSA Annuity			
10% Annual Free Withdrawal Allowed						

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

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

Sterling Hts., MI - On Sunday, October 30, 2016, the PRCUA District #10 Michigan National Directors and Michigan Dance School Directors sponsored the Sixth Annual PRCUA Michigan Cultural Workshop. This year, there were over 110 PRCUA participants between the ages of 8-18 years who registered for the workshop. This was the workshop's highest attendance to date.

While the students waited for the classes to begin, Pat Steven (Syrena Director), Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki Director) and Colleen Bonkowski (Zajaczek Director) served a continental breakfast of juice, fruit, muffins, and other breakfast goodies for their enjoyment.

While waiting for them to cook, for fun, the students had sugar cookies to decorate with many frostings and sprinkles in a Halloween theme - with Halloween being the next day. Also, the instructors gave the students some little facts about Poland and Polish food. When all the cookies were ready, each student got to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

When the first part of the workshop was completed, everyone took a lunch break. Thanks to our American Polish Century Club chefs, we feasted on pierogi, smoked kielbasa, fruit, vegetables and bakery cookies. Everyone enjoyed great conversations, not only with each other, but also with our PRCUA National President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy, who told us many stories of the Polish traditions they observe in their own family.

The final class was the craft class. This class was led by Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda Director) with assistance by Beth Thacker (Opole Director) and Michelle Stechschulte (Rogalin Director). The Polish craft activity centered on making traditional Polish Christmas ornaments. Traditionally, Polish ornaments are made out of paper with a varying level of complexity. In the 2016 workshop, the younger children created peacock/*paw*, rooster/*kogut*, and pitcher/*dzbanek* ornaments out of paper. They decorated the designs, cut and pasted them together, then finally, attached a string to hang the ornaments from their own Christmas trees.

When the day ended, each student received a commemorative t-shirt of the event, compliments of the PRCUA Home Office, along with a bag filled with PRCUA goodies, a Target gift card, ear buds, and a certificate of participation.

A special thank you goes to our photographer Mary Ann Smigiel for all of the wonderful pictures she took.



Submitted by: Tom Lisiecki, PRCUA National Director, District #10

PRCUA MICHIGAN CULTURAL WORKSHOP 2016



12th Annual Zajaczek Dance Ensemble Graduate Ball

Sterling Hts., MI - On November 19, 2016, the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble proudly held their 12th Annual Graduate Ball for five graduates at the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, MI. The evening consisted of a beautiful display of dances, Polish cuisine and blessings for the future of our graduates.

Before dinner, the dancers and their escorts presented an elegant Polonez. Later, they performed "Here Comes my Baby Polka" and a beautifully choreographed "Parents' Graduate Waltz". Music for the evening was provided by Drew Ginther.



Zajaczek 2017 Graduates: (l-r): Edmund Shaheen, Victoria Goodfallow, Curtis Reynolds, Jillian Jaczkowski, Zachary Beller

The 2017 Zajaczek graduates are:

Victoria Ann Goodfallow, the daughter of Cynthia Zalewski, sister of 2006 Zajaczek graduate Cassandra Mathes-Ott and Ciocia to dancer Kaius Ott. "Tori" is a senior at Rochester High and is dual-enrolled at Oakland Community College (OCC) in Sign Language Interpretation. She has danced for 15 years: 3 years with Mała Polska and 12 years with Zajaczek. She is involved in the Rochester Alliance of Theatrical Students building stage sets, has been part of her doctor's group Raising Rochester, and a Girl Scout for seven years. Tori likes to play folk guitar and ukulele and walk a



slackline. She also has played catcher and outfielder for Rochester Little League Softball. Tori plans to continue her Sign Language studies at OCC. Her escort, fellow dancer Caleb Swoszowski.

Jillian Renee Jaczkowski, the daughter of Jeff and Renee Jaczkowski and sister to Abby. As a 15-year dancer, Jill danced with Mała Polska for 3 years and Zajaczek for 12 years. At Chippewa Valley High School, she participates in Teen Court, Philosophy Club, and the National Honor Society. Academically, Jillian has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction and earned the Commended National Merit Scholar award. Jillian has been a member of the Great Lakes Tritons Swim Team for seven years and for Chippewa's varsity team for four years, where she has served as team captain for the last two years. Jillian plans to swim and study film in college with dreams of creating historical documentaries. Her escort, fellow dancer and friend, Eric Manczyk.

Edmund Shaheen is the son of Edmund and Helene Shaheen and brother to 2012 Zajaczek graduate, Leah, and Kacy, a future 2018 graduate. He has been dancing with PRCUA for 14 years.



Elegantly dressed graduates and their escorts performing for the audience



Zajaczek Dance Ensemble graduates and their escorts

Edmund is a Varsity member of both Cross Country and Track and Field for Novi High School. He enjoys playing the piano and guitar in his spare time. Edmund placed first at the state level in hotel management in Michigan DECA, a student run business competition. He hopes to attend the national conference in Anaheim for the National DECA competition this spring. Edmund desires to travel the world including studying abroad while attending Florida

State University, where he will continue studies in Hotel and Hospitality Management. His escort, friend and fellow dancer, Abby Jaczkowski.

Curtis Jerome Reynolds III is the son of Alicia Nowos-Reynolds and C. J. Reynolds. He is the grandson of Edmund and Claudia Nowos and great-grandson of Sabina and Valentine Nowosiadly. Curtis has danced with PRCUA for 14 years. His mother, Alicia, is also a past graduate. His sisters, Cecilia and Bridget, also dance with Zajaczek. At Rochester Adams High School, Curtis is a member of the International Language Club, the Junior Rotary Club, the Debate Club and the Interact Club. He volunteers for the Baldwin Soup Kitchen and is an acolyte for St. John. Curtis is the proud section leader of the

saxophones in the Highlander Marching Band. He plans to attend Western Michigan University to study Environmental Science. Curtis' escort, his sister, Cecilia Reynolds.

Zachary Arnold Beller, the son of Arnold and Christine Beller, and brother of current Zajaczek dancer, Jacklyn, and Zajaczek graduates Nicole (2013) and Rebecca (2015). He has been performing for 13 years with Mała Polska and Zajaczek Dance Ensemble. Zach currently attends Henry Ford II High School where he is active in several clubs and athletics. He is a second year Captain of the Henry Ford II Falcons Varsity Football Team. In his free time, Zach likes to keep active in fitness and weight training. After graduation, Zach plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University, pursuing a career in Business Marketing. Zach's escort, his sister, Jacklyn Beller.

Submitted by: Rachel Sobolic
Zajaczek Dance Ensemble
Officer

PRCUA congratulates the Graduates on their commitment to the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble and the Polish American community and wishes them every success in their future endeavors.



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Czajkowski, Josephine B.	651	NY	Grzesik, Aleksander	308	AZ
Bailes, Joseph J.	1407	NJ	Huchrowski, John	2291	PA
Brodalski, Peter S.	424	MA	Kaczynski, Bernice A.	237	PA
Bruening, Sophie	2303	WI	Kaminski, Leon T.	540	NY
Cheney, Dorothy A.	671	IL	Kopiwoda, John	2199 & 2274	MI
Chmiel, Theodore	820	CT	Kordaz, Bernadine M.	527	MD
Chytla, Thomas M.	539	MO	Kozlowski, Constantine	934	MD
Damask, Susan	29	PA	Kralowski, Sophia	2227	MI
Danko, Helen	1070	MA	Kruszewski, Bernice	671	IL
Demkowicz, Anne	29	PA	Kurzeja, Stanley	849	IL
Demuch, John	2227	MI	Lewandowski, Lucian	2144	OH
Desmarais, Helen M.	980	MA	Majchrzak, Joseph	823 & 849	IL
Dobrowski, Henry	2100	OH	Michon, Bernard	718	MI
Domagala, Sophia	718	MI	Michon, Diane	718	MI
Domalski, Genevieve	750	NY	Navitsky, Johanna	345	PA
Dombrowski, Cecilia	213	MI	Olesinski, Donald	994	IL
Drazba, Dorothy T.	1579	IL	Orlowski, Richard Jr.	237 & 3000	PA
Drozdz, Anna	2018	PA	Pagacz, Lorna	105	KS
Duback, Virginia	347	IL	Pederson, Virginia	261	MI
Dubey, Mary Louise	718	MI	Petula, Alfreda	1000	PA
Dworznik, Richard	2152	OH	Przybylo, Genevieve	1545	NY
Dyczko, Roman	2220	OH	Pyrski, Mary	1404	MI
Dzimiera, Benedykta	2291	PA	Regulski, Gerald J.	1617	OH
Eagle, Lillian L.	87	MI	Rutkowski, Francis	3000 & 1591	OH
Epright, Rosemary	1580	IL	Rutkowski, Francis	2220	OH
Falkowski, William	1591	OH	Samec, Dorothy A.	237	PA
Fedorek, Jane M.	865	PA	Sikora, Stanley	247	OH
Fedorowicz, Leonard J.	2002	PA	Skupien, Mary	1622	IL
Feldkamp, Irene	2159	OH	Slowiak, Jozefa	308	IL
Fischer, Barbara	2022	PA	Stetz, Elizabeth J.	540	NY
Fistek, Jeanette	2152	OH	Strelzyk, Florence	1000	IL
Florek, Frank	849	IL	Stromeyer, Eillen	2022	NJ
Forman, Nessa, R.	2009	PA	Wegzyn, Mark J.	87	MI
Fortkamp, Alice J.	227	OH	Wieclawek, Benedict	413	IL
Garduski, Michael E.	718	MI	Zajac, Martin	384	PA
Gasiewski, Bernard A.	162	MI	Zaremba, Gregory A.	718	MI
Gierut, Edward	542	PA	Zbilut, Irene	1580	IL
Gmerek, Patricia A.	2248	OH			

May they rest in eternal peace.



Father Paul Martin Kwiatkowski
✠ Passed Away ✠

The Reverend Paul Martin Kwiatkowski, 77, a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Toledo and PRCUA Chaplain (Soc. #719), died at his residence in Toledo on Saturday, December 3, 2016 after an extended illness. He was born October 7, 1939, the son of Ted and Evelyn (Kosmatka) Kwiatkowski. He attended St. Stanislaus and Rosary Cathedral Schools, and was a proud 1957 graduate of Central Catholic High School. He completed his seminary studies at Saint Meinrad Seminary, Indiana, and the Pontifical North American College, Rome.

Father Kwiatkowski was ordained a priest at St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome, on December 16, 1964. Over the course of his 52 years as a priest, his pastoral assignments included serving at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toledo, St. Joseph Parish, Maumee, Holy Spirit Seminary, Toledo, St. Mary Parish, Bluffton, Saint Hedwig Parish where he was pastor for 10 years, Toledo, St. James Parish, Toledo, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Toledo. Fr. Kwiatkowski received senior status as a priest in 2009. Even during retirement he remained active as a priest, including teaching Latin at Central Catholic High School for a number of years. He was a gifted musician and played violin in the Perrysburg Symphony for 45 years, and with the Echoes of Poland Band for 30 years. He was also involved with the Toledo - Poznań Alliance Dozynki celebration for a number of years.

Father Paul was a very dominant force in the Polish community uniting various Polish groups. He was Past President of the Ohio Div. Polish American Congress. For the Polish Sister City organization, he went to Poznan to have the mayor sign the agreement between the two cities. He was a Catholic War Veterans Chaplain for a number of years. Fr. Paul served as PRCUA Chaplain of Soc. 719 for the past six years and celebrated Mass at St. Hedwig for the PRCUA 2014 Convention. He was instrumental in converting the Ohio Theater into the St. Hedwig Culture Center, and he worked on forming the Lagrange Development Association - a community development organization that later became United North. If there was something Polish going on, he was there, with his winning smile and a joke for everyone, and ready to do whatever was asked of him. He will be sadly missed by all. May he rest in eternal peace!

PRCUA Member’s Pierogi Recipe
Becomes a Social Media Hit

While visiting her parents over Thanksgiving, Emily Rasinski (PRCUA Soc. #977) made a video of a fun approach to making pierogi - a favorite dish of many families of Polish ancestry at Christmas time. Emily’s parents posted the video on social media and received an overwhelming response from people who commented and shared their own family traditions and dishes. Emily, her parents Timothy and Kathy, her siblings and their children are a 100% PRCUA family.

For the Rasinski Family it is a Christmas recipe, but who says pierogi can be made only once a year. The video can be found on YouTube simply by searching <http://bit.do/grandmaspierogies>. In her video, Emily narrates briefly the story of pierogi-making with her Grandma Laura:

"Last week, I was home in Ohio for Thanksgiving. Along with traditional holiday customs, pierogi-making has become a staple at the Rasinski household. My Grandma Laura used to make them on her own, but as our family got bigger and she started to slow down, pierogi-making became a day-long family affair. From peeling potatoes to cranking out the dough, our assembly line would snake from the kitchen to the dining room. By the end of the day, we would have produced about 200 pierogi that would be frozen and then thawed for our Christmas Eve dinner, or Wigilia, the traditional Polish Christmas Eve vigil supper. The meal always includes barszcz, fish, and sauerkraut; however, the highlight of the meal is always the pierogi.

We’ve experimented over the years with the recipe; we even attempted to make dessert pierogi a few years ago, but nothing will ever come close to the classics: potato and cheese or sauerkraut. This recipe belongs to my Grandma.

This was a fun video to make and is a tribute to Laura Rasinski, whom we especially miss at this time of year. Enjoy!"

Grandma Laura's Pierogi Recipe (makes 18-24)

Filling: 6 potatoes, 1 onion, 4 cups cheddar cheese (add more or less to taste).

Peel and quarter potatoes. Boil until fork tender (about 15 minutes). While potatoes boil, peel, slice, and sauté onions. Drain potatoes and add onions and cheddar cheese to pot. Mash until smooth. Set aside.

Dough: 2 cups flour, 1 egg (or 1 egg white), 2 tablespoons sour cream, 1/3 cup water, pinch of salt.

Mix flour, egg, sour cream, water, and salt into dough ball. Using a pasta machine, start with a #8 and fold the dough through 4 or 5 times. Switch to a #7 and fold through 2 times. Continue this process until the dough is thin enough. We recommend stopping once you get to the #3 or #4 setting. Cut the dough into 4 inch squares. Put square into pierogi crimper and fill with 1 tsp. of filling. Wet one side of pierogi with water before pinching shut.

Place pierogi in boiling, salted water. Once they rise to the top remove with slotted spoon. Sauté with butter and onions and serve.

To Freeze: After boiling, let cool. Freeze on cookie trays. Once frozen, transfer to freezer bags. On day of party, thaw and sauté in butter and onions.

2017 PRCUA SPORTS
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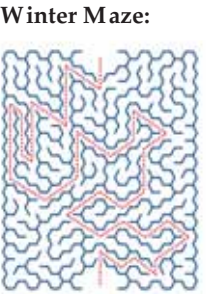
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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish Words: Letter G
1. GWIAZDA; 2. GARNEK; 3. GRZYBY; 4. GWÓŹDŹ;
5. GRUSZKA; 6. GUZIK

What Are These Polish Winter Traditions?
1. Epiphany or Three Kings Day (Święto Trzech Króli); 2. Grandmother’s Day and Grandfather’s Day (in U.S. - Grandparents Day); 3. Karnawał (Carnival); 4. Kulig; 5. Chruściki, faworki.

Count and Write: Socks - 9; Mittens - 6; Hats - 13



PRCUA/PMA OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chicago, IL - PRCUA and PMA employees enjoyed a Christmas Party arranged by the PRCUA Officers on December 20, 2016 at a local restaurant. Friendly atmosphere, and fun games, accompanied by delicious food, put everyone in a festive, Christmas mood.

The program was coordinated by VP Micheline Jaminski. Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski said Grace and traditional Oplatek was shared before the meal.

Two special people were recognized at the party for very special occasions. President A. Drobot, Jr. celebrated his Birthday that day. Everyone sang Happy Birthday and Sto Lat. President Drobot was presented with best wishes and gifts. He had to blow out the candles from not one but THREE cakes! VP Jaminski also recognized PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot, who was recipient of the 2016 "Person of the Year" Award by *Dziennik Zwizkowy* on Saturday, December 17, and presented her with a small gift.

Present at the party were PRCUA First Lady Judy Drobot and Richard Jaminski, husband of VP Micheline Jaminski, who also provided background Christmas music. PRCUA and PMA employees appreciate the Officers' generosity and thoughtfulness and the opportunity to spend time together away from the office.



President Drobot celebrating his special day
with wife Judy



VP Micheline Jaminski
presenting Malgorzata Kot
with a gift

Sharing Oplatek
(on the right)

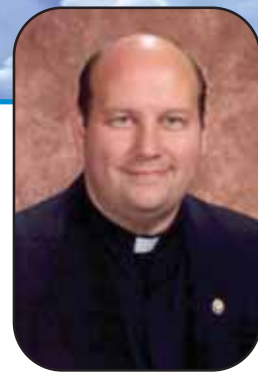


Games and a lot of fun



Higher Perspectives

A 'Mary' New Year, 2017!



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

As we stand on the threshold of a New Year, we are full of hope that this year will be better than last year and, with God's grace, maybe the best year of our lives thus far! I have always looked forward to the New Year as I see it as a time of endless possibilities. The Old Year has passed and the New Year has been sanctified by the birth of Christ and the joy of this Christmas Season of peace.

We begin this year as always, with the great Feast of Our Lady, Mary, Mother of God, which indeed sets this year under her maternal protection. She, who did not hesitate to answer "yes" to Angel Gabriel's message from God, is always our model for the New Year. Mary is the "New Eve" of the New Testament. What Eve lost by disobedience, Mary restored through her obedience to God's will in her life. Mary's "Fiat" still resounds through the ages and beckons us to do the same, no matter what God asks of us this year.

Throughout the course of this New Year, we will celebrate many Marian Feast Days. Each of these days celebrate a unique aspect of Mary's life or a title that has been bestowed upon her. No other Saint has this unique privilege in the Church. She is the Perfect Disciple of her Divine Son. Her many Feast Days are the Church's way of reminding us of the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. If we follow Mary and celebrate her life each and every year, we shall never be disappointed, for she always and everywhere leads us closer to her Divine Son, our source of Divine Mercy.

I recently came across this beautiful prayer poem written by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God in 2012, which I think sums up beautifully my New Year's message to all of you. I hope it will be a source of reflection and comfort as we journey together through 2017. May you and your Loved Ones have a very "Mary" New Year!



*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."
(Luke 2:19)*

Everyone has a purpose in life.

Mary became a mother, a wife.

Mother of God, no less!

When asked by God, she said her, "Yes."

Little did she know what God had in mind;

*yet, she trusted and was willing to bind
herself to Joseph the just one.*

*Together they raised the Son of God,
together they pondered "the hows and the whys" of a son so great
and wondered at leaders so filled with hate.*

She remembered her promise of long ago.

So, the Mother of God trusted her God at the cross.

Our salvation was her great loss.

*Three days she waited as once in the crowd
looking for Jesus the Son of God.*

She was the first to see Him arise,

Her heart filled with joy, yet tears filled her eyes.

Mary trusted her God and now understood

His dying and rising is humanity's good.

Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND 2012

NEWS FROM TOLEDO, OH

Echoes of Poland's Christmas Party

On December 12, the PRCUA's Echoes of Poland Folk Song and Dance Ensemble of Toledo, OH, hosted a Christmas party for the entire Ensemble and their families. In attendance, PRCUA District #5 National Director Tom Jesionowski, who distributed gift packages to all of the dancers and calendars to all of the adults present. The attendees were treated to craft-making and singing of Polish Christmas carols - *kolędy*.



Echoes' Christmas Party - Santa listening to Dist. #5 Dir. Tom Jesionowski (r) acknowledging the gift donors and recipients countless hours arranging and organizing this event. May we take this time to wish you and yours *Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku*.

Echoes' Director Paulina Ortyl led the singing of both English and Polish favorites and greeted Santa with a lively version of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town". The whole party was a fabulous way to start the Christmas season. Our thanks go to the chairpersons: May Pat Antoniuk and Christine Forbes, who spent

countless hours arranging and organizing this event. May we take this time to wish you and yours *Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku*.

Toledo Sings

What voices! What music! What food! And, oh, what fun! This was *Kolędy* (Polish Christmas Carols) at the PRCUA Club on North Detroit Ave. in Toledo, OH on December 9th with Randy Krajewski, and the Three Polish Tenors: Dan Gury, Robert McMahon, and Jim Rutkowski. The men played and sang to a packed house, and no one went away disappointed. In attendance were National Director from District #5, Tom Jesionowski, and about 100 voices all raised in singing Polish *kolędy*. How could anyone not have had a wonderful time with such music, singing and refreshments?

It was wonderful to hear all these voices singing *kolędy* together. No one wanted to go home. One of the highlights of the evening was when Randy and Eric played accordion solos that stole the show and brought audience members to their feet, cheering and clapping until their palms hurt. All were sorry to see the night end, leaving the hall with songs in their hearts and internal peace that can only be described as "the glow of Christmas."

We would like to thank the Officers and Board for all of their hard work putting this together and, especially, all the wonderful cooks and bakers who made the great food that we enjoyed. Most of all we want to thank all who were there to enjoy the evening with us. We hope this will become an annual event for PRCUA Societies #719, #1584, #1617, and #1633.



Randy Krajewski and the Three Polish Tenors

Echoes Celebrates Wigilia

On Saturday, December 10, at St. Adalbert Parish in Toledo, Ohio, the Children and Teen Ensembles of The Echoes of Poland Folk Song & Dance Ensemble of the PRCUA participated in their Wigilia celebration to an enthusiastic packed house. In attendance was PRCUA National Director from District #5, Tom Jesionowski.

The Children's Ensemble performed dances from the regions of: Cieszyn, Lublin, Przepiureczka, and the Krakowiak. The Teen's Ensemble performed Kujawiak, and Trojak Slask. Couples in the Children's and Teen's Ensembles performed: Polka Podlaska, and Polka Spacerowa. The Ensembles performed to a very enthusiastic crowd. Everyone had a great time. We were so honored and proud to represent the PRCUA and be part of our beautiful Polish culture for all to see.

The Echoes of Poland Dance Group has been under the direction and choreography of Paulina Tul Ortyl for the past 49 years. She is original Director and Choreographer for the group. They have performed at various festivals during the past year.



Echoes of Poland



Photos and articles submitted by: Teresa Gibala, Tom Kowalski

Folk Dance at Dance Masters of Michigan Convention

Wyandotte, MI - Janet Vilag, choreographer and dance instructor for the PRCUA Rogalin Dance Troupe in Wyandotte, MI, was recently chosen as a guest teacher at the Dance Masters of Michigan (DMM) Fall Convention. "It was totally inspiring, watching a couple hundred dancers do the Polka and Oberek for warm-ups across the floor," said Janet Vilag, "and then learn the entire Trojak in a one-hour period". She also gave the participants bits and pieces of Polish heritage, such as the names of the national dances, the importance of dance in Poland, and some history of the dances. Janet has high hopes that some students may seek out a PRCUA school in their area, because many girls and boys loved the class. Janet is a member of Society #162 and is currently in her 41st year instructing the Rogalin Dance Troupe.

The PRCUA congratulates Janet Vilag for a job well done at the Convention and extends great accolades for her dedication to Polish dance, as well as to her beloved students over the decades. She has definitely had a positive influence on many of our Polish American youths. Bravo, Janet Vilag!



Class practicing new dance moves at the DMM Convention



Janet Vilag with students at the Masters of Michigan Fall Convention

ST. STAN'S SOCIETY #718 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

In 2016, St. Stan's Soc. #718 in Detroit, MI, sponsored several 50/50 Raffles that earned \$3,000 in prizes and \$3,000 for St. Stan's Tuition Grants and Scholarships program. The winners were:

2016 FEBRUARY

John Czerwinski, Poway, CA
Mary Wilson, Dearborn Hts., MI
Jim Stortz, Dearborn, MI
Randy Landfair, Dearborn Hts., MI
Tim Prezkop, Utica, MI

2016 JUNE

Jim Stortz, Dearborn, MI
Charlene Romanski, Dearborn Hts., MI
Antonia Czerwinski, Poway, CA
Jamie Kuhlman, Dearborn Hts., MI
Denise Stempien, Livonia, MI

2016 OCTOBER

Barbara Posky, Wyandotte, MI
Dan Noyse, Detroit, MI
Ron Gdowski, Allen Park, MI
Bob Bielenda, Redford, MI
Ted Klamerus, Dearborn Hts. MI
Judy Drobot, Chicago, IL

St. Stan's members and the recipients of the Tuition Grants and Scholarships appreciate your support of this program.

Gwiazda Dancers' December Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - The weather outside may be frightful, but times with the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers are delightful.



Gwiazda Dancers, Director & Choreographer with Polish National Baseball Team player Ray Wojtala at the Gwiazda Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 3, 2016, Gwiazda performed at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit in Detroit, MI, as part of the events and installations associated with the 44th Annual Noel Night. Gwiazda performed its Krakowiak, Lasowiak, Kaszëbë and Cieszyn suites along with the Helena Polka at the event.

Occurring in Mid-Town Detroit, Noel Night is a Cultural Center wide event which featured over 100 participating venues (including the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Michigan Science Center, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra along with numerous shops and restaurants). In addition to Gwiazda at the International Institute, activities included horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, and craft activities.



A visit from St. Nicholas (Gwiazda parent Ken Babicz)

On Monday, December 5, 2016, while they waited or after they finished their dance practice, the Gwiazda Dancers spent time making Christmas cards that were delivered with food to homebound and disabled seniors in the Metro-Detroit area by Meals on Wheels this holiday season.

On Monday, December 19, 2016, the Gwiazda Dancers and their families gathered at their practice space at P.L.A.V. General Sikorski Post #10 to celebrate Christmas. The Christmas party featured a potluck meal with foods prepared by the dancers and their families. Grace was led in English by Gwiazda's 2017 graduate, Megan Nowakowski and in Polish by Max Chabowski. In addition to the meal, the event featured a photo booth complete with props and lots of games, which were coordinated by Kristen Bauer.



Dancers making Christmas cards for Meals on Wheels deliveries

As the evening progressed, the dancers received two special visitors. The first visitor was Św. Mikołaj (St Nicholas). He greeted each of the dancers by name, for their yearly visit, and gave them each a present. This year's presents were T-shirts, new for 2017, to support the Polish National Baseball Team. There isn't a lot of money provided to the Polish National Baseball Team by the Polish Sports Ministry (this year they'll receive roughly \$73,000) so the team relies on sales of jerseys and T-Shirts to support their continued play. The dancers can wear these shirts with pride as the Polish National Baseball Team competes in the European Cup Tournament this summer in Miejska Gorka, Poland and perhaps at the 2017 Detroit Tigers' Polish American Night at Comerica Park.

The second visitor, was Ray Wojtala (#30), who plays on the Polish National Baseball Team. Mr. Wojtala came to the party to thank the students for their support. He also chatted with the dancers took photos (including selfies) and autographed baseballs for all of the dancers.

As the evening concluded, goodbyes were said with messages of Merry Christmas and *Wesołych Świąt*. The Gwiazda Dancers will take some time off to recharge over the holidays, but will be back at it in January as they prepare for their annual spring recital in March, 2017.

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



Gwiazda Dancers performing at Noel Night in Detroit, MI



The year 2017 marks the 120th Anniversary of *Narod Polski* newspaper and 130th anniversary of PRCUA's official publications in general.

The historical dates are confusing because from 1873 to 1885, the Union's news was printed in a section of an already-established privately-owned newspaper. Then from 1886 to 1896, it was printed in a privately owned newspaper, which was designated by the Union as its "official" publication. This explains why the numbering of the newspaper started in 1886. Finally, the Union established its own newspaper "Narod Polski" in 1896.

The "organ" as it was called, was indispensable in persuading Polish immigrants to: unite, maintain a fervent link to their Catholic faith, become patriotic U.S. citizens, and preserve their Polish traditions and culture.

Our history began when Jan Barzynski, editor of the Polish-language newspaper "Pielgrzym" (Pilgrim) in Union, Missouri, recognized that life would be easier for Polish immigrants if they would unite and support each other. In 1873, he used his newspaper to propose the establishment of the "Organization of Poles in America."

At the same time, Rev. Teodor Gieryk, pastor of St. Adalbert Parish in Detroit, MI, wrote letters to the editors of all the Polish-language newspapers in America. He urged Poles to form a national organization to strengthen their Catholic faith, protect them from discrimination and preserve their Polish cultural heritage.

Since their goals were similar, Jan Barzynski published a series of Fr. Gieryk's letters in "Pielgrzym." Fr. Gieryk invited all "secular and spiritual Poles" to attend a convention held at St. Adalbert's Parish on October 3, 1873. Priests and leaders of the Polish American community (Polonia) from several states attended. This meeting led to the establishment of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. Rev. Teodor Gieryk, Jan Barzynski and his brother Rev. Vincent Barzynski are recognized as the founders of the PRCUA.

"Pielgrzym" was designated to publish Union news. Right from the start, a publication was deemed crucial to the development of the Union. Jan Barzynski moved the newspaper from Missouri to Detroit in 1873.

The 2nd Convention was held in Chicago, where the largest number of Polish immigrants had settled. Fr. Gieryk was elected Union President and Jan Barzynski was elected Secretary. Since it was decided that the Union headquarters would be located in Chicago, Barzynski moved the newspaper again, from Detroit to Chicago. Its name was changed to "Gazeta Polska Katolicka" (Polish Catholic Gazette) to reflect the Catholic intent of the organization.

Jan Barzynski was editor from 1873 to 1880 but he published the newspaper in collaboration with Wladyslaw Smulski. In 1880, Smulski bought Barzynski's shares in the publishing company and took over as editor. This privately-owned newspaper carried community news, news from Poland, and a section of PRCUA news.

At the Convention in 1886, Smulski was elected Union Secretary. The Union designated his "Gazeta Polska Katolicka" as the "official" weekly organ of the PRCUA.

That same year, the PRCUA was incorporated in the State of Illinois and its life insurance programs were initiated. A new Constitution was written by Jan Barzynski. The numbering of the Union's newspapers began at this time. Thus, this year marks the 130th anniversary of the Union's "official" publications.

In 1888, the PRCUA decided to break its affiliation with Smulski's newspaper and designated the Resurrection Fathers' new weekly newspaper "Wiara i Ojczyzna," (Faith and Fatherland) as the official organ of the Union. In 1891, its frequency was changed to twice a week.

"Wiara i Ojczyzna" published PRCUA news from 1888 until December 1896. During that period, the Resurrectionists changed editors frequently, which is understandable because many of them were parish priests with the responsibility of also serving their congregation.

Rev. Jan Radziejewski - Pastor of St. Adalbert Parish - was editor-in-chief in 1888, and the working editors were Stanislaw Slisz & Tomasz Lobarzewski.

The following year, Fr. Radziejewski was replaced by Rev. Francis Kaczorowski, who worked with Rev. Felix Kachnowski. Fr. Kachnowski was later assigned as Pastor of St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Parish in Posen, IL.

In 1890, Rev. Victor Zaleski, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Chicago, became editor-in-chief and the editor was Stanislaw Szwajkart.

In 1891, Szwajkart was replaced by Dr. Ignace Machnikowski, who later became a highly recognized professor at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Michigan. He spoke fourteen languages and wrote a textbook on "Natural History" in 1895, as well as other books.

In 1892, Rev. Constance Domagalski was editor-in-chief, while Ignace Machnikowski and Stanislaw Szwajkart served as editors.

From 1893 to the newspaper's demise in 1899, Stanislaw Szwajkart was editor. He promoted many humanitarian causes and, in 1917, Szwajkart had the distinction of being the first Pole in America to receive the Cross of the Knight of St. Sylvester from Pope Benedict XV.

At the Convention in 1886, delegates voted in favor of the Union establishing its own weekly newspaper, instead of using a privately-owned newspaper as it had in the past. It consisted of one page. By the end of the year, Union offices and a print shop were set up at 519 Noble Street in Chicago.

The first issue of the Union organ was released on January 1, 1897 under the name of "Narod." Because a Czech daily newspaper by that name was already being published in Chicago by the Benedictine Fathers, the Union officers had to change the name, so they added "Polski." Therefore, the second issue was under the name of "Narod Polski" (Polish Nation) - the name it retains to this day.

Tomasz Skaryszewski was the first editor of *Narod Polski* in 1897. He held that position for 3.5 months, when he suddenly resigned because members were not satisfied with the quality of the newspaper. Witold Zembaczynski, a newly-arrived journalist from Poland, took over as editor but 3.5 months later he was dismissed because his style of writing was not understandable to Polish American readers.

In August of 1897, Lucyan Horbaczynski became editor. He worked for less than a year, then resigned to check into a health spa in Europe, where he died 2 years later at the age of 28.

Szczesny Zahajkiewicz, a well known educator, writer,

NARÓD POLSKI IS 120 YEARS OLD! 130 YEARS OF PRCUA PUBLICATIONS

poet and play wright was editor from 1898-99. He was a popular journalist and his poems were published in *Narod Polski*.

In 1899, the Union began to elect its editor. Ignacy Kowalski was the first elected editor. He held the position for four

years. In May of 1903, he resigned due to a disagreement with the administration. The newspaper was left without an editor, but PRCUA President Leon Szopinski - who also worked as editor of "Gazeta Katolicka" - filled in for six months.

At the Convention in 1903, Karol Wachtel was elected editor - a position he held from 1903 to 1906. He was one of the first historians of Polonia and author of the first history of the PRCUA.

In 1906, Ignacy Kowalski served as Secretary of the Convention; delegates brought him back as editor of *Narod Polski* but in 1911 he was discharged due to unfavorable public opinion.

Karol Wachtel agreed to return for a year. Then Franciszek Barc took over as editor-in-chief. He was a popular journalist and served the fraternal well until 1917, when he moved to Detroit, MI. He helped to establish the Union Library. Later, he again served as editor-in-chief of *Narod Polski* from 1931 to 1941.

Beginning in 1917, Zygmunt Stefanowicz was editor-in-chief of *Narod Polski* for 47 years, from 1917 to 1931 and 1941 to 1974. Before coming to *Narod Polski*, he had been editor of five other Polish-language newspapers in America. During most of his tenure, the publication was entirely in Polish and covered local and worldwide news of interest to Polish Americans, as well as fraternal news.

In the 1940s - against his wishes - English text was published on two pages of the newspaper. Stefanowicz zealously fought for decades to keep the newspaper primarily Polish. He was a talented editor and organizer, who initiated many successful and noble projects to benefit the Polish American community here and in Poland. He retired in 1974 and moved back to Poland, where he died in 1978.

Narod Polski was published weekly for 49 years. Starting in 1946, it became a semi-monthly publication for 63 years, until July of 2009, when it became a monthly publication.

For 18 years, from 1921 and 1939, the PRCUA also published a daily newspaper called "Dziennik Zjednoczenia" (Union Daily News). It was printed - along with *Narod Polski* - in the PRCUA print shop located in the current social hall of the Home Office. Zygmunt Stefanowicz was editor of that newspaper from 1921 to 1932, as well as being editor-in-chief of *Narod Polski*. From 1932 until the daily newspaper's demise in 1939, Franciszek Barc was editor. After the daily was discontinued, the PRCUA print shop continued to print *Narod Polski* until 1946, when the print shop was closed and sold.

After Stefanowicz retired in 1974, Joseph Zurawski became as editor-in-chief. In the 1970s, under his leadership, the newspaper's format was gradually changed from mostly Polish to two-thirds English. He also introduced Book Reviews as a regular feature of the newspaper. Zurawski is extremely knowledgeable in Polish ethnology and contributed significant study materials on that subject to the Chicago Board of Education, Cook County and the State of Illinois. He is a well-respected historian and prolific author of local community histories. In 2007, he wrote the book: "POLISH CHICAGO: Our History, Our Recipes."

From 1968 to 1989, Sabina P. Logisz, who worked at the PRCUA and the Polish Museum for 65 years, wrote a popular column entitled "Sabina's SeeSaw." From 1956 to 1983, Czeslawa Kozioł served as *Narod Polski*'s editorial secretary and later as archivist. Both of these women contributed much to *Narod Polski*.

From 1986 to 1989, Andrew Azarjew was editor-in-chief of the newspaper. Under his leadership, the newspaper carried more news about the Polonia's social and cultural activities, as well as the theatre. In 1989, Azarjew was appointed managing editor in charge of the Polish section, a post he held until 1993, when health problems forced him to retire. He returned to Poland and resides there.

In 1989, Kathryn G. Rosypal was appointed as executive editor of *Narod Polski* and assigned the mammoth task of computerizing the newspaper, introducing desktop publishing and bringing the publication department into the age of technology. She was the first female to serve as editor of *Narod Polski*. Rosypal was experienced in Polish folk arts and often taught folk art workshops at the Polish Museum of America.

Rosypal has written and co-authored (with then PRCUA First Lady Joann Ozog) student-oriented workbooks about Pulaski, Paderewski, the Polish Museum and Poles in Chicago. She also wrote and produced the Union's popular "Our Polish Ancestors" coloring book and its timeless "Polish Christmas Customs, Carols and Cuisine" which is an all-inclusive guide to a Polish Christmas for Polish Americans. Rosypal was executive editor of the English-language section of *Narod Polski* for 25 years until she retired in 2014. Now residing in PA under her married name of Kathryn Romani, she is still involved with the publication as a consultant and proofreader. She continues to teach Polish folk arts at Penn State University's OLLI group.

Lidia Kowalewicz began working as *Narod Polski* editorial secretary in 1989. She did the designing and desktop publishing of the Polish section, and often did the editing.

In 1993, when managing editor Azarjew was incapacitated, she was appointed acting managing editor. In 1994, she was promoted to managing editor in charge of the Polish section. After Rosypal's retirement, Lidia Kowalewicz was appointed as executive editor of *Narod Polski*. She is responsible for both the English and Polish sections of the newspaper.

For many years, Kowalewicz (in Polish) and Rosypal (in English) were also responsible for the creation of the Union's business forms, brochures, and miscellaneous publications such as program books for PRCUA dance and language groups, as well as for the Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball. Together, they also prepared numerous photograph and artifact exhibits for seven PRCUA Conventions, *Narod Polski*'s 115th Anniversary, and the 140th Anniversary of the PRCUA.

In 1989, when the newspaper was first computerized, it consisted of 12 pages, 8 in English and 4 in Polish. Through the years, it has expanded. Today, it is 20 to 24 pages in length with 70% in English and 30% in Polish. Since 2009, *Narod Polski* has been available digitally on the Internet. It is one of the oldest newspapers published in Polonia.

History written by Kathryn G. Rosypal on the occasion of Narod Polski's 115th Anniversary, updated by Lidia Kowalewicz in 2016



Display of different issues of *Narod Polski* publication at the 115th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 9, 2011

Rudolph Majkus - Member of PRCUA Soc. #1004

On November 27, 2016, Rudolph Majkus, a member of PRCUA St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Society #1004 in Madison, IL turned 100 years old.

He was born in East St. Louis as one of 9 children, to immigrant parents from Czechoslovakia. Rudy was the glue that held the family together, often helping his mama after the early death of his father. Rudy was always a hard worker, able to read blue prints as easily as reading the newspaper and possessing the natural talent to fix anything.

On June 9, 1941 he was drafted to the U.S. Army. In January of 1942 he married Eva Javorowski. The couple was soon blessed with a daughter Connie. From August 7, 1943 to June 7, 1945 Rudy was stationed in Reykjavik, Iceland where he received training to be a cook.



A board displaying Rudolph's military memorabilia



Rudolph Majkus celebrating his 100th birthday at the Veterans Home

After he was discharged from active duty, he returned home and for many years worked as a pipefitter. Consistently taking classes and improving his skills, he was promoted to foreman position and retired from that position. An active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, together with his family they volunteered at the annual picnic, organizing the three day affair and worked the raffle stand.

In 1991 he survived throat cancer. In October of 2000 his beloved wife of 58 years, Eva, passed away.

Rudy often reminisced about his time in Iceland. In 2002 Rudy, his daughter Connie Grupas and granddaughter, Angela, toured Iceland, taking in the sites of



Another board displaying family photos

waterfalls, geysers, hundreds of thousands of sheep, and millions of puffins.

Another very special trip took place on Veterans' Day of 2011. Rudy, accompanied by his daughter Connie, experienced the trip of a lifetime - an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, where Rudy joined with other World War II veterans receiving salutes, hugs, and thanks by many.

He lived on his own until the age of 98. In 2014 he moved to the Missouri Veterans Home. He is a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan and loves to play Bingo with his Veteran friends and family.

Rudy's daughter, Connie Grupas taught dancing from 1967 to 1976, at Polish Hall in Madison with Hattie Mulnik.



Birthday cake

EXTRAORDINARY CENTENARIANS



Excerpts from PIONEERS OF POLISH CULTURE: Ada Dziewanowska - "Born to Dance" by Basia Dziewanowska

Ada Karczewska-Dziewanowska was born in Poznan, Poland on January 19, 1917. Together with her parents, twin sister Maria and younger sister Alexandra lived in the Kujawsko-Pomorskie voivodship, northeast of Toruń. As a child, Ada experienced the traditions and customs of the local peasants. She danced her first polka with them at the Dożynki festival and was quick to learn new dances including "The Charleston" from her father. Upon the death of her father when she was 11, the family moved to Poznań in the Wielkopolska region and the three sisters transformed from country girls into city ones. Ada's dance talents were recognized in high school as part of Physical Education where she learned the Krakowiak and Mazur. In fact, "Pani Zosia" called her her "moja mała tańcerczka" (my little dancer).



Ada Dziewanowska (l)
with PRCUA VP
Micheline Jaminski

Ada wanted to go to Warsaw to study physical education, but her mother snobbishly said there was little value in being a teacher which ironically became Ada's profession and what she is most famous for ultimately. The sisters took a typewriting course, a skill which would prove to be a constant asset in the years to come.

In Poznań, the family was able to experience the joys of city life. In a long dress in her favorite color of powder blue, Ada attended her first formal ball. The sisters always wore matching gowns. This ball experience with her sisters is her fondest memory and why she so loves the reenactment at the yearly masquerade ball presented by Syrena. At her first (but not last) ball she danced the communal Grand March - Polonez, with Princess Czartoryska in the first couple and was exposed to the etiquette, ambiance, and atmosphere of Old-World Polish society. Without any formal training she won the first prize in the waltz contest!

On September 1, 1939, her life as she knew it, would change dramatically. To make a long story short, she found herself in Sweden and three years later, embarked for a life in London where she met the "love of her life" - a former Polish cavalry officer, journalist, member of the Allied Forces, and BBC news commentator Marian Kamil Dziewanowski. They were married on October 4, 1946 and travelled to the United States, where Kamil was awarded a Polish Veterans' scholarship to Harvard University. Daughter Basia was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1948 and soon an opportunity at Stanford University enabled the family to travel to California.

Returning to Boston Kamil initially taught at Boston College, soon after at Boston University. Jas their son was born in 1956. Meanwhile Ada took dance classes, taught Polish conversation classes at Harvard University as well as exercise classes "in a dance style" to music, and became a member of the Krakowiak Dancers of Boston. In 1963, Ada took over the leadership as choreographer of Krakowiak, the only U.S. group to attend the first Festival of Polonian Artistic Ensembles held in Rzeszów, Poland in 1969. In 1972, Ada left with Kamil for his teaching assignments in Belgium and Berlin. Upon their return she shifted her focus to the international recreational folk dance community, promoting Polish culture to a non-Polish audience. With her son Jaś, Ada forged new ground with workshops and event appearances at camps and festivals all over the USA and then the world. Together they collaborated on many LP recordings and audio cassettes of Polish dance music, accompanied by typewritten syllabi of dance instruction and descriptions.

When Kamil reached the retirement age of 65, a Polish Studies program was created by the U.S. government at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The couple relocated and the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble welcomed Ada as their choreographer and she still functions as Syrena's Artistic Director.

In 1979, Ada completed her studies and received certification in Polish dance from the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland. In 1997, Hippocrene Books published Polish Folk Dances and Songs: A Step-by-Step Guide by Ada Dziewanowska, with Basia Dziewanowska, Jaś Dziewanowski, Staś Kmiec, and Jacek Marek.

After 58 years together, Kamil passed away at the age of 92. Ada enjoys living in an apartment at the Milwaukee Catholic Home, where she says she is very happy and continues to lead an active life (and a daily glass of red wine).



Ada Dziewanowska (in the middle) with Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co. dancers at the Milwaukee Polish Fest

Ada is fluent in Polish, English, French and speaks some Swedish. She has been honored with many awards including: "Golden Badge of Merit" - Polonia Society, Warsaw, 1986; "Chivalry Cross - Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland," signed by President Lech Wałęsa, 1994; and "Meritorious for Polish Culture" award of the Minister of Culture and Art of the Polish Republic, 1997.

Born to dance, Ada has tasted the elixir of longevity through dance's three elements: mind, heart, and physique. From countryside, to society balls, across the globe with typewriter in hand "Pani Ada" has forged a legacy and more than a lifetime in Polish culture.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND DWIEŚCIE LAT RUDY AND ADA!



STYCZEŃ

1 NOWY ROK! – BIURO ZPRKA BĘDZIE NIECZYNNE 2 STYCZNIA 2017.

14 DEARBORN HTS., MI – TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI TOW. #162 I TOW. #718 - sobota, 14 stycznia. Gospodarzem spotkania jest Tow. #162. Rejestracja o godz. 11:00 w kregielni Cherry Hill Lanes. Spotkanie po turnieju w Randy's Bar & Grill, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$40 od osoby (w cenę wliczone są: wstęp, nagrody i poczęstunek). Osoby zainteresowane udziałem powinny się skontaktować z Bobem Hojnackim na adres: hoj606@hotmail.com lub telefonicznie na numer: 313-384-6255.

22 CHICAGO, IL – JUBILEUSZ OSIEMDZIESIĘCIOLECIA MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE, niedziela, 22 stycznia 2017 w godz. 16:00-20:00, Sala Główna MPA im. Sabiny P. Logisz, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Szczegóły obok.

LUTY

2 DEARBORN HTS, MI – LOSOWANIE STYPENDIÓW TOW. #718 - czwartek, 2 lutego w Randy's Bar & Grill, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI o godz. 20:00. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do udziału. Informacje: Jerry Nasiatka: jnasiatka@mi.rr.com.

4 STERLING HTS, MI – ZABAWA TANECZNA ZESPOŁU "ZAJĄCZEK", sobota, 4 lutego o godz. 18:00 w American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Hts., MI. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$20 od osoby. DJ, loterie, gry i zabawy, płatny bar. Bilety i informacje: 586-770-7397 lub zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

11 WYANDOTTE, MI - ZABAWA TANECZNA TOW. #162 TOPPERMOST BEATLES TRIBUTE, sobota, 11 lutego; sala bankietowa ZPRKA, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 18:00 zabawa od 19:00 do 22:00. Wstęp: \$15 za osobę, możliwość zakupu jedzenia i bar - za dodatkową opłatą. Dochód z zabawy zasili Fundusz Stypendialny Tow. #162 ZPRKA. Dodatkowe informacje: Chris Zelasko, tel. (734) 671-9366.

11 MUNSTER, IN – ZABAWA SZKOLNA POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO, sobota, 11 lutego w sali bankietowej OO. Karmelitów, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Szczegóły na str. 23.

11 MT. PROSPECT, IL – RODZINNY BAL KARNAWAŁOWY ZPIT POLONIA – sobota, 11 lutego w godz. od 18:00 do 1:00; Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL. Dodatkowe informacje: 847-529-2555. Szczegóły na str. 21.

13 CHICAGO, IL – ZEBRANIE DYSTRYKTU #7 ZPRKA I ZAPRZYSIĘŻENIE NOWEGO ZARZĄDU - poniedziałek, 13 lutego o godz. 19:30 w świetlicy ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Kontakt: Shirley L. Dudziński, tel. (773) 763-4069.

14 VALENTINE DAY!

18 DOWNERS GROVE, IL, „KRĘGLE PRZY ŚWIECACH” (CANDLELIGHT BOWL) DYSTRYKTU #8 ZPRKA, sobota, 18 lutego w godzinach od 20:00 do 1:00; Tivoli Bowl, 938 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL. Uczestnicy muszą mieć co najmniej 16 lat. Pizza i sałata o godz. 20:30; rozgrywki rozpoczną się o 21:30. Płatny bar i przekąski do zakupienia; loteria pieniężna. \$25 od osoby lub \$45 za parę. Limitowana liczba miejsc - rezerwacje do soboty, 11 lutego. Prosimy wystawiać czeki na PRCUA, District 8 i przysłać do: Barbara Rustik, 9007 Hillcrest Ln., Woodridge, IL 60517.

18 TROY, MI – 26. DOROCZNY BALL IM. SHIRLEY GALANTY W MICHIGAN, sobota, 18 lutego w The San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI. Więcej szczegółów w lutowym wydaniu "Narodu Polskiego".

20 DZIEŃ PREZYDENTÓW – BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

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0	\$409.40	\$718.80	\$1,647.00	\$3,194.00
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Przyjęcie bożonarodzeniowe pracowników biur ZPRKA i MPA

Chicago, IL - pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA spotkali się w dniu 20 grudnia 2016 r. na przyjęciu bożonarodzeniowym, zorganizowanym przez zarząd ZPRKA. Przyjazna atmosfera, zabawne gry oraz doskonały posiłek, wprawiły wszystkich w świąteczny nastrój Bożego Narodzenia.

Program prowadziła wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński, modlitwę przed posiłkiem odmówił sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski. Tradycyjnie, na stołach królował opłatek, którym wszyscy się podzielili przed posiłkiem składając sobie życzenia świąteczne i noworoczne.

W dniu tym prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. obchodził swoje urodziny. Z tej okazji odśpiewano Happy Birthday i Sto lat oraz wręczono panu prezesowi prezenty i złożono życzenia. Nie obyło się bez urodzinowego tortu, a dokładnie trzech tortów!

Wiceprezes Jamiński ogłosiła również, że w sobotę, 17 grudnia, dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot otrzymała wyróżnienie 2016 Człowieka Roku, przyznane przez chicagowski „Dziennik Związkowy”. Z tej okazji przekazała pani Kot serdeczne życzenia oraz wręczyła drobny upominek.

Wspólnie z pracownikami świętowali żona prezesa, pani Judy Drobot i mąż wiceprezeski, pan Richard Jamiński, który przygotował świąteczną muzykę.

Pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA doceniają hojność i troskliwość zarządu ZPRKA i są wdzięczni, że mieli możliwość spędzenia wspólnie czasu poza biurem.



ZPiT POLONIA WYSTĄPIŁ W „MAGICZNYCH ŚWIĘTACH”

Chicago, IL - W niedzielę, 11 grudnia 2016 r. odbyło się w Copernicus Center w Chicago, IL szóste doroczne widowisko muzyczno-teatralno-baletowe pt. „Magiczne Święta”.

Tegoroczne przedstawienie przygotowane zostało w ścisłej współpracy Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” ZPRKA pod dyr. Anny Krysińskiej, Warsztatów Teatralnych „Little Stars” Agaty Paleczny oraz Akademii Muzyki przy Paderewski Symphony Orchestra (PASO), kierowanej przez Barbarę Bilsztę i Wojciecha Niewrzoła.

W części powitalnej wystąpił m.in. wicekonsul Robert Rusiecki, który nie tylko zaprosił do wspólnego obejrzenia festiwalu, ale także złożył całej Polonii gorące życzenia świąteczne.

Warsztaty Teatralne „Little Stars” przedstawiły widowisko „Wigilia w domu dziecka”, niezwykłą opowieść o dzieciach, które spędzają okres Bożego Narodzenia w domu dziecka. Na scenie wystąpiły dzieci z różnych grup wiekowych, które zaprezentowały swoje umiejętności aktorskie i wokalne. Pojawił się także święty Mikołaj.



Po „Wigilii w domu dziecka” na scenie tanecznym krokiem, w kolorowych strojach pojawili się wykonawcy z Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”. Energia tych tancerzy porwała do tańca niejedną osobę siedzącą na widowni. Było skocznie i z mocnym przytupem. Na scenie pojawili się także Maryja z małym Dzieciątkiem Jezus oraz Józef. W skład „Polonii” wchodzi zarówno młodszy, jak i starsi tancerze, prowadzeni przez niezwykle zadedykowaną kadrę: dyrektora artystycznego i choreografa Cecylię Rożnowską, dyrektora muzycznego Mieczysława Dziś oraz nauczycielki Barbarę Kuleszę i Jaclyn Krysiński. Na scenie można było zobaczyć i najmłodszą grupę, jak i starsze dzieci, które ubrane w piękne, ludowe stroje pokazały swój kunszt taneczny. Występ młodzieży i grupy starszej zachwycił publiczność. Gorące owacje i brawa trwały przez długi czas.

Festiwal zakończył koncert Paderewski Symphony Orchestra, podczas którego zaprezentowane zostały najpopularniejsze utwory świąteczne i melodie, które towarzyszą nam w okresie przygotowań do świąt oraz kolędy w wykonaniu najmłodszych członków „PASO”. Koncert na dobre wprowadził wszystkich w świąteczny klimat.

Podczas trwania festiwalu można było zakupić przepiękne, ręcznie wykonane ozdoby choinkowe, stroiki świąteczne, upominki pod choinkę w postaci obrazów, rzeźb, ubrań i kosmetyków, a także chatki z piernika i inne wypieki świąteczne. Nie zabrakło także tradycyjnych wigilijnych dań, którymi można było się delectować podczas festiwalu. A na najmłodszych czekał oczywiście święty Mikołaj. Każde dziecko mogło usiąść na kolanach u świętego Mikołaja, złożyć zamówienie na prezent i oczywiście zrobić sobie pamiątkowe zdjęcie z nim i jego świtą – aniołkami i elfami.

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Składam Wszystkim gorące życzenia pomyślności i zdrowia w 2017 roku! Mam nadzieję, że Wasze święta przyniosły Wam wiele duchowych przeżyć, że były ekscytujące, niezapomniane, a przede wszystkim, że dopisało Wam zdrowie! Jestem pewna, że wszyscy z Was dokonali jakichś noworocznych postanowień: odżywiać się zdrowiej, ćwiczyć więcej, pić mniej kawy, być bardziej cierpliwym, uśmiechać się, śmiać się częściej, mniej się martwić, no i oczywiście - zapisać więcej nowych członków do ZPRKA!!!

Bez wątpienia, sezon Bożego Narodzenia to najbardziej pracowity okres w roku - zakupy, pakowanie prezentów, sprzątanie, dekorowanie, pieczenie i gotowanie, a po jedzeniu - ponowne sprzątanie. Ale nie to jest celem tego okresu świątecznego. Czasem, tak poświęcamy się tym wszystkim zajęciom, że zapominamy, aby się na chwile zatrzymać i cieszyć prawdziwym przesłaniem Bożego Narodzenia. Na szczęście, małe dzieci w naszych rodzinach przypominają nam, ile zmian może wnieść jedno małe dziecko i jak może zmienić świat.

Obchody narodzin Chrystusa znalazły odzwierciedlenie w wielu przedstawieniach świątecznych i Jasełkach, przygotowanych przez szkoły języka polskiego i tańca ludowego ZPRKA, a także spotkaniach i przyjęciach wigilijnych oraz Oplątkach i innych okazjach i znaczących jubileuszach.



Dyrektorzy Dystr. #7: Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik, organizatorzy Oplątki ZPRKA

Po zakończeniu obrad zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA w dniu 3 grudnia, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski uczestniczył w spotkaniu wigilijnym wydanym przez gubernatora Illinois Bruce Raunera i jego małżonkę Dianę w Centrum Kopernikowskim w Chicago. Tego samego dnia odbył się doroczny Oplątek ZPRKA, zorganizowany w tym roku przez Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA, którego dyrektorami krajowymi są Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik. Przyjęcie odbyło się w Lone Tree Manor w Niles, IL. W czasie uroczystej kolacji w programie artystycznym wystąpili dzieci i młodzież z działających w Dystr. #7: ZPiT „Polonia” i przedszkola artystycznego „Krasnoludki” (prowadzonych przez instruktorów i choreografów Barbarę Kuleszę i Jaclyn Krysiński i przy akompaniamencie instruktora wokalnego, Mieczysława Dziś). W przyjęciu udział wzięli m.in. kapelani ZPRKA ks. Władysław Ptak i ks. Antoni Iwuć, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski, dyrektorzy krajowi ZPRKA, obecny zarząd Dystr. #7 z Walterem Szarowiczem na czele i duża grupa przedstawicieli Dystryktu #8, z zarządem tego Dystryktu oraz członkami Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych (wraz z Kopciuszkiem - Kaylą Leonhard i Księciem - Kacprem Kaczmarczykiem) i tancerzami z Zespołu Tańca Ludowego Wesoly Lud. Nowo-wybrany zarząd Dyst. #7 (który zostanie zaprzysiężony w lutym): prezes Mateusz Bomba i wiceprezes Paweł Truchan witali gości przy drzwiach tradycyjnym polskim toastem.

Składam gratulacje stacji Radio WPNA 1490 - Chicago, która obchodziła 25-lecie istnienia oraz twórcom audycji Radio Chicago - Sławomirowi Bielawcowi i Waldemarowi Ładzie. Na zakończenie obchodów jubileuszowych, odbyły się w niedzielę 4 grudnia dwa koncerty w sali Copernicus Center w Chicago.

Konsul generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago, Piotr Janicki, zaprosił przedstawicieli organizacji polonijnych na spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe w środę, 7 grudnia 2016 r. w siedzibie Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago. Spotkanie uświetnił występ chórów Collegium Cantorum Polonia i Chicagowskich Słowików. We wspaniałej, świątecznej atmosferze, podzieliliśmy się opłatkiem i cieszyliśmy się wyśmienitym poczęstunkiem. Serdecznie dziękujemy za pamięć i gościnność.

W tym samym dniu, Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce zaprosiło m.in. przedstawicieli ZPRKA na spotkanie opłatkowe w Centrum Kopernikowskim w Chicago, a Edward Muszalski, superwizor ubezpieczeń, na doroczne spotkanie świąteczne w Prime Time Restaurant w Hickory Hills, IL. Serdecznie dziękujemy za zaproszenia na te wspaniałe imprezy.



Na przyjęciu Southwest Polish Society

Moja dobra znajoma Evelyn Cedzidlo i Southwest Polish Society byli gospodarzami pięknego przyjęcia bożonarodzeniowego w Camelot Banquets w Hickory Hills, IL w dniu 8 grudnia. W tym sympatycznym przyjęciu towarzyszyła mi moja najlepsza przyjaciółka Teresa Pazdziora. Oprócz tego, że przemiło spędziłam czas, to jeszcze nauczyłam się nowych gier, które wykorzystam na naszych imprezach ZPRKA. Dziękuję Evelyn za miłe zaproszenie!

9-go grudnia udałam się do Lemont, IL na Wigilię Polskiej Szkoły im. Św. Jana Pawła II (Halina Szyrzyna, dyrektor; Beata Sterlińska, prezes) gdzie Kółko Taneczne „Polanie” (kier. art. Ryszard Jamiński, instruktorzy - Olivia Cisko, Natalia Johnson,



Spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe w Konsulacie RP w Chicago



Jasełka w wykonaniu uczniów Polskiej Szkoły im. Św. Jana Pawła II

Kółka Tanecznego „Mała Polska” (instruktor tańca, Agata Wilgocka) Polskiej Szkoły im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN (Małgorzata Czachor, dyrektor; Małgorzata Blachut, prezes). Po występie, grono pedagogiczne, zarząd i uczniowie podzielili się opłatkiem podczas szkolnej Wigilii.



Młodzi artyści z Polskiej Szkoły im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego

W tym samym dniu, w imieniu Wydziału Kobiet ZPRKA na Stan Michigan, Grupa taneczna „Tatry” urządziła „Oplątek” w O'Kelley Banquet Hall, w Dearborn, MI. Prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot z małżonką Judy wzięli udział w tym spotkaniu. Spotkanie przygotowała i prowadziła dyrektorka tej grupy tanecznej, Rose Ann Lackey.

11 grudnia, ZPiT „Polonia,” (Anna Krysińska, dyrektor) brała udział w kolejnym dorocznym przedstawieniu pt. „Magiczne Święta”, zaprezentowanym w Centrum Kopernikowskim w, Chicago, a ZPTL „Wesoły Lud” (R. Jamiński, kier. art. i choreograf) wystąpił na Wielkim świątecznym rodzinnym festiwalu „Betlejem dla Świata” w reżyserii Kingi Modjeskiej w Irish-American Center, w Chicago.



Betlejem dla Świata

Polska Szkoła im. Marii Konopnickiej była gospodarzem programu bożonarodzeniowego w piątek, 16 grudnia, w St. Louis de Montfort, w Oak Lawn, IL. Wyrazy uznania dla nowego prezesa zarządu szkoły - Marzeny Szczechowicz.

Małgorzata Kot, dyrektor zarządzająca Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, została wybrana Człowiekiem Roku „Dziennika Związkowego”. Co za wspaniałe wyróżnienie dla tej wspaniałej młodej kobiety. Państwo Drobot wzięli udział w uroczystości wręczenia wyróżnienia, która odbyła się w Centrum Kopernikowskim w sobotę, 17 grudnia. Gratulujemy pani Małgosi zasłużonej nagrody, życząc jednocześnie dalszych sukcesów! Zachęcamy wszystkich, aby osobiście pogratulowali Małgosi w czasie obchodów 80-lecia Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce w niedzielę, 22 stycznia 2017 roku (zaproszenie na str. 19).



Państwo Judy i Joseph Drobot z Człowiekiem Roku, Małgorzatą Kot

Nawet mrozy nie zatrzymały rodzin i przyjaciół od uczestnictwa w dorocznym programie świątecznym Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców Ludowych (Anna Kraszewski, dyr. zarządzający), który odbył się 18 grudnia w Mother McAuley High School w Chicago, IL. Dyrektorem artystycznym i choreografem Centrum jest Richard Jamiński, instruktorami: Aleksandra Herdzik, Camilla Steczek, Renee



Specjalny prezent dla prezesa Drobota, przygotowany dzięki pomocy Lindy Kasprzyk (p)

Doroczne przyjęcie bożonarodzeniowe pracowników ZPRKA odbyło się w dniu urodzin prezesa Drobota (20 grudnia). Wspólnie z naszymi pracownikami i gośćmi z MPA, Pierwszą Damą Judy Drobot i moim mężem Ryszardem, miło spędziliśmy czas. W tym roku w czasie wymiany prezentów (White Elephant Gift Exchange) wymienialiśmy się ozdobami choinkowymi - pięknymi i niepowtarzalnymi, z których wiele zakupionych zostało w MPA (MPA dziękuje za wsparcie). Happy Birthday i Sto lat Panie Prezesie!

A potem przyszedły święta - Wigilia, Boże Narodzenie i Nowy Rok. Była to doskonała okazja, aby spotkać się z rodziną i przyjaciółmi. Czas, aby wspominać i tworzyć nowe wspomnienia. Osobiście dla mnie, były one jednymi z najlepszych w historii naszej rodziny - pierwsze święta mojej wnuczki Ariany, no i dodatkowo niespodzianki, które przyniósł św. Mikołaj.....

Nowy rok jest jak niezapisane kartki książki. Pióro jest w Twoich rękach. To jest Twoja szansa, aby napisać piękną historię



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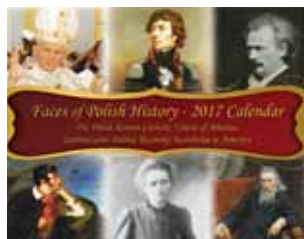
Kalendarz ZPRKA na 2017 r.

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Tematem przyszłorocznego kalendarza jest "Znane osobistości polskiej historii". W kalendarzu przedstawione zostały znane polskie postacie, które zapisały się na kartach naszej historii, a swoją pracą i poświęceniem ukształtowały nasze dziedzictwo narodowe.

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Wakat na urząd dyrektora krajowego w Dystrykcie #1 ZPRKA

Powiadamy członków Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, że biuro ZPRKA przyjmuje podania z kandydaturami na stanowisko krajowego dyrektora Dystryktu #1.

Wnioskodawca musi być aktywnym członkiem ZPRKA od co najmniej pięciu lat, mieć opłacone wszystkie składki i zamieszkiwać w granicach Dystryktu #1, który składa się z Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island i Connecticut.

Wakat zostanie rozpatrzone na kolejnym kwartalnym zebraniu zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA, zaplanowanym na 10-11 marca 2017 roku. Podania można uzyskać w biurze sekretarza-skarbnika ZPRKA, Jamesa Robaczewskiego, FIC. Wypełnione wnioski wraz ze zdjęciem należy złożyć nie później niż **15 lutego 2017 r.** osobiście lub przesyłać listem poleconym (registered lub certified mail). Aby uzyskać podanie, prosimy o kontakt:

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Obowiązki dyrektorów określone w Konstytucji ZPRKA, zatwierdzone przez Sejm ZPRKA w sierpniu 2010 r. obejmują:

- uczestnictwo we wszystkich zebraniach zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA;
- nadzór nad przepływem funduszy ZPRKA;
- dyrektor zatwierdza bond prezesa i wszystkich innych urzędników, od których wymagane jest takie zobowiązanie finansowe;
- dokonuje analizy i zatwierdza wszystkie raporty i oficjalne działania poszczególnych członków zarządu; jest odpowiedzialny za bezpieczeństwo, rozwój i porządek w ZPRKA;
- po uwzględnieniu porady i pisemnej rekomendacji aktuariusza ZPRKA, może dokonać sprawiedliwego podziału nadwyżki poprzez wypłatę dywidendy;
- jest zobowiązany do działania w ramach budżetu zatwierdzonego przez Sejm i poddanego corocznemu przeglądowi i korekcie przez Komitet Budżetu.

Oprócz oficjalnych obowiązków, dyrektor Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, określonych w Konstytucji powinien:

- wspierać wzrost członkostwa w ZPRKA poprzez zachęcanie osób dorosłych jak i nieletnich do wstąpienia do ZPRKA poprzez zakup ubezpieczeń na życie i programów emerytalnych;
- zabiegać i zachęcać osoby indywidualne do reprezentowania ZPRKA jako licencjonowani agenci lub sprzedawcy poprzez dołączenie do działu sprzedaży ZPRKA i promowanie produktów finansowych ZPRKA
- inicjować, współpracować i uczestniczyć w przedsięwzięciach organizowanych przez lokalne Dystrykty, jako że odnosi się do bratnich celów i misji ZPRKA.

DOROCZNY OPŁATEK ZPRKA



„Krasnoludki” z nauczycielką Jaclyn Krysiński

Chicago, IL - W sobotę, 3 grudnia 2016 roku, Dystrykt #7 urządził doroczny Opłatek ZPRKA w Lone Tree Manor w Niles, IL.

Goście byli witani staropolskim zwyczajem przez gospodarzy - krajowych dyrektorów Dystr. #7 Annę Krysiński i Kevina Kucika oraz członków nowo wybranego zarządu Dystryktu: prezesa Mateusza Bombę, wiceprezesa Pawła Truchana i sekretarza Tomasza Tarnowskiego.

Dyrektorzy Krysiński i Kucik rozpoczęli program prosząc krajowego kapelana ZPRKA, ks. kanonika Antoniego Iwucia, o modlitwę przed obiadem.

Zanim podano obiad, obecni dzieląc się opłatkami, symbolem pojednania, przebaczenia oraz miłości, życzyli sobie wzajemnie wesołych świąt i szczęśliwego nowego roku.



„Kopciuszek i Księżę 2017” pomogli w losowaniu zwycięzców loterii



Po kolacji, tancerze z Zespołu Tanecznego „Polonia” wykonali krótki program artystyczny. Wielkie brawa zabrzmiały, gdy wystąpiła na parkiecie najmłodsza grupa.



L-p: Dyrektorzy Dystryktu #7 Kevin Kucik i Anna Krysiński z wiceprezeską ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski



ZPiT „Polonia”

Prowadzone przez nauczycielkę Jaclyn Krysiński, w takt bożonarodzeniowej muzyki granej na akordeonie przez dyrektora muzycznego Mieczysława Dziś, uroczę w swoich

czerwono-zielonych kostiumach „Krasnoludki”, wirowały i tańczyły dzwoniąc małymi dzwoneczkami. Następnie tancerze „Polonii” zaprezentowali tańce z regionu Łowicza. Program zakończył się występem zespołu, który zaśpiewał popularne polskie i amerykańskie kolędy przy akompaniamencie Mieczysława Dziś (akordeon) i Nicole Kwasny (skrzypce). Wszyscy obecni na sali ochoczo połączyli swoje głosy we wspólnym śpiewie kolęd.

Tancerze „Krasnoludków” i „Polonii” z członkami zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA

Na zakończenie programu odbyły się dwie loterie pieniężne i dwóch szczęśliwych zwycięzców ucieszyło się, gdy otrzymali dodatkową gotówkę na zakupy świąteczne.

W tegorocznym Opłatku ZPRKA uczestniczyli obecni i byli członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA i Dystryktu #7, członkowie Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych, „Kopciuszek i Księżę 2017” Kayla Leonhard i Kacper Kaczmarczyk, oraz liczna grupa tancerzy Zespołu Polskich Tańców Ludowych „Wesoły Lud”.



Dyr. Kucik wręcza wygrane szczęśliwym zwycięzcom loterii Joann Ozog (l) i Carol Zurawski (p)



zdjęcia: L. Kowalewicz

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