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Alleluia! He is Risen!

*"Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers,
with the angelic hosts, sing together
the unending hymn of your glory."*
Preface I of Easter

As we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter, may we truly be *"overcome with Paschal Joy"* that Our Lord has risen as He said and opened the way to a New and Everlasting Life. May our *"Easter Alleluia"* resound in the hearts of all, but most especially, in those who live in the shadow of death, with unending hope and a profound sense of Easter Joy in their own resurrection that is to come!

**May you and your Loved Ones enjoy a Joyful
and Blessed Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!**

Wesołego Alleluja!

Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak
National Chaplain

Very Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuć
Vice Chaplain

PRESIDENT JOSEPH A. DROBOT, JR. TO RECEIVE FIDELITAS MEDAL

Fidelitas Medal Recipients Embody the Ideals of the Orchard Lake Schools Founding Fathers

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

The Orchard Lake Schools - now comprised of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory and the Polish Mission - in Orchard Lake, Michigan, have long been recognized as a stronghold in the U.S. for all that is Polish. The PRCUA is proud to announce that National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. has been chosen as the 70th recipient of the Fidelitas Medal - the most prestigious honor awarded by the Orchard Lake Schools. The presentation will be made at the Orchard Lake Schools Ambassador's Ball on April 22, 2017.

An Honorary Alumnus of St. Mary's Preparatory, Joseph Drobot, Jr. has dedicated his life to God, his country and to serving others. As the current National President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America - founded in 1873 and recognized as "the mother of all Polish American Fraternals" - he lives by his motto: "Behind every success is effort. Behind every effort is passion. Behind every passion is someone with the courage to try."

Joseph Drobot, Jr. was born in Detroit, Michigan, son of Joseph A. and Estelle L. (nee Kosch) Drobot. He graduated from St. Hedwig's Grammar and High School, then attended the University of Detroit, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Master's degree in Economics. He then completed post-graduate work at Michigan State University.

Drobot's dedicated service to the PRCUA spans over 50 years (Societies #87 and #718). He played in the PRCUA basketball and baseball tournaments, served as an insurance deputy and, in the 1960s, he began serving on the Budget and Grievance Committee (36 years). His father, Joseph Drobot, Sr., served as PRCUA National President for two terms (1978-1986). His son followed in his footsteps when he was elected President in 2010. He will finish his second term in 2018.

Throughout his illustrious career, Drobot served as a cost analyst (Ford Motor Company), vice president (various NYSE companies; Michigan National Bank), and treasurer, manager of mergers/

acquisitions, and plant administrator (Wall Colmonoy Corp., a privately owned industrial materials engineering company with international metal foundry operations). He was also an adjunct teaching instructor at a number of Michigan colleges and universities.

Drobot has shared his leadership, knowledge and talents with numerous organizations throughout his life, including the Orchard Lake Schools, where he was a member of the Board of Directors, was named to the Board of Regents in 1991 and served as its Chairman for two terms (1992-94; 2008-10), and is a member of the Wikiera Foundation promoting Polish culture and heritage through The Polish Mission. He has also served the following institutions:

- Polish Museum of America, Chicago, Illinois (Chairman since 2010);
- Lourdes Assisted Living and Nursing Homes in Michigan (member of the Board of Directors);
- Freedom House, sanctuary for victims of political persecution seeking asylum in the United States (member of the Board of Directors);
- Edward and Ellen Dryer Charitable Trust promoting assistance to the visually impaired through medical research and community assistance programs (Board member); and
- His parish and local community through volunteer activities.

Joseph and Judy Drobot have been married for over 50 years. They are the proud parents of four children and ten grandchildren. The long-standing members of St. Regis Parish in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, spent a lifetime in the state before relocating to Chicago, Illinois to assume leadership of the PRCUA.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. has been the recipient of many honors, including:

- Knights Cross of the Order of Merit from the Republic of Poland (2012) awarded for service in promoting the good reputation of Poland, and in combating falsehoods and negative stereotyping of Poland, Polish history and Polish citizenry.
- General Pulaski Medal of Honor (2013) from the Central Citizens Committee of the City of Hamtramck, Michigan, awarded for service to the Polish American Community in Michigan.
- Casimir Pulaski Award (2015) from the Polish American Congress, Illinois Division, for work in promoting Polonia in the USA.

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Calendar of PRCUA Events

APRIL

2 CHICAGO, IL – WESOŁY LUD 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT on Sun., April 2 at Mother McAuley H.S. Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago, IL. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., Show at 1:00 p.m. Additional information: wesolylud@gmail.com or 708-268-6906.

2 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOCIETY #162 GYMNASTICS RECITAL on Sun., April 2 at 3:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Admission - \$3.00 per person. Refreshments to follow the performance. Contact: Mary Ann Davis at 734-341-2242.

7 TOLEDO, OH - ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DOZEN SALE on Fri., April 7 at PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 419-531-8658 or 419-475-6262. (See details on pg. 17.)

9 PALM SUNDAY

14 GOOD FRIDAY - PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

16 EASTER SUNDAY

19 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Apr. 19 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

20 GRAND RAPIDS, MI – MALBORK DANCE SCHOOL FIRST RECITAL on Thurs., April 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Guest House, 634 Stocking NW, Grand Rapids MI.

22 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 TRIBUTE ARTIST DINNER SHOW on Sat., April 22 at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wynadotte, MI. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m., Show from 8:15 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. Tickets - \$25.00. (See details on pg. 17.)

23 DYER, IN – PRCUA ANNUAL ŚWIĘCONKA hosted by District #9 on Sun., April 23 at Casa Maria (South Hall), 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer, IN. Doors open at Noon: Lunch at 1:00 p.m. Information and reservations: Dist. #9 Director Elizabeth Sadus at 708-481-6796. (See details below.)

23 WARREN, MI – 48TH ANNUAL PRCUA HALKA RECITAL on Sun., April 23 at 3:00 p.m. at Van Dyke Auditorium, Lincoln High School, 22900 Federal, (East of Van Dyke and South of 9 Mile Rd), Warren, MI. All tickets \$7.00 each. Additional information: lhejza@comcast.net.

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

28-30 WESTLAND, MI – 80TH NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT hosted by Soc. #718, Fri-Sun., April 28-30 at Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Road, Westland, MI. (See details on pg. 9.)

29 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 1ST POLKA BENEFIT DANCE on Sat., April 29 at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; Music from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Proceeds will benefit The American Heart Association.

30 WARREN, MI – 41ST POLSKIE MAKI DANCE RECITAL on Sun., April 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Van Dyke Auditorium (Lincoln High School), 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. Contact: mariadancingqueen@yahoo.com.

30 ALLEN PARK, MI – ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE RECITAL on Sun., April 30 at 3:00 p.m. at Allen Park High School Performing Arts Center, 18401 Champaign Rd., Allen Park, MI. For additional information contact: Mickeymom20@hotmail.com.

30 MADISON, IL – 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POLISH HALL (PRCUA St. Stanislaus Society #1004) on Sun., April 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Lodge), 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. (See details on pg. 17.)

MAY

6 CHICAGO, IL – POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE (See details on pg. 4.)

7 CHICAGO, IL – SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH DANCING SPRING RECITAL on Sun., May 7 at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Auditorium, 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago, IL. Doors open at Noon, showtime at 12:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 advanced purchase; \$15 at the door. For information or tickets, please call Anna Kraszewski, Managing Director at 773-972-0012.

8 CHICAGO, IL – DISTRICT #7 MEETING on Mon., May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Mateusz Bomba, President at 773-782-2636 or mateusz-bomba@prcua.org..

13 WARREN, MI – PRCUA JOIN HANDS DAY on Sat., May 13 at St. Albertus Church, 4231 St. Aubin St., Detroit, MI. For information, call Dir. Thomas Lisiecki at 586-795-8901.

14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

14 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET on Sun., May 14 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Tickets \$7.50, kids under 10 yrs. eat free. (See details on pg. 4.)

17 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., May 17 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

19 DETROIT, MI - POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT AT COMERICA PARK, Detroit vs Texas Rangers on Fri., May 19 at 7:10 p.m. Order tickets ASAP. The Tiger organization is selling a seat ticket together with a Polish American Night hat. Food vouchers are an extra \$6.00 each. There is no service charge if tickets are ordered from the Society; otherwise there is a \$7.00 charge per ticket if bought online. (See details and order form on pg. 16.)

20 REDFORD, MI – RYDER CUP GOLF – SOC. #718 vs. SOC. #162 on Sat., May 20 at Erie Metro Golf Course with Afterglow at the PRCUA #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Interested golfers should contact Bob Hojnacki at 313-384-6255.

20 MUNSTER, IN – ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL END-OF-THE-YEAR MASS on Sat., May 20 at 9:15 a.m. at Carmelite Fathers Shrine, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Mass will be celebrated for the intention of students, teachers, board members and parents. A program by the school. Immediately after Mass, a farewell for Kalinowski School high school graduates and the presentation of certificates, diplomas and awards. Refreshments will be available after the program.

22 ORLAND PARK, IL - PRCUA DISTRICT #8 MEETING on Mon., May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Parish Hall, 10731 W. 131st, Orland Park, IL. Contact: Danielle Kroplewski at 312-718-0169.

23 WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., May 23 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

26 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (IN POLAND)

29 MEMORIAL DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL APRIL 21, FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY FISH FRY & TACOS AT POLISH HALL (St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004) lower level, 826 Greenwood St., Madison, IL. Cod sandwich \$4.50, taco \$2. Shrimp, chicken strips, pollock fish, onion rings, fries, slaw, dessert, and drinks are also available. Eat-in or carry-out. See Facebook.com/POLISH.HALL.MADISON for complete menu and prices. Kitchen will be closed on April 14 for Good Friday.

PRCUA Annual Święconka
Hosted by District #9

Sunday, April 23, 2017
Casa Maria
(South Hall)
500 Northgate Drive, Dyer, IN

Doors open at Noon
Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Donation \$30
Children under 12 \$15.00

Please send reservation to:
Elizabeth Sadus
847 Marian Way
Chicago Hts., IL 60411
708-481-6796

R.S.V.P by
April 8, 2017



Financial Organization – Getting Your Financial Ducks in a Row



Spring has come and every year it provides a good time to examine the current state of your finances. Filling out a Cash Flow Worksheet is a good place to start. Doing this will help you establish a budget and give you an idea of your financial health and spending habits. It will also help you evaluate your retirement savings and insurance coverage. You can find an example of a Cash Flow Worksheet as well as a blank worksheet on the Insurance Blog at PRCUA.org.

Once you have an idea of how your money is coming and going, you'll want to look at the details of the different accounts. Here is a quick checklist to go through:

- Do you know where to find account numbers and original documents/paperwork?
- Has any of your personal information changed since the policy began/account was opened? Consider your name, address, phone number, and email address.
- Do you have beneficiaries designated for all of your investments and annuities?
- Do you want to change your beneficiary designations?
- Is beneficiary contact information up-to-date?
- Are your beneficiaries' birthdates and Social Security Numbers on file with the financial institution?
- Do your beneficiaries know about the life insurance certificates?

This information is important to have up-to-date and together. This ensures that you will receive all important notices regarding your account and yearly statements detailing the health of the PRCUA and the companies you have entrusted with your financial future.

Having your financial ducks in a row also allows quick action on the part of your financial institutions and PRCUA in paying out the death benefit or inheritance to your designated loved ones.

Spring is also a good time to examine your life insurance coverage to decide if it will meet your family's needs. On PRCUA.org we offer a detailed coverage calculator under the Products, Life Insurance tabs. You can use this benefit to help determine what coverage your family would actually need in order to avoid financial instability.

Don't wait to review your finances, accounts, policy information, and retirement and investment progress. Updating personal information is simple at the PRCUA and all of the forms you need are available on the website under Membership, Manage Your

PRCUA Certificate tabs. For questions, please call the Home Office at 1-800-772-8632. We're always happy to help.

Have You Updated Your Beneficiary Information Recently?

Your Life Insurance Beneficiary is the person you designate to receive your insurance/annuity proceeds in the event of your death. You can have more than one beneficiary. Remember, it is important for you to keep your beneficiary information up-to-date including their address and phone number.

Even though your beneficiary may be the same, they may have gotten married or changed addresses. A yearly beneficiary review gives you the chance to make any needed updates. This will make it much easier on your family members to file a claim and receive the benefit quickly.

To update your beneficiary, contact: Roberta Brewster at 773-782-2627 or toll-free: 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2627 or by email: roberta-brewster@prcua.org.



PRCUA Goal for Growth Program

June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Help grow the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America! Rewards for you and your Society, plus win prizes!

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

For you:

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

Win a spectacular trip for two: At the end of the program in June 2017*, recommenders who submitted a minimum of 5 valid referrals in which each referral purchased whole life insurance, will be entered into a

Grand Prize drawing for an all-inclusive 4-day trip for two to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico! For every 5 referrals resulting in the purchase of Whole Life Insurance, you will receive another chance to win.

For your Society:

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

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

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

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

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

PRCUA New Member Referral

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Name of Recommender: _____

Recommender's Phone: _____

Recommender's E-mail: _____

Preferred/Suggested PRCUA Sales Representative: _____

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

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PRCUA Accepts ACH, Credit and Debit Card Payments Online

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is excited to launch the capability of accepting online ACH, credit and debit card payments via the PRCUA website at www.prcua.org/payonline through our fully PCI compliant and PA-DSS certified secure gateway. You can now make online payments to the PRCUA using your VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express and other cards.

The following payments are being accepted online now:

- Insurance premium payments
- Registration and fees for hosted tournaments and other events
- Charitable donations to the PRCUA Educational Fund

When making a payment, please be sure to give us as much information as possible about the payment so that we may credit it properly, such as your life insurance certificate number, last name and address. Once your payment processes successfully, you will be able to print a hard copy receipt. You will also receive a confirmation to the email address you provided when making the payment.

You can also make your credit card payments via the telephone to PRCUA's Member Services Department at 1-800-772-8632, option 0.

If you prefer to make your payment as you did before, you can still do so. We still accept checks and money orders through the mail and cash if you are paying in person.

For more information about this convenient new payment option, please visit our website at www.prcua.org/payonline.

We hope that you will take advantage of this exciting new and timesaving way to pay with the PRCUA!

All articles for the May issue of *Naród Polski*,
must be submitted by Tuesday, May 16, 2017.



WHITE SOX VS. YANKEES
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 @ 7:10 P.M.
GUARANTEED RATE FIELD

Show your Polish Pride on Tuesday, June 27th at Guaranteed Rate Field. Back by popular demand is Polish Heritage Night at the ballpark. Enjoy a night of Polish entertainment and White Sox baseball!

In addition to specially priced tickets, you will have the opportunity to participate in a pregame parade on the field! You must arrive by 6:15 pm at Gate 1 on the south side of the stadium to be able to participate. Make sure to request parade passes when you purchase your tickets.

Don't hesitate to get your tickets today!



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM:

Linda Kasprzyk
Fraternal Department
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
(773) 782-2601
linda-kasprzyk@prcua.org



LOWER BOX SEATS - \$35 (Regularly \$50)

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY TUESDAY, JUNE 6th, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WHITESOX.COM/SPECIALEVENTS

From the Office of the Secretary- Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC



We need the current addresses for the following members. If you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to: James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call 773-782-2600 Ext. 2605 or 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2605.

SOC.	NAME	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
87	Breanna Kinsey	3513 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186
240	Nicholas J Dylewski	175 Jefferson Ave., Erie, PA 16509
1624	Julia Ostrowska	3849 N. Marmora, Chicago, IL 60634
1633	James Shank, Jr.	513 N Main St., Walbridge, OH 43465

MAY 3rd CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE



We encourage PRCUA members from Chicago and Chicagoland to join PRCUA marching units at the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade. This year, the parade will take place on Saturday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m., along Columbus Drive in Chicago, IL

Show your pride in being a member of the oldest Polish American Fraternal Organization in the USA!

Upcoming PRCUA Sport Tournaments

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

July 22, 2017 - Golf Tournament - Romulus, MI

August 18-19, 2017 - Softball Tournament - Warren, MI

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



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

May 14th

8:00-Noon

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

P.R.C.U.A. HALL

1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI

ADULTS - \$7.50

CHILDREN UNDER 10 EAT FREE

EGGS, PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, FRIED BOLOGNA & ONIONS,
HASH BROWNS, BISCUITS & GRAVY, TOAST
& A HUGE SELECTION OF FRESH FRUIT
COFFEE, TEA & JUICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS HONORS CASIMIR PULASKI

Chicago, IL - National, state, county, and city officials, as well as leaders of Polish American organizations and institutions paid tribute to the Polish community by honoring Polish and American hero Casimir Pulaski at the State of Illinois celebration on Monday, March 6, 2017 held at the PMA Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall in Chicago, IL.

The program began with PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot welcoming guests, followed by the singing of the National Anthems by Miroslawa Sojka-Topor, accompanied by pianist, Marta Pasek.

A prayer and a blessing were offered by Most Rev. Andrew P. Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Jan Lorys, PMA Historian, presented a short biography of General Casimir Pulaski. PRCUA President and the Chairman of the PMA Board Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and PMA President Richard Owsiany were the Masters of Ceremonies who introduced the event speakers.

This year's speakers were: Hon. Piotr Janicki, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago; Lt. Col. Karol Sobczyk, Deputy Defense and Military Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Poland; Hon. Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois; Hon. Richard J. Durbin, U.S. Senator; Hon. Janice Schakowsky, U.S. Representative (IL D-9); Hon. Michael Quigley, U.S. Representative (IL-D5); Hon. Jessie White, Illinois Secretary of State; Hon. Michael Frerichs, State of Illinois Treasurer; Hon. Robert F. Martwick, Jr., Illinois State Representative (D-19); Hon. Susana Mendoza, State of Illinois Comptroller; Hon. Aurelia Pucinski, Illinois Appellate Judge; Frank, J. Spula, President of the Polish American Congress and Polish National Alliance; Hon. Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President; Hon. Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer; Hon. Kurt Summers, Jr., City of Chicago Treasurer; Hon. Ariel Reboyras, City of Chicago Alderman, (30th Ward); Hon. Timothy Evans, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County; Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and Hon. Walter Burnett, Jr., City of Chicago Alderman (27th Ward).

The speakers praised Pulaski's talents as a military leader and brilliant battlefield tactician, and his heroism in fighting for independence and freedom both in Poland and in the United States. For these noble causes Pulaski paid the ultimate price, dying from wounds he received in the Battle of Savannah.

Another topic mentioned by the speakers was Poland's admission to the Visa Waiver Program. The original bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate over a decade ago, but as of today, Poland is still waiting to be included to the program. Congressman Quigley reminded everyone that one of President Trump's campaign promises was that Poland would be added to the Visa Waver Program.

During the ceremony, Scott Swanson, President of PNC Bank in Illinois, recognized the PMA's contributions to the Polish American community in Chicago and presented the Museum with a significant donation. Later, PMA Director Betty Uzarowicz invited the Principals of Polish Saturday Schools to come forward. President of the Polish Teachers Association in America Ewa Koch presented donations collected by students of Polish Saturday Schools to support the PMA's future endeavors.

The program concluded with the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at Stanislaw Batowski's painting of *Pulaski at Savannah*, accompanied by the trumpeter Slawomir Maciejczyk. Benediction was offered by Rev. Andrzej Totzke, SChr., Director of the Holy Trinity Mission in Chicago. The singing of "God Bless America" was led by PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Afterwards, guests were invited to stay for snacks and refreshments.



Polish Consul Piotr Janicki, Frank Spula and Joseph A. Drobot placing a wreath at S. Batowski's painting *Pulaski at Savannah*



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LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter J

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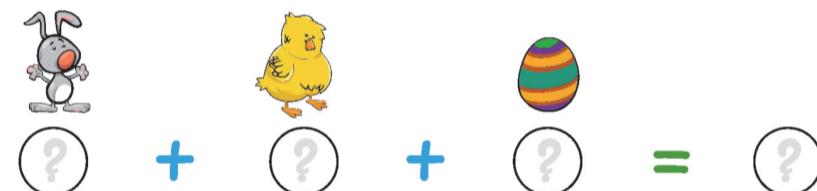
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EASTER MATH

Count the bunnies, chickens, and eggs. Write down the numbers and then add them up to see the total number.



FIND THE WORDS - BOWLING PUZZLE

Find the bowling terms in the puzzle. Leftover letters will spell the solution.

Join us for the 80th PRCUA Bowling Tournament on April 28-30 in Westland, MI.

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REV. CANON ANTHONY D. IWUC, PRCUA VICE CHAPLAIN, CELEBRATES 89!



Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc (center) at the altar with other concelebrants

Providence, RI - On February 25, 2017, in celebration of Father Anthony Iwuc's 89th birthday, a Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving was held at St. Adalbert Church - the oldest Polish Parish in the Diocese of Providence, RI established on January 23, 1902. Participants included: Most Reverend Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Providence; Reverend Marek S. Kupka, pastor of St. Adalbert Parish, Providence; Reverend John J. McElroy, the oldest priest in the Diocese of Providence;

Reverend Leon P. Kachel, who will celebrate his 60th anniversary of Ordination on the 27th of June; Reverend Francis J. Guidice, Reverend Nicholas Smith, Reverend Robert Beirne and Reverend Raymond Luft. The organist for the Mass was Richard Zalewski. Father Iwuc's younger brother, Stephen, read the Introduction which included information about Father's family. Stephen's wife, Florence (Surowiec) Iwuc, served as lector. The Gospel was proclaimed by Reverend Robert Beirne and the Prayer of the Faithful was read by Sister Janice Marie Gaudette, Felician Sister. The Offertory gifts were presented by Jack Kachanis, Helen Kubik of Michigan and Stasia Strzepek. Approximately 50 people from the local area attended, in addition to other family members and guests from Michigan, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Most Reverend Bishop Louis E. Gelineau

At the end of the Mass, Bishop Gelineau remarked that he came to the celebration wearing two hats: one as a representative of the Church and the Diocese of Providence, and one as a personal friend. The Bishop spoke highly of Father's life and ministry of service to the diocese, saying what a "treasure" Father



Immediately following the Mass, a luncheon reception - attended by 68 - was held at the Royal Buffet in Cranston, RI.

Father Iwuc is the son of immigrant parents from Poland - Bronislaw Iwuc and Adolfina Zamoida Iwuc, who brought up 6 boys and 4 girls in South Attleboro,

Massachusetts. All four sisters are deceased: Stella (Stanislawa) Rarus, Lottie (Wladyslawa) Byrnes, Jane Zielinski and Jessie (Czeslawa) Jendzejec. Three brothers are deceased: Francis, Joseph and Edward, the youngest child of the family. Surviving are one older brother, Charles, and one younger brother, Stephen. Father is the uncle of 30 living nephews and nieces and 3 deceased nephews.

Father Iwuc has been a member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America since high school. He served as National Chaplain of the PRCUA from 1974 to 1986. He currently serves as National Vice Chaplain, since 1986.

STO LAT, FATHER TONY!

May you count your years
by the gladness you have scattered along the way,
by the friends you've made, the deeds you've done
so thoughtfully each day.
May the happiness and the love you've brought
to others all life through
return to brighten and bless
each living hour for you!

PRCUA President and the First Lady Visit Malbork Dance School

Grand Rapids, MI - On Sunday, March 19, 2017 PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife, Judy, made a surprise visit to the newly-established PRCUA Malbork Dance School in Grand Rapids, MI. They promoted PRCUA membership to the parents, for themselves and their children.

The school started in January of 2017 and is the first PRCUA school in western Michigan. Classes are held at Diamond Street Hall located at 435 Diamond Ave N.E. in Grand Rapids. The school director is Dawn Rosinski and the teacher is Michelle DeBeck, a student of Shirley Galanty, who started the Michigan PRCUA dance schools. At the moment, the school has approximately 20 students in two dance groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Drobot were warmly received, had a wonderful visit with talented students, and look forward to their first recital which will take place on April 20, 2017 at The Guest House, 634 Stocking NW in Grand Rapids. Bravo!



Polish Genealogical Society of America
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Saturday, May 20 Webinar 12:00 to 2:00 Central Time

ON-LINE REGISTRATION: pgsa.org/product-category/seminars

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Webinar will originate from Poland with Tadeusz Pilat
Specialist in 16th-19th century books, documents & libraries



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Vice President ~ wiceprezes

"March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb"

This was a short month for me, although it was quite busy for PRCUA members. Instead of a little R & R on the beach somewhere in the Caribbean, I joined the millions of others (my husband included) in the comfort of our home with a humidifier, Tamiflu and hot toddies. We missed a lot during that two-week period, but thankfully President Drobot and Secretary-Treasurer Robaczewski made my absence less noticeable. Unfortunately, Babcia and Dziadzia Rich were not at Ariana's 1st birthday (March 4), but nonetheless she celebrated in style (I thank God for FaceTime!).

The main event at the Home Office was the Pulaski Day Celebration (March 6), annually sponsored by the Polish Museum of America. This year, Steve Cochran (WGN Radio) broadcasted his morning show from the PMA. Of the many on-air guests, I listened to our illustrious PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot Jr., the Honorable Governor of Illinois Bruce Rauner, Consul General of the Republic of Poland Piotr Janicki and PMA President Richard Owsiany among others. Steve Cochran was quite impressed with Mr. Drobot's radio voice (this could be the start of another career for our President). Many dignitaries and honored guests filled the Great Hall of the Museum to capacity to honor this great Polish and American hero. Congratulations to Małgorzata Kot, her staff and the PRCUA volunteers for making this event a success! For details, see page 5 of this *Narod Polski*.

The following weekend was the PRCUA Board of Directors meeting culminating with the annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner hosted by PRCUA District #7. The newly-elected Officers of D-7: President Mateusz Bomba, VP Paweł Truchan, Secretary Tomek Tarnowski and Treasurer (also D-7 National Director) Kevin Kucik and their team of "leprechauns" adorned the Social Hall of the PRCUA Home Office with festive greens and a cheery atmosphere. There, many new "Colleens and Laddies" joined the event's countless faithful fans for an afternoon of fun. Mary Skowyra (Happy Birthday) and Walter Dynowski were crowned the 2017 Lass and Laddie! Congrats to all! For details, see page 10 of this *Narod Polski*.

On Thursday, March 16th, the Polish American Chamber of Commerce (PACC), with President Stanisław Skoczeń at the helm, again held its Networking event in the Great Hall of the Museum which was hosted by the PRCUA. The new Officers and BOD of the PACC were sworn in by our very own Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski. PRCUA's Wesoły Lud entertained the honored guests, who included: Consul General Piotr Janicki and the new Sales Director of Lot Polish Airlines Magdalena Pantelis, as well as the PACC members. Congratulations to the new Officers of the PACC. Thanks go to the PRCUA Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Anna Marrah, Mateusz Bomba, and Natalia Kowalewicz for overseeing the event!

It was back on the road again to Michigan for us – this time to Big Rapids for the PRCUA National Basketball Tournament (March 17-18) hosted by St. Rita Society #1368. Jason Losinski was the Chairman of yet another successful event! The hospitality reception at the hotel was well-attended and the food was deliciously prepared by Jason and his mom. Always a warm and inviting group of PRCUA athletes, both Richard and Linda Kasprzyk accompanied me on this trip. The next day, the games began! The intensity of the competition was felt throughout the gyms as the Tournament was officially opened! Leaving the 14 teams (7 men's, 4 women's and 3 seasoned) in good hands, Richard

and I were on the road to see the PRCUA Zajęczek Dance Recital in Warren. In the meantime, President and Judy Drobot were heading from upstate Michigan to Big Rapids for the championship basketball game and Award Ceremony. They left on Thursday to visit with the new PRCUA Dance School "MALBORK" in Grand Rapids. Michelle DeBack is the Dance Instructor and Jen Macek is the School Director. If you know of any potential dancers in the Grand Rapids area – direct them to Diamond Hall on Thursday evenings from 6-8. Malbork's recital is April 20, 2017 at 6 p.m.

In the meantime, at the Basketball Tournament the Champions are as follows: Men's Open - "Pound Town Express" from PRCUA Society #162, Wyandotte, MI; 50 and Over - St. Stan's #718 "Team Levangie," Dearborn, MI; Women's 3-on-3 - "Wyandotte Girls" from PRCUA Society #162, Wyandotte, MI. Congratulations to the Champs and the All Stars! Thank you to all for your sportsmanship and participation! Next year's

PRCUA Basketball Tournament will be hosted by Society# 162 in Wyandotte! See complete details of the tournament and more photos in the May issue of *Narod Polski* (or online at www.prcua.org).

The PRCUA Zajęczek Dance Recital was on March 18. School Director and D-10 National Director Colleen Bonkowski, Dance Instructors Tricia (Zajac) Dennis and Rachael Kasperek, and a cast of 120 dancers presented a myriad of dances from various Polish traditional dances to American dances. Of course, there were a few Polish American polkas. The concert was well-attended by loving parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, other family and friends – including PRCUA President Emeritus Wally Ozog and his wife Joann, who

came to cheer for their granddaughter, Madison, as well as all the PRCUA dancers. A dance routine of alumni from PRCUA schools was a pleasant surprise and very well appreciated. D-10 National Director Tommy Lisiecki – the Halka Dance Instructor and Alumnus – performed. Bravo to the entire staff, Parents' Club, Alumni and of course, the main stars, the DANCERS! "Darlings, you were marvelous!" Afterwards, Richard and I were invited to a scrumptious dinner at the American Polish Century Club at the invitation of the very exuberant Colleen Bonkowski, who is definitely the "Energizer Zajęczek"! (FYI: Zajęczek means bunny in Polish). Thank you for your hospitality and friendship, Ms. Colleen!

Before celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph, PRCUA and PMA employees gathered in the PMA Great Hall to take a "pilgrimage of prayer" at the Stations of the Cross that were donated from the first Polish church in Panna Maria TX. Father Wojciech Baryski, SChr., from Holy Trinity Mission, led us in prayer. PRCUA Director of Sales Robert Fattore initiated the idea and it was a solemn moment in the midst of another busy work day to nurture our faith and spirit. Afterwards, Father Baryski blessed all Josephs, Josephines, and the delicious buffet of meatless dishes in the PRCUA Social Hall. All present partook of this treat that was organized by none other than Linda Kasprzyk with the assistance of Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Anna Marrah, Mateusz Bomba, Pam Tuytens and Mary Jane Robles.

March concluded with President and Mrs. Drobot attending the PRCUA Wieliczka and PRCUA Syrena Dance Recitals on Saturday, March 25;



Blessing of the Polish Dance Schools

Polish Dance School Mass at St. Hyacinth, Detroit, MI; and PRCUA Gwiazda Recital on Sunday, March 26, before heading back to Chicago.

Meanwhile back in Illinois, Richard and I attended the 42nd Spring Fashion Show "Color Me Fashion" sponsored by the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA at Glendora House in Chicago Ridge, IL. Elizabeth Dynowski, Chairwoman and Choreographer, did a wonderful job with the entire event. The models - Cinderella Kayla Leonhard and Prince Charming Kacper Kaczmarczyk and Candidates - did justice to the beautiful fashions which were supplied by A.B.A. Tuxedo (Orland Park), Christina's Bridal (Orland Park), Dressbarn (Hodgkins), Generation Bliss (Lemont), Kimberly Bond Boutique (Orland Park), Rue 21 (Tinley Park), and That Girl (Mokena).

For the past three months, our home has been filled with an intense amount of "blood, sweat and tears" in preparation for the 40th Anniversary of the Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company of PRCUA. The Artistic Director and Choreographer is my husband, Richard, who has been conducting additional hours of rehearsals with close to 40 alumni in addition to the 40 current members. Almost every Sunday, some Mondays and Fridays, and every Tuesday and Wednesday have seen the past and present Wesoły Lud members (and many of their children) pass through our front door. Assisting behind the scenes are Alumnae Monica Pazdziora, Anna Kraszewski, Kasia Rogala, Maggie Panozzo, Danielle Kroplewski, and Eva Ulewicz, as well as Moms Joanna Niedzielski and Janina Cislo. The dress rehearsal on March 26 created a flood of memories as I watched how Wesoły Lud has evolved through the past 40 years.



Wesoły Lud Alumni

As its founder and former Director and Choreographer, I thank God for the journey that brought me to PRCUA and the Adult Culture Group, Richard to Wesoły Lud, and all those dancers whose talents and dedication we will celebrate on April 2nd. The opportunity to see the fruits of our labor will be showcased for all to see, so come join us on April 2 and live the dream with us!

Spring has officially arrived and with it the renewed spirit of life. May God continue to bless you and your family, especially during this Easter season, with health, love and happiness. Make time to meet with family and friends often – check the PRCUA calendar for upcoming events in your area! Maybe we'll see you at one of the Recitals, the Święconka or at the PRCUA National Bowling Tournament! Here's your invitation to participate! Happy Easter! "Wesołego jajka, pięknego jak bajka, sprytnego króliczka, co wyskoczy z koszyczka, kurczaka złotego, Dyngusa mokrego, wszystkiego najlepszego, Wesołego Alleluja!" (Author unknown).



Consul General
Piotr Janicki
in Krakow costume



Men's Champs - Poundtown Express
of Soc. #162, Wyandotte, MI



50 + Champions - St.
Stan's #718 Team
Levangie, Dearborn



Soc. #162 Champions
Wyandotte Girls



2017 Basketball
Tournament



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When you open a **NEW ANNUITY CERTIFICATE** with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, you can chose to distribute your points to one of the five non-profit organizations above.

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The **GROW THE LOVE, SHARE THE WEALTH** program runs from **JANUARY 15 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2017**. All of the above will receive a monetary donation with the top point earner receiving a Grand Prize.

For more information: (800) 772-8632 ext. 2631, Sales@PRCUA.org or PRCUA.org/annuities

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80th NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT — 2017 — HOSTED BY PRCUA SOCIETY # 718



FRIDAY, APRIL 28 - SUNDAY, APRIL 30
AT
WESTLAND BOWL
5940 WAYNE RD., WESTLAND, MI
734-722-7570; [www.westlandbowl.com](#)

\$1,500 CASH for PERFECT GAME of 300 In TEAM EVENT

Dear PRCUA Bowler:

The 80th National PRCUA Bowling Tournament will be held on April 28, 29, and 30 at **WESTLAND BOWL**, 5940 Wayne Road, Westland, MI, 734-722-7570, [www.westlandbowl.com](#). It is being hosted by PRCUA Society #718, St. Stan's (Canton, Michigan).

This year, we are excited to announce that since we have a bowling facility with enough lanes to accommodate our entire group, we are going to have only one squad on each day. This means that we will not have a morning squad on Friday (singles and doubles) or Saturday (team). We will still have a morning squad on Sunday (singles and doubles). This exciting change will allow more of us to bowl at the same time!

Squad times are as follows:

- Singles/Doubles – Friday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m.
- Team Event – Saturday, April 29 at 12:00 Noon
(Opening ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m.)
- Singles/Doubles – Sunday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per person per event. To secure your entry (and preferred squad day for singles and doubles), be sure to send in your completed entry form promptly, along with the appropriate entry fees, by the deadline. **Please fill in all information on the entry form, including your bowling average.** The Embassy Suites in Livonia will be the host hotel for the tournament. To reserve a room, call the number listed below and ask for the "PRCUA" group rate. Call soon to reserve your room as this offer is subject to availability.

EMBASSY SUITES: 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI; tel. 734-462-6000. **Room Rate:** \$119 for King Suite (plus applicable tax), \$129 for Double Suite (plus applicable tax). This rate includes a daily breakfast as well as nightly cocktail hour.

In addition to the bowling activities, our friends at PRCUA Society #718 have been busy planning a fun and exciting event for us all. Jerry and Frank Nasiatka, along with their crew will host the following:

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality gathering will be held on Thursday, April 27th at the Embassy Suites Hotel 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with a complimentary Pizza Fest and subsidized liquid refreshments (beer, wine, pop).

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS: A celebration of the Mass will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29th at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

AWARDS CEREMONY: The awards ceremony will be held after Mass at the Embassy Suites Hotel, until 11:00 p.m. Complimentary snacks, desserts, and draft beer (cocktails at subsidized pricing). Music from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

An information packet will be distributed at the hotel and at the bowling facility detailing all of these special activities (along with directions). Additional information may be posted online at [www.prcua.org/sports/](#)

Please mark your calendars, send in your completed entry forms, make your hotel reservations, and prepare to have a great time at the tournament in the Detroit area! I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Regards,
Patrick Kosowski,
PRCUA National Bowling Tournament Director

PRCUA Funds for Higher Education Available Deadline: June 1, 2017



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

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.

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.

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

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

Or you can write to:

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

DEADLINE - JUNE 1, 2017 - All school transcripts, GPA scores, other verifications, requirements, and the completed application form must be postmarked by **June 1, 2017** in order to meet the eligibility rules.



DISTRICT #7 HOSTED THE ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER



Chicago, IL - On Sunday, March 12, 2017, PRCUA District #7 organized a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, under the leadership of the new officers. The event was held in the PRCUA Social Hall in Chicago, IL.

Without a doubt, this year's dinner was a success. The event was very popular, evidenced by the 90+ guests in attendance. It was an opportunity to spend a nice day with groups of family and friends, converse on business



and cultural matters, past and future plans and events. The weather, which was also very pleasant, certainly helped with everyone's good humor.

At the beginning of the program, the new officers of District #7 were introduced: President Mateusz Bomba, Vice President Paweł Truchan, Secretary Thomas Tarnowski and Treasurer Kevin Kucik. Subsequently, Very Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, PRCUA Chaplain, blessed everyone gathered and the prepared food.

The delicious dinner was prepared by Harrington's Catering & Deli, which is the best tasting corned beef in Chicagoland. The traditional drawing for Lad & Lass of the event took place after dinner. Walter Dynowski and Mary Skowyra were crowned Lad and Lass respectively. After the coronation, a cash raffle took place; tickets were available for purchase prior to and during the event. Those with tickets had the opportunity to participate in two raffles. First, gift cards sponsored by PRCUA District #7 Vice President Paweł Truchan were drawn. The winners of Starbucks gift cards, in the amount of \$20 each, were Colleen Bonkowski and Don Versen. Elizabeth Sadus won a \$50 gift certificate to Marshalls, T.J. Maxx and HomeGoods. Then, the winning tickets were re-entered into a second drawing for main cash prizes. Eugenia Krzyzanski (\$200), Greg Olma (\$100) and Mary Skowyra (\$50) were the winners of the cash prizes.

The PRCUA District #7 Board of Directors would like to thank all attendees of this event for their participation. We are happy that many of the PRCUA National Directors and their spouses, were able to participate in the event, after their busy weekend deliberating at the PRCUA Quarterly Board meeting. Thanks also to all those who helped make this event

successful with their service: Katarzyna Szwedo, Agnieszka Bastrzyk with her husband Daniel, Magdalena Rozko, Paulina Partyka, Michael Napierala and Robert Stankiewicz.

Congratulations to all winners of the raffle and Lad & Lass drawing. We wish everyone a wonderful year, and encourage all to attend the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner next year.

Submitted by: Mateusz Bomba



Above (l-r): Mateusz Bomba, Thomas Tarnowski, 2017 Prince Charming Kacper Kaczmarczyk, 2017 Cinderella Kayla Leonhard, winner of the \$200 prize Eugenia Krzyzanski, 2017 Lass Mary Skowyra and 2017 Lad Walter Dynowski, Kevin Kucik and Paweł Truchan



PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers Count Down to Pączki Day

Hamtramck, MI - On February 25, 2017, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers participated in the annual Count Down to Pączki Day Event in Hamtramck, Michigan. A yearly performance for the group, the event is held in downtown



PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers performing at Hamtramck's Countdown to Pączki Day Celebration



Mr. Paczek with a Gwiazda dancer

Basia Nowakowski found herself chronicled as part of the event in a photospread in Hamtramck's local newspaper.

The Gwiazda Dancers now return to rehearsals as they continue their preparations for their annual spring recital on March 26, 2017.

Submitted by

Nicholas J. Nowakowski, Gwiazda Alumnus 1997 & Secretary



Sacred Heart Mass
June 4th, 2017
11:00 a.m.
St. Hedwig Catholic Church
2226 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL

Following the Mass a Luncheon will be served at the PRCUA Social Hall at 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

2017 Sacred Heart Mass will be hosted by PRCUA District #7

More details will be posted in the upcoming issues of *Narod Polski*

HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEES LAUNCH INTO LENT



Enjoying delicious paczki on Fat Tuesday

Chicago, IL - PRCUA and PMA employees celebrated Fat Tuesday on February 28. PRCUA Officers treated the employees to a variety of traditional Polish paczki. While sipping coffee and indulging in the delicious pastries, everyone enjoyed the end of the carnival season and prepared for the upcoming season of Lent.

The next day, Ash Wednesday, Rev. Andrzej Totzke, SChr., Director of the Holy Trinity Mission in Chicago, visited the P R C U A Home Office to offer a brief service. Mary Jane Robles and Mateusz Bomba recited the Readings in English and Polish. Rev. Totzke blessed the ashes made from last year's palm branches. He made the sign of the cross on the foreheads of PRCUA and PMA employees, reminding everyone that Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period of fasting and prayer. A time of spiritual preparation for the resurrection of Christ.



Rev. Totzke contemplating the Second Reading by Mateusz Bomba



Employees receiving ashes

Just before noon on St. Joseph's Day on March 20, the employees gathered in the PMA Great Hall for a devotion of the Stations of the Cross, to recite prayers and meditate on the last day of Christ's life. The historic Stations of the Cross which are on the permanent display in the PMA, were brought to Chicago by Rev. Leopold Moczygemba (1824-1891) from the Immaculate Conception Church in Panna Maria, TX - the first Polish parish in the United States.



Fr. Baryski leading the Station of the Cross prayer in the PMA Great Hall



A short prayer before the St. Joseph feast



Rev. Baryski, M. Jaminski, J. Robaczewski








In Dreams 2017 PRCUA SHIRLEY ANN G.

Troy, MI - The big night had finally arrived for eleven outstanding young adults of the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools. The soon-to-be graduating seniors were presented to PRCUA dignitaries, family, friends and Detroit area Polonia to be honored for their countless contributions and dedication to the PRCUA, as well as to their church, community and respective dance schools, at the PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball. The 26th Annual Ball was held on February 18, 2017 at the elegant San Marino Club in Troy, MI.

While guests mingled in the ballroom during the cocktail hour, the Graduates/Honorees met privately with PRCUA National President Joseph A Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, and PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer, James Robaczewski and his wife Elaine, during the State Ball's Third Annual Meet and Greet.

The Ball's official opening ceremonies began with a promenade of the PRCUA Michigan Dance School Directors and Choreographers. By remaining on the dance floor, they helped to welcome the PRCUA national celebrities and special guests, which included PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy; PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, who is the Artistic Choreographer & Director of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company; PRCUA National Chaplain Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak; PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann; Rector of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary and Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, Monsignor Thomas C. Machalski; and Choreographer and Dance Instructor for the newly-formed Malbork Dance School in Grand Rapids, MI, Michelle DeBack and her husband Brent.

After welcoming the dignitaries, it was time to bring in the Honorees of the evening. To the tune of "Radetsky's March", beautiful young ladies, dressed in white gowns and tiaras, clasped the arms of handsome young men, donned in black tuxedos and top hats, as they made their way into the ballroom with sheer elegance.

An excellent job was done by our National President in leading the audience in singing the Polish National Anthem and by Honoree Julia Parker for leading the audience with singing the American National Anthem. Special thanks go to Monsignor Machalski for offering the Invocation before dinner and to Thomas Lisiecki, National Director of District #10, for giving a toast to the Graduates and for serving as emcee for the evening.

After dinner, the Honorees and their escorts performed their dance presentation program. The program entitled, "In Dreams A Memory," paid tribute to the



2017 Honorees and their escorts



Scholarship Winners with School Representatives



2017 MI State Ball School Directors & Choreographers with past and present PRCUA Officers & spouses

Graduates for fulfilling their dreams of participating in the Michigan State Ball. Yesterday's dream has become today's memory. The Honorees and their escorts performed two waltzes, entitled "Two Hearts in Three-Quarter" and "High Spirits."

Each Graduate was then presented to the audience by their respective dance school teacher. Before congratulating the Honorees, President Drobot and Vice President Jaminski bestowed the honorary State Ball medallion upon each of them.

The Honorees made three special presentations on behalf of all of the PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools. A donation of \$550 was made to the *Pennies for Poland* campaign. On behalf of the Michigan State Ball Committee and Graduates, and in memory of the late Monsignor Stanley E. Milewski, a gift of \$500 was made to the Orchard Lake Schools. And lastly, on behalf of the State Ball Committee, the Honorees, and in memory of the late Shirley Ann Galanty, a gift of \$500 was made to the PRCUA Education Fund.

With all the excitement of giving, the State Ball Committee took to the floor for the 6th Annual State Ball Scholarship drawing. Four scholarship recipients were randomly selected, lottery style. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$250. They were awarded to: Alexander Palencik, Alicia Sulkowski, Emily Sutka and Samantha Tabaczynski. Two additional scholarships, each in the amount of \$100, were gifted by Darryl Onderik, President of the American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights, MI. The randomly-selected recipients were: Megan Nowakowski and Kristin Mihalic.

The parents of our Honorees were called upon to join their son or daughter on the floor to receive the traditional Family Blessing by PRCUA National Chaplain Fr. Ptak. The formal presentation program was concluded with the Honorees and their escorts performing a lovely Polonez.

However, there was still one more order of business to conduct - the Graduates and their escorts presented a lively encore performance to "Your Mama Don't Dance." The remainder of the evening was open for all to dance to the music of PRCUA member Duane Malinowski and his Orchestra.

Sincere appreciation is extended to all of the PRCUA Michigan Dance School Directors, who served on the State Ball Committee, and for all their time and efforts in preparing for a successful Ball. The Committee members include: Colleen Bonkowski (Zajaczek), Laura Hejza (Halka), Maria Jalkiewicz (Polskie Maki), Rose Ann Lackey (Tatry), Michigan State Ball Coordinator and Ball Choreographer Kelly

A Memory ~ ~ ~

ALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL

Malinowski, Kristi Mihalic (Wieliczka), Pat Steven (Syrena), Michelle Stechschulte (Rogalin), Beth Thacker (Opole), and Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda) and honorary member Thomas Lisiecki (Halka and Zakopane).

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

The Ball Committee would also like to acknowledge and thank the Michigan Dance School teachers, who worked weekly with their students to help to prepare them for the Ball: Tricia Dennis (Zajaczek) Rachel Kasperk (Zajaczek) Thomas Lisiecki (Halka), Karen Lubiarz (Tatry), Kelly Malinowski (Polskie Maki), Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda), Kasia Reese (Wieliczka), Donna Skurski (Opole) Janet Vilag (Rogalin), and Sarah Wolicki (Syrena).

What a pleasure it was to work with the Michigan State Ball Graduates/Honorees Class of 2017. They have proven themselves to be excellent representatives of the PRCUA; truly an outstanding group of young adults who make us all proud of them.

A special SHOUT-OUT also goes to all the escorts who practiced alongside the Graduates each week in preparation for the Ball. They all worked very hard: Joshua Bzura, Logan Collins, Nolan Gutenschwager, Michael Mihalic, Jared Schik, Joseph Smiegel, Charlie Sznewajs, Jorden Welch and Nat Winden. Thank you all for your time and dedicated efforts. You all did a magnificent job!

The 2017 Michigan State Ball was an evening that will not soon be forgotten! Congratulations to the Class of 2017. The PRCUA is truly proud of all of you and wishes you well in your future endeavors!

Submitted by Kelly Malinowski,
Ball Coordinator & Choreographer

2017 PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball Honorees

Bridget Catherine Eusebi is the seventeen year old daughter of Christopher and Sharon Eusebi of Bloomfield Hills, MI. She is a member of Society #261 and has been a Halka Dancer for thirteen years. Charlie Sznewajs was Bridget's escort for the evening.



Bridget Eusebi

Allison Felice Galanty is the seventeen year old daughter of Joel and Suzanne Galanty of Dearborn Heights, MI. She is a member of Society #1614 and has been dancing with the Syrena Dance Ensemble for twelve years. Joseph Smigel was Allison's escort for the evening.



Allison Felice Galanty

Sarah Katherine Grawburg is the seventeen year old daughter of John and Patty Grawburg of Dearborn, MI. She has been a Tatry Dancer for ten years and is a member of Society #1413. Fellow Graduate Alexander Palencik was Sarah's escort at the Ball.



Sarah Katherine Grawburg

Kristin Renee Mihalic is the seventeen year old daughter of Joseph and Kristi Mihalic of Canton, MI. She has been dancing with the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for fourteen years and is a member of Society #87. Michael Mihalic was Kristin's escort for the evening.



Kristin Renee Mihalic

Megan Ann Nowakowski is the eighteen year old daughter of Frank and Audrey Nowakowski of Hamtramck, MI. She has been a member of the Gwiazda Dancers for eight years and is a member of Society #261. Jared Shick was Megan's escort for the evening.



Megan Ann Nowakowski

Julia Louise Parker is the seventeen year old daughter of Ray and Michelle Parker of Wyandotte, MI. She has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fourteen years and is a member of Society #162. Nolan Gutenschwager was Julia's escort for the evening.



Julia Louise Parker

Alexander Thomas Palencik is the seventeen year old son of Brian and Jennifer Palencik of Warren, MI. He has been a PRCUA dancer for nine years, the last five years with the Halka Dancers. Alexander is a member of Society #1618. Fellow Graduate Sarah Grawburg was Alexander's dance partner.



Alexander Thomas Palencik

Alicia Nikole Sulkowski is the seventeen year old daughter of Melissa Skuta and the late David Sulkowski of Milan, MI. She is a member of Society #87 and has been dancing with the Wieliczka Dance Ensemble for nine years. Jordan Welch was Alicia's escort for the evening.



Alicia Nikole Sulkowski

Emily Suzanne Sutka is the seventeen year old daughter of Patrick and Maria Sutka of Wyandotte, MI. She has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years and is a member of Society #162. Joshua Bzura was Emily's escort for the evening.



Emily Suzanne Sutka

Samantha Maria Tabaczynski is the eighteen year old daughter of Timothy and Michelle Tabaczynski of Warren, MI. She has been a Halka Dancer for sixteen years and is a member of Society #261. Nat Winden was Samantha's escort for the evening.



Samantha Maria Tabaczynski

Rachel Alyse Zacny is the eighteen year old daughter of Michael and Michelle Zacny of Allen Park, MI. She is a member of the Society #162 and has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years. Logan Collins was Rachel's escort for the evening.

Congratulations and kudos to all of the 2017 Honorees for a job well done at the MI State Ball!



Rachel Alyse Zacny

Polish American Day



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4. JĘZYK, 5. JABŁKO, 6. JEŻ.

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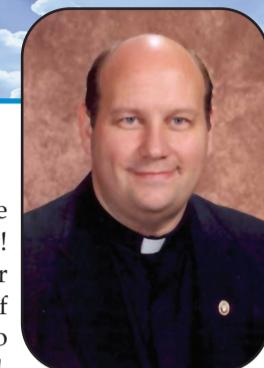
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Jesus, I Trust in Thee



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

The month of April is a time of rebirth, renewal and the celebration of the greatest Feast of the Church Year, Easter! This great Feast is our annual reminder of the love that our Lord has for each of us. He offered His life on the wood of the cross that we might have Eternal Life. It's hard to phantom where we would be without this great sacrifice! For me personally, I have always looked forward to Holy Week and the Easter Triduum and for the last thirty years as priest, it has become even more important. To revel in the love and mercy of our Savior is a gift that is priceless!

Another dimension of this Week of Grace is the addition of the Feast of Divine Mercy that was placed at the close of the Octave of Easter by St. John Paul the Great in 2000. It was placed here at the request of our Lord in His revelations to St. Faustina, the great Apostle of Mercy.

St. John Paul II was also a great promoter of Divine Mercy. The canonization of St. Faustina as the first Saint of the new Millennium emphasized this fact. Since its official insertion into the General Roman Calendar in 2000, the Devotion to and celebration of this Feast has spread far and wide and has brought this message of Divine Mercy to millions around the world.

St. John Paul the Great re-emphasized the importance of this Feast in relationship to Easter in 2001 on the first anniversary of its establishment when he said: "Jesus said to St. Faustina, Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

It is interesting to note that St. John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy in 2005 and subsequently beatified and canonized on the Feast of Divine Mercy in 2011 and 2014 respectively.

If you have not had the chance to read anything about Divine Mercy and the revelations of our Lord to St. Faustina, I suggest that you purchase a copy of her diary and become more familiar with this devotion and the unfathomable font of Divine Mercy that our Lord offers to each and every one of us. In my opinion, one of the best copies of her diary is the one called "Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul", which is published by Marian Press. The paperback version is less than \$10.00 and well worth the money. If you don't have a bookstore nearby, you can order a copy on line or from the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, MA.

St. Faustina's Diary is a fascinating read as Jesus explains His Mercy in detail. For example, Jesus in His own words tells St. Faustina and in turn us, that "this Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it." (Diary 420) What a gift for us! What a promise that will not be forgotten by the only One who never forgets or goes back on His promises!

In speaking about the Feast Day itself, Jesus states explicitly "that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment". He goes on to state that "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary 300)

I hope that my simple explanation will move some of you to celebrate and experience firsthand the Lord's Mercy this coming April 23rd, 2017, the Feast of Divine Mercy, and encourage other to do so as well. We are all called to become Apostles of Mercy bringing others to the Fount of Mercy, Jesus Christ! Will you answer this call?

Jesus, I Trust in Thee!

Until next time, a Blessed and Joy-filled Easter Season to All!

SAVE THE DATE - Polish Night at Jimmy John's Field (United Shore Professional Baseball League) in Utica, Michigan, on Thursday, June 15, 2017. For additional information, contact PRCUA District 10 National Director Colleen Bonkowski at 586-219-1982 or PRCUA District 10 National Director Tommy Lisiecki at 586-795-8901.



St. Stan's Society #718 One Game Knockout (1GKO)

Westland., MI – On March 4, 2017 St. Stan's #718 held its 15th Annual Bowling One Game Knockout (1GKO) at Oak Lanes in Westland, MI.



There were 64 men and 19 women who participated in bowling and many other guests joined for dinner afterward. The tournament and dinner were open to members from all PRCUA Societies, as well as family and friends of members. We would like to thank all of those who participated. It was the largest turnout in the history of the tournament.

In the Men's sixth and final round Daniel Kaczor beat out Eric Zoltowski for the championship. In the Women's bracket, Cindy Cooper took the title followed by Julie Kaczor in second place.



Winners (l-r) Eric Zoltowski (runner-up), Cindy Cooper (winner), Julie Kaczor (runner-up), and Daniel Kaczor (winner)



IGKO 2017 Volunteers

"Blackjack", but mostly for their help in keeping the day running smoothly.

We hope to see everyone again next year. Remember that ALL FAMILY and FRIENDS are invited as well, so spread the word that a great time was had by all!

Submitted by: Ed & Janet Rys



Fraternal Recipe Corner

POLISH EASTER DELIGHTS

Eggs Stuffed with Herb Paste:

4 hard-boiled eggs, 1 cup watercress, 1/2 bunch dill, 1/4 teaspoon turmeric, 3-1/4 Tablespoon softened butter, 1 to 2 Tablespoons of mayonnaise; salt and ground multi-colored peppercorns to taste

Hard-boil the eggs; cool in cold water. Peel and cut eggs into halves lengthwise. Remove the yolk. In a small bowl, mix the yolks with butter, turmeric and mayonnaise to get the consistency of a paste. Chop half of the watercress and dill. Mix with the yolk paste. Season with salt and colored pepper. If needed, add more mayonnaise but the mixture should not be too runny. Fill egg whites with the paste. Press the eggs, so the herbs stick to the egg whites. Place egg halves on a platter filled with the remaining watercress, sprinkle with peppercorns.

Lviv Style Cheese Pascha

1 whole egg, 4 egg yolks, 2-1/3 cups sugar, 1 cup whipping cream, 1 cup raisins, 2 lbs. farmer's cheese, 1/2 lb. unsalted sweet butter, 1 Tablespoon vanilla extract, 1 cup chopped blanched almonds, 2 Tablespoons grated orange peel

Whisk whole egg and egg yolks with sugar until thick and creamy. Add half of the whipping cream. Place into a saucepan. Heat, stirring constantly, almost to the boiling point but do not boil. Remove from heat, add raisins, cover. In a bowl, combine cheese, butter, other half of the whipping cream, and vanilla extract; blend until smooth. Fold in egg mixture, add almonds and orange peel, mix gently. Refrigerate for 4 hours. Fold cheesecloth in half, place the mixture in the cheese cloth and hang it over a bowl to drain in a cold place. Let it drain for 24 hours. Press cheese into an empty coffee can or into a form. Chill. Unmold cheese onto a plate, garnish with nuts and candied fruits. Serve cold.

Red Beet and Horseradish Relish

1 lb. of fresh red beets, 4 to 5 Tablespoons prepared horseradish, 1 to 2 Tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice, 1 Tablespoon powdered sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Roast red beets in a 400° F oven for 1 hour, until easily pierced with a knife. Let beets cool, then peel. Grate the beets on a box grater into a bowl. Add horseradish and lemon juice; add sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Chill before serving, serve with cold cuts.

Healthy Sauce (prepare 3 hours before serving and chill)

3 to 4 hard-boiled eggs, juice from 3 lemons, 1 cup sour cream (or use half sour cream and half mayonnaise), 2 bunches chives, 1 heaping teaspoon grated white onion, 1 Tablespoon chopped parsley, 1/2 teaspoon grated horseradish, powdered sugar, salt Hard-boil eggs and cool; cut in half and remove egg yolks. Place yolks in a bowl and set the egg whites aside. Crush the yolks with a fork. Add lemon juice and sour cream; mix well. Add finely chopped chives, parsley, grated onion and horseradish. Chop the egg whites finely and add to the mixture. Add powdered sugar, and salt to taste. Mix well. Chill for 3 hours. May be served with cold cuts, ham, hard-boiled eggs, or fish.

Mazurek

1/2 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 3 Tablespoons cream, 2 cups flour, 1 egg, 1/4 Tablespoon salt In large bowl, sift dry ingredients. Cut in the butter with a knife until crumbly. In a separate bowl, beat the egg, mix with cream and add to flour. Mix lightly with hand and spread on a buttered cookie sheet with sides. Bake in 350° F oven for 20 minutes. Remove from oven; cover with the topping (below) or use a Solo brand fruit filling.

Citrus Topping for Mazurek (prepare before baking Mazurek)

4 oranges, 1 lemon, 1/2 cup water, 1-1/2 cup sugar

Grate the whole fruit and remove all seeds while grating. In pot, bring sugar and water to boil, add the grated fruit and cook slowly until it becomes thick. Remove from stove, stir until cool. Cover Mazurek with fruit topping, cool in a cold place.

Easter Babka

2 cups flour, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 envelope dry yeast, 1/2 cup half-and-half, 3 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon almond extract, 1 teaspoon grated lemon, 1 Tablespoon melted butter, 1/4 cup raisins, powdered sugar (optional)

Dissolve yeast in warmed half-and-half; add half of the sugar and flour, cover with a cloth and set aside to double in size. Add all of the remaining ingredients except raisins and knead until smooth. Add the raisins; continue to knead. Grease tube pan or babka mold with butter and dust with flour. Place dough in pan, cover with cloth, and leave in a warm, draft-free place until it doubles in size. Bake at 350° F for 35-40 minutes. When cool, remove from pan and dust with powdered sugar.



Congratulations to the Winners of PRCUA's 2016 Christmas Special

The PRCUA is happy to introduce the three Grand Prize winners of the Apple® iPad minis in the 2016 PRCUA Christmas Special for children age 2 weeks to 15 years and 5 months. Congratulations! Our fraternal is happy that you became a part of our PRCUA family and we hope that you will benefit from our membership and fraternal programs.

Fairen Anne Bonk - Fairen just celebrated her 1st Birthday this March. She is a very happy baby who loves to dance the polka with her big sister Jolene Aniela (who is also a PRCUA member). They enjoy attending Wyandotte Michigan's Our Lady of the Scapular Polish Festival in the summer to watch the Polish dancers and listen to the music. They also love to go to the PRCUA Soc. #162's Children's Christmas Party to play games and see Santa (in the March 2017 issue of the *Narod Polski*, Fairen is sitting on Santa's lap). Even though she is little, Fairen's Polish background is a big part of her life.



Harper Hamilton - At almost 4 years old (born in June of 2013) Harper is a first generation member of the PRCUA and joined the organization to be a part of the Zajaczek Dance Ensemble in Michigan. Her first dance recital was met with overwhelming love for the music and dancing led by the wonderful director, instructors and other helpers. She is excited to continue dancing with Zajaczek. Some of her other pastimes include doing puzzles, drawing, building with LEGO blocks and gardening. Harper lives in Detroit with her parents, dog and bunny rabbit.



Sydney Dziedzic - Sydney is 13 years old and a 7th grade student at Simpson Middle School in Flat Rock. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Sydney has enjoyed being a member of the competitive dance team at Sherry's Academy of Dance in Carleton for the past 3 years. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, shopping, and spending time with friends.



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PIEROGI FUNDRAISING FUN

Toledo, OH - The PRCUA Echoes of Poland hosted their annual Pierogi Dinner Fundraiser to a sold out crowd on Friday, March 3rd at the PRCUA Misuada Hall, 5255 N. Detroit in Toledo, OH. Participants included National Director from District #5 Tom Jesionowski and past National Director from District #5 Joan Sylak. Pierogi dinners were sold along with pierogi dozens to go. The mood was festive as polka music played in the hall. Everyone had a grand time.

Echoes of Poland are celebrating their 50th year as a dance ensemble and also 50 years under the one and only director and choreographer Paulina Tul Ortyl. Many events are planned for this year. On June 11 at 3:00 p.m. The Echoes, along with The Polish American Concert Band, will perform the 50th Anniversary Concert at the Ohio Theatre. On April 23 at St. Adalbert, Echoes will perform for the Divine Mercy Dinner with the Bishop; on April 29 at the International Festival at UT Savage Area; and June 17 at Oakshade Grove for the TAPS picnic.

Submitted By: Teresa Gibala

Photos By: Darcy Lumpkin



Teresa Gibala with Dist. #5 Director Tom Jesionowski



In the kitchen: Mary, Jessica and Paulina



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No T-shirts are available this year. Food vouchers cost an extra \$6.00 each. There is no service charge if you order tickets from the PRCUA Society, otherwise there is a \$7.00 service charge per ticket for on-line purchases.

For tickets, send your name and full address with the below order form and your check made payable to **PRCUA #1593** to: Pol-Am Night, 30214 Woodhouse Dr., Warren MI 48092. For additional information call 586-751-8168 or email wozog@wowway.com.



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Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Aamiec, Virginia	1598	IL	Kobylewski, Leo	412	IL
Babczak, Carol	354 & 542	IL	Kolo, Henry	1593	MI
Benes, Gloria	1575	IL	Kolodziej, James	413	IN
Bogucki, John	2109	OH	Kondziolka, Eleanor	317	IL
Brassard, Patricia R.	359	MA	Koney, William	2274	MI
Brinkman, Robert A. Jr.	463	CT	Konicki, Stephen	977	OH
Clark, Alice	565	IN	Koot, Jr, Joseph	531	GA
Davis, Heather M.	1493	MI	Lacour, Hedwig	2015	OH
Demagall, Mary Ann	709	OH	Lavelle, Judith A.	529	IL
Denko, Paul	2148	OH	Lesiak, Rose M.	2199	MI
Dyslewski, Mary Ann	1615	PA	Lichorobiec, Jean	2009	PA
Dziuba, Rosalia	463	CT	Lizak, Raymond	343	PA
Elisio, Gloria	2021	PA	Loecher, Evelyn	89	WI
Fabinski, Stanley W.	408	IL	Lower, Clarice	2227	MI
Gerchak, Maria	784	OH	Marciniak, Helen	542	IL
Gieniec, Genevieve	450	MO	Melton, William O.	539	MO
Grant, Richard	2220	OH	Miekstyn, Mark	1593	MI
Greevers, James S. Jr.	2303	WI	Miklasiewicz, Helen	1005	WI
Gutendorf, William R.	237	PA	Mitera, Richard T.	87	MI
Hansen, Janet M.	317	IL	Olewinski, Dorothy	1575	CA
Heltman, Zofia	2109	OH	Paluch, Adolfia	308	IL
Hupert, George F.	835	PA	Pannell, Eric	227	OH
Izdebski, Wilhelmina	899	CT	Plucinski, Anthony F.	2248	OH
Jagodzinska, Narcyza	408	BC	Pytlik, Felicia	869	NY
Jakubiak, Stella	322	PA	Rozen, Barbara H.	1606	IL
Janocha, Mary T.	1486	IL	Rybowiak, Walter J.	1492	FL
Jarmiolowski, Thomas	1570	PA	Skowron, John M.	896	RI
Joseph, Helen	1133	PA	Smith, Mary	2159	OH
Jurek, Chester	2274	MI	Snitzer, Margaret	33	IL
Kaczor, Lottie	412	IL	Sodd, Sylvia	2206	AZ
Kakareka, Thomas C.	261	MI	Soucek, Irene	84	IL
Kamys, Roger	795	IL	Spyra, Leo Joseph	213	WV
Kania, John P.	160	NY	Strohs, Norbert	718	MI
Kapelanski, Sophie	1477	MI	Syzdek, Henry	1004	IL
Karpinski, Christopher	463	CT	Topczewski, Ronald	1415	IL
Kasza, Virginia J.	1593	MI	Troyanowski, Casimir T.	593	IL
Kavan, Diane	2220	OH	Tylicki, Craig	2109	OH
Kaweski, Lottie	865	PA	Wisniewski, Anna	1000	IL
Kay, Ralph T.	1368	MI	Woszcynski, Matthew	1580	IL
Kieca, Francizek	1593	MI	Zelezinski, Mary	1575	TX
Kinelski, Dorothy	294	IL	Zielinski, Albin L.	2199	MI
Klimczak, Barbara A.	1626	IL	Zielinski, Hedwig P.	211	NY
Klimowicz, Sophie	784	OH	Zurawski, Julia	308 & 265	IL
Knechtges, Irene	2159	OH			

May they rest in eternal peace.

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30th Anniversary

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Northeastern Illinois University
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Polish Hall Will Celebrate
100th Anniversary!

MADISON, IL – The Polish Hall of PRCUA St. Stanislaus Society #1004 at 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL, will celebrate 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 p.m. 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. This Dance will feature Dave Hylla's Good Times Band again, as a reunion for all who came to those earlier dances. Admission \$2. Ages 12 years & under are 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, please contact Beverly Bargiel at STANISLA@SBCGLOBAL.NET. Or check out our Facebook page: POLISH.HALL.MADISON.

The PRCU of Wyandotte Presents:
Tribute Artist Dinner Show!

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PRCU Banquet Hall
1430 Oak Street Wyandotte, MI 48192
Doors Open 6:30 pm - Buffet Dinner 7:00 pm
Show Time 8:15 - 10:45 pm
Tickets \$25. ON SALE NOW! @ PRCU Lounge: 734-283-4810
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Complimentary BEER & WINE CASH BAR Available NO BYOB
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Saturday, April 22, 2017

Retracing Jesus' Footsteps**Kalwaria Zebrzydowska
and Other Passion Sites**

Warsaw—Each year during Holy Week, 100,000 to 200,000 pilgrims and tourists flock to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska in southern Poland, the venue of a traditional Passion Pageant. It takes place in a Bernardine (Polish Franciscan) monastic complex founded in 1602 by Polish aristocrat Mikołaj Zebrzydowski. After he died, his family developed the area into an elaborate religious sanctuary devoted to the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

The site includes the 14 Stations of the Cross and 40-some different chapels, including the House of the Last Supper, the home of the Blessed Mother, St. Veronica's Chapel and the Palaces of High Priest Caiphas, Pontius Pilate and King Herod. There is the Garden of Olives (Gethsemane), the River Cedron and, of course, Calvary or Golgotha — the place of Jesus' crucifixion..

The Passion Play, known in Polish as a *Misterium Paschalne* (literally: Paschal Mystery Pageant), was pioneered by the Italian Franciscans and spread across medieval Europe. Far from being a form of entertainment, these plays served to inspire piety and contemplation among the largely illiterate worshipers of yesteryear. Visual personifications of key New Testament events conveyed the mysteries of their Faith to those who couldn't read the Bible or found deeply theological sermons to be way over their heads.

The Kalwaria Zebrzydowska Passion Play differs considerably from Bavaria's much-vaunted Oberammergau. The German presentation is held every decade only in years ending with a zero (such as 2010), but in those years it has a five-month run. At Kalwaria, it is an annual event held only during Holy Week. In Oberammergau, spectators crowd into the Passion Festival Theater, while the Polish counterpart is a living re-enactment that moves from place to place with pilgrims in the role of the Jerusalem crowds of Jesus' time. Also, unlike Oberammergau, no admission fee is charged.

The event begins on Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, with a Solemn High Mass, usually celebrated by the Archbishop of Kraków, followed by Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem astride a donkey. Also re-enacted is the scene of money-changers being driven out of the temple. Throughout the week, Masses are celebrated and other familiar scenes, such as the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal, the Judgment of Jesus, the Way of the Cross and the Crucifixion are re-enacted.

One difference between Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and other Passion Plays held all over Europe is that the Polish presentation is more from the heart than high-tech. The main performers are seminarians from the Bernardine Monastery and townspeople who prepare their costumes and spoken parts all year long. Among those selected to take part in the Play is 29-year-old Paweł Królak, an auto mechanic with long hair and beard, who ordinarily listens to hard rock music. Others have included journalism student Jakub Roncz (St. John), Wojciech Kochański, a lifeguard at a local swimming pool (Simon of Cyrene), and a painter Zbigniew Śląski (Pilate).

The Polish "Misterium" stands out for its religious substance and the resultant spiritual dimension experienced by thousands of pilgrims who witness it. During highpoints of the Passion, they are deeply immersed in prayerful contemplation, and the appearance of Judas evokes grassroots jeers and howls of condemnation from the crowd.

Since the Play is open to the public, mingling with the pilgrims are also visitors from Germany and elsewhere in Europe, camera-toting Japanese tourists and more secularized Poles, who view the presentation mainly as an historical re-enactment. Pol-Ams can also be encountered at the Kalwaria Passion Play.

"I was at Oberammergau in 2000 and last year I saw the Zebrzydowski version here in Poland, so I can compare. It's not just because I'm Polish, but the Polish version made a bigger impression on me. At times it almost felt like I was back in the Holy Land of Jesus' time," remarked a New Jersey Pol-Am, Anne Wiśniewski.

Kalwaria Zebrzydowska is the home of Poland's best-known but by no means the only Paschal Pageant. Such religious re-enactments take place at a dozen or so sites around the country. Kalwaria Pacławska in the country's extreme southeast corner (Przemyśl area) also goes back to the 1600s. But, in addition to those with longstanding traditions, new sites have been emerging such as the Poznań Citadel. Launched in 1998, it claims to be "the world's largest Passion Play" featuring Roman soldiers on horseback and other authentic features. In 2010, Góra Kalwaria near Warsaw resurrected its Passion Pageant following a 200-year break.

**Poland and Polonia's Best-Known Easter Custom
Święcenie pokarmów – Easter Food Blessing**

The breaking and sharing of opłatek on Christmas Eve and the Holy Saturday food-blessing custom are Poland's and Polonia's two best-known holiday practices. Both are observed by some 95 percent of all families in Poland and a great many in the Polish American community. Over the generations they have grown into national heritage rituals. Since these are warm, symbolic and generally appealing customs, they have also caught on with many people of non-Polish ancestry who have been exposed to them.

In the Poland of yesteryear, priests would perform the blessing in the homes of leading parishioners where a special święconka table was set up. Peasant women would gather outside with their baskets, where the priest would sprinkle them with holy water on his way out. In hamlets, without their own church, a priest would be driven in to perform the blessing beneath a crossroads cross or other wayside shrine.

Nowadays, Easter baskets are usually taken to church for the blessing, but the actual scenario may vary. Long tables may be set up inside or outside of churches (depending on the weather), and priests come out every 15 to 20 minutes to perform the ritual. In some churches, the baskets are brought up to the communion rail or placed in the aisle next to the pews or kept in the pews, but its cloth covering is always removed for the blessing.

**How to Prepare Your Easter Basket for
the Holy Saturday Blessing****What goes into the święconka?**

When preparing your Easter basket for the Holy Saturday food blessing, it is first lined with a linen or lace napkin whose ends should extend beyond the basket's rim, so the Easter food can be covered while the basket is being carried to and from church. The napkin symbolizes the shroud in which Jesus' body was wrapped. Into the napkin-lined basket are placed:

Eggs, colored or plain (jaja, pisanki): Plain or colored hard-boiled eggs of one type or another are an absolute "must". The egg symbolizes new life, and the way a chick pecks its way out of the shell is a metaphor for Christ emerging from His tomb to bring us the promise of eternal life.

Bread (chleb): This is "our daily bread", "the staff of life" and "the bread of life" - a metaphor for the redemptive grace that Christ has upon mankind. Small round loaves of bread, whose tops are marked with a cross, are specially baked to fit Easter baskets, but a slice of rye bread will also do.

Meat & sausage (mięso, wędliny): A piece of kielbasa, a slice of ham or roasted meat are usually included. All meats are symbolic of the Paschal lamb or Christ resurrected, His victory over death and His promise of eternal life.

Horseradish (chrzan): Plain, grated, prepared horseradish, as well as the popular beet-horseradish relish known as ćwikła symbolize one of the bitter herbs of the Passover which foretold the suffering of Christ on the Cross. It is also symbolic of life, in which one must accept the bitter with the sweet.

Vinegar (ocet): A small cruet of vinegar symbolizes the sour wine (our English word "vinegar" comes from the French *vin aigre* = sour wine) which Jesus was given on a sponge to drink while hanging on the cross.

Salt (sól): Salt in a salt-cellar, salt-shaker or a small paper cone containing a symbolic portion (1 tsp. or so) retards spoilage, improves the taste of food and symbolizes that which preserves us from corruption and adds zest to daily life.

Pepper (pieprz): Pepper in a pepper pot, pepper-shaker or a small paper cone containing a symbolic portion (1 tsp. or so) is another seasoning that adds zest and preserves food. Like horseradish, it was one of the bitter herbs of the Passover.

Easter cakes (babka, mazurek, placek, chałka, sernik): Babka (a whole small babka or just a slice) together with servings of other traditional Easter cakes are among the typical contents of the traditional Polish Easter basket. Following the 40-day period of Lenten self-denial and mortification, cakes and confections, symbolizing the sweetness of eternal life, can now be freely enjoyed in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Wine and other spirits (wino i inne trunki): Some but not all Poles include a small decanter or cruet of wine or other spirits in their Easter basket. Its judicious use was sanctioned by Jesus at the Wedding Feast at Cana, and wine was raised to the altar at the Last Supper where Christ originated the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass.

Easter Lamb (baranek wielkanocny): Although this is the prime Easter symbol, it is added to the basket last so it can guard over the remaining ingredients and be clearly visible during the blessing. The lamb is usually made of butter or sugar (rock candy), but can also be of dough, wood, plaster, fleece or even plastic. It usually yields a red banner of Resurrection emblazoned with a gold cross.

Boxwood twigs (bukszpan): Boxwood, an evergreen shrub with tiny green leaves, is used to decorate Easter baskets. Cranberry leaves are used for the same purpose. Some add a few pussywillow twigs. The main idea is to decorate the basket with a few colorful live plants.

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Z dniem 1 marca 2017 r., Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce przyjmuje elektroniczne przekazy pieniężne (ACH/EFT), karty kredytowe i debetowe jako płatności internetowe za pośrednictwem strony ZPRKA na www.prcua.org/payonline poprzez w pełni zgodnym z normami bezpieczeństwa wydanymi przez PCI i certyfikowanym przez PA-DSS bezpiecznym przejściem internetowym. Można dokonywać płatności do ZPRKA w trybie online za pomocą Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express i innych kart płatniczych.

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- Rejestracje i opłaty za udział w turniejach krajowych i innych wydarzeniach
- Donacje charytatywne na nasz Fundusz Edukacyjny

Następujących płatności **nie można** dokonać przez internet:

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Przy dokonywaniu wpłat, prosimy podać jak najwięcej informacji, jak to możliwe o danej płatności (takie jak numer certyfikatu ubezpieczenia na życie lub opis wydarzenia, za który następuje opłata) dzięki czemu możemy prawidłowo dokonać płatności. Po zakończeniu transakcji, potwierdzenie płatności zostanie wysłane na podany adres emailowy.

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Aby uzyskać więcej informacji na temat tej wygodnej nowej opcji płatności, prosimy odwiedzić naszą stronę internetową pod adresem www.prcua.org/payonline.

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Termin nadsyłania podań na stypendia ZPRKA upływa 1 czerwca 2017

(pod uwagę będzie brana data stępla pocztowego). Wraz z wypełnionym podaniem należy dostarczyć wszystkie wymagane odpisy, średnią ocen, i transkrypcje szkolne, GPA wyniki i inne wymagane dokumenty.

Zapisz daty - Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA

28-30 kwietnia - Turniej kręglarski, Livonia, MI

22 lipca - Turniej golfowy - Romulus, MI

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



OSTATKI I WIELKI POST W BIURZE ZPRKA

Chicago, IL - Pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA obchodzili we wtorek, 28 lutego Ostatki i „łusty wtorek” delekując się znakomitymi polskim pączkami, zakupionymi dzięki uprzejmości zarządu ZPRKA.

Następnego dnia, 1 marca, przypadał Popielec. Z tej okazji przyjechał do biura ZPRKA ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, dyrektor Misji Świętej Trójcy w Chicago, który przygotował dla pracowników ZPRKA i PMA krótkie nabożeństwo. Lektorami w czasie uroczystości, która odbyła się w Wielkiej Sali MPA byli: Mary Jane Robles (w jęz. angielskim) i Mateusz Bomba (w jęz. polskim). Na zakończenie, ks. Totzke pobłogosławił popiół otrzymany przez spalone ubiegłorocznych palm, a następnie znaczył nim znaki krzyża na głowach pracowników, przypominając wszystkim, że Środa Popielcowa wyznacza początek okresu 40-dniowego postu i czas duchowego przygotowania do Zmartwychwstania Chrystusa.

Tuż przed południem w poniedziałek, 20 marca, pracownicy zebrały się ponownie w Wielkiej Sali MPA, aby wspólnie odprawić Drogi krzyżową. Modlitwę i medytację ostatniego dnia życia Chrystusa prowadził ks. Wojciech Baryski, SChr. z Misji Trójcy Świętej w Chicago przed historycznymi stacjami Drogi krzyżowej, które są jedną ze stałych ekspozycji w MPA. Stacje pochodzą z Kościoła Niepokalanego Poczęcia w Panna Maria, TX - pierwszej polskiej parafii w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Do Chicago zostały one przywiezione przez ks. Leopolda Moczygembę (1824-1891), jednego z założycieli ZPRKA.

Po nabożeństwie wszyscy zostali zaproszeni na stołówkę ZPRKA na tradycyjny bezmienny posiłek, obchodzony corocznie w biurze z okazji Dnia św. Józefa. Obowiązki gospodarzy pełnili wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski i sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski. Modlitwę przed posiłkiem odmówił ks. Baryski, który złożył również imieninowe życzenia wszystkim Józefom i Józefinom, w tym prezesowi ZPRKA, Józefowi Drobotowi, który niestety był tego dnia nieobecny.

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Program na rzecz wzrostu ZPRKA

1 czerwca 2016 - 31 maja 2017

**Pomóż ZPRKA wzrosnąć!
Wygraj nagrody dla siebie i swojego Towarzystwa!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Adres: _____

Miasto: _____ Stan: _____ Kod poczt.: _____ Nr. _____

tel: _____ E-mail: _____ Pleć: _____

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

Nazwisko polecającego: _____

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

Wybrany agent ubezpieczeniowy: _____

Prześlij na adres: PRCUA, Goal for Growth Program, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101; **email:** life@prcua.org



Doroczna Msza Święta ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa

**niedziela, 4 czerwca 2017
godz. 11:00**

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Dystrykt #9 zaprasza na
Doroczną Święconkę ZPRKA

Niedziela, 23 kwietnia 2017

Casa Maria

(South Hall)

500 Northgate Drive, Dyer, IN

Rozpoczęcie o godz. 12:00

Lunch o godz. 13:00

Dorośli - \$30

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80. Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA



80. Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA odbędzie się w dniach 28-30 kwietnia w WESTLAND BOWL, 5940 Wayne Road, Westland, MI, tel. (734) 722-7570, www.westlandbowl.com. Organizatorem turnieju jest Tow. św. Stanisława #718 ZPRKA z Canton, MI. Każdego dnia będzie grać jedna grupa. Na niedzielę rano nadal zaplanowana jest gra pojedyncza i podwójna rano w niedzielę.

TERMINARZ ROZGRYWEK:

- gra indywidualna / podwójna - piątek, 28 kwietnia - godz. 11:30
- gra zespołowa - sobota, 29 kwietnia - godz. 12:00
(o godz. 11:30 odbędzie się ceremonia otwarcia)
- gra indywidualna / podwójna - niedziela, 30 kwietnia - godz. 9:00

WPISOWE: \$25 od osoby za każdą rogrywkę.

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MSZA ŚW.: Msza odprawiona zostanie o 18:30 w sobotę, 29 kwietnia w hotelu.

CEREMONIA WRĘCZENIA NAGRÓD: Ceremonia wręczenia nagród odbędzie się bezpośrednio po mszy w hotelu, i trwać będzie do godz. 23:00 - darmowe przekąski, desery i piwo beczkowe (koktajle za dodatkową opłatą). Muzyka od 20:00 do 23:00.

Pakiety informacyjne będą dostępne w hotelu i w kręgierni. Dodatkowe informacje zostaną opublikowane w kolejnym wydaniu *Narodu Polskiego* oraz na stronie internetowej www.prcua.org/sports/. Proszę o zapisanie daty w kalendarzu, przesłanie wypełnionych zgłoszeń, dokonanie rezerwacji hotelowych i przygotowanie się na wspaniałą zabawę w czasie turnieju w Detroit! Do zobaczenia!

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Na zielono w czasie Dorocznego obiadu „Corned Beef and Cabbage”

Jak co roku, 12 marca, 2017 r. Dystrykt 7 ZPRKA zorganizował Doroczny obiad „Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner”, po raz pierwszy pod kierownictwem nowego zarządu. Wydarzenie to odbyło się w świetlicy biura ZPRKA w Chicago.

Bez wątpienia, tegoroczny obiad można uznać za bardzo udany. Obiad cieszył się dużym zainteresowaniem czym świadczy liczba uczestników – ponad 90 osób. Była to okazja do spędzenia mięgo dnia w gronie rodziny i dobrych znajomych, porozmawiania o sprawach kulturalnych czy biznesowych, przeszłych i przyszłych planach i wydarzeniach. Pogoda również dopisała tego dnia, co na pewno pomogło dobrym humorom.

Na początku został przedstawiony nowy zarząd Dystryktu 7 ZPRKA w składzie Mateusz Bomba – prezes, Paweł Truchan – wiceprezes, Thomas Tarnowski – sekretarz i Kevin Kucik – skarbnik. Następnie ksiądz kanonik Władysław Ptak pobłogosławił zgromadzonych i przygotowany obiad.

Wyśmienity obiad został przygotowany przez Harrington's Catering & Deli, który najlepiej smakuje właśnie w tym okresie w roku. Po obiedzie odbyło się tradycyjne losowanie tytułów „Lad & Lass”, które wygrali Walter Dynowski i Mary Skowyra. Po koronacji „Lad & Lass” miało miejsce losowanie loterii pieniężnej, losy na którą można było zakupić w ten dzień, jak i w przedsprzedaży. Osoby które zakupiły losy na loterie miały możliwość na podwójną wygraną. Na początku rozlosowane zostały karty upominkowe (gift cards) ufundowane przez wiceprezesa Dystryktu 7 ZPRKA, Pawła Truchana. Dwie karty do Starbucks, każda o wartości \$20, wygrali Colleen Bonkowski i Don Versen, a kartę o wartości \$50 do sklepów Marshalls, T.J. Maxx i HomeGoods wygrała Elizabeth Sadus. Później losy z nazwiskami zwycięzców zostały z powrotem włączone do losowania o główne nagrody pieniężne. I tym sposobem zwycięzczami nagród gotówkowych zostali Eugenia Krzyżański (\$200), Greg Olma (\$100) i Mary Skowyra (\$50).

Zarząd Dystryktu 7 ZPRKA pragnie podziękować wszystkim uczestnikom tego wydarzenia za tak liczne przybycie. Cieszymy się, że w naszym obiedzie wzięło udział wielu dyrektorów krajowych ZPRKA wraz z małżonkami, którzy spędzili pracowy weekend na kwartalnym posiedzeniu zarządu i dyrekcyi ZPRKA. Dziękujemy również osobom pomagającym uświetnić to wydarzenie – Katarzynie Szwedo, Agnieszce Bastrzyk wraz z mężem Danielem, Magdalenie Rozko, Paulinie Partyka, Michałowi Napierala i Robertowi Stankiewicz. Gratulujemy zwycięzcom tytułów „Lad & Lass”, loterii pieniężnych i kart upominkowych. Życzymy wszystkim wspaniałego roku, jednocześnie zapraszając i zachęcając do udziału w naszym dorocznym obiedzie w przyszłym roku.

Mateusz Bomba



Prowadzący program prezes Dystr. #7 Mateusz Bomba



„Lad i Lass” - Walter Dynowski i Mary Skowyra



„Prince Charming i Kopiauszek” - Kacper Kaczmarczyk i Kayla Leonhard



3. Doroczny Piknik Rodzinny ZPRKA i Msza Polowa

Niedziela 25 czerwca 2017 r.

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Dr. Jan Jaworski wziął udział w krakowskich uroczystościach

Dr. Jan Jaworski, przewodniczący Centrum Jana Pawła II, Oddział w Chicago i prezes Tow. #800 ZPRKA, uczestniczył w dniu 21 stycznia 2017 roku w uroczystościach dziękczynienia i pożegnania kard. Stanisława Dziwisza w Krakowie.

Natomiast 28 stycznia, w katedrze wawelskiej dr. Jaworski wziął udział w ingresie nowego pasterza Archidiecezji Krakowskiej, Marka Jędraszewskiego, którego papież Franciszek mianował nowym metropolitą krakowskim.



Dr. Jan Jaworski (p) z abpem Markiem Jędraszewskim

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RODZINNY BAL KARNAWAŁOWY ZESPOŁU POLONIA

W sobotę 11 lutego w sali bankietowej Crystal Palace w Mount Prospect, IL, odbył się Bal karnawałowy dla dzieci i młodzieży z zespołów „Krasnoludki” i „Polonia” ich rodziców, rodzin oraz wszystkich sympatyków dobrej zabawy. Jednym z podstawowych celów imprezy była integracja całej grupy, co bardziej niż cokolwiek innego wpływa na otwartą, rodzinną atmosferę, na wiązanie wzajemnych kontaktów i na pewno jest sposobem na



wzmacnianie więzi w zespole, przy zwróceniu uwagi na wartość pracy tancerzy i ich efektywność. Jest to proces obustronny i dotyczy również rodziców i nauczycieli. Zaznaczyć należy, że wszyscy mali i starsi członkowie zespołu lubią aktywność, taniec i śpiew, a ich zaangażowanie, dedykację i wyjątkowość da się wyczuć na każdym występie, w każdym tańcu i w każdej śpiewanej piosenkie. I pomimo, że język angielski jest ich pierwszym językiem, to jednak polskie ludowe piosenki śpiewa im się wspaniale (oj, ta nasza polSZCZyna). Układy choreograficzne tradycyjnych tańców (zaznaczam - lepsze niż

silonia) brzmiały jak wyzwanie do walki, a oryginalne, polskie stroje ważą pewnie więcej niż 20 funtów (w pełnym

słońcu jeszcze więcej), lecz uśmiechnięte buzie i rodzinna atmosfera tworzą niepowtarzalny klimat.

Bal Karnawałowy rozpoczął występ młodzieży z najstarszej grupy „Polonia”, tańczących nowy układ towarzyskiego, do którego tancerze zaprosili swoich rodziców i znajomych. Po części artystycznej i smacznym obiedzie, prowadzący imprezę DJ Mike zaprosił wszystkich do wspólnej zabawy, oferując muzykę w różnych rytmach i językach, dla wygody i uciechy gości małych i dużych.



Tegoroczny bal był ogólnym sukcesem organizacyjnym i zespołowym, bo frekwencja dopisała,



muzyka dobrze grała, repertuar był dogodny i nikt nie wyszedł głodny, a to chyba najważniejsze, że ku naszej uciechy szczęśliwsze wyszły rzesze.

Gości honorowymi byli: z ramienia ZPRKA sekretarz-skarbnik J. Robaczewski i dyr. Dystr. #9 Kevin Kucik, z ramienia KPA-Oddział Illinois prezes R. Poplawski oraz

była prezes Irene Moskal Del Giudice, dyrektor Szkoły Konsularnej Barbara Krason i Bożena Redlińska ze Szkoły Polskiej im. I.J. Paderewskiego.

Zapraszając wszystkich Państwa, którzy z różnych powodów i względów nie mogli bawić się z nami tym razem, na następny bal, pragnę przede wszystkim serdecznie i szczerze podziękować organizatorom za inicjatywę i ogromny wkład pracy. Równocześnie, wszystkim tancerzom dziękuję za ich muzyczny talent, chęci i kawał polskiej historii i tradycji, wszystkim rodzicom za obecność, wytrwałość i poświęcenie, wszystkim gościom za wsparcie i uczestnictwo. Natomiast, największe podziękowania i szczere wyrazy wdzięczności pragnę złożyć Jaclyn Krysiński, która tak sumiennie, wytrwale i cierpliwie przygotowuje wszystkie grupy i czuwa nad całością, stojąc za kulissami wszystkich występów, tańców i piosenek. W imieniu własnym, wszystkich tancerzy, rodziców i wszystkich gości - dziękuję za wspaniałą, wspólną zabawę.

Dorota Romek



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OBCHODY DNIA PUŁASKIEGO W MUZEUM POLSKIM W AMERYCE

Chicago, IL - Przedstawiciele władz krajowych, stanowych, powiatowych i miejskich i duchowieństwa oraz liderzy polonijnych organizacji, wzięli udział w tegorocznych obchodach Dnia Kazimierza Pułaskiego, które odbyły się w poniedziałek, 6 marca w Wielkiej Sali im. Sabiny F. Logisz w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce w Chicago.

Program rozpoczęła dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot, która powitała oficjalnie wszystkich zebranych. Hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych odśpiewała Miroslawa Sojka-Topór przy akompaniamencie pianistki Marty Pasek.

Biskup pomocniczy Archidiecezji chicagowskiej ks. Andrzej P. Wyrych odmówił modlitwę i udzielił zebranym błogosławieństwa. Następnie, historyk MPA Jan Lorys, przedstawił krótką biografię gen. Pułaskiego. Program prowadzili prezes ZPRKA i przewodniczący zarządu MPA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i prezes MPA Richard Owsiany.

Z okolicznościowymi przemówieniami wystąpili: Konsul Generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago Piotr Janicki, gubernator Illinois Bruce Rauner, senator Richard J. Durbin, kongresmanka Janice Schakowsky, kongresman Michael Quigley, sekretarz stanu Illinois Jessie White, skarbnik stanu Illinois Michael Frerichs, poseł stanowy Robert F. Martwick, Jr., rewident stanu Susana Mendoza, sędzia Sądu Apelacyjnego Illinois Aurelia Pucinski, prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej i Związku Narodowego Polskiego Frank, J. Spula, prezes Rady Powiatu Cook Toni Preckwinkle, skarbnik powiatu Cook Maria Pappas, skarbnik miasta Chicago Kurt Summers, Jr., radny Ariel Reboyras, attache ds. obronności w Ambasadzie RP w USA ppłk. Karol Sobczyk, sędzia Sądu Okręgowego powiatu Cook Timothy Evans, sekretarz Sądu Okręgowego powiatu Cook Dorothy Brown i radny miejski Walter Burnett, Jr.

Występujący chwalili talenty gen. Kazimierza Pułaskiego, jako przywódcy wojskowego i genialnego stratega oraz jego bohaterstwo, jakim się wykazał w walce o niepodległość i wolność w Polsce i w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Walcząc za te ideały, Pułaski oddał życie w bitwie pod Savannah.

Innym tematem poruszonym przez przemawiających był apel o włączenie Polski do programu Visa Waiver. Oryginalny projekt ustawy został przedstawiony w Senacie Stanów Zjednoczonych ponad dziesięć lat temu, ale nigdy nie został zatwierdzony i do dziś Polska czeka na włączenie do programu.

Podczas uroczystości Scott Swanson, prezes banku PNC w stanie Illinois przekazał muzeum donację w uznaniu zasług MPA dla społeczności polonijnej w Chicago. Dyrektor MPA, Betty Uzarowicz, poprosiła o wystąpienie na środku sali obecnych na uroczystości dyrektorów polskich



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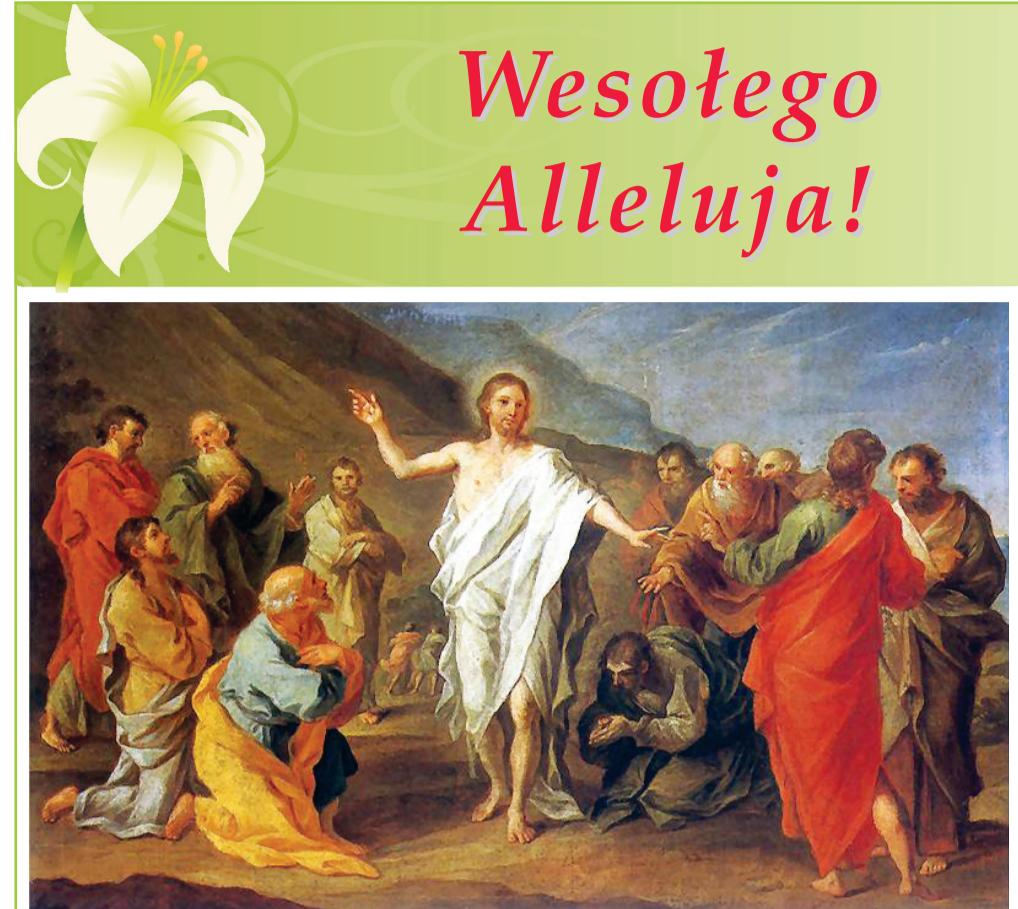
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„Przez ofiarę swojego ciała na krzyżu dopełnił On ofiary Starego Przymierza i oddając się za nasze zbawienie sam stał się Kapłanem, Ołtarzem i Barankiem ofiarnym”.

V Prefacja Wielkanocna

Niech nasze spotkanie ze Zmartwychwstałym Panem będzie naszym zmartwychwstaniem, niech odmienia On nasze życie i przepenią ją miłością. Niech Chrystus stanie się dla nas źródłem nadziei, a nadzieję siłą, aby radosne Alleluja rozbrzmiewało we wszystkich miejscach, do których Jezus nas posyła. Ten, który przeprowadza ze śmierci do życia i rozświetla nasze drogi blaskiem swojej prawdy, niech obudzi w nas to, co jeszcze uśpione, ożywi to, co już martwe, a światło Jego słowa niech prowadzi nas przez codzienność do wieczności.

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szkół sobotnych. Prezes Stowarzyszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce Ewa Koch przekazała muzeum donację zebraną przez uczniów polskich szkół sobotnych z przeznaczeniem na wsparcie przyszłych przedsięwzięć MPA.

Program zakończył się złożeniem wieńca pod obrazem Stanisława Batowskiego pt. Pułaski pod Savannah, przy akompaniamencie trębacza Sławomira Maciejczyka. Modlitwę końcową odmówił ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr., dyrektor Misji Trójcy Świętej w Chicago. Prezes Joseph Drobot zaintonował pieśń patriotyczną „God Bless America”. Goście zostali zaproszeni na poczęstunek i kawę.

