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Zapraszamy
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w jęz. polskim.

Tadeusz Kosciuszko – Hero of Poland and the United States PRCUA CELEBRATES MAY 3rd CONSTITUTION DAY AT CHICAGO'S 126th POLISH PARADE



Chicago, IL - PRCUA V.P. Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and their spouses, along with employees from the Home Office with their families and friends, PRCUA Polish Dance and Language Schools (Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., Polonia Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble, St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language School, Maria Konopnicka Polish School, and St. John Paul II Polish School) 2017 PRCUA Cinderella and Prince Charming (Kayla Leonhard and Kacper Kaczmarczyk) and Runners-Up (Sabina Slubowski and Maksymilian Murawski), and PRCUA members, showed pride in their Polish heritage by marching along Columbus Drive in Chicago, IL in the 126th May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade held on Saturday, May 6, 2017.



PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL

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JUNE

1 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

1 PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP AND PRCUA EDUCATION FUND DEADLINES

1 DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN'S SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING on Thurs., June 1 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Everybody is welcome to attend.

2 DES PLAINES, IL – 37TH PMA SUMMER GALA on Fri., June 2 at Cafe La Cave, Des Plaines, IL. Cocktails at 7:00 p.m.; Dinner at 8:00 p.m.

3 STERLING HTS., MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 YOUTH BOWLING on Sat., June 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 5 Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy., Sterling Hts., MI.

3 GURNEE, IL – POLISH AMERICAN DAY AT SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA on Sat., June 3 at Great America Pkwy., Gurnee, IL.

4 CHICAGO, IL – PRCUA SACRED HEART MASS on Sun., June 4 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Hedwig Catholic Church, 2226 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL. Following the Mass a Luncheon will be served at the PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. (See details to the right.)

11 CHICAGO, IL – POLONIA ENSEMBLE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT on Sun., June 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium. For tickets, call: 847-529-2555 (See details on pg. 5.) For more information go to: www.facebook.com/poloniaensemble.

11 TOLEDO, OH – ECHOES OF POLAND SPRING CONCERT on Sun., June 11 at 3:00 p.m. at Ohio Theatre, 3114 La Grange, Toledo, OH. (See details on pg. 14.)

14 FLAG DAY

18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (United States)

21 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., June 21 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

23 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (POLAND)

23 CHICAGO, IL – WINE AND CANVAS NIGHT AT PRCUA on Fri. June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL.. (See details on pg. 4.)

24 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY #1593 FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC on Sat., June 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park Splash Pad Pavilion, 32400 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI. (See details on pg. 7.)

25 GLENWOOD, IL – 3RD ANNUAL PRCUA FAMILY PICNIC AND OUTDOOR MASS on Sun., June 25 at PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL. Mass at Noon, Picnic until 6:00 p.m. (See details on pg. 3.)

25 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING at 1:00 p.m. at the PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI.

27 CHICAGO, IL – POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD WITH THE WHITE SOX on Tues., June 27 at 7:10 p.m. (See details on pg. 5.)

27 WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., June 27 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog 586-751-8168.

JULY

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

15 WESTLAND, MI – SOC. #718 MEMBERS AND FAMILY PICNIC on Sat., July 15, from noon to 8:00 p.m. at Nankin Mills (Hines Park); the entrance is located south of Ann Arbor Trail at Hines Drive, between Merriman and Wayne Rd., on the west side of Hines Park. All food and beverages are complimentary. Contact Tina & Denny Churchvara for more information at 313-561-7464.

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

22 ROMULUS, MI - NATIONAL PRCUA GOLF TOURNAMENT on Sat., July 22, hosted by Fr. Al's Society at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course in Romulus, MI. (See details on pg. 4.)

PRCUA POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR CONCLUDE

Chicago, IL - The last day of class for the PRCUA Polish language adult students took place on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 for the 2016/2017 school year.



Students of Polish classes for adults at PRCUA with their teacher, Halina Szyrzyna (second from right)

The students and their teacher, Halina Szyrzyna - an accredited Polish language teacher and Principal at John Paul II Polish Language School in Lemont, IL - met each Tuesday since November 8, 2016 for Polish language classes. Two classes were offered: Level 1 and Level 2 (for those who took Level 1 last year). The class is offered for FREE to PRCUA members. Tuition for non-members: \$150 for the semester. Everyone interested can check back in the Fall to register for the 2017/2018 school year! For more information about membership, please contact us: 773-782-2636 or marketing@prcu.org.



The last class ended with a snack



Sacred Heart Mass

Hosted by
PRCUA District #7

Sunday, June 4, 2017

11:00 a.m.

St. Hedwig Catholic Church
2226 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL

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

Adults \$25.00; Children under 10 - \$12.50

For more information call:
Director Kevin Kucik at 773-972-8837



We are excited to announce that PRCUA is now licensed to sell life insurance and annuities in Arizona!

The PRCUA is a Polish American Fraternal Benefit Society that was founded in 1873 to provide Polish immigrants with financial security and brotherly support. Today, we continue this mission by providing whole and term life insurance to protect your family, annuities to ensure your future, and social events to provide you with community. You became a PRCUA member and owner when you, or a family member, purchased a financial product in your name. To learn more about us, check out our website at www.PRCUA.org or follow us on Facebook.

We care about our members and we want to make sure you have the financial security you need. Have you reevaluated your life insurance coverage since the last big life event in your family? Do you have a retirement savings plan in place?

We are excited to be able to offer you better service and continued financial security in Arizona. If you're not sure if your current life insurance coverage is sufficient, or would like to look into a more stable investment vehicle for your retirement savings, please don't hesitate to contact the Home Office at (800) 772-8632.

Interested in forming an Arizona society? Here are the steps to get started!

- Contact Julie Prado at the Home Office at 773-782-2600 ext. 2626 to receive an application
- Complete application and send to the Home Office
- Get a minimum of 11 NEW members- these people can join your society by purchasing life insurance or an annuity

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!

Welcome to
The PRCUA Discount Program!

The PRCUA Discount Program is a one-stop-shop for **exclusive discounts** at some of your favorite national and local merchants!

Icons representing categories: TRAVEL, COMPUTERS, MOVIES, CELL PHONES, FOOD.

- 1 Start by signing up or logging in at prcuaperkspot.com
- 2 Access PerkSpot at work, home, or on the go & browse through thousands of discounts!
- 3 Keep an eye out for new featured discounts in PerkSpot's weekly email.

Hundreds of great merchants like...

Reebok, PERKSPOT AUTO BUYING PROGRAM, Southwest Vacations, AMC THEATRES, DALLA, DIAMONDBACK

and many more!

3rd Annual PRCUA Family Picnic and Outdoor Mass

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Refreshments Hosted by Districts 7, 8 and 9 Music

PACF Grove
18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd.
Glenwood, IL

Complimentary Snacks for Children Games for Kids and More!

Mass at Noon
Picnic until 6 p.m.

For more information, please visit PRCUA.org
or call the Fraternal Department at (773) 782-2601

Bring your own basket or purchase food on-site!

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, toll-free 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2627, or by email roberta-brewster@prcu.org.

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The 2017 PRCUA Golf Tournament will take place at Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Rd, Wayne, MI, on Saturday, July 22, 2017. Joseph Ozog, Chairman, and Fr. Al's Society #1493, are excited to host this event. The Shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT

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

The categories are Ladies, Mens, Mixed and Seniors (62 and over); foursomes can be all male, all female, or mixed. The entry form must be completed and returned to the Home Office by mail or e-mail with the \$50.00 per golfer entry fee by July 7, 2017. If you have any questions, please call the Fraternal Department at 773-782-2601.

Winners will be announced at the banquet following the tournament at Romulus Progressive Club, 11580 Ozga St., Romulus, MI.

LODGING: Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Wickham Rd, Romulus, MI, 734-728-9200. King Suite - \$109, Double Suite - \$119. Make your reservations by July 20, 2017, to get the special rate! Individuals are responsible for making reservations, payment of rooms, taxes & incidentals. Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card or advance deposit.

WELCOME GATHERING: Friday, July 21, 2017, 7:00 pm – Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Wickham Rd, Romulus, MI.

CONTESTS : HOLE IN ONE - LONGEST DRIVE -
CLOSEST TO THE PIN

Mass will be offered at St. Aloysius Church at 11280 Ozga Rd., Romulus, MI on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Check the PRCUA website (prcua.org/sports) for updates.

Join us for the next
PRCUA Wine & Canvas!
Friday, June 23, 2017
at 6:30 p.m.
PRCUA Social Hall
984 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL
Call 773-782-2632
for information and reservations
or purchase tickets through
www.PRCUA.org/payonline Specify Wine & Canvas

Save the date!
63rd National PRCUA Softball Tournament
Friday and Saturday, August 18 - 19, 2017
Halmich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI 48093
Hosted by the Zakopane Dance Troupe of District 10
Chairpersons Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki.
Holiday Inn and Suites, 30000 Van Dyke Warren, MI
Reserve by July 28, 2017 to get the group rate!
Welcome Gathering on Friday from 5:00- 11:00 p.m in
Hotel Hospitality Room; Lunch provided at ballfield.
Awards Banquet after games.
For more information or for tournament entry form, call
Colleen Bonkowski at 586-219-1982
This tournament is for members only. To inquire about membership, please contact the Home Office at (800) 772-8635.

From the Office
of the
Secretary-
Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC



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

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1004	Lottie Wenc	170 E. Queenwood 3, Morton, IL 61550
1611	Robert E. Olejnik	30536 Cantabarry, Roseville, MI 48066
1622	Christine A. Burd	1000 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607


Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
Operating Results
For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2017

	Mar. 31, 2017	Mar. 31, 2016
INCOME:		
Life and Annuity Sales	5,354,720	4,408,642
Investment Income	2,554,028	2,748,227
Other Income	83,924	45,082
TOTAL INCOME	7,992,672	7,201,951
EXPENSES:		
Life and Annuity	6,385,554	5,714,751
General Expenses	1,335,390	1,312,679
Insurance Audit Fees-State of Illinois	120,734	134,825
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,841,678	7,162,255
NET OPERATING INCOME	150,996	39,696
Dividends to Members (deduct)	37,897	25,323
Net Capital Gain (losses)	241,396	0
NET INCOME	128,270	14,373
SURPLUS ACCOUNT		
Beginning Bal-Dec.31, prior year	7,708,653	6,968,524
Net Income (-loss)	128,270	14,373
Change in Reserves	300,834	12,632
Ending Balance as of Statement Date	8,137,757	6,995,529

Items affecting First Quarter results:
Net operating income improved over the same period in 2016;
Dividend payments to members increased;
Surplus account is significantly over the first quarter 2016;
Bond market loss realized in the first quarter 2017.



HAPPY
INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S DAY!







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 order today!



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM:

Fraternal Department
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
(773) 782-2601
fraternal-department@prcu.org



FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WHITESOX.COM/SPECIALEVENTS SG

James R. Thompson Center Hosted the "Polish Past in Chicago 1850-1941" Exhibit

Chicago, IL - Visitors to the James R. Thompson Center had an opportunity to see the "Polish Past in Chicago 1850-1941" traveling exhibition, sponsored by the Polish Museum of America, which was on display at the Center from May 15 until May 19. The opening of the Exhibit was held in the main hall of the Center on Monday, May 15.

Joining the PMA Exhibit at the Thompson Center on May 15th was the Polish Teachers Associations' Exhibit on the "1050 Anniversary of Poland's Birth."

The two Exhibits were formally opened by State of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, who commended American Polonia on their many accomplishments and notable contributions to Illinois and the United States. Short speeches were given by: Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Piotr Janicki, PMA President Richard Owsiany, PRCUA President and the Chairman of the PMA Board Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., "Polish Past in Chicago" Exhibit Curator Julita Siegel, PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot, and President of the Polish Teachers Association in America Ewa Koch. The event was conducted by PMA President, Richard Owsiany.

The "Polish Past in Chicago 1850-1941" Exhibition focuses on the early history of Polish immigrants in the neighborhood known as Chicago's "Polish Downtown." It features photographs of the first settlers and their families, houses, businesses, organizations, parishes, and various forms of cultural and patriotic endeavors. These highlights, drawn from the extensive Polish Museum of America Photography Collection, illuminate the rich history of Poland's emigrés in the "city of big shoulders."



Exhibit Opening at the Thompson Center: (l-r) Ewa Koch, Richard Owsiany, Governor Bruce Rauner, Malgorzata Kot, R.P. Consul General Piotr Janicki, Julita Siegel, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
(Photo: Teresa J. Potasiak)



PRCUA

Memorial Annual Golf Scramble

Saturday, August 26, 2017
10:00 a.m. (Shotgun Start)
Maple Grove Golf Course:
Secor Rd - Lambertville,
Michigan



Detach and Return to Address Below

Division (Please Circle): Men's Division Women's Division Mixed Division
(2men/2women)

COST: \$50 per golfer ☐ golf ☐ Dinner only \$15.00 ☐ Steak or ☐ Chicken

Names of Golfers:
(After your name indicate your choice Steak or Chicken)

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Return completed entry by August 19th
 to: PRCUA/President
 5255 N. Detroit Ave.
 Toledo, Ohio 43612

Questions? Contact: Paul Wulf - 419-351-0929
 Rick Kaz - 419-377-7610
 VikkiJean Mixon - 419-351-2698

POLONIA

Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble

30th Anniversary

Sunday 11th of June at 2pm

Northeastern Illinois University
 3600 West Foster, Chicago, IL.60625

TICKETS \$ 25

info Anna Krysiński (847) 529-2555
poloniaensemble.com
 FB Polonia Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble



All articles for the July issue of *Naród Polski*,
must be submitted by Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

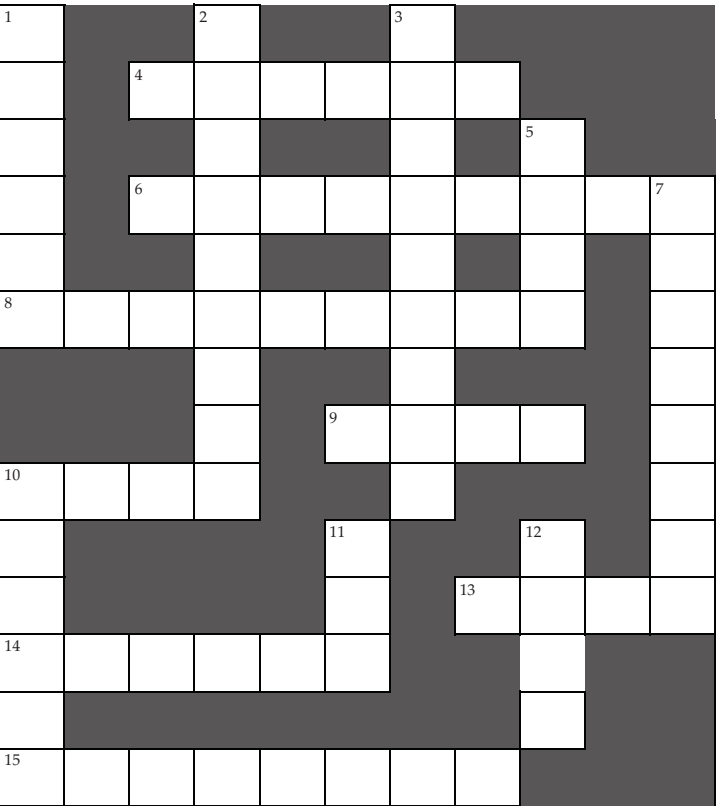


KIDS
ACTIVITY
PAGE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Solve the puzzle dedicated to all the children in the world on International Children’s Day.

Across: 4. One of your parents; 6. A modeling compound used by children for arts and crafts; 8. A yellow vehicle that takes kids to the school and back; 9. A round toy that you kick or throw; 10. Two-wheeler; 13. Summer _____ - a place your parents sign you up to have fun; 14. A stick of colored wax used for coloring; 15. A summer activity in a pool or lake.



Down:
1. Things your parents expect you to help with at home;
2. A miniature toy building girls play with;
3. A plush animal that children like to hug;
5. Mom gives you _____ and kisses;
7. A large plastic ring spun around your hips, for play or exercise.;
10. Lego _____, plastic construction toys;
11. Amusement, joy;
12. A form of play or sport that tests your skills just for fun.

LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter L

Draw a line connecting the correct picture with the word

1. 

LISTEK

2. 


LEW

3. 

LALKA

4. 

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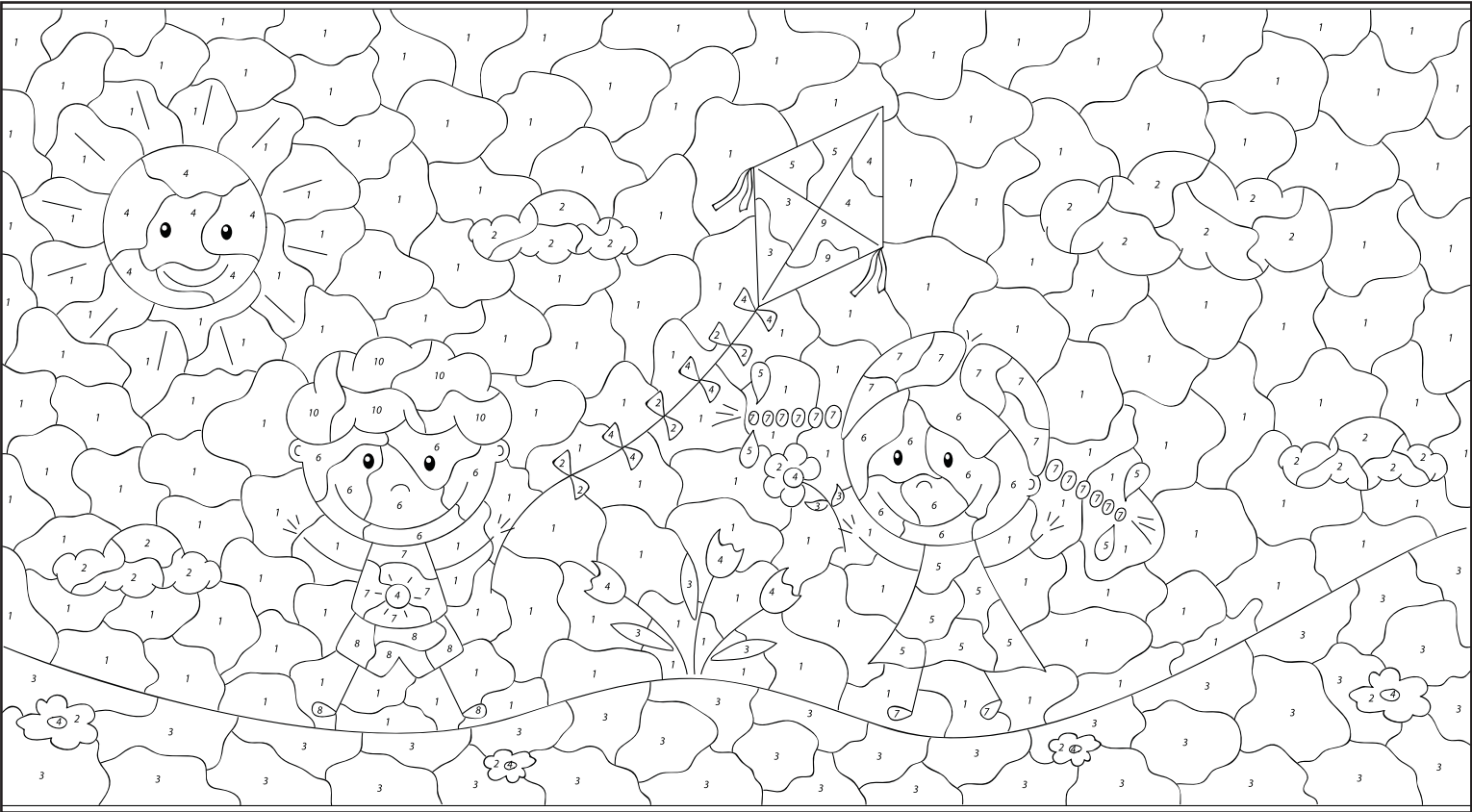
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COLOR BY NUMBER


First, solve the addition problems on the right to find out which color corresponds to each number in the picture. Then, color by number the summer picture below.





2 - 1 = 


5 - 3 = 


2 + 1 = 


2 + 2 = 


2 + 3 = 

4 + 2 = 

8 - 1 = 

10 - 2 = 

12 - 3 = 

14 - 4 = 

Echoes of Poland's Busy Week

Toledo, OH - It has sure been a busy week for the Echoes of Poland Children and Teen Dance Ensembles. On Sunday, April 23, they attended the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass and enjoyed a home cooked Polish dinner at St. Adalbert and St. Hedwig Parishes. The Echoes welcomed dignitaries and performed dances from the regions of Cieszyn and Lublin, as well as the Przepiorniczka, and the Krakowiak. Dignitaries included Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Eighth Bishop of Toledo, Rev. Monte Hoyles, PRCUA National Director of District #5 Tom Jesionowski and others.

On Sat., April 29, at the International Festival held at the University of Toledo, the Echoes' Teen and Children Ensembles performed *Polka Podlaska*, *Polka Spacerowa*, as well as *Krakowiacek Jeden* for an enthusiastic crowd, which included PRCUA National Director of District #5 Tom Jesionowski. The dancers have had a fun and busy week and made a lot of fond memories of the performances and happy experiences.

The Echoes of Poland is under the direction of and choreographed by Paulina Tul Ortyl. She has been the group's only director and choreographer for 50 years! The group will perform at festivals this summer. The Echoes of Poland are looking forward to their 50th Anniversary Concert to be held on Sunday, June 11th at the Ohio Theatre (see pg. 14 for details.)

Submitted by:
Teresa Gibala



Bishop Thomas receiving flowers from dancers Jessica and Alex Zuchowski



Echoes of Poland with Paulina Tul Ortyl and Dir. Tom Jesionowski (left) and Teresa Gibala (far right)



International Festival: Echoes Dancers with Dir. Jesionowski, Paulina, Rob, Christine and Teresa

PMA AND PRCUA HOSTED DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Chicago, IL - The PRCUA and the Polish Museum were honored by the recent visits of several very distinguished guests.

On Saturday, May 6, U.S. Ambassador to Poland Paul Jones came to the Polish Museum of America. He was received and escorted by PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard, PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, PMA President Richard Owsiany and PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot. After a tour of the museum, the Ambassador admired the rare books in the PMA Library. These books are one of the museum's most valuable treasures in its library collection.



Ambassador Paul Jones visit to the PMA and PRCUA

On Monday, May 8, Polish Senator Anna Maria Anders, daughter of Polish WWII General Wladyslaw Anders, made a brief visit to the PRCUA and PMA. While visiting Chicago, Sen. Anders participated in the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day celebrations at the Polish Consulate, the General Anders Memorial Way street sign unveiling ceremony, a program at Maryhill Cemetery, and the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade.



Senator Anna Maria Anders meeting with the PRCUA and PMA representatives

Later the same day, the PMA hosted the elected officials from the Podkarpackie region of Poland.



Guests from Podkarpackie region visiting the PMA Library and Paderewski Room



St. John Paul II Society #1593 Invites you to our

Friends & Family

PICNIC

Enter to win an overnight stay in Frankenmuth!

50/50 Raffle Saturday, June 24, 2017 10am - 3pm

Sales Agents onsite for new member sign-up!

Veterans Memorial Park
Splash Pad Pavilion
32400 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI
RSVP picnic only to Barb Ozog
bwithers03@yahoo.com 586.453.3471

Comhole **HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** Splash Pad
picnic food Kids Activities BYOB (NO GLASS)

\$10/person \$20/team
Contact John Godin john_godin@yahoo.com
586.404.2636 to sign up!






The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ wiceprezes



*"If not for June,
My memories of Winter in December...
With a wish to witness,
The freshness of Spring March would bring...
Would not still remain so vivid.
As if only yesterday visited.
If not for June.*

*If not for June,
My eyesight would not be teased...
By the freedom felt in the Summer,
With hopes that linger of those
things I could do,
Under the clear skies showing
bright Sun.
And seeing the fun shared by everyone,
If not for June.*

*If not for June, I would not be able to reminisce,
From so many experiences I could pick.
June seems the month I can do this.
With a thankfulness I am still in the midst,
Of a year that appears to have just begun.
With so much left to offer before it is done.
And for me this happens only when June comes.*

(Lawrence S. Pertillar)

The poem above shares my feelings about the upcoming month. The warmth of the summer sun opens the door to so many fun outdoor events and activities. What does June mean to you? Does it motivate you to take more walks, bike rides, or just sit under a lovely tree and read a book? I know that it motivates many PRCUA members to host many social events – so join in the fun “the more the merrier.” Please check the Calendar of Events in this Naród Polski to find an event near you.

The month kicks off with International Children’s Day (6/1) – so remember those little (and big) children in your life on their special day. Let’s not forget Flag Day (6/14) and Father’s Day (6/18).

In the Chicago area? There’s the PMA Summer Ball (6/2), Polish American Day at Six Flags Great America (6/3), Sacred Heart Mass hosted by D-7 (6/4), Polonia Ensemble’s 30th Anniversary Concert (6/11), Flag Day at PRCUA Home Office (6/14), D-7, 8, & 9’s PRCUA 3rd Annual Picnic (6/25), and Polish Heritage Night with the White Sox (6/27). In the Toledo area? Don’t forget the 50th Anniversary Concert of Echoes of Poland (6/11) (see pg.14). In Milwaukee? The largest Polish Festival in the U.S. – Polish Fest (6/16-6/18) hosting many outstanding dancers and bands, including PRCUA’s own Wesoly Lud (performing on 6/17 at 3:00 p.m. and at the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDA) Gala Concert at 6:30 p.m.). In Michigan? Check out St. John Paul II Society’s Youth Bowling Event in Sterling Heights (6/3). There’s always something to do when the weather’s right...and when it’s not – improvise! Share with us your favorite events on PRCUA’s Facebook! We want to hear from you.

Now let’s recap the happenings since my last article! April ended with the 80th PRCUA National Bowling Tournament, this year hosted by St. Stan’s Society #718 in Livonia, MI. With Chairmen Jerry and Frank Nasiatka and Bowling Coordinator, Patrick Kosowski, the tournament was in excellent hands and ran smoothly and enjoyably for all in attendance, both bowlers and guests. An article will follow which will detail the tournament’s festivities. Great job to St. Stan’s, the brothers Nasiatka and their Committee! Congrats to the 1st Place Winners: The Godin Girls (Women’s Team); Joe Joe’s Bluechippers and Prime Time (tied for Men’s Team); Valerie Brumm (Women’s All Events and Singles); J. Rys and K. Bondar (Women’s Doubles); Joe Stortz (Men’s All Events); Tim Miller (Men’s Singles); D. Murray and J. Boggis (Men’s Doubles). I



Pink Ladies with Coaches Ted and Sally Klamerus



Winners - Ladies Team - Godin Girls with V.P. M. Jaminski (l) and Bowling Coordinator Patrick Kosowski (r)



Men’s Team Winners Joe Joe’s Bluechippers & Prime Time (tied)

want to thank all of the participants for making this the success it was. A special shout out to the “Pink Ladies” as well as our personal “Bowling Coach” and “Athletic Director” Sally and Ted Klamerus, respectively, for some great laughs!!

That same weekend, President and Mrs. Drobot and husband Richard and I were able to enjoy two recitals in Michigan: Polskie Maki (Maria Jalkiewicz, Director; Kelly (Galanty) Malinowski, Artistic Director/Choreographer; Holly Malinowski, Assistant Instructor) and Rogalin (Michelle Stechschulte, Director; Janet Vilag, Instructor). It was a real treat to see the “Streets of Warsaw” come alive on the stage at the Polskie Maki Recital at Van Dyke Auditorium - Lincoln High School (Warren, MI). What an innovative way to teach the young Polish Americans about the capital of Poland as well as the different Polish national and regional dances. I commend Kelly Malinowski on her creativity incorporating theatrics and story-telling (the legend of the Syrena and introduction to famous Warsawians including: Father Popieluszko, Madame Sklodowska-Curie, and Chopin) through music and dance. We were very impressed with the stars on stage but were unable to stay for the other two acts as we needed to be on our way to the Rogalin Dance Recital at Allen Park High School in Allen Park, MI where we were met with a near capacity audience.



Polskie Maki Recital

This was the last Rogalin Recital for outgoing School Director, Michelle Stechschulte, after 10 years of service and devotion. A new chapter began for Lisa Brandt, the new School Director, whose mother was instrumental in bringing Dance Instructor Janet Vilag onboard many years ago. A different take on Polish folk dancing, we were interested to see a “Kołomyjka” performed as this dance comes from an obscure (until recently) region. A historically popular folk dance among Poles and Ukrainians, it originated in the eastern Galician town of Kolomyia in the Ukraine which for a time was part of Poland (Huculszczyzna). The character and style of music of the “Kołomyjka” is vastly different from that of the “Kołomajki” from the Beskid region of Silesian Poland. It is interesting how dances with similar names and within one country can be so diverse in style and music.

Both Polskie Maki and Rogalin honored their graduates within their Recitals, something common in the PRCUA Michigan Schools where dancers continue until they leave for college. Congratulations to the dancers and staff of both Schools, parents and families, and supporters like



L-r: VP Micheline Jaminski, Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., and School Dir. Michelle Stechschulte



Polskie Maki Recital

Society #162 (President Stan Pasko) which provides Rogalin with its home base.

Meanwhile on Sunday, April 30, Secy.-Treas. James and Elaine Robaczewski, and their sons celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Polish Hall of St. Stanislaus Lodge - PRCUA Society #1004 in Madison, IL. The Celebration began with Holy Mass at St. Mary’s

Catholic Church, followed by breakfast for PRCUA Members at the Polish Hall. A Polka Dance was open to the public in the afternoon. Congratulations to Society #1004 on its Centennial!

The month of Mother Mary, Mothers, Polish Constitution Day, and honoring our veterans and military on Memorial Day was very eventful from start to finish. On May 3, 2017, together with Director of Marketing, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, I attended a meeting with the LOT Polish Airlines Delegation from Warsaw at River



L-r LOT CEO R. Milczarski and VP M. Jaminski

outstanding Poles, Polish Americans, and Friends of Poland. Among them were Joseph

Zurawski – author of *Polish Chicago*, former Editor of *Naród Polski*, and past President of the Polish Museum of America and Csaba Zongor President, Polish Hungarian World Federation and a good “Friend of Poland” (both nominated by PRCUA President Drobot). The May Third Polish Constitution Celebration continued for the next few days with the 53rd Annual Awards Banquet of the Polish American Association of Chicago, IL (May 5); wreath-laying ceremony at the Tadeusz Kosciuszko Monument on Solidarity Drive, flag raising at Daley Plaza, the Chicago Society’s annual Brunch at the Hilton-Chicago, the 126th Polish Constitution Day Parade in which PRCUA Schools and Groups proudly marched (see front page for photos), the annual performance by PRCUA’s POLONIA ENSEMBLE at Chopin Gardens, and a banquet hosted by the Alliance of Polish Clubs to conclude the day’s events (all on May 6). Secy.-Treas. J. Robaczewski and I had to leave the Parade to host the U.S. Ambassador to Poland, Paul W. Jones, at the PRCUA Headquarters where he also toured the Polish Museum of America.

I direct your attention to details and many more photos from these



100th Anniversary of the Polish Hall celebration in Madison, IL

Roast in Chicago. I had the pleasure of meeting the CEO of LOT, Rafał Milczarski and presenting him with an advertisement for LOT Polish Airlines from a few years ago which featured the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Dancers (courtesy of Boeing Employee and Wesoly Lud Alumnus Konrad Habina). Thank you to LOT’s Chicago Sales Manager, Magdalena Pantelis for the invitation and hospitality.

Consul General Piotr Janicki of the Republic of Poland in Chicago hosted a lovely event on May 4 in celebration of the 226th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution of 1791. During the festivities, awards were given to



Pre-Parade Brunch (l-r): Consul Gen. P. Janicki, Senate Deputy Speaker of RP Adam Bielan, Cinderella K. Leonhard, Senator and Minister RP Anna Maria Anders, Prince Charming K. Kaczmarczyk, VP M. Jaminski, Secy.-Treas. J. Robaczewski



Pre Parade Brunch - (l-r): K. Kaczmarczyk and family, His Excellency Bishop Andrew Wypych – Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago Vicariate V; Cinderella K. Leonhard; Runners-up Maks Morawski and Sabina Slubowski; Jeanine Leonhard; VP M. Jaminski; Elizabeth Slubowski



US Ambassador to Poland at PRCUA (l-r): John Russick, James Pula, Dominic Pacyga, Richard Owsiany, Ambassador Paul Jones, Bozena Nowicka McLees, Micheline Jaminski, Malgorzata Kot, James Robaczewski

events throughout this issue of *Naród Polski*.

On Sunday, May 7, Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski represented PRCUA at the annual Mass in celebration of the May Third Polish Constitution at Holy Trinity Parish and I attended the 32nd Annual Spring Recital of PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (Anna Kraszewski, Manager; Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director/Choreographer; Camilla Steczek, Michael Dziadkowiec, Kasia Bialas, Renee Kroplewski, Ola Herdzik, Instructors) at Mother McAuley High School, Chicago.

Wondering where PRCUA President was during this weekend? He and Mrs. Drobot attended the college graduation of grandson, Maximillian David Sznewajs, from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. Congratulations, Max, and to all college graduates everywhere!

Anna Maria Anders, a Senator, Secretary of State, and Plenipotentiary for International Dialogue for the Republic of Poland, visited the PRCUA Home Office on Monday, May 8. Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski showed her the boardroom and then PMA Director Malgorzata Kot gave her a tour of the Paderewski Room and Museum.

On Saturday, May 13 the Maria Konopnicka Polish School (Stanislaw Skubisz, School Director; Marzena Szczechowicz, School Board President) held its 8th grade and high school graduation Mass at Our Lady Mother of the Church in Willow Springs, IL. A luncheon followed at Camelot Banquets in Hickory Hills. In attendance representing PRCUA were President and Mrs. Drobot and Richard and I. During the Mass, Pres. Drobot spoke to the students in both Polish and English.



Maria Konopnicka Polish School Graduation Mass

John Paul II Polish School (Halina Szyrzyna, School Director) held its 8th grade and high school graduation Mass on Sunday, May 14 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church with a banquet at Crystal Grand Banquets in Lemont, IL. President and Mrs. Drobot attended both at which President Drobot gave a very inspirational speech in both Polish and English.

Beginning May 15, the PMA traveling exhibit “Polish Past in Chicago” opened at the Thompson Center in Chicago. Gov. Rauner attended the opening as did General Consul RP Janicki and PRCUA President Drobot among others. The Polish Teachers Association also opened their exhibit “1050 years of Poland’s Birth.”



College Graduate Charles Joseph Sznewajs with grandparents PRCUA President and Mrs. Drobot

On May 17, President and Mrs. Drobot traveled to Michigan, where another grandson, Charley Sznewajs, graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. Proud grandparents indeed! Congratulations, Charley, and to all high school graduates everywhere!

The Polish Consul General, Piotr Janicki and Turkish Consul, Umut Acar, visited the PRCUA on May 17. During their visit, Idil Biret, a famed Turkish pianist renowned for her interpretations of the Romantic repertoire, played a beautiful piece on the Paderewski piano.

Two events took place on Saturday, May 20 – the end of the School Year Mass and Program of John Paul II Polish School (Halina Szyrzyna, School Director; and its Polanie Dancers as well as the St. Raphael Kalinowski High School Graduation Mass and End-of-Year-Program (Malgorzata Czachor, School Director; Margaret Blachut, School Board President).

On Sunday, May 21 the Polish Language Schools Graduation Mass took place at St. Hyacinth. This event was organized by the Polish Teachers Association. Congratulations to all the participants of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Some of the Officers and Managers attended the American Fraternal Alliance Symposium on May 23-25. Updating our knowledge of the life insurance and annuity industries prepares us to make sure we can offer the best products and service possible.

Not busy enough, the PRCUA hosted its second Wine & Canvas on May 24. This will become a regular event at the Home Office. Our next Wine & Canvas evening will take place on Friday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. If you are in the area, you should join us for this lovely event! Release your inner artist with the PRCUA!

May has been an extremely busy month filled with milestones and achievements. Congratulations to all graduates on completing your level of education. We are extremely proud of you. Congratulations to all the dance groups who had recitals and concerts in May to finish out the year. As May draws to a close, I hope your Memorial Day celebrated the heroes in your lives! Prayers to the family of Alice Robaczewski and to all who are in need of comfort.

By the next issue of the *Naród Polski*, my daughter Niki and her husband Michael will welcome a new baby into the family and another member for PRCUA. In the meantime, our family will celebrate Niki’s ruby birthday! See you soon!

Sto Lat* Polish Hall

By Henry Mulnik & Beverly Bargiel



Digging Polish Hall's lower level, 1936

Madison, IL - On April 30, 2017, Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Society #1004) in Madison, Illinois, celebrated its 100th Anniversary starting with a Mass officiated by Rev. Paul Bonk at St. Mary's Church (Our Lady of Czestochowa).



Offertory procession at Mass

Ken Bonk with a copy of the original 1917 PRCUA ledger documenting the Society's charter members. Tokens of appreciation were presented to Tom Gordon III (Past President) and Tom Gordon Jr. (Past Officer & Manager) for their 20 years of dedicated service. A "Dave Hylla's Good Times Band" Dance Reunion was open to the public in the afternoon. Hundreds of people enjoyed the music, dancing, and Polish cuisine. There has never been a bigger, more enthusiastic crowd.

Also in attendance was Helen Romanic, Polish Hall's oldest living member. Born in 1916, Mrs. Romanic will turn 101 this summer! The highlight of the afternoon was a Polish folk dance performance by Zyg Mulnik and Natalie Ruesing. Both are former Polish Hall Dancers who now dance professionally.

The Merchants Bridge was completed in 1890 which opened the door for industry on the Illinois side of the Mississippi. Subsequently, the American Car & Foundry



L-r: Jerry Annis is thanked by past Officer Tom Gordon II for the role his family played in the history of the Polish Hall



Henry Mulnik (l) thanks Tom Gordon III for 20 years service as President

Company, Madison, IL, was constructed in 1891. The "Car Shop" as it was called, built wooden box cars for the railroad. This industry lured Polish immigrants who came to this country looking for a better way of life.

As the number of Polish immigrants grew in Madison, they gathered together to socialize and worship. In 1912 this

Polish community convinced, at that time, the Alton Diocese to build Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church. This same community started a Polish social organization in 1917 - Polish Hall. That same year Polish Hall joined the PRCUA and became St. Stanislaus Society #1004. It originally owned the building that later became Miller's Provisions, on the corner of Highland and Edwardsville Roads.

In 1935 the community outgrew the old building and bought the Annis Family Hall & Tavern - its current location. The building was expanded in 1936-37. Founding members used picks and shovels to excavate the downstairs dining room and bar. A team of mules was used to haul away the dirt. Volunteers again updated Polish Hall in 1968 with a mansard roof and the dance hall was air conditioned. In 1976, a \$70,000 expansion was completed. The hall and tavern were enlarged and the bar was refurbished and moved to the opposite wall.

For 100 years Polish Hall has been the site of hundreds of weddings, showers, reunions, (continued on pg. 14)



Head table



Good Times Band - Vince Musielak (drums), Dave Bohnenstiehl (trumpet), Dave Hylla (accordion)



Vice President Judy Kult and husband Bob



Former Officer-Volunteer Bob Pare and wife Mary Ann



Helen Romanic - our oldest member - born in 1916, she will turn 101 this summer



Amelia sings with her father, the popular musician Dave Hylla



Line dancing - a Polish Hall favorite



Some of the Society's former Dance School students and teachers

Gwiazda Dancers' Spring Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - One might think that, with their annual Spring Recital behind them, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers would take some time off, but that's not been the case. With a full schedule of spring and summer performances, it's been hard to keep these dancers off the dance floor.

Detroit sports fans had some momentous good-byes during the month of April. On April 9, 2017 Red Wings fans and players said farewell to Joe Louis Arena as the Red Wings played their final game there.

On April 10, 2017, Pistons fans and players said good bye to the Palace of Auburn Hills as they played their final home game of the 2016-2017 season.

Though it didn't receive quite the same amount of media attention, April 10, 2017 was also Polish Heritage Night at the Palace of Auburn Hills. This year, as part of the Palace's celebrations of Polish heritage, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers were invited to perform. Gwiazda performed a group polka as part of the pre-game festivities on the court of the Palace. If you weren't close enough to the court to see, you could simply look up to see images of dancers whirling about on the Palace's jumbotron.

After dancing, members of Gwiazda stayed at the Palace to take in the rest of the game, which saw the return of many former Pistons' players as the team celebrated its championship legacy at the Palace.

The Pistons have celebrated a Polish Heritage Night for the past several years. The event occurs when the Pistons play the Washington Wizards (who feature Polish-born player, Marcin Gortat, on their roster) at home. This year the Wizards beat the Pistons 105-101 to close out their season – and their tenure at the Palace.

On Thursday, April 20, 2017, the Gwiazda Dancers were invited to perform at Fitzgerald High School in Warren, Michigan, as part of the school's cultural night. Gwiazda turned in a high energy performance for an enthusiastic crowd as it presented its interpretation of the Helena Polka.

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Gwiazda Dancers performed at Lourdes Senior Community in Waterford, Michigan. For its performance, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak, Suites from Lublin and Kaszuby, and the Helena Polka. The residents at the Center were very interested in watching the performance, as well as learning about each of the regions presented, and the unique elements of those regions' folk dress.

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, the Gwiazda Dancers performed at St. Florian Parish's annual Strawberry Festival in Hamtramck, Michigan. The Strawberry Festival is a

l o n g - s t a n d i n g performance for the Ensemble – going back many years. The Gwiazda Dancers presented t h e i r Krakowiak, dances from L u b l i n , Lasowiak, the Helena Polka, and their Suite of dances from Beskid Zywiecki.

The Gwiazda Dancers have a schedule packed full of summer performances and activities. Their next performance took place on May 19, 2017 at the Comerica Park in Detroit, Michigan, as part of the Detroit Tigers' annual Polish Heritage Night.



Gwiazda Dancers with residents at the Lourdes Center



Gwiazda Dancers performing at Lourdes



Gwiazda Dancers perform at St. Florian Parish's Strawberry Festival

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY BY ST. R. KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL

The 126th Chicago Polish Parade celebrated the May 3rd Polish Constitution of 1791 in honor of the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world, after the United States Constitution. The parade motto was: "Tadeusz Kosciuszko - Hero of Poland and the United States."

The PRCUA Saint Raphael Kalinowski Polish Language School from Munster, Indiana, celebrated Polish Constitution Day by participating in the Polish Constitution Day Parade. Students, their parents, teachers and even former students - wearing Polish colors and emblems - proudly marched down Columbus Drive in the heart of Chicago. The School's Dance Group "Mala Polska" dressed in Krakow folk costumes and presented the "Gaik" and the "Easter Rooster" traditions.

Two students of St. R. Kalinowski Polish School were awarded with 1st and 3rd place prizes in the Polish Constitution Day Art Contest organized by the Polish Constitution Day Committee and St. Blase Polish Catholic School, coordinated by Malgorzata Tys, St. Blase School Principal. Evelyn Matson (5th grader) and Natalia Orban (6th grader) were awarded with a monetary certificate, book - "Polska jest naj..." and a bag full of goodies (t-shirt, backpack, frisbee, sweets, etc.) during the Polish Constitution Day Dance & Dinner held at the Jolly Inn in Chicago.

This event brought a day full of emotions to a close with a wonderful meal. The dinner was attended by the Polish Consul General Piotr Janicki, Parade Grand Marshal Hon. Diann K. Marsalek, Parade Vice Marshal Bozyslaw Anderson, His Excellency Bishop Andrew Wypych, and Alderman - Ariel Reboyras. The Parade Queen Julia Szumny, 1st Runner Up Kasia Kolanko, and 2nd Runner Up Alicja Kwiatkowska graced the dinner with their presence. The Dance Group "Wawel" provided delightful entertainment for all.

As proud Polish Americans, the school is looking forward to next year's festivities!

Submitted by:
Bozena Matson



St. R. Kalinowski Polish School alumni attending parade (back l-r): Kevin Matson, Gabi Potrawski, Darek Wilkowski, Mateusz Julecki; (front l-r): Laurain Matson, Emily Matson



Polish Constitution Day Art Contest award recipients from St. R. Kalinowski School Natalia Orban (l) and Evelyn Matson (r) at the Polish Constitution Day Dinner & Dance at Jolly Inn



Malgorzata Tys, Principal of St. Blase Polish School and Contest Coordinator, with award recipients



Parade participants from St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School

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

PRCUA SHINES IN NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America truly took its place among prominent Polish organizations this spring in Northeastern Ohio by participating in a number of events.

Kurentovanje



PIAST dancers with Kurent

February 25 – PIAST Folk Song and Dance Ensemble (PIAST) participated in the Slovenian, distinctive pre-lent event called Kurentovanje. The name comes from the Festival's central figure, the Kurent, who in earlier times was believed to have the power to chase away winter and usher in spring. During this extravagant Festival, Kurent, the god of unrestrained pleasure and hedonism, comes to life. Groups of Kurents (kurenti) dress in sheepskins with cowbells hanging from their belts. They wear furry caps decorated with horns, streamers, feathers and sticks. PIAST proudly marched in the Kurentovanje parade and danced at the Festival.



Senator Rob Portman at the Round Table Meeting

After the Kurentovanje Festival, District #5 Director Mitchell Bienia, and his guest Tomasz Kaski, met with Ohio Senator Rob Portman as well as representatives of other Central European nations. Senator Portman gave an update on his race for U.S. Senate, as well as current topics of interest to Central Europe. Senator Rob Portman also asked for concerns from the Round Table members present. Interference from Russia was a topic of keen interest.

Meet the New Consul General



Consul General Maciej Golubiewski at the meeting with Ohio Polonia

March 16 – The new Consul General for the Republic of Poland in New York, Maciej Golubiewski, was introduced to Polonia of greater Cleveland, with a presentation and reception in Cleveland. PRCUA District #5 Director Mitchell Bienia had the opportunity to greet the Consul General, welcome him to Cleveland, and extend greetings from the PRCUA.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8 – PIAST entertained a large audience at the Ester Egg Hunt at the Czech Garden in Cleveland's Cultural Gardens at Rockefeller Park. The "Chicken and Egg Dance" was a true hit with the crowd, as boys with large red rooster's combs on their heads, and girls dressed as human-size Easter eggs hopped, scratched, and danced across the stage. Then children rushed among the flowers and plants in the garden to find hidden Easter eggs. The Easter Bunny was present for photos. All enjoyed hot chocolate afterwards. Director Mitchell Bienia also represented PRCUA at this event.



PIAST Dancers with the Easter Bunny - boys dressed as roosters and girls dressed as Easter eggs



Dance performance in Slavic Village

Slavic Village Parade

On April 30 – PRCUA was well represented at the Cleveland Slavic Village Polish Constitution Day parade through Slavic Village. PIAST danced past the podium, while children from Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School marched past the reviewing stand. Director Mitchell Bienia and PRCUA member Dennis Yurosko carried the PRCUA banner in the parade.

PAC Polish Constitution Parade

May 7 – PRCUA again was represented in the Polish American Congress Constitution of May 3rd events in Parma, Ohio. After three days of heavy clouds, cold winds, and frequent rain, parade day turned out to be bright, clear and sunny, but on the cool side. However, by the time the after-parade party started, the temperature was perfect. For the sixth year, the PAC has held the official May 3rd activities in Parma, and the event grows each year.

Polish Happy Hour

The weekend started on Friday, May 5, with a Polish Happy Hour

at Parma Cafe, which provided a break for the volunteers from doing all the preparations for the weekend, and an opportunity for guests to relax in conversation with longtime friends and new friends alike.

Polonia Ball

Saturday's program was highlighted by the Polonia Ball, during which Nicole Koscielski (PRCUA Society #2220) was crowned Miss Polonia 2017, and Grace Morris was crowned Junior Miss Polonia 2017. Congratulations!

Wreath-Laying and Mass

Sunday's schedule began with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Pulaski Cannon in downtown Cleveland, on the grounds of the Cleveland City Hall. Next was the Polish Constitution Day Mass at St. Charles Church in Parma, Ohio. Director Bienia was chair of the Mass Committee.

Kaptur is Grand Marshal

Following Mass was a huge parade, which stopped traffic on Ridge Road, one of the main thoroughfares in Parma. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was the Grand Marshal of this year's parade. Besides PIAST and Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School marching, the PRCUA banner was carried by Dennis Yurosko and Tim, while the newly appointed PRCUA Fraternal Field Organizer, Ruth Reble, enthusiastically waved and greeted the crowd. Both Directors from District #5, Tom Jesionowski and Mitchell Bienia, marched behind the PRCUA banner.

After-Parade Party

When the parade concluded, the party began, with thousands of guests enjoying Polkas, *piwo* and pierogi, plus many other dishes. St. Casimir Kitchen was the principal vendor for Polish food, but other suppliers were also present selling pizza, pop, and pretzels. After months of preparation, all volunteers can take a well-deserved sigh of relief, with a great sense of accomplishment for a job well done.

End-of-Year Program

May 19 – The End-of-Year program for Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School took place at the Polish School in Brook Park, Ohio. Principal Ewa Wiechec, teachers Agnieszka Kotlarsic, Andrzej Gutowski, Grazyna Siwik, Malgorzata Kaski and parent/administrative representative, Mirka Suhak, thanked parents for supporting the Polish School throughout the year. Teachers bid a fond farewell to parents and pupils alike, with the hope of meeting again for the fall session of Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School in September.

Juventus

May 20 – Gustav and Amelia Kotlarsic (both members of PRCUA Society #2220) represented Polonia in the 3rd Folk Dance Festival "Juventus" on the 100th Anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian statehood. Juventus is a festival to celebrate the incredible Lithuanian youth, and to honor Lithuanian culture. Well over 100 Lithuanian performers from Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Chicago, Illinois; Lemont, Illinois; and Cleveland, Ohio thrilled the audience with many traditional Lithuanian folk dances. Gustav and Amelia congratulated Lithuania on its 100th anniversary, on behalf of the entire Polonia of Greater Cleveland.

By Mitchell Bienia, Director, District 5
 Photos: Tomasz Kaski and Angieszka Kotlarsic



M. Bienia and D. Yurosko marching in the Slavic Village Parade



Students from the H. Sienkiewicz Polish School at the May 3rd Celebration in Parma, OH



Performance in Parma, OH



Back row (l-r) Lithuanian organizer, Dir Mitchell Bienia, Dr. Viktoras Stankus, Ingrida Bublys, Lithuanian Honorary Consul; front row: dancers Amelia and Gustav Kotlarsic



Back row (l-r): Agnieszka Kotlarsic - choreographer of PRCUA PIAST Folk Dance and Song Ensemble, Dist. #5 Director Mitchell Bienia, Dr. Viktoras Stankus; (front) PIAST dancers



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Andrusyshyn, Jean	2026	VA	Lenczewski, Mary	2248	OH
Bass, Ann M	1598	IL	Liefer, David	2227	MI
Bastek, Freida	802	NJ	Lipiec, Stanley	709	OH
Beseda, Vincent A.	3	PA	Lojas, Frank	1206	IL
Bist, Conrad	718	MI	Lorek, Laura	1000	IL
Blazynski, Thomas F.	750	NY	Lorkowski, Andrea	450	MO
Bobola, Blanche	784	OH	Lucas, Esther	509	IL
Brodniewicz, Frank	893	MN	Luczkowski, Irene	2159	OH
Buczowski, Wanda	2220	OH	Maj, Irene	317	IL
Burdzinski, Walter	308	CO	Manser, Maxine	1118	MI
Casey, Karen M.	2144	OH	Migdacz, Sophie	2109	OH
Chantres, Stella	87	MI	Miller, Dolores	2022	PA
Chmielewski, Janina	2109	OH	Moken, Frances	517	NJ
Chojnowski, Thomas E.	162	MI	Mrozowski, Camille	2227	MI
Cichonski, Stephen	433	MA	Nowicki, Frances	2003	PA
Cymmerman, Duane	855	PA	O'Hern, Carol M.	1621	IL
Czerwinski, Mieczyslaw	2320	IL	Peters, Paul P. Jr.	261	MI
Domiter, Gertruda	1032	AZ	Pianka, Raymond L.	2100	OH
Dylewski, Ann M.	240	PA	Pieczynski, Alvin T.	855	PA
Enderson, Eugene	2109	CA	Pietuch, Stanley	997	CT
Głodek, Casimir J.	1368	MI	Podkomorzy, Agnes	2308	WI
Godek, Dominic	540	NY	Puchalski, Richard	2227	MI
Gonciarz, Dennis J.	308	IL	Skrzypek, Sophie C.	213	WV
Gorecki, Arthur	203	NY	Smith, Norman L.	2199	MI
Grendys, Charles	308	AZ	Soboczinski, Florence M.	604	MA
Huber, Thomas E.	2315	WI	Spack, Walter	2308	PA
Hughes, Sandra	1000	IL	Spisz, Richard M.	718	MI
Hurley, Ann	899	MA	Stash, Joann	1000	IL
Jacob, Stanley	693	IN	Stec, Frederick J.	1000	IL
Jaworski, Dorothy H.	2148	OH	Stueber, Irene T.	517	NJ
Kaczmarek, Mary	425	NY	Swiatek, Edmund B.	179	IL
Kajfasz, Daniel	2148	OH	Szeligo, Walter	213	OH
Kepuraitis, Carrie A.	1559	IL	Terry, Florence T.	450	MO
Kiolbasa, Leonard	317	IL	Teslevich, Eileen	2291	PA
Klosiewski, Geraldine	509	IL	Thompson, Geraldine	1593	MI
Kodosky, Frank R.	1472	PA	Tondryk, Alice	308	IL
Kowal, Eugene J.	413	IN	Trnoska, Daniel	291	IL
Kowalski, Edward	880	CO	Walaszek, Lillian	407	MI
Kruse, Bernard	1591	OH	Witkowski, Mathew	712	
Kuchenski, Henry	2248	OH	Wolak, Ann M.	136	CA
Kulbieda, Steven	1486	IL	Wrzosek, Bertha	527	MD
Kurkowski, Gloria	893	MN	Wysocki, Diane	800	IL
Lash, Margaret	2227	MI	Yuhas, Florence	2220	OH
Ledwon, Alicia L.	1594	MI	Zaleski, Antoinette	977	OH
Lenczewski, Edward	1543	IL	Zdanowicz, David A.	1451	OH

May they rest in eternal peace.

Correction

Our sincere apologies to Mrs. Clara Krol, whose name appeared in the Dearly Departed Column in the May issue of the *Narod Polski*. The correct name should have read: Joseph Krol. Soc. 1415, IL.

Quigley Introduces Poland Visa Waiver Act

Chicago, IL - On May 4, 2017, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05), who serves on the Congressional Caucus on Poland, introduced legislation to include Poland in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program (VWP).

“This week, I was proud to introduce the Poland Visa Waiver Act, a simple and straightforward bill that will finally allow Poland to participate in the Visa Waiver Program,” said Rep. Quigley. “Admitting Poland into the VWP will strengthen diplomacy, increase security, and expand economic benefits for the United States and Poland alike. As a Member of the House Intelligence Committee, I routinely benefit from intelligence sharing and Poland’s inclusion in the VWP will only strengthen our vital strategic partnership. Poland’s exclusion from this program has been stalled for far too long, and I am pleased to introduce this legislation that will remedy that absence by guaranteeing equity for our long-standing friends and partners in Poland.”

For the past four Congresses, Rep. Quigley has led efforts to expand the Visa Waiver Program to include Poland and has worked tirelessly to promote Polish-American relations on all fronts. In 2010, he traveled to Poland and attended a conference in Krakow commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Community of Democracies.

Illinois' 5th Congressional District is home to more than 100,000 citizens of Polish ancestry. More than 1 million Poles call Chicago home, making it the highest concentration of Poles of any city outside of Warsaw.

May 3rd Polish Constitution Day
Celebration at the Polish Consulate
in Chicago



Consul Gen. Piotr Janicki and Vice-Consul Konrad Zieliński welcoming guests to the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Program

Chicago, IL - Prominent local leaders, businessmen, representatives of Polish American organizations, educators and the media attended the May 3 Constitution Day Celebration organized by Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Piotr Janicki on Thursday, May 4th, 2017.

The event included honored guests: State of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, Secretary of State in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland Anna Maria Anders and Deputy Speaker of the Republic of Poland Adam Bielan.

Guests were welcomed by Consul General Piotr Janicki and Vice-Consul Konrad Zieliński. The National anthems of Poland and the United States were sung by Aleksander Podowski.



L-r: Deputy Speaker Adam Bielan, Senator Anna Maria Anders, Governor Bruce Rauner, Consul General Piotr Janicki

The Celebration included an award ceremony for Polonia activists. Recipients of the Decorations on behalf of the President of the Republic of Poland were: Jerzy Gnyp and Ryszard Szwed (*Kawalerskie Orderzy Odrodzenia Polski*), activists of the anti-communist opposition in Poland. Ryszard Szwed (*Krzyż Wolności i Solidarności*); Tadeusz Duniecki (*Krzyż Zesłańców Sybiru*). On behalf of the Minister of National Education in Poland, Consul General Janicki presented Polonia teachers Bernarda Redlinska and Helena Sołtys with medals from the National Commission of Education.

Krzysztof Przybył, President of the “Teraz Polska” Foundation presented Outstanding Polish-American (“Wybitny Polak”) statuettes and Friend of Polonia (“Przyjaciel Polonii”) diplomas to representatives of Polonia and the community including P R C U A member, historian, teacher, author of several books and past Editor-in-Chief of *Narod Polski* Joseph Zurawski; race car driver Piotr Fetela; former professional boxer Andrew Golota; Chicago Public School teacher Dr. Łucja Mirowska-Kopeć; International and Corporate Law Attorney Richard Walawender; Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Timothy C. Evans; State of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner; Chicago Alderman Ariel Reboyas and President of the Polish Hungarian World Federation Csaba Zongor.

Program ended with a piano recital by Sławomir Dobrzański.

Photos: Lidia Kowalewicz



L-r: Narod Polski Editor Lidia Kowalewicz, PMA President Richard Owsiany, Honoree Joseph Zurawski, PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski



L-r: PRCUA VP Micheline Jaminski, PRCUA Marketing Dept. Director Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Honoree Csaba Zongor

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.



The Echoes of Poland Spring Concert

Special appearance by
Toledo Polish-American Concert Band

Sunday, June 11, 2017
Ohio Theatre
3114 LaGrange, Toledo, OH

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets:

♦ Adults: \$10.00 ♦ Seniors: \$7.00 ♦ Students: \$3.00 ♦

Under 10 years Free

For ticket information contact Paulina at 419-531-8658



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

(Continued from pg. 10) celebrations, dances, barbecues, fish fries, Christmas parties, and Communion Breakfasts. In the 1940s the young women's Polish Socialite Club met here. In 1968, Polish Hall's softball team won first place in Illinois's very first statewide softball competition. Polish Hall also sponsored bowling leagues in the past and currently it hosts the Polish Hall Pool (billiards) League and monthly St. Louis Metro Polka Club dances.

The Polish Hall Dancing School started in the late 1960s and continued for over thirty years. This dance troupe shared their talent at church picnics, the PRCUA Youth Festival, the SS Admiral, the St. Louis VP Fair, and the Illinois State Fair. They performed for all the Polish Hall events as well as for the Governor of Illinois.

The Good Times Band attracted a large crowd at Polish Hall from 1975 to 1984. They played 400 consecutive Sunday night engagements. At these dances many young singles met their future spouses. Polish Hall was the place to meet a nice young man or a pretty Polish girl.

As a Catholic organization, Polish Hall has supported its members, St. Mary's Church, and Catholic institutions, both financially and spiritually. During prosperous years Polish Hall awarded scholarships to juvenile members attending Catholic schools, and offered the hall to members for funeral luncheons and memorials.

Polish Hall salutes five generations of officers, members, volunteers, and also patrons for keeping the only Polish Hall in Illinois operating as a non-profit organization. Over 100 years, Polish Hall has evolved with the community of Madison, Illinois, and now serves as a gathering place for people of all ethnicities.

* Sto lat (One Hundred Years) is a traditional Polish song that is sung to express good wishes, good health, and long life.

[FaceBook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison](https://www.facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison)

Visit Polish Hall's website -- ststanislauslodge.weebly.com

Higher Perspectives



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

"OF POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE AND THINGS..."

As I write, it is Memorial Day weekend. I hope that all of our readers, in addition to all of the festivities associated with "kicking-off" the summer months, also took time to do what the day is all about: honor the service of those who have and do enable us to enjoy the freedom which we too often take for granted. It is an annual, sober reminder that freedom is anything but free and, especially the younger people of our day and age, sadly, stand in great need of such a reminder.

This time of year also coincides with "graduation season" when educational institutions from elementary schools to high schools to universities hold their annual commencement exercises. Our Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus Elementary School was no exception this past week. (Note: Take a look at those proceedings - and many others associated with our Parish, as well as St. Casimir Church where I am also Pastor - by looking-up Bogdan Pieniak Photography and visiting his website.)

This annual ritual causes me to think back upon the graduation exercises with which I have been involved. Sadly, I don't recall much of what was said at my own graduations from grade school, high school, and college. I do remember being happy that my Pastor at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Garfield Heights, Msgr. Casimir Ciolek, was the one to hand me my diploma as the good Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis, who taught us, looked on approvingly. I remember that the new Ordinary of our Diocese of Cleveland, Bishop Anthony Pilla - filling-in for Abbot Roger who was unable to be present- did the same as I graduated from Benedictine High School. Twenty-two years later, he would ordain me to the priesthood.

Interestingly, while I don't recall too much about my own graduations, I remember things from those I've participated in involving other people. One speech in particular stands out and I have often used its core message in many ways ever since. It is one where the commencement speaker quoted a graduation address from President Ronald Reagan. The operative line went something like this...*The true purpose of education is not to help you become smart so that you can get what you want out of life. The true purpose of education is to help you become wise so that you know what is worth having in the first place...*

Especially in the context of Catholic education - at all levels - which is primarily that with which I have been involved, this is profoundly true. In theory, at least, any school should be able to provide a solid academic background which will produce functional individuals. To a greater or lesser degree this is so. However, even the best of them often produce just "smart" people...or even worse, "book-smart" people. Unfortunately, our world doesn't really need any more of these. They're the folks we read about in the newspapers and watch on the news who keep getting the rest of us into trouble! We don't need more "smart" people! We need people who know how to use their smarts well!

That is why our Catholic schools, ideally at all levels, in addition to striving for academic excellence, add one more crucial component: faith formation. This is the part where all that knowledge strives to be transformed into wisdom. It is where all the things that are learned acquire a moral and ethical "compass" to guide a person through life. It is precisely where, God Willing, people do not learn just how to get what they want out of life, but also and much more importantly, they learn to know what's worth having in the first place.

Please join me in congratulating all of our PRCUA members or those in their families who have or will be graduating this year - from kindergarten all the way up. May their futures unfold brightly with God's abundant blessings. Share in the joy of their achievements and be there to support them in the challenges ahead. Help them - most of all by your own example - to become the kind of people our world really needs: not just smart, but also truly wise.

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PAGE 6

Learn Polish words: Letter L - 1. LALKA, 2. LAMPA, 3. LISTEK, 4. LEW, 5. LATARKA, 6. LATAWIEC

CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Across: 4. Mother; 6. Playdough; 8. Schoolbus; 9. Ball; 10. Bike, 13. Camp; 14. Crayon; 15. Swimming.

Down: 1. Chores; 2. Dollhouse; 3. Teddybear; 5. Hugs; 7. Hulahoop; 10. Blocks; 11. Fun; 12. Game.

POLISH PRIDE IN MICHIGAN

Detroit, MI - Lively music in the air, boys and girls dressed in colorful Polish folk costumes dancing with smiles on their faces, men and women representing various organizations anxiously waiting for their names to be announced and people everywhere dressed in red and white. What was the occasion? It was the 47th annual Polish American Night at Comerica Park in Detroit, Michigan. This year Polish American Night took place on Friday, May 19, 2017 with the Detroit Tigers playing against the Texas Rangers. Polish American Night is a time for those who are Polish to gather together and to show pride in their heritage. This year there were over 32,000 people in attendance.

However, the weather did not cooperate. The previous day the temperature was in the

high eighties. For the game, it was fifty-two degrees and windy. Many of the spectators were dressed in winter coats, hats and scarves and they were bundled in warm blankets. Although it was cold outside, everyone still showed their warm and proud Polish spirit.

The program began with members of the PRCUA Zakopane Dance Ensemble carrying the Polish and American flags onto the field followed by the dancers parading to their assigned positions where they put on a lively performance to the music of the Polonez, Polka, Krakowiak, and Oberek. The 360 dancers, showing off their talents on the field, were represented by the following PRCUA schools: Polski Maki, Opole, Gwiazda, Rogalin, Wieliczka, Tatry, Zajacek and Halka and the following PNA schools: Lowicz, Centennial, Polish Alliance Dancers and Polanie Song and Dance Ensemble.

After the dancers processed off the field, Christopher Ozog, who has been involved in Polish American Night from a very young age as a dancer, was introduced and then he announced the following dignitaries: Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. Machalski Jr. - Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools; Joseph Drobot, Jr. - National President, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; Very Reverend Canon Walter J. Ptak - National Chaplain, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; Bob Bielenda - National Vice President Emeritus, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; Stella Szczesny - Polish National Alliance of America; Region E Fraternal Director, Thomas M. Schemanski - Polish National Alliance of America District X Commissioner; Honorable Karen Majewski - Mayor, City of Hamtramck; Brian Malski - Vice-President, Friends of Polish Art; Jim Conrad - National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame Board Chairman; Paul Solarski - Head Coach, Polish National Baseball Team; Mark Reaume - Chairman of the Board of Directors of Polish-American Federal Credit Union; Ken Chmelko - Marketing Manager of Polish-American Federal Credit Union; Daryl Onderik - American Polish Century Club President; Ted Klamers - Charter member of the original Polish American Night Committee; Honorable Judge John Chmura - Hamtramck Polish Day



Christopher Ozog introducing dignitaries



Dignitaries on the field



L-r: Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. Machalski, Jr. - Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools; Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. - PRCUA National President; Rev. Canon Walter Ptak - PRCUA National Chaplain; Robert Bielenda - PRCUA VP Emeritus; Stella Szczesny - PNA Region E Fraternal Director; Thomas M. Schemanski - PNA District X Commissioner



L-r: President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, Vice President Emeritus Robert Bielenda



Zajacek Dance Ensemble

Scholarship. This scholarship is made possible through the sale of Polish American Night shirts in previous years and the sale of the Polish American Night hats this year. Tigers management donates \$3.00 from the sale of each item towards this program. We greatly appreciate that Tigers instituted this program for the young adults who participate in Polish American Night. The recipients who were present at the game and recognized were: Brandon Hejza, Ashley Fruehauf and Jaclyn Mullen. Along with these scholarship recipients was Raymond Okonski, who was acknowledged as a great Polonian supporter of programs and scholarships in the community.

Christopher Ozog thanked Tigers management for their cooperation over the years to promote Polish American Night throughout the community and also to the many fans, whether Polish or non-Polish who support this great tradition.

Everyone was then asked to stand for the singing of the Polish National anthem by Robert Szczublewski. Robert has sung both anthems (Polish and American) for Polish American Night for ten years. Because of his love for his Polish heritage, he has been involved as a Polish radio broadcaster in Toledo Ohio and has also danced with PRCUA Echoes of Poland.

Then the moment arrived for the ceremonial first pitch. This year there were 12 nominees and the honor was given to PRCUA Tatry School Director, Rose Ann Lackey. Rose Ann has been involved with the Tatry Dancers since her three sons began to dance over 40 years ago. She then was asked to become the school's Director and has held this position for 28 years. Dancing is in the Lackey blood because presently, her five grandchildren are members of this group. For all of these years, Rose Ann's husband, Tom, has greatly supported and assisted her. It truly has been a family affair.

Rose Ann has participated in Polish American Night for 46 years. She has encouraged her children, grandchildren and dancers to participate and show their pride in their Polish heritage. Rose Ann is truly dedicated to the Tatry Dancers and has spent many hours teaching Polish customs and traditions to future generations with the hope that they continue to preserve their heritage for years to come. After Rose Ann threw out the first ball, the American National anthem was sung by Mr. Szczublewski and the game began.

It takes many workers to make Polish American Night successful. With the assistance of members of PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593, this evening of displaying our Polish heritage was made possible. Wally Ozog, President of the Society, coordinated the sale of over 500 baseball tickets, food vouchers, and hat vouchers. Christopher Ozog organized the program with the dancers and the dignitaries. Barb Ozog, PRCUA #1593's Director of Activities along with Cindy Cooper, Valerie Brumm and Brian Brumm lined up and directed the dancers for the performance on the field. Joann Ozog assisted in the distribution of the tickets. We appreciate the above individuals for volunteering their time.



Dancers perform at the stadium



Gwiazda Dancers



Youngest Polish American Night fan Olivia Ozog with grandmother Joann Ozog and Olivia's cousin Grace Ozog



L-r: Christopher Ozog, Rose Ann Lackey, Dir. of the PRCUA Tatry Dancers, scholarship recipients Jaclyn Mullen and Brandon Hejza



Rose Ann Lackey (center) preparing to throw out the ceremonial first pitch

A ball game needs fans and there were many people who participated. We are thankful for the following who purchased tickets and hat vouchers for our

(cont. on pg. 17)

† IN MEMORIAM †

William W. Mrowka of New Haven, CT died January 2, 2017 in the VA Medical Center-West Haven. He was the husband of the late Stephanie Pokoszek Mrowka. Bill was born in New Haven on April 30, 1925, a son of the late Frank and Rose Kosiewska Mrowka. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during WWII with action in the South Pacific and was a self-employed contractor. A lifetime member of St. Stanislaus Parish, he was Scoutmaster of Troop 4 for 10 years, a charter member of the Holy Name Society and chairman of the Parish Bazaar and Parish Picnic many times. Bill served on the Board of Aldermen for the City of New Haven for 6 years.

He was dedicated to the PRCUA, serving as past President of St. Vincent De Paul Society #463 and as Director of District #1 for 12 years (1990 - 2002). He was a member of the Premier Club and was past-president of the Polish Business and Professional Men's Club, a lifetime member of American Legion Post 162 and was Commander of the Polish American Veteran's Association. Bill Mrowka is the father of Bernice Alling, Barbara Ferraro, Christine Bergeron, William E. Mrowka and the late Elizabeth Ann McKean. Brother of Rev. Chester R. Mrowka, CM and the late Walter, Steven, Joseph and Benny Mrowka. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

His Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Stanislaus Church in New Heaven on January 7, 2017, followed by a burial with military honors in All Saints Cemetery. Throughout his life, Bill Mrowka sought to make this world a better place in which to live. He succeeded and it benefited many people. Bóg zapłać. May he rest in eternal peace.



Clara F. Jakubowski (nee Bialozenski) of Dundalk, MD passed away on January 27, 2017. She was the beloved wife of the late John F. Jakubowski - who served as National Director of District #4 from 1974 through 1982, devoted mother of PRCUA National Director of District #4 Eileen Hanley & her husband Patrick, and John A. Jakubowski & his wife Mary Jane, loving grandmother of Patrick Hanley, Jennifer Armstrong, Mary Shannon Sortino, and Mark Jakubowski, great grandmother of Margaux and Graham Armstrong, and Blake Sortino, loving sister of Genevieve Miller. Clara is also survived by other loving relatives and friends.

Her Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart of Mary Church on January 31, followed by interment in Holy Rosary Cemetery.

Clara was born on April 23, 1930. She was a long-time very devoted member of the St. Stanislaw Kostka PRCUA Society #527. She and her husband, John, were active in the PRCUA in Maryland and nationally. They attended many PRCUA National Conventions over the decades. The Jakubowskis passed down their pride in their Polish American heritage to their children, evidenced by the fact that their daughter, Eileen Hanley, is now National Director of PRCUA District #4. Mrs. Jakubowski served as Financial Secretary of Society #527 for eight years from 2004 to 2012. Clara was a resident of Dundalk, Maryland, at the time of her passing.

May dear Clara be remembered for all the good she did throughout her entire life and may she rest in eternal peace.



Daniel Trnoska, 84, of Chicago, IL passed away peacefully on March 22, 2017. He was the husband of Ida Trnoska (nee Stolarsky); father of Lisa (Andrew) Davidson; grandfather of Alec and Amanda Davidson, brother of the late Florence Hardin, and uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. He served proudly in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Daniel was a former PRCUA Auditing Department employee for 16 years, from 1976 until his retirement in 1992.

His Funeral Mass was held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Drake and Son Funeral Home in Chicago, IL, followed by the interment at Rosehill Cemetery. May Daniel Trnoska rest in eternal peace.



Mary F. Krenitsky, 94, of Rome, NY, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2017 at home with her loving family at her side. Mary was born April 15, 1923 in Rome, NY, the daughter of the late Frances (Muszynski) Prozny and John Prozny. She graduated from Saint Aloysius Academy in Rome, NY. Mary was united in marriage to George T. Krenitsky (1914 - 2010) on September 4, 1950 in the Transfiguration of Our Lord Church. She worked as a beautician at the family-owned Mickey's Beauty Salon. Later, she was a Teacher's Assistant in the Rome Public School District at Gansevoort Elementary School where she helped students in mathematics and reading. After retiring, she worked as a secretary at Holy Trinity Church in Utica, NY where her late brother - a Past PRCUA Vice Chaplain - Rev. Leopold Prozny (1917-2001) was pastor from 1975 to 1992. At Transfiguration Church, Mary was a member of the Altar Rosary Society, Mother's Club, and the St. Cecelia Choir. She was strong in her faith and in maintaining her Polish heritage and traditions. Mary also enjoyed golfing, gardening and traveling.

Mary was the member of PRCUA Societies #869 and #540 and served as National Director of District #2 from 1990 to 1994.

She delighted in her family and will always be remembered as a fun-loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Mary is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Lee (Stephen) Perrone, Kathy Ann (Stephen) Cerny, Jane F. Krenitsky; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph G. (Shufen) Krenitsky and John C. (Anne) Krenitsky; one sister, Stephanie Carmody; 7 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of sixty years, George Krenitsky, her son, Paul Thomas Krenitsky, two sisters, Michaeline Czajkowski and Helen Geary and two brothers, Stanley Prozny and Rev. Leopold Prozny. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Paul F. Angelicchio, on May 17 at the Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in Rome, NY. She was laid to rest at St. Peter's Cemetery. May Mary rest in the eternal peace and light of the Lord, whom she so greatly loved.



Alice Robaczewski

of Chicago, IL, a dedicated PRCUA member and Home Office retiree, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the age of 82. She was the wife of the late George Robaczewski, the mother PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer James (Elaine) Robaczewski, Michael (Patricia) Robaczewski, and Barbara (John) Cwiak, grandmother of George Cwiak, and Tommy and Joey Robaczewski.

Alice Robaczewski was a member of PRCUA Society #1598 and Society #412. She was affiliated with the PRCUA and worked as a volunteer for the Polish Museum of America (PMA) since 1966, holding many positions in both organizations. She served as Director of the PRCUA District #7 Krakowiak Dancers for over 20 years and was a delegate to the PRCUA Illinois-Indiana Women's Division for more than 45 years. She attended numerous PRCUA National Conventions and volunteered for decades to be in charge of invitations/reservations for PRCUA banquets, events, fund raisers, and conventions, doing the work at home and laughingly calling it her "therapy."

Alice served on the PMA Summer Ball Committee for decades and managed the PMA Gift Shop for a time. She was an excellent organizer and leader, having served as President of the PMA Ladies Auxiliary, a member of the PMA Board of Directors and chairwoman of numerous PMA fundraisers including its Dinner-Theatre Party, Fashion Show and Christmas Party. In 2008, she was honored as PMA Volunteer of the Year.

Alice had been a dedicated PRCUA Home Office employee for 39 years from January of 1972 until her retirement in December of 2010. For many years she worked as secretary to the Treasurer. After her retirement from full-time employment, she chose to continue working as a contractor, helping with various projects at the PRCUA Home Office.

She was very proud of her Polish heritage. Alice instilled in her family an appreciation for their Polish heritage and encouraged her children and grandchildren to continue Polish traditions and customs.

Mass of Christian Burial is arranged to be held at St. Monica Church in Chicago, IL on Saturday, June 3, followed by interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL.

May Alice Robaczewski be blessed a hundredfold for using her many talents throughout most of her life to help others in any way that she could be of service. Alice leaves behind many coworkers and friends at the PRCUA and PMA who will truly miss her.



The PRCUA extends sincere condolences to the Mrowka, Jakubowski, Krenitsky, Trnoska, and Robaczewski Families.

Polish American Women Editors and Journalists Discussed the Past, Present, and Future of the Polish Media

Niles, IL - Polish Women's Alliance of America (PWA) - Council 27 organized a Spring Luncheon & Fundraiser *Celebrating Women's Ethnic Voices* on Sunday, May 21, 2017. The event, organized on the occasion of the observance of the UNESCO World Press Freedom Day - established in 1993 to recognize the importance of a free and pluralistic press in democratic societies - took place at the Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL. It was also a fundraiser for the PWA Archives Preservation Project at Loyola University Chicago.

The organizers invited six Polish-American editors to participate in the panel discussion: Alicja Otap (*Dziennik Związkowy*); Lidia Kowalewicz (*Naród Polski*); Geraldine Balut Coleman (*Polish American Journal*); Lucyna Migala (Radio WCEV); Magda Marczevska (Radio WPNA); and Lidia Rozmus, (*Głos Polek*). Mary Mirecki Piergies from *Głos Polek* was the coordinator of the discussion.

Featured topics included but were not limited to subjects such as: the mission of the Polish media; the mission of the Polish press/media in the United States after the 1989 democratic changes in Poland; adaptation of Polish media to the Internet, social media, electronic delivery, and other 21st century technologies; and the future of the Polish-American press and media.

The topic was too broad and too interesting to be covered in such a short discussion, and concluded with plans for a continuation next year and possibly organizing a symposium on the subject. The program ended with a raffle to benefit the PWA Archives Preservation Project at Loyola University.

Photo by: Geraldine Balut Coleman



Panelists (l-r): Lucyna Migala, Alicja Otap, Magda Marczevska, Geraldine Balut Coleman, Lidia Kowalewicz, Lidia Rozmus with the coordinator Mary Mirecki Piergies

Second Wine and Canvas Event

Chicago, IL - The second Wine and Canvas Night organized by the PRCUA Marketing Department took place on Wednesday, May 24 at the PMA Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall. This time, the amateur artists learned how to paint a cheerful picture depicting a bouquet of colorful spring flowers. As before, all the participants had a very enjoyable evening.

The next Wine and Canvas Night is planned for June 23, 2017. For more information see page 4. (Photos: A. Bastrzyk)



Dancers from Mala Polska Dance Group in the class



Participants of Wine and Canvas event proudly displaying their art

2017 RYDER CUP GOLF IX ST. STAN'S #718 DEFEATS WYANDOTTE #162

Wyandotte, MI - Saturday, May 20th, 2017 was the date for the 9th Annual Ryder Cup Golf event between PRCUA St. Stan's #718 and Wyandotte's PRCUA Society #162. The event took place at Lake Erie Metro Golf Course in Brownstown, MI. The Ryder Cup series has continued to grow in size since it began 9 years ago with 96 golfers participating and over 110 people attending from the two Societies.

The format was the same as in past events:

- First 6 holes - two-person scramble
- Second 6 holes - alternate shot between a player and his/her partner
- Final 6 holes - individual game "A" player versus "A"

player from each Society and "B" player versus "B" player from each Society.

- Each 6 holes are based on 1 point (final 6 holes worth 2 points) similar to the PGA Ryder Cup event for a total of 4 points which could be won between each foursome.

It was another tight match as #718 and #162 went back and forth from group to group, but in the end St. Stan's held on for a 49 to 47 point victory. The series has #718 St. Stan's in the lead at 5 - 4 after nine years. Afterward, everyone headed back to the Soc. #162 Lounge in Wyandotte, MI where everyone enjoyed beverages, food, and Polka's well into the night.

Special thanks go to: Mike Halberstat for organizing the #162 members and food at the Lounge; Mark Hamilton, Dan Vukovich and Joe Nora for helping with scores; both Societies for participating.

Everyone had a great time!

*Submitted by: Bob Hojnacki
PRCUA Faternal Field Organizer*

Executive Secretary Pat Tropp Retired



A happy retiree - Pat Tropp

Chicago, IL - A small Happy Retirement gathering was held at the PRCUA Board Room for Pat Tropp, secretary to the PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, on Friday, April 28.

Mr. Robaczewski thanked Pat on the behalf of the Executive Officers for the many years of her dedicated work at the PRCUA Home Office, and presented her with her first retirement check. Pat also received flowers and small gifts from the Officers and some of the co-workers.

Pat had been employed at the PRCUA for 7 years, 6 of those as the executive secretary to Mr. Robaczewski.

We wish Pat a happy, healthy and well deserved retirement.

Anna Grabowski was appointed to replace Pat Tropp as a secretary to the Secretary-Treasurer, James Robaczewski.



PRCUA Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski thanks Pat for her work and dedication

POLISH PRIDE IN MICHIGAN (cont. from pg. 15) scholarships: PRCUA #718 St. Stan's Society, PRCUA Society #78 who brought a busload from Muskegon, MI, PRCUA Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr., PRCUA and PNA dance groups, parents, directors, choreographers, organizations, and individuals. Without such supporters, there would not be a Polish American Night.

Unfortunately, the Detroit Tigers lost to the Texas Rangers 5-3 and the weather was cold. However, the evening ended with a beautiful fireworks display and those who purchased a voucher received a nice baseball cap that many people were happy to have.



Emily Sutka from the Rogalin Dance Troupe receiving scholarship check after the pre-game ceremonies from Wallace Ozog



Natalya Bonkowski (l) with President Drobot

*Submitted by:
Joann S. Ozog*

From Robert Strybel, Warsaw Correspondent

A bird seen on buildings, flags and coins, but not in nature.

Poland – Land of the White Eagle

Warsaw—Anyone coming to Poland and hoping to catch a glimpse of a white eagle in the wild or even at a zoo is out of luck. That species does not exist in nature and never has. But there is no shortage of the nation's white eagle emblem on public buildings, monuments and war memorials, on Polish ships at sea, on coins and paper money, as well as numerous souvenirs.

One legend maintains that Poland's legendary Prince Lech came upon a white eagle's nest, took it to be a lucky omen and decided to build his castle there. He named the settlement Gniezno (place of the nest), and it was to become Poland's first ancestral capital. His two brothers Czech and Rus went on to set up Bohemia (today's Czech Republic) and Ruthenia (now Belarus and Ukraine).

Poland's national emblem was patterned on the mostly brown-feathered "orzeł bielik" or White-tailed Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) and is a close relative of America's Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). Did the legendary Lech see the eagle in bright sunlight that made the bird seem white? Or was it a rare albino specimen? The answer is buried in the mists of lore and legend. The fact remains, however, that for centuries it has been the white eagle that has ruled the roost on Polish heraldic shields, medieval banners and various emblems.



The first known depiction of the Polish eagle appeared on the denarius coin minted during the reign of Boleslaus the Brave, Poland's first king, crowned in 1025

The oldest surviving portrayal of the Polish eagle emblem appeared on a denarius coin from the reign of Bolesław Chrobry (Boleslaus the Brave), Poland's first monarch. The crude etching on the coin has led to a debate among scholars as to whether it truly depicted an eagle, or a peacock, rooster or dove.

The eagle subsequently appears on the seals of several Dukes of Poland's founding Piast dynasty in the years 1222-1236. But it was Przemysł II, Duke of Wielkopolska (Poznań region) who first placed a golden crown on the eagle's head and served as Poland's king for one year. All the Polish kings

who came after him followed suit, although the designs varied depending on a given century's dominant heraldic style.

When Poland was partitioned in the late 18th century by its three aggressive neighbors – Russia, Prussia and Austria – the white eagle was replaced by the emblems of the occupying powers. But it was still seen on the banners of Polish insurrectionists fighting to regain their country's independence throughout the 19th century and on into the 20th. When Poland finally re-emerged as an independent state in 1918, the crowned white eagle became the official emblem of the Rzeczpospolita Polska (Republic of Poland).

The eagle again went underground following the fourth partition of Poland by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia in 1939. The country emerged from World War II as a Soviet puppet state 20% smaller than before the war. The communist regime stripped the eagle of its crown, as if to proclaim that Poland was no longer a fully sovereign state. But the pre-war Crowned Eagle was upheld by Polish communities worldwide and it officially reappeared in Poland in 1989, when Poles finally threw off the Soviet yoke.

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Polish News Bytes

Poland's LOT Airline launches first ever Warsaw-LA line

High-comfort Boeing 787 Dreamliners are servicing LOT Airline's recently launched first-ever regular Warsaw to Los Angeles flights. "California is not only an ideal vacation destination but also an increasingly important business center," remarked LOT's Corporate Communications Director Adrian Kubicki. "LOT is Central Europe's only airline offering direct flights to Los Angeles. The flights depart from Warsaw four times a week – on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays," he added.

Poland's unemployment rate of 8.2% is a 26-year low

Poland's jobless rate dropped to 8.2% in March, the lowest level for the month in 26 years, Poland's Labor Ministry announced. That may seem high by U.S. standards where the March jobless rate was only 4.5%, but in Europe 8.2% is below the European average and lower than most countries. The highest rates have been noted in Greece (23.1%) and Spain (18.0%), the lowest in the Czech Republic (3.4%), Germany (3.9%) and Malta (4.1%). In the early 1990s, after Poland had dumped communism, unemployment averaged 17% countrywide with regional figures as high as 30-40% in certain depressed areas.

Do you know your Polish heritage? Take this little Polish heritage quiz!

By Robert Strybel, Polish/Polonian Affairs Writer

Choose the letter which corresponds to the correct answer. The answers are at bottom but don't peek or Google, because you'll only be fooling yourself. After all, only you will know how well or poorly you did.

1. The novel "Quo Vadis" was written by: a) Adam Mickiewicz, b) Czesław Miłosz, c) Henryk Sienkiewicz.
2. Poland's capital was moved to Warsaw in 1596 from: a) Kraków, b) Lublin, c) Gdańsk..
3. At present Poland has a population of: a) 28 million, b) 48 million, c) 38 million.
4. The composer who played an important role in securing Poland's independence after World War I was: a) Krzysztof Penderecki, b) Stanisław Moniuszko, c) Ignacy Paderewski.
5. Thousands of Poles were slaughtered by rampaging Ukrainian nationalists in the: a) Katyń massacre, b) Human massacre, c) Wołyń massacre.
6. A follow-up celebration the day (or several days) after a wedding is known as: a) zaręczyny, b) urodziny, c) poprawiny.
7. The currency now in circulation in Poland is the: a) euro, b) rubel, c) złoty.
8. Which of the following is not a Polish Baltic seaport: a) Gdynia, b) Szczecin, c) Białystok
9. The current president of Poland is: a) Lech Wałęsa, b) Andrzej Duda, c) Aleksander Kwaśniewski
10. Many Poles inscribe K+M+B over their doorways on or around: a) December 24, b) January 6, c) February 2.

(See the correct answers below.)

A Tribute to Thaddeus Kosciuszko CD Available

Just in time for the Bicentennial Anniversary of Thaddeus Kosciuszko's death, a new CD with the music and songs dedicated to great Polish American hero has been released.

It's the third CD in the series of recordings honoring the Polish Champions of Liberty in America, recorded by Chet Schafer and Chicago Records. The previous two were dedicated to I.J. Paderewski (2001) and Kazimierz Pulaski (2005).

The CD features music by famous artists such as: Frederic Chopin, Ignace Jan Paderewski, and a few composed by Thaddeus Kosciuszko himself. Lyrics are performed by well-known Polish and American artists.

This CD is may be especially valuable for the PRCUA members. It features a song *Heart of My Country* sung by PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., *Kosciuszko Prayer* recited by National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, and *Kurpinski's Polonaise*, with lyrics written by Szczesny Zahajkiewicz, who was *Narod Polski* Editor from 1898 to 1899.

"A Tribute to Thaddeus Kosciuszko" CD can be purchased from PMA Gift Shop, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 for \$15.00 or \$18.00 for the mail orders (includes \$3.00 for shipping and handling).

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The release of this CD coincides with the Kosciuszko Bicentenary in 2017.

CORRECT ANSWERS: 1. c, 2. a, 3. c, 4. c, 5. c, 6. c, 7. c, 8. c, 9. b, 10. b



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1 MIĘDZYNARODOWY DZIEŃ DZIECKA

1 TERMIN NADSYŁANIA PODAŃ O STYPENDIA I POMOC FINANSOWĄ NA STUDIA.

2 DES PLAINES, IL – 37. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE - piątek, 2 czerwca w Café La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL.

3 STERLING HTS., MI – MŁODZIEŻOWE ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE TOW. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II #1593 - sobota, 3 czerwca. Rejestracja - o godz. 9:45; rozgrywki w godz. 10:00-13:00. 5 Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Hts., MI. Koszt uczestnictwa \$8 dla członków ZPRKA, \$10 dla uczestników, którzy nie należą do ZPRKA, \$5 dla osób korzystających tylko z lunchu. W cenie: 3 gry (2 gry dla dzieci na liniach "bumper"), wypożyczenie butów, nagrody i lunch. Informacje u Barbary Ozog, tel. 586-453-3471 lub BWITHERS03@YAHOO.COM.

3 GURNEE, IL – DZIEŃ POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKI W SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA - sobota, 3 czerwca. Informacje: Departament Braterstwa ZPRKA, tel. 773-782-2601 lub fraternal-department@prcu.org.

4 CHICAGO, IL – DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA - niedziela, 4 czerwca o godz. 11:00 w kościele św. Jadwigi, 2226 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL. Po Mszy św. lunch w budynku ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Szczegóły na str. 23.

11 CHICAGO, IL – KONCERT Z OKAZJI JUBILEUSZU 30-LECIA ZESPOŁU PIEŚNI I TAŃCA „POLONIA” - niedziela, 11 czerwca o godz. 14:00 w Northeastern Illinois University, 3600 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL. Bilety w cenie \$25 można zamawiać u Anny Krysińskiej, tel. (847) 529-2555. Dodatkowe informacje obok lub na stronie: poloniaensemble.com.

11 TOLEDO, OH – KONCERT WIOSENNY ZESPOŁU „ECHOES OF POLAND” - niedziela, 11 czerwca w godz. 15:00-17:00 w Ohio Theatre, 3114 LaGrange, Toledo, OH. Bilety w cenie \$10 - dorośli, \$7 - emeryci, \$3 - uczniowie (dzieci do lat 10 - wstęp wolny) można zamawiać pod nr. tel. (419) 531-8658.

14 DZIEŃ FLAGI AMERYKAŃSKIEJ

18 DZIEŃ OJCA (USA)

23 DZIEŃ OJCA (POLSKA)

23 CHICAGO, IL – WIECZÓR MALARSKI Z LAMPKĄ WINA W ZPRKA - piątek, 23 czerwca, godz. 18:30, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Bilety - \$35 od osoby. W sprawie rezerwacji i kupna biletów można dzwonić pod numer: 773-782-2632, bilety można również zakupić przez: www.PRCUA.org/payonline/. Prosimy zaznaczyć: Wine & Canvas.

24 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI – PIKNIK RODZINNY TOW. #1593 ZPRKA - sobota, 24 czerwca w godz. 10:00-15:00. Veterans Memorial Park, Splash Pad Pavillion, 32400 Jefferson., St. Clair Shores, MI. Wstęp: \$10 - od osoby. Informacje i zapisy: john_godin@yahoo.com lub pod nr. tel. (586) 404-2636.

25 GLENWOOD, IL – 3. DOROCZNY PIKNIK RODZINNY I MSZA POŁOWA - niedziela, 25 czerwca w PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL w godz. 12:00-18:00. Gospodarzami są Dystrykty 7, 8, 9 ZPRKA. Dodatkowe informacje (773) 782-2601. Wstęp - bezpłatny. Możliwość zakupu jedzenia na miejscu. Szczegóły na str. 22.

27 CHICAGO, IL – NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NA STADIONIE US CELLULAR FIELD - sobota, 27 czerwca. Bilety można zamawiać w Departamencie Braterstwa ZPRKA, tel. (773) 782-2601 lub fraternal-department@prcu.org.

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4 ŚWIĘTO NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI USA - Biuro ZPRKA nieczynne.

15 WESTLAND, MI – PIKNIK RODZINNY TOW. #718 ZPRKA - sobota, 1 lipca, w godz. od 12:00 do 22:00, Nankin Mills (Hines Park). Wejście na południe od Ann Arbor Trail na Hines Drive, pomiędzy Merriman i Wayne Rd., na zachodniej stronie Hines Park. Bezpłatnie - poczęstunek i napoje. Informacje: Tina & Denny Churchvara tel. 313-561-7464,

22 ROMULUS, MI – KRAJOWY TURNIEJ GOLFA ZPRKA, sobota, 22 lipca 2017 r., Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse Rd, Wayne, MI. Gospodarzem tegorocznego turnieju jest Towarzystwo Fr. Al's Society. Szczegóły na str. 21

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

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Przy dokonywaniu wpłat, prosimy podać możliwie jak najwięcej informacji o danej płatności (jak np.: numer polisy ubezpieczeniowej na życie lub opis transakcji, za którą dokonywana jest opłata) dzięki czemu możemy prawidłowo dokonać płatności. Po zakończeniu transakcji, potwierdzenie płatności zostanie wysłane na podany adres emailowy.

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Obchody Święta Konstytucji 3 Maja w Konsulacie RP w Chicago



L-p: Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Anna Krysiński, Micheline Jaminski, Sen. Anna Maria Anders, Malgorzata Kot, Celina Rożnowska



L-p: wicemarszałek Adam Bielan, senator Anna Maria Anders, gubernator Bruce Rauner

Chicago, IL - Przedstawiciele Polonijnego środowiska uczestniczyli w dniu 4 maja w spotkaniu z okazji obchodów Dnia Konstytucji 3 Maja, zorganizowanym przez Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago.

W uroczystości udział wzięli gubernator stanu Illinois Bruce Rauner oraz sekretarz stanu w Kancelarii Prezesa Rady Ministrów Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Anna Maria Anders i wicemarszałek Senatu RP Adam Bielan.



Konsul generalny RP w Chicago Piotr Janicki



Wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski (p) z radnym miasta Chicago, Arielem Reboyrasem

W imieniu korpusu konsularnego program prowadzili: konsul generalny Piotr Janicki oraz wicekonsul Konrad Zieliński. Hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych odśpiewała Aleksandra Podowski.

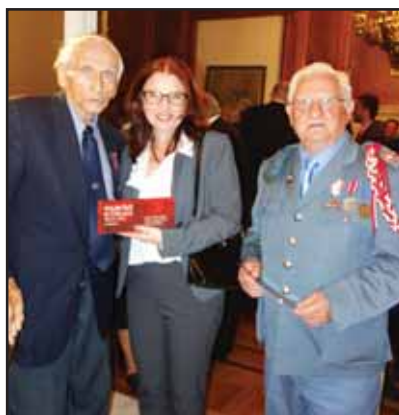
Program obchodów Święta Konstytucji 3 Maja w Konsulacie obejmował ceremonię wręczenia w imieniu Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej odznaczeń państwowych zasłużonym działaczom polonijnym. Kawalerskimi Orderami Odrodzenia Polski nagrodzeni zostali Jerzy Gnyp i Ryszard Szwed, działacze opozycji antykomunistycznej PRL. Ryszard Szwed został również odznaczony Krzyżem Wolności i Solidarności. Tadeusz Duniecki odznaczony został Krzyżem Zesłańców Sybiru. Medale Komisji Edukacji Narodowej, przyznane przez Ministerstwo Edukacji Narodowej RP, otrzymali z rąk konsula Janickiego zasłużeni nauczyciele polonijni, Bernarda Redlińska i Helena Sołtys.

Kolejne wyróżnienia wręczył prezes Fundacji Promocji Polskiego Godła Promocyjnego „Teraz Polska” Krzysztof Przybył. Statuetki „Wybitny Polak” i dyplomy „Przyjaciel Polonii” otrzymali zasłużeni przedstawiciele Polonii: kierowca rajdowy Piotr Fetela; zawodowy pięściarz Andrzej Gołota; długoletni pedagog szkół publicznych miasta Chicago dr Łucja Mirowska-Kopeć; mecenas prawa międzynarodowego i korporacyjnego Richard Walawender; historyk nauczyciel, autor wielu publikacji i były redaktor naczelny „Narodu Polskiego” Joseph Żurawski; gubernator stanu Illinois Bruce Rauner; sędzia główny Sądu Powiatu Cook County Timothy C. Evans; radny 30. Okręgu miasta Chicago Ariel Reboyras oraz prezes Światowej Federacji Przyjaźni Polsko-Węgierskiej, Csaba Zongor.

Oficjalny program uroczystości zakończył się recitałem fortepianowym Sławomira Dobrzańskiego.



Recital fortepianowy Sławomira Dobrzańskiego



Archiwista Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce Halina Misterka z weteranami

DWIE NOWE GRUPY TANECZNE ZPiT „MAŁA POLONIA” W MT. PROSPECT, IL

Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” serdecznie zaprasza dzieci w wieku od 4 do 12 lat do wstąpienia do dwóch nowych grup tanecznych „Małej Polonii”, które zostały zorganizowane w Mt. Prospect, IL. Grupy spotykają się w czwartkowe wieczory w sali parafialnej kościoła Św. Tomasza Becketa przy 1321 N. Burning Bush Lane w Mt. Prospect, IL. Zajęcia odbywają się w godzinach od 18:00 do 19:30 dla dzieci w wieku 4-6 lat i od 19:30 do 21:00 dla dzieci w wieku 7-12 lat.



Grupa tancerzy „Małej Polonii” z dyr. A. Krysińską, dyr. muzycznym M. Dziś i nauczycielkami

Zorganizowanie nowych grup w nowej lokalizacji, stało się możliwe dzięki uprzejmości proboszcza parafii Św. Tomasza Becketa, ks. Krzysztofa Kuliga.



Zajęcia prowadzone są przez doświadczoną kadrę nauczycielską: Mieczysława Dziś, dyrektora muzycznego, akompaniatora i nauczyciela śpiewu; Jaclyn Krysiński, nauczyciela i koordynatora tańca i Niki Romek, nauczyciela tańca.

Jedna z prób w parafii Św. Tomasza Becketa



Nieoceniona pomoc babć i rodziców przy naprawie kostiumów

Kierownik zespołu Anna Krysiński, jest wdzięczna grupie rodziców i babć, którzy w oczekiwaniu na swoje pociechy, pomagają przy naprawach i przygotowaniu kostiumów.



Pierwszy występ „Małej Polonii” w czasie mszy św. w Dniu Matki

W niedzielę, 14 maja, w szczególny dzień, kiedy w Stanach Zjednoczonych obchodzony jest Dzień Matki, dzieci z „Małej Polonii” wystąpiły w czasie polskiej Mszy św. o godz. 10:45. Dzieci zaśpiewały Czarną Madonnę, Barkę i specjalnie przygotowaną na ten dzień piosenkę Dla Mamy”.



Tancerze, nauczyciele i dyrekcja „Małej Polonii” z proboszczem parafii Św. Tomasza Becketa, ks. Krzysztofem Kuligiem

Rodzice zainteresowani zapisaniem dzieci do zespołu „Mała Polonia”, powinni skontaktować się z kierownikiem zespołu, Anną Krysińską pod numerem telefonu 847-529-2555 lub pocztą elektroniczną na adres: poloniaensemble@prcu.org.



MIĘDZYNARODOWY DZIEŃ DZIECKA!

Międzynarodowy Dzień Dziecka ustanowiony został przez Zgromadzenie Ogólne Organizacji Narodów Zjednoczonych (ONZ) w 1954 roku. Celem ustanowienia tego święta, było upowszechnianie ideałów i celów dotyczących praw dziecka zawartych w Karcie Narodów Zjednoczonych z 1945 r. (umowa międzynarodowa powołująca do życia i określająca ustrój Organizacji Narodów Zjednoczonych). Karta Narodów Zjednoczonych ustala m.in. kwestie dotyczące popierania, przestrzegania i poszanowania praw człowieka.

Dzień Dziecka obchodzony był oficjalnie po raz pierwszy w Turcji w 1929 roku. W 47 krajach świata Dzień Dziecka obchodzony jest w dniu 1 czerwca, w Stanach Zjednoczonych - w drugą niedzielę czerwca.

Przed II wojną światową obchodzono w Polsce w dniu 22 września Święto Dziecka, zainicjowane przez Polski Komitet Opieki nad Dzieckiem. W dniu tym odbywały się uroczyste Msze św. oraz okolicznościowe akademie. W Polsce powojennej Międzynarodowy Dzień Dziecka obchodzony jest od 1950 r. Po raz pierwszy został zorganizowany w związku z akcją zbierania podpisów pod Apelem sztokholmskim (orędzie przedstawione 25 marca 1950 roku, w czasie odbywającego się w Sztokholmie Kongresu Obrońców Pokoju, wzywające narody do przeprowadzenia plebiscytu w sprawie zakazu produkcji broni atomowej).

Z okazji Dnia Dziecka organizowane są liczne rozgrywki sportowe i festyny.



Dzień Ojca zapoczątkowany został w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Został ustanowiony jako odpowiednik ustanowionego w 1907 r. Dnia Matki - z myślą o uczczeniu zasług wszystkich ojców, za ich opiekę, troskę i poświęcenie w wychowaniu dzieci. Po raz pierwszy obchodzony był 19 czerwca 1910 r. w Spokane w stanie Waszyngton. Inicjatorką ustanowienia Dnia Ojca była Sonora Smart Dodd, córka weterana wojny secesyjnej Williama Smarta, który po śmierci żony, wychowywał samotnie sześcioro dzieci.

Sonora zaproponowała aby Dzień Ojca obchodzono w dniu 5 czerwca (data urodzin jej ojca), jednak radni miasta wybrali na ten cel trzecią niedzielę czerwca. Pierwsze obchody miały charakter lokalny, a święto się nie przyjęło na ogólnokrajową skalę. Dopiero w 1966 r. prezydent Lyndon B. Johnson oficjalnie ustanowił Dzień Ojca świętem państwowym. W 1972 roku prezydent Nixon oficjalnie zatwierdził jego obchody w trzecią niedzielę czerwca.

W Polsce Dzień Ojca obchodzony jest od 1965 roku i przypada zawsze w dniu 23 czerwca.

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TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA Sobota, 22 lipca 2017

Tegoroczny Turniej Golfowy ZPRKA odbędzie się w sobotę, 22 lipca na polu golfowym Woodlands of Van Buren przy 39670 Ecorse Rd. w Wayne, MI. Gospodarzem turnieju jest Towarzystwo Fr. Al's Society #1493 ZPRKA, przewodniczącym jest Joseph Ozog. Turniej rozpocznie się o godz. 8:00 i zakończy się o godz. 14:00.

TURNIEJ DRUŻYN CZTEROOSOBOWYCH

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

Turniej rozgrywany będzie w kilku kategoriach: żeńskiej, męskiej, mieszanej i seniorów (62 lat i więcej). Czteroosobowe drużyny mogą być męskie, żeńskie lub mieszane. Wypełniony formularz zgłoszeniowy należy odesłać do biura ZPRKA do 7 lipca 2017 roku, za pośrednictwem poczty lub poczty elektronicznej wraz z opłatą \$ 50.00 od golfisty (instrukcje na formularzu zgłoszeniowym). Wszelkie pytania, prosimy kierować do Działu Braterskiego, dzwoniąc pod numer (773) 782-2601.

Zwycięzcy w poszczególnych kategoriach zostaną ogłoszeni na bankiecie, który odbędzie się bezpośrednio po turnieju w Romulus Progressive Club przy 11580 Ozga St., Romulus, MI.

NOCLEGI

Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Wickham Rd, Romulus, MI, tel. (734) 728-9200. Rodzaj pokoju i cena: King Suite - \$109; Double Suite - \$119. Termin rezerwacji upływa 20 lipca 2017. Uczestnicy odpowiedzialni są za dokonanie rezerwacji i wszystkich opłat. Przy dokonywaniu rezerwacji wymagane będzie przedstawienie karty kredytowej lub wpłaty wyaganego depozytu.

WIECZOREK POWITALNY

Wieczorek powitalny dla uczestniczących w turnieju zawodników i ich gości odbędzie się w piątek, 21 lipca 2017 o godz. 19:00 w Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport przy 8600 Wickham Rd. w Romulus, MI.

DODATKOWE KONKURSY:

- Zaliczenie dołka jednym uderzeniem - Najdłuższe uderzenie**
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Osoby zainteresowane uczestnictwem we mszy św. zapraszamy do udziału w nabożeństwach w kościele św. Alojzego (St. Aloysius Church), 11280 Ozga Rd. w Romulus, MI w sobotę o godz. 17:00 i niedzielę o godz. 9:00 lub 11:00.

Dodatkowe informacje - prcu.org/sports

Wystawa „Dawne Polskie Chicago” w budynku stanowym J. Thompsona w Chicago

Chicago, IL - Osoby odwiedzające w dniach 15-19 maja, 2017 r. budynek stanowy Jamesa R. Thompsona w śródmieściu Chicago, miały okazję zobaczyć wystawę podróżującą „Dawne polskie Chicago 1850-1941”, bazującą na zbiorach kolekcji fotograficznej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce.

Wystawie towarzyszyła druga ekspozycja, „Chrzest 966. U źródeł Polski”, przygotowana przez Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, z okazji obchodzonej w ubiegłym roku 1050 rocznicy przyjęcia chrześcijaństwa w Polsce.

Obie ekspozycje zostały formalnie otwarte przez gubernatora stanu Illinois, Bruce'a Raunera, który pochwalił środowisko polonijne za liczne osiągnięcia i jego znaczący wkład w życie i rozwój stanu Illinois i Stanów Zjednoczonych. Krótkie przemówienia wygłosili: konsul generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago Piotr Janicki, prezes MPA Richard Owsiany, prezes ZPRKA i przewodniczący dykcji MPA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., kustosz wystawy Julita Siegel, dyrektor zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot oraz prezes Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce Ewa Koch. Imprezę prowadził prezes MPA Richard Owsiany.

Jak poinformowała kustosz ekspozycji Julita Siegel - wystawa „Dawne polskie Chicago 1850-1941” jest obrazowym wprowadzeniem w historię pierwszych osadników i ich rodzin. Polacy osiedlali się w różnych dzielnicach, aczkolwiek wystawa skupia się na obszarze

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Polonii w
Chicago oraz
jej wkład w
rozwój miasta.



L-p: Ewa Koch, Richard Owsiany, gubernator Bruce Rauner, Małgorzata Kot, konsul Piotr Janicki, Julita Siegel, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Redaktorki polonijne dyskutowały nad przeszłością, teraźniejszością i przyszłością polskich mediów

Niles, IL - Związek Polek w Ameryce (ZPWA) zorganizował w niedzielę, 21 maja 2017, dyskusję panelową przygotowaną z okazji Światowego Dnia Wolności Prasy. Światowy Dzień Wolności Prasy, wyznaczony na 3 maja, ustanowiony został rezolucją Zgromadzenia Ogólnego Organizacji Narodów Zjednoczonych (ONZ) w dniu 20 grudnia 1993, na wniosek Konferencji Generalnej UNESCO, która w przedstawionym wówczas dokumencie pt. „Popieranie wolności prasy na świecie” (z 1991 r.), uznała wolną, pluralistyczną i niezależną prasę za podstawowy element funkcjonowania każdego demokratycznego społeczeństwa.



L-p: Geraldine Balut Coleman, Lidia Kowalewicz, Magda Marczeńska, Lucyna Migala, Alicja Otap, Lidia Rozmus

Do dyskusji panelowej organizatorki zaprosiły sześć dziennikarek i redaktorek polonijnych mass mediów: Lucynę Migalę (Radio WCEV); Magdę Marczeńską (Radio WPNA); Geraldine Balut Coleman (*Polish American Journal*); Alicję Otap (*Dziennik Związkowy*); Lidię Kowalewicz (*Naród Polski*); Lidię Rozmus, (*Głos Polek*). Moderatorem dyskusji była Mary Mirecki-Piergies, redaktor anglojęzycznej sekcji *Głosu Polek*, która również wygłosiła odczyt nt. historii polonijnej prasy w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

W czasie dyskusji poruszone zostały m.in. tematy takie jak: cele i zadania polskich mediów; misja polskich mass mediów w Stanach Zjednoczonych po przemianach demokratycznych w Polsce w 1989 r.; przystosowanie się polskich mediów do nowych technologii XXI wieku (internetu, mediów społecznych i innych), a także przyszłość polonijnej prasy i mediów.

Temat, który okazał się zbyt obszerny i zbyt interesujący, aby zostać objęty jedno godzinną dyskusją, zakończył się planami dalszej kontynuacji w przyszłym roku i możliwością zorganizowania sympozjum.

Spotkanie, połączone z lunchem, zakończyło się losowaniem zwycięzców loterii. Dochód z imprezy i loterii oraz sprzedaży książek, zasili projekt konserwacji archiwów Związku Polek w Ameryce na Uniwersytecie Loyola w Chicago, IL.

Zdjęcie: Geraldine Balut Coleman

Artykuły do lipcowego wydania „Narodu Polskiego” muszą być
nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 20 czerwca.



14 czerwca obchodzone jest w Stanach Zjednoczonych Święto Flagi. Pochodzenie projektu pierwszej flagi USA przypisuje się Betsy Ross, która podobno uszyła pierwszą flagę na zlecenie George'a Washingtona, autora szkicu flagi.

14 czerwca 1777 roku Drugi Kongres Kontynentalny przyjął rezolucję o fladze Stanów Zjednoczonych, na której znajdowało się wówczas 13 pasów, na przemian czerwonych i białych. 13 białych gwiazd na niebieskim polu symbolizowało 13 pierwotnych kolonii. Biel oznaczała czystość i niewinność; czerwień – niezłomność i męstwo; błękit – czujność, wytrwałość i sprawiedliwość.

Po raz pierwszy amerykańska flaga została zatknięta na maszty nad Cooch's Bridge w stanie Maryland podczas wojny o niepodległość 3 września 1777.

W 1917 r. prezydent Woodrow Wilson proklamował 14 czerwca dniem flagi. W 1949 Narodowy Dzień Flagi został ogłoszony przez Kongres USA.

Flaga USA przeszła aż 26 zmian od czasu przyjęcia jej przez unię 13 stanów do chwili obecnej. Obecnie flaga posiada 50 gwiazdek i jest najdłużej używaną wersją. Ostatnie zmiany w wyglądzie flagi amerykańskiej wprowadzono w 1960 roku, kiedy to do USA przyłączono Hawaje. Rok wcześniej zmiana również miała miejsce, a spowodowana była przyłączeniem Alaski.

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ZPRKA, polonjna organizacja bratniej pomocy, została założona w 1873 roku, w celu zapewnienia polskim emigrantom bezpieczeństwa finansowego i braterskiego wsparcia. Dzisiaj kontynuujemy tę misję oferując stałe i terminowe ubezpieczenia na życie, które zabezpieczą Twoją rodzinę, plany emerytalne, które zapewnią Ci dodatkowy dochód w przyszłości oraz wydarzenia towarzyskie, które zaoferują Ci wiele ciekawych spotkań i rozrywkę.

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A może jesteś zainteresowany(a) założeniem nowego Towarzystwa ZPRKA w Arizonie? Oto kilka kroków, które możesz w tym celu zrobić:

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Zapisz daty - Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA

22 lipca - Turniej golfowy - Romulus, MI

18-19 sierpnia - Turniej softball, Warren, MI

Dodatkowe informacje: na stronie:
www.prcua.org/sports; w „Narodzie Polskim”;
773-782-2601 (biuro wiceprezesa); fraternal-department@prcu.org;



Doroczna Msza Święta
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Gospodarzem tegorocznej Mszy Św. będzie Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA

Drugi wieczór malarski z lampką wina

Chicago, IL - Drugie spotkanie z cyklu wieczór malarski z lampką wina, zorganizowany przez Departament Marketingu ZPRKA odbył się w środę, 24 maja w Wielkiej Sali im. Sabiny F. Logisz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce.

Tym razem amatorzy malarstwa dowiedzieli się, jak namalować obraz przedstawiający bukiet kolorowych wiosennych kwiatów. Nauka malowania pod okiem instruktora z Wine and Canvas North Chicago, dała wszystkim wiele satysfakcji.

Departament Braterstwa ZPRKA zaprasza na następny wieczór malarski z lampką wina, zaplanowany na 23 czerwca 2017 o godzinie 18:30 w sali MPA przy 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. W cenę biletu (\$35) wliczona jest lampka wina i przekąska.

W celu uzyskania dodatkowych informacji lub dokonania rezerwacji, prosimy dzwonić pod numer 773-782-2632. (Zdjęcia: A. Bastrzyk)



Czy korzystasz z programu PerkSpot, oferującego członkom ZPRKA dodatkowe korzyści?

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Członkowie ZPRKA wzięli udział w uroczystościach 3-cio majowych w Chicago

Chicago, IL - Doroczną paradę z okazji obchodów rocznicy Konstytucji 3 Maja, która odbyła się w sobotę, 6 maja 2017 r., poprzedziło uroczyste podniesienie polskiej flagi na Daley Plaza oraz spotkanie-brunch w Hilton & Towers.

Parada rozpoczęła się o godzinie 11:30 wzdłuż ul. Columbus Drive w Chicago. Hasło tegorocznej parady brzmiało: „Tadeusz Kościuszko – bohater Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych”, marszałkiem parady wybrana została sędzia



Brunch przed paradą (l-r): konsul generalny RP w Chicago Piotr Janicki, senator i wicemarszałek Senatu IX kadencji Adam Bielan, Kopciuszek 2017 Kayla Leonhard, sekretarz stanu w Kancelarii Prezesa Rady Ministrów RP Anna Maria Anders, Księżę 2017 Kacper Kaczmarczyk, wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski, sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA James Robaczewski

sądu okręgowego powiatu Cook Diann K. Marsalek, a wicemarszałkami: o. Paweł Kosiński, twórca Jezuickiego Ośrodka Milenijnego w Chicago i Bożysława Anderson, założycielka polonijnego „Teatru Trzynastka”.

Mimo wietrznej pogody, frekwencja dopisała. ZPRKA reprezentowali: wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski z małżonkami, pracownicy biura z rodzinami i przyjaciółmi, uczniowie, pedagodzy i rodzice dzieci i młodzieży ze szkół tańca ludowego i szkół języka polskiego, sponsorowanych przez ZPRKA, przedstawiciele Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych wraz z Kopciuszkiem i Księżem 2017 oraz członkowie Zjednoczenia.



Wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski na spotkaniu przed paradą



Kopciuszek i Księżę 2017 z biskupem Andrzejem Wypychem



Marszałek i wicemarszałkowie parady oraz goście honorowi

