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**Zapraszamy
do czytania
stron 19-24
w jęz. polskim.**



PRCUA wishes
Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., Inc.,
and Polonia Folk Dance Ensemble
a safe trip to Poland and best of luck
at the Rzeszów Festival
on July 18-26, 2017



PERIODICAL POSTAGE
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In Honor of the PRCUA's Patron - The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Chicago, IL - PRCUA members were graciously welcomed at St. Hedwig Church in Chicago, IL for their annual Mass honoring the PRCUA's Patron, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass was held on Sunday, June 4 on the Feast of the Pentecost. During the Mass, a special prayer was offered in memory of all deceased PRCUA members, especially for those who passed away during the last year.



PRCUA Officers, Directors, Flag Bearers, Cinderella, Prince Charming and members who participated in the 2017 annual PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass

This year, the event was hosted by PRCUA District #7. Rev. Eugene Szarek, CR, Provincial Superior was the Celebrant of the Mass.

PRCUA dignitaries processed into the church led by the Flag Bearers: Steven DeLonka (D-7), John Frankowicz (D-8), and Paul Pawlowski (D-9). PRCUA National Officers President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and Vice President Micheline Jaminski served as the Offertory gift bearers.

Participating in the celebration were: PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy; Vice President Micheline Jaminski, her husband Richard and granddaughter Ariana; Directors Constance Bonin (D-6); Anna Krynski and Kevin Kucik (D-7); Krystyna Lech (D-8) and her husband Tadeusz; Elizabeth Sadus (D-9); past VP Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark; past Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz and her husband Walter; past Dir. of Dist. #7 Robert Bugielski and his wife Dona; past Insurance Supervisor Dist. #17 & #38 Barbara Pawlowski; and Dist. #9 President Paul Pawlowski; Dist. #7 President Mateusz Bomba; Adult Culture Group members with 2017 Cinderella Kayla Leonhard and 2017 Prince Charming Kacper Kaczmarczyk; PRCUA Sales Dir. Robert Fattore; Marketing Dir. Agnes Bastryk and her husband Daniel; *(Continued on pg. 5)*



PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. bringing gifts to the altar



PRCUA flag bearers (l-r): Paul Pawlowski (D-9), John Frankowicz (D-8), Steven DeLonka (D-7)

PRCUA REINSTITUTES THE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE ORCHARD LAKE SEMINARY

Chicago, IL - The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America's Executive Officers and National Directors voted, at the quarterly PRCUA Board meeting held on June 24-25 in Chicago, IL, to reinstitute the Matching Gift Program for SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake, MI.

The last PRCUA Matching Gift Program for Orchard Lake Seminary was conducted in 2001 and resulted in the PRCUA donating the sum of \$25,000 to the Seminary.

This program is designated to encourage PRCUA members to give financial aid to Orchard Lake Seminary, which educates young seminarians from Poland, preparing them to serve the spiritual needs of Polish Americans.

SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology offering academic and formation programs to candidates for ordained and lay ministry. By training priests from Poland for service in American dioceses, the Seminary is not only filling the gap that has been created by a lack of priestly vocations in general in America, but it is also filling an important need for Polish-speaking priests.

The cost covered to educate one seminarian for one year includes tuition, room and board and fees. It does not include books nor a living stipend. Donating to an endowment fund for the education of seminarians is the best way that people can help to support this most important program, which contributes so much to the welfare of Polonia.

The Orchard Lake Schools, originally known as the "Polish Seminary," were founded in the late 19th century when the need arose for priests to care for Polish immigrants. In January 1879, Fr. Leopold Moczygemba, a Polish Franciscan priest, secured permission from Pope Leo XIII to establish a seminary in the United States to train men for the priesthood. Fr. Moczygemba entrusted this papal charter to Fr. Joseph Dabrowski, a Polish immigrant priest who saw it through to completion. In July 1885, the cornerstone was laid for SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary on Detroit's east side.

PRCUA MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM !

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will match 50 cents on the dollar donated through the PRCUA Matching Gift Program by individual donors or a Society/Group, up to a total of \$25,000. Please use the coupon on page 2 to make your donation. The PRCUA appreciates your generous support for this worthwhile program.

For more information about the PRCUA Matching Gift Program, contact President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. at 773-782-2600.



JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY** – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 3rd & JULY 4th.
- 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 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 WAYNE, MI – 65TH NATIONAL PRCUA GOLF TOURNAMENT** on Sat., July 22, hosted by Fr. Al's Society at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course in Wayne, MI. (See details on pg. 7.)
- 28-30 WHITING, IN – PIEROGI FEST** – Stop at the PRCUA table!

AUGUST

- 16 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., Aug. 16 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.
- 18-19 WARREN, MI – 63RD NATIONAL PRCUA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** on Fri-Sat., Aug. 18-19, hosted by Zakopane Dance Troupe of District #10. (See details to the right.)
- 20 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOC. #162 PICNIC** on Sun., Aug. 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the PRCUA Club's front parking lot, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Kids/adult games. Hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, ice cream, and refreshments will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, if you like. Pop-up tents and chairs recommended for shade. Contact: 734-281-7036 for more information.
- 26 LAMBERTVILLE, MI – PRCUA TOLEDO SOCIETIES MEMORIAL ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** on Sat. Aug. 26 at 10 a.m. at Maple Grove Golf Course, 6360 Secor Rd., Lambertville, MI. (See pg. 4 for details.)

ANNUAL PRCUA FISHING DERBY

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Sunday, September 10, 2017
10 am to 2 pm

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Questions? Call Mateusz Bomba 773-782-2636

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PRCUA MATCHING
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PRCUA Michigan Dance School
Directors and Choreographers
Attend Polish Fest in Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI - On Saturday, June 17, 2017, several PRCUA Directors and Choreographers attended Polish Fest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Polish Fest is the largest Polish Festival held in the United States.

The PRCUA Michigan Directors and Choreographers at Polish Fest included: Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda Director), Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda Choreographer), Donna Skurski (Opole Choreographer), Kelly Malinowski (Polskie Maki Choreographer), and Rachael Kasperek (Zajaczek Choreographer).

Ms. Wendt, Ms. Nowakowski, and Ms. Kasperek all performed in the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDA) Gala Concert of Polish Folk Dance at Polish Fest with the Wawel Folk Ensemble, which is choreographed by Ms. Skurski. Ms. Skurski, who is currently serving as President of the PFDA, acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Gala Concert. The concert turned out to be a soggy one. A torrential downpour caused flooding in the performer's changing area during the middle of the concert. Regardless, fine performances were given at the concert with PRCUA Michigan dance schools well represented. Mrs. Malinowski attended the Festival, along with her husband, Duane Malinowski, whose Polka Band performed several times on Polish Fest's Non-Stop Polka Stage. Bravo, Michigan PRCUA leaders!

Submitted by: Nicholas J. Nowakowski

APOLOGIES TO PRES. DROBOT AND HIS FAMILY

President Drobot and Mrs. Drobot recently attended the graduations of their two grandsons, Charles Sznewajs and Maximilian Sznewajs. In the June issue of the *Narod Polski*, we included incorrect information with the photo of Charles Sznewajs. Our sincere apologies to Mr. and Mrs. Drobot and to Sznewajs family.

Maximillian David Sznewajs graduated from Loyola Marymount University in LA, California. Max is a filmmaker.

Charles Joseph Sznewajs graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and going to the Michigan State University.

Pres. Drobot and Mrs. Drobot with Charles

Pres. Drobot and Mrs. Drobot with Max

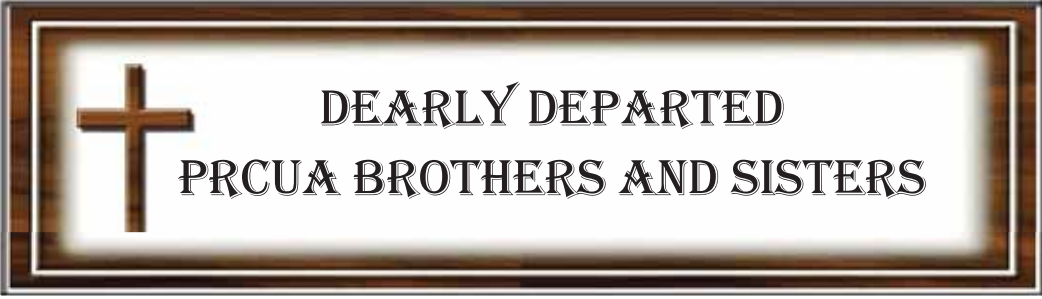


As a life insurance agent, I meet and speak with people in all sorts of unique situations. Each one strives to protect their family and it is my job to assist them in finding the right plan with the right features. Some of the most beneficial features I help people analyze are the available insurance riders.

Although regularly overlooked, riders on life insurance plans are often the best way to adjust and customize an insurance plan. They allow the client to protect their family in the most efficient way. Riders are benefits that may be purchased to supplement the core plan. Below are some of the best riders to take into account when purchasing life insurance:

- Accidental Death Benefit (ACD):** An accidental death benefit is a rider which adds an additional death benefit to the original face amount. The plan pays that additional amount if the insured dies within 90 days of an accident that caused injuries resulting in death.
When I like to suggest this rider: This is a great rider for younger clients because it is very inexpensive and covers the risk of their most likely cause of death. In most cases, this rider is able to double or substantially increase the face amount for a fraction of the initial premium. Life insurance is all about the risk and if the most threatening cause of death for a younger person is an accident, it makes sense for younger individuals to utilize this option.
- Waiver of Premium (WP):** This rider waives all future premium payments in the event that an insured becomes totally and permanently disabled. As for most families that I have spoken with, disability due to a disease or bodily injury would cause immense financial stress. This benefit can ease that stress by relieving the family of continued premium payments while still ensuring the family has coverage.
When I like to suggest this rider: This rider is one I often suggest to families that rely on one individual to provide the main source income. If they would happen to pass away, their death and the lack of a steady income might bring a family to a financial ruin. People often don't consider that the same could happen if the household breadwinner is unable to work. The chances of becoming disabled are much higher than death in most instances, so providing another layer of financial protection is beneficial to these families.
- Guaranteed Insurability Rider (GIO):** With this rider, the insured has the option to purchase additional Whole Life Insurance on specific future dates, without further underwriting. As we age, our health may deteriorate and insurance needs may change. It can be very difficult to imagine yourself in poor enough health that obtaining additional insurance is no longer an option. This rider ensures that no matter what your health is like, there is always the choice to obtain more protection for those you care about most.
When I like to suggest this rider: I like this rider for families expecting a future need for more coverage. A great example of this is a young married couple I spoke to. They wanted to have children in the future, but did not necessarily want to outright commit to getting a bigger policy before children were in the picture. This rider allowed them to have the option of purchasing more coverage in the future, without going through the underwriting process when their insurance needs increased.

Having the opportunity to speak with clients to help them understand life insurance has always been a role I enjoy. Life insurance is composed of many flexible elements, such as riders. When combined appropriately, these elements greatly contribute to making your life insurance decision the most customizable and beneficial for your family. For almost 145 years, the PRCUA has been devoted to positively contributing to that decision. Call us today at (800) 782-2600 and let our PRCUA family protect yours.



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Bartynski, Jane	527	MD	Kuron, Theresa V.	2227	MI
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Bodnar, Helen	1124	MI	Labossiere, Alfred J.	896	RI
Burda, Helen	880	IL	Linkiewicz, John P.	1000	IL
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Czach, Lela	718	MI	Lukasziak, Doris E.	2005	NJ
Dziewionka, Florain	475	IL	Mader, Edward	849	CA
Gacioch, Gregory	162	MI	Makulinski, Ralph	719	MI
Gilski, Casimir P.	317	IL	Mazur, Wladyslawa	2227	MI
Glowacki, Florjan T.	2320	AZ	Michalik, Ann	803	MA
Gonsiorek, Joseph J.	385	NY	Mikulski, Walter	1000	IL
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Grabowski, Amelia L.	701	CA	Napolski, Jennie	593	IL
Haley, Patricia A.	162	MI	Nessing, John R.	389	CT
Handzlik, Joan A.	602	NE	Nowicki, Jean	1133	PA
Hodorowski, Stanislaw	335	GA	Perlinski, Florence	122	IL
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Janas, Carla G	199	NJ	Pilarski, Leonard E.	237	PA
Jankowski, Charles A.	1368	MI	Poterucha, Esther	1000	IL
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Kaminski, Jan	2144	OH	Smith, Mary Ann	29	PA
Kaminski, Regis	621	PA	Sobocinski, Mae R.	2100	OH
Kason, Edward T.	308	IL	Sosnowski, John	1486	CT
Kata, Joseph L.	750	NY	Strzelczyk, Dennis	593	IL
Kawa, Chester R.	407	IL	Szymk, Helen	327	PA
Kiolbasa, Leonard G.	317	IL	Tuzze, Florence	2002	PA
Kole, Barbara	880	IL	Wolak, Katherine	2019	MD
Krenitsky, Mary F.	540	NY	Woloszyn, Phyllis	880	IL
Krispinsky, Josephine M.	247	OH	Zurawski, John P.	475	IL
Kryzek, Steve J.	1598	MO	Zyszkiewicz, Gregory G.	1202	WI

May they rest in eternal peace.

Emily Skrzypiec Passed Away

Emily Skrzypiec, (nee Rutkowski), beloved wife of the late Roman A. Skrzypiec passed away on June 18, 2017. Born on January 1, 1936 in Rabka Zdroj, Poland, she was the loving mother of Kenneth (Linda), Ronald (Cookie), Tina (late) David Wallace, David (Leslie), Albert (Janelle), Anthony, Gregory (Barbara) and Anita Skrzypiec. Proud grandmother of sixteen and great-grandmother of five. Fondest sister and sister-in-law. Cherished aunt and great-aunt.



Emily was very active in the PRCUA for decades. She was a Former Director of the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Group. She was a long-time member of PRCUA Society #1575, a charter member of the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA, which sponsors the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball and the Annual Fashion Show, as well as one of the organizers of the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School and first School Director, and PRCUA Liaison for the Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School. Emily also belonged to the Brighton Park Seniors and Five Holy Martyrs Parish Seniors.

Her Funeral Mass was held at St. Pancratius Church on June 22, 2017. Emily Skrzypiec will long be remembered for her impressive legacy of working to enrich the lives of PRCUA youth and preserve Polish culture and heritage in America. May she rest in eternal peace, having lived an outstanding life of generosity and love.

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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)		
Change in Reserves	(128,270)	14,373
Ending Balance as of Statement Date	557,374	12,632
	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.

 **PRCUA TOLEDO SOCIETIES**
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 (Men/Women)

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
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Toledo, Ohio 43612

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From the Office
of the
Secretary-
Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI



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

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

All articles for the August issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

(Continued from page 1) **In Honor of the PRCUA's Patron**
representatives of the Polonia Dance Ensemble dressed in Łowicz costumes; and a group of PRCUA members.

After the Mass a delicious luncheon, catered by Montrose Deli, was served at the PRCUA building in Chicago. Guests were welcomed by Dist. #7 Director Kevin Kucik, who thanked the members of the District who helped with the preparations, Polonia Dancers and all persons who showed their support with their participation in the Mass.

This year's luncheon was also a perfect occasion for another celebration - the inauguration of the completely-remodeled Social Hall at the PRCUA Home Office, where the luncheon was held. The construction on the Social Hall was finished on May 31st. The new room received a top-to-bottom makeover - beginning with the removal of old paneling, flooring, cabinets, and appliances. These were replaced with new, light colored cabinets and trim to match the style of the decor used in the PRCUA main entrance, as well as ceramic tiles and new stainless steel appliances.

The PRCUA Social Hall received many positive comments and everyone praised Vice President Micheline Jaminski, who was the designer of this renovated room.

V.P. Jaminski thanked PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. for all of his support on this project and also commended the construction company on finishing the job one day ahead of schedule.



Gwiazda Dancers Late May & June Happenings

Even with summer vacation season upon us, the Gwiazda Dancers haven't taken a vacation from dance. Since their recital in March, they've maintained an active schedule of performances, fundraising and outreach.

On Friday, May 19, 2017, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers, along with many other PRCUA



Tigers Polish Night

groups from the Metro Detroit Area, performed at the 47th Annual Detroit Tigers' Polish American Night at Comerica Park in Detroit, Michigan. As part of the pre-game festivities, the dancers took the field and, along with the other PRCUA dance groups, performed the Polonez, Krakowiak, Polka, and Oberek. Following the performance, the dancers remained at Comerica Park to take in the rest of the game, which saw the Tigers falling to the Texas Rangers 5-3.

On Monday, June 5, 2017, the PRCUA



Gwiazda Dancers at Fox 2 studio

Gwiazda Dancers were invited to appear on Fox 2 Detroit's morning program. The dancers and their Director talked a bit about the group, their activities, promoted their June 10 fundraiser and performed a sampling of the Helena Polka.

On Saturday, June 10, 2017, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers hosted a Polish Dinner Fundraiser at the Hamtramck Moose Lodge in Hamtramck, MI. The event was well attended and very successful. It featured Polish dinners which were catered by Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage Co. (which was featured on the Travel Channel's Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern), raffles and other prizes. Much thanks goes to the parents and dance students who worked so hard to make this event a great success.



Gwiazda fundraiser

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers performed as part of the second annual Polish Night at Jimmy John's Field in Utica, MI. Gwiazda along with the P R C U A Z a j ą c z e k Dancers, the PRCUA Opole Dancers, the PRCUA Halka Dancers, the P R C U A Polskie Maki Dancers, the PRCUA Zakopane Dancers and the Wawel Folk Ensemble all participated in the Polish events surrounding the game. The game kicked off with the singing of the Polish and American National anthems and also sported additional offerings of Polish food and Polish beers.



Gwiazda grillers

With summer in full swing, Gwiazda has several performances already lined up and will return to practicing for its 2018 Spring recital in September 2017.

Submitted by: Nicholas J. Nowakowski





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LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter Ł

Draw a line connecting the correct picture with the word

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MAZE

Help the boy find his way to the camp.



WORD FINDER

Cross out the words from the list below. Left over letters will spell the mysterious word.

MYSTERIOUS WORD: _____

ALGAE
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SEASCAPE
SHARK
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The PRCUA Halka Dancers of Detroit Celebrate 48 Years



The Halka Dancers of Detroit have been a strong dance group for 48 years and continue to maintain high standards for their dancers to show their Polish pride.

Some highlights from this past year are their many performances, such as: Polish American Night at Comerica Park for the Detroit Tigers; Jimmy John's Field for the United Shore Professional Baseball League; Festival performances at the American Polish Century Club and the Pierogi Festival at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church. Halka is very generous supporting community projects like the Join Hands Day at St. Albertus and collections for the Michigan Fraternal Alliance and the American Polish Assistance Association. The PRCUA



Group 1 in Sieradz costumes



Group 2 in Lublin costumes



Group 3 in Opoczno Costumes



Group 4 in Krakowiak costumes

Cultural Workshop and Youth Bowling event are popular with the Halka Dancers and are always well attended. Halka also attended special Masses for Polish Heritage Month, the Annual Blessing Masses, and this past year represented Polonia for World Mission Sunday at the Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. At Christmas, the dancers had a chance to make their mothers a Polish Ornament and, new this year, they learned the art of Pisanki making for Easter. Having our dance classes held at the parish hall of Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd allows us the special pleasure of having our own private Swieconka, or Easter Basket Blessing, thanks to Fr. Tyrone.

On Sunday, April 23, 2017 the Halka Dancers concluded their 48th year with a wonderful recital to showcase their talents and hard work. After final costume checks and before the curtain opened, the dancers held hands in a circle on stage with teacher/choreographer, Tom Lisiecki, and director, Laura Hejza leading a prayer for a good show and thanking God for having each other to share in our Polish heritage. We were honored to have many Michigan dance groups represented in the audience, as well as PRCUA President, Joseph Drobot, Jr.

The five national dances of Poland were performed to open the recital, followed by the presentation of this year's graduating seniors: Bridget Eusebi, Alexander Palencik and Samantha Tabaczynski. The first half of the show closed with four novelty numbers with the theme of "Royal Legends" for King of Rock (Elvis), the Queen of Pop (Madonna), the King of Pop (Michael Jackson) and of course, the music of Prince.

The second half of the show featured American polkas to the music of the polka band "The Music Company," followed by the Polish folk dances from Cieszyn Silesia, Lublin, Opoczno, and Sieradz, with the beautiful costumes of each of these areas. Then, as is tradition, the finale of the recital was the lively dances from the Zywiec Mountains.

The children then received their awards including 10-Year trophies for Catherine Krass and Jacob Tabaczynski; and 5-year trophies for Dakota Litnianski, Isabella Litnianski, and Alexander Palencik. First year Halka students: Benjamin Dingeldey, Delainey Halatsis, Sophia Halatsis, and Bailey Sayle were acknowledged and given their first year Halka rosettes. The Halka Dancers are rewarded with a trophy for outstanding practice attendance and participation in extra events. This year they out did themselves as 48% of the students were awarded with an Attendance Award (Audrey Champine and Charles Shick had Perfect Attendance) and an impressive 67% received an award for participating in Extra Events. This truly shows the commitment that our parents have to their children, as it is thanks to them that our dancers can receive such awards.

It is the family atmosphere and team effort of the Halka Dancers that makes us proud to be Polish and thankful to be part of the PRCUA. If anyone is interested in joining our group, our classes will resume in September and you can contact us at lhejza@comcast.net.



Halka graduates (l-r): Bridget Eusebi,
Alexander Palencik, and Samantha Tabaczynski

Submitted by
Laura Hejza,
Halka
Dancers
Director



2017 PRCUA GOLF TOURNAMENT

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 773-782-2630.

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.

AWARDS BANQUET will take place on Saturday. Complimentary for golfers, \$25 for non-golfers.

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 for more info
and application: prcu.org/sports**

Upcoming PRCUA Sport Tournaments

July 22, 2017

65th Annual Golf Tournament - Romulus, MI

August 18-19, 2017

63rd Annual Softball Tournament - Warren, MI

For information call: 773-782-2630
Email: fraternal-department@prcu.org;
Read: *Naród Polski*; Web: www.prcu.org

80th ANNUAL PRCUA NATIONAL **BOWLING** TOURNAMENT

Westland, MI - The 80th Annual PRCUA National Bowling Tournament was recently hosted by St. Stan's Society #718 in Westland, Michigan. The bowling competition, held at Westland Bowl, took place on Friday, April 28th and concluded on Sunday, April 30th. St. Stan's hosted a top rate hospitality event at the Embassy Suites, which also served as the host hotel for the tournament. Society #718 and its tournament co-chairs, Jerry and Frank Nasiatka, organized a fun gathering with complimentary food and drinks on Thursday evening. It was a great welcoming event and gave many a chance to catch up with old friends prior to the start of the tournament.

The bowling tournament itself started on Friday morning with the Doubles and Singles Squads. The opening ceremony was held on Saturday prior to the beginning of the team event. PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. treated all in attendance with his rousing renditions of both the Polish and American National Anthems. All were impressed with President Drobot's singing ability and with the fact that he sang both anthems without any background music! This was followed by PRCUA Vice President Micheline "Misia" Jaminski, welcoming all bowlers and recognizing all of the PRCUA Officers and Directors in the crowd.

The 2016 Joe Osmanski Bowler of the Year award was also presented during this opening ceremony to Marian Rusher (Society #413, East Chicago) who was declared the recipient of this prestigious award. Marian received an award plaque and jacket recognizing her entry into the prestigious Bowler of the Year Club. Congrats once again to Marian on such a well-deserved honor. The opening ceremony then concluded with the new custom of having the National Officers throw out the ceremonial first ball of the tournament. This year, they were accompanied by PRCUA District #10 Directors Colleen Bonkowski and Tom Lisiecki. While none of them scored a perfect strike, they all exhibited perfect form and kicked off the tournament with a bang!

The tournament itself proved to be a challenging venue for this year's bowlers. There were many high scores though and it was apparent that all were having a good time! For the first time in recent memory, there was a tie for the Men's Team Champs!

It is worth a mention that both of the men's and women's champs are from Saint John Paul II Society #1593 and are mostly all family members! I hope they

Here are the winners of the tournament for each event:

WOMEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES:
Val Brumm – Pope John Paul II, #1593

WOMEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES:
Janet Rys & Kathy Bondar – St. Stan's, #718

WOMEN'S HANDICAP TEAM:
THE GODIN GIRLS – Saint John Paul II Soc. #1593
Barbara Ozog, Kristina Godin, Wendy Godin,
Diane Godin and Cindy Cooper

WOMEN'S HANDICAP ALL EVENTS:
Val Brumm – Saint John Paul II Soc. #1593

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES:
Tim Miller – St. Michael's the Archangel Soc. #78

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES:
Dan Murray & Joseph Boggis
– Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #162

MEN'S HANDICAP TEAM (TIE):
JOE JOE'S BLUECHIPPERS – St. Stan's Soc. #718
Joe Paja, Fred Rusin, Jim Stortz, John Gdowski
and Dan Gdowski

PRIME TIME – Saint John Paul II Soc. #1593
Larry Godin, Dave Grabowski, Shawn Kapuscinski,
John Godin and Paul Godin Jr.

MEN'S HANDICAP ALL EVENTS:
Joe Stortz – St. Stan's Soc. #718

(A complete list of the bowling results and prizes is posted on the PRCUA website and Facebook page.)



Tournament began with the first throws of the balls

have a spare wall to showcase all of those plaques that they won!

Immediately after the bowling on Saturday, Society #718 hosted an award ceremony at the Embassy Suites. St. Stan's provided a nice spread of food and subsidized drinks for the event. The gathering at the hotel was highlighted by a festive DJ team and their entertaining playlists. It was very nice to see the banquet room full of bowlers and fans and the dance floor overflowing as everyone kicked back with polkas and dancing. During one of the DJ's breaks, the team event winners were announced and awarded with their championship plaques.

I would like to thank Jerry and Frank Nasiatka and all the volunteers of Society #718 for hosting a fun and successful tournament! A fantastic time was had by all and the turnout was great. "Great job on hosting a fantastic tournament, Guys. You and your volunteers are the epitome of hospitality and fraternalism!"

Next year's tournament is going to be held in Warren, Michigan. It will be hosted by Saint John Paul II, Society #1593. Val Brumm, Barb Ozog, Celeste Grabowski and PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog are busy planning what will surely be another great event for all of us to attend. They've got some really creative ideas, so be sure to keep your eye out for details as they become available.

A date will be announced soon! Mark your calendars as we hope to see everybody in Warren in 2018!

Patrick Kosowski,
PRCUA Bowling Tournament Director



(L-r) PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. with 2016 Joe Osmanski Bowler of the Year Marian Rusher and VP Micheline Jaminski



Ladies Winner Godin Girls



Jerry Nasiatka (l)
and Patrick Kosowski (r)



VP Micheline Jaminski (l) with
Mary Jane Robles (r)



President Drobot singing the National Anthems



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



Sitting (l-r): Dist. # 10 Dir. Colleen Bonkowski, Micheline Jaminski, Dist. #9 Dir. Elizabeth Sadus; standing (l-r): Brian Bonkowski, Richard Jaminski, Dist. #10 Dir. Thomas Lisiecki



Registration table





Sidewalks of Warsaw



Group 1 (back row l to r): Leo Prysiadniuk, Patrick Porada, Lukasz Srodek; (front row l to r): Madison Lacourciere, Korissa Konaszewski, Taylor Magiera



Groups 2 & 3 - (back row standing l to right): Abygail Rebeaud, Layna Levoek, Kaleah Konaszewski, Brooke Wojciechowski, Claire Mazurkiewicz, Clariss Magiera, Natalie Magiera; (front row kneeling l to r): Caleb Lacourciere, Logan Porada, Anthony Rebeaud



Groups 4 & 5 - (back row standing l to r): Tapanga Makowski, Sarah Wolicki, David Porada, Holly Malinowski, Alexandria Middleton; (front row kneeling l to r): Rachel Srodek, Cristen Alford, Andrea Karpinski

Warmia, Mazowsze, and Krakow. Each dance performed paid tribute to the character and pride of the many Polish nationalities that settled within Warsaw.

The recital concluded with a third act that brought Summertime fun into the midst of Spring.

Dancers performed a variety of dances all themed around *The Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer*. The students were excited to receive trophies and awards for their many accomplishments. Perfect and Outstanding Attendance Awards, Service Awards for 3, 5, 7 and 10 years, along with Performance Participation Awards filled the arms of many of the dancers.

Congratulations, Polskie Maki Dancers, on an outstanding recital! Your hard work throughout the dance year came shining through. You were truly magnificent!

Special thanks go to all who contributed to the success of our 2017 annual recital especially to School Director, Maria Jalkiewicz and Dance Instructor and Choreographer, Kelly Malinowski. Sincere appreciation is also extended to our National Officers Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., and his wife Judy, and to Vice President Micheline Jaminski, and her husband Richard, for attending our show. The Polskie Maki Dancers were so honored to have them with us!

Submitted by: Kelly Malinowski
Photos: Press Pass Photo



63rd PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

For PRCUA Members Only-New Members Welcome

Hosted by Zakopane Dance Troupe of District 10 - Warren, MI

August 18-19, 2017

The 63rd National Softball Tournament will be held Friday & Saturday, August 18-19, 2017, at Halmich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI.

Out of town players and guests accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 30000 Van Dyke Warren, MI 48093. Room rates per night plus tax are: King - \$87, Double Standard - \$92, King Executive Suite - \$107, Double Family Suite - \$127. Make your room reservation as soon as possible, by calling (586) 573-7600, before **July 28, 2017** and mention our tournament.

Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki, Chairmen, have finalized the tournament event schedule as follows:

Friday, August 18

6:00pm - Co-Ed Games-Halmich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI

7-10pm-Welcome Gathering-Holiday Inn & Suites, 30000 Van Dyke, Warren, MI

Saturday, August 19

9:00am-Men's/Women's Games- Halmich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI

Lunch will be served at the Pavilion within walking distance of the fields

5:30pm-Awards Banquet- American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI

Mass times

Masses will be offered at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Family, 25295 Van Dyke, Center Line on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

The entry forms are available at www.prcua.org/sports. All forms must be completed and returned to the Home Office, together with \$50.00 entry fee per team. All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing fields. Make your check payable to PRCUA Softball, and mail to: PRCUA 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL 60642 or enter online at www.prcua.org/sports and pay online at www.prcua.org/payonline. All mailed entries must be postmarked or submitted by **August 3, 2016**.

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

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
President

Micheline I. Jaminski
Vice-President

James J. Robaczewski
Secretary-Treasurer



Annual Flag Day Celebration at the PRCUA Home Office



Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chicago, IL - The annual celebration of Flag Day at the PRCUA Home Office took place at noon on the west lawn next to the PRCUA Home Office on June 14.

Agnes Bastrzyk, Marketing Director, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. PRCUA and PMA employees who gathered by the American flag pole were welcomed by President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. The American National Anthem singing was led by Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance read by Rafal Ciolkosz and a Tribute to the Flag was read by Carlos Escobar.

Everyone was then invited to the Social Hall for an all-American lunch. Before the lunch, a prayer in Polish was read by Mateusz Bomba. The program continued after lunch with a closing prayer read by Audrey Carpenter and singing of "America the Beautiful" led by Secy.-Tres. James Robaczewski. Vice President Micheline Jaminski thanked all who helped with this event.

As in the previous years, the invitation for the Flag Day celebration was mailed to the PRCUA Directors and past employees. This year we were joined by PRCUA First Lady Judy Drobot, Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski, National Directors Kevin Kucik (D-7) and Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), past Narod Polski Editor Joseph Zurawski, and retired employee Frances Surowiec.

God Bless America!



Dawn Barrack (l) receiving a check from Soc. #162 President Stan Pasko



Society #162 – Wyandotte – Springtime

Wyandotte, MI - Society #162 had a busy couple of months this past spring. On top of the normal competition with Society #718 for the Ryder cup, Bowling and Golf Tournament, our men's and women's basketball teams both won the PRCUA National Basketball Tournament. It was great to see the women involved once again and the men's team now undefeated for about 5 years.

After the end of the Lisa Biskup Foundation Benefit Dance, which had lasted for 10 years, hosted at PRCUA #162 by Ron and Sue Biskup, Society #162 decided to continue in the same fashion, maintain the established weekend that worked well for Ron and Sue. So, on Saturday, April 29th, the Society hosted its first Polka Benefit Dance for the American Heart Association. President Stan Pasko assembled another great crew to put together a successful event. The Society presented a donation to Dawn Barrack from the American Heart Association for \$4000! Music was provided by Lenny Gomulka and the Chicago Push and Gerry Kaminski's Merry Makers. It was great music all evening long. The kitchen was staffed by culinary chef Mike Gryczko and his crew, who provided a great selection of Polish/American food for everyone to enjoy! Our friends from Chicago came with a busload of people, thanks to Dave Ulczycki, who always runs a great bus trip. Many volunteers helped with raffles, tickets sales, decorations etc. We send a special "thank you" to everyone who helped and supported in any way!

Mother's Day at Society #162 was again another busy day for the men in the kitchen. Vice President Mike Halberstadt again assembled a crew to provide a fabulous buffet for almost 400 people. The buffet included eggs, hash browns,

pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, fried Bologna, a huge selection of fruit, coffee and toast. Hats off again to Mike and his crew for another successful Mother's Day Breakfast!

Thanks to everyone who came out to support! Society #162 will stay active in the next few months, so be sure to watch the Calendar of Events for their next functions!

Submitted by:
Stanley Pasko



Society #162 Polka Benefit Dance for the American Heart Association

Mother's Day Breakfast

Toledo, OH - On Sunday, June 11, 2017, at The Ohio Theatre, in Toledo, Ohio, the Echoes of Poland Folk Song and Dance Ensemble of the PRCUA celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a live concert presented to an enthusiastic audience. In attendance were: PRCUA National Vice President Micheline Jaminski and Richard Jaminski Choreographer/ Director of "Wesoly Lud," National Directors from District #10 Tom Lisiecki and Colleen Bonkowski, National Director from District #5 Tom Jesionowski, past National Director from District #5 Joan Sylak and members of the PRCUA Toledo Board. Also in attendance was Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, who presented Echoes Director Paulina Tul Ortyl with a Proclamation from the City of Toledo.

The Echoes of Poland was joined on their 50th Anniversary by the Polish American Concert Band directed by Robert Krichburn. They performed: "Two



Rob Szczublewski, Mariola Cuffe, Rob Wiercinski
Singers and Emcees

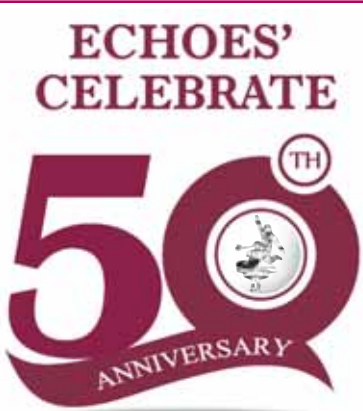


Dance from Wroclaw region

Israeli Dances" arranged by Allen Small, "Quality Plus Fred Jewell," "The Beach Boys Greatest Hits" arranged by Michael Brown, Clarinet Polka" arranged by Bruce Smith, "Manhattan Beach March" by John Phillip Sousa. They also accompanied the dancers to the Polonez, Mazur, Krakowiak, and the Finale.

The audience was taken on a musical journey back in time with dances such as: Polonez, Mazur, regional folk dances from Kujawiak, Kaszuby, Kurpie, Trojak from Slask, Wroclaw, Opoczno, Lowicz,

Z y w i e c
Mieszczanski,
R z e s z o w ,
Wielkopolska,
Sadeckie, and
Goral Zywiecki.
A dance solo in
Goral Zywiecki
was performed
by David and
Julia Antoniuk,
and Henry and
S o p h i a
Wiercinski.
The emcees for
the program



were Robert Szczublewski, Robert Wiercinski and Mariola Cuffe. The Children's Ensemble performed dances from the regions of Cieszyn and Lublin, and danced the *Polka Podlaska* and *Przepioreczka*. The Teen's Ensemble performed: *Trojak Slask*, *Kujawiak z Oberkiem*, *Tramblanka II*, *Krakowiaczek Jeden* and *Warmia Mazury*. The final *Polka Spacerowa* was performed by all of the Ensembles, accompanied by the Polish American Concert Band.

Our vocal soloists were Robert Szczublewski and Mariola Cuffe. Rob performed *Goralu Czy Ci Nie Zal* and *Troche z przypadku*. Mariola sang *Wilenszczyzny Drogi Kraj*, and *Kraj Rodzinny Matki Mej*. They teamed up for a duet on *Na Moim Polu*.

V.P. Micheline Jaminski presented Paulina with 50 red and white roses and her husband Richard Jaminski did a presentation in Polish with a gift. National Director Tom Jesionowski from District #5 presented Paulina with a plaque from the PRCUA. Donna and Tom Skurski, representing the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, presented Paulina with a plaque honoring her 50 years as choreographer and director of the Echoes of Poland Ensemble. Additional proclamations were presented from Toledo City Council, the Lucas County Commissioners, the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, and the U.S. Congressional Office of Hon. Marcy Kaptur.

The Echoes of Poland are directed and choreographed by Paulina Tul Ortyl. Mrs. Ortyl founded the Ensemble in 1967, when asked to prepare a group of youngsters to perform a Polish Christmas celebration. From the Adult Ensemble, the Children's and Teen's Ensembles were added and also the Kapela Musicians.

The Echoes spend a great part of the year performing. This summer is no exception. The group will perform throughout the summer at various festivals around the Toledo, and Wyandotte, MI, area. The Ensemble has participated in festivals in Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA, throughout the Midwest and Canada. They participated in the Triennial Folk Festival in Rzeszow, Poland where, in 1980, the Ensemble won the highest honor for authentically portraying folk culture in the Dozynki Polish Harvest Celebration.

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

Submitted by:
Teresa A. Gibala
Photos by:
Janet Gawle



Donna Skurski presenting Paulina Ortyl with a plaque
on behalf of the PFDA



Echoes of Poland Ensemble with their Director (ctr) and dignitaries



Echoes’ Children’s Ensemble performing dances from Cieszyn region



Paulina receiving a plaque from (l-r): PRCUA Dir. Tom Jesionowski, honoree Paulina Ortyl, VP Micheline Jaminski, Dir. Tom Lisiecki, Dir. Colleen Bonkowski, Richard Jaminski



Polonez and Mazur



A dance from the Opoczno region



Polish-American Concert Band directed by Robert Krichburn

Tommy Robaczewski Wins EPA Award

Springfield, IL - In recognition of Earth Day, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) honored a group of creative fifth and sixth grade students for their skills in expressing environmental awareness. This year’s theme “How Can You Reduce Your Waste to Save Our Space?” focused on the importance of reducing, reusing, recycling and composting instead of contributing to the waste in landfills. This was the 30th year that the ILEPA held the contest. The presentation of awards was held at the Old State Capitol building and was presided over by ILEPA Director Alec Messina and Captain Earth.



Tommy (center) with Captain Earth (l) and ILEPA Dir. Alec Messina

Over 250 posters and essays were entered into the contest from around the State of Illinois, Tommy Robaczewski, a member of PRCUA Society #412, was named one of the 12 finalists. Experts on environmental awareness made up the panel of judges for the contest. Tommy received a certificate, ribbon, book on recycling for his school library and his essay will be featured in next year’s ILEPA calendar. Below is the submission from Tommy:

How Can You Reduce Your Waste to Save our Space? By: Tommy Robaczewski

You can reduce, reuse, recycle, and even compost in many ways in your everyday life. All of these can really help the environment by just changing little things daily. All you have to do is remember the three Rs and one C.

The first R is reduce. There are many ways to reduce what you use. You can reduce waste by buying only what you need at a store. When you buy clothes, make sure you wear it. Turn off lights in your house that don’t need to be on to reduce energy. Use both sides of a paper and cancel unneeded mail to reduce the amount of paper. Those are the ways to reduce in your everyday life.

The next R is reuse. There are countless things to reuse in your everyday life. Plastic bottles can be used again, so you don’t have to waste energy to create more plastic bottles. You can reuse plastic containers that food comes in. When you go grocery shopping bring the bags (plastic or paper) that you used last time. When you cut your grass and your bag gets full, reuse the grass clippings around your tree and they will give the tree nutrients that will act as fertilizer.

The last R is recycling. It can really help your environment if you just do it daily instead of throwing everything away. You should separate recyclables from trash. Just get a recycling bin, if you don’t have one. Try to buy every product you get in recyclable material. You can even recycle your used appliances and electronics.

The one and only C is compost. It can help the environment in many different ways. To compost you put fruits and vegetables in your compost bin. Don’t put plastic or glass in your compost bin, because it won’t decompose and become fertilizer, so just foods. If you don’t have a compost bin then get one or make one because compost bins will decompose or break down the foods and plants and use it to make the soil rich in nutrients.

You can help the environment in many ways. You can reduce by making less of the materials you use now that are wasteful. Reuse by using shopping bags again instead of just throwing them away right away. Recycle by putting things in a recycling bin to let it be made again. Compost to put rotten fruits or vegetables around and letting them decompose and become natural fertilizer. Those 4 things will save the Earth one day. Just remember that reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting can really save our space.

Director Messina stated that it was a great day to recognize the work of these students as we also celebrate Earth Day and that we must look to our young people to continue the progress we have made in protecting our environment. Not only was the Director proud of the effort of the students, but no one could have been prouder than his parents PRCUA Secretary–Treasurer Jim and Elaine Robaczewski and his brother Joey. Congratulations, Tommy, from the PRCUA! Good job!



40th Anniversary Concert of the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company

A Celebration of Polish Dance, Music, Character and Heritage

Chicago, IL - The Wesoly Lud 40th Anniversary Concert, took place on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at the filled-to-capacity hall of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School in Chicago, IL. This performance can be summed up in numbers: 19 different performances, 150 dancers, 22 different costumes (16 regions of Poland, costumes of the nobility, and 5 Polka costumes). The Wesoly Lud Company captured the enormous richness of Polish folklore in a vigorous, colorful show of national and traditional folk dances and music, that are rooted deep in the past but still vital in the present, and secured for future generations to enjoy.

The wonderfully rich and heart-warming jubilee program commenced with the Wesoly Lud theme song performed by four groups of current and alumni dancers, followed by a sincere welcome by Wesoly Lud Alumna, Nicole Bencik, daughter of Micheline Jamiński, PRCUA Vice President, Wesoly Lud Company Founder and the Artistic Director and Choreographer (1977-2014; Honorary 2014-present.) Nicole introduced special guests which included PRCUA dignitaries: President and Mrs. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.; Secy.-Treasurer and Mrs. James Robaczewski and sons; Res. VP Emeritus Anna Sokołowski with daughter Alicia; past Secy.-Treasurer Josephine Szarowicz with husband Walter; National Directors: Colleen Bonkowski (D-10), Krystyna Lech and James Rustik (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), Anna Krysinski (D-7); former National Directors: Barbara Toboy (D-10), Steven DeLonka (D-7) and Steven Cieslicki (D-8) as well Polish Folk Dance Association (PFDA) current President Donna Skurski (also Art. Dir. and Choreographer of Wawel Folk Ensemble in Detroit, MI,) with past PFDA President, her husband Tom; and Artistic Directors/Choreographers and representatives of local Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensembles: Lechici - Conrad Wiecek; Polonia - Cecylia Rożnowska, and dancers from Lajkonik.

The song and dance suites presented at this Concert represented the five ethnographic regions of Poland (Mazowsze, Pomorze, Śląsk, Małopolska and Wielkopolska) and its national dances. Wesoly Lud was introduced to many of these regions at early Festivals in Rzeszów, Poland, as well as at the ACPC and PFDA Dance Seminars held throughout the United States and Canada and taught by Polish folk dance specialists. Wesoly Lud has had the honor of working with some of the renowned Polish Choreographers including Janusz Chojewski, Emma Cieślińska, Ada Dziewanowska, Andrzej Haniaczek, Wiesława Hazuka, Edward Hoffman, Irena Kik, Anatol Kocyłowski, Andrzej Krzeptowski, Leokadja Magdziarz, Janina and Zofia Marcinek, Jacek Marek, Sławomir Mazurkiewicz, Bożena Niżanska, Andrzej Pitoń, Jan Pognowski, Cecylia Rożnowska, Ignacy Wachowiak, Kazimiera "Mamcia" Walczak, Maria Wnęk, Michalina Wojtas, Witold Zapała and of course, Richard Jamiński who in 1987 joined the team, first as a member, then as part of the artistic team.

Re-created for the 40th Anniversary, the dances brought back many memorable moments, highlighted by video clips and photos from past performances, played in the background as the dancers performed live. There were also video tributes from Alumni who were unable to perform or attend the celebration.

Continuing with the program - Wesoly Lud Representation II performed a suite of dances and songs from Lubusk in western Poland; the diverse, unique and interesting dances from the southwestern region of Lublin and a suite of dances and songs from Upper Silesia where the dances are spirited yet low-keyed and elegant.

Representation I and II opened the second act with a stately Polonez representing all 16 regions in Wesoly Lud's repertoire.

Wesoly Lud I presented dances and songs from Nowy Sącz, full of swirls, turns, and changes of directions, then dances and songs from the Spisz region, as well as a colorful and fast suite of dances and songs from the Opoczno region. As a tribute to the capital of Poland, Wesoly Lud I also performed lively and cheerful dances and songs from Old Warsaw.

Two groups of Wesoly Lud Alumni returned to three months of intense rehearsals to dance at this

remarkable occasion. One of the groups performed the sophisticated and stately Mazur from the Opera "The Haunted Mansion" by Stanisław Moniuszko, danced in costumes stylized to replicate those worn by the old Polish nobility, reminding the audience of the great splendor of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The Alumni groups also performed a suite of dynamic dances and songs from the regions of Rzeszów, Podlasie, and Eastern Kraków, the latter with their own children and nieces and nephews, much to everyone's delight.

The future of Wesoly Lud lies in the dancers from the PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing and this year, the Młody Ludek group performed a dynamic suite of dances and songs from the region of Warmia and "Polka Jazzowa" was performed by Mały Ludek.

Four different upbeat and fast Polish American Chicago Polkas, full of bouncy footwork, intricate twirls and gymnastic jumps were danced at the concert: "Hej Wesole Ludzie" performed by Wesoly Lud II, music by Polka Family; the two Alumni groups performed "Polka Celebration" music by Eddie Blazonczyk and the Versatones and "Polka Dziadek" (Clarinet Polka) music by John Góral and the Górale and the Country Western Polka (Wesoly Lud I) music by Polka Family.

Prior to the Grand Finale, Richard Jamiński pre-recorded a video tribute to his wife, thanking her for her vision and initiative for 40 years. This was followed by words of gratitude by Misia's daughter, Nicole, and a gift of flowers presented by granddaughter 13-month old Ariana Turkiewicz to her Babcia, while dressed in a Lublin costume originally worn by Ariana's mother.

In the Grand-Finale, all of the dancers performed an impressive, dynamic suite of dances and songs from the region of Łowicz. The stage was overflowing with color, vim, vigor and vitality. The Artistic Director and Choreographer, Richard Jamiński, outdid himself with the staging of the Finale and the audience responded in kind. Rising to the challenge, the performers were spectacular and presented an encore. You could feel the emotion and energy on that stage.

Throughout the whole 40th Anniversary program, it was evident that the dancers of Wesoly Lud dance and sing because they enjoy it and want to share their enjoyment with others, who appreciate this colorful and unique part of Polish culture. The beauty of the dances was highlighted by their richly-colored, embroidered, and decorated folk costumes, which accentuated the distinctiveness of the many regions of Poland.

The program ended with V.P. Micheline Jamiński's heartfelt and emotional speech. She reminisced about the beginnings of Wesoly Lud, which was organized from the Teens of the Adult Culture Group, and the people who helped her dream of creating a dance group come to fruition: Martha Kwiatt (then National Director D-8); Regina Ocwieja (who later became PRCUA VP 1982-1990), Emily Skrzypiec and Patricia Lochen. His Excellency Bishop Alfred L. Abramowicz provided support and a "home" for Wesoly Lud at Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Chicago, IL. Most of all, she extended her sincere gratitude to the past and present dancers for countless hours of rehearsing and for cultivating their pride in their Polish heritage. Their devotion to the tradition of folk music and dance and their extraordinary talents have made Wesoly Lud well-known nationally and internationally.

Above all, Misia thanked her husband, Richard Jamiński, a talented dancer, musician, and choreographer extraordinaire who, since 1987, has brought the Dance Company to a new level of professionalism. Richard's creativity and expertise motivates, nurtures, and cultivates the talents of the dancers.

Richard presented beautiful bouquets of flowers to two of the Alumni, Anna Kraszewski and Monica Pazdziora, as a token of his appreciation for their enormous help with the anniversary program.

On behalf of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jamiński and the Wesoly Lud Company for the enjoyable, masterfully choreographed and expertly executed program, for 40 years of preserving the beautiful tradition of Polish folk dancing and for serving as ambassadors of Polish culture in the United States and abroad.

Representatives from Lajkonik and Polonia Ensembles presented the Jamiński's with flowers and congratulations on behalf of their dance groups. Donna Skurski, President of the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas and Artistic Director/Choreographer of the Wawel Folk Ensemble, Detroit, MI presented the Jamiński's (both of whom are past Presidents of PFDA) with a plaque of recognition.

The unforgettable celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Wesoly Lud

Company will stay alive in the memories of all who were able to see this beautiful celebration of traditional Polish folk dancing. Congratulations to the Wesoly Lud Foundress Micheline Jamiński, Artistic Director and Choreographer Richard Jamiński, instructors, and all the dancers. Thank you for preserving the culture of our forefathers and making the PRCUA so very proud.

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Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company with Micheline and Richard Jamiński





Chicago, IL - PRCUA's Polonia Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a colorful, lively concert on Sunday, June 11 at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, IL. Under the leadership of General Director Anna Krysiński, Artistic Director, Choreographer and Foundress Celina Rożnowska, Music Director Mieczysław Dziś, and a staff of experienced instructors and teachers, the Ensemble has consistently promoted Polish culture, tradition, and Polish folk dancing. For the past 30 years, Polonia Ensemble has continued to unite and inspire young Polish Americans in Chicago and across the United States, as it represents the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and the Polish community around the world.

The concert began with the Representation Group and the Alumni performing the Polonez, one of the five historic national dances of Poland. Twenty-four pairs of dancers dressed in costumes of the Polish nobility, filled the whole stage, proudly and masterfully presenting their talents in this stately dance.

After Marlena Dzis's performance of *Aria Hanny* from the *Straszny Dwór (The Haunted Manor Opera)*, accompanied by pianist Jennifer McCabe, opening remarks and a warm welcome were given by the emcees - Polonia's General Director Anna Krysiński and Mark Dobrzycki, who is a good friend of the Ensemble and a well-known Polish American activist.

Years of hard work, dedication and love for dancing, were visible in the performances of the oldest dancers throughout the program - in dance suites from different regions of Poland. Together the Representation Group and Alumni danced suites from the Warmia and Krakow regions. The Representation Group also performed suites from Bilgoraj, Lublin, a lively Kujawiak and an Oberek, as well as a dynamic, cheerful Lindy Hop Charleston. Their dancing skills were matched by their singing of the Polish folk song *Świeci miesiąc świeci*, folk song *Cyt* from the repertoire of "Mazowsze", and *Wileńszczyzna*. The Representation and Alumni girls also sang an *acappella* song *Rutka*; the boys presented their glorious voices in the folk song *Furmani* from the region of Lublin.

Children from younger groups, who have just started dancing, also impressed the audience with their poise and dance skills. Młoda Polonia performed dances from the region of Cieszyn and a suite of dances from the region of Upper Silesia. Krasnoludki's very first performance was an instrumental presentation, accompanied by Mieczysław Dziś on the piano. Mała Polonia I performed dances from Opoczno. Together with Mała Polonia II and Krasnoludki they performed songs and dances from the region of Warmia. Mała Polonia and Krasnoludki danced the Krakowiacek together. Mała Polonia III performed songs and dances from the region of Rzeszów. The loudest applause accompanied the performances of the youngest children, especially the adorable Krasnoludki group. They conquered the hearts of all spectators every time they entered the stage.

The video montages presented in between the dances, and the photo collages displayed in the hallways, bore witness to the extent of the Ensemble's accomplishments. They showed the numerous concerts and festivals in which the dancers participated in the United States and around the world. They also demonstrated how, through dance and song, the Ensemble has been able to reach people of many nations in many different places. Celina Rożnowska, Anna Krysiński and Mieczysław Dziś talked about the history of the Polonia Ensemble, their work with young children and youth, and their special mission of being the ambassadors of Polish culture on American soil.

Some of the oldest dancers, whose statements were prerecorded in a special tribute to Celina Rożnowska and Mieczysław Dziś, gave the best testimony to the special bond that the Ensemble has created between the instructors and students. Dancers' voices overflowed with emotions and appreciation while they spoke about their professionalism, dedication, understanding, and the unique friendships they formed in the Ensemble. Students thanked Mrs. Rożnowska and Mr. Dziś for teaching them the art of Polish folk dancing and music; they were also grateful for their guidance, compassion, and for teaching them how to strive for perfection. Jacklyn and Jonathan Krysiński, children of Anna and Janusz Krysiński and grandchildren of Cecylia Rożnowska, admitted that even though they had no choice but to become Polonia dancers, they fell in love with Polish folk dancing and with the Ensemble. At present, Jacklyn is instructor for the youngest groups: Krasnoludki and Mała Polonia and is extremely proud to follow in her grandmother's and mother's footsteps.

The grand finale began with the oldest Polonia dancers presenting dances from Krakow and all the performers joining them on the stage, and singing the Jubilee song together. The lyrics to the song were written by Marianna Dzis, with music by Mieczysław Dziś. The anniversary concert was also an occasion to celebrate another jubilee - the 60th anniversary of Celina Rożnowska's artistic and didactic career. Mrs. Rożnowska received bouquets of flowers and many good wishes on this grand occasion.

PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. presented a bouquet of flowers to Celina Rożnowska. He thanked the Ensemble on behalf of the PRCUA, congratulated the choreographers, instructors and the parents for the enormous job they did as the educators of our youth, and the dancers for their spectacular performances at the concert. Then, he wished everyone continuous success in the future.

Polonia received flowers and congratulations from the representatives of other dance ensembles: Wesoły Lud and Lajkonik. The Legion of Young Polish Women, who is the organizer of the annual White and Red Ball, surprised the Polonia directors with a check for \$5,000.

Sincere congratulations, on behalf of the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, were conveyed by Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, Deputy Consul General, who also presented the instructors and the oldest dancers with certificates.

Celebrating 30 years of teaching Polish American children and youth through dance, music, and song is a huge accomplishment. It's a milestone that is hard to reach for many dance group. The concert was a great way to display the Ensemble's history and outstanding accomplishments throughout three decades. That day was all about celebrating Polish culture and tradition, love of dance and celebrating each other.

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A group photo of the dancers with the directors, choreographers, instructors, emcees, PRCUA representatives and friends of Polonia Ensemble

Full Circle
for Orchard Lake Schools Chancellor-Rector

Orchard Lake, MI - On May 6, 2017, Monsignor Thomas Machalski witnessed three SS. Cyril & Methodius seminarians, who have made Christ the center of their lives, graduate from the seminary. Two Deacons were also ordained in May. He takes great pride in the fact that they are his brother priests. A day later, he celebrated Graduation Mass for the St. Mary's Preparatory Class of 2017. "You have been the recipients of a treasure which is beyond price – you have received not only a good, solid, Catholic, Christian education – you have received an Orchard Lake St. Mary's education," said Msgr. Machalski.

For him, a young man who left his home in New York to attend St. Mary's Preparatory in 1973, his path has come full circle. As a young boy, Thomas felt a calling, especially after a priest took him to Orchard Lake and he knew God was leading him here. He graduated in 1976 and attended St. Mary's College. Upon his graduation in 1980, he pursued his priestly formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY where he received his Master of Divinity in 1985 and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY on May 18, 1985. He received his Master of Science in Education from Fordham University, Bronx, NY, in 1996 and his J.C.L. from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1999. For Monsignor Thomas Machalski, his path had come full circle in 2011, when he was named 3rd chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools and 11th rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary.

"It was very overwhelming to be chosen for the institution of which I was once a student, and at my farewell Mass, I noted how thankful I am for those things that we were able to do together here," he added. "I give praise to God."

Throughout his six-year tenure, his legacy has followed that of his alma mater: To live out the mission of Orchard Lake Schools, service to God, Church or country, and their fellow human beings.

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- 2011 – Named Chancellor-Rector, Orchard Lake Schools (May 18)
- 2012 – Installation as Chancellor-Rector (February 19)
- 2013 – 50th Anniversary of Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake (March 3)
- 2016 – Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron named the Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake the official archdiocesan shrine to St. John Paul II
- 2016 – Celebration of 1,050th Anniversary of Christianity in Poland (Orchard Lake Schools campus)
- 2017 – Polish American Priests' Association Convention (co-chair; Orchard Lake Schools campus); recipient of the Father Leopold Moczygemba Award for outstanding service to Polonia



Msgr. Machalski gave the Gospel reading at the 1050th Anniversary of Polish Christianity celebration

message. "In the 32 years leading up to my ordination and my 32 years of priesthood, I believe everything is in God's hands. All works out for the best when you trust in the Lord each and every day."

He left this year's Prep graduates with the following words of wisdom. "Today, for the Class of 2017, it is your Graduation Day – a day to celebrate and give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on each of you in your time as students at St. Mary's Preparatory. But this, my young brothers, is not the end but just the beginning."

Upon his departure from his second home, Msgr. Machalski will embark on a short sabbatical before beginning a new chapter in parish ministry for the Diocese of Brooklyn. We give thanks for his service, his brotherhood and his fellowship, knowing this is not the end of his circle, for a circle has no end. Polonia owes him a debt of gratitude. *Bóg zapłać.*



Msgr. Machalski blessing the icon of the Black Madonna - Our Lady of Czestochowa



Growth in Holiness, a Work in Progress

During these beautiful Summer months, we often take a break to enjoy the warm weather and the many Summertime activities. Hopefully, you may already have taken or are planning to take a Summer vacation! These are wonderful for many reasons, but for me, the best part of these annual breaks are the memories that last a lifetime!

Summer can also be an excellent time to "work" if you will, on our growth toward holiness. After all, holiness is our ultimate goal while we are on earth, so that when the Lord calls, we will be ready to enter into the fullness of life. All of the great Saints of the Church have spoken of, or witnessed to, the need to grow in holiness throughout the course of our lives. Growth in holiness may sound daunting, especially if we think that it is going to happen overnight or if we put it off as a task for our senior years. I would think that if we truly want to grow in holiness, we should work on it a little each day. This may seem very simplistic but we all know how busy life is with its many obligations and pressures that we often simply don't have the time! With this in mind, the old adage is true that the longest journey begins with the first step! As scripture reminds us, "Now is the acceptable time."

Recently, I came across an article called "5 Simple tips on how to make every day holy". It was written by Philip Kosloski and published at www.aleteia.org. I would like to share his five daily tips with you, as I think it will help all of us grow in holiness daily, which again, I believe is our ultimate goal in this life!

Tip 1. Pray immediately after waking up

"St. Josemaria Escriva called this the "heroic minute" and wrote in The Way, "Many good Christians develop the habit of giving their first thoughts of the day to God." What a great idea to grow in holiness by praying before we even get out of bed. Prayer will set the tone for the day and starting with God helps us to focus in on what is most important in our lives.

Tip 2. Schedule five minutes of prayer during the day

Our daily schedules are often packed with things to accomplish and scheduling time for five minutes of prayer can be one of them. As a priest, I am constantly checking my iPhone calendar to see where I am supposed to be and what needs to be done that day. Scheduling prayer into our daily routine is a great way to remind us that time for God should be part of each day. If five minutes isn't enough, add more. The great thing about taking time out for prayer is that we can pray anywhere, even when we are stuck in traffic!

Tip 3. Pray the "Jesus Prayer"

During my thirty years of priesthood, I have often found that a short meaningful prayer is one that often bears the most fruit. The Jesus Prayer is one that I often pray throughout the course of the day. It is ancient in origin and easy to remember. It goes like this, 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.' The author of this article explains that this invocation "combines the Christological hymn of Philippians 2:6-11 with the cry of the publican and blind men begging for light. By it, the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2667)" Why not give it a try!

Tip 4. Carry a rosary with you wherever you go

A rosary is a great reminder to pray and can be a source of inspiration and/or consolation as we go through our day. As a young man contemplating my vocation to the Priesthood, I always carried my rosary in my pocket and found great solace knowing it was there. The author puts it this way, "You might reach into your pocket to get your keys and pull out a rosary instead. Or you might be rummaging through your purse and find your rosary. It is a simple reminder of God and may serve as a reminder to pray at a moment when you need God the most. Rosaries were the first 'fidget spinners'!"

Tip 5. Pray before going to bed

Even when your day has been a disaster, there is no better way to end it than by talking with God! I have found it to be a great way to review the day with God; thanking Him for all the good that has been accomplished, even if the only good I can find is that He has given me another day, asking for forgiveness for the sins I have committed, by commission or by omission, and finally by asking Him to grant me a restful night and a peaceful death. The author reminds us that "many of the saints practiced different variations of this bedtime ritual and all greatly benefited from it." As in all personal prayer, the great thing is that we can make it our own by praying in the way that is most meaningful to us. I am sure that God loves prayer from the heart!

I hope this reflection will help you to begin or to continue your own personal journey toward holiness. Growth in holiness is very important for us and isn't that hard. Are we willing to make the effort? Until next time, enjoy the Summer!



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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES
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Cieszymy się, że możemy zaoferować doskonałe usługi ubezpieczeniowe i plany finansowe osobom zamieszkującym w Arizonie. Jeśli nie masz pewności, czy Twój obecny plan ubezpieczeniowy na życie jest wystarczający, lub chciałbyś zainwestować w bardziej stabilny program emerytalny, skontaktuj się z biurem ZPRKA pod numer: (800) 772-8632.

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

- Skontaktuj się z Julie Prado w biurze ZPRKA, dzwoniąc pod numer: (773) 782-2600 wew. 2626, aby otrzymać wniosek.
- Wypełnij wniosek i odeślij do biura.
- Zdobądź minimum 11 nowych członków - osoby te mogą wstąpić do Twojego Towarzystwa poprzez wykupienie ubezpieczenia na życie lub programu emerytalnego.

Artykuły do sierpniowego wydania „Narodu Polskiego” muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 18 lipca.

DOROCZNE DERBY WĘDKARSKIE ZPRKA

Organizowane przez Dystrykt 7 ZPRKA
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Pytania? Kontakt z Mateuszem Bombą, 773-782-2636.

Pożegnanie absolwentów w Polskiej Szkole im. M. Konopnickiej



Absolwenci klas ósmych i liceum na mszy w kościele Ojców Cystersów



Karolina Nowobilaska
śpiewa piosenkę dla mam
z okazji Dnia Matki



Podziękowania dla wychowawcy
pani Wioletty Ciepłej

W sobotę, 13 maja odprawiona została w kościele Ojców Cystersów w Willow Springs, IL, uroczysta msza św., z okazji zakończenia roku szkolnego w Polskiej Szkole im. Marii Konopnickiej.

W tym roku w szkole, która ma swoją siedzibę w Oak Lawn w Illinois, naukę zakończyły dwie klasy ósme, których wychowawcami byli panowie Jan Oprzędek i Rafał



Gratulacje przekazali
abiturientom prezes ZPRKA
Joseph Drobot i wiceprezes
Micheline Jaminski



L-p: Ryszard Jamiński, O. Ludwik Żyła,
prezes Joseph Drobot, wiceprezes Micheline
Jaminski, Judy Drobot z młodzieżą szkolną



Klasa maturalna z wychowawcą Wiolettą Ciepłą,
dyrektorem szkoły Stanisławem Skubiszem, prezesem
ZPRKA J. Drobotem i wiceprezes M. Jamińską



Klasa ósma z wychowawcą Janem Oprzędkiem,
dyrektorem Skubiszem i prezesem Drobotem
i wiceprezes Jamińską



Klasa ósma z wychowawcą Rafałem Zacharą,
dyrektorem Skubiszem, o. Żyłą, prezesem Drobotem
i wiceprezes Jamińską

Zachara oraz jedna klasa maturalna, k t ó r e j wychowawcą była pani Wioletta Ciepła.

Mszę odprawił o. Ludwik Żyła. Dla n a j l e p s z y c h u c z n i ó w przyznane zostały nagrody. Pod uwagę brane były wyniki w nauce, w z o r o w e z a c h o w a n i e,

reprezentowanie szkoły w konkursach. Nagrody otrzymali: Karolina Nowobilaska i Wojciech Zacharek, - nagroda główna (\$500) za najlepszy esej; Kinga Wróbel - druga nagroda (\$200); Wojciech Zacharek - trzecie nagrody (po \$200 każda) - Karolina Nowobilaska, Alicja Pawlikowska, Paulina Szeliga.

Uroczystość zakończenia roku przypadła w obchodzonego w tym dniu w Stanach Zjednoczonych Dniu Matki. Z tej okazji, uczniowie przygotowali również specjalne życzenia dla swoich mam.

Po mszy św. odbyło się przyjęcie graduacyjne w restauracji Camelot Banquets w Hickory Hills, IL.



Przyjęcie graduacyjne w restauracji Camelot



Uczniowie klasy maturalnej po mszy św.
w Bazylice św. Jacka (z żółtymi szarfami
najlepsi uczniowie: Karolina Nowobilaska
i Wojciech Zacharek)

W niedzielę, 21 maja, klasa maturalna uczestniczyła w uroczystej mszy św. w Bazylice św. Jacka w Chicago, IL, odprawionej w intencji abiturientów wszystkich liceów polonijnych w Chicago i okolicach.

ZPRKA gratuluje pedagogom oraz maturzystom i absolwentom klas ósmych i życzy wszystkim udanego odpoczynku wakacyjnego i wielu kolejnych sukcesów w przyszłym roku szkolnym.

Zdjęcia: KL Królikowski

Festiwal Polski w Milwaukee



Wesoły Lud na scenie w Milwaukee, WI

Milwaukee, WI - Sezon letni jest okazją do uczestnictwa w wielu imprezach na świeżym powietrzu. W dniach 16-18 czerwca, odbył się w Milwaukee w stanie Wisconsin, doroczny Festiwal Polski (Polish Fest).

W czasie festiwalu wystąpił Zespół Polskich Tańców Ludowych Wesoły Lud z Chicago, IL. W festiwalu udział również wzięli dyrektorzy i choreografowie szkół tańca ZPRKA z Michigan: Jessica Wendt (dyrektor zespołu Gwiazda), Basia Nowakowski (choreograf zespołu Gwiazda), Donna Skurski (choreograf zespołu Opole), Kelly Malinowski (choreograf zespołu Polskie Maki) i Rachael Kasperek (choreograf zespołu Zajączek). Jessica Wendt, Basia Nowakowski i Rachel Kasperek



Stoisko ZPRKA: (l-p) Mateusz Bomba
i Sharon Haberski

wystąpiły w koncercie galowym, w choreografii Donny Skurski, zaprezentowanym przez Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDA).

Odwiedzający festiwal mogli również zasięgnąć w stoisku ZPRKA informacji nt. ubezpieczeń, programów finansowych oraz korzyści braterskich, oferowanych przez ZPRKA.

Złoty Krzyż zasługi Polskiej Misji Katolickiej w Anglii i Walii dla dr. Jana Jaworskiego – katolickiego działacza polonijnego z Chicago

Dla podkreślenia wyjątkowego charakteru Dnia Polonii i Polaków za granicą, w dniu 2 maja 2017 roku, oddział Ligi Katolickiej Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii w Chicago, przekazał w komunikacie prasowym radosną wiadomość społeczności polonijnej, że ksiądz prałat Stefan Wyleżek, rektor Polskiej Misji Katolickiej w Anglii i Walii, przyznał dr. Janowi Jaworskiemu Złoty Krzyż zasługi Polskiej Misji Katolickiej w Anglii i Walii jako wyraz wdzięczności za jego długoletnie zaangażowanie w działalność kościelną i patriotyczną Misji, a szczególnie za promowanie magisterium Świętego Jana Pawła II poza granicami Polski.



Dr Jan Jaworski z ks. biskupem Andrzejem Wypychem

Pan dr Jan Jaworski zamieszkały w Chicago, jest długoletnim, niestrudzonym działaczem w środowisku Polonii Amerykańskiej – Komandorem Medalu Papieża Sylwestra i Medalu (krzyża) „Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice” (Dla Kościoła i Papieża), wyróżnionym w 2014 roku Medalem Prymasa Polski „Zasłużony dla Kościoła i Narodu”, byłym prezesem Oddziału Towarzystwa Przyjaciół Fundacji Jana Pawła II w Chicago, honorowym członkiem Fundacji Strzelce Wielkie w Chicago, przewodniczącym Oddziału Centrum Jana Pawła II „Nie lękajcie się” w Chicago, autorem książki „Podstawy patriotyzmu Jana Pawła II” oraz inicjatorem licznych inicjatyw na rzecz dobra wspólnego Polaków w kraju i za granicą.

W niedzielę 7 maja, podczas uroczystej Mszy Świętej o godz. 10:00 rano w Polskiej Misji Duszpasterskiej Świętej Trójcy w Chicago (1118 North Noble Street), nastąpiło wręczenie Złotego Krzyża zasługi Polskiej Misji Katolickiej w Anglii i Walii panu dr. Janowi Jaworskiemu z rąk ks. bp. Andrzeja P. Wypycha, biskupa pomocniczego Archidiecezji Chicago i dyrektora wykonawczego Ligi Katolickiej Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii. We wspólnej Eucharystii, organizowanej corocznie przez Związek Narodowy Polski i wieńczącej polonijne obchody uchwalenia Konstytucji 3 Maja, wzięli udział przedstawiciele władz polskiego rządu (sekretarz stanu w Kancelarii Rady Ministrów Anna Maria Anders, wicemarszałek Senatu RP Adam Bielan), reprezentanci władz lokalnych, duchowieństwa, organizacji regionalnych, kulturalno-naukowych, patriotycznych i wojskowych (NATO), kombataneci, harcerze, uczniowie i wierni.

Ks. bp Wypych dokonał krótkiego przedstawienia postaci dr. Jaworskiego i jego zasług oraz złożył mu serdeczne gratulacje z okazji przyznania tak prestiżowego wyróżnienia. W imieniu zgromadzonych, życzył dalszych, owocnych sukcesów w kolejnych latach działalności na rzecz krzewienia polskiego dziedzictwa, wiary katolickiej i nauczania Świętego Jana Pawła Wielkiego. Po przyjęciu odznaczenia, pan dr Jan Jaworski podziękował w krótkich słowach ks. bp. Wypychowi, że wybrał szczególnie symboliczny czas obchodów Konstytucji 3 Maja w katedrze Polonii chicagowskiej do przekazania i wręczenia jego osobie tak zaszczytnego wyróżnienia. Powiedział m.in.: „Jestem bardzo zaszczycony dzisiejszym odznaczeniem za moją działalność, która sięgnęła aż do Anglii i Walii.” Zaakcentował dalej, że „To odznaczenie jest nagrodą dla nas wszystkich, całej Polonii, za trwanie przy Bogu i Kościele. (...) Niech wstawiennictwo Świętego Jana Pawła Wielkiego i modlitwa towarzyszą Polonii w Chicago i na całym świecie.”

Tekst – Ewelina K. Sucharska;

Zdjęcia – Bogdan P. Sucharski (Arte-Byte, Inc.)

Dr Jan Jaworski jest wieloletnim członkiem i prezesem Tow. #800 ZPRKA.



Uroczysta Msza Św. w Polskiej Misji Duszpasterskiej Św. Trójcy

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UWAGA CZŁONKOWIE ZPRKA!

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



65. 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, 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 wpłata wymaganego 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
- Trafienie najbliżej dołka**

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



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Vice President ~ wiceprezes

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W lipcu (Ewa Pilipczuk)

Czas rozedrgany pszczoł brzęczeniem,
pole wyłaca się orkiszem,
drzewa upalne kładą cienie,
piaszczystym traktem stąpa lipiec.

Ogród zróżnił się floksami,
słowiki już nie sławią nocy,
w wieczornej ciszy upał zamilkł -
czy można urok jej przeoczyć?

Gwiazdy wyspały się do wierszy,
zasiane w ciemne nieba płótno,
miedzianą tarczą wzeszedł księżyc -
chodź, noc nam nie da dzisiaj usnąć...

Już lipiec, a wydaje się że dopiero rozpoczął się czerwiec! Skoro mamy moment na refleksję o minionych tygodniach, wspomnę że miesiąc czerwiec rozpoczął się wielkim oczekiwaniem na lato, słońce i wakacje. W tym nastroju radości świętowaliśmy Międzynarodowy Dzień Dziecka.



Przekazanie czeku od ZPRKA na Balu MPA:
(l-p) Kayla Leonhard, prezes MPA Richard Owsiany,
dyr. wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot, Kacper
Kaczmarczyk, Agnieszka Bastrzyk

wymienionych w naszej promocji i uzyskało najwięcej punktów, a tym samym wygrało największą donację. Pozostałe organizacje otrzymają donację w wysokości 500 dolarów. Wspierając MPA z dumą od wielu lat, cieszymy się bardzo również tą dodatkową promocją tej placówki i składamy najlepsze życzenia na przyszłość.



Mila Iliana Turkiewicz

Następny dzień, sobota 3 czerwca 2017, okazał się niezapomniany dla naszej rodziny. Wraz z mężem i naszą rodziną powitaliśmy na świecie drugą wnuczkę - Milę Ilianę, drugą córeczkę Nicole i Michaela Turkiewicza. Urodziła się o 23:35 ważąc 6 funtów 9 uncji i mierząc 20 cali. Cieszymy się bardzo serdecznie wraz z dziadkami Richardem (były dyrektor Dystr. #4) i Mary Agnes Turkiewicz, z rodzicami i starszą siostrą Mili - Arianką! Witaj na świecie Kochanie!

Tego samego dnia odbył się dzień dziedzictwa polskiego w Six Flags,

podczas którego młodzi członkowie

ZPRKA cieszyli się dobrą pogodą, kolejkami góorskimi i karuzelami.

W niedzielę, 4 czerwca odbyła się doroczna Msza święta ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa, patrona ZPRKA. Organizatorem tegorocznej uroczystości był Dystrykt 7. Msza została odprawiona w kościele pw. św. Jadwigi w Chicago. Po mszy, goście zgromadzili się w nowo-wyremontowanej sali ZPRKA na wspaniałym lunchu podanym przez Montrose Deli. Dziękujemy serdecznie gospodarzom tego wydarzenia, szczególnie dyrektorowi Kevinowi Kucikowi oraz jego pomocnikom za pracę włożoną w przygotowanie uroczystości! Relacje i więcej zdjęć na stronach 1 i 24.

Kolejny weekend był pełen ważnych jubileuszy zespołów ZPRKA. Niedziela, 11 czerwca 2017 r. zostanie wpisana w historię - obchody 30. rocznicy Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” w Chicago, IL oraz 50.

rocznicy Zespołu „Echoes of Poland” w Toledo, OH. Obecni na rocznicy „Polonii” byli prezes Drobot wraz z małżonką. Ja wraz z mężem, miałam wielką przyjemność reprezentować ZPRKA w Toledo na koncercie „Echoes”. Serdeczne gratulacje dla zespołów oraz prowadzących i założycieli - Pani Celinie Rożnowskiej, założycielce „Polonii”, obecnym choreografom, dyrektor Annie Krysińskiej. Również założycielce „Echoes of Poland” pani Paulinie Ortyl, która od początku do dziś jest również



Koncert jubileuszowy Zespołu „Echoes of Poland”

kierownikiem artystycznym i choreografem. Obecni również na tym koncercie byli dyrektorzy Dystr. #10 Colleen Bonkowski i Tom Lisiecki, Dystr. #5 Thomas Jesionowski oraz choreograf zespołu „Opole”. Dziękujemy bardzo wszystkim tancerzom, rodzicom i osobom, które w jakikolwiek sposób są zaangażowane w tych zespołach. Relacje i więcej zdjęć w angielskiej sekcji tego wydania.

W ten sam weekend, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, w imieniu ZPRKA służyła informacją w czasie dorocznego pikniku parafii św. Trójcy w Chicago.



**Pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA w czasie obchodów
Święta flagi amerykańskiej**

W hołdzie amerykańskiej fladze, pracownicy ZPRKA oraz PMA spotkali się w środę 14 czerwca, aby uczcić Święto flagi. Mieliśmy przyjemność gościć również panią Judith Drobot, dyrektorów Dystr. 9 Elizabeth Sadus i Dystr. 7 Kevina Kucika oraz byłą wiceprezes panią Annę Sokołowską, byłego redaktora „Narodu Polskiego” pana Żurawskiego, oraz byłą pracowniczkę Francis Surowiec. W uroczystości brali udział prezes Drobot, który rozpoczął i przywitał wszystkich zebranych, oraz sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski który poprowadził śpiew hymnu amerykańskiego. Wystąpili również pracownicy: Rafał Ciołkosz, Carlos Escobar, Mateusz Bomba, Audrey Carpenter, Anna Marrah oraz Agnieszka Bastrzyk. Dziękuję wszystkim, którzy pomogli przygotować tę uroczystość, którą ZPRKA co roku organizuje na cześć flagi amerykańskiej, między innymi mojej sekretarce Annie Jonak. Relacje i więcej zdjęć na stronach: 10 i 23.



**Daniel Bastrzyk i Jeannette
Holmquist w stoisku ZPRKA
na festiwalu w Milwaukee**

Tradycyjnie w weekend, kiedy obchodzi się Dzień Ojca, odbywa się również „Polish Fest” w Milwaukee, Wisconsin. W dniach 16-18 czerwca obył się tegoroczny festiwal polski, podczas którego zespół ZPRKA „Wesoły Lud” po raz kolejny (bo od 1985 roku) wystąpił kilkakrotnie na scenie dla publiczności w sobotę. Ogromne deszcze wieczorem w sobotę zalały wszystkich obecnych na festynie! Mimo pogody tancerze dzielnie reprezentowali naszą organizację. Dodatkowo, podczas całego weekendu ZPRKA miało stoisko, w którym pełniła dyżur była dyrektor krajowa Dystr. #6 Sharon Haberski na czele. Dziękujemy naszym pracownikom i wolontariuszom za ich pracę w stoisku, między innymi Jeannette Holmquist, Danielowi Bastrzyk, Mateuszowi Bombie.

Niedziela 18 czerwca 2017, chociaż wypełniona świętowaniem z okazji Dnia Ojców, okazała się również pogrążona w smutku, ponieważ nagle straciliśmy bliską nam osobę - Emily Skrzypiec. Pani Emi, jak Ją czule nazywaliśmy, była członkinią ZPRKA przez 42 lata, była jedną z pierwszych członkiń Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych, brała udział w Balu Kopciuszka i Księcia, była modelką przez wiele lat podczas dorocznego Pokazu mody Grupy Kulturalnej. Z radością zaprezentowała sześciorgo ze swoich ośmiorga dzieci podczas Balu Kopciuszka i Księcia, Troje z nich miało szczęście zostać wybranymi: Albert, Greg - jako „Książę” i Anita Skrzypiec - jako „Kopciuszek”. Wnuk Matthew Skrzypiec również brał udział i został wybrany na „Księcia”. Pani Emi była jedną z założycielek Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej, pierwszą dyrektorką tej szkoły a drugą dyrektorką „Wesołego Ludu”. Wraz ze swoim śp. mężem Romanem, zawsze miała otwarte drzwi dla członków „Wesołego Ludu” i była „drugą matką” dla każdego. W dzień pogrzebu, miałam zaszczyt podzielić się słowami na cześć Pani Emily. Byli i obecni członkowie „Wesołego Ludu” również przybyli, aby okazać szacunek i pomodlić się za Jej duszę. Serdeczne kondolencje dla całej rodziny. Wieczny odpoczynek racz Jej dać Panie. Właśnie gdy tracimy bliskie osoby w naszym życiu, rozumiemy jak ważne jest, aby żyć każdą chwilą. Więcej informacji nt. Pani Skrzypiec na stronie 3.

W czwartek, 22 czerwca odbył się uroczysty bankiet National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame (Krajowa Polsko Amerykańska Sala Sław Sportu), podczas którego członek Tow. #718 ZPRKA, Ronald A. Bąk, otrzymał nagrodę tzw. Matt Dobek Special Recognition Award. Między innymi obecni byli prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. wraz z małżonką. Gratulujemy!

W niedzielę, 25 czerwca odbył się 3. już z kolei doroczny piknik zorganizowany przez Dystrykty # 7, 8 i 9 na terenie PACF Grove w Glenwood, IL. Jak zwykle, piknik rozpoczął się mszą św. połową w same południe, którą odprawił ks. Ron Kondziołka. Dziękuję bardzo wszystkim wolontariuszom i tancerzom z zespołu „Wesoły Lud” za pomoc w przygotowywaniu i dekorowaniu

**Zabawy dla najmłodszych w czasie pikniku ZPRKA**

zorganizowanie sprzętu sportowego oraz malowanie twarzy. Specjalne podziękowania dla mojego męża Ryszarda, który zapakował, rozpakował, zajął się oprawą muzyczną oraz robił wszystko, co musiało być zrobione, aby ten piknik mógł się odbyć. Tegoroczne atrakcje to m.in.: dmuchany domek do skakania, klauny Lolo i Lulu, rowery wodne, konkursy, gry w piłkę nożną i siatkówkę oraz ciesząca się wielką popularnością kolejka, która przewoziła dzieci przez całe południe. Obecni w tym roku na pikniku byli również: prezes Drobot wraz z małżonką Judy, dyrektor Dystr. #5 Tom Jesionowski oraz naczelny kapelan ZPRKA ks. Władysław Ptak, byli dyrektorzy Dystr. #7 Robert Bugielski, #8 Steven Cieslicki, #9 Elizabeth Grabowski, którzy po raz pierwszy mieli okazję uczestniczyć. Specjalne podziękowania dla prezesa i sekretarza dystryktu #7 Mateusza Bomby i Tomasza Tarnowskiego za pracę przy porządkach po pikniku. Więcej relacji i zdjęć - w następnym wydaniu „Narodu Polskiego”.

W ten sam weekend, Mateusz Bomba w imieniu ZPRKA służył informacją w czasie dorocznego festiwalu parafii św. Ferdynanda w Chicago.

**„Wesoły Lud” przy stadionie Guaranteed Rate Field w Chicago**

podziękowania za wsparcie, pomoc i wielkie serce!

Już nadszedł miesiąc lipiec, który będzie równie pracowitym miesiącem dla członków i pracowników ZPRKA. 22 lipca odbędzie się 65. krajowy turniej ZPRKA golfa w Romulus, MI. Następny turniej odbędzie się w sierpniu – 63. krajowy turniej piłki softball w Warren, MI. Po więcej informacji na temat tych wydarzeń, zapraszam na naszą stronę internetową (prcu.org/sports) oraz na stronie 21 i poniżej. Zapraszamy serdecznie!

Zespoły „Wesoły Lud” oraz „Polonia” będą reprezentować naszą organizację na tegorocznym XVII Światowym Festiwalu Polonijnych Zespołów Folklorystycznych w Rzeszowie, organizowanym przez Stowarzyszenie „Wspólnota Polska”. 40 zespołów z pięciu kontynentów i 14 państw: Australii, Białorusi, Brazylii, Czech, Kanady, Litwy, Mołdawii, Niemiec, Rosji, Szwajcarii, Szwecji, Ukrainy, USA i Wielkiej Brytanii - w sumie 1130 Polonusów - przyjedzie do Rzeszowa już 19 lipca, by wystąpić. Do grupy festiwalowych rekordzistów należy reprezentacyjny zespół Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce „Wesoły Lud”, który będzie na rzeszowskim festiwalu po raz 11-ty. Festiwal kończy się Koncertem galowym w dniu 25 lipca. Życzymy naszym tancerzom, kadrom artystycznym oraz opiekunom bezpiecznej podróży oraz wielu wspaniałych wrażeń i wspomnień – Bon Voyage!

Wrz z naszymi tancerzami będę przeżywać XVII Festiwal w Rzeszowie osobiście, więc kolejny artykuł wiceprezesa ukaże się we wrześniu. Życzę wspaniałych wakacji wszystkim oraz rodzinnego przeżycia święta narodzin Stanów Zjednoczonych 4 lipca!

63. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL

Tylko dla członków ZPRKA

18-19 sierpnia 2017 - Warren, MI

Organizatorem jest Zespół Tańca „Zakopane” z Dystr. #10



63. Krajowy Turniej Piłki Softball ZPRKA odbędzie się w piątek i sobotę, 18-19 sierpnia 2017 r. w Halmich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI.

Zakwaterowanie dla zawodników i gości przyjezdnych dostępne będzie w Holiday Inn and Suites, 30000 Van Dyke Warren, MI. Ceny zakwaterowania za noc w pokojach o standardzie (plus podatek): King - \$87, Double Standard - \$92, King Executive Suite - \$107, Double Family Suite - \$127. Sugerowana jest jak najszybsza rezerwacja pokoju pod numerem: (586) 573-7600. Termin rezerwacji upływa 28 lipca 2017. Przy rezerwacji należy wspomnieć nasz turniej.

Formularze zgłoszeniowe dostępne są na stronie internetowej www.prcua.org/sports. Wszystkie zgłoszenia należy wypełnić i odesłać do biura ZPRKA wraz z wpisowym w wysokości \$50.00 od drużyny. Wszyscy zawodnicy muszą być członkami ZPRKA i być na bieżąco z opłatami składek. Każdy zawodnik może zgłosić udział tylko raz. Zawodnicy są zobowiązani do podpisania deklaracji, że będą przestrzegać przepisów i zasad dobrej sportowej rywalizacji i gry fair play na boisku i poza nim. Czeki należy wystawić na: PRCUA Softball. Zgłoszenia z opłatami należy wysłać na adres: 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642, lub zarejestrować się elektronicznie na stronie internetowej www.prcua.org/sports i dokonać płatności elektronicznej na www.prcua.org/payonline. Wszystkie zgłoszenia muszą być nadesłane pocztą lub złożone elektronicznie do **3 sierpnia 2017 r.**

Dodatkowe informacje o rozkładzie rozgrywek - w angielskiej sekcji na str. 10, na stronie internetowej: www.prcua.org/sports i na Facebook.

Święto flagi amerykańskiej w biurze ZPRKA

**Uroczysta akademie przy fładze USA**

Chicago, IL - Tradycyjne spotkanie obecnych i emerytowanych pracowników Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko Katolickiego w Ameryce oraz Muzeum Polskiego z okazji Święta flagi amerykańskiej odbyło się we środę, 14 czerwca.

Akademie rozpoczęła się o 12 w południe przy maszcie z flagą Stanów Zjednoczonych.

Program prowadziła dyrektor marketingu Agnieszka Bastrzyk. Zebranych powitał prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Śpiewowi amerykańskiego hymnu narodowego przewodził sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski. Uroczystą przysięgę fładze Stanów Zjednoczonych odczytał Rafał Ciołkosz a informacje o fładze - Carlos Escobar.

Po oficjalnej części akademie, wszyscy zostali zaproszeni na stołóvkę ZPRKA na lunch, składający się z hot-dogów, hamburgerów, sałatek, ciast i lodów.

Modlitwę przed posiłkiem odczytał w jęz. polskim Mateusz Bomba, a w jęz. angielskim Anna Marrah. Program akademie kontynuowano po lunchu. Modlitwę końcową odczytała w języku angielskim Audrey Carpenter, śpiew „America the Beautiful” poprowadził James Robaczewski. Wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński podziękowała wszystkim, którzy pomogli przy organizacji tegorocznej uroczystości.

W tym roku w akademie udział również wzięli: „pierwsza dama”



L-p: Państwo Judy i Joseph Drobot, b. wiceprezes Anna Sokółowski, Joseph Żurawski, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński

Judy Drobot, była wiceprezes Anna Sokółowski, dyrektorzy krajowi ZPRKA Kevin Kucik (D-7) i Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), były redaktor naczelny „Narodu Polskiego” Joseph Żurawski oraz emerytowana pracowniczka ZPRKA Frances Surowiec.

**Poczęstunek w świetlicy ZPRKA**

Zjednoczeńcy uczcili swojego patrona - Boskie Serce Jezusa

Chicago, IL - Tegoroczna msza św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa odprawiona została w kościele św. Jadwigi w Chicago w niedzielę, 4 czerwca, w dniu, w którym chrześcijanie obchodzą święto Zesłania Ducha Świętego. Mszę ofiarowaną w intencji wszystkich zmarłych członków ZPRKA, a zwłaszcza tych, którzy odeszli w ostatnim roku odprawił i homilię wygłosił ks. Eugene Szarek CR, przełożony prowincjalny. Organizatorem tegorocznej uroczystości był Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA.

Mszę poprzedziła procesja do ołtarza prowadzona przez poczet sztandarowy w osobach: Steven DeLonka (D-7), Jan Frankowicz (D-8) i Paul Pawłowski (D-9). W czasie mszy dary mszalne przynieśli do ołtarza prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński.

W tegorocznej Mszy ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa udział wzięli: prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i jego żona Judy, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński, jej mąż Ryszard i wnuczka Ariana, dyrektorzy krajowi ZPRKA: Constance Bonin (D-6), Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech (D-8) i jej mąż Tadeusz, Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), była wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski i jej mąż Mark, była skarbnik Joyce Szarowicz i mąż Walter, byli dyrektorzy krajowi Robert Bugielski (D-7) i jego żona Dona, była superwizor Dystr. #9 Barbara Pawłowska, dyrektor sprzedaży Robert Fattore, dyrektor marketingu Agnieszka Bastrzyk i jej mąż Daniel, dyrektor Dystr. #9 Paul Pawłowski, prezes Dystr. #7 Mateusz Bomba, ubrani w łowickie stroje ludowe tancerze z ZPiT Polonia, członkowie Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych, „Kopciuszek i Księżę 2017” (Kayla Leonhard i Kacper Kaczmarczyk) oraz grupa członków ZPRKA.



Grupa członków ZPRKA przed kościołem św. Jadwigi

(piec kuchenny, lodówka, kuchenka mikrofalowa). Zostały one zastąpione nowymi, jasnymi szafkami i wykończeniami, dopasowanymi do stylu wystroju w hallu przy wejściu głównym ZPRKA/MPA. Na podłodze i nad blatami ułożone zostały płytki ceramiczne, zakupione zostały nowe urządzenia ze stali nierdzewnej.

Nowy wystrój świetlicy uzyskał ogólną aprobatę uczestników uroczystości. Wiele pochwał i pozytywnych komentarzy skierowano również do wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński, która była projektantem nowego wystroju. Pani Jamiński podziękowała prezesowi Drobotowi, za jego wsparcie w realizacji tego projektu, a także wyraziła



Uczestnicy lunchu - członkowie ZPRKA z Dystr. 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA



Podziękowania prezesa Drobota i brawa uczestników dla wiceprezes Micheline Jamińskiej, za zaprojektowanie sali i nadzorowanie remontu



Tancerze ZPiT Polonia (l) oraz członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA w uroczystej procesji przed mszą



Ks. Eugene Szarek CR w czasie homilii



Wiceprezes Jamiński i prezes Drobot przynieśli dary mszalne

Bezpośrednio po Mszy św. odbył się w świetlicy w budynku Zjednoczenia lunch, serwowany przez Montrose Deli. Gości powitał dyrektor Dystr. #7 Kevin Kucik, który podziękował członkom Dystryktu, którzy pomogli przy przygotowaniach, tancerzom ZPiT Polonia i wszystkim, którzy wzięli udział w tegorocznej uroczystości.

Tegoroczny lunch był także doskonałą okazją do kolejnej uroczystości - oficjalnego otwarcia świeżo odremontowanej świetlicy ZPRKA. Remont świetlicy zakończył się 31 maja. Wystrój sali zmienił się gruntownie: usunięte zostały ze ścian boazerie, wykładziny podłogowe, szafki i urządzenia gospodarstwa domowego



uznanie dla wykonawcy remontu, w związku z zakończeniem prac remontowych na dzień przed planowanym terminem.

Zdjęcia: L. Kowalewicz, A. Bastrzyk



Dyrektorzy Dystr. #7 Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik z tancerzami ZPiT Polonia

ZPRKA PONAWIA AKCJĘ ZBIÓRKI FUNDUSZY „MATCHING GIFT” NA SEMINARIUM W ORCHARD LAKE

Chicago, IL - Zarząd i dyrekcja Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, podjęli decyzję o ponowieniu akcji zbiórki funduszy „PRCUA Matching Gift Program” na Seminarium św. Cyryla i Metodego w Orchard Lake w stanie Michigan. Decyzja zapadła w czasie kwartalnego zebrania, które odbyło się w Chicago w dniach 24-25 czerwca.

Ostatni raz ZPRKA przeprowadziło podobną akcję na rzecz seminarium w Orchard Lake w 2001 roku i przekazało na seminarium sumę w wysokości 25 tys. dolarów.

Program ten ma na celu zachęcenie członków ZPRKA do udzielania pomocy finansowej seminarium w Orchard Lake, MI, które kształci młodych seminarzystów z Polski, przygotowując ich do pracy w środowiskach polonijnych w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Seminarium św. Cyryla i Metodego to rzymsko-katolicka placówka pedagogiczna, oferująca programy akademickie i formacyjne dla kandydatów do stanu duchownego i do posługi świeckiej. Klerycy z Polski, którzy kształcą się w seminarium do służby w diecezjach amerykańskich, wypełnią lukę, która powstała w wyniku braku powołań kapłańskich w Ameryce oraz zapewnią większą ilość kapłanów polskojęzycznych.

Jednoroczny koszt edukacji każdego kleryka obejmuje czesne, zakwaterowanie i wyżywienie oraz opłaty szkolne. Nie obejmuje książek ani innych kosztów utrzymania. Darowizna na fundusz na rzecz kształcenia kleryków jest najlepszym sposobem na wsparcie tego ważnego programu, który jest również utworzony z myślą o Polonii.

Zakłady Naukowe w Orchard Lake, pierwotnie znane jako "Seminarium polskie", powstały pod koniec XIX wieku, kiedy to wzrosło zapotrzebowanie na kapłanów do opieki duchownej nad polskimi imigrantami. W styczniu 1879 r. ks. Leopold Moczygemba, Franciszkanin z Polski, uzyskał zgodę papieża Leona XIII na utworzenie seminarium duchownego w Stanach Zjednoczonych w celu wykształcenia ludzi do kapłaństwa. Ks. Moczygemba zlecił utworzenie seminarium ks. Józefowi Dąbrowskiemu, polskiemu księdzu, który je ukończył. W lipcu 1885 r. wmurowano kamień węgielny pod Seminarium Św. Cyryla i Metodego.

AKCJA ZBIÓRKI FUNDUSZY W ZPRKA!

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce przekaze 50 centów za każdego dolara, który wpłynie na „PRCUA Matching Gift Program” od indywidualnych członków ZPRKA lub Towarzystw/grup - do łącznej kwoty 25 tys. dolarów. W celu przekazania darowizny, prosimy o wypełnienie kuponu na str. 2. ZPRKA dziękuje wszystkim członkom, którzy dołączą się do akcji.

Aby uzyskać więcej informacji nt. akcji zbierania funduszy na „PRCUA Matching Gift Program”, skontaktuj się z biurem prezesa Josepha Drobota pod numer: (773) 782-2600).