Glenwood, IL - PRCUA Directors Anna Krysinski and Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech and James Rustik (D-8), and Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), assisted by the PRCUA Fraternal Department and countless volunteers, organized the 3rd Annual PRCUA Picnic on Sunday, June 25 at the beautiful grounds of the PACF Grove in Glenwood, IL.

The picnic began with an outdoor Mass celebrated by Rev. Ron Kondziolka, Director of Pastoral Care Services, St. James Hospital & Health Centers in Chicago Heights, IL. He was assisted by a musical trio (Jan Fedor and friends) which enhanced the Mass with uplifting music. Dancers from the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company of PRCUA served as the Readers. PRCUA V.P. Micheline Jaminski thanked Rev. Kondziolka for his sermon and those who helped with the Mass, and wished everyone a great time at the picnic.

This year’s activities at the picnic included a bouncy air castle, a variety of games for children of all ages, pedal boat rides, fun with clowns Lulu and Lolo, and much more. The younger children especially enjoyed the train rides, while older ones spent time playing volleyball and soccer. Also very popular was the face painting done by the Polonia Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble dancers, who offered a selection of designs. Even PRCUA President Joseph Drobot joined in this fun by getting his face painted. As an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers (professional baseball team), he chose a tiger design.

Those who didn’t bring their own picnic baskets didn’t leave the picnic hungry. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages were grilled all day long by PRCUA “chefs” James Rustik and Daniel Bastrzyk. Helping them was PRCUA National Chaplain, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak. Fruit and cold drinks were available in the air-conditioned building, where those who wanted to cool down could rest and eat their lunch.

The organizers are very happy to see more and more people come to the picnic every year and they hope that the trend will continue next year with even more people in attendance. (More photos on pg. 5.)

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The Matching Gift Fund for SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake, MI 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 in the United States.

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.

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Life insurance is a tough topic to broach with loved ones. It is both depressing and stressful. This doesn’t mean the conversation shouldn’t happen though. In fact, the conversation is very important because it can save your family from immense stress and turmoil later down the road.

So how do you bring up such an awkward topic? Here are five tips to help the conversation go smoothly.

1.) Set the stage. Find a comfortable, safe environment where everyone involved is at ease. Whether this is around a kitchen table with a cup of coffee, sitting in a shady backyard, or curled up on a couch in the living room, the setting is important.

2.) Use a story. When I brought up life insurance to my husband, I needed to make sure he knew why we were having the conversation and why it was important to me. A family friend had recently been killed in a car accident. He left behind a beautiful wife and seven young children. He also did not have any life insurance. As the sole breadwinner, his family immediately felt financial strain. His story, though heartbreaking, helped me breech the subject with my husband and illustrate the importance of life insurance.

3.) Give reasons. Explain why this topic is important for your family and why preparing ahead of time is a necessity. Try not to get emotional but to stick to factual reasons the conversation should proceed (i.e. life insurance would provide for surviving family; premiums get more expensive as a person ages; and a person may not always be insurable).

4.) Do your homework. Be ready to discuss the different types of insurance, how to determine needed coverage, and how to budget for premiums. Check out our website for help with these questions. Also be prepared to ask and offer information about existing policies as this is also a good time to swap policy information. It is important to have information such as the certificate number and type, company details, and location of original documents on hand and accessible.

5.) Bring samples. My husband is the kind of man that, when he decides to do something, wants to act immediately. I was prepared with numerous quotes for him to review. He was able to compare certificate types, coverage amounts, and premiums costs so that he could determine what type of policy would work best for him and for our family.

6.) Above all, make sure your loved one knows he/she is not alone. Death is an isolating topic and one that people have trouble discussing. Holding hands or occasionally touching an arm or shoulder are both reassuring and comforting. These simple actions will assure the person that he/she is loved and supported by you. That makes all the difference.

Don’t be afraid to have the life insurance talk with your loved ones. Whether they are your parents, spouse, or children, it is important for the financial future and stability of every branch on your family tree.

If you need help preparing for this conversation or you and a loved one would like a quote, please consider the PRCUA your go-to organization. Call us today at 773-782-2632. We are always happy to help your family achieve financial security.

By: Anna Marrah, Marketing Department

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The PRCUA thanks all individual and Society participants in the PRCUA Goal for Growth Program for their efforts to grow the PRCUA. We congratulate all winners of the Grand Prize and the Society Cash drawings. The Referrer Grand Prize Trip was won by PRCUA’s Polonia St. Thomas Becket dance group for their efforts to recruit and promote PRCUA membership and our whole life insurance plans! The trip will be raffled off to gain additional funds for the group.

Societies that won funds in the Society Cash drawing had a chance to win a combined total of $6,500. Winners are listed on the right:

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Each recommender also received $10 for a valid referral in which a purchase of whole life insurance took place. Similarly, associated Societies received $10 per whole life insurance new member gained during the time period of the program.

Submitted by: Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Marketing Director

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26TH ANNUAL POLISH FEST
IN ROCKFORD, IL

Rockford, IL - The 36th Annual Polish Fest will be held on Sunday, August 20, 2017 on St. Stanislaus Church Grounds: 201 Buckbee Street, Rockford, IL. The public is invited and entry is free. Easy access is available for the physically handicapped to all areas of the Fest except for the John Paul II Cultural Center and the School Hall.

At 10:00 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Church will open the Fest. Entertainment throughout the day will include two bands: The I.P.A. Band and Format Band from Chicago, IL. We will also feature The Syrena Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble from Milwaukee, WI, who will perform at 1:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. The children’s group “Krakowiaczek” from the church’s Polish Language School will perform at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

A Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Other festival-type food will be available, along with ethnic Polish offerings: four types pierogi, potato pancakes, Polish sausage and sauerkraut, and Polish beef, just to name a few. Polish pastries as well as Polish beer, domestic beer and wine will also be available.

There will be games for children and adults, including Pull Tabs, Bingo, and inflatables. Cash raffles and a basket raffle will be held during the course of the day.

The John Paul II Cultural Center in the former school building will be open for visitors to view two rooms of artifacts from Poland on display.

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Draw a line connecting the correct picture with the word

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2.  MOTYL
3.  MASŁO
4.  MYSZKA
5.  MIÓD
6.  MEDAL

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Write down the names of the fruit to solve the puzzle below.

FIND THE RIGHT SHADOW

Match the pictures with their shadows.

MAGIC WORDS

What are these girls building? Place letters in the right squares to find the solution. Then, color the picture.

Answers on page 15
America and Poland were Never Closer

By Robert Strzybel, Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw – The eyes of the world were on Poland’s capital one day in July when U.S. President Donald Trump paid his first visit to our ancestral homeland. The regional leader of Europe’s eastern flank, it was the first country Trump visited during his second foreign trip. Everyone knew in advance from White House sources that he was coming to reiterate America’s commitment to Poland and its former east-bloc allies. And that he did in no uncertain terms.

The highpoint of Trump’s visit was the keynote speech he delivered at Warsaw’s Krasinski Square in front of a monumental memorial to the 1944 Warsaw Uprising against the German occupiers. Without using notes, Trump displayed a surprising knowledge of Poland’s turbulent history, its partitions, invasions, and foreign occupations. “I am here today not just to visit an old ally but to hold it up as an example for others who seek freedom and who wish to summon the courage and the will to defend our civilization.” In a rousing address frequently interrupted by cheers he added: “The triumph of the Polish spirit over centuries of hardship gives us all hope for a future in which good conquers evil and peace achieves victory over war.” He added: “The story of Poland is the story of a people who have never lost hope, who have never been broken and who have never, ever forgotten who they are.”

In a clear warning to Moscow Trump said: “The United States has demonstrated, not merely with words, but with its action, that we stand firmly behind article five’s mutual defense commitment.” Article 5 of the NATO charter states that an attack on one alliance member is an attack on them all.

He praised Poland for spending the required two percent of GDP on defense and urged other NATO members to follow suit. But he added: “Money alone is not enough, there must also be the will to survive.” That veiled criticism was directed at Western Europe’s liberal elites which seem to have lost their will to defend their civilization in the face of the alien forces out to destroy it.

“We must work together to counter forces, whether they come from inside or out, that threaten to undermine these values and to erase the bonds of culture, faith and tradition that make us who we are,” he urged those who have lost their way.

Earlier in the day, Trump held a private one-on-one with Polish President Andrzej Duda. Since the Pole knows English, no interpreters were needed. “The president and I concluded a productive meeting in which we reaffirmed our enduring bonds of friendship which have united our citizens for a long time. We’ve never been closer to Poland than we are right now,” Trump said after the meeting. At the same time, a deal was signed to supply Poland with eight U.S. Patriot anti-ballistic missile systems. “That is Poland’s response to the Russian Iskander missiles which threaten our country,” Polish Defense Minister Antoni Macierewicz remarked.

After his face-to-face with Duda, President Trump was a guest speaker at the summit of the Three Seas Initiative, a bloc of 12 Central-Eastern European countries that feel marginalized and dominated by Germany and France. Trump praised the initiative, saying it will ensure that your nations remain sovereign, secure and free from foreign coercion. “The visit was a huge diplomatic success for Poland which raised the level of Polish-US ties and strengthened Poland’s position in NATO.”

Detroit City FC Hosts Polish Heritage Night

Hamtramck, MI - What better way to kick off the 4th of July weekend than with soccer? Well, that’s what about 4,400 fans of Detroit City FC (“DCFC”) did as they descended upon Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, Michigan on June 30, 2017. Despite a constant rain during the match’s first half and half-time, the DCFC supporters’ enthusiasm wasn’t dampened.

In addition to watching DCFC win 3-1 against Michigan Stars FC and consequently setting up a battle for supremacy in the Great Lakes Division of the National Premier Soccer League (“NPSL”) on July 7 between second place DCFC and first place AFC Ann Arbor, attendees also participated in DCFC’s first Polish Heritage Night.

As part of the Polish festivities, the match featured pre-game Polka and Polish/Disco Polo music piped through the stadium’s speakers, a group of players representing the White Eagles, S.C. and a half time performance by the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers from Hamtramck, MI and the PRCUA Zajączek Dancers from Sterling Heights, MI. The Friday rains had already begun to let up as the dancers took to the field to perform a polka and oberek in front of the assembled fans. By the time the second half started, the rain stopped and the dancers were able to return to the stands, dry off and watch DCFC extend its win-streak to 8 league matches.

DCFC hopes that in the coming years they’ll be able to build upon the success of their first Polish Heritage Night. Said Sean Mann, DCFC Co-Owner, “Detroit City FC prides itself on celebrating what makes our city special. The Polish community has played a key role in shaping Detroit and we were honored to celebrate that contribution and show off a bit of their culture to our fans. We look forward to doing more with our Polish Heritage Night in the coming years, as we become more engrained in the fabric of Hamtramck and Detroit.”

About DCFC

DCFC is a soccer team that plays in the National Premier Soccer League. Founded in 2012, DCFC began playing matches at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, Michigan in 2016 having outgrown their previous playing space at Cass Tech in Detroit. They have a fan base and group of supporters that are vocal and passionate. DCFC matches draw an attendance of upwards of 4,000 people per match and are live streamed on Fox Sports Detroit (reaching approximately an additional 15,000 viewers per match). Additional information about DCFC can be found at www.detcityfc.com.

By: Nicholas J. Nowakowski
The “Seasons of Poland” recital took the audience through just that – Poland. The program took the audience through a year – the dance year, seasons of life and literally the seasons of Poland. The Syrena Ensemble always tries to mix in education with the fun side of dance. This recital expressed that, in Poland, students are traditionally taught that there are four calendar seasons – those officially marked on a calendar – and six natural ones. The dancers took our friends, family and Polish dance enthusiasts through those times. Surprisingly – there were quite a few similarities between Poland’s seasons and those that are experienced here in Michigan.

The show began the way many special Polish events begin – with all dancers presenting the Polonez. The students glided across the floor to start off this season of life. This represented the start of one of the additional seasons – Zlota Polska Jesieni – the “Golden Polish Summer,” which is in September and October. It was a strong start that easily transitioned into the next dance, the Oberek of Opoczno, performed by the “Golden Polish Summer,” which is in September and October. It was a strong start and vital steps. The name oberek comes from the word “to spin” – and that easily transitioned into the next dance, the Oberek of Opoczno, performed by the “Golden Polish Summer,” which is in September and October.

The largest group, Abigail Boettcher, Brooke Cibor, Abigail Galanty and Olivia Haass, didn't let that stop them and warmed up all hearts! The group strolled right along into a number choreographed by our dear founder, Mrs. Shirley Galanty. All groups were brought back on stage to perform the sixth dance number, the Mazur. This highlighted a season of old and showcased a bright tradition. Although this dance takes longer to learn, the students caught on quickly and had fun doing so! Because Syrena is a small group, the dancers had very little time between dances for a quick change of costumes. They exceeded expectations with what they were able to accomplish! The next number was an example of literally no dances between one and another for a costume change. By adding some narrations and chatter, the oldest group accomplished this with time to spare! This dance also introduced the Winter months of Poland – Zima. Courtney Cibor and Allison Galanty eloquently glided across the floor to present the Mazur. Being part of this great Polish community means there are plenty of generous people here. I this dance, the girls were lucky enough to borrow and wear the traditional Kontuszka, fur-lined, costumes of the region. The Mazur fell in the season that takes place in January and February.

The first part of the program ended the way it began – with all groups back on stage (and another quick change for our dancers.) They presented one of the more playful dances of Poland, the Goralski. It was a stretch to wind down the winter months, but with the Goral people being from the mountains, which are typically colder, they presented the way we are all spun into life’s lessons from an early age. The dancers, Nick Cibor and Krysta Logie, showed they knew how to rule the dance floor with all eyes on them!

The traditional Autumn time of Poland, in November and December, brought us to the next group of dances. Jesien started off with a dance by the middle group. Group four danced the Wiosenny Kujawiak, the Spring Dance from Kujawy. Although the title suggests it would be danced in the springtime – the two seasons can be quite similar. The weather changes abruptly around that time, which was very similar to what we experienced on that end of March day here in Michigan.

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The show ended in the Summer season with the graduate’s Waltz performed by Allison and her father, Joel. After changing into her white presentation gown, sash, gloves and shoes, Allison and Joel waltzed onto stage for Syrena graduates’ traditional send off. The summer months are often when high schoolers go away to college or move out of their childhood home. Earlier this year, Ally was presented at the PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball. Her father, a Syrena alumnus, watched as Ally’s escort presented his daughter. He now did the same – presenting his daughter before she goes on her first major journey in life. This is a time when some parents start to realize that their baby has grown into an adult and will leave them for the world on their own – their life’s path. A season of life that is inevitable. But, the memories of singing a Polish Lullaby and all those times together are ones to be cherished. After a few fun weeks of extra practice time, Allison and Joel soared around the

Graduate Allison Galanty
dance floor together to the Polish Lullaby Waltz. It was a rush of emotions including tears, happiness and togetherness for all involved.

Before going on to the final dance, the students were presented with their awards and participation gifts. These included three-, five- and ten-year awards.

Next was the presentation of the Alumni dance, the Peanuts Polka. This is traditionally the way that Syrena graduates are welcomed into the next season of their life and make the transition from current Syrena dancer to Alumni. As the saying goes, it was like riding a bicycle for the Alumni to get into their dancing groove! A little practice went a long way for these well-trained dancers. It is always a lot of fun to watch them get together! This concluded our recital and it truly felt like the year flew by, right in front of our faces.

In between the Dzień Dobry Polka and Waltz, a 50-50 raffle was held. In addition to this fundraiser, we are fortunate to have donations to auction off to raise money for the school every year. This year's prize highlights included sports tickets, Polish Pottery sets and much more. Syrena Ensemble is always incredibly grateful for the assistance and contributions of those who believe in the arts and in preserving Polish traditions.

The recital for the last few years has included a dinner and the show. Following the dancing, a delicious dinner was served, prepared by the amazing staff at the Stitt American Legion Post. After dinner, guests were invited to mix, mingle and demonstrate their dancing skills with music by DJ Vince Endicot, assisted by our own music man, Ben Steven. The two of them always know how to set the scene and continue the celebration for all. Ben, especially, always comes through with music for Syrena year-round. He even joins the group during each Wednesday practice.

As the Syrena Teacher, after giving readers this glimpse into the Syrena 2017 Recital, I truly hope everyone enjoys their Seasons of Life – and soaks it all in, no matter if you’re in the Pre-Fall, Fall, Winter, Pre-Spring, Spring or Summer season of your life.

As always, Syrena couldn’t be the great school we are without the amazing support from the parents, families and friends of the group – so THANK YOU. The dancers are also fortunate enough to have amazing help with costumes for the dancers given by both talented seamstresses as well as donors.

Of course, week after week, year after year, the group’s Director Pat Steven keeps the Ensemble going with her dedication, drive and love for Syrena. The assistant teacher, Holly, also shows her dedication for the group by being there when I can’t or by jumping in when needed.

Lastly, Syrena welcomes one and all to our recitals and performances year-round. We also welcome new students into the group, from youngsters up to seniors in high school.

In addition to presenting our recital in the Spring of every year, we also get together and love to perform at various venues all year long. If more information about the Syrena Dance Ensemble is desired, including performance requests and dancer registration information, please contact Pat Steven, at SyrenaDancers@yahoo.com or find the Syrena Dance Ensemble on Facebook under PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble.

By: Sarah (Porada) Wolicki
Des Plaines, IL - The 37th Annual PMA Summer Gala was held at Café La Cave in Des Plaines, Illinois, on Friday, June 2, 2017, with over 200 guests in attendance. This year’s Summer Gala was also an occasion to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Polish Museum of America.

The Polish Museum of America, founded in 1935, and open to the public since 1937, remains the nation’s only institution of its kind, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Polish and Polish American identity through a wide variety of educational programs and exhibitions. Its primary mission is to promulgate the rich cultural history of the Polish people by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and displaying materials related to this heritage; and to integrate these resources into appropriate programs, activities, and exhibitions that enrich the intellectual and artistic lives of all members of society.

This elegant black-tie optional affair began with a cocktail hour and a Silent Auction with many interesting items offered for bids, which were on display throughout the evening.

The official program started with a welcome by Sharon Orlowski, 2017 Summer Gala Chair. Jenny Milkowski, the on-camera traffic reporter for “Good Day Chicago” on WFLD Fox 32, served as the event’s Mistress of Ceremonies.

Polish and American National anthems were sung by Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Polish Museum of America Chairman and National President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

The Invocation was offered by Rev. Zdzisław Torba, Pastor of St. Ferdinand Church in Chicago, IL, followed by remarks from Piotr Janicki, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. PMA President Richard Owsiany and PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot offered a toast to the future of the PMA.

After a delicious dinner and remarks by Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer and Honorary Gala Chair, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Richard Owsiany and Małgorzata Kot recognized the major donors to the PMA by presenting each of them with a token long-stem red rose.

Several organizations and individuals made generous monetary contributions to the PMA: Legion of Young Polish Women, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Copernicus Foundation, Hubert and Lori Cioromski, and the Polish National Alliance.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the Polish Spirit Award to the Copernicus Foundation, which was accepted by its President, Hubert Cioromski. Presenting the award were Chairman Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and President Richard Owsiany. This award is presented to individuals or organizations who exemplify a spirit of fellowship and humanitarian concern for Polonia and who have made meaningful contributions toward its betterment.

The evening concluded with a raffle drawing of cash prizes, and closed with dancing to music provided by the popular Anthony Kawalkowski and his Orchestra.

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**Recognition of the major donors**

**Cutting of the 80th Anniversary cake:** (l-r) Richard Owsiany, Jenny Milkowski, Małgorzata Kot, Maria Pappas, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

**Donation presented to the PMA by the Legion of Young Polish Women**

**Hubert Cioromksi (r), receiving the 2017 Polish Spirit Award on behalf of the Copernicus Foundation**

**PRCUA presenting donation to the PMA:** Kayla Leonhard, Richard Owsiany, Małgorzata Kot, Kacper Kaczmarczyk, Agnieszka Bastrzyk

**Guests enjoying the evening at the PMA Gala**
Orland Park, IL - Another successful year at SWCPD. The children did a wonderful job at our Annual Recital held on May 8th! All the hard work from them and dedication from their parents, made them really shine. The teachers and I are all very proud of them. The children worked very hard this year. The group was busy preparing for the recital and two of our groups performed for Wesoly Lud’s 40th Anniversary concert in April. I want to thank the parents, children, and PRCUA for their never-ending support. Also, I would like to thank the staff, Camilla Steczek, Michael Dziadkowiec, Renee Kroplewski, Kasia Bialas, Sylvia Kupiec, Aleksa Herdzik, Stephanie Anhalt, Weronika Niedzielski, Anna Cieplucha, and Richard Jaminski, who not only teaches dance but also singing, and is our artistic choreographer, and our music/sound director!

A few children achieved their 5- and 10-year milestone in the group. The 5 year recipients are: Steven Skowyra, Jakub Niedzielski, Dominic Karkoszka, Natalia Hatala, Karolina Slomba, and Paulina Karkoszka. The 10 year members are: Gabriella Stoch and Anna Maria Williams. Congrats and Sto Lat to their achievements!

Another year is just around the corner! Follow SWCPD on Facebook or look for updates in the Naród Polski. Come join us for our shows. The children will bedazzle you with their beautiful Polish singing and dancing.

Article by: Ania Kraszewski - School Director
Photos by: Joseph Karkoszka
ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR OPOLE DANCERS

Warren, MI - The PRCUA Opole Dancers of Warren, MI have wrapped up their 2016-2017 school year! The year has flown by! The dancers started back in September, meeting Tuesday evenings to learn new steps and dances from their teacher/choreographer, Donna Skurski. These dances were presented at Opole’s 59th Annual Dance Recital, which was held on April 1, 2017 at the Van Dyke Public Schools Auditorium in Warren, MI. Opole was honored to have in the audience, PRCUA National President Joseph Drobot, Jr. and District 10 National Director Thomas Lisiecki.

The program began with the “American” dances, which included both tap and jazz numbers. The theme of the recital was “Wild About Dance.” Dances during the American portion featured songs with animals in their title, such as “Hound Dog” and “Eye of the Tiger.” The second half of the recital featured regional dances from Poland, as well as some lively Polkas. The regional dances included: dances from Nowy Sącz, Kaszuby, Szamotuly, Kupie, Lublin, Opolno, and Trojan. Polkas included the “Graj Chlopcey Graj Polka” and Opole’s finale, the “Hoe Down Polka.” The year’s recital featured several new costumes that were purchased with funds from Opole’s annual bowling fundraiser. These new costumes included: Nowy Sącz, Kaszuby, Szamotuly, and Kupie.

During the recital, awards were given for both perfect class attendance and good class attendance (1 absence). Anniversary awards for 5- and 10-years of dance were also presented. Max Jared, Eli Kujawski, Marysia Thacker, and Olivia Milot all received 5-year awards, while David Baker received a 10-year award.

Since the recital, Opole has danced at various functions, such as Polish American Night at Comerica Park, Polish Night at Jimmy John’s Stadium, the Center Line Independence Festival, and Polish Night at the local Elks Club. Opole will also be performing at some local church festivals before the summer is over.

Opole is already looking ahead to the 2017-2018 school year, when we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary! Opole would love to welcome new dancers in September, and accepts students from 2.5 – 17 years old. The group practices on Tuesday evenings at the FOP Hall in Warren (14 Mile between Van Dyke and Hoover). To learn more about the Opole Dancers, please contact Opole Director, Elizabeth Thacker, at opole.director@comcast.net or 586-944-9683. You can also search for “P.R.C.U.A. Opole Dance School” on Facebook and hit the “Like” button.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Thacker

Poland Native and Former SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminarian Named New Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools

ORCHARD LAKE, Mich. (7-24-17) — Reverend Miroslaw K. Krol, a native of Poland and former student of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, is the new Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, succeeding Msgr. Thomas C. Machalski, Jr. whose term expired and has returned to the Archdiocese of Brooklyn, New York.

After a long and arduous search process, the Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents voted overwhelmingly on Rev. Krol’s appointment. The native of Poland attended SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake for two years before completing his theological studies at the Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. In 1999, he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey and served in various parishes.

In 2006, Cardinal Adam Maida appointed Rev. Krol the Dean of Human Formation at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. Two years later, he was named Vice Rector, a position he held for five years.

He went on to serve as the Director of the Blessed John Paul II Be Not Afraid Center in the United States. In this capacity, he also served as its spiritual leader and oversaw its U.S. fundraising efforts.

In 2011, Rev. Krol was also appointed the Pastor of St. Theresa parish in Linden, NJ. It was named the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Blessed John Paul II two years later, and Krol was appointed the first rector of the Shrine.

“Reverend Krol’s dedication to the mission of the Orchard Lake Schools, his experience, and the vigor and enthusiasm he will bring to us are what we sought in our new Chancellor,” said Stephen Gross, Chairman, Orchard Lake Schools Board of Regents. “We welcome and look forward to working with him.”

Rev. Miroslaw Krol

Submitted by: Elizabeth Thacker

American Night at Comerica Park, Polish Night at Jimmy John’s Stadium, the Center Line Independence Festival, and Polish Night at the local Elks Club.
Four new Polish-Americans were inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame at the 45th Annual Induction Banquet held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame Museum which is housed at the American-Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI. Dan Miller, Fox2 sports director and voice of the Detroit Lions was the MC for the event. Over 400 guests attended the festivities.

Juliene Brazinski Simpson - A former US basketball player. She represented the US team at the 1973 World University Games in Moscow, Soviet Union, first one in which the USA competed in women’s basketball, and won the silver medal. In 1975, she played for the USA team in the Pan American Games held in Mexico City, Mexico where the team captured their first gold medal. She also competed in the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, Canada where the US team won the silver medal. Simpson was selected to represent the United States in 11 international competitions.

Steve Javie - A retired professional basketball referee who refereed in the National Basketball Association (NBA) from the 1986–87 NBA season to the 2010–11 season. He officiated 1,514 regular season games, 243 playoff games and 23 NBA Finals games. Prior to his NBA career, he played baseball for Temple University from 1974 to 1976 and later was an umpire in the Florida State League (Class-A) from 1978 to 1981.

Gary Kubiak - A former professional football player and coach. He played quarterback in college. He was drafted in the 1983 NFL Draft by the Broncos where he played from 1983 to 1991. Recently, he served as head coach of the Houston Texans (2006-2013) and the Denver Broncos (2015-2016) helping the Broncos win Super Bowl 50. Overall, he participated in seven Super Bowls as a player and coach.

Janusz Bednarski - A retired fencing coach. He was head coach for both the men’s and women’s fencing teams at Notre Dame for 12 seasons. Under his direction Notre Dame won the combined NCAA team championships in 2003, 2005 and 2011 and finished in second place three times. During his tenure, his pupils won 14 individual championships including two gold medals in the 2008 Olympics. Bednarski is also a former coach of Poland’s Olympic team.

Along with the four inductees, Ron Bak, longtime PRCUA member (Soc. #718) was given the Matt Dobek Special Recognition Award in acknowledgement of his life’s work in sports officiating and around the Polish community. Ron Bak had a 50-year career as a high school basketball and football referee.

The PRCUA extends congratulations to the Induction Class of 2017 and especially to Matt Dobek Special Recognition Award winner Ron Bak, a longtime PRCUA member.
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-towners 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 immediately by calling (866) 573-7600, and mention our tournament.

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

**Friday, August 18**
- 6:00 p.m. - Co-Ed Games - Halmich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd., Warren, MI
- 7:00-10:00 p.m. - Welcome Gathering - Holiday Inn & Suites, 30000 Van Dyke, Warren, MI

**Saturday, August 19**
- 9:00 a.m. - 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
- 5:30 p.m. - Awards Banquet - American Polish Century Club of Sterling Heights, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI

**Mass**
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 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/payonline. All mailed entries must be postmarked or submitted by August 3, 2017.

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

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POLONIA – SEMPER FIDELIS

The beautiful feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa on August 26th, and the miracles and wonders of Jasna Gora, keep those of us born in Poland and of Polish descent grounded in all that makes us unique. Poland has been “through hell and back” during its long and laborious history of survival. We cling to the good and the solid of the past, and we use our inherent genius to create a new future. It is under the mantle of Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa, that our spirit will survive and thrive.

Poland can boast of its tradition, its history and the contributions of its spiritual leaders, scholars, scientists, novelists, historians, soldiers, mathematicians, engineers, astronomers, geodesists and everyday faithful believers. We go deep. We are built upon a foundation of thinkers, martyrs and passionate believers.

Who, in the whole wide world, has not heard of Copernicus, Chopin, Madame Curie, Kosciuszko, Pulaski, Slawaski, Banach? Who has not read the works of Adam Mickiewicz, Joseph Conrad, Sienkiewicz? Who has not heard of Wyszyński, Saint John Paul II and their contributions to world peace and order?

Other Polish contributors in various fields are – Modjeski, Ochorowicz, Proszynski, Zakrewska, Karsznicki, Mieczkowska, Blyry, Celnik.

Who has not marveled at the establishment of the first Republic in the world, and at the fight of the Poles against Communism, and the courage and stamina of a Lech Walesa and Blessed Father Jerzy Popiełuszko?

Polish Americans list among familiar politicians, athletes, artistic talent, directors and companies: Brzezinski, Jaworski, Vai, Simmons, Ditka, Liberace, Sophie Tucker, Taczanowski, Funk, Dudrick, Krupa, Martha Stewart, Barbara Walters, Warner Brothers, Mattel, Oleg Cassini, Filene, Yaunker’s, Mrs. Paul’s, Q-Tip, Haagen-Dazs, Walkie Talkie, vitamins, The Lunar Roving Vehicle and other contributions.

The Polish personality is complex. With nobility in our lineage, we welcome others with formality and grace. We are credited for manners and politeness, we use titles for people, and our gentleman kiss the lady’s hand. Our personality is patriarchal, stalwart, courageous, determined, intense, patriotic, strong, disciplined, pragmatic, persevering, achieving, honorable, noble, original, traditional, family-oriented, altruistic, spirited, romantic, proud, optimistic, refreshingly direct, optimistic, intelligent, dutiful, hardworking, fun-loving, and most of all – devout.

Be proud, all of Polish birth and of Polish descent! Be proud of what you have inherited, and the gifts you have received from heaven to become all that YOU will be. Fight on for the good, the true, the beautiful!

Let us cherish our heritage and continue our heroic struggle against evil. Let us continue to fall on our knees, pilgrimage, sing with all our hearts, and hover under the mantle of Mary of like the Poles against Communism, and the courage and stamina of a Lech Walesa and Blessed Father Jerzy Popiełuszko?

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**ILLINOIS:**

**CHICAGO (NORTH)**
Polonia Folk Dance Ensemble
Registration: Sat. Sept. 9 and Sept. 16 (ages 3-4)
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave,
Chicago, IL 60636
Thurs., Sept. 7 and Sept. 14 (ages 4-11)
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
St. Thomas Becket Parish, 1321 N.
Burning Bush Ln., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Wed., Sept. 6 (ages 5-15) 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
St. Ferdinand Parish
3131 N. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60634
Information: Anna Krynski, Director
(847) 529-2555;
anakrynski@yahoo.com

**CHICAGO (SOUTHWEST SIDE)**
Weslo Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., Inc.
Accepting new members of high school age and older.
Representation I meets on Tuesdays and
Representation II on Wednesdays in Homer Glen, IL, starting in Sept.
Information: Richard Jaminski,
708-288-7162; mjraminski@gmail.com.

Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School - Oak Lawn
Additional registration: Fri.-Sat., September 8-9
Religious classes:
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Friday)
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Saturday)
Classes: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Friday)
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Saturday)
St. Louis de Montfort Parish
8840 S. Ridgeland Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Registration forms available at
szkolakonopnickiej.org.
Return forms to:
9132 S. Mulligan Ave.,
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

**MICHIGAN:**

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**
PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble
Classes: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
St. Limus Activities Room Registration
First day of classes: Wed., Sept. 13
Pat Steven, Director,
313-563-1761
Pstven330@comcast.net

**WYANDOTTE**
PRCUA #162 Rogalin Dance Troupe Classes: Tuesday evenings
September-April
PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak Street
Wyandotte, MI
Lisa Brandt, Director,
734-775-7987
lisabrandt31@gmail.com

**Regolin Gymnastics Classes:**
Thursdays, 5:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
PRCUA #162 Hall
1430 Oak St.
Wyandotte, MI
Information:
Mary Ann Davis,
Director/Teacher;
734-341-2242

**HAMIATRACK**
PRCUA Gwiazda Dance School
Classes: Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
PLAY Post 10 Hall
Hamtramck, MI
Information:
Jessica Wendt
313-682-3031
panjessica@hotmail.com

**WARREN**
PRCUA Opole Dance Ensemble
Ages 2.5-17
Classes Tuesday evenings
FOP Hall-Warren
11304 E. 14 Mile Road
Warren, MI
For information contact:
Beth Thacker,
586-944-9683
opole.director@comcast.net

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**
PRCUA Wieliczka Dance School
Registration: September 7th
Classes: Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
(time depends on age - ages: 3 to 18)
PLAY Post 16
25222 West Warren
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Information:
Krisztina Mihalic, Director,
734-455-3504

**DETROIT**
PRCUA Halka Dance School
Classes: Saturday mornings
Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd Parish, Detroit
Information:
Laura Hejza, Director,
586-291-4486
lhejza@comcast.net

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**
PRCUA Tatry Dancers
Dance classes in traditional Polish dance,
American Polka, Oberok, Jazz, and
modern dance for children ages from 3 to
18 years old.
Classes begin: Thursday, September 7
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
26123 McDonald, Dearborn Hts, MI
Information: Rose Ann Lackey, Director,
313-274-0183.

**STERLING HEIGHTS**
Zakopane Polish Folk Dancers
Classes: Tuesdays, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Carpathia Club
38000 Utica Rd., Sterling Hts., MI
Information:
Colleen Bonkowski, Director,
586-219-1982
zajacezkjacketdance@yahoo.com
Facebook: zakopanedancers@yahoo.com

**GRAND RAPIDS**
Malbork Dance Group
Classes: Thursday evenings
Starting September 14, 2017
Recital - March 24, 2018
Diamond Hall
439 Diamond Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI
Times: 6:45 p.m. for ages 3-9 years old
(must be potty trained)
4:00 p.m. for ages 10-18 years old
Information:
Jen Macek, Director
269-491-0028
Malborkdancegroup@gmail.com
Facebook: PRCUA Malbork Dance-
Grand Rapids

Polish Genealogical Society of America
www.PGSA.org - PGSAmerica@pgs.org

**Gems of Polish Genealogy at the Newberry Library**
Sunday, August 20
2:00 to 4:00 Central Daylight time
Mrs. Grace Dunelle of the Newberry Library will discuss the records of the Polish Women's Alliance of America; directories and histories of U.S. cities with large Polish populations such as Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit and Pittsburgh; and other hidden gems held at the Newberry for Polish genealogists.

Join us in person or by webinar:
Schaumburg Township Library
130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173
Pre-registration for Library:
847 985 4000
Register for Free Webinar at
https://pgsa.org/news/

**ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PAGE 6**

Learn Polish words: Letter L
1. ŁÓŻKO, 2. ŁYŻWY, 3. ŁYŻKA,
4. ŁÓDKA, 5. ŁOPATA, 6. ŁAWKA

Crossword puzzle:
1. Gooseberry, 2. Rosehip,
3. Strawberry, 4. Blackcurrant,
5. Raspberry, 6. (across) Blackberry,
6. (down) Blueberry, 7. Cranberry,
8. Olive, 9. Cherry

Find the right shadow:
1-6, 4-11, 5-10, 8-7, 9-3, 12-2

Magic words: SAND CASTLE
**Kalendarz ZPRKA**

**SIERPIEŃ**


26 LAMBERTVILLE, MI - ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE TOWARZYSTW ZPRKA Z TOLEDO, OH - sobota, 26 sierpnia o godz. 10:00, pole golfowe Maple Grove, 6360 Secor Rd., Lambertville, MI. Formularz zgłoszeniowy i dodatkowe informacje można znaleźć na str. 4.

**WRZESIEN**

4 ŚWIĘTO LABOR DAY - Biuro ZPRKA nieczynne.


*Prosimy o zapoznanie się z terminarzem zebran Towarzystw na str. 2.*

**DOROCZNE DERBY WĘDKARSKIE ZPRKA**

Organizowane przez Dystrykt 7 ZPRKA Niedziela, 10 września 2017 r. W godzinach od 10:00 do 14:00 Otwarte dla wszystkich!

**BUSSE LAKE FISHING WALL**

Arlington Hts. Rd. to Bisterfield Rd., skręć na zachód w Bisterfield Rd. do Beisner Rd., na północ w Beisner Rd. do Busse Lake Beisner Road Access

Dzieci w wieku od 1 do 15 lat i seniorzy powyżej 65 roku życia nie potrzebują licencji wędkarskiej.

Osoby w wieku 16-64 lat muszą posiadać ważną licencję wędkarską na stan Illinois do połowy rynku.

Nagrody zostaną przyznane w każdej grupie wiekowej za największej złowionych ryb.


Przekażki i darmowy lunch dla uczestników!

W jegostrze występują następujące gatunki ryb: okoń wielki, okoń wąskolica, okoń niebieski, sumik kartowy, szczupak pospolity, sandacz, karp pospolity, okon pajak i sum kanalowy.

Zapraszamy do wspólnego wędkowania z Dystrykt 7 ZPRKA! Pytania? Kontakt z Mateuszem Bomba, 773-782-2636.

ZPRKA akceptuje elektroniczne przekazy pieniężne, płatności kartami kredytowymi

**ZPRKA akceptuje elektroniczne przekazy pieniężne, płatności kartami kredytowymi i debitowymi przez internet**

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

Akceptowane teraz są następujące płatności przez internet:

- Płatności składek ubezpieczeniowych
- Rejestracje i opłaty za udział w turniejach krajowych i innych wydarzeniach
- Donacje charytatywne na nasz Fundusz Edukacyjny
- Następujących płatności nie można dokonać przez internet:
  - Dołp do kont emerytalnych Annuity
- Płatności pożyczek hipotecznych (wyłącznie poprzez Elektroniczny Transfer Funduszy ACH)
- Płatności za zaciągnięte pożyczki (wyłącznie poprzez Elektroniczny Transfer Funduszy ACH)

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

Można także dokonać płatności kartą kredytową przez telefon, dzwoniąc do Departamentu Usług Członkowskich ZPRKA pod numer 1-800-772-8632, opcja 0.


**Zapraszamy kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Książę” i ich rodziców na spotkanie informacyjne**

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych ZPRKA zaprasza młodzież ZPRKA na lunch i spotkanie informacyjne dla kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Książę” oraz ich rodziców, w niedzielę, 17 września 2017 r. o godz. 12.00 w Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych, która jest sponsorem balu, pokryje koszt lunchu. Osoby zainteresowane wzięciem udziału proszone są o zgłaszać się do 15 września 2017 r. Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc do Gabrieli Zuk pod numer (708) 989-2408, lub do Danuty Styppuli (708) 257-9019.

Próby rozpoczynają się w poniedziałek, 2 października, a będą się odbywać we wszystkie poniedzie, aż do balu w St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73rd Ave. w Summit, IL w godz. 19:00-21:30.

Zapraszamy do udziału w balu „Kopciuszek i Książę” uczniów szkół średnich z Dystryktów 6, 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana). Opłata rejestracyjna jest wymagana w chwili składania formularza zgłoszeniowego.

Bal „Kopciuszek i Książę” odbydzie się w sobotę, 18 listopada 2017 r.

„Kopciuszek” i „książę” oraz wszyscy uczestnicy otrzymają stypondią.
30. ROCZNICA ŚMIERCI POLI NEGRY


W 1912 roku zadebiutowała rolą Klary w "Ślubach panieńskich" w Teatrze Małym w Warszawie, następnie występowała w Teatrze Wielkim i Teatrze Letnim.

W 1914 r. uruchomiła dwa kursy w teatralnej Szkole Aplikacyjnej. 1 września 1914 roku zadebiutowała rolą Noa w "Królowej pozycji" w Teatrze Chłopskim w Warszawie, następnie występowała w teatrach w Polsce, Niemczech, Francji, Anglii, Włoszech i Stanach Zjednoczonych.

W 1923 przyjechała do Hollywood, gdzie została gwiazdą kina niemego. W tym czasie zagrała w kilku innych polskich filmach.

Aby uzyskać więcej informacji na temat zbiórki funduszy na projekt "PRCUA Matching Gift Program", skontaktuj się z biurem Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce.
Ponad 200 gości bawiło się na 37. Balu Letnim Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, który odbył się w piątek, 2 czerwca 2017 r. w Café La Cave w Des Plaines, IL.

Celem dorocznego Balu Letniego, głównej imprezy dochodowej organizowanej przez Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce, jest spotkanie z przyjaciółmi MPA oraz zbieranie funduszy na działalność muzeum. MPA powołane do życia w 1935 roku i otwarte dla publiczności w 1937 roku, pozostaje jedyną tego typu placówką w USA, zachowującą i promującą kulturę polską oraz polsko-amerykańską poprzez różnorodne projekty: wystawy, programy edukacyjne i wieczory autorskie. Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce jest centrum kultury polskiej z bogatą kolekcją sztuki, unikatowymi zbiorami biblioteczcznymi oraz bezcennym archiwum.

Tegoroczny bal był również okazją do kontynuacji obchodów w tym roku 80. rocznicy otwarcia MPA. Bal Letni poprzedziła godzina koktajlowa i rozpoczęcie tzw. „Cichej aukcji”, na której wystawionych zostało wiele wartościowych przedmiotów. Goście mogli składać oferty licytacyjne przez cały wieczór.

Program rozpoczął się powitaniem uczestników tegorocznego balu przez przewodniczącą balu, Sharon Orłowski. Konferansjerkę prowadziła Jenny Milkowski, reporterka ruchu drogowego w programie „Good Day Chicago” na stacji telewizyjnej WFLD Fox 32.


W tym roku szczególnie hojnie wsparli MPA: na poziomie Czerwonego Maka (10 000 dol.): Deborah Greenlee oraz Legion Młodych Polek w Ameryce z prezes Bożenną Haszlakiewicz na czele. Na poziomie Białego Maka (5000 dol.) – Fundacja Kopernikowska z przewodniczącym Hubertem Ciromskim. Na poziomie Różowego Maka (2500 dol.) – Hubert i Lori Ciromski; Związek Narodowy Polski z prezesem Frankiem Spulą i skarbnikiem Marianem Grabowskim oraz TAWANI Foundation (pod przewodnictwem członka wieczystego MPA J.N. Pritzka). Dotację w wysokości 3000 dol., zebraną punktami wśród członków Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, w czasie specjalnej akcji, przekazali w imieniu ZPRKA dyr. marketingu Agnieszka Bastrzyk oraz „Kopciuszek i Książę 2017” Kayla Leonard i Kacper Kaczmarczyk.

Głównym wydarzeniem każdego Balu Muzeum Polskiego jest wręczenie Nagrody Ducha Polskości. Tegorocznym laureatem nagrody została Fundacja Kopernikowska, w imieniu której statuetkę odebrał prezes Hubert Ciromski. Nagroda Ducha Polskości przyznawana jest osobie indywidualnej lub organizacji, która wnosi znaczną zasługę w życie Polonii amerykańskiej.

Elegancki wieczór zakończył się losowaniem zwycięzców loterii pieniężnej oraz zabawą do muzyki w wykonaniu Antioniego Kawalkowskiego i jego orkiestry.
63. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL

Tylko dla członków ZPRKA - Zapraszamy nowych członków
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 Halkich Park, 3001 Thirteen Mile Rd. Warren, MI.


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. Wszystkie zgłoszenia są zobowiązane do podpisania deklaracji, że będą przestrzegać przepisów i zasad dobrego sportu oraz rady, zalecane przez organizatorów.

Zgłoszenia z odczynnościami związane z technicznymi oraz sportowymi informacjami mogą zostać wysłane pod adresem: 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 seksie na str. 14, na stronie internetowej: www.prcua.org/sports i na Facebook.

Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce (MPA) i Fundacja Dar Serca zapraszają artystów do zgłaszenia udziału w siódmej dorocznej wystawie „Szczuka dla Serca” („Art For Heart”). Zgłoszenia przyjmowane są do 4 sierpnia 2017 r. Informacje i aplikacje znajdują się na stronie internetowej: www.artforhearthicago.org.


Fundacja Dar Serca jest organizacją charytatywną, umożliwiającą leczenie ciężko chorych i niepełnosprawnych dzieciem z Polski i innych krajów Europy, które nie mają szans na pomoc w siebie. W ciągu ponad dwudziestu lat działalności fundacja ta przyjęła i zaopiekowała się kilkuset dziecmi, które dzięki temu odbyły leczenie w nowoczesnych klinikach.

Muzeum w Ameryce jest jednym z starszych i większych muzeów etnicznych w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Posiada bogatą kolekcję sztuki, pamiątek historycznych i dokumentów oraz przechowuje bezcenny księgozbiór, Bibliotekę i Archiwum odwieczna wielu historiów, naukowców, historyków, studentów i genealogów. MPA prowadzi aktywną działalność na rzecz ochrony i promocji dziedzictwa kulturowego.

Zapraszamy do 2017/2018 na DODatkowe ZAPISY

WESPRZYJ FUNDUSZ EDUKACYJNY ZPRKA


Dodatekowe zapisy do Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej

Dodatekowe zapisy do pierwszej dziesiątki studentów, w piątek, 8 września, w sobotę 9 września. Zajęcia odbywają się przy paryski St. Louis de Montfort, 8840 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn, IL w piątek: 16:30-17:30 religia, 17:30-20:30 - szkoła oraz w sobotę: 9-10 rano religia, 10:00-13:00 - szkoła. Formularz rejestrowy dostępny na stronie: szkolakonopnicki.org, należy wypełnić i odesłać na adresekorespondencyjny: 9132 S. Mulligan Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.
Glenwood, IL - Na uczestników 3. dorocznego pikniku ZPRKA, urządzonego na terenie PACF Grove w Glenwood, IL w niedzielę, 25 czerwca, czekała miła atmosfera oraz wiele atrakcji. Dyrektorzy: Anna Krysinski i Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech i James Rustik (D-8) oraz Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), przy pomocy Działu Braterstwa ZPRKA i wielu wolontariuszy, postarali się, aby wszyscy świetnie się bawili.


W tym roku dla najmłodszych przygotowane zostały różne atrakcje: m.in. dmuchany zamek do skakania, gry i zabawy z kłownami Lulu i Lolo i wiele innych. Szczególnie popularna wśród dzieci była przejażdżka kolejką po terenie parku. Młodzież i dorośli mieli okazję do gry w siatkówkę i piłkę nożną. Wszyscy korzystali z przejażdżek rowerami wodnymi po jeziornku oraz z malowania twarzy przez tancerzy ze zespołu Polonia, nawet prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot postanowił dołączyć do tej zabawy. Jako zapałony kibic drużyny Detroit Tigers (amerykańskiego zawodowego zespołu baseballowego z Detroit, MI) poprosił młodych artystów o pomalowanie mu twarzy w tygrysie wzory.

Ci, którzy nie przynieśli własnych koszy z jedzeniem, z pewnością nie opuszczali pikniku głodni. Hamburgery, hot-dogi i kiełbaski były grilowane przez cały dzień przez „szefów kuchni” Jamesa Rustika i Daniela Bastryka, którym pomagał kapelan ZPRKA, ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak. Owoce i zimne napoje były dostępne w klimatyzowanym budynku, w którym ci, którzy chcieli się trochę ochłodzić, mogli odpocząć i zjeść lunch.

Organizatorzy cieszą się, że każdego roku w pikniku ZPRKA bierze udział coraz więcej osób i mają nadzieję, że następny rok będzie jeszcze większym sukcesem. (Więcej zdjęć w anglojęzycznej sekcji na stronach 1 i 5).

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