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3rd Annual PRCUA Picnic Was a Blast!



Celebrating the outdoor Mass was Rev. Ron Kondziolka (l), assisted by the musicians

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 A. 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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Readers at the Mass



The outdoor Mass



Readers at the Mass



The most popular attraction - the train



Fun and games at the picnic



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 on pg. 9.)
- 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 for shade and lawn chairs recommended. Contact: 734-281-7036 for more information.

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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.)

SEPTEMBER

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LABOR DAY - PRCUA Office closed.
- 9
CARLETON, MI – THE MIXED GOLF OUTING
on Sat. Sept. 9 at Thorne Hills Golf Course at 12915 Sumpter Rd. in Carleton, MI. This year we are limiting the number of golfers to the first 150. Start time is 9:00 a.m. The cost for golfers is \$45 and \$15 for non-golfers. Price includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and refreshments. Contact Dan Gdowski for information at 734-497-2681 or 734-654-2734.
- 10
ARLINGTON HTS., IL – ANNUAL PRCUA FISHING DERBY
hosted by District #7 on Sun. Sept. 10 at Busse Lake Fishing Wall, Arlington Hts., IL. (See details below.)
- 17
HICKORY HILLS, IL – CINDERELLA-PRINCE CHARMING BALL ORIENTATION
on Sun., Sept. 17 at Noon at the Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Reservations: Gabriela Zuk at 708-989-2408, or Danuta Stypula at 708-257-9019. (See details on pg. 9.)
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WARREN, MI – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING
on Tues., Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168.

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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.

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Helpful Life Insurance Facts

6 Tips for Talking About Life Insurance
with Loved Ones



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.

- 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.
- 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 breach the subject with my husband and illustrate the importance of life insurance.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

PRCUA is Looking for the
1947 PRCUA Council Minutes

After doing an inventory of the bound volumes of the old PRCUA Council Minutes, it was discovered that the 1947 Council Minutes folio is missing - the only volume missing from the collection.

If anyone has any information on the missing volume's whereabouts or is possibly in possession of a copy of the above mentioned 1947 PRCUA Council Minutes, please contact Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PRCUA President at 773-782-2603. Thank you.

Congratulations to the Winners of the
PRCUA Goal for Growth Program

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:

Society #	State	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd-5th Place	6th-15th Place
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1593	MI				\$200.00
1618	MI				
1622	IL				\$200.00
1624	IL		\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
1626	IL				
1634	IL	\$2,000.00			\$1,200.00
1636	IL			\$1,000.00	



PRCUA National Officers picking the names of the winners and Mateusz Bomba holding the grand prize winning ticket

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

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.

A Polish/English Mass 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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All articles for the September issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2017.



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James Rustik (l) and Daniel Bastrzyk (r)



Rev. Walter Ptak



L-r: Joline Coltri and Jeanine Leonhard



L-r: Anna Krysinski, Krystyna Lech, Elizabeth Sadus



Picnic entrance gate



Pres. Drobot getting his face painted



FUN AT THE 3rd ANNUAL PRCUA PICNIC

Photos: Lidia Kowalewicz, Agnes Bastrzyk, Micheline Jaminski



L-r: Micheline Jaminski, Kevin Kucik, Robert Bugielski, Judy Drobot, Robert Fattore, Tom Jesionowski



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KIDS

ACTIVITY

PAGE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE


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



LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter M


Draw a line connecting the correct picture with the word

1.




MOST

2.




MOTYL

3.




MASŁO

4.




MYSZKA

5.



MIÓD

6.



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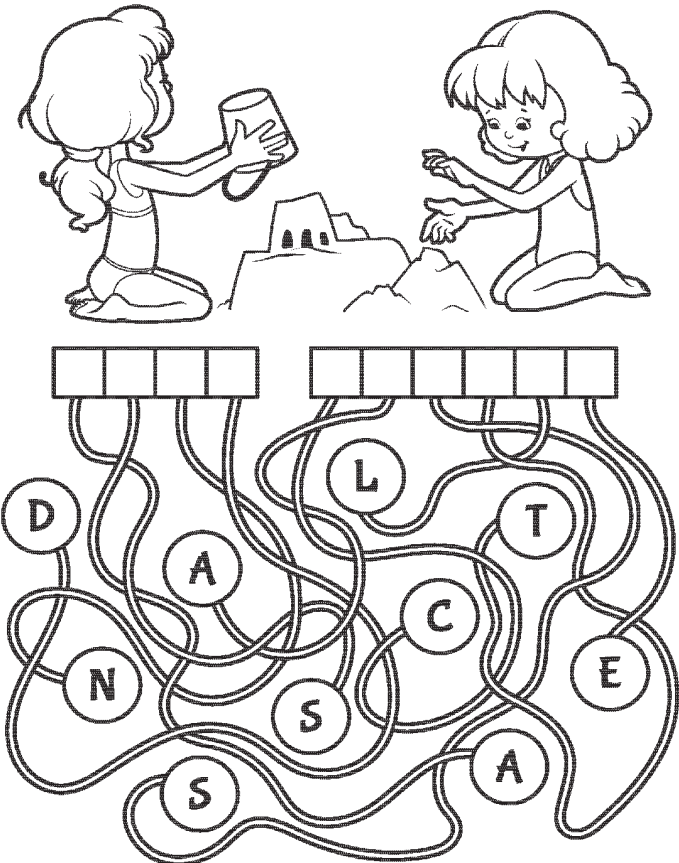
FIND THE RIGHT SHADOW

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.



US leader holds Poland up as an example for other nations to follow
Cheering, chanting, flag-waving crowds greeted President Trump

America and Poland were Never Closer

By Robert Strybel, 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 President 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 Krasiński 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, the 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



PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers perform at DCFC's Polish Heritage Night
(Photo Courtesy of Detroit City FC)



PRCUA Zajączek Dancers perform at DCFC's Polish Heritage Night
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PRCUA Zajączek and Gwiazda Dancers at DCFC's Polish Heritage Night in Hamtramck, MI

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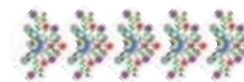
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SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE'S "SEASONS OF POLAND"



Dearborn Heights, MI - The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble held its 42nd Annual Recital, entitled "Seasons of Poland," on March 25, 2017 at the Carl E. Stitt American Legion Post in Dearborn Heights, MI. Syrena Ensemble may be a small group – but it is quite large in its heart and its performance. The students put on one of their best shows! The group was also fortunate enough to have five very special attendees with us at this recital. Not only were both District #10 National Directors Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki and Polskie Maki dance school choreographer Kelly Malinowski in attendance, but also PRCUA National President Joseph Drobot Jr., and his wife, Judy, graced our presence!

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. 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 – *Złota Polska Jesień* – 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 two youngest dancers. This was to show a season of life that we all must go through, the beginning and vital steps. The name oberek comes from the word "to spin" – and this dance represented the way we are all spun into life's lessons from an early age. The dancers, Nick Cibor and Krysta Logie, showed they know 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. *Jesień* 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.

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 the stage to perform the sixth dance number, the Rzeszow. 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 having 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. In this dance, the girls were lucky enough to borrow and wear the traditional Kontusze, 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 made it work. As always in the Goral, the men try to impress the women with their fancy footwork. This showed a transition into the next season of life – growing up and finding ways to try to impress the other gender. Goral Nick, and his lucky Goralka partner, Krysta, who joined him in the dance, came onto stage with the older Goralkas to end Part 1 with some fancy cane and footwork.

After the intermission, Part 2 of "Seasons of Poland" began with another of Poland's added seasons, Pre-Spring or *Przedwiosnie*, which lands in March and April, the time surrounding Syrena's recital date. Each

student was performing on stage for most of the dances, if not ALL of them.

The second part of Syrena recitals are typically the Polka portions. Syrena dancers did, however, end up starting with perhaps the second most widely known dance of Poland – the Krakowiak. All groups came on the stage to perform this national dance that represented what all of Poland experiences – pre-spring. This time of year also includes some warmer weather. With that transition comes the excitement to celebrate, congregate and have an all-around good time. The oldest two groups danced an oldie but goody, the Beer Barrel Polka. Any celebration in Poland that day (with a beer barrel, perhaps) was probably also inside, as Warsaw's weather on March 25 was almost exactly like weather in Michigan – rainy.

These dances were followed by the newest, all-school Polka, the Orange Blossom Polka. This number was fitting to go with the season theme as part of the Spring season, *Wiosna*, which comes in May and June in Poland. The dance presents several minutes of fast, energetic fun – like the energy given from an Orange Blossom. This is also a time when school is let out for children in the United States, showing the energy of happy children in this season of life. The students danced one couple at a time, starting with the oldest, Allison and Courtney.

Next, Allison and Courtney came right back on stage to perform the last dance they learned and would ever perform together – the Dancing Girl Polka. The two girls have been dancing together for quite some time – and even attended the same high school. As the seasons of our lives go on, so too Polish dancing had come to an end for these two. The Spring season is often a time to reflect – when friends start to think about their future and become emotional realizing that they are getting older, wiser and getting ready to move on to the next big step. This dance represented their time together in the Syrena Dance Ensemble.

Following along in the seasons of life and their inevitable life lessons, the program moved into Summer, *Lato*. Although Syrena has presented the next number as our finale for many years, in memory of our founding choreographer, Mrs. Galanty, this year the Polka Shirley was used to start out the Summer months. It was the last dance that the whole group presented together. It was also the last time graduate, Allison, would dance at a recital with her fellow Syrena dancers. It seemed appropriate to choose this music since Mrs. G was also her grandmother.

Similar to the summer months when we celebrate with family, the students always give their best to honor their roots– our beloved founder and a special person in our Syrena roots, who was always so full of joy. It was magical to watch the students give their best performance dancing to music that means so much to Syrena. The dance was emotional, heartfelt and showcased the students' dancing talent. They received a standing ovation.

As Allison left the stage, the remaining members, including the next oldest dancer, Courtney, and teaching assistant, Holly Malinowski, danced right into Small World Polka. This dance reminded everyone that we are all connected – in this case, to our ancestry. It is a small world, after all. Courtney and Holly learned the dance late into the season and showed what years of experience in Polish dancing can do.

The dancers sang and danced a bonus number to welcome our grad into the Alumni Club. The *Dzien Dobry* Polka is a classic number that most Polish dancers know, again going back to our early days. This was our way of telling Allison "Dzien Dobry, have a good day" as she heads into the real world. The group stayed on stage to watch the next number.

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



Syrena Dancers

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 Dzien 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 Endicott, 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.

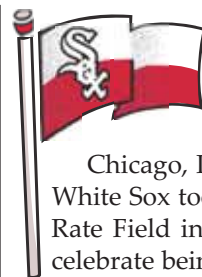
Of course, week after week, year after year, the group's Director Pat Steven keeps the Ensemble going with her dedication, drive and love for Syrena. The assistant teacher, Holly, also shows her dedication for the group by being there when I can't or by jumping in when needed.

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

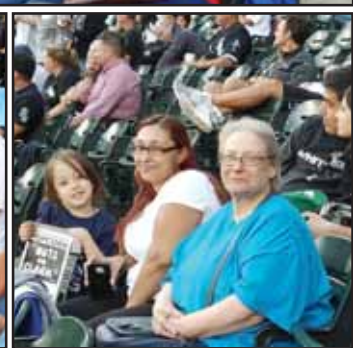


POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT

Chicago, IL - This year's Polish Heritage Night with the White Sox took place on Tuesday, June 27th at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago, IL. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate being Polish American, especially since the White Sox won 4:3 versus the New York Yankees!

The beautiful weather was a plus, while everyone enjoyed the performances by PRCUA's Wesoły Lud and the camaraderie, as well as the game. A big thanks to all PRCUA members, their families and friends who participated in this annual event!

By: Agnes Bastrzyk



Invitation for Teen Members to Attend the Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball Orientation

Chicago, IL - The Adult Cultural Group invites high school age PRCUA members from Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9, and their parents, to a luncheon and informational meeting for candidates who want to participate in this year's "Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball." The orientation will be on **Sunday, September 17, 2017**, at Noon at the Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

The Adult Cultural Group, which sponsors the Ball, will cover the cost of the luncheon. Those interested in participating are asked to make reservations by September 15. Reservations can be made by calling **Gabriela Zuk at (708) 989-2408, or Danuta Stypula at (708) 257-9019.**

Rehearsals for the Ball will begin on Monday, October 2, and will be held every Monday until the Ball at St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73rd Ave., Summit, IL from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

All high school students, who are PRCUA members in Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9 (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana) are invited to participate in the Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball. Payment of the registration fee is required when submitting the application form at the luncheon. The Ball will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Scholarships will be awarded to the chosen "Cinderella" and "Prince Charming" winners, the Runners-Up, and to all participants to help defray the costs involved with the Ball.





37th POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA SUMMER GALA



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.



Consul General
Piotr Janicki



Cook County Treasurer
Maria Pappas

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 **A n t h o n y** Kawalkowski and his Orchestra.

Photos: Julita Siegel



Recognition of the
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Hubert
Cioromski
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the 2017
Polish Spirit
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Owsiany,
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Cutting of the
80th Anniversary
cake: (l-r)
Richard
Owsiany, Jenny
Milkowski,
Małgorzata Kot,
Maria Pappas,
Joseph A.
Drobot, Jr.



Guests enjoying the evening
at the PMA Gala





Southwest Center of Polish Dancing's 32nd Annual Spring Recital



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



Tots Class - (front row): Aniela Houle, Caitlyn Chunn, Greta Gardner; **(back row):** Ethan Milot, Zane Jared, Lincoln Phillips



1st Class - (front row): Sophia Johansen, Mary Thacker, Zoe Phillips, Lyla Schneider; **(back row):** Eleanor Kromer, Eli Kujawski, Olivia Milot, Max Jared, Bernadette Chambers



2nd Class - (front row): Dean Jared, Paul Thacker; **(back row):** Emily Thacker, Alexis Zosel, Jaclyn Kupraszewicz, Olivia Kromer, Audrey Harenski, Sydney Zosel

costumes that were purchased with funds from Opole’s annual bowling fundraiser. These new costumes included: Nowy Sącz, Kaszuby, Szamotuły, and Kurpie.

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

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, Szamotuły, Kurpie, Lublin, Opoczno, and Trojak. Polkas included the “Graj Chłopcy Graj Polka” and Opole’s finale, the “Hoe Down Polka.” This year’s recital featured several new

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



3rd Class - (front row): Sophie Orłowski, Natalie Vernon, Mary Grace Chambers; **(middle row):** Brianna Chunn, Cora Kujawski, Matthew Chambers, Michael Orłowski, Rose Reilly, Emma Stuckey; **(back row):** Paige Milot, Rita Lapinski, David Baker, Kate Daly, Marissa Harenski



4th Class - (front row): Austin Chunn, Donovan Baker; **(back row):** Isabella Zosel, Nichole Chambers, Maximilian Rakozy, Audry Rakozy, Megan Milot

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**



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Amstutz, Glenn R.	2206	OH	Meadows, Helen	540	CA
Banks, Joan E.	1591	OH	Meirink, Lottie	1004	IL
Bawol, Herny L.	718	MI	Michalski, Wanda L.	709	OH
Bosman, Stephanie	162	MI	Mierzejewski, Henry	450	MO
Budzinski, Eugenia	1611	FL	Mika, Adeline J.	413	IN
Fuss, Erwin J.	509	IN	Milewski, Doris I.	2148	OH
Gorniak, Paul G	240	PA	Miller, Louis E.	353	NJ
Gurecki, Mary	2342	MI	Miofsky, Andrew	1004	IL
Guzewski, Joseph J.	1570	PA	Mocarski, Cecilia	345	VA
Hernik, Genevieve M.	186	IL	Nowak, Edwin	337	IN
Jarosik, Robert Stanley	78	MI	Oman, Florence	308	IL
Jarzyna, Helena	1556	NY	Prusinski, Dolores	1591	OH
Karwowski, Theodora M.	869	NY	Prybor, Theresa A.	2144	OH
Kasior, Jane T.	2206	MI	Sides, Benjamin	1000	MI
Kozak, Chester B	1000	KS	Steger, Edward	540	NY
Kwiatkowski, Helen	2320	WI	Strohs, Delphine	87	MI
Lambalot, Mary Ann	899	MA	Strzelec, Christine S.	203	NY
Lis, Michael A.	1081	PA	Topieniak, Josephine	2001	PA
Lorenc, Joseph S.	765	NY	Trska, Stefan M	1497	FL
Majcher, Helen E.	499	IN	Wiley, Helen M	28	NY
Majkut, Rudolph	1004	IL	Wilga, John C.	72	IL
Malczak, Janina	844	IL	Wisniewski, Ann	2152	OH
March, Walter	1486	IL	Witkowski, Thomas	162	MI
Markowicz, Rev. Joseph A.	1268	CT	Wrobel, Janina	651	NY
Mawry, Regina	527	MD	Wyda, Florence J.	228	PA
Mazur, Helen	540	FL	Yager, Eugenia	308	IL

May they rest in eternal peace.

Stalin took revenge on Poland for the Bolsheviks' humiliating defeat
Did the Blessed Mother intercede in 1920 and 1980-1989?

Miracle of the Vistula and its Aftermath

By Robert Strybel, Warsaw Correspondent

Warsaw – Poland's victory over the invading Bolshevik hordes in August 1920 has been called the “18th most decisive battle in world history.” The Red Army was only miles away from the border of East Prussia, just waiting to link up with German communists and eventually spread the proletarian revolution across Europe. The Polish Army upset those plans and sent the defeated Bolsheviks fleeing in disarray.

But before that occurred, much of the time it was touch and go. More than once the Polish forces seemed to be on the verge of defeat. Many foreign observers were predicting a Bolshevik victory. The Bolsheviks were already on the outskirts of Warsaw when Józef Piłsudski unexpectedly counterattacked from the south and carried the day. Little did anyone know at the time that he was unwittingly aided by his arch-enemy Joseph Stalin, whose unit was trying to capture the southeastern city of Lwów. For whatever reason, Stalin refused to bring his troops to Warsaw as ordered – a move which would have surely tipped the balance in Russia's favor.

Stalin was never punished for his insubordination, but took an extreme dislike to Poland and Poles. He had thought the Red Army would be welcomed by Poland's “downtrodden” working class, when in actuality thousands eagerly enlisted to ward off the Bolshevik invaders. Donations poured in from all over Poland to equip the fledgling army and women gladly surrendered their wedding rings and other valuables for the war effort. Untold Masses, rosaries, and litanies were prayed for Poland's victory across the land.

Stalin once contemptuously said building socialism in Poland was like trying to saddle a cow. In his anti-Polish purge of 1937-1938, he had his NKVD murder 111,000 Poles living in the USSR and send another 29,000 to forced-labor camps in Siberia and Kazakhstan. His true revenge on Poles took place when he annexed the eastern half of Poland in collusion with Hitler in 1939 and, after the war, made Poland the Soviet Union's largest captive nation. But six decades later, it was Poland who would have the last word of triumph.

The thoroughly de-Christianized Soviet “journalists” (mostly undercover KGB agents) sent to cover Poland's peaceful Solidarity revolution in 1980 were surprised to find pictures of the Blessed Mother on the gates of the strike-bound Gdańsk Shipyard. Nine years later, it was Poland that started a domino effect that led to the collapse of Eastern Europe's Soviet bloc including the USSR itself. Many Poles believed the Madonna had also had a hand in the “Miracle of the Vistula” as Poland's victory over the Red Army in 1920 was popularly known. Was it simply a coincidence that it coincided with the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th)?

In staunchly Catholic Poland, that mystique was perpetuated by the painting of the well-known artist Jerzy Kossak. It shows 27-year-old Father Ignacy Skorupka with crucifix upraised leading Polish soldiers and boy scouts into battle against fur-capped Russians. Overlooking the battlefield in the background is the faint image of the Blessed Virgin as if rising from a cloud and ordering an allegorical army to rush to Poland's defense. Not surprisingly. Kossak's battle scene is titled “Cud nad Wisłą” (Miracle of the Vistula).

National Polish-American Sports Hall Of Fame Inducts Four Athletes

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**, long-time PRCUA member (Soc. #718) was given the Matt Dobek Special Recognition Award in acknowledgement of his life's work in sports officiating and support of Polish causes and his 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 long-time PRCUA member.

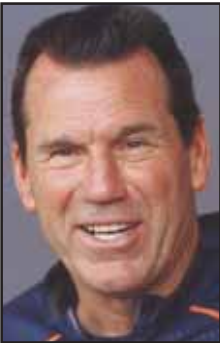
Ron Bak (l) receiving the award plaque from James P. Conrad, Chairman of the Board



Juliene Brazinski Simpson



Steve Javie



Gary Kubiak



Janusz Bednarski



Ron Bak



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 immediately by calling (586) 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 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, 2017**.

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

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.	Micheline I. Jaminski	James J. Robaczewski
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5th Annual PRCUA Sportsmen's Dinner and Gun Raffle

PRCUA Hall - Saturday, October 7, 2017
5255 N. Detroit Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43612

CASH GIVEAWAYS!	3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	DOOR PRIZES!
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Ticket Price: \$35

Ticket price includes:

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By Rev. Canon
Anthony D. Iwuc,
Vice Chaplain,
PRCUA

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 labored 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, Slowacki, Banach?

Who has not read the works of Adam Mickiewicz, Joseph Conrad, Sienkiewicz?

Who has not heard of Wyszynski, Saint John Paul II and their contributions to world peace and order?

Other Polish contributors in various fields are – Modjeski, Ochorowicz, Proszynski, Zakrzewska, Kuratowski, Malanowski, Bryla, Celinski . . .

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 Popieluszko?

Polish Americans list among familiar politicians, athletes, artistic talent, directors and companies: Brzezinski, Jaworski, Yastrzemski, 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, Nathan's, radar, sound in film, Kevlar, Van Halen, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Matrix Trilogy . . .

The Polish personality is complex. With nobility in our lineage, we welcome others with formality and graciousness, we are credited for manners and politeness, we use titles for people, and our gentlemen 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, opinionated, 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 for strength, protection and hope – in good times and in bad – that a living faith will constantly be reborn among us Poles.

`SEMPER FI, POLONIA!

Litany to Our Lady of Czestochowa

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us.

Mother of those who place their hope God's providence, pray for us.

Mother of those who are deceived, pray for us.

Mother of those who are betrayed, pray for us.

Mother of those who are arrested in the night, pray for us.

Mother of those who are imprisoned, pray for us.

Mother of those who suffer from the cold, pray for us.

Mother of those who live in fear, pray for us.

Mother of those who were subjected to interrogations, pray for us.

Mother of those who are subjected to interrogations, pray for us.

Mother of those innocents who have been condemned, pray for us.

Mother of those who speak the truth, pray for us.

Mother of those who cannot be corrupted, pray for us.

Mother of those who resist evil and tyranny, pray for us.

Mother of orphans, pray for us.

Mother of those who have been attacked or taunted because they wore your image, pray for us.

Mother of those who are forced to sign declarations contrary to their conscience, pray for us.

Mother of mothers who weep, pray for us.

Mother of fathers who have been so deeply saddened, pray for us.

Mother of suffering Poland, pray for us.

Mother of always faithful Poland, pray for us.

We beg you, O Mother in whom resides the hope of millions of people, grant us to live in liberty and in truth, in fidelity to you and to your Son. Amen.





PRCUA SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR

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 60630

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 Krysinski, Director

(847) 529-2555;

annakrysinski@yahoo.com

CHICAGO (SOUTHWEST SIDE)**Wesoly 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; mrjaminski@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

John Paul II Polish School and Polanie Dancers - Lemont

Registration forms available at

www.polschool.com. Forms and fees

must be returned to: John Paul II Polish

School, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont,

IL60439 (make checks payable to:

John Paul II Polish School). Admission

confirmation will be emailed to parents.

Additional registration in school on

Sunday, August 20.

Information: Halina Szyrzyna, Principal,

630-669-9058; principal@polschool.com

Southwest Center of Polish Dancing

Registration: Thur., August 24, 2017

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Woods

10731 W 131st St,

Orland Park, IL 60462

Classes start Thursday, Sept. 7.

Classes are held every Thursday

from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Ages 3 to 8th grade.

Information: Ania Kraszewski,

773-972-0012

INDIANA:**MUNSTER****St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School**

Registration in the old school building:

Sunday, August 27

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Carmelite Fathers

1628 Ridge Rd.,

Munster, IN 46321

First date of school: Sept. 9, 2017

Grades: Kindergarten (ages 3 and above);

1-7 (no 8 grade this year);

high school (I-III)

Info: Malgorzata Czachor, Director,

708-914-4221; masia@mkc.pl

Margaret Blachut, President,

219-613-5148

MICHIGAN:**DEARBORN HEIGHTS****PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble**

Classes: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

St. Linus Activities Room Registration

First day of classes: Wed., Sept. 13

Pat Steven, Director,

313-563-1761

Pjsteven330@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

Rogalin Gymnastics

Classes:

Thursdays, 5:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.

PRCUA #162 Hall

1430 Oak St.

Wyandotte, MI

Information: MaryAnn Davis,

Director/Teacher; 734-341-2242

HAMTRAMCK**PRCUA Gwiazda Dance School**

Classes: Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

PLAV Post 10 Hall,

Hamtramck, MI

Information: Jessica Wendt

313-682-3031

panijessica@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)

PLAV Post 16

25222 West Warren

Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Information: Kristi 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, Oberek, 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**PRCUA Zajączek Dance Ensemble**

Thursday nights 6:00-10:00

American Polish Century Club

33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Hts., MI

Colleen Bonkowski, Director,

586-219-1982

zajaczekdance@yahoo.com

Facebook-Zajaczek Dance Ensemble

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

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: 6-6:45 p.m. for ages 3-9 years old

(must be potty trained)

6:45-7:30 p.m for ages 10-18 years old

Information: Jen Macek, Director

269-491-0028

Malborkdancegroup@gmail.com

Facebook: PRCUA Malbork Dance-

Grand Rapids

PRCUA Polskie Maki Dance SchoolInformation: Maria Jalkiewicz, Director,
586-979-5164

Mariadancingqueen@yahoo.com

OHIO :**TOLEDO****Echoes of Poland Folk Song & Dance****Ensemble, Inc.**

Adult and children registrations:

September 5, 2017, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

5255 N. Detroit

Toledo, OH

Information: Director/Choreographer

Paulina Tul Ortyl, 419-531-8658

CLEVELAND**Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School**

Classes: Fridays 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

6151 Smith Rd.,

Brookpark, OH 44142

Ewa D. Wiechec, Director

440-537-1485

www.facebook.com/HSPSCLE/

**Polish Genealogical
Society of America**

www.PGSA.org - PGSAmerica@pgsa.org

**Gems of Polish
Genealogy at the
Newberry Library**

Sunday, August 20

2:00 to 4:00 Central Daylight Time

Mrs. Grace Dumelle 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 60193

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PUZZLES ON PAGE 6****Learn Polish words: Letter Ł**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

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SIERPIEŃ

18-19 WARREN, MI – 63. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ PIŁKI SOFTBALL ZPRKA - piątek, sobota 18-19 sierpnia. Gospodarzem turnieju będzie zespół taneczny ZAKOPANE z Dystr. #10. Szczegóły na stronie 19.

20 WYANDOTTE, MI - PIKNIK TOW #162 - niedziela, 20 sierpnia, w godz. 13:00-19:00. Parking przed klubem ZPRKA, 1430 Oak Str., Wyandotte, MI. Gry dla dzieci i dla dorosłych. Hot dogi, hamburgery, kukurydza, lody i przekąski. Zachęcamy do przyniesienia własnego dania - do podzielenia się z innymi składanych namiotów dla zapewnienia sobie cienia oraz krzeseł. Więcej informacji: (734) 281-7036.

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.

WRZESIEŃ

4 ŚWIĘTO LABOR DAY - Biuro ZPRKA nieczynne.

9 CARELTON, MI - MIESZANE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE (MIXED GOLF OUTING) - sobota, 2 września w Throne Hills Golf Course, 12915 Sumpter Rd., Carleton, MI. Liczba graczy ograniczona do pierwszych 150 zgłoszeń. Rozgrywki rozpoczyna się o godz. 9:00. Koszt uczestnictwa - dla uczestników rozgrywek - \$45, dla osób towarzyszących - \$15. Cena obejmuje udział w rozgrywkach, przejazdy samochodami golfowymi, lunch, obiad i przekąski. Dodatkowe informacje i zgłoszenia: Dan Gdowski, tel. (734) 497-2681 lub (734) 654-2734.

10 ARLINGTON HTS., IL – DOROCZNE DERBY WĘDKARSKIE ZPRKA - niedziela, 10 września, od 10 rano do 2 po poł.; Busse Lake Fishing Wall, Arlington Hts., IL. Informacje: Mateusz Bomba 773-7822636. Szczegóły poniżej.

17 HICKORY HILLS, IL – SPOTKANIE INFORMACYJNE DLA KANDYDATÓW BALU KOPCIUSZEK I KSIĄŻĘ, niedziela, 17 września 2017 r. o godz. 12:00, Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Rezerwacje: Gabriela Zuk, tel. (708) 989-2408, lub Danuta Stypuła, tel. (708) 257-9019. Szczegółowe informacje obok.

Prosimy o zapoznanie się z terminarzem zebrań 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. do Biesterfield Rd.,
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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 połowu ryb.

Nagrody zostaną przyznane w każdej grupie wiekowej za największą ilość złowionych ryb.

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W jeziorze występują następujące gatunki ryb: okoń wielkogatunowy, okoń niebieski, sumik karłowaty, szczupak pospolity, sandacz, karp pospolity, okoń pawik i sum kanałowy

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

Z dniem 1 marca 2017 r., Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce przyjmuje elektroniczne przekazy pieniężne (ACH/EFT), karty kredytowe i debetowe jako płatności internetowe za pośrednictwem strony ZPRKA na www.prcua.org/payonline poprzez w pełni zgodnym z normami bezpieczeństwa wydanymi przez PCI i certyfikowanym przez PA-DSS bezpiecznym przejściu 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:

- Dopłat do kont emerytalnych Annuity
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Artykuły do wrześniowego wydania „Narodu Polskiego” muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 22 sierpnia

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

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych ZPRKA zaprasza młodzież ZPRKA na lunch i spotkanie informacyjne dla kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Książe” 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 zgłaszanie się do 15 września 2017 r. Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc do Gabrieli Zuk pod numer (708) 989-2408, lub do Danuty Stypuły (708) 257-9019.

Próby rozpoczynają się w poniedziałek, 2 października i będą się odbywać we wszystkie poniedziałki, 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 Książe” 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 Książe” odbędzie się w sobotę, 18 listopada 2017 r.

„Kopciuszek” i „książe” oraz wszyscy uczestnicy otrzymają stypendia.

AKCJA ZBIÓRKI FUNDUSZY „MATCHING GIFT”
NA SEMINARIUM W ORCHARD LAKE

Chicago, IL - Zarząd i dyrekcja Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, ponowiły akcję zbiórki funduszy „PRCUA Matching Gift Program” na Seminarium św. Cyryla i Metodego w Orchard Lake w stanie Michigan. Akcja ta 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 liczbę kapłanów polskojęzycznych.

AKCJA ZBIÓRKI FUNDUSZY W ZPRKA!

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce przekaże 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. Donacje mogą być uwzględnione w rozliczeniu podatkowym. 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

30. ROCZNICA ŚMIERCI POLI NEGRI

Pola Negri - gwiazda filmu niemego, (wł. Apolonia Chałupiec), urodziła się 1 stycznia 1897 roku w Lipnie (obecnie woj. kujawsko-pomorskie). Była córką Jerzego, słowackiego Roma, który trudnił się drobnym rzemieślnictwem i Polki, Eleonory z Kiełczewskich, która zajmowała się prowadzeniem domu. Ojciec Apolonii został zesłany na Sybir, gdy była ona małą dziewczynką. W 1902 r. matka przeprowadziła się do Warszawy, gdzie prowadziła sklep.

W Warszawie Pola uczyła się na lekcje tańca i gry aktorskiej. Ukończyła dwa kursy w teatralnej Szkole Aplikacyjnej. 1 września 1912 roku zadebiutowała rolą Klary w „Ślubach panieńskich” w Teatrze Małym w Warszawie, następnie występowała w Teatrze Wielkim i Teatrze Letnim.

W 1914 r. zadebiutowała w filmie „Niewolnica zmysłów”, potem wystąpiła w kilku innych polskich filmach. W tym czasie przyjęła również pseudonim artystyczny Pola Negri (na cześć swojej ulubionej włoskiej poetki – Ady Negri).

W 1917 r. wyjechała do Berlina, gdzie występowała u Maxa Reinhardta i nawiązała kontakt z reżyserem Ernstem Lubitschem. Filmy Lubitscha, w których wystąpiła, przyniosły jej sławę.

W czasie podróży do Berlina na początku 1919 r., poznała podporucznika, hrabiego Eugeniusza Dąbskiego, z którym w listopadzie tego samego roku zawarła związek małżeński i zamieszkała z mężem w Sosnowcu. Małżeństwo zakończyło się rozwodem w 1922 r.

W 1923 przyjechała do Hollywood, gdzie została gwiazdą kina niemego i symbolem seksu, do czego przyczyniły się jej głośne romanse z Charlie Chaplinem i Rudolphem Valentino.

Nie odniósłszy sukcesu w filmach dźwiękowych (z powodu silnego akcentu i niskiego głosu), powróciła do Niemiec, gdzie kontynuowała karierę aktorską. Po dojściu do władzy nazistów, Goebbels zakazał angażowania jej do filmów z powodu rzekomo żydowskiego pochodzenia. Uwolniona od podejrzeń w wyniku osobistej interwencji Hitlera, który był jej wielbicielem, zagrała w kilku filmach. Przez okres kilku lat mieszkała we Francji, gdzie zastała ją II wojna światowa.

W 1941 r. powróciła do Stanów Zjednoczonych. Zamieszkała razem z matką i dziennikarką muzyczną, Margaret West, utrzymując się z dochodów z firmy maklerskiej. W Stanach Zjednoczonych wystąpiła jeszcze w dwóch filmach. Poświęciła się też ukończeniu rozpoczętej wcześniej budowy kościoła Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej, który został oddany do użytku w 1955 r. Kilka miesięcy później, w wieku 93 lat, zmarła matka Poli.

Pola Negri zmarła 1 sierpnia 1987 roku w San Antonio w Teksasie w wieku 90 lat.

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Mateusz Bomba ze
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tancerzy Polonii

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce dziękuje wszystkim członkom ZPRKA i Towarzystwom ZPRKA, za udział w programie specjalnym **Poleć nowego członka - otrzymaj nagrodę.** Gratulujemy zwycięzcom nagrody głównej - wycieczki dla dwóch osób do Puerto Vallarta w Meksyku oraz towarzystwom, które wygrały nagrody pieniężne.

Wycieczkę do Meksyku, która jest nagrodą za rekrutację i promocję członkostwa w ZPRKA oraz oferowanych przez nas ubezpieczeń na życie, wygrała grupa taneczna ZPiT Polonia, działająca przy parafii św. Tomasza Becketa w Mount Prospect, IL. Wycieczka zostanie przekazana na specjalną loterię, w celu uzyskania dodatkowych funduszy na dalszą działalność grupy.

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Miedzy towarzystwami, które brały udział w programie, rozlosowane zostały nagrody pieniężne na ogólną sumę \$6500. Nagrody wygrały towarzystwa (tabelka):

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Agnieszka Bastrzyk, dyrektor marketingu

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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.

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA

18-19 sierpnia - Turniej softball, Warren, MI

Dodatkowe informacje: na stronie: www.prcua.org/sports; Email: fraternal-department@prcu.org; w „Narodzie Polskim”; 773-782-2630;

37. Bal Letni Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce Fundacja Kopernikowska laureatem Nagrody Ducha Polskości



Uroczysty toast wzniesli Ryszard Owsiany i Małgorzata Kot



Członkinie Komitetu balowego (l-p) Sharon Orłowski, Grace Bazylewski, Virginia Cudecki



Dar Legionu Młodych Polek



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 bibliotecznymi 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.

Polskie i amerykańskie hymny narodowe zaśpiewał prezes ZPRKA i przewodniczący zarządu MPA. Modlitwę przed posiłkiem odmówił ks. Zdzisław Torba, proboszcz parafii św. Ferdynanda w Chicago, IL. Z krótkim przemówieniem wystąpił przed kolacją konsul generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago, Piotr Janicki. Prezes MPA Richard Owsiany i dyrektorka zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot wzniesli uroczysty toast za pomyślną przyszłość Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Po kolacji wystąpiła z przemówieniem Maria Pappas, skarbnik powiatu Cook.

Kolejnym punktem programu wieczoru było ogłoszenie najhojniejszych darczyńców, którego dokonali Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Richard Owsiany i Małgorzata Kot.

W tym roku szczególnie hojnie wsparli MPA: na poziomie Czerwonego Maku (10 000 dol.): Deborah Greenlee oraz Legion Młodych Polek w Ameryce z prezes Bożenną Hasztrakiewicz na czele. Na poziomie Białego Maku (5000 dol.) – Fundacja Kopernikowska z przewodniczącym Hubertem Cioromskim. Na poziomie Różowego Maku (2500 dol.) – Hubert i Lori Cioromski; Związek Narodowy Polski z prezesem Frankiem Spulą i skarbnikiem Marianem Grabowskim oraz TAWANI Foundation (pod przewodnictwem członka wieczystego MPA J.N. Pritzker). 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 Leonhard 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 Cioromski. Nagroda Ducha Polskości przyznawana jest osobie indywidualnej lub organizacji, która wnosi znaczne zasługi w życiu Polonii amerykańskiej.

Elegancki wieczór zakończył się losowaniem zwycięzców loterii pieniężnej oraz zabawą do muzyki w wykonaniu Antoniego Kawałkowskiego i jego orkiestry.

Zdjęcia: Julita Siegel

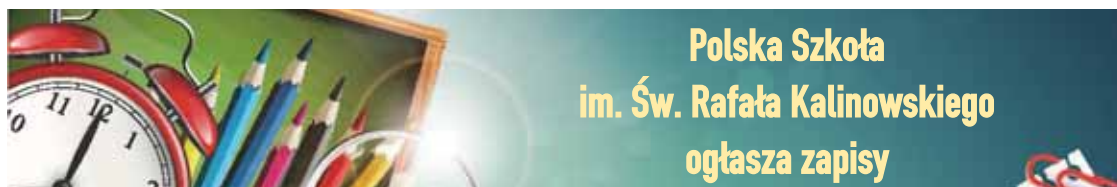


Jenny Milkowski



Ks. Zdzisław Torba





Polska Szkoła im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN - jedyna polska szkoła na terenie stanu Indiana, mieszcząca się przy klasztorze Ojców Karmelitów Bosych, zaprasza na zapisy uczniów na rok szkolny 2017/18 w niedzielę, 27 sierpnia w godzinach 9:30 - 13:30, w holu starego budynku szkoły. Adres: 1628 Ridge Road, Munster, IN. Szkoła przyjmuje uczniów do klas: przedszkole (ukończony trzeci rok życia), 0 do 7 (nie będzie w tym roku klasy 8); do liceum od klasy I do III. Rok szkolny rozpoczyna się 9 września 2017r.

W trakcie zapisu należy uiścić opłatę rejestracyjną w wysokości \$100, wykupić podręczniki oraz ubezpieczyć dziecko w ZPRKA (Zjednoczeniu Polskim Rzymsko-Katolickim w Ameryce), które jest patronem i sponsorem naszej szkoły.



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 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.

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Dodatkowe informacje o rozkładzie rozgrywek - w angielskiej sekcji na str. 14, na stronie internetowej: www.prcua.org/sports i na Facebook.



„ART FOR HEART 2017” („SZTUKA DLA SERCA 2017”) ZAPROSZENIE DLA ARTYSTÓW



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

Po sześciu latach wielkiego wsparcia ze strony artystów jak i społeczności, za które MPA i Fundacja Dar Serca są ogromnie wdzięczne, obie fundacje przygotowują kolejną wystawę „Sztuka dla Serca VII” („Art for Heart VII”). Uroczyste otwarcie planowane jest na 9 września 2017 r. Jak co roku będzie to doskonała okazja dla artystów z różnych dziedzin sztuki do zaprezentowania i sprzedaży dzieł, zapoznania się ze społecznością wspierając przy okazji dwa szczytne cele. Zgłoszenia do udziału w tegorocznej wystawie przyjmowane będą do 4 sierpnia 2017 r. Aplikacje i dodatkowe informacje są dostępne na stronie internetowej: www.artforheartchicago.org.

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

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

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Dodatkowe zapisy do Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej

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SUKCES 3. DOROCZNEGO PIKNIKU ZPRKA



Glenwood, IL - Na uczestników 3. dorocznego pikniku ZPRKA, urządnego na terenie PACF Grove w Glenwood, IL w niedzielę, 25 czerwca, czekała miła atmosfera oraz wiele atrakcji. Dyrektorzy: Anna Kryszynski 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.

Piknik rozpoczął się od Mszy św. polowej odprawionej przez ks. Rona Kondziołkę, dyrektora duszpasterstwa ze szpitala św. Jamesa i ośrodka zdrowia w Chicago Heights w stanie Illinois. Oprawę muzyczną mszy zapewniło trio muzyczne (Jan Fedor i przyjaciele). Lektorami byli tancerze z zespołu Wesoły Lud ZPRKA. Po mszy wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński podziękowała ks. Kondziołkę za celebrowanie mszy i kazanie, lektorom i muzykom, za ubogacenie Mszy św., a wszystkim, którzy przybyli na piknik życzyła miłego odpoczynku i wspaniałej zabawy.

W tym roku dla najmłodszych przygotowano 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 jeziorze oraz z malowania twarzy przez tancerzy zespołu Polonia, nawet prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot postanowił dołączyć do tej zabawy. Jako zapalony 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 grillowane przez cały dzień przez „szefów kuchni” Jamesa Rustika i Daniela Bastrzyka, 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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