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Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Proudly Serving Polish-Americans for 145 Years

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (P R C U A) , headquartered in Chicago, IL, is known as the mother of Polish American fraternal. On October 3, 1873, Rev. Theodor Gieryk, Rev. Vincent Barzynski, C.R., Jan Barzynski, Peter Kielbasa, John Glosowski, Rev. Leopold Moczygemba and Rev. Joseph

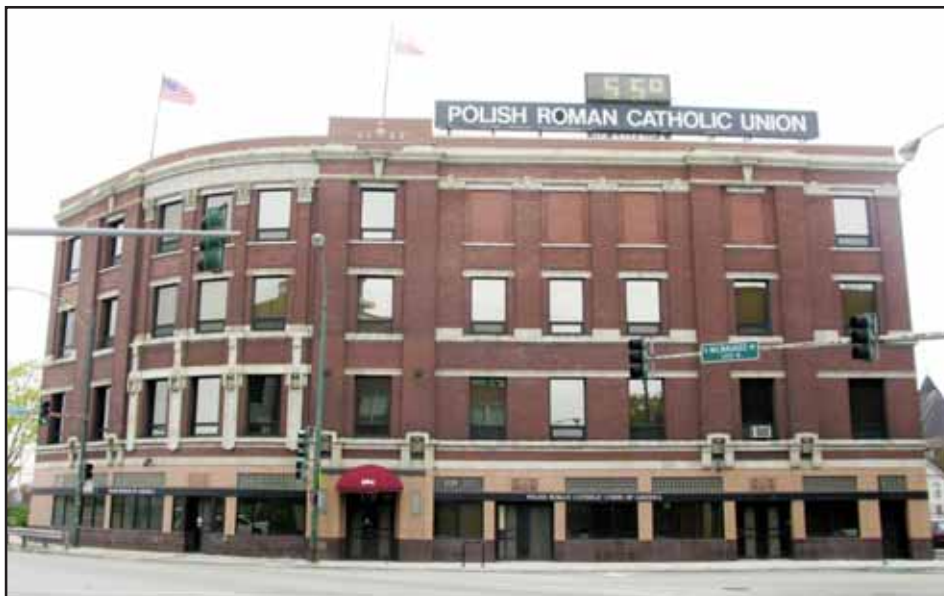
Dabrowski, among others, met at St. Albertus Parish in Detroit, Michigan. This meeting brought about the establishment of the PRCUA, a fraternal organization for Polish Americans of the Roman Catholic faith, whose motto was established as "For God and Country."

In its early years, the PRCUA pioneered social programs to assist its members financially by collecting donations for widows, orphans and the needy. It also raised funds to build an orphanage and a hospital.

In 1886, an insurance system was adopted and membership increased. That same year, the PRCUA established its own weekly publication, which underwent several name changes, and has continued as *Naród Polski* since 1897, currently published monthly.

In 1897, the PRCUA led the way among fraternal organizations when it granted equal rights to women, over two decades prior to the 19th Amendment that gave American women the right to vote. By 1902, membership had reached 19,000 and was growing rapidly. In response to this expansion, in 1913, the organization built its headquarters at Milwaukee Avenue and Augusta Boulevard in Chicago - the same national historic landmark building that it occupies today.

In 1935, the PRCUA - under the leadership of President Joseph Kania - founded one of the first ethnic museum and archives in America, which has become a priceless treasury of



artifacts from Poland and Polonia, known today as The Polish Museum of America. The Museum, housed in the PRCUA headquarters, not only preserves the Polish past in America, but also promotes Polish culture through traveling exhibits, concerts, folk art workshops and other events.

The PRCUA has a long legacy of supporting

charitable endeavors. During World War II, members sent food, medical supplies and ambulances to Polish refugees. During martial law in the 1980s, the PRCUA raised funds to purchase five ambulances that were sent to Poland. The organization continues to support charitable causes, such as its annual donations to Polish seminarians at the Orchard Lake Schools in Michigan and The Polish Museum of America, as well as other institutions.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is currently licensed to sell life insurance and annuities in 27 states. Additionally, PRCUA offers a number of benefits to members, such as low-interest home mortgages, college loans and educational scholarships. The PRCUA promotes camaraderie among its members by sponsoring national sports tournaments, social events and youth programs, including numerous Polish language and Polish folk dance schools in several states. Hundreds of children and young adults are taught Polish language, folk dances, songs, history and traditions in these schools, which actively preserve Polish culture among the younger generations. It also sponsors teen programs, such as the annual Cinderella- Prince Charming Ball and the Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball.

This fraternal organization of over 50,000 members enjoys financial stability created by 145 years of effectively serving the needs of its membership and the Polish American community.



*May this New Year bring you
a peace-filled life, warmth
and togetherness within your family,
and an abundance of blessings.*

Have a prosperous and healthy New Year!



JANUARY 2018

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED.

13 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #162 vs. SOCIETY #718 RYDER CUP BOWLING on Sat., Jan. 13 at Indian Lanes Bowling Center, 4500 13th St., Wyandotte, MI. Bowling starts at 11:30 a.m. \$45 per person. Includes shirt and dinner at PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. To register contact: Mike Halberstadt (Soc. #162) mhalbers@wyan.org or Bob Hojnacki (Soc. #718) hoj606@hotmail.com.

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

20 HICKORY HILLS, IL – WESOŁY LUD "FIFTIES" WINTER DINNER DANCE on Sat., Jan. 20 at Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations: 312-859-6464 or zaba30@yahoo.com. (See details on pg. 4.)

21 DEARBORN HTS., MI – PRCUA SOC. #718 ST. STAN'S CORPORATE COMMUNION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS on Sun., Jan. 21, 2018. Mass will be held in memory of our deceased members at 11:00 a.m. at St. Linus Church on Hass Street between Telegraph and Beech Daley Rds. After Mass a complimentary dinner will be served at the Stitt VFW Post on Waverly Street, just south of Warren Ave. and east of Telegraph Rd. After dinner a short meeting will be held along with Election of Officers for 2018. Delegates and Alternate Delegates will also be solicited for the National Convention which will be held in August. RSVP by December 30, 2017 to Leonard and Eileen Nasiatka at 313-278-5219.

21 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOC. #162 GENERAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS on Sun., Jan 21. More information: Mike at 734-283-4810 or mhalbers@wyan.org.

23 WARREN, MI – ST. POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., Jan. 23 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.

24 DETROIT, MI – POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT on Wed., Jan. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Little Caesars Arena, 66 Sibley St., Detroit, MI. Detroit Pistons vs. Utah Jazz. Tickets \$23.00 in level corner section. For more information and reservations contact Elizabeth Thacker at 586-944-9683 or opole.director@comcast.net. (See details on pg. 7.)

26 STERLING HEIGHTS, MI – ZAKOPANE FOLK DANCE BOWLING FUNDRAISER on Fri., Jan. 26 at Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights, MI. Starts at 7:30 p.m. Contact: zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

27 DETROIT, MI – GWIAZDA DANCERS FOWLING FUNDRAISER on Sat., Jan. 27 from 8:00 -10:00 p.m. at 3901 Christopher St., Detroit, MI. \$20/person. All participants must be 21 and older. Contact: Jessica Wendt for more info at: panijessia@hotmail.com or 313-682-3031.

27 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 TOPPERMOST BEATLES TRIBUTE SHOW on Sat., Jan. 27 at the PRCUA Banquet Center, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door. Music from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Cash bar and food available. – NO BYOB. Contact: Chris Zelasko at 734-552-6124.

FEBRUARY

1 DEARBORN HTS., MI – SOC. #718 ST. STAN'S SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE on Thurs., Feb. 1 at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Drawing at 8:00 p.m. Complimentary Coney dogs.

2 GROUNDHOG DAY | OFIAROWANIE PAŃSKIE MATKI BOSKIEJ GROMNICZNEJ (PL)

3 LEMONT, IL – PRCUA JOHN PAUL II POLISH SCHOOL DANCE, on Sat., Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Crystal Grand Banquets, 12416 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL. Tickets \$45 by Jan. 13; \$60 after Jan. 13; \$70 for guests not associated with the School. Tickets can be purchased at 773-520-3563 (Fri. 6 to 9 pm. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Open bar, delicious dinner, sweet table. Music by Millennium Band.

8 GRAND RAPIDS, MI – MALBORK DANCE GROUP PĄCZKI DAY on Thurs., Feb. 8. For information contact: Jen Macek, Director, at 269-491-0028 or malborkdancegroup@gmail.com

10 MUNSTER, IN – KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET on Sat., Feb. 10 at The Carmelite Banquet Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN. Door opens at 6:00 p.m.; program at 6:30 p.m. Information and reservations: Margaret Rolniak at 219-308-6474. (See details on pg. 13.)

11 STERLING HTS, MI – ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT on Sun., Feb. 11 at 5 Star Lanes, 2666 Metro Pkwy., Sterling Hts., MI. Doors open 1:00 p.m.; games begin at 1:30 p.m. Contact: Barb Ozog at prcu1539@gmail.com or 586-453-3471. (Details on pg. 9.)

13 WYANDOTTE, MI – PĄCZKI DAY BUS TRIP TO HAMTRAMCK, MI on Tues., Feb. 13. \$25 per person. First come first serve only 50 seats available. Sign up sheet in the PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Must be paid in advance. Contact: Mike Halberstadt at 734-216-3911

14 ASH WEDNESDAY | POPIELEK ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

19 PRESIDENTS' DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

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24 SOUTHGATE, MI – 27TH PRCUA SHIRLEY ANN GALANTY MICHIGAN STATE BALL on Sat., Feb 24 at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI. Cocktails 5:15 p.m.; Promenade 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m. Contact: Maria Jalkiewicz at 586-979-5164. (See details below.)

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Cocktails: 5:15pm
Promenade 6:00pm
Dinner 6:30pm
Semi - Formal Attire

Music by Duane Malinowski Orchestra
Donations \$55 per adult, \$50 per student through age 20
For information contact Maria Jalkiewicz (586) 979-5164



LAST CHANCE!

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles!

2017 Christmas Special

Beginning November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018, purchase a very competitively priced \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or larger PRCUA Single Pay Life Insurance Certificate for your little one from 2 weeks to age 15 and 5 months.

Each applicant will receive a free gift and chance to WIN one of three Grand Prizes. Applications with face amounts of \$25,000 or larger will receive 2 entry tickets per application, providing a greater chance to win.

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Please contact your local PRCUA Sales Representative or the Home Office for purchase or questions:

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All applications for the PRCUA **2017 Christmas Special** are subject to Underwriting and must be **postmarked by January 31, 2018.**

Rates for Males:

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$458.20	\$816.40	\$1,891.00	\$3,682.00
1	\$468.05	\$836.10	\$1,940.25	\$3,780.50
2	\$479.85	\$859.70	\$1,999.25	\$3,898.50
3	\$492.80	\$885.60	\$2,064.00	\$4,028.00
4	\$506.75	\$913.50	\$2,133.75	\$4,167.50
5	\$521.45	\$942.90	\$2,207.25	\$4,314.50
6	\$536.70	\$973.40	\$2,283.50	\$4,467.00
7	\$552.50	\$1,005.00	\$2,362.50	\$4,625.00
8	\$568.90	\$1,037.80	\$2,444.50	\$4,789.00
9	\$585.90	\$1,071.80	\$2,529.50	\$4,959.00
10	\$603.50	\$1,107.00	\$2,617.50	\$5,135.00
11	\$621.80	\$1,143.60	\$2,709.00	\$5,318.00
12	\$640.65	\$1,181.30	\$2,803.25	\$5,506.50
13	\$659.95	\$1,219.90	\$2,899.75	\$5,699.50
14	\$679.75	\$1,259.50	\$2,998.75	\$5,897.50
15	\$699.95	\$1,299.90	\$3,099.75	\$6,099.50

Rates for Females:

Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
0	\$409.40	\$718.80	\$1,647.00	\$3,194.00
1	\$419.30	\$738.60	\$1,696.50	\$3,293.00
2	\$430.10	\$760.20	\$1,750.50	\$3,401.00
3	\$441.65	\$783.30	\$1,808.25	\$3,516.50
4	\$453.90	\$807.80	\$1,869.50	\$3,639.00
5	\$466.65	\$833.30	\$1,933.25	\$3,766.50
6	\$479.90	\$859.80	\$1,999.50	\$3,899.00
7	\$493.65	\$887.30	\$2,068.25	\$4,036.50
8	\$507.85	\$915.70	\$2,139.25	\$4,178.50
9	\$522.55	\$945.10	\$2,212.75	\$4,325.50
10	\$537.85	\$975.70	\$2,289.25	\$4,478.50
11	\$553.65	\$1,007.30	\$2,368.25	\$4,636.50
12	\$570.00	\$1,040.00	\$2,450.00	\$4,800.00
13	\$586.85	\$1,073.70	\$2,534.25	\$4,968.50
14	\$604.15	\$1,108.30	\$2,620.75	\$5,141.50
15	\$622.05	\$1,144.10	\$2,710.25	\$5,320.50



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PRCUA is on Facebook and Pinterest! If you aren't following us on these social media platforms, you're missing out. Event information and photos, posts entailing Polish heritage, traditional Polish recipes, product information, and crafts ideas to encourage Polish culture in younger generations are just a few of the topics you can find on our pages. Our social media posts really celebrate Polish history and language, healthy living and financial security. Don't miss a thing. Find us on Pinterest @PRCUA984 and on Facebook @PRCUA.ZPRKA to follow our pages today!

PAST NARÓD POLSKI EDITOR
JOSEPH ZURAWSKI DISPLAYED
HIS AWARD AT THE PRCUA



Wybitny Polak Award



Joseph W. Zurawski (l) with PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. (r)

Chicago, IL - Past *Naród Polski* Editor Joseph W. Zurawski and his wife Marcia, paid a short visit to the PRCUA Home Office on Monday, December 11, 2017 where they met with PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Mr. Zurawski displayed the prestigious *Wybitny Polak* (Outstanding Pole) Award, which was presented to him at the Polish Consulate in Chicago on May 4, 2017 during the observance marking Poland's democratic Constitution of May 3, 1791.

Mr. Zurawski received his B.A. degree from St. Benedict's College and his M.A. from Ohio University. He also attended sessions at DePaul University, Loyola University, Northern Illinois University, University of Chicago, Chicago State University, University of Illinois – Chicago Campus, and the University of Colorado.

He is a retired teacher who taught at Chicago Public Schools (1959-1997), Wright College and Triton College. (1970-1980). He was invited to make a presentation at the University of Pittsburgh to several hundred elementary and high school teachers on the Polish American experience and cultural heritage for adoption in their classes. After the follow-up conference, the University of Pittsburgh commissioned him to write Slavic Studies for the 80s, which they distributed to teachers and other interested parties.

Mr. Zurawski used his vast knowledge about Polonia to conduct seminars on ethnic studies and Polish American studies at the University of Pittsburgh and at the University of Illinois - Circle Campus. He was a panel member teaching ethnic studies at Southern Illinois University and a guest lecturer at Loyola University (Chicago) on Polish American screen images in World War II, and Roosevelt University on Chicago's Polish American community.

Mr. Zurawski has extensive writing and editorial achievements. He was Editor-in-Chief of PRCUA's *Naród Polski* (1972-1984), Editor of *The Polish Museum of America Quarterly* (1972-1976), and a reporter and columnist for *Fra Noi*, *Pioneer Press*, and *The Leader* (1977-1998). He was also a book review editor for various Polish-American newspapers, as well as being a published author of many publications and books, including *Polish Chicago: Our History--Our Recipes* (St. Louis: G. Bradley, 2007).

Joseph Zurawski served on PRCUA Board of Directors (1972-1992), was President of the Polish Museum of America (1972-1978), Chicago Teachers Union delegate (1962-1964), and an officer in investment clubs, art societies, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural associations. He was the emcee, toastmaster and public speaker at various events and was interviewed and had presentations on radio and TV.

He has been a member of PRCUA Soc. #795, Polish National Alliance, Polish American Chamber of Commerce (Chicago), Polish Arts Club (Chicago), American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs, Chicago Consultation on Ethnicity, Illinois Consultation on Ethnicity, Chicago Society, Telomine Investments, Pegasus Investments and more.

Mr. Zurawski received numerous public recognitions and awards: Who's Who Among Students (1958), Distinguished Teacher, Harlen High School, Chicago Board of Education (1963), Outstanding Young Man of America-Chamber of Commerce (1963), Distinguished Service Certificate, Copernicus Quincentennial Commission (1973), the American Catholic Who's Who (1976), Kosciuszko Medal from Kosciuszko Foundation (1977), Civic Achievement Award from Polish American Historical Association, (2002).

The PRCUA congratulates Mr. Zurawski on receiving the *Wybitny Polak* Award and wishes him much success with his newest project "The Polish Presence in American Screen Images," which will be published by the Polish Museum of America.

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Polish Folk Dance Company of the PRCUA
invites you to its
Winter Dance
“Nifty Fifties”
Saturday, January 20, 2018
Camelot Banquets
8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL
Doors open 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm
Tickets - \$40 (children under 8 - \$20)
Dance music by Boogie Band
For reservations please call
312-859-6464 or email
zaba30@yahoo.com by January 15th
We invite you to dress in 50s attire!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

According to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws, Societies must elect delegates and alternates to the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention during the months of April or May. Contact your Society's Financial Secretary for information about your Society's Meeting, if it is not listed in the Calendar of Events.

All Financial Secretaries are urged to call Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2639 or email the information to her at narodpolski@prcua.org before March 15th to have the Society's Meeting listed in the April and/or May issue of the *Narod Polski* Calendar of Events.

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Attn: Pam Tuytens

ATTENTION!

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is asking its members to provide PRCUA with their e-mail addresses in order to update members' database and form an efficient and earth-friendly way of communicating. To send your e-mail address fill out the form above. Provided information will be strictly used for business purposes.



All articles for the February 2018 issue
of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted
by Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI



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

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1492	Ahmir Dye	286 SW Bum Gardner Dr., Madison, FL

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PRCUA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The Constitution Committee is accepting proposed changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. Any PRCUA member, Society, Circuit or District in good standing has the right to propose changes to the PRCUA Constitution and By-Laws. These changes must be submitted IN WRITING to the Constitution Committee by June 1, 2018 for consideration. Please follow the format below when submitting proposed changes. The Committee will accept proposed changes until June 1, 2018. Thank you.

Proposal to the Constitution Committee

Name _____

Street _____

City, St, Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Your PRCUA Society Number _____

Changes proposed to these articles:

Chapter _____ Article _____ Page(s) _____

Title of Article _____

Reason for proposed change: _____

Proposed wording: _____

Send proposed changes by **June 1, 2018** to:
PRCUA Constitution Committee
Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTION TAKEN AT THE PRCUA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 2017

To all members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in anticipation of the 2018 Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA to be held in August, 2018:

The members of the Board of Directors Corporate Governance Committee presented recommendations to the entire Board regarding additional qualifications beyond those identified in the Constitution, for candidates seeking the elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and National Director:

For the elected positions of President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, the Committee recommends:

- Bachelor's degree required
- Post graduate degree preferred
- Minimum of five (5) years as a member of PRCUA and in good standing
- Minimum five (5) years of experience in financial planning, business administration and/or managerial/organizational leadership
- PRCUA Board Certification Training must be completed within six (6) months of installation into office
- Possession or completion of courses for ALMI (Associate Life Management Institute) designation within twenty four (24) months of installation into office.

For the elected position of National Director:

- Bachelor's degree or a minimum of four (4) years of demonstrated life experience or a minimum of five (5) years demonstrated experience in fraternal activities
- Minimum of five (5) years as a member of PRCUA and in good standing
- PRCUA Board certification training must be completed within six (6) months of installation into office
- Possession or completion of courses for ALMI (Associate Life Management Institute) designation within twenty-four (24) months of installation into office

This recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee was approved by the Board with notification to be made as soon as possible to the PRCUA membership.

In addition to the duties of elected positions as stated in the PRCUA Constitution, the Committee identified specific responsibilities that candidates for each office must consider:

Responsibilities of the President:

- Participates in the investing of funds of the organization
- Represents the PRCUA at national and local events
- Develops and implements the Business Plan
- Oversees Compliance, Investments, Human Resources and General Counsel

Responsibilities of the Vice President:

- Oversees Sales, Marketing, Fraternal and Publications Departments
- Represents the PRCUA at national and local events

Responsibilities of the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Oversees Information Technologies, Member Services, Risk Management, Auditing, Treasury, Underwriting, and Building and Property Management
- Represents the PRCUA at national and local events

Responsibilities of the National Director:

- Required to participate in all scheduled Board meetings
- Monitors fiduciary activities of PRCUA and Executive Committee
- Main contact in resolving issues between Home Office and local Districts
- Actively promotes and/or organizes local organization functions
- Promotes and solicits membership
- Represents the organization in local and national events

NOTE: Board certification and all ALMI course costs are paid for by the PRCUA.

If there is no qualified candidate for an Executive Officer or Board of Director position, the Board of Directors reserves the right to solicit and elect an individual for the position.

If an Officer or Director fails to pass the OLM, ALMI or Insurance Producer's license within the designated time, the Board of Directors will declare a vacancy.



PRCUA HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEES AND PMA STAFF CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Chicago, IL - PRCUA and PMA employees gathered together in the Home Office Social Hall on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, to celebrate Christmas.

The afternoon began with everyone wishing all the best to PRCUA National President, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. who celebrated his birthday on the very same day. Mr.

Drobot was treated to the singing of "Happy Birthday" and "Sto Lat" and many good wishes and gifts from the Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and the employees of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and the Polish Museum of America. First Lady Judith Drobot brought a sweet treat of homemade cookies.

VP Jaminski thanked everyone for participating and wished them "Merry Christmas." Mr. Robaczewski also expressed his Christmas wishes and offered a prayer before the meal.

Before eating, Lucie Bucki who represented Polish Scouts in America, brought in the Peace Light of Bethlehem. It is a tradition, inaugurated in Austria in 1986, as part of a charitable relief mission for handicapped children and people in need. The tradition is continued by the scouts and has gone to more than 20 countries in Europe and in America. Everyone was encouraged to light a candle from the Bethlehem Peace Light and take it home.

Instead of a gift exchange, all participants were asked to contribute a \$10 gift card, which was dropped into a box and mixed up. After dessert, everyone picked a card from the box. As it happened, most of the gift cards were from Starbucks, which most party goers were happy to see.

The fun continued with finding out who won the colorful centerpieces. Then, the Planning Committee prepared a surprise. All participants received a wine glass and were asked to decorate it with special paints which, if cured, would become a permanent design. There were some very creative employees who spent time beautifully decorating the glasses and having a lot of fun doing so.

The annual employee party ended with the singing of Polish and American Christmas carols.

Thank you, PRCUA Officers, for treating the PRCUA and PMA employees to a holiday dinner and to the Planning Committee for a unique activity. Years from now, when we will look at those hand-painted wine glasses, surely they will bring back warm memories of this fun evening.



PRCUA and PMA employees singing Happy Birthday to President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.



Boguslawa Chrzanowska sharing opiatek with VP Jaminski and her granddaughter Mila



PMA Managing Director Malgorzata Kot presenting PRCUA VP with a beautiful Christmas centerpiece on behalf of the PMA staff





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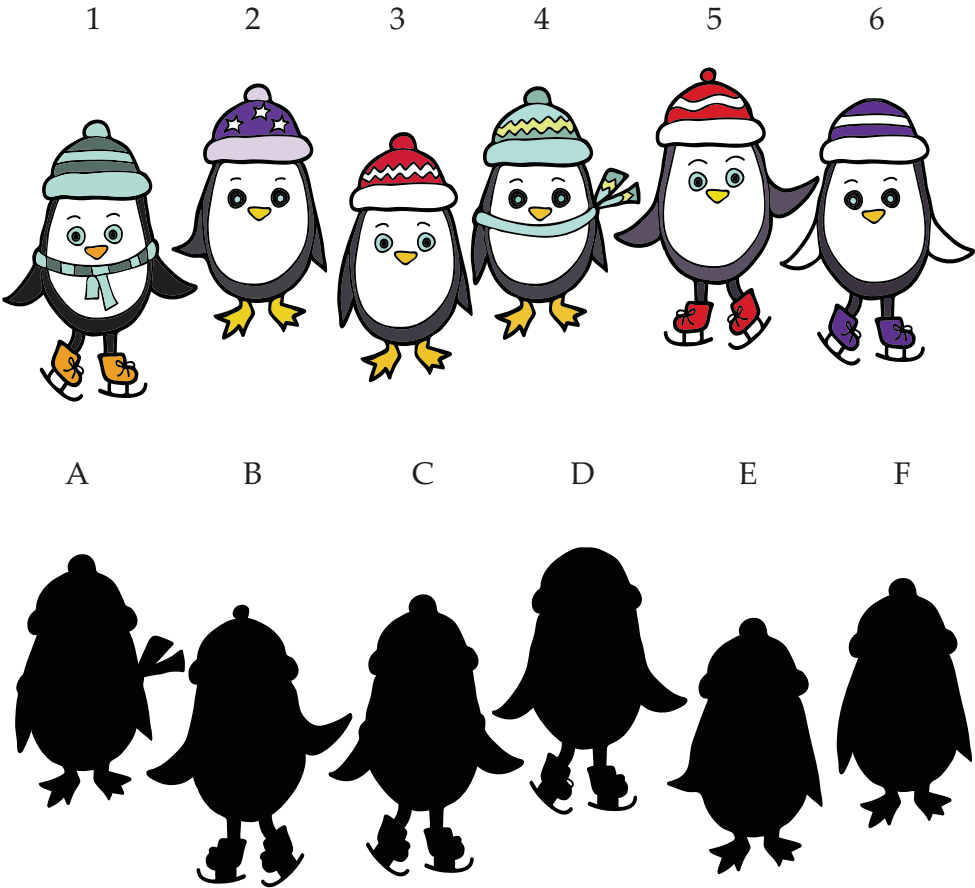
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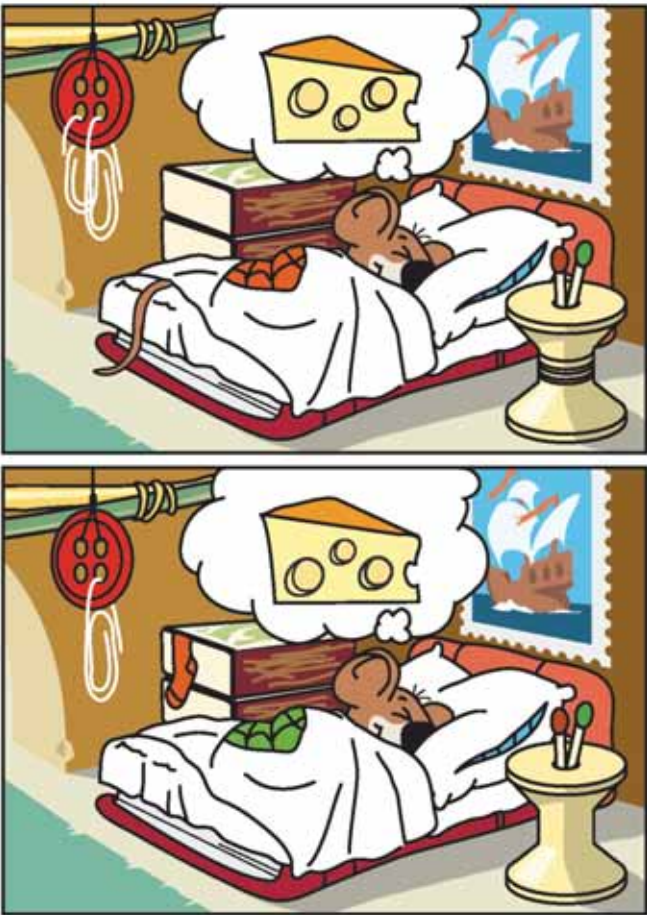


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25th ANNIVERSARY OF PIAST AND HENRYK SIENKIEWICZ POLISH SCHOOL

Cleveland, OH - On Saturday, November 28, Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School, as well as PIAST Polish Folk Dance and Song Ensemble, celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a grand banquet at Crystal Party Center in Brook Park, Ohio. The event was well attended by parents, friends, former members and Polonia alike.

While an adult Polish folk dance ensemble already existed at the time, it was the dream of then President of the Alliance of Poles of America, John Borkowski, to establish a Polish school for the children of the Alliance of Poles. He wanted the beautiful culture, customs and language of our forefathers to be continued in America. PIAST, the adult dance group, was officially reorganized under the name of "PIAST Polish Folk Dance and Song Ensemble." Together the marriage with the Polish schools has been thriving ever since.

All past directors, principals and teachers were recognized at the banquet. John Borkowski's widow, Ligia, accepted a bouquet of flowers in honor of John's memory. PRCUA District 5 National Director Mitchell Bienia presented a beautiful plaque from the national organization of the PRCUA to both Ewa Wiechec, School Principal, and Agnieszka Kotlarcik, Dance Ensemble Choreographer.

Thanks to Tom Kacki for the colorful photos of this event.

*Submitted by: Mitchell Bienia, Dir. D-5
Photos: Tom Kacki*



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Helena Gliniczak Retires



Chicago, IL - On Wednesday, December 13, PRCUA Home Office employees and PMA employees said farewell to Helena Gliniczak, who retired after 19 years of working in PRCUA's building maintenance department.

A Retirement Luncheon was held in the PRCUA Social Hall. PRCUA Officers Joseph Drobot, Micheline Jaminski and James Robaczewski, thanked Helena for her many years of work and wished her good health and happiness in her retirement. She also received gifts, flowers and many good wishes from the PRCUA and PMA employees.

Attending the retirement party were two of Helena's four daughters Anna Jendraszek and Elzbieta Urbanek and her son-in-law Grzegorz Urbanek.

Good Luck and Happy Retirement, Pani Helena!



Honoree Helena (center) with PRCUA officers and family



Helena with the PMA staff

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish words: Letter S: 1. SPODNIE, 2. SANKI, 3. SCHODY, 4. SŁOŃCE, 5. SERCE, 6. STÓŁ

Find the Correct Shadow:
1-C, 2-E, 3-f, 4-A, 5-B, 6-D

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The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ wiceprezes

HAPPY NEW YEAR! On behalf of everyone at the Home Office and the Board of Directors, may 2018 be the best year ever for you and your ones. Among all that is most important, we wish you good health, happiness, success and wealth.

Without a doubt, 2018 will be a memorable year - Poland will celebrate its 100th Anniversary of Independence after disappearing from the map of Europe for 123 years. When you read the history of Poland and the four partitions it endured, you are inspired by the fighting spirit of its nationals – who although scattered throughout the world, continued to "fight" for Poland and keep alive the Polish culture, giving rise to such organizations as the Polish Roman Catholic Union in 1873, etc. The Polish spirit continues to fight for validation, recognition and respect. For those generations far removed from the struggles for a free and democratic Poland, recognize the fighting spirit within you and never forget you are Polish and proud.

The year 2018 will mark the 145th Anniversary of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. It's future and that of other Polonian organization rests in the hands of each and every person of Polish descent. What better way to celebrate this milestone than to encourage your family and friends to become members by obtaining life insurance or opening annuities in the PRCUA? Check out our 2018 Convention White Eagle Annuity Series and the Anniversary Life Insurance promotion which will soon be available in February. The 2017 Christmas Life Insurance Special ends January 31, 2018. The more members in the PRCUA, the stronger our voice and our mission.

Also, 2018 will boast the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention (August 10-13) in Dearborn, MI. Here is your chance to decide the path PRCUA should take into the future – as a Delegate to this Convention, as a Candidate for one of the three Executive Offices (President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer) or as a Candidate for National Director on the Board. For the current qualifications, requirements and responsibilities of each position see page # 5 of this issue. Much has been redefined and reassigned to the Officers in the last few years and is worth your review.

The State of Illinois will also celebrate its Bicentennial in 2018 embracing the cultural melting pot of ethnic communities throughout the state. Chicago and its suburbs have for so long been the center of America's Polonia and PRCUA together with its affiliate, the Polish Museum of America, joins the Illinois Bicentennial Committee to add to the festivities.

The balmy weather in Chicago on December 1 found me rechecking my calendar to see if I slept through winter, but it was simply Mother Nature playing one last joke in 2017. Have no fear, by Christmas freezing temperatures emerged in the Midwest and gave us pause. Lucky are those who live in warmer climates although 46 degrees in Phoenix AZ on December 27th isn't balmy. The month began with the quarterly PRCUA Board of Directors Meeting. As many celebrated "Andrzejki" (St. Andrew's Eve - November 30th) or Barbórka (the feast of St.



Attending PRCUA Oplatek with my family

several past PRCUA Executive Officers, National Directors and Chaplains, dignitaries in attendance included the new Vice Consul



Muszalski Christmas gathering

Barbara, Patron Saint of Miners – December 4th) the first weekend of December, the PRCUA kicked off the holiday season with its annual "Oplatek". This year the event was hosted by District 8 with National Directors Krystyna Lech and James Rustik at the helm; the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (SWCPD) and Anna Kraszewski, its School Manager; and Committees composed of District 8 members and Southwest Center parents at Camelot Banquets, Hickory Hills, IL. (FYI: The three local districts alternate hosting the PRCUA Oplatek, Święconka and Sacred Heart Mass.) With 623 in attendance, it was by far the largest in PRCUA history! In addition to the current and several past PRCUA Executive Officers, National Directors and Chaplains, dignitaries in attendance included the new Vice Consul at the General Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago - Section for the Cooperation with the Polish American Community, Piotr Semeniuk, and the Pastor of Our Lady of the Woods Parish, Orland Park, IL – Rev. Michael G. Foley. The appetizer before dinner (in addition to the hors d'oeuvres on each table) was the Christmas program performed by the five groups of the SWCPD with guest appearances by both groups of "WESOLY LUD" Dancers – Artistic Director and Choreographer is Richard Jaminski, assisted by his talented staff. (Details and photos from this event are found on pages 10-11.) Congratulations for a great start to the Christmas Season!

Edward Muszalski, former PRCUA Supervisor of District 22, hosted his traditional

Christmas Party for fraternal agents on St. Nicholas Day – December 6 at Prime Time Restaurant, Hickory Hills, IL. Thank you, Mr. Muszalski, for your many years of dedicated service to the PRCUA.

The Mała Polska Dancers (Agata Wilgocki, Dance Instructor) of the St. Rafał Kalinowski Polish School held its Christmas program on December 9th at Carmelite Fathers, Munster, IN with District 9 National Director Elizabeth Sadus in attendance. This same evening, Society #162 hosted the 14th Annual Polka Christmas Night in Wyandotte, MI, with over 400 people in attendance. A fun day, indeed!



Mała Polska Dance Ensemble

On December 10th, the PRCUA Michigan Women's Division hosted its annual Oplatek together with the PRCUA Michigan Schools – this year, it was chaired by the Halka Dancers (Laura Hejza, School Manager). Meanwhile in Wyandotte, the elves of Society #162, spearheaded by its President, Stan Pasko, hosted its annual Senior Christmas Party. In attendance was Vice President Emeritus Robert Bielenda, Thaddeus Klamerus, and National Chaplain Rev. Canon W. Ptak.



PRCUA Soc. #162 Koledy Evening

On Wednesday, December 13th, PRCUA long-time employee Helena Gliniczak retired after 19 years. PRCUA and PMA staff members gathered at a lunch in her honor to thank her for her many years of service and friendship. We will miss you, Mrs. Gliniczak! That evening, the Polish Teachers Association hosted its annual Oplatek at which time, the Polish Museum of America (PMA) through President Richard Owsiany, Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and Board Member - Betty Uzarowicz - distributed certificates of appreciation to the Polish Language Schools on behalf of their fundraising efforts for the PMA.



Helena Gliniczak at her retirement party

The Southwest Polish Society held its annual Christmas Party at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant, Glenwood, IL on December 14th. The Officers include my dear friends Evelyn Cedzidlo and Gennie Mehler. It was nice to see many familiar faces from before including Eleanor Abramowicz. Thanks to my BFF Teresa Pazdziora for attending the event with me. There was a new member in attendance who voiced her gratitude to the Southwest Polish Society for making her aware of what her Polish heritage was about through the various events they sponsor. Good job Southwest Polish Society!

Later that same Thursday, at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Consul General Piotr Janicki and his staff hosted a Christmas Reception. Many of the clergy and officials from the local Polish American Community joined in the celebration of prayers led by the Chancellor of Orchard Lake Seminary, the Very Reverend Canon Mirosław K. Król. Caroling was led by the Choir Collegium Cantorum Polonia and Chicago Nightingales under the



Christmas reception at the Polish Consulate

direction of Arkadiusz Górecki and refreshments. *Naród Polski* Editor - Lidia Kowalewicz, Richard and I were among the guests and would like to thank Consul Janicki and his staff for a lovely evening (See more photos on pages 13 and 18.)

The Maria Konopnicka Polish School (President Danielle Kropiewski, Vice President Joanna Niedzielski and Principal Stanislaw Skubisz) invited the PRCUA to its annual Christmas Pageant at St. Louis de Montford in Oak Lawn, IL. Krystyna Lech (Director D-8) joined me at this event on December 15 during which the children showcased their talents – reciting verses, singing, playing instruments, etc. all in celebration of the reason for the season.



M. Konopnicka Polish School Christmas Pageant

The following day, it was St. John Paul II's Polish School turn to present its Christmas Pageant (scripted by Małgorzata Maj) together with the Polanie Dancers (Art. Dir./Chor. R. Jamiński; dance instructors: Patricia Szyrzyna, Natalia Johnson (belated 21st birthday wishes) and Olivia Cisło; Coordinators: A. Witek and M. Cisło). Principal Halina Szyrzyna welcomed all parents and guests and wished everyone Happy Holidays! To all involved behind the scenes and on stage; to the parents, families and friends of all our students and dancers – thank you for your efforts in continuing the tradition of the "Jasełka" – for teaching the future generations the beautiful Polish Christmas carols of yesteryear and introducing new, modern ones.



St. John Paul II's Polish School Christmas Pageant

President Joseph A. Drobot Jr. celebrated his birthday on December 20 together with the PRCUA and PMA employees at the Company PRCUA Christmas Party. The location was the newly remodeled PRCUA Home Office Social Hall. Our employees were treated to delicious Polish food prepared by Gerry Kapusta with delivery and set-up by her husband Ted from Old Town Restaurant in Lemont. They were entertained with a gift exchange game and were provided with the opportunity to paint wine glasses as souvenirs to take home. Wishing all of our employees the best of the holiday season! (Additional photos are on pages 5 and 18.) Special thanks to my wonderful creative team – Agnieszka, Agata, Anna, Audrey and Mateusz = who made this party happen from beginning to end!

Also at the PRCUA Company Christmas Party, President Drobot had several birthday cakes to choose from on the sweet table. "Sto Lat" to President Drobot and all of the December birthday celebrants!

Other than the usual holiday excitement, our family was especially blessed with the Christening of our youngest granddaughter Mila Iliana Turkiewicz at Old St. Mary's Parish in Chicago on December 23rd. Parents Nicole and Michael Turkiewicz and sister Ariana were joined by family and many friends to celebrate Mila's special day. Mila is also the 12th grandchild of Mary Agnes and past PRCUA Director D-4 Richard Turkiewicz.

"Welcome, precious little child, so divine from God above, christened today in Jesus' name, held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet, and bring you smiles to wear, and may our Heavenly Father always keep you in His care." (source: poem4today.com)



Mila Iliana Turkiewicz

This year, Wigilia included new guests to our home – members of the Turkiewicz family, since several were in town for the Christening. Introducing to them our family traditions, they, in turn, introduced their traditions to us. And so, we "broke bread" sharing Oplatek and extending to each other wishes of health, happiness and success. Our meatless meal included creamed and pickled herring, two soups with uszka – beet barszcz and mushroom, baked salmon, fried shrimp (as a child, I wouldn't eat fish so my mom substituted shrimp – it remained a tradition since then), "staropolskie" (potato and cheese) and sauerkraut with mushroom pierogi, sauerkraut with beans, "kasza gryczana z sosem grzybowym" (barley with mushroom gravy – a dish my husband introduced to us), and, of course, creamed mushrooms. Sweets included delicious surprises made by my sister, Nini - a Christmas tree shaped cake filled with M&Ms and a lasagna cake with layers of marshmallows, cake and pistachios.

As we end another year, we look to the future and hope that it will lead to great things. The year 2018 is a blank page in the story book of our lives. May we have the opportunity to write a wonderful tale, full of love, laughter, faith and peace.

Save the Dates
2018 PRCUA Sport Tournaments

Basketball - March 10, 2018 - Wyandotte, MI
Sacred Heart Soc. #162

Bowling - April 13-15, 2018 - Warren, MI
St. John Paul II Soc. #1593

Golf - July 21, 2018 - Wyandotte, MI
Sacred Heart Soc. #162

Softball - August 17-18, 2018 - Woodhaven, MI
St. Stan's Soc. #718

For more information, contact the PRCUA Fraternal Department at 773-782-2636 or fraternal-department@prcu.org



PRCUA #1593
ST JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY
Euchre Tournament
Skip-Bo Tournament for kids
Sunday, February 11, 2018



Doors open at 1pm ~ Cards start at 1:30pm
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Cost of the event:
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Guests (Pinochle players) \$15 per person
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Includes:
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Pizza, Salad, Pop, Beer
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All proceeds go towards PRCUA #1593 St John Paul II Society's fraternal and scholarship accounts.



POLISH NEWS BYTES

Compiled by Robert Strybel, Warsaw Correspondent

Poland ready to rescue Saint John Paul II Monument in France

A statue dedicated to the late Saint Pope John Paul II has been standing in a square in the northern French town of Ploermel since 2006. But urged by a group of atheists and fanatical secularists, a French court has given the town six months to remove the monument, claiming it violated the 1905 French law on the separation of church and state. The 29-foot monument in a public square shows Saint John Paul II standing in an arch topped with a simple cross. Polish Prime Minister Beata Szydło has offered to move the memorial to Poland to "prevent censorship of the monument." It is the cross, rather than the statue of the Pope, that French secularists find offensive.

Poland leads in reducing poverty, EU statistics show

According to Eurostat, the European Union's statistical agency, Poland is the country that has achieved the greatest decrease in poverty in recent years. Poland's risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate dropped by 8.6 percentage points from 2008 to 2016. In Latvia it decreased 5.7 percentage points and in Romania it dropped by 5.4 points. Among EU member states, Greece has seen the greatest increase in poverty. The greatest risk of poverty was recorded in Bulgaria, while the Czech Republic showed the lowest risk, Eurostat reported. Last year, 117.5 million EU citizens, or 23.4 percent of the total population, were at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

JOYFUL CELEBRATION AT THE ANNUAL PRCUA OPLATEK

Hickory Hills, IL - PRCUA District #8 and the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing were the hosts of the 2017 PRCUA Annual Oplatek. They made sure that the celebration would be a memorable one. Over 600 guests attended this grand event on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Camelot Banquets in Hickory Hills, IL.

The evening began with the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing performing a delightful Christmas program, narrated by Emily Stoch and Krzysztof Papina.

Młody Ludek presented songs and dances from the region of Nowy Sącz, followed by dancing and singing by Ludziki dressed as Santa's elves, and the youngest group, KrasnoLudki, performing their dance, wearing adorable angel and shepherd costumes.

This was followed by dances from the region of Kraków presented by Maly Ludek, and songs and dances from the region of Warmia by Wesoly Ludek.

Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company II performed songs and dances from the region of Lublin and Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company I danced a very energetic Fiddlemania Polka.

The artistic program ended with all of the dancers converging upon the dance floor and singing beautiful Polish kolędy (carols).

SWCPD Managing Director Anna Kraszewski thanked the Artistic Director and Choreographer Richard Jaminski, dance instructors: Michael Dziadkowiec, Camilla Steczek, Rene Kroplewski, Sylvia Kupiec, Aleksandra Haun and Danielle Kroplewski, and their assistants: Ania Cieplucha, Weronika Niedzielski and Kacper Kaczmarczyk, for preparing this special Christmas presentation.

District #8 Directors James Rustik (also Pres. D-8) and Krystyna Lech (also VP D-8) praised the young performers and their teachers for enhancing this Christmas gathering with dancing and beautiful singing of Christmas carols. Mr. Rustik also thanked PRCUA National Officers, Directors and all the guests, for participating in the PRCUA Annual Oplatek celebration. He especially thanked PRCUA Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday in February and his 65th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in May of 2018. Everyone joined Dir. Rustik in singing "Sto Lat" to Fr. Iwuc. Rev. Michael G. Foley, Pastor of the Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Orland Park, IL where the SWCPD holds its practices, thanked the dancers for their beautiful performances and introduced National PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, who offered the Benediction.

Oplatek dignitaries included: PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak and National Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, PRCUA President James A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judith, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, Secretary- Treasurer James Robaczewski; National PRCUA Directors: Eileen Hanley (D-4), Mitchell Bienia and his wife Krystyna (D-5), Thomas Jesionowski (D-5), Constance Bonin (D-6), Anna Krysinski (D-7), Kevin Kucik (D-7), James Rustik (D-8) and his wife Barbara and Krystyna Lech (D-8) and her husband Tadeusz, Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), Thomas Lisiecki (D-10) and Colleen Bonkowski and her husband Brian (D-10); President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife Joann, past Res. Vice President Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark, past PRCUA National Directors, members of the PRCUA Adult Culture Group, 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and Prince Charming Xander Burd, Patricia Rutkowski - wife of the late past National PRCUA President Francis Rutkowski, past Insurance Supervisor of Dist. #17 and #38 Barbara Pawlowski, Director of PRCUA Sales Department Robert Fattore, Director of the Marketing Department Agnes Bastryk and her husband Daniel, *Naród Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz and her husband Dariusz, PRCUA D-7 President Mateusz Bomba, Vice President Paweł Truchan, and Secretary Thomas Tarnowski; D-8 Secretary Danielle Kroplewski, Treasurer Katarzyna Rogala-Jacher, Sergeant-at-Arms Diane Cortesi, and D-9 President Paul Pawlowski.

The program was followed by sharing oplatek and a delicious dinner. Then the children had a surprise visit from Santa. Raffles, music and dancing followed.

This evening was very enjoyable and enriched by the splendid performances of all of the young dancers. Thank you, District #8, for a memorable Oplatek. (More photos on pg. 11)



Młody Ludek performing songs and dances from the region of Nowy Sącz



Santa's elves - Ludziki



KrasnoLudki as angels and shepherds



Songs and dances from the region of Warmia presented by Wesoly Ludek



Krzysztof Papina and dancers from the SWCPD and Wesoły Lud at the grand finale



L-r: Rene Kroplewski, Ania Kraszewski, Dist. #8 Directors James Rustik and Krystyna Lech



Dances from the region of Kraków by Mały Ludek



Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company II presenting songs and dances from the region of Lublin



Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company I dancing the lively Fiddlemania Polka



Fr. Mike Foley and PRCUA Chaplain
Rev. Canon Walter Ptak



PRCUA Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony
Iwuc and Dist. #8 Dir. James Rustik



Children gathering around Santa

Gen. Edward L. Rowny, 100, Died



Edward Leon Rowny (born April 3, 1917), a retired United States Army Lieutenant General of Polish origin died on Sunday, December 17, 2017. He was a military advisor to five U.S. Presidents and a negotiator on the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START).

Edward L. Rowny was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 3, 1917. His father, Gracyan Jan "John" Rowny at the age of 19 had emigrated in 1912 from village of Nagoszewo in the eastern part of the Polish Mazovia region. His mother, Mary, was born in the United States - her parents having come from Poland in 1887. They were married in 1916. From age 6 to 16, Rowny was raised by his maternal grandmother, Adamina Radziszewski, who was well-educated and spoke five languages fluently. She steeped Edward in knowledge of Polish history and culture, particularly about General Thaddeus Kosciuszko and General Casimir Pulaski, Polish officers who fought in the American Revolution. She introduced him to the music and career of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, the famous Polish composer, pianist and statesman.

General Rowny graduated from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, an engineering high school, in 1933. During college, as a Polish American, he chose to pursue a trip through the Kosciuszko Scholarship to explore Polish culture and history in Krakow. Rowny earned a BS from Johns Hopkins University in Engineering, and holds degrees from West Point, Yale (MAS in Engineering and International Affairs) and American University (PhD in International Studies).

General Rowny commanded troops in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. After the 92nd Infantry Division was decimated in the invasion of Italy in 1944, Rowny was brought in as a battalion commander who drove the Germans up the Western coast of Italy until the end of the war. A day after the end of World War II in Europe, he was assigned to planning the invasion of Japan.

Assigned to General Douglas MacArthur, he became his spokesman and one of the planners of the landing of Inchon (September 15, 1950), which forced a North Korean retreat and enabled the taking of Seoul. Rowny air dropped a bridge to cross a chasm permitting the rescue of the surrounded Marines and Army troops at the Chosin Reservoir. He was in charge of the evacuation of U.S. troops which rescued one hundred thousand North Koreans who wished to join South Korea.

During the Vietnam War, he tested the helicopter as a platform for the Army to fight insurgency. Subsequently, as Deputy Chief to General Andrew P. O'Meara he was in charge of relocation of NATO troops from France.

In 1971 he was appointed the U.S. representative to Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) and held this post under three presidents: Nixon, Ford and Carter. In June, 1979 he retired from the Army in protest over President Carter's signing of the SALT II Treaty, which he believed would undermine United States security. He subsequently led the fight to prevent Congress from ratifying the faulty SALT II Treaty. After the election of President Reagan, General Rowny was appointed to the rank of Ambassador as the President's chief negotiator on Strategic Nuclear Arms (START). During his second term, President Reagan appointed Rowny as his Special Advisor on Arms Control. He was awarded the Presidential Citizen Medal with the citation: "Rowny was one of the chief architects of peace through strength." Rowny continued as President George H.W. Bush's special advisor for arms control for the first two years of his term.

In 1990, General Rowny retired from the Government after fifty years of Government service to become an international consultant on negotiations. He also began advising the Administration and Congress on National Security matters and combating terrorism, which he continued for a long time. In 1992 he authored *It Takes One to Tango*, a memoir of his service to five presidents and his dealings with the Soviets.

In 1992, Rowny fulfilled his fifty-year ambition to accompany the return of the remains of Ignacy Jan Paderewski to Poland.

In 2003, Ambassador Rowny became the Vice President of the American Polish Advisory Council (APAC), an organization which promotes Polonia's Agenda and encourages Polish Americans to vote and become government officials. When President Nicholas Rey died in 2007, Rowny became President of APAC.

In 2004, he established the Paderewski Scholarship Fund to bring Polish University students to Georgetown University to study American style democracy. In 2005, the 25th anniversary of Solidarity, Rowny received the Truman-Reagan Medal of Freedom from the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, along with John Paul II, Anna Walentynowicz and the ten million unsung heroes of the first free trade union in Poland, Solidarity. In 2007, Rowny also received the Walter Judd Freedom Award from The Fund for American Studies.

In October of 2013, General Rowny's autobiography *Smokey Joe and the General* was released and among the achievements he was cited for was the fact that he designed and dropped the bridge that got soldiers and Marines out of the Chosin Reservoir.

South Korea Prime Minister Chung Hong-won, in a commemorative ceremony in Seoul on July 27, 2014, awarded General Rowny the Order of Military Merit, Taeguk, South Korea's highest military award.

Rowny married Elizabeth Ladd in 1994 and has five children from his former wife, Mary Rita, who died in 1988.

Rowny turned 100 in April of 2017. Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister of Poland, came to Rowny's home to congratulate him in person.

Edward Rowny was a Honorary PRCUA member. He visited the PRCUA Home Office in June of 1993 with Clarence Paderewski of San Diego and participated in the PRCUA's 120th Anniversary Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chicago, IL.

May Gen. Rowny be blessed for all the good he did, and rest in eternal peace.



1993 visit at PRCUA Home Office (l-r) Treasurer Joseph Boruta, Secretary General Josephine Szarowicz, President Edward Dykla, Clarence Paderewski, Gen. Edward Rowny, National Chaplain Rev. Edwin Karłowicz, V.P. Dolores Spejewski, V.P. Wallace Ozog

Second in series of three

A TYPICAL DAY AT THE SPA – PART 2

If your joints are stiff, if you have aches and pains, if you just feel like your body is ready for the "glue factory," what you need is rest, relaxation and treatment at a Polish health spa.

Typically there are four to six treatments daily, depending on the plan of each health spa. Below are typical examples of two alternating days of treatments, as experienced by this writer.

Wednesday's Schedule

- 7:30 - breakfast
- 8:00 - aqua massage - 15 min.
- 8:40 - electric interference therapy (IFT) on lower back - 16 min.
- 10:00 - cryotherapy – 2 ½ min., followed by "warm up" of 10 min. riding stationary bike
- 11:00 - electromagnetic pulse signal therapy (PST) on knee - 60 min.
- 12:20 - classic massage on back - 15 min.
- 13:00 - lunch
- 14:15 - pool aerobics - 30 min.
- 16:05 - sulfur bath - 20 min
- 17:30 - dinner

Thursday's Schedule

- 7:30 - breakfast
- 8:00 - physical therapy/resistance therapy with leg weight and pulleys - 24 min.
- 8:25 - physical therapy leg press - 12 min.
- 8:40 - mud wrap on back, hips, and knees - 20 min.
- 9:50 - laser therapy on back - 5 min.
- 10:30 - gym aerobics - 30 min.
- 11:20 - electromagnetic pulse signal therapy (PST) on knee - 60 min.
- 13:00 - lunch
- 14:45 - aqua massage - 15 min.
- 15:45 - pool aerobics - 30 min.
- 16:30 - sulfur bath - 15 min.
- 17:30 – dinner

Note: On these days more than six treatments have been scheduled, which means that some other days have fewer treatments.

DESCRIPTION OF SOME TREATMENTS

Non-invasive and non-traditional medicine enhances the human body's own natural healing processes. For example, cuts heal themselves; and broken bones mend themselves. When the human brain receives signals of distress from the body, the brain immediately sends healing agents to address the issue. The nerve endings and other stress points sometimes lose their effectiveness, through either accidents or through advancing age. The therapies used at Polish health spas are designed to stimulate the signals and receptors in the human body to reactivate the healing mechanisms.



Mud Wrap Therapy

TYPES OF TREATMENTS OFFERED AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL

At the Military Hospital in Busko Zdroj, 46 various treatment specialties are available, which include:.

- Kinesiotherapy - 4 types
- Balneotherapy -7 types
- Electrotherapy - 12 types
- Shock Wave ESWT - 1 type
- Cryotherapy - 2 types
- Light Therapy - 4 types
- Massage Therapy - 7 types
- Magnetic Therapy - 8 types
- Halo Therapy - 1 type

Of course, other health spas will have different specialties, with some overlap. Here are explanations of a few of the treatments.

Aqua Therapy/Hydrotherapy

Besides whatever healing powers aqua therapy has, relaxation is certainly guaranteed. An over-sized tub, filled with hot water, is ready and waiting. The inside of the tub is formed to accommodate the shape of the human body. As one soaks in the warm tub, powerful jets of water, similar to those of a hot tub, gently start to massage the body. The healing properties of hydrotherapy are based on its mechanical and/or thermal effects. It makes use of the body's reaction to hot and cold stimuli, to the protracted application of heat, to the pressure exerted by the water, and to the sensation of the water itself. Water buoyancy helps unload spine and joints. It is popular traditional therapy with active exercise.

Nerves carry what is felt by the skin deeper into the body, where it is then vital in stimulating the immune system, influencing the production of stress hormones, improving circulation and digestion, encouraging the flow of blood, and lessening the body's sensitivity to pain.

The water pressure starts at the soles of the feet for 10 seconds, progressing to the calves



Pool at Spa



Gymnasium at spa



Mitch in cryo chamber



Interference therapy



Tub for aqua therapy

for the next 10 seconds, continuing to the hips, and then for each consecutive 10 seconds, to hands and arms which lie on arm rests under the water. Finally, the water pressure completes its cycle in a channel running up the back of the tub, exactly where the spine is resting. Ah! Relaxing, indeed!

This pattern begins again, and continues its rounds for the entire treatment of 15 minutes. At the conclusion of the treatment, all that is necessary is to pull the plug to drain the tub, dry off, get dressed, and say "Thank you," to the attendant, who washes the tub, squeezes the floor dry, and prepares the tub for the next treatment. What a relaxing way to start the day!

The benefits of hydrotherapy include:

- dramatically increasing the elimination of waste, thus assisting detoxification
- loosening tense, tight muscles and encouraging relaxation
- increasing the metabolic rate and digestion activity
- hydrating the cells, improving skin and muscle tone
- boosting the immune system, allowing it to function more efficiently
- improving the function of the internal organs by stimulating their blood supply.

Mud Wrap

Mud wrap treats specific parts of the body, as compared to a mud bath, where the entire body is submerged in therapeutic mud. As the patient arrives at the treatment room, he/she is led to a cubicle where instructions are given to undress completely, lie down on the cot, which has been draped with a huge, thick, plastic sheet, resembling very thick Saran wrap. The attendant brings a small basin of hot mud, about 100 degrees F., and immediately starts to clump the mud around areas designated for treatment, e.g., the hips, knees, back. Another attendant tightly wraps the plastic sheet around the body to keep the hot mud tight against the skin. Finally a cloth sheet is used to hold everything in place. The timer is set for 20 minutes, and the only thing to do is relax while the hot mud does its work.

When time has expired, an attendant returns, removes the covering sheet, peels back the plastic wrap, wipes off the mud from the body, and gives instruction to get up, go to the private shower right next to the cot, and clean the mud from the body. Then get dressed, say "Thank you," and leave.

The mud which is used for mud wraps is not ordinary mud. This specific therapeutic mud has been forming for millions of years from prehistoric lichens, plants and herbs - which give the mud special curative properties. The mud is heated to 100 degrees F., which produces a drawing effect. This mud, harvested from peat bogs, is used only once, and then it is discarded. It is called "Black Gold."

Tipping is not expected, nor is it a practice, at Polish spas. During the communist era, in the Soviet bloc of countries, tipping was considered to be an insult. People were paid a living wage, and did not expect other citizens to compensate them for inadequate pay. On the other hand, with severe shortages of material goods during the communist regime, bribes and graft were very common. Because health spas are a carry-over from the socialist/communist period in Poland, the habit of tipping was never adopted into the spa scene. Furthermore, as therapy is considered a medical treatment, tipping is not the norm. Another reason for the absence of tipping is that, with an average of six treatments each day, six days per week, it would be impractical to tip after each treatment. As a gesture of appreciation, at the end of the term, some people do present their favorite therapists with a small gift, such as a box of chocolates, a bouquet of flowers, or another token of gratitude. However, the practice of leaving a small tip is now expected in the tourist sector of the service industry in Poland,

Interference Therapy

The basic principle of Interferential Therapy (IFT) is to utilize the significant physiological effects of low frequency (<250pps) electrical stimulation of nerves. IFT delivers a continuous stimulation deep into the affected tissue. The stimulation both blocks pain, as well as reduces swelling and inflammation, which can cause pain. IFT is another popular modality in physical therapy clinics in the USA.

Upon entering the therapy room, the patient is instructed to lie down on the cot, face down, for treatment to the back, for example. Lift clothing to expose skin from mid-back to lower spine. The technician attaches electrodes to wet sponge patches affixed to designated spots on the lower back, sets the equipment, and current starts to flow through the lower back, which gives a light tingling sensation. After 8 minutes, the technician enters the cubicle to change the setting, for another 8 minutes. That's it, another treatment completed.

Cryotherapy

The term "cryotherapy" refers to any cold treatment, from chilling the knee with a bag of ice, to whole-body cryotherapy (WBC), the current wellness trend of choice. WBC involves stripping down to the skivvies and spending up to three minutes in a chamber that's chilled to minus 270 degrees Fahrenheit, truly surface-of-the-moon-chilly temperature.

Cryotherapy is one of the newest, trendiest innovations in elite athlete training. A growing number of elite soccer players, rugby teams, professional cyclists and track and →



Electro Magnetic Pulse therapy



Sulphur bath tub



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Lebeau, Lucille	471	IL	Styka, Marilyn J.	1559	WI
Markowski, Jean F.	20	NJ	Tela, Chester, JR.	549	MA
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Mazurkiewicz, Mary	1423	WI	Zielinski, Robert F.	2315	WI
Michalek, Josephine	2308	WI	Zrenski, Frank	1000	IL
Misiolek, Leah B.	1159	OH	Zubrzycki, Marion J.	385	NY

May they rest in eternal peace.

(Cont. from pg. 12) field athletes in Europe, as well as professional football, baseball and basketball players in the United States, have eagerly turned to whole-body cryotherapy.

Essentially, the goal of WBC is to rapidly overwhelm the body's cold sensors to the point where the brain is tricked into thinking the body is experiencing hypothermia. Theoretically, the extreme cold constricts surface blood vessels, drawing the blood to the body's core, which drives excess fluid out to reduce pain, swelling, and inflammation. When the blood is in the core, it picks up oxygen and nutrients, since the body feels like it is in distress. After the treatment, once the body realizes it's not in crisis mode, it redistributes oxygen-enriched blood and nutrients, which are said to help with healing and cellular regeneration.

During the treatments, individuals wear minimal clothing, which usually consists of shorts for males, and shorts and a crop top for females. In addition to wooden clog shoes provided by the spa, dry socks, gloves, a woolen headband covering the ears, and a nose and mouth mask may be added, which are worn to reduce the risk of cold-related injury, i.e., frostbite.

Being appropriately dressed, or, rather, undressed, the patient steps into the cryo-chamber, and simply stands there for up to two-and-a-half minutes. Certainly, it is cold; but it is a lot easier than sitting in an ice bath for ten minutes, which was the forerunner of this treatment.

Some of the benefits often attributed to cold therapy are: 1. faster recovery from exercise (which is why professional athletes use it); 2. potential immune system boost; 3. increased energy and metabolism; and 4. reduced inflammation, which is very critical in recovery from injury or over-use syndromes.

Research on the effectiveness of cryotherapy is still ambiguous, but professional athletes swear by it. Cryotherapy is an elective therapy (like massage), not a medical treatment or procedure. It's not guaranteed to fix any issues specifically, other than soothing, comforting, and providing relief, which is going to allow you to move better for at least three to four hours.

Sulfur Bath

The heart and soul of European spa treatments is the mineral bath. At Busko Zdroj, there are two predominant mineral springs: 1) sulfur, and 2) a combination of iodine and bromine. Sulphur penetrates the skin into the bloodstream and assists with the healing of tendons, ligaments, cartilage, bones and other internal organs. The iodine and bromide waters are used for certain diseases of the circulatory system and autonomic nervous system. The selenium present in this water is necessary to maintain healthy heart muscles and blood vessels.

In the sulfur bath treatment, all that is necessary is that the patient soak in the over-size tub of sulfur-rich water. "Over-size" means that even the tallest person can stretch out and relax. Attendants prepare the tub and fill it with water. They may ask at what temperature you like the water, but soak, you must. When the timer rings after 15 minutes, all there is to do is pull the plug from the tub, get out, dry, and leave. No washing of the tub is necessary.

Treatments such as massage, aerobics in the gym and water aerobics in the pool need no description.

Please note: the writer has no medical background, and all statements are personal observations. Next installment: Daily Life at the Spa.

By Mitchell Bienia, National Director, District 5
Edited by Dennis Cigany, LPT
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
AT THE POLISH CONSULATE
IN CHICAGO

Chicago, IL - The annual Christmas reception for leaders of Polish-American organizations, clergy, and business people was held at the Polish Consulate in Chicago on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Guests were welcomed by Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago



Consul General Piotr Janicki (l) with priests from Chicagoland and Poland

Piotr Janicki. He also thanked everyone for attending this annual Christmas celebration and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and health and prosperity in the New Year.

An Invocation was offered by Fr. Robert Fedek - representing the Polish priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago under Archbishop Blase Cupich. Also in attendance was Rev. Canon Mirosław Król, Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools in Michigan, as well as a large number of other esteemed clergy, including visiting priests from Poland. Chancellor Król appealed to the participants for a support of the Orchard Lake Schools. His wish is to make the Orchard Lake Schools a new spiritual "capital of Polonia."



Consul Janicki sharing the opłatek with Mr. and Mrs. Jaminski

The program continued with Polish Scouts in America bringing in the Peace Light of Bethlehem, which was received by Consul Janicki and Vice Consul Malgorzata Bak-Guzik. This was followed by the singing of Polish and American Christmas carols performed by the choirs Collegium Cantorum Polonia and Chicago Nightingales (Słowiki) under the direction of Arkadiusz Górecki. Before dinner, everyone shared the opłatek wafer.

The evening ended with everyone singing favorite Christmas carols. The PRCUA was represented by Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard.



Collegium Cantorum Polonia and Chicago Nightingales

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Gwiazda Dancers Late November/ Early December Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - With the temperatures dropping, one's thoughts turn to chestnuts, fireplaces, and the holidays. The Gwiazda Dancers were no exceptions. They have fully embraced the holiday spirit.

As part of their fundraising activities, the Gwiazda Dancers sold Christmas centerpieces made from real evergreens. All orders for the fundraiser were due at the end of November, 2017. And so, to have all of the centerpieces ready in time for Christmas delivery, the Gwiazda dancers, their director, Jessica Wendt, their choreographer, Basia Nowakowski, officers, parents, family, and supporters all gathered on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Gwiazda's practice facility at Polish Legion of American Veterans (P.L.A.V.) Post 10 in Hamtramck, Michigan to complete the centerpieces for the orders they received. The scene resembled Santa's workshop as everyone worked busily to assemble the centerpieces. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season and get everyone in a festive mood.



Gwiazda dancers & Gwiazda parents making the Christmas centerpieces

The P.L.A.V. Post 10 - where Gwiazda Dancers practice - hosted a personal item drive for military veterans who are in the VA hospitals and nursing homes. On December 4, 2017, before and after their practices, Gwiazda students made Christmas cards to go in the stockings that will be delivered to the veterans during the holiday season.

On December 12, 2017, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers received a special visit from Sherrad Glosson, the founder and CEO of *GO DANCE Detroit*. *GO DANCE Detroit* is a new dance magazine in the Metro-Detroit area. It highlights dance studios, instructors, and students - and most importantly fosters a common unity among the Metro-Detroit area dance community. The Gwiazda Dancers were featured on *GO DANCE Detroit's* Facebook page and will be featured in a future issue of the magazine. Additional information about *GO DANCE Detroit* can be found through the magazine's Facebook page or at www.godancedetroit.com.

On December 18, 2017, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers gathered to celebrate Christmas. The party featured carols and kolędy, a potluck featuring many tasty and festive dishes prepared by the dancers and their families, games, crafts and a special visit from Św. Mikołaj. This year the dancers received a backpack with an embroidered Gwiazda logo from Św. Mikołaj. They can use these backpacks to take various items to practices and performances in 2018.

The Gwiazda Dancers have some events planned between Christmas and the New Year, but will now take some time off from practice to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. But they'll be back dancing in January 2018 as they busily prepare for winter time performances and their spring 2018 recital.



Gwiazda dancers with Św. Mikołaj



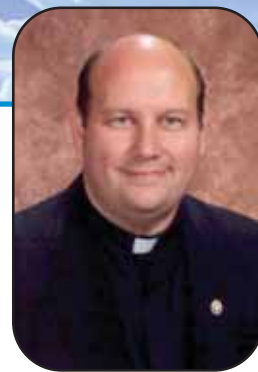
Dancers opening their gifts

Submitted by
Nicholas J. Nowakowski,
Gwiazda Secretary and
1997 Alumnus

Higher Perspectives

A New Year 2018

As we begin another year, we are always hopeful that this year could be the best year yet. As people of Faith, hope springs eternal and we are called upon to grow in holiness with the passing of the days and years. As the years go by, we begin to realize that we are all closer to the Call of the Lord and His promise of Eternal Life. I think that this is the reason that the New Year brings with it the ever-popular New Year's resolutions.



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

Over the years, I have made a variety of these resolutions, only to fall short before the month of January came to an end! I am sure many of you have had the same experience. I would think that losing weight, stopping smoking and kicking a bad habit are among the most popular. Resolutions are a great way to bring our lives back into focus and make progress in areas where we need to grow. These resolutions can accomplish much, or they can add to our frustration when they are easily forgotten or discarded!

With the above in mind, it might be a great idea to focus our resolutions this New Year in our Faith Life, which is far more important than anything else, for our eternity depends on it! Here are some "Spiritual Resolutions" that can help us grow in holiness in 2018:

1. Make it a point to begin the day with prayer before you leave your bedroom in the morning. Often our days are hectic and fast paced with so many demands. Praying before you start your day sets the tone and puts everything into proper perspective.
2. Make it a point to participate at Mass a second time during the week. Daily Masses are offered in many parishes and at different times of the day. Participating at Mass during the week can be a great time to reflect on your relationship with God and others and nourish your faith life by receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion. Many people attend Daily Mass and find it a great way to bolster their faith life.
3. Pray the rosary daily. This traditional Marian Devotion helps us center our attention on the life of Our Lord and His Mother. While praying the rosary, think about what each mystery means and how you can relate these mysteries to your daily life.
4. Schedule an appointment to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation quarterly in this New Year. Putting a time and date to go and be reconciled on the calendar may help you remember the importance of this Sacrament of Grace and Peace. Divine Mercy is always available to us, why not avail ourselves to it as often as we need it?
5. Make it a point to end your day with an Act of Contrition and Thanksgiving. Asking for forgiveness at the end of the day for the wrongs we may have committed is important on many different levels. Being at peace with God and others is essential for a good night's sleep. Thanking God for all the blessings of the day helps us grow in our awareness of God's presence in our lives even when we are not aware of His presence!

While this list isn't a be all and end all to ways that we can grow in holiness through New Year's resolutions, it is a start. I am sure with some thought, you can customize this list to fit your individual needs. At the end of our lives, our relationship with the Lord will be the most important aspect of our lives that we take with us. May God bless us as we try to rise to the challenge that the New Year brings to us!

A Blessed and Holy New Year to All!



PRCUA Polish Language Classes for Advanced Students will start on January 15, 2018 and will meet every Monday at the PRCUA Home Office, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. For registration and more information call Mary Jane Robles at 773-782-2603

Going to the Villages in Florida this Winter? Like to dance the Polka? Join the Polka Lovers Club! Call Pat Murawski at 352-259-2463.

PRCUA Society #1492 endorses this group!



District #9 Director Honored by the PAC-IN Division

Merrillville, IN - The Polish American Congress - Indiana Division recognized several individuals at the 20th Heritage Awards Banquet commemorating Polish American Heritage Month, which was held on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at the Innsbrook Country Club in Merrillville, IN.

The program was opened by Steve Tokarski, President of the PAC-IN Division, who also introduced the guests attending the event. National Anthems were sung by Evelyn Tolpa-Lisek, Executive VP of the PAC-IN Division, and an Invocation was offered by Rev. James E. Wozniak, Pastor of St. Mathias Church in Crown Point, IN.

The presentation of awards to the recipients took place after the dinner.

Mark Kalwinski, LCSW, LCAC, LMHC, ACSW was the recipient of the Civic Award, presented by Gerry Tarka, Treasurer of Calumet City. Mr. Kalwinski is Councilman of the 1st District in Hammond, IN. He has many civic accomplishments and is actively involved with various organizations. He sponsored annual resolutions for Casimir Pulaski Day in March and Polish American Heritage Month in October in Hammond, IN. He was on the board of the Pulaski Park Neighborhood Association and is a member of the Polish America Heritage Month Committee, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Polish National Alliance, Knight of Columbus, Hammond Mohawks Athletic & Conservation Club, Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, and others.

Darlene Sunny, President of Madame Curie Circle, PNA, presented the Meritorious Service Award to Rev. James E. Wozniak. Rev. Wozniak has served in parishes throughout Indiana and in St. Louis, MO. Since 2008, he has been a Pastor of St. Matthias Church in Crown Point, IN. He has special training in Clinical Pastoral Experience, Good Shepherds Good Leaders, and in Youth Ministry Programs and is involved in many projects, retreats, and pilgrimages.

The Heritage Award was presented to Carol Mytyk and Rev. Jozef R. Zuziak, SDS on behalf of Saint Hedwig Church in Gary, IN. The parish was established in 1908 by a group of the first Polish settlers in the City of Gary, who decided to have their own parish in order to preserve their Catholic faith and Polish culture. The new church was blessed and dedicated by Most Rev. Bishop Herman J. Alerding on July 4, 1908. In 1909 Rev. Peter A. Kahellak became the first resident pastor. In 1910 a school was constructed and staffed by the Franciscans Sisters of Blessed Kunegunda. The church was the center of Polonia in Gary in the 1910s and 1920s. In 1940 the construction of a new church building started and the church was dedicated on September 20, 1943. After the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), St. Hedwig Church was the first in the Diocese of Gary to receive permission to celebrate Mass in Polish. In 1983, St. Hedwig Parish celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is especially pleased that PRCUA District #9 Director Elizabeth Sadus was the recipient of the Fraternal Award. The award was presented to Director Sadus by PRCUA National Vice President Micheline Jaminski, who thanked Elizabeth for her deep involvement in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, her commitment to PRCUA St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School in Munster IN, and her involvement in the Polish-American community in the Indiana area. VP Jaminski also thanked Elizabeth's parents for raising a kind, humble, sincere and dedicated person who is extremely proud of her Polish American Heritage.

Elizabeth was elected to the PRCUA Board of Directors in 2012. She serves on the Finance and Corporate Governance committees and is Chairperson of the Young Adult Committee. She holds life insurance producer licenses in both Indiana and Illinois and has organized many cultural activities in PRCUA District 9. In 2017, Elizabeth was elected to serve as a Board member for the Indiana Fraternal Alliance. She is also a member of the Polish National Alliance, Polish American Community Fair, Polish Falcons of America and Chicago Heights-Wadowice Sister Cities Committee.



Award recipients (l-r) Mark Kalwinski, Elizabeth Sadus, Carol Mytyk, Rev. Jozef R. Zuziak, SDS, and Rev. James E. Wozniak with PAC-IN President Steve Tokarski



Elizabeth Sadus (holding the plaque) with PRCUA Home Office representatives and members

In her speech Elizabeth remarked: *Thank you, Pani Misia, for a wonderful introduction. I bet you didn't know that in addition to being PRCUA's National Vice President, she is also the National Treasurer of the Polish American Congress! Not only is Misia a phenomenal lady and a go-getter, but I am privileged to call her my friend.*

I would like to begin by thanking Steve Tokarski and the Polish American Congress Indiana Division for bestowing this great honor upon me. I am truly humbled and honored. As much as I appreciate this award and as grateful as I am for it, the greatest reward is to have had the opportunity to work alongside fellow Poles in promoting and preserving our great cultural heritage.

Next, I want to acknowledge my fellow award recipients. Your work and dedication to Polonia has been inspirational.

Also, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone here in attendance today. Each of you has given your blood, sweat and tears and worked tirelessly toward the preservation of Polonia and paved the way for young people like me to carry on the torch. I know that I am only beginning my journey, and still paying my dues, but I hope to be a source of pride to you.

When growing up, I was so very blessed and thankful to have a family that instilled the Polish and Roman Catholic values within me. I would be nothing without my family. Early on, my parents enrolled me into the Polish Falcons gymnastic/dance troupe. We also spent Wigilias at my Busia's house and looked forward to getting our Easter baskets blessed. In the summers, my family and I went to Polish festivals and Polka picnics. As a child, I thought nothing of it, it was just what my family did. I soon learned that my friends didn't do any of these things. I was proud of who I was, but I kept it my secret because it wasn't "cool" to be ethnic. Those were just memories that my brother and I hold dear today. Yet, we must teach the future generations to embrace and appreciate our wonderfully rich heritage.

I truly love what I do and the people I meet and the people with whom I work, such as my district members, my Polish school, employees, fellow directors and the executive officers of PRCUA. Each has played an important part in my life and I thank them!

Finally, I have to thank Barbara Pawlowski for her guidance. She is a tireless promoter of Polonia and saw my potential many years ago, snatched me up for the PRCUA and the rest is history.

In conclusion, I am deeply appreciative to be the Fraternalist of the Year recipient, and I am flattered to be the part of all the great Polish Americans who have come before me. What we are doing today is planting the seeds for tomorrow. Dziękuję bardzo!

The PRCUA Home Office was represented at the banquet by VP Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, Director of Marketing Department Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Membership Department Manager Julie Prado, Executive Editor of the *Naród Polski* Lidia Kowalewicz, Mary Jane Robles. Also present were President of District #9 Paul Pawlowski, past Dist. #9 Director Elizabeth Grabowski, past Dist. #17 & #38 Insurance Supervisor Barbara Pawlowski, Michaelen Lamont, Joann Kush, and a group of PRCUA members.

The PRCUA congratulates Director Sadus on this well deserved distinction and wishes her every success with her future endeavours and her enthusiastic work within the Polish-American community.

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STYCZEŃ 2018

1 NOWY ROK - BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

13 WYANDOTTE, MI – TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI TOWARZYSTW #162 i #718 - sobota, 13 stycznia od godz. 11:30 w Indian Lanes Bowling Center, 4500 13th St., Wyandotte, MI. Po turnieju, obiad w #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St, Wyandotte, MI. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$45 od osoby (w cenę wliczony jest koszt wstępu, obiad i pamiątkowa koszulka). Informacje i rezerwacje: Mike Halberstadt (#162): mhalbers@wyandotte.org lub Bob Hojnacki (#718): hoj606@hotmail.com.

20 HICKORY HILLS, IL – ZIMOWA ZABAWA ZPTL WESOŁY LUD „NIFTY FIFTIES” - sobota, 20 stycznia, Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Wstęp - godz. 18:30, obiad - godz. 19. Rezerwacje: (312) 859-6464 lub zaba30@yahoo.com. Szczegóły obok.

24 DETROIT, MI – NOC DZIEDZICTWA POLSKIEGO NA STADIONIE LITTLE CAESARS ARENA - środa, 24 stycznia o godz. 19:00, Little Caesars Arena, 66 Sibley St., Detroit, MI. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Detroit Pistons i Utah Jazz. Bilety: \$23.00 w sekcji narożnej. Dodatkowe informacje i rezerwacje: Elizabeth Thacker OPOLE.DIRECTOR@COMCAST.NET lub 586-944-9683.

26 STERLING HTS., MI - ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE I ZBIÓRKA FUNDUSZY ZPTL ZAJĄCZEK - piątek, 26 stycznia w Sterling Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Hts, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: zajaczekdance@yahoo.com. Początek o godz. 19:30.

26 DETROIT, MI – ZBIÓRKA FUNDUSZY ZESPOŁU GWIAZDA „FOWLING FUNDRAISER” - piątek, 26 stycznia, w godz. 20:00-22:00, 3901 Christopher St., Detroit, MI. Wstęp \$20 od osoby. Wszyscy uczestnicy muszą mieć ukończone 21 lat. Dodatkowe informacje: Jessica Wendt: panijessia@hotmail.com lub 313-682-3031.

27 WYANDOTTE, MI - PRZEDSTAWIENIE „TOPPERMOST BEATLES TRIBUTE SHOW” TOW. #162 ZPRKA - sobota, 27 stycznia w sali ZPRKA, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI. Bilety w cenie \$15 do zakupu przy wejściu. Muzyka od godz. 19:00 do godz. 22:00. Możliwość zakupu jedzenia i alkoholu na miejscu. Więcej informacji Chris Zelasko, tel. 734-552-6124.

LUTY

2 OFIAROWANIE PAŃSKIE MATKI BOSKIEJ GROMNICZNEJ (PL) | GROUNDHOG DAY (USA)

3 LEMONT, IL – BAL KARNAWAŁOWY POSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II ZPRKA, sobota, 3 lutego, godz. 18:30, Crystal Grand Banquets, 12416 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL. Rezerwacje i dodatkowe informacje pod nr. tel. (773) 520-3563. Szczegóły na str. 17.

8 GRAND RAPIDS, MI – TŁUSTY CZWARTEK W SZKOLE TAŃCA MALBORK, czwartek, 8 lutego. Dodatkowe informacje: Jen Macek, dyrektor szkoły, tel. (269) 491-0028 lub malborkdancegroup@gmail.com.

10 MUNSTER, IN – JUBILEUSZ 50-LECIA POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO ZPRKA, sobota, 10 lutego. Sala bankietowa Ojców Karmelitów, 1628 Ridge Road, Munster, IN. Drzwi będą otwarte o godz. 18:00, bankiet o godz. 18:30. Szczegóły na str. 17.

11 STERLING HTS., MI – TURNIEJ KARCIANY TOW. #1593 (EUCHRE TOURNAMENT), niedziela, 11 lutego w 5 Star Lanes, 2666 Metro Pkwy., Sterling Hts., MI. Drzwi będą otwarte o godz. 13, rozgrywki o godz. 13:30. Dodatkowe informacje na str. 9 lub u Barb Ozog, prcu1593@gmail.com lub pod nr. tel. (586) 453-3471.

12 CHICAGO, IL – ZEBRANIE ZARZĄDU DYSTRYKTU #7 ZPRKA

13 HAMTRAMCK, MI – AUTOKAROWA WYCIECZKA TOW. #162 PO PĄCZKI W TŁUSTY WTÓREK, wtorek, 13 lutego. Liczba miejsc ograniczona do pierwszych 50 zgłoszeń. Lista zapisów dostępna w PRCUA Lounge przy 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Opłata wymagana przy zapisie. Koszt uczestnictwa \$25 od osoby. Dodatkowe informacje: Mike Halberstadt, tel. 734-216-3911.

14 ŚRODA POPIELCOWA | DZIEŃ WALENTYNKOWY

24 27. DOROCZNY BAL IM. SHIRLEY GALANTY W MICHIGAN NA CZEŚĆ ABSOLWENTÓW SZKÓŁ TAŃCA ZPRKA W STANIE MICHIGAN, sobota 24 lutego. Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort Street, Southgate, MI. Koktajle - godz. 17:15; promenada - godz. 18; obiad - godz. 18:30. Informacje i rezerwacje: Maria Jalkiewicz (586) 979-5164.

Prosimy o zapoznanie się z terminarzem zebrań Towarzystw na str. 2.

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PROPOZYCJE POPRAWEK DO KONSTYTUCJI I STATUTU ZPRKA

Komitet d.s. Konstytucji przyjmuje propozycje poprawek do Konstytucji i Statutu ZPRKA. Propozycje poprawek może przedstawić każdy indywidualny członek, Towarzystwo, Okręg lub Dystrykt ZPRKA, który ma uregulowane wszelkie wymagane opłaty. Aby propozycje zostały rozpatrzone przez Komitet ds. Konstytucji, muszą być przedstawione na piśmie i nadesłane do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji do dnia 1 czerwca 2018 r.

Osoby zainteresowane wniesieniem poprawek powinny wypełnić formularz zamieszczony na str. 4 „Narodu Polskiego” i przesłać do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji.

Pani Helena Glińczak przeszła na emeryturę

Chicago, IL - W piątek 15 grudnia pracownicy biura Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce pożegnali Helenę Glińczak, która przeszła na emeryturę po 19 latach pracy. Helena pracowała w dziale konserwacji budynku.

Z tej okazji, przygotowany został w świetlicy ZPRKA lunch pożegnalny. Prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot, wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski i sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski, podziękowali pani Helenie za jej wieloletnią pracę i życzyli jej wielu lat zdrowia, zasłużonego odpoczynku na emeryturze. Z ramienia MPA przemówiła dyrektor wykonawcza Małgorzata Kot. Pani Helena otrzymała również prezenty, kwiaty i wiele serdecznych życzeń od pracowników ZPRKA i MPA.

W przyjęciu pożegnalnym wzięły udział dwie z czterech córek pani Heleny, Anna Jendraszek i Elżbieta Urbanek oraz jej zięć Grzegorz Urbanek.

Pani Helenie życzymy wielu lat w zdrowiu i wszelkiej pomyślności.



Kwiaty i prezent od współpracowników ZPRKA przekazały pani Helenie (l) Emilia Kurda i Anna Grabowski



Pani Helena w otoczeniu członków zarządu ZPRKA oraz pracowników ZPRKA i MPA

Warsztaty robienia ozdób choinkowych w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce

W sobotę, 9 grudnia 2017 odbyły się w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce doroczne warsztaty tworzenia polskich ozdób choinkowych, w których udział wzięły całe rodziny i różne pokolenia.

Tym razem, pracownicy i wolontariusze MPA, pod kierownictwem archiwistki MPA Haliny Misterki, przygotowali oprócz znanych już ozdób choinkowych takich jak np. gwiazdki, szereg nowych pomysłów, które przypadły do gustu uczestnikom, a zwłaszcza różnego rodzaju anioły, wykonywane z kolorowych papierów i serwetek i dowolnie ozdabiane koralikami, cekinami, kolorowymi główkami i papierowymi skrzydełkami.

Dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot, uczyła chętnych robienia pięknych, choć żmudnych w wykonaniu jeżyków, a dla najmłodszych przygotowane zostały materiały do robienia tradycyjnych łańcuchów i kolorowanki do malowania.

Osobne stoisko prowadziła Kinga Pierwoła-Truta z Fundacji Kultury Tatrzańskiej, która uczyła sztuki robienia bombek choinkowych z motywami góralskimi, przy użyciu styropianowych kul i kawałków różnokolorowych materiałów.

Tego samego dnia w godzinach od 11:00 do 4:00 odbyła się w sklepie MPA wyprzedaż świąteczna. W tym roku także Biblioteka MPA dołączyła ze swoją mini wyprzedażą książek. Chętni mieli również możliwość zwiedzania Muzeum.

zdjęcia: Dariusz Piłka



POLSKA SZKOŁA im. św. JANA PAWŁA II ZPRKA
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Bal Karnawałowy 2018

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drzwi otwarte o godz. 18:00

rozpoczęcie o godz. 18:30

Sala bankietowa Ojców Karmelitów

1628 Ridge Road, Munster, IN

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17-18 sierpnia - Turniej softball - Woodhaven, MI

Dodatkowe informacje: Departament Braterstwa ZPRKA,
tel. 773-782-2636 lub fraternal-department@prcu.org;
na stronie: www.prcua.org/sports; w "Narodzie Polskim"

Spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe pracowników ZPRKA i MPA

Pracownicy Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce spotkali się na przyjęciu bożonarodzeniowym, które w tym roku odbyło się w niedawno wyremontowanej świetlicy ZPRKA, w środę, 20 grudnia 2017 r.

Ponieważ tego samego dnia prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. obchodził swoje urodziny, spotkanie rozpoczęło się złożeniem panu prezesowi życzeń i wręczeniem kwiatów i upominków oraz wspólnym odśpiewaniem „Sto lat” i „Happy Birthday”. W spotkaniu uczestniczyła żona prezesa, pani Judith Drobot.

Życzenia „Wesołych Świąt” złożyli pracownikom prezes Drobot, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski, który również odmówił modlitwę przed posiłkiem.

Przed rozpoczęciem obiadu, pani Lucie Bucki, występując w imieniu harcerstwa polskiego w Chicago, wniosła Betlejemskie Światelko Pokoju i opowiedziała o jego tradycji oraz zachęciła wszystkich aby odpalili od niego świecę i zabrali je do domów.

Zamiast wymiany prezentów wszyscy uczestnicy zostali poproszeni o przyniesienie karty podarunkowej o wartości \$10. Po deserze nastąpiło losowanie kart z pudełka. Tak się złożyło, że większość kart pochodziła z kawiarni Starbucks, z czego większość pracowników była niezwykle zadowolona.

Miłe przyjęcie kontynuowano losując kolorowe ozdoby świąteczne ze stołów. Komitet Planowania przygotował też niespodziankę. Wszyscy uczestnicy otrzymali kieliszek do wina i zostali poproszeni o pomalowanie go specjalnymi farbami, które, po utwardzeniu, stają się niezmywalne. Kilka osób wykazało się niezwykłym talentem malarskim i cierpliwością, a wszyscy doskonale się przy tym bawili.

Doroczne spotkanie bożonarodzeniowe pracowników zakończyło się wspólnym śpiewem polskich i amerykańskich kolęd.

Pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA dziękują zarządowi za przyjęcie, a Komitetowi Planowania za przygotowanie dodatkowych atrakcji. Spoglądając po latach na te ręcznie malowane kieliszki, z pewnością powrócą wspomnienia tego miłego wieczoru.



(L-p) Państwo Drobot i Richard Owsiany odebrali Betlejemskie Światelko Pokoju od pani Bucki, reprezentującej Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego



Pracownicy pochłonięci malowaniem

Doroczne spotkanie świąteczne w Konsulacie Generalnym w Chicago

Chicago, IL - Tradycyjne, doroczne spotkanie świąteczne w Konsulacie Generalnym RP dla przedstawicieli organizacji polonijnych, biznesmanów i duchowieństwa odbyły się w placówce konsularnej w Chicago w czwartek, 14 grudnia 2017 r.

Gości powitał Konsul Generalny RP w Chicago Piotr Janicki, który również podziękował wszystkim za uczestnictwo w corocznych wspólnych spotkaniach i życzył wszystkim Wesołych Świąt oraz pomyślności w Nowym Roku.

Biorący udział w uroczystości kapłani z diecezji chicagowskich i przybywający gościnnie księża z Polski, odmówili wspólnie modlitwy. Obecny na spotkaniu był także ks. kanonik Mirosław Król, kanclerz szkół Orchard Lake w Michigan, który zwrócił się do uczestników z apelem o wsparcie szkół Orchard Lake. Jego pragnieniem jest uczynić z Orchard Lake nową „duchową stolicę Polonii”.

Harcerze polonijni w Chicago dokonali przekazania Betlejemskiego Światelka Pokoju, które odebrali konsul generalny Piotr Janicki i wicekonsul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik.

Program wieczoru urozmaicił śpiew pięknych polskich i amerykańskich kolęd w wykonaniu chórów Collegium Cantorum Polonia i Chicagowskich Słowików pod dyrekcją Arkadiusza Góreckiego. Przed rozpoczęciem kolacji, uczestnicy tradycyjnie podzielili się opłatkiem.

Wieczór zakończył się wspólnym śpiewem kolęd. ZPRKA reprezentowała wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski z mężem Ryszardem.



Przekazanie Betlejemskiego Światelka Pokoju w Konsulacie RP



Państwo Jamińscy (p) w rozmowie z polskimi księżmi w czasie spotkania w Konsulacie

ZALECENIA PODJĘTE PRZEZ DYREKCJĘ ZJEDNOCZENIA POLSKIEGO RZYMSKO-KATOLICKIEGO W AMERYCE NA POSIEDZENIU RADY DYREKTORÓW W DNIU 1 GRUDNIA 2017 R.

Do wszystkich członków ZPRKA, w związku z rozpoczynającymi się przygotowaniami do Sejmu ZPRKA, który odbędzie się w sierpniu 2018 r.:

Członkowie Komitetu ds. Nadzoru Korporacyjnego Rady Dyrektorów ZPRKA przedstawili zalecenia dla całej dyrekcji, dotyczące dodatkowych kwalifikacji wykraczających poza te określone w Konstytucji ZPRKA, dla kandydatów ubiegających się o wybrane stanowiska prezesa, wiceprezesa, sekretarza/skarbnika i dyrektora krajowego:

W odniesieniu do wybranych stanowisk prezesa, wiceprezesa i sekretarza/skarbnika, Komitet zaleca:

- Wymagany stopień licencjacki (Bachelor);
- Preferowane studia podyplomowe (post graduate);
- Co najmniej pięć (5) lat członkostwa w ZPRKA i opłacone wszystkie składki członkowskie;
- Minimum pięć (5) lat doświadczenia w zakresie planowania finansowego, zarządzania biznesem i / lub pracy na stanowisku kierowniczym/zarządzania organizacją;
- Ukończenie szkolenia i uzyskanie certyfikatu dyrektora ZPRKA w ciągu sześciu (6) miesięcy od rozpoczęcia urzędowania w biurze;
- Szkolenie się lub ukończenie kursów ALMI (Associate Life Management Institute) w ciągu dwudziestu czterech (24) miesięcy od rozpoczęcia urzędowania.

Na wybrane stanowisko dyrektora krajowego:

- Stopień licencjacki (Bachelor) lub co najmniej cztery (4) lata doświadczenia życiowego lub minimum pięć (5) lat doświadczenia w działalności braterskiej;
- Co najmniej pięć (5) lat członkostwa w ZPRKA i opłacone wszystkie składki członkowskie;
- Ukończenie szkolenia i uzyskanie certyfikatu dyrektora ZPRKA w ciągu sześciu (6) miesięcy od rozpoczęcia urzędowania w biurze;
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Zalecenia Komitetu ds. Nadzoru Korporacyjnego zostały zatwierdzone przez zarząd, a zawiadomienie powinno zostać przedstawione jak najszybciej członkom ZPRKA.

Oprócz obowiązków określonych w Konstytucji dla osób ubiegających się o wybrane stanowiska, Komitet określił następujące wytyczne, które kandydaci muszą wziąć pod uwagę:

Obowiązki prezesa:

- Uczestniczy w inwestowaniu funduszy organizacji;
- Reprezentuje organizację w wydarzeniach lokalnych i krajowych;
- Opracowuje i wdraża plan biznesowy;
- Nadzoruje przestrzeganie przepisów, inwestycje, zasoby ludzkie i pracę doradcy prawnego.

Obowiązki wiceprezesa:

- Nadzoruje departamenty: sprzedaży, marketingu, braterski i publikacji
- Reprezentuje organizację w wydarzeniach lokalnych i krajowych.

Obowiązki sekretarza / skarbnika:

- Nadzoruje departamenty: informatyki, usług członkowskich, zarządzania ryzykiem, rewidencji, funduszy, underwriting oraz zarządzanie budynkami i nieruchomościami;
- Reprezentuje organizację w wydarzeniach lokalnych i krajowych.

Obowiązki dyrektora krajowego:

- Wymagane uczestnictwo we wszystkich zaplanowanych spotkaniach zarządu i dyrekcji;
- Monitoruje działalność powierniczą ZPRKA i Komitetu Wykonawczego;
- Główny kontakt w rozwiązywaniu problemów między biurem ZPRKA, a lokalnymi Dystryktami;
- Aktywnie promuje i / lub organizuje lokalną działalność organizacji;
- Promuje i prosi o członkostwo;
- Reprezentuje organizację w wydarzeniach lokalnych i krajowych.

UWAGA: Szkolenia w celu uzyskania certyfikatu dyrektora ZPRKA oraz kursów ALMI jest opłacone przez ZPRKA.

Jeżeli nie ma wykwalifikowanego kandydata na stanowisko w zarządzie lub dyrekcji ZPRKA Rada Dyrektorów zastrzega sobie prawo do pozyskania i wyboru osoby na dane stanowisko.

Jeśli członek zarządu lub dyrekcji nie zda egzaminu OLM, ALMI lub Insurance Producer w wyznaczonym terminie, Rada Dyrektorów ogłosi wakaty.

Para Prezydencka spotka się z Polonią w Chicago

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago uprzejmie informuje, że 19 maja 2018 roku Para Prezydencka Andrzej Duda i Agata Kornhauser-Duda spotka się w Millennium Park w Chicago z Polakami mieszkającymi w Stanach Zjednoczonych.



Prezydent RP Andrzej Duda
foto: Jakub Szymczak/KPRP

- Muszę z wielką satysfakcją powiedzieć: tak, wyjazd do Chicago jest planowany, jest planowana wizyta i jest planowane spotkanie z Polonią 19 maja przyszłego roku w Millenium Park - zapowiedział Prezydent RP Andrzej Duda w świątecznym wywiadzie udzielonym Centrali Radia Maryja w USA.

- To będzie takie, mam nadzieję, wielkie spotkanie w związku z obchodami stulecia odzyskania niepodległości przez Polskę i bardzo się na to spotkanie cieszę. Planujemy przyjazd razem z żoną - poinformował Prezydent.

- Bardzo się z tego cieszę i mam nadzieję, że jak najwięcej znajomych, przyjaciół, moich rodaków, przyjdzie się z nami spotkać - dodał Andrzej Duda.

- Chciałbym podziękować za trwanie w polskości, za podtrzymywanie polskich tradycji i polskich zwyczajów, za przekazywanie ich młodym, za działalność oświatową, a więc wszystkim nauczycielom, wychowawcom, rodzicom, za wszelkiego rodzaju polonijną działalność społeczną, przede wszystkim za jej ogromne bogactwo w Chicago.

Andrzej Duda podziękował także góralom za kultywowanie tradycji, które - jak przyznał - są bliskie jego sercu. Wyraził wdzięczność rodakom mieszkającym w Stanach Zjednoczonych za zaangażowanie w dbanie o dobre imię Polski, za to, że są niekwestionowanymi ambasadorami Polski i Polskości.

Prezydent złożył Polakom życzenia spokojnych, dobrych świąt, żeby zawsze byli dumni ze swojej ojczyzny, żeby im się dobrze wiodło, żeby mieli satysfakcję z tego, jak działają, jak żyją, jak pracują.

- Żeby byli zdrowi i szczęśliwi, żeby Pan Bóg zawsze miał ich, ich sprawy i rodziny w swojej opiece - powiedział Prezydent.

Piotr Semeniuk

Wicekonsul

Konsulat Generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago

Kalendarz ZPRKA na 2018 r.

Zamów już dziś! Nakład ograniczony!

Zachęcamy wszystkich członków do zamawiania kalendarza ZPRKA na rok 2018. Kalendarz będzie dostępny w biurze ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Zamówienia można również kierować pocztą elektroniczną na adres: marketing@prcu.org lub telefonicznie na numer telefonu (773) 782-2632.

W kalendarzu ZPRKA na 2018 r. przedstawiamy znanych sportowców polonijnych, wyróżnionych przez National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame (NPASHF), którzy inspirują innych do osiągania własnych sukcesów. Mamy nadzieję, że spodoba się Państwu nasz nowy kalendarz! Nakład ograniczony - zamów kalendarz już dziś!



Inauguracja działalności Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Houston

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago uprzejmie informuje, że od dnia 19 grudnia 2017 r. rozpoczyna działalność Konsulat Generalny RP w Houston.

W związku z powyższym Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago nie obsługuje już mieszkańców stanów: Arkansas (AR), Kansas (KS), Luizjana (LA).

- Dzięki utworzeniu nowego urzędu znacząco poprawi się dostęp obywateli polskich zamieszkałych w USA w stanach środkowego zachodu do usług konsularnych - powiedział szef polskiej dyplomacji podczas uroczystości z okazji inauguracji działalności Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Houston.

- Liczymy, że uruchomienie Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Houston stanie się impulsem do rozwoju jeszcze bliższych relacji z Teksasem - podkreślił minister Witold Waszczykowski. Obok wykonywania podstawowych funkcji konsularnych i świadczenia usług dla licznego skupiska Polonii amerykańskiej, konsulat będzie realizował szereg zadań z zakresu dyplomacji ekonomicznej oraz dyplomacji publicznej i kulturalnej, na które składać się będzie m.in. współpraca z dziesiątkami przedsiębiorstw oraz organizacji amerykańskich i międzynarodowych.

Rozwojowi współpracy Polski z Teksasem sprzyja wzmocnienie wymiaru energetycznego polsko-amerykańskich relacji, w tym pierwsza dostawa gazu oraz zawarcie przez PGNiG pięcioletniego kontraktu na dostawy LNG. - Chcielibyśmy sprowadzać tego gazu jak najwięcej - nie tylko dla własnych potrzeb, ale również po to, żeby cała inicjatywa Trójmorza, czyli 12 państw, mogła z tego korzystać - stwierdził szef polskiej dyplomacji.

- Miałem okazję osobiście odwiedzić terminal Sabine Pass w Luizjanie, skąd w czerwcu do Świnoujścia przybyła pierwsza dostawa LNG do Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej - powiedział minister Witold Waszczykowski. - Dostawy LNG z USA wzmacniają bezpieczeństwo energetyczne regionu, zmniejszając uzależnienie od dominującego dostawcy i przynosząc korzyści dla polskiej i amerykańskiej gospodarki - podkreślił.

W okręgu konsularnym Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Houston mieszka ok. 550 tysięcy Polaków oraz osób mających związek z polskością, co stanowi 7 proc. całej polskiej diaspory zamieszkałej w USA liczącej ponad 8 mln osób. W samym stanie Teksas liczbę tę szacuje się na 228 tysięcy, a początki polskiego osadnictwa w Teksasie sięgają połowy XIX w. W samym Houston mieszka i pracuje do 50 tys. osób posiadających polskie korzenie. - Houston zostało wybrane z tego powodu, że jest to w tej chwili czwarte miasto Stanów Zjednoczonych, a poza tym jest to jeden z najważniejszych punktów gospodarczych zarówno na mapie Stanów Zjednoczonych jak i świata - zaznaczył szef MSZ.

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Parking płatny dostępny w budynku.

Konsulat Generalny RP w Houston przyjmuje interesantów od poniedziałku do piątku w następujących godzinach:

Poniedziałek: od 10.00 do 14.00 - (10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Wtorek: od 10.00 do 14.00 - (10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Środa: od 10.00 do 14.00 - (10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Czwartek: od 13.30 do 17.30 - (1.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.)

Piątek: - od 10.00 do 14.00 - (10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Sobota: nieczynne

Niedziela: nieczynne

Właściwość terytorialna Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Houston obejmuje następujące stany: Arkansas (AR), Kansas (KS), Luizjana (LA), Missisipi (MS), Nowy Meksyk (NM), Oklahoma (OK) i Teksas (TX).

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago od dnia 19 grudnia 2017 r. nie obsługuje już mieszkańców stanów: Arkansas (AR), Kansas (KS) i Luizjana (LA).

Polskie Radio dla Zagranicy

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago uprzejmie informuje, że Polskie Radio dla Zagranicy jest partnerem Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych, w ramach realizacji Rządowego programu współpracy z Polonią i Polakami za granicą w latach 2015-2020.

Polskie Radio dla Zagranicy z Warszawy

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Informacje z Polski i o Polsce; komentarze, rozmowy, relacje, reportaże. Audycje dla Polonii, o Polonii, z udziałem Polonii.

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Usłysz różnicę

OPLATEK ZPRKA

Hickory Hills, IL - Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA oraz Południowo-Zachodnie Centrum Polskich Tańców byli gospodarzami dorocznego Oplatka ZPRKA i zadbali o to, aby uroczystość była wyjątkowa. Ponad 600 gości wzięło udział w tym wielkim wydarzeniu w sobotę 2 grudnia 2017 roku w sali bankietowej Camelot w Hickory Hills, IL.

Wieczór rozpoczął się od programu bożonarodzeniowego przygotowanego przez Południowo-Zachodnie Centrum Polskich Tańców. Narratorami byli Emily Stoch i Krzysztof Papina.



Najmłodsza grupa - Krasnoludki



Polka w wykonaniu najstarszych tancerzy -
Wesołego Ludu

Na wstępie, Młody Ludek zaprezentował pieśni i tańce z okolic Nowego Sącza. Następnie zatańczyły i zaśpiewały Ludziki, przebrane za elfy. Za nimi na parkiet weszły Krasnoludki, dzieci z najmłodszej grupy, które wykonały swój taniec w przebraniach aniołków i pastuszków.

Mały Ludek zaprezentował tańce z okolic Krakowa, a Wesoły Ludek - pieśni i tańce z regionu Warmii.

Zespół Polskich Tańców Ludowych Wesoły Lud II wykonał pieśni i tańce z regionu Lubelszczyzny. Program artystyczny zakończył Zespół Polskich Tańców Ludowych Wesoły Lud I, który zatańczył wesołą i żywiołową polkę.

Dyrektor zarządzająca Centrum Anna Kraszewski podziękowała dyrektorowi artystycznemu i choreografowi Ryszardowi Jamińskiemu, instruktorom tańca: Michaelowi Dziadkowiec, Camilli Steczek, Rene

Kroplewskiej, Sylwii Kupiec, Aleksandrze Haun i Danielle Kroplewskiej oraz ich asystentom: Ani Cieplucha, Weronice Niedzielskiej i Kacprowi Kaczmarczykowi za przygotowanie tego wyjątkowego programu świątecznego.

Dyrektorzy Dystryktu #8 James Rustik i Krystyna Lech pochwalili występy młodych tancerzy i podziękowali nauczycielom za uświetnienie dorocznego Oplatka ZPRKA pięknym programem wokalnno-tanecznym i śpiewem kołęd. Pan Rustik podziękował także członkom zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA, dyrektorom i wszystkim gościom, za uczestnictwo.



Kopciuszek i Księżę 2018
Anna Tumiel i Xander Burd

Szczególne podziękowania skierował do wicekapelana ZPRKA, ks. kanonika Antoniego Iwuć, za wsparcie duchowe i obecność i poprosił wszystkich o odśpiewanie Sto Lat z okazji zbliżających się w lutym 90-tych urodzin ks. kanonika oraz 65. rocznicy święceń kapłańskich, które ks. Iwuć będzie ochodził w maju 2018 r. Do podziękowań dołączył się ks. Michael Foley, pastor parafii Our Lady of the Woods w Orland Park, IL, gdzie odbywają się próby Poł-Zach. Centrum Polskich Tańców. Ks. Foley przedstawił również naczelnego kapelana ZPRKA ks. kanonika Władysława Ptaka, który odmówił modlitwę na zakończenie.

Przed uroczystą kolacją, wszyscy podzielili się oplatkiem. Po kolacji, ku dużej ucieście licznej dziatwy, pojawił się św. Mikołaj.



Ks. kanonik Antoni Iwuć (l) i dyr. Dystr. #8 James Rustik z tancerzami i narratorem Krzysztofem Papina, który wcielił się w postać św. Józefa (p)



ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE RZYMSKO KATOLICKIE W AMERYCE OBCHODZI JUBILEUSZ 145-LECIA

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce, najstarsza polonijna organizacja bratniej pomocy w Stanach Zjednoczonych, której siedziba znajduje się w Chicago, IL, obchodzić będzie w 2018 roku, jubileusz 145-lecia założenia.

3 października 1873 r., spotkali się w parafii św. Alberta w Detroit w stanie Michigan m.in.: Theodor Gieryk, ks. Vincent Barzynski, CR, Jan Barzyński, Piotr Kielbasa, Jan Głowski, ks. Leopold Moczygęmba i ks. Joseph Dąbrowski. Spotkanie to doprowadziło do powstania ZPRKA, organizacji braterskiej dla Polaków w Stanach Zjednoczonych, wyznania rzymskokatolickiego, której motto brzmiało: „Dla Boga i Ojczyzny”.

We wczesnych latach ZPRKA była pionierem programów społecznych, które pomagały członkom finansowo, zbierając darowizny dla wdów, sierot i potrzebujących. Gromadziło także fundusze na budowę domów dziecka i szpitali. W 1886 r. przyjęło system ubezpieczeń. W tym samym roku ZPRKA ustanowiło własną cotygodniową publikację, której nazwy uległy kilku zmianom i jest wydawana do dziś jako „Naród Polski” od 1897 roku, obecnie raz w miesiącu.

W 1897 r. jako pierwsza organizacja braterska, przyznała równe prawa kobietom, ponad dwadzieścia lat przed przyznaniem kobietom prawa do głosowania w Stanach Zjednoczonych. W odpowiedzi na dynamiczny wzrost członkostwa, w 1913 roku, ZPRKA zbudowała przy Milwaukee Ave. i Augusta Blvd. w Chicago nową siedzibę. W 2013 r. budynek został uznany za zabytek historyczny i do dziś jest biurem Zjednoczenia.

W 1935 r., pod przywództwem prezesa Józefa Kani - założone zostało w siedzibie ZPRKA jedno z pierwszych etnicznych muzeów i archiwów w Ameryce, które stało się bezcenną skarbnicą artefaktów z Polski i Polonii, znanej dziś jako Polskie Muzeum Ameryce.

Zjednoczenie posiada obecnie licencję na sprzedaż ubezpieczeń na życie i planów emerytalnych w 27 stanach. Dodatkowo, oferuje swoim członkom wiele korzyści, takich jak pożyczki na zakup domów, pożyczki na studia i stypendia edukacyjne, sponsoruje krajowe turnieje sportowe, imprezy towarzyskie i programy młodzieżowe, w tym liczne szkoły polskie i grupy tańca ludowego w kilku stanach. Sponsoruje także programy dla nastolatków, takie jak doroczny bal Kopciuszek i Księżę oraz Bal im. Shirley Ann Galanty w Stanie Michigan. Ta braterska organizacja licząca ponad 50 000 członków cieszy się stabilnością finansową i przez 145 lat efektywnie zaspokaja potrzeby swoich członków.

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Zgodnie z Konstytucją i Regulaminem ZPRKA, Towarzystwa ZPRKA muszą w kwietniu lub maju 2018 r. wybrać delegatów i ich zastępców na 62. Sejm ZPRKA. Skontaktuj się z sekretarzem finansowym swojego Towarzystwa, aby uzyskać informacje na temat zebrania wyborczego, jeśli nie jest ono wymienione w Kalendarzu ZPRKA.

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27. Doroczny Bal im. Shirley Galanty w Michigan
na cześć absolwentów szkół tańca ZPRKA
w stanie Michigan

Sobota 24 lutego 2018 r.

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16703 Fort Street, Southgate, MI

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Promenada - godz. 18

Obiad - godz. 18.30

Bilety - \$55 dorośli; \$50 - studenci do lat 20.

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