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PRCUA ANNUAL STATE OF THE UNION

Dear Members and Friends,

In last year's message, I reported to you that the PRCUA Board of Directors had formed a Corporate Governance Committee to review the method by which the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is governed and to determine if any changes to this governance should be made.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, as a fraternal benefit company, is subject to the regulations imposed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The NAIC is composed of State Insurance Commissioners whose responsibility is to assure the sound management of the respective insurance companies.

Although not presently mandated, but strongly suggested, the NAIC wants to see changes in the top level of management of fraternal benefit societies. Their intended management model is to mirror corporate America by electing directors from the organization's membership. It would then be the directors' responsibility to hire the professional executive management team (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer). The intention is to provide professional leadership through the screening of qualified applicants for the various executive positions. It also provides the ability of the Board of Directors to make changes should the executive officers fail in their respective duties and obligations.

As we know, the PRCUA elects its officers and directors every four years at its Quadrennial Convention. Candidates for office may or may not have the necessary educational or life experiences to properly direct the business, financial, and insurance affairs of the organization. Our Constitution allows anyone who has been a member in good standing for five years, without a criminal record, to be eligible for election.

Since the Great Recession of 2007-08, because of the subsequent slow economic recovery, the increasing demands of state regulatory insurance departments, the increased need to focus on financial markets, the changing demographics and overall challenging business climate, many fraternal organizations have failed and thus have been merged. Much of that failure is due to the fact that the directors and officers did not recognize and adjust to these changing conditions.

For that reason, this Corporate Governance Committee was formed.

Questions discussed throughout the year by this Committee and the Board of Directors included:

- Should the PRCUA move away from the traditional form of governance wherein the Executive Officers and Board of Directors are elected every four years by convention delegates at the Quadrennial Convention AND
- Should the PRCUA move to a more formal business form of management by electing Directors and having the Board of Directors screen and qualify candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer?
- Should the PRCUA reduce the number of District Directors from 15 to a lesser number, elected-at-large, who are qualified in the insurance and business fields?
- If Directors are elected-at-large, should the PRCUA abolish the 10 governing Districts AND
- Establish a separate Fraternal Governing Board to address the fraternal activities of the organization?
- Should the PRCUA require its elected officials to have a higher education, as well as insurance/finance related work and life experiences instead of the present qualification of being a member for five years and not having a criminal record?

At every board meeting, each of these questions was actively debated.

At the December meeting, the Board of Directors voted to continue the present form of governance wherein the Officers and Directors are elected by convention delegates every four years and to keep the number of Directors or the number of Districts of the PRCUA.

Continuation of this form of governance removes any discussion of a separate Fraternal Governing Board.

The Board of Directors did, however, address higher education, work, and life experience considerations as a requirement of qualification for its elected Officers and Directors.

The additional qualifications for the President, Vice President,



**Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
PRCUA National President**

Secretary-Treasurer and Director are outlined on page 12 of this issue of the *Naród Polski*.

These changes should help to improve the quality of candidates that are chosen to manage and direct our organization.

However, in my opinion, the position taken by the NAIC is the correct one: that the Constitution of the PRCUA must be changed to create a form of governance that adapts to the more complex and demanding business regulatory and insurance industry environment.

Activities and Results of this past year of 2017: Insurance Sales and Products

In last year's State of the Union message, we indicated to you that our new products - FINAL EXPENSE and SIMPLIFIED ISSUE - were being successfully accepted by our fraternal and independent agents as viable industry issues. We also indicated that efforts to encourage sales through independent agents are working.

Both efforts, new products and independent agents, were highly successful in 2017 in increasing the insurance premium income, increasing new membership to the PRCUA, and increasing the total face amount of new insurance written.

Annualized New Insurance Premium

In 2016: New Insurance premium..... \$1,041,950
In 2017: New insurance premium..... \$1,469,557

New Members:

In 2016: New members.....325
In 2017: New members.....865

New Face Amount of Insurance Written

In 2016:\$11,289,435
In 2017:\$38,679,487

Our Director of Sales, Robert Fattore, after much effort, is successful in engaging the independent agents to represent and sell PRCUA products.

Fraternal and Home Office insurance sales continue on a constant pace but are now exceeded by the growth of sales from the independent agent.

The PRCUA continues to promote and solicit sales from our fraternal agents but the ranks are declining and recruiting new fraternal agents has not been fruitful.

One area that is proving to be a success is the recruitment of Fraternal Field Organizers (FFO). The PRCUA now has three FFOs working in the field promoting our organization. It is a part-time paid position requiring a licensed individual to promote our organization in select geographical areas. FFOs are now working in Georgia, Florida and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The PRCUA is constantly looking for more individuals to represent us and are encouraging you to research this unique opportunity. For more information, please call Bob Fattore at 773-782-2631 or 800-772-8632 ext. 2631. You can also email Bob at robert-fattore@prcu.org

Annuities

The Annuity Rollover Program, initiated in 2016, has been completed. Matured annuity contracts were successfully rolled over into a longer term contract, satisfying regulatory directives. These contracts received a one year above-market rate bonus and then adjusted to the current market rate.

The PRCUA is sensitive to changes in the money and interest rate environment. We are constantly monitoring both our ability to earn a satisfactory return from our asset portfolio and to return a favorable income to our annuity members.

Operating Results

Our operating income for 2017 is reported at \$265,580, down from \$429,757 that was attained in 2016. Unfortunately, a significant reason for this is the decline of approximately \$350,000 in reduced income from our bond and stock investment portfolio. Financial market conditions caused many of our higher-earning bonds to be called away, leaving the PRCUA with excess money to invest at lower interest rates. (Cont. on pg. 5)



MARCH

2 TOLEDO, OH – ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DINNER on Fri., March 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH.

3 WESTLAND, MI – ST. STAN'S ONE GAME BOWLING KNOCK-OUT on Sat., March 3 at Oak Lanes, 8540 Middlebelt Rd. Westland, MI (corner of Middlebelt Rd. and Joy Rd.) Registration at 11:15 a.m., games start at 12 noon. Dinner and open bar to follow at the Stitt VFW Post, 23850 Military Rd., Dearborn Hts., east of Telegraph Rd. and south of Warren Ave. Cost for bowlers - \$30, non-bowler - \$25. Contact: Ed and Janet Rys at 734-459-9517. Note: Ladies may start a little later.

4 CHICAGO RIDGE – 43rd ADULT CULTURE GROUP FASHION SHOW on Sun., March 4 at Glendora Banquets, 10225 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago, Ridge, IL. Details on pg. 9.

5 CHICAGO, IL – PULASKI DAY CELEBRATION on Mon., March 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Details on pg. 1.
PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

10 WYANDOTTE, MI – 84th NATIONAL PRCUA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY SOCIETY #162 on Sat., March 10 in Wyandotte, MI. Information: PRCUA Fraternal Department 773-782-2636. Details on pg. 16.

10 WARREN, MI – ZAJĄCZEK 13th ANNUAL RECITAL on Sat., March 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Warren Woods Auditorium, 13400 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI. Admission \$7.00. Details on pg. 10.

11 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOC. #162 MEETING AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER on Sun., March 11th at 1:30 till gone. PRCUA Soc. #162 Hall. Entry \$10.00. Come by for the membership meeting and enjoy some of the best corned beef you'll ever eat. Contact: prcu@wyan.org; mhalbers@wyan.org.

11 DETROIT, MI – 16th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE POLISH AMERICAN DANCE ENSEMBLES on Sun., March 11 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit MI. The Mass will include a procession of the dancers, a special Offertory of gifts, and the Blessing of the Dancers. For additional information or questions, contact: Joe Jaczkowski at events@sainthyacinth.com.

18 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 18 CHICAGO, IL – PRCUA DISTRICT #7 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER on Sun., March 18 at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Cocktails at 1 p.m., Dinner at 2 p.m. Details on pg. 9.

19 ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

20 SPRING BEGINS

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

23 TOLEDO, OH – ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DOZEN SALE on Fri., March 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Details on pg. 9.

24 GRAND RAPIDS, MI – 2nd ANNUAL MALBORK DANCE GROUP RECITAL on Sat., March 24 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 1253 52nd St. SE, Kentwood, MI. More information: Anthony Zasuwa, PRCUA FFO at (616) 856-2038 or anthony-zasuwa@prcu.org. Details on pg. 13.

25 PALM SUNDAY

27 WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., March 27 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.

29 HOLY THURSDAY

30 GOOD FRIDAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

31 HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL

1 EASTER SUNDAY - HAPPY EASTER!

4 CHICAGO, IL – PRCUA SOC. #657 & #1620 MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE DELEGATES TO THE 62nd PRCUA CONVENTION on Wed., Apr. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL.

7 CENTERLINE, MI – PRCUA OPOLE DANCE RECITAL on Sat., April 7 at Lincoln High School, Centerline, MI. Contact Elizabeth at 586-944-9683 for further information.

13-15 CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI – 81st NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY SOC. #1593 on Fri.-Sun., April 13-15 at Imperial Lnes Bowling Alley, 44650 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township, MI. Details on pg. 16.

14 WYANDOTTE, MI – ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE SPRING RECITAL on Sat., April 14.

15 LINCOLN PARK, MI – TATRY DANCE GROUP RECITAL on Sun., Apr. 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park Public School, 1650 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI.

15 WARREN, MI – GWIAZDA DANCE SCHOOL 58th ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL on Sun., April 15 at Fitzgerald High, Warren, MI.

18 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., April 18 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

22 CHICAGO, IL – PRCUA ANNUAL ŚWIECONKA on Sun., April 22 at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Details on pg. 11.

22 WARREN, MI – HALKA DANCERS 49th RECITAL on Sun. April 22 at Van Dyke Community Auditorium, Warren, MI.

24 WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL PRCUA CONVENTION on Tues., April 24 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.

28 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOC. #162 2nd ANNUAL POLKA BENEFIT DANCE FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY on Sat., April 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak Str., Wyandotte, MI. Contact: Stas Pasko at 734-284-5929 or John Zelazko at 734-671-9366. Details on pg. 13.

28 TOLEDO, OH – 2018 PRCUA REVERSE RAFFLE Organized by Toledo Societies #1633, 1584, 719, 1617 on Sat., April 28 at PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Avenue Toledo, OH, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., dinner - 6:00 p.m. Contact: VikiJean at 419 351-2698 or Rick Kaz at 419-377-7610. Details on pg. 11.

PRCUA St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004 Events

Monthly Polka Dance

Sponsored by the St. Louis Metro Polka Club. The 4th Sunday of every month except December, from 2:30 till 6:00 p.m. March 25 - Button Box Club - Admission \$7.

Friday Fish Fry & Tacos

Every Friday until April 20, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday Fish Fry & Tacos at Polish Hall lower level. Cod sandwich \$4, taco \$2. Shrimp, chicken strips, onion rings, fries, slaw, and drinks are also available. Kitchen will be closed on March 30th for Good Friday.

Polish Hall 101 Years Reunion Dance

Polish Hall 101 Years Reunion Dance on Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. Admission \$2 - ages 12 & under free. Local favorite Dave Hylla & his Good Times Band will perform their signature Polkas, Waltzes, and Line Dances. Performances by other guest musicians as well. Reunite with your friends and celebrate 101 years of the Polish Hall. Drinks and Polish food available (cash only), ATM on-site. Outside beverages/food not allowed.

**All events will be held at Polish Hall,
826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL**

View all of our events at Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison

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Apply for a PRCUA Scholarship!

Deadline for
Application is
June 1, 2018



For information on our scholarships and how to apply,
visit PRCUA.org/scholarships

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1	\$22,326	\$25,887
2	\$21,657	\$25,088
3	\$20,979	\$24,294
4	\$20,307	\$23,520
5	\$19,656	\$22,766
6	\$19,026	\$22,034
7	\$18,413	\$21,332
8	\$17,819	\$20,649
9	\$17,243	\$19,987
10	\$16,683	\$19,346
15	\$14,214	\$16,469
20	\$12,264	\$14,058
25	\$10,572	\$11,994
30	\$9,099	\$10,232
35	\$7,793	\$8,735
40	\$6,664	\$7,469
45	\$5,711	\$6,387
50	\$4,906	\$5,473
55	\$4,208	\$4,713
60	\$3,613	\$4,080

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PRCUA OFFERS TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to a generous donation made by a PRCUA member, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is offering an additional scholarship opportunity in 2018. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to the students with the two highest scoring essays! Essays will be judged by a panel of three educators. Deadline for essay submission – June 1, 2018.

Topic:

The year 2018 marks the centennial of American President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points – the only explicit statement of war aims by any of the countries at war. One of these aims was the reestablishment of an independent Polish state, which was fulfilled with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

Why did President Wilson consider the reestablishment of Poland, bringing a just and lasting peace to Europe, important enough to give Poland its own point within the Fourteen Points? How much did Ignacy Jan Paderewski and the Polish American community influence President Wilson in his decision?

Please submit an application along with an essay on the above topic with a word count between 1,000 and 1,500 words.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must be a member of the PRCUA, in good standing, for a minimum of FIVE (5) YEARS, and have a minimum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) of life insurance. If, at the time of application, the member does not meet the five year minimum, they may also meet one of the two following standings: THREE YEARS of membership along with \$25,000 in life insurance, or FOUR YEARS of membership along with \$15,000 in life insurance. All qualified members must also be in good standing.

1. Applicants must have successfully completed their freshman year of undergraduate studies before the deadline for filing an application. An official transcript or other documentation from the applicant's school must be attached to the completed application form or sent directly by the Educational Institution to the PRCUA on or before the deadline of June 1, 2018.
2. Eligible applicants consist of sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled full-time in undergraduate study or those students enrolled in graduate or professional degree programs. Full-time enrollment shall conform to those guidelines established by the federal financial aid program. (A minimum of twelve (12) credit hours for day students or eight (8) credit hours for evening students.) Part-time graduate or professional students are also eligible.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale or 3.5 or better on a 5.0 scale.
4. Applicants must keep their insurance policies in effect and in good standing for a minimum of five (5) years immediately following receipt of the last eligible scholarship payment.
5. All applicants must be either citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

This information and an application is available on our website: www.prcua.org/scholarships

* All applications are subject to underwriting and must be posmarked by December 31, 2018.
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NOTICE TO CANDIDATES SEEKING
PRCUA NATIONAL OFFICES

The Candidates Qualifications Committee has announced that all candidates seeking to run for election to a national office in the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America must contact the Secretary-Treasurer for an application. All applications must be submitted to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer and postmarked by May 30, 2018.

Candidates must meet the following requirements as set forth by the PRCUA Constitution. Although the Constitution uses masculine terminology, the information applies to males and females equally.

Article 03K Nomination of Officers and Directors

1. Only a Delegate meeting the following requirements shall be nominated for the position of Officer or Director for the UNION and may be a candidate for that office in the UNION:
 - a. the Delegates must personally be present and registered at the Convention within the timeframe of the first session on the second day of the Convention;
 - b. must have been a member of the UNION for at least five (5) years;
 - c. is a citizen of the United States of America;
 - d. has indicated his desire to aspire for the specified office or his name has heretofore been presented by a Society or a Circuit with the consent of the candidate. Such an announcement must be forwarded to the Candidates Qualifications Committee and **postmarked by May 30** of the Convention year. Once approved by the Candidates Qualifications Committee, all qualified candidates must be published in an issue of the official publication of the UNION thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. A candidate for the office of Director must be a resident of the District and he must be a member of a Society, which is located in the District.
2. No two members of a nuclear family shall be permitted, during the whole or any part of the same term, to be members of the Board of Directors. Nuclear family shall mean familial relationships only including husband and wife, parent and child and brother and sister. If and in the event that two or more members of a nuclear family shall, at a Convention, run for and receive enough votes to be entitled to be a member of the Board of Directors, then only that member of the nuclear family who has received the most votes from the Delegates at the Convention shall be entitled to take the oath and serve the Term of Office provided for the position for which that member sought election.

Please refer to page 12 for additional qualifications for the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Directors as approved by the PRCUA Board of Directors on December 2, 2017.

Please request an application in person or by telephoning the Secretary-Treasurer's Office at 773-782-2600 Ext. 2605 or toll-free at 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2605. Or send your request for an application by REGISTERED MAIL to:

James Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI, ACS
Secretary-Treasurer
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

BUDGET & GRIEVANCE
COMMITTEE NOTICE

The PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee has announced that any PRCUA member who has a complaint, suggestion, or grievance should file it - in writing - with the Budget and Grievance Committee. It should be **postmarked by May 30, 2018**. The PRCUA Convention will only accept complaints, suggestions, and grievances that have been officially filed with this Committee.

A meeting of the Budget and Grievance Committee will be held after receipt of responses from the membership.

Patrick Kosowski, Chairperson

Send your complaints, suggestions, and/or grievances to:
Budget and Grievance Committee
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60642-4101

From the Office
of the
Secretary-Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI, ACS



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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651	Aniela Cabaj	47 Lydia Lane, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
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701	John Iheanachor	14404 S. Budlong Ave, Gardena, CA 90247
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All articles for the April issue of
Naród Polski, must be submitted
by Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

4th Annual PRCUA Family Picnic and Outdoor Mass

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Hosted by Districts 7, 8 and 9

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

Mass at Noon
Picnic until 6 p.m.

For more information, please visit PRCUA.org
or call the Fraternal Department at (773) 782-2636

Bring your own basket or purchase food on-site!

Refreshments

Complimentary Snacks for Children

Games for Kids and More!

PRCUA Annual State of the Union *(Cont. from pg. 1)*

Hopefully, 2018 will provide better opportunities for higher investment returns.
Other factors affecting our results are the costs related to acquiring new members, i.e. commissions, promotions, new product development etc.
Our dividend declared by the Board of Directors will be \$152,400. This is approximately the same amount as paid in 2016.
Our Financial Statements can be found on page 7 of this *Narod Polski*.

Significant Event

A major event for the PRCUA in 2017 was the sale of vacant land owned by the PRCUA. This property was on Walton Street, adjacent to our headquarters. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, sale of this property and other net realized capital gains amounted to a net gain of \$3,069,256. This profit has been retained and added to our surplus account to provide financial stability for all PRCUA members.
In 2010, this surplus account was at a low point of \$3,600,000. It is now- within seven years - back to the level reported in 2007. As can be seen in the financial statements, our surplus is at \$11,833,894. This will safely provide a necessary cushion for the PRCUA should another financial crisis occur.

I am proud of the action taken by our Board of Directors in approving this sale. It ensures the financial strength and solvency of our Union.

Building Improvements:

- Our building is 105 years old and has been in need of extensive improvement for a long time. Over the last seven years, the PRCUA has expended over \$2,000,000 to make these necessary repairs and upgrades. These include:
- A new main entry. After years of ushering guests and visitors into the building through the back service entrance, we have provided, in cooperation with the Polish Museum of America, a formal entrance on Augusta Boulevard leading into a warm, friendly, and sophisticated lobby and reception area.
 - We removed every layer of roofing material down to the roof foundation and replaced it with state-of-the-art roofing material.
 - We removed the entire crumbling basement sewer system and replaced it with new tiles and sewer materials. Jack hammers were pounding away as we were working in the offices above.
 - We had to professionally clean and vacuum the basement to remove the toxic concrete dust that resulted from the repair.
 - We remodeled the offices with state-of-the-art work stations, computers, and carpeting throughout.
 - We have, thanks to the efforts of Vice President Misia Jaminski, remodeled all of the first and second floor bathrooms, as well as remodeling the first floor Social Hall and hallways.
 - We are presently completing the rework of the building façade with cornices, terracotta, and parapet replacement, tuck-pointing and complete chemical washing and cleaning of the building. This responsibility has been under the direction of Secretary-Treasurer Jim Robaczewski.
 - We have installed security cameras and other security features both inside and outside of the building to protect our most valuable assets, our employees and visitors. Entrance into our building is secured. Employees have key passes and all visitors must be electronically buzzed in. Once inside the main lobby, they must identify their purpose and sign the visitor register. We have improved the electrical and lighting systems throughout the building as well as overhauling and rebuilding the elevator that services our building.
 - Our computer cyber security system is of the highest caliber, thanks to IT Manager Kevin Ryba. We are very aware of the importance of protecting our member information from hackers. We are doing our very best to prevent illegal access to our personal member files. We have engaged a cyber security firm, on an ongoing basis, to attempt to penetrate our system. Although there is no guarantee of our continuing successful defense, I am pleased that all tests and illegal attempts to enter our system have been stopped. We have also purchased Cyber Security Insurance to protect the PRCUA from financial loss caused by any breach of our files.
 - We transitioned our general ledger accounting system to a more reliable computerized method by introducing and converting to the Sage Accounting Program to update our data accountability system. Our Accounting and Audit Manager Emily Kurda was in charge of this conversion. Our IT Manager Kevin Ryba was very helpful in assisting with this change over.
 - Our member files, formally kept on paper in 189 separate file drawers, have now been scanned into the computer system for better access, safety, and convenience in serving our member needs. This program involved inputting 56,700 member files, each consisting of anywhere from three to six separate pieces of information. Our Member Services Manager Julie Prado guided this massive effort.
 - We have established a separate Marketing Department headed by Agnieszka Bastrzyk. Over the last several years, we have improved all of our efforts in the visual, audio, and written media to more properly convey the PRCUA message to members and non-members alike.
 - Our *Naród Polski* publication has been managed very professionally by Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz. I am most pleased with the timeliness and quality of the articles, the photo journalism, and the on-time publication and delivery of the newspaper.
 - As this message is being written, the Executive Committee of the PRCUA is finalizing an agreement with an administrative systems software vendor that will bring to the PRCUA a modern up-to-date system that will allow our members direct access to their own insurance, annuity, mortgage and personal loan information without needing to talk to a member service representative. In addition this system will modernize the internal flow of member information thereby improving the entire administrative process of the PRCUA.

I am proud to state that we have been able to do all of this and still improve the overall financial strength of our Union.

Convention

We call attention to the 2018 Convention to be held on August 10 to 13, 2018 in Dearborn, Michigan. We ask those representative delegates, who will have the responsibility of electing the next governing body of the PRCUA, to closely and carefully review the credentials of all candidates and wisely select those who best represent dedication to the PRCUA and a determination to work toward making the PRCUA the best fraternal organization.

In Closing

It has been my pleasure to have served as your President throughout these past eight years and I sincerely thank you for this wonderful experience. I hope I have fulfilled the objectives that you had expected when you voted for me in 2010 and 2014.

I am stepping down as your President and, although eligible, I will not seek a third term.

THANK YOU

Your Board of Directors, Officers, and employees all thank you for your continued membership in the PRCUA.
God bless you and God bless the POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.
National President

FR. ERIC ORZECH IS
NAMED “GOOD JOE”
BY CLEVELAND SOCIETY

Cleveland, OH - Reverend Eric Orzech, Chaplain and member of PRCUA Society #2220 and a regular contributor to *Naród Polski*’s “Higher Perspectives” column, has been named the 2018 recipient of the “Good Joe” Polish-American Heritage Award by the Cleveland Society of Poles. With the express purpose of preserving and nurturing Polish heritage, traditions, and culture, and to promote the principles of American citizenship, the Cleveland Society of Poles was founded in 1923.



On a quasi-annual basis, the Cleveland Society recognizes an individual member who exemplifies the tradition of service to the community, to the City of Cleveland, and to Polonia. This year, Fr. Eric Orzech has been chosen to receive this award.

Eric Orzech entered this world on March 14, 1967, in Parma, Ohio, the second son of Edward and Helene Orzech, with one older brother, Edward. He was a graduate, with honors, from Benedictine High School in Cleveland. He then entered St. Mary College in Orchard Lake, Michigan, where he received his B.A. degree, also with honors. Fr. Eric completed his priestly studies at St. Mary Seminary, the Diocese of Cleveland’s major seminary, in Wickliffe, Ohio in 1993.

Ecclesiastically, Fr. Eric received his Ministry of Acolyte in 1988, Ministry of Lector in 1989 and his Candidacy for Holy Orders in 1991.

Fr. Eric spent seminary summers abroad guiding tour/pilgrimage groups at the Pauline Monastery at Jasna Góra in Poland, home to the sacred icon of the Black Madonna “Our Lady of Częstochowa.” He became an Ordained Deacon in 1992, was ordained a Priest in 1993 and celebrated his first Mass on May 30, 1993.

Since 2012, Fr. Eric has served as pastor of two Polish parishes: the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus and the historic re-opened St. Casimir Church, both in the Diocese of Cleveland.

Father’s assignments and additional involvement include past-president and chair of the 2007 and upcoming 2018 Convention of the Polish American Priests Association. He also served as chaplain of the Cleveland Society of Poles, president and chaplain of the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress - and most recently - served on the administrative board of the Pope John Paul II Foundation, headquartered in Rome, Italy.

The “Good Joe Award” is named in honor of St. Joseph. The Award Banquet is always held at a convenient date near his feast day, which is March 19. This year’s Banquet and Award Presentation will be held on March 10 at the Tremont City Side Ballroom in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood.

The Cleveland Society of Poles is considered to be the “elite” organization within Cleveland’s Polonia. The organization was founded as a fraternal society of men of Polish descent, engaged in business, the professions, and the arts. Recently, the Society opened its membership to all persons who share its objectives and goals.

The PRCUA offers sincere congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Eric for continued success as a PRCUA member, chaplain, and all-around “Good Joe.”

*Written by Walter Borkowski, “Good Joe” Chair
Submitted by Mitchell Bienia,
National Director, District 5*



KIDS

ACTIVITY

PAGE

LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter T

Draw a line connecting the correct picture to the word.

1.


TYGRYS

2.


TALERZ

3.


TRUSKAWKA

4.


TOREBKA

5.


TĘCZA

6.


TULIPAN

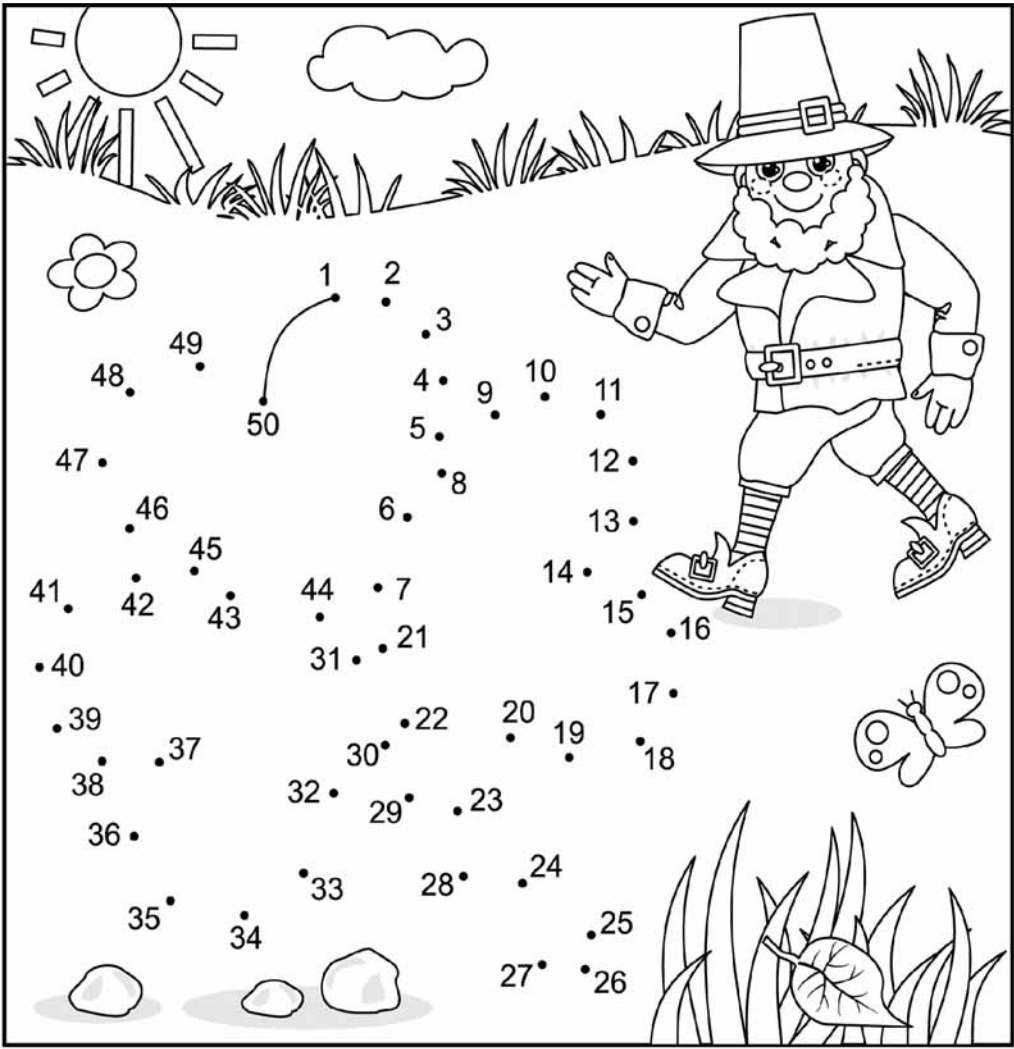
FIND TWO IDENTICAL CARDS

Only 2 of the cards below are the same, just turned in a different way. Can you find which ones?



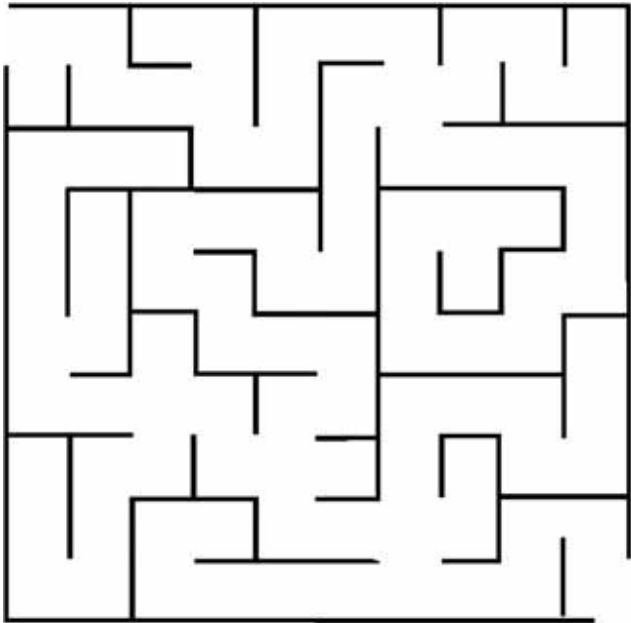
CONNECT THE DOTS AND COLOR

First, connect the dots from number 1 to 50 to reveal the rest of the picture. Then, color the picture.



WINTER MAZE

Help the Eskimo boy find his way to the igloo.



ANNUAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017
OF THE POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60642

ASSETS	
Bonds.....	\$176,079,692
Stocks...(Preferred \$9,039,426 - Common \$1,650,869).....	8,728,214
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....	1,696,397
Real Estate Owned including Contract Sales.....	3,938,401
Certificate Loans.....	782,646
Cash on Hand and On Deposit.....	1,734,238
Short Term Investment.....	7,311,189
Electronic Data Processing Equipment.....	109,721
Premiums Actually Collected by Subordinate Lodges Not Yet Remitted to Home Office.....	69,065
Investment Income Due and Accrued.....	2,393,559
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	<u>\$202,843,123</u>
LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS	
Aggregate Reserve For Life Certificates and Contracts.....	\$185,455,361
Deposit – Type Contracts.....	-0-
Certificate and Contract Claims.....	1,361,903
Provisions For Refund Payable in Following Calendar Year.....	150,000
Life Premiums Received in Advance.....	430,044
Surrender Values on Canceled Certificates.....	1,660
Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	685,792
Commission to Field Workers Due or Accrued.....	11,984
General Expenses Due or Accrued.....	191,834
Taxes, Licenses and Fees Due or Accrued.....	93,521
Unearned Investment Income.....	4,135
Amounts Withheld or Retained by Society as Agent or Trustee.....	83,654
Liability for benefits for employees and fieldworkers	700,000
Assets Valuation Reserve.....	1,839,341
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$191,009,229</u>
Unassigned Funds.....	<u>\$11,833,984</u>
TOTAL UNASSIGNED FUNDS	<u>11,833,894</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$202,843,123</u>
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS	
(Excluding Unrealized Capital Gains and Losses)	
Life and Annuity Premiums.....	\$13,743,310
Net Investment Income.....	10,116,182
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	335,577
Reimbursement for Educational Stipends.....	1,353
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$24,193,425</u>
DEDUCT:	
Death Benefits.....	\$2,559,474
Matured Endowments.....	243,483
Annuity Benefits.....	4,641,279
Disability Benefits.....	687
Surrender Benefits.....	12,757,609
Interest on Certificates or Contract Funds.....	-0-
Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingencies.....	627,585
Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies.....	-0-
Increase in Aggregate Reserve for Certificates and Contracts with Life Contingencies.....	(2,264,593)
Commission on Premiums.....	490,963
Contributions for Employees Benefits.....	190,354
General Insurance Expense and Fraternal Payments.....	4,41,847
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	242,156
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$23,930,845</u>
Net Gain From Operations Before Refunds to Members and Excluding Realized Capital Gains and Losses.....	\$265,580
Refund to Members.....	152,400
Net Gain From Operations After Refunds to Members.....	\$113,180
Net Realized Capital Gains.....	3,069,256
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>\$3,182,436</u>

UNASSIGNED FUNDS AND SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS			
Unassigned Funds 12/31/16	\$7,708,653	Unassigned Funds 12/31/16	\$11,833,894
Net gain from operation	3,182,436	Increase FASB Liabilities for Pension	100,000
Change in Unrealized Gain	361,817		
Change in Non-Admitted Assets	98,817		
Change in reserve	582,471		
TOTALS	<u>\$11,933,894</u>		<u>\$11,933,894</u>

SUMMARY OF VALUATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 2017		
Number of Life Certificates	Amount of Insurance	Total Reserve
46,716	\$324,073,675	\$185,455,361
Expected Mortality on Gross Amounts at Risk.....		
Net Death Losses Incurred in 2016 Less Reserve Released.....		\$1,555,374
Ratio Per Cent of Actual to Expected Mortality on Gross Amounts at Risk During 2017.....		693,818
		44,55%
Net Investment Income.....		
		\$10,116,182
RATE OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO MEAN ASSETS		
2013 - 5.23%	2014 - 5.24%	2015 - 5.07%
	2016 - 5.16%	2017 - 5.14%
RATIO OF ASSETS TO LIABILITIES		
2013 - 103.47%	2014 - 103.61%	2015 - 103.35%
	2016 - 103.98%	2017 - 106.20%

The Society's valuation indicates that on the basis of the American Experience of 1941, 1958 and 1980, 2001 Commissioner's Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality with interest at 2.5% through 5.5%, the future assessments at the rates now collected together with the invested assets are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety of \$11,833,894 over the above statutory standard.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Drobot Jr., President
Micheline I. Jaminski, Vice President
James J. Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI, ACS, Secretary-Treasurer
Emily Kurda, ALMI, ACS, Controller
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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.



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ Wiceprezeska



March bustles in on windy feet
And sweeps my doorstep and my street.
She washes and cleans with pounding rains,
Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.
She shakes the grime from carpet green
Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.
Then, house in order, all neat as a pin,
She ushers gentle springtime in.

Susan Reiner, Spring Cleaning

Our New Year's resolutions are no doubt a thing of the past (congratulations to those who succeeded). February renewed our resolve as Lent commenced. As Catholics, we began our devotion to almsgiving, doing penance, praying more, repenting of sins, and self-denial. To use the



2018 Graduates of JPII Polish School with Teacher/Vice Principal
Monika Gornikowska



Maria Konopnicka Polish Language School Dance:
Front, l-r: SB Rec. Sec. Krystyna Krolkowski, SB President
Danielle Kroplewski, PRCUA V.P. Misia Jaminski, SB VP
Joanna Niedzielski, SB Treasurer Margaret Garbacz; Back,
l-r: Principal Stanislaw Skubisz, Richard Jaminski, PRCUA
Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski, Dir. D-8 James Rustik



PRCUA Dignitaries, Foundress Barbara Pawlowski, School Board



Kalinowski School's 50th Anniversary - Mala Polska Dancers with Dignitaries

buzz word of the current generation – it is a time to "detoxify" our bodies and souls and live renewed. Derived from Old English meaning "Spring season," Lent gives way to our "resurrected" love and dedication to our faith, as well as to one another and ourselves.

As February fades from view, we watch in hopeful anticipation as March breathes whispers of Spring. Although blanketed in snow for much of February, for us in the Midwest, it was also glistening with PRCUA events.

On February 3, Richard and I attended two dinner dances – one hosted by the John Paul II Polish School at Crystal Grand Banquets, Lemont, IL and the other hosted by the Maria Konopnicka Polish School at Elegant Paradise Banquets, Bridgeview, IL where we joined Sec-Treas. J. Robaczewski and Dir. D-8 J. Rustik. Both were beautiful events with good friends, good food, and much dancing. Even the heavy snowfall did not dampen the fun had by all who attended.

The St. Rafał Kalinowski Polish School celebrated their Golden Jubilee on February 10 with a Banquet at the Carmelite Monastery, Munster, IN. Joining in the celebration, in addition to the National Officers and spouses, were Directors E. Sadus (D-9) and J. Rustik (D-8), past Resident Vice President A. Sokolowski, past Director (D-9) E. Grabowski as well as past Supervisor B. Pawlowski (also the foundress of the school), D-9 President Paul Pawlowski and Natalia Grabowski, former instructor of the School's previous dance group "Śląsk." "Mała Polska" Dancers from the school under the direction of Agata Wilgocki performed a short program. Congratulations to the current Principal, Małgorzata Czachor, and her staff as well as the school Board with Małgorzata Blachut at the helm. I'm sure there will be complete details in an upcoming issue of the *Naród Polski*.

Meanwhile in Sterling Hts., MI, the Zajączek Dancers hosted their Polska Zabawa at the American Polish Century Club. Knowing the creativity of Dir. C. Bonkowski and her "team," it was a fun time had by all.

The PRCUA Home Office celebrated Pączki Day (February 13), enjoying the old Polish favorites of rose, prune, advocaat, and raspberry flavored treats. The delightful pastries from Oak Mill Bakery are an annual fundraiser by the Polish American Association, which serves the Polish community with social services for immigrants. The pączki were delicious and the PRCUA/PMA employees enjoyed a chance to mingle and indulge.

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day clashed this year, a somber day for repentance with a celebration of romance and love. At the Home Office in the Great Hall of the PMA, Fr. Totzke, Pastor of Holy Trinity Polish Mission dispensed the blessed ashes to the PRCUA/PMA personnel and guests. The readings were recited and sung by employees Anna Marrah and Mateusz Bomba. It was a solemn occasion that served as a fitting start to the season of Lent. Ever since I can remember (and I attended Roman Catholic grammar and high school),



Jan Lorys (l) and Mateusz Bomba (r) enjoying fresh pączki

ashes were always marked with a cross on the forehead as a visible sign of one's faith. I found it interesting that two of those attending our

Ash Wednesday service, asked the priest to sprinkle the ashes on the top of their heads. After some research, I found that the custom I grew up with was only done in English-speaking countries. I am often amazed how the different traditions within our Roman Catholic Church vary from country to country, something that Richard's mother stated when she visited the United States. You learn something every day.

As for St. Valentine's Day, I hope you were able to not only reflect upon your love of our Lord, but spend it with those you love. It's not about the flowers and candy, it's about the significance of the message of St. Valentine. Since every day I spend with Richard is like Valentine's Day, the fact that we were apart this year will make our moments together even more special. Besides, the roses came the day before and I don't eat chocolate. Hope yours was "lovable."

President J. Drobot, Jr. attended the 11th Annual Polish Folk Dance Festival sponsored by the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI. Among those participating: PRCUA Michigan Schools Gwiazda and Halka performed with speeches by both President Drobot and Director (D-10) Thomas Lisiecki.

The 14th Annual Polish Day in Lemont, IL was celebrated on Sunday, February 18 hosted by the Polish Club in Lemont at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. The celebration commenced with Holy Mass and was followed by a very impressive presentation of this year's theme "100 Years since Poland regained its independence." The script, songs and slide show was prepared by Grazyna Witkowski who together with her husband Richard have long served the Polish Club of Lemont (he is the current President) as well as the St. John Paul II Polish School. The Polanie Dancers of JPII Polish School, under the direction of Richard Jaminski also participated in both song and dance. Some of the patriotic songs that were performed took me back to my own Polish school days when these songs were part of the curriculum. I understand their significance more now. The Mayor of Lemont, John Egofski, presented a Proclamation of Polish Day to Mr. Witkowski. The Honorary Citizens of Lemont for the year 2018 are



Fr. Totzke listening to the second reading presented by
Anna Marrah at the Ash Wednesday observance

Kazimiera and Kazimierz Cislo whose children and grandchildren are active members of the PRCUA.

On Thursday, February 22, the PRCUA and PMA hosted dignitaries from the city of Lublin, Poland: Rev. Professor Jaroslaw Jeczen - Director of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Bartosz Rybak - Legal Advisor for non-governmental organizations for the Lublin Voivodeship, and Art Tobolski - Director of International Development from the PACC.

The 27th Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball was another beautiful event that celebrated the youth of PRCUA. The graduates were presented to PRCUA dignitaries, family, and friends and were honored for their many accomplishments and contributions to PRCUA. The ball began with a promenade followed by dinner. A variety of social dances were then performed by the Candidates and their escorts. I would like to congratulate the PRCUA Michigan School Graduates for 2018: Evelyn Kasperek from Halka Dancers (Detroit); Megan Milot from Opole Dance School (Warren); Natalie Walsh from Rogalin Dance Troupe (Wyandotte); Courtney Cibor from Syrena Dance Ensemble (Dearborn Heights); Grace Bertucci and Amanda Johnson from Tatry Dancers (Dearborn Heights); Joelle Sanders and Anna Napiewocki from Wieliczka Dance Ensemble (Redford). A lottery-style drawing for scholarships took place after the presentation - winners are Anna Napiewocki, Grace Bertucci, Evelyn Kasperek and Courtney Cibor. The graduates also presented monetary awards to Orchard Lake Seminary, the PRCUA Education Scholarship Fund and American Polish Assistance Association. Special recognition was bestowed upon Patricia (Wojnarowski) Steven, who for 19 years was the Director of the PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble. She joined Syrena in 1986 when her oldest son was enrolled and held several board positions before becoming its Director in 1998. Patricia started dancing at the age of 3 with the PRCUA West Side Dancers.



Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball - the graduates



PRCUA Officers with Directors and Dance Instructors of PRCUA Michigan Schools



Patricia Steven (ctr) received flowers and Syrena school leaders were recognized



L-r: James Robaczewski, Wallace and Joann Ozog, Thaddeus and Sally Klamerus, Joseph and Judy Drobot, Micheline and Richard Jaminski



Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc with Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski

PRCUA Secretary.-Treasurer. James Robaczewski helped Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc celebrate his 90th Birthday on February 25. Rev. Iwuc served as PRCUA National Chaplain from 1978 to 1986 and has been PRCUA Vice Chaplain for 32 years! He is truly blessed by God for 90 years - "this is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24.

On March 4, our little granddaughter Ariana will turn 2! Happy birthday to you my little love!



Ariana Turkiewicz

*Zdrowych i Wesolych Świąt Wielkanocnych
oraz spokoju i radości w prawdziwie wiosennym nastroju.
Alleluja!*

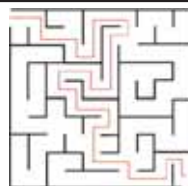
Without Easter,
there would be no hope of heaven.
Without the hope of heaven,
there would be no repentance,
no personal transformation,
no attempt to follow biblical principles.

Without Easter,
the world would be in chaos and darkness
Jesus' death and resurrection
means we can be reborn,
to live better, to do better,
to shine light into the shadows.
Hallelujah! Happy, Happy Easter.

By Joanna Fuchs

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish words: Letter T: 1. TOREBKA, 2. TULIPAN, 3. TĘCZA, 4. TYGRYS,
5. TELERZ, 6. TRUSKAWKA
Find Two Identical Cards: 6 and 8
Winter Maze: →



Adult Culture Group of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America extends a cordial invitation to you and your friends to attend the **43rd Annual Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon with Entertainment**

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball Candidates.

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DISTRICT #7 CORNEBEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Sunday, March 18, 2018

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Dinner at 2 p.m.

PRCUA Social Hall

984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

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The Echoes of Poland

Pierogi Dozen Sale

March 23, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



PRCUA Hall

5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH

\$ 9.00

Cheese, Potato, Kraut, Mixed (Cheese, Potato)

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Zajacek Dancers Keep a Busy Schedule

Celebrating
Mass Together

Utica, MI – A thank you is extended to the PRCUA Zajacek Dancers for making the Polish Mass on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Utica, Michigan, so beautiful! Pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Father Roman Pasieczny, looked happy as we celebrated our Polish heritage.



Zajacek dancers after the Mass at St. Lawrence Church

It's Picture Night - Zajacek Style



Zajacek Ensemble presenting their colorful costumes

On Thursday, January 18, Zajacek Dance Ensemble gathered for their annual school picture night! The school consists of 114 students and 70 families. One can only imagine the chaotic fun the group had when everyone got together to pose for a photograph. For this night, all groups were required to wear their assigned "regional costumes" representing the many various regions of Poland. These costumes are colorful and beautifully detailed. They will be worn for the regional dances presented at the Ensemble's Recital on Saturday, March 10, 2018. As readers can see from all the smiles, everything turned out "picture perfect" in the end!



The oldest dancers in the costumes from the period of the Duchy of Warsaw



Costumes from the region of Śląsk



Costumes from the region of Rzeszów

Costumes from the City of Cieszyn



Costumes from the City of Krakow

Costumes from the Wielkopolska region

Practice Makes Perfect!

On Saturday, February 3, Zajacek Dancers from Sterling Heights, Michigan, put on their dancing shoes and had a group practice for its upcoming annual recital. Please see our announcement below for more information. You are invited to join us for an afternoon of music, song, and dance!



Submitted By: Karrie Westphal
Secretary, Zajacek Dance Ensemble

Our sincere apologies to Tracy Katherine Suchyta, Zajacek Dance Ensemble Graduate, whose biography (below) was accidentally omitted in the article entitled 13th Annual Zajacek Dance Ensemble Graduate Ball, which appeared in the February 2018 issue of the *Narod Polski*.

We congratulate Ms. Suchyta and wish her much success in the future.

Tracy Katherine Suchyta is the daughter of Marjorie and Thomas Suchyta. Tracy has danced for Zajacek for 13 years. She is an honors senior at Regina Catholic High School and a member of the Regina varsity track and cross country teams. She particularly enjoyed being the defensive end for the victorious Regina Powderpuff team. Tracy has performed in plays and musicals at both Regina and De LaSalle and swims on the Forest Hills swim team during the summer. She has been an usher at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica for 5 years. Tracy plans a career in graphic design. She will attend college next fall.



PRCUA Zajacek Dance Ensemble

13th Annual Recital of Music, Song, and Dance



Saturday, March 10, 2018
2:30 P.M.

Warren Woods Auditorium
13400 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI

Admission \$7.00

Any Past PRCUA Alumni who would like to participate in our annual recital please contact: Colleen Bonkowski - zajacekdance@yahoo.com; Rachael Kasperek - rocki_road@yahoo.com; Tricia Dennis - triciamdennis@gmail.com

Special Guests to be Honored by Orchard Lake Schools

His Eminence Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz – The former Archbishop of Kraków will visit the Orchard Lake Schools on March 7-8, 2018. He will be honored for his decades of accomplishments and support of the campus community. He will also meet with the Polish American Congress and celebrate two very special Holy Masses.

The honorary alumnus was appointed by Archbishop Wojtyła to the position of his personal secretary in October 1966, a position he held through Wojtyła's election as Pope John Paul II, when Cardinal Dziwisz was appointed as the Pope's principal private secretary, a position he held 27 years until the time of the Pontiff's death in 2005. In 2006, Bishop Dziwisz was named a cardinal.

All of Polonia is invited to attend a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dziwisz on Wednesday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake/Archdiocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II on the grounds of the Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake, MI. Mass will be followed by a Special Recognition Dinner in the Orchard Lake Schools' Dining Hall at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$80.00. To purchase dinner tickets online, go to: www.orchardlakeschools.com or call Joanna Olejniczak-Caushaj at 248-706-5363. All proceeds will be used to benefit the St. John Paul II Center in Kraków, Poland. This visit is sponsored by the John Paul II "Be Not Afraid" Foundation.

Professor Piotr Wilczek – It is with great joy that the Orchard Lake Schools announce that Professor Piotr Wilczek, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in the United States and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, has been selected as the recipient of the 71st Fidelitas Medal in recognition of his scholarly achievements and support of OLS and Polonia. He will be recognized at the annual Ambassadors Ball which will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Michigan. For more information, go to: www.orchardlakeschools.com.

News from PRCUA #1593

St. John Paul II Society - Warren, MI

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AND MORE - It snowed on Friday! It snowed on Saturday! It snowed on Sunday and... St. John Paul II Society was having their annual "Euchre Tournament and More" on Sunday, February 11 at 5 Star Bowling Lanes. Everyone assumed the attendance would probably be low due to the weather conditions. However, to our surprise, it was not so. The number of people who came out was more than expected. Those who did not play Euchre, played Pinochle and the children played Skip-Bo. At this family event, pizza, pop and other beverages were served. Participants had the opportunity to win door prizes, game prizes, raffle prizes, and money prizes. Although the weather was miserable outdoors, everyone enjoyed mingling with one another and having fun.

The lucky Euchre winners were (1st) John Klein, (2nd) Bill Miller and (3rd) Scott Zoltowski. The money raffle tickets were sent to all members and friends. The winning ticket numbers were: (1st) #0151, (2nd) #0057, (3rd) #0097 and (4th) #0212. A hearty "thank you" goes out to all who supported the raffle and/or the "Euchre Tournament and More."

Barb Ozog, Sports and Activities Director, did a great job in chairing the



event, with assistance from Christopher Ozog, Celeste Grabowski, Linda Ciarkowski, Wally Ozog, Joann Ozog, Cindy Cooper, John Godin, Diane Godin and Beth Zoltowski.

Much appreciation goes to the following people for the many beautiful prizes they donated: Judy Burzynski, Diane Godin, John Godin, Joann Ozog, Celeste Grabowski, Linda Ciarkowski, Barb Ozog and Cindy Cooper. This event was successful due to the cooperation of both participants and workers and we thank you all.

NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT - The next big event that St. John Paul II Society will host is the National PRCUA Bowling Tournament on April 13-15, 2018 at Imperial Lanes, 44650 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township, MI. Look in the Naród Polski for more information. Come out to bowl or come out to cheer the bowlers. PRCUA is your organization and the Bowling Tournament is a time to meet and socialize with members from various Societies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Election of Officers took place at the January meeting. All officers remained the same except one. Wallace Ozog was re-elected President, Bernie Ciarkowski replaced Julius Szymczyk as Vice-President, Judy Burzynski is Recording Secretary, Celeste Grabowski remains Treasurer and Joann Ozog continues as Financial Secretary. The Auditors are Cindy Cooper and Linda Ciarkowski; Barb Ozog is the Sports and Activities Director. We congratulate these individuals and greatly appreciate their willingness to assume their respective office. We thank Julius for his many years of dedicated service to the Society. We wish him all the best and may he continue to support the programs offered by the PRCUA.

NOTE TO MEMBERS: The Election of Delegates from St. John Paul II Society to the National PRCUA Quadrennial Convention will be held on April 24th at St. Anne Jr. High School Building at 7:00 p.m.

*Submitted by Joann Ozog
Photos by Grace Ozog*

2018 PRCUA Reverse Raffle



PRCUA Hall - Saturday, April 28, 2018

5255 N. Detroit Avenue Toledo, Ohio



5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Dinner - 6:00 pm

DOOR PRIZES!

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Hosted by District #7

Sunday, April 22, 2018

PRCUA Social Hall

984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL

Entry: 12:30 p.m.

Luncheon 1:00 p.m.

Adults - \$30
Children under 10 - \$15.00

Send reservations to:
Mateusz Bomba
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642
773-782-2636
RSVP by April 13, 2018



**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.

**DELEGATE ELECTION MEETING INFORMATION NEEDED
BY MARCH 15, 2018
FOR NARÓD POLSKI CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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 15, 2018 to have the Society's meeting listed in the April and/or May issue of the *Naród Polski's* Calendar of Events.

**NOTICE TO SOCIETY OFFICERS
ON CONVENTION REPRESENTATION**

The 62nd Quadrennial Convention of the PRCUA is quickly approaching. The Secretary-Treasurer reminds all officers of PRCUA Societies of a very important provision in the Constitution and By-Laws governing the representation of Societies at the Convention.

Section Three, Article 03E, Delegates to the Convention, Paragraph 6

“A Society delinquent to the UNION more than two (2) months in its assessments loses its rights to representation at the Convention.”

The accounts of a majority of Societies are current, therefore this notice does not apply to them. However, any Society which is delinquent is encouraged to bring their accounts up-to-date immediately so that your Society will meet the qualifications of the Constitution for representation at the Convention, which is the most important gathering of our fraternal organization.

James Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI, ACS, Secretary-Treasurer

**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, State, Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Your PRCUA Society Number _____

Changes proposed to these articles:

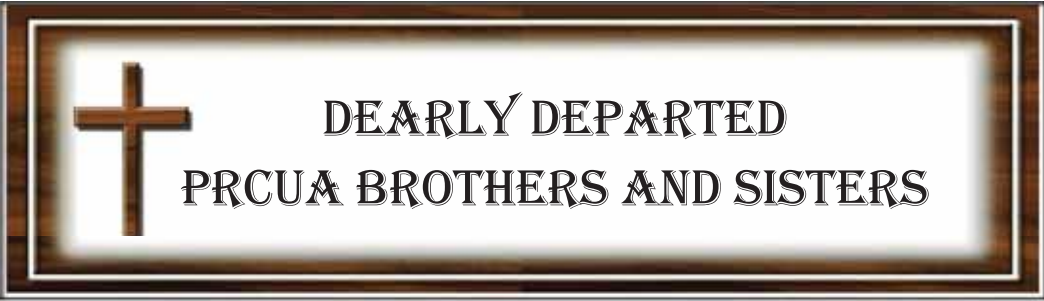
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Title of Article _____

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



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Adamski, Richard J.	719	OH	Rubach, Leonard F.	540	NY
Bargiel, Gerald	1004	IL	Rybakiewicz, Theodore	294	NJ
Bednara, Ann M.	1004	IL	Sadowski, Julianna	2303	WI
Bohnak, Anthony J.	1004	IL	Salata, Daniel M.	1000	IL
Boland, Joseph	294	NJ	Sarnowski, Thomas	1541	PA
Bolek, Benny	718	MI	Schmidt, Dorothy	2308	WI
Bossi, Nancy A.	693	IN	Schwoyer, Marie	2013	PA
Czajka, Mary C.	87	MI	Scipior, James J.	89	WI
Dzienny, Lawrence J.	1617	OH	Serowski, Edwin	2109	OH
Gadawski, Edward	712	NY	Smigielski, Felicia	1593	VA
Huss, Arlene A.	1099	IL	Sochowski, Clarence F.	878	IL
Kass, Leon F.	2303	WI	Staats, Charles	2144	GA
Kazmier, Gerald J.	2148	OH	Staib, Adeline	1486	IL
Kolano, Joseph T.	479	CA	Stampski, James	2342	MI
Kolodziej, Bernard	1615	PA	Stanislowski, Anna	2302	WI
Konieczny, Sophie E.	850	IN	Staniszewski, Frances	2010	NJ
Kowalski, Dorothy E.	2342	MI	Staszak, Robert S.	237	PA
Kulpa, Dolores E.	896	NJ	Stempien, Loren M.	718	MI
Laase, Barrett M.	471	IL	Stepien, Eugenia J.	880	IL
Mankowski, Dorothy C.	750	NY	Steulluto, George L.	237	VA
Muszynski, Ann	385	NY	Stopka, Diane M.	1206	IL
Narwich, Anna	31	PA	Strauser, Edward M.	36	OH
O' Sickey, Anthony J.	2108	OH	Szalkus, Anthony L.	308	IL
Penksa, Bernadine	1032	PA	Szczepanski, Stephen	1493	MI
Pentek, Steve R.	1031	FL	Szot, Florence	593	IL
Peternell, Frances K.	817	WI	Urbanski, Matthew	525	NY
Pilis, Edward J.	353	NY	Wilczek, Maria	1575	IL
Pius, Walter	240	PA	Wrzochalski, Sophia	1593	MI
Pogoda, Louis	2227	MA	Ydiski, Lawrence	1000	IL
Prusinski, Genevieve	463	CT	Zepek, Helen	1024	PA
Ropacki, Thomas J.	354	AZ	Zikosky, Marian C.	1380	PA

May they rest in eternal peace.

APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
FOR MEMBERS OF PRCUA FATHER AL'S SOCIETY #1493

Members of Fr. Al's Society #1493 can apply for this college scholarship by submitting the following information on two separate pieces of paper or via e-mail:

- 1) Member Name
 - 2) Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
 - 3) Primary Phone Number
 - 4) E-Mail Address
 - 5) College you are or will be attending in the Fall 2018. It must be verified with a copy of a document such as letter of acceptance, transcript, class schedule, or similar material.
 - 6) Your course of study.
- On a separate paper use full sentences to answer the following:
- 7) How have you participated in PRCUA National or Society functions?
 - 8) How have you participated/volunteered in church activities?
 - 9) How have you participated/volunteered in community activities?
 - 10) What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
 - 11) Are your annual PRCUA Society dues paid?

PLEASE NOTE:

Application must include a letter of recommendation from your church or community.
Society dues must be paid and up-to-date.
Scholarships will be based on funds available.
Checks will be made payable to the school; not to the applicant.
Scholarships are for Full-Time college students.
Scholarships are only available to a recipient four (4) times.

Application must be received by July 1, 2018.

Please send to:

PRCUA #1493
Attn: Scholarship Committee
35030 Stellwagen St.
Wayne, MI 48184

Or via e-mail to: ozog@hotmail.com. Email subject should include "2018 Father Al's Scholarship" If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Ozog at 734-674-9734.



Second Annual PRCUA Malbork Recital!
Saturday, March 24, 2018
12PM – 3PM

St. Mary Magdalen Parish
1253 52nd St SE, Kentwood, MI 49508
Admission is free (donations greatly appreciated!)

Please join us as we celebrate our second year of dance!
Our event will start with a presentation from groups one and two followed by raffle basket drawings, a 50/50 raffle, and a luncheon catered by **Three Men and A Grill**.

Dinner plates are available for only \$15 per plate and drink tickets \$1/pop, \$2/beer, \$3/wine. All food and beverage tickets must be purchased in advance.

RSVP and buy your tickets by **Monday, March 12th**
to guarantee food and drink!

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For more information contact:
Anthony Zasuwa, PRCUA Fraternal Field Organizer
(616) 856-2038 | anthony-zasuwa@prcu.org



PRCUA #162 Sacred Heart of Jesus Society

Presents

The 2nd Annual

POLKA BENEFIT DANCE

Proceeds Benefit The American Cancer Society

Featuring Music by



Lenny Gomulka's Chicago Push



The Music Company

Admission: \$20

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Music from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

PRCUA Hall

1430 Oak Street Wyandotte, MI 48192

Share the Wealth Raffles

Polish Kitchen Cash Bar No B.Y.O.B.

For Additional Information Contact:

Staś Pasko (734) 284-5929

John Zelasko Sr. (734) 671-9366

**Scholarship Program 2018
New England Fraternal Alliance**

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded by the New England Fraternal Alliance to students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year in college or in graduate school. To be eligible, an applicant must be a New England resident and a member (or son/daughter of a member) of a fraternal benefit society that holds a membership in the New England Fraternal Alliance, such as the PRCUA. For an application and guidelines go to:

www.prcua.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Application-2018.pdf

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Higher Perspectives

A.M.D.G. - "MARCH"ING

An oxymoron! This Lent of 2018, Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day. How could we freely celebrate LOVE on such a solemn day?

The fact is that it is love that we celebrate, in a special way, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So THIS IS LOVE – Jesus, God Himself taking on human form, born poor, living in a family, enduring trials, temptations and doubts, and dying . . . just like us! Like us, He never wanted suffering, sorrow, rejection, abandonment. For Jesus, love was taken to the extreme. He totally submitted to the Will of the Father in offering Himself. We take our cue from Him on "how to do it."

So, how do we get closer in our lives to this perfect model – Jesus? The month of March gives us a clue – we can start "march"ing. As kids, many of us were members of the Girl or Boy Scouts or at school we sang the song, "We are marching to Pretoria": "Walk with me, I'll walk with you and so we will walk together . . . and so we are all together as we march along. We are marching to Pretoria...Hoorah!"

We should all be marching along . . . to heaven (our Pretoria). As we march together, we strengthen and encourage one another. By good example we influence each other for good. By faith, hope, and love, we live out our Christian calling. Jesus is our inspiration, example, and guide.

"Just do it!" is a popular phrase these days. What on earth am I doing for heaven's sake! Is my spiritual life stuck this Lent on only giving up something? A high school junior decided to give up Oreos this Lent. Can we adults encourage each other not just to "give" up but to "shape" up?

The ashes placed on our foreheads remind us of our nothingness. But we must keep our nothingness buried in the power and mercy of God. We accept our lot with humility and march forward in our efforts to grasp life, in the model of Jesus. Let us slowly transform ourselves into the best imitation of Jesus.

This Lent, let us give new consideration to the great Act of Love we celebrate in every Holy Mass – a Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

A visionary in our day sorts out three types of people who attend Mass: those who are conscious of offering their whole selves with the sacrifice of Jesus, those who bring nothing to the Mass, and those who show up only out of obligation.

We bring our total selves to the altar – offering our nothingness to the Father, with Jesus. Bread and wine transformed, transforms us. This Lent, let us refocus and make our lives a Liturgy.

Jesus is here for you alone. He is present in the Tabernacle of our hearts, in the Tabernacle in our churches, exposed in the Blessed Sacrament and offered at every Mass.

Let us use our first-line of defense – prayer and the practice of the Presence of God. Let us deepen our conviction that God always has more for us – more love, more grace, more peace. I am in the Lord's presence. He is looking over me. In my personal relationship with Him, God has me covered. Let us not take our eyes off the Lord. Let us cast our cares upon the Lord. As I become more open to God, He will use me. Let us focus on the endgame – getting to heaven. Let us bring as many people with us as we can.

As the Virgin Mother Mary looked down into the Baby Face of the Son of God, and as she looked up from the foot of the Cross into the Holy Face of her innocent Crucified Son, let us look on the Face of Jesus and draw near to Him. Draw near – full of trust. Beg and give thanks. Take as many treasures from God as you can carry (St. Faustina).

Keep marching! DOMINUS TECUM (The Lord is with you!)

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to you

That with your saints I may praise you

For ever and ever. Amen.



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

Second Group of Honorees Inducted into Polish Women's Hall of Fame

Hamtramck, MI – The Piast Institute inducted the second set of remarkable women into the Polish Women's Hall of Fame on September 1, 2017. Women were selected in all six categories featured in the Hall of Fame. The honorees are:



Stephanie L. Kwolek

Science and Education: Stephanie Louise Kwolek (1923-2014) is the inventor of Kevlar. After finishing a Bachelor of Science degree at the Margaret Morrison Carnegie College of Carnegie Mellon University in 1946, Kwolek accepted a position at DuPont where she became involved in polymer research. She is the only woman to have been awarded DuPont's Lavoisier Medal for her achievements. She has also been recognized by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, the American Institute of Chemists, the American Chemical Society, the National Women's Hall of Fame, and the Royal Society of Chemistry in the United Kingdom.



M. Abakanowicz

Arts and Humanities: Magdalena Abakanowicz (1930-2017) was an artist. While Abakanowicz began her career as a painter in Poland in the 1950s, she is best known as a sculptor. Her most famous works are headless human forms made from sackcloth stiffened with glue and resin, which are fitted over steel frames. Her work has been displayed all over the world. Her most famous installation in the United States is *Agora*, a set of 106 iron figures on display in Grant Park in Chicago, Illinois.



Bl. M.A. Truszkowska

Religion: Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska (1825-1898) is the founder of the Felician Sisters. Interested since childhood in serving people in need, Truszkowska became a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a young woman. She worked among the poor and aided with the religious education of abandoned children. In 1855 she dedicated herself and founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice—the Felician Sisters. The Order grew, both under her direction and after her retirement, sending its first five Sisters to America in 1874. She was beatified in 1993.



Antonina Zabinska

Public Life and Service: Antonina Zabińska (1908-1971) was the subject of the book *The Zookeeper's Wife*, who helped shelter many Jews in the Warsaw Zoo during the Nazi occupation of Poland by offering them food and temporary quarters. Zabińska continued her humanitarian work by aiding survivors who remained in Warsaw's ruins after the Warsaw Uprising, despite the deportation of her husband as a prisoner of war. She was also the author of several children's books written from the perspective of animals. She, along with her husband, has been recognized as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem.



Jenny Romatowski

Sports: Jenny Romatowski (1927-2014) played on several teams of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. In addition to her four years—and 1954 championship—with the Kalamazoo Lassies, she also played with the South Bend Blue Sox, the Rockford Peaches, the Chicago Colleens, the Racine Belles, and the Peoria Redwings. She was a member of the All-Star Teams of 1952 and 1953. She was also a member of the U.S. national team of the 1959 World Field Hockey Tournament, and vice president of the U.S. Field Hockey Association. She has been honored by the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame, the Eastern Michigan University Hall of Fame, and the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.



Valeria Lipczynska

Philanthropy: Valeria Lipczynska (1846-1930) was a cornerstone of the Polish community in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Lipczynska and her husband arrived in Grand Rapids in 1869, and helped at least forty other Polish families settle in the area. She was instrumental in the organization and establishment of a variety of Polish American organizations in the Grand Rapids area. She also helped immigrants establish themselves and find employment, supported the arts, and served as a correspondent for Polish newspapers in the Midwest. She was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors of the Polish National Alliance. She received the Polish Golden Service Cross for her work with immigrants in 1927.

The first honorees were inducted in March 2017, when the project was officially launched. The Polish Women's Hall of Fame is a virtual exhibit hosted at www.FamousPolishWomen.com. The project seeks to raise awareness of women's contributions to the culture and history of Poland and the world by offering biographical profiles of notable women and historical information. It also seeks to honor the impact that less famous local women have had on countless individuals' lives through the *A Woman to Remember* page.

The Polish Women's Hall of Fame has two selection cycles each year, with new honorees announced in March and September. Nominations are accepted from the public through January 1 for the March selection cycle and through July 1 for the September selection cycle. Members of the public are encouraged to submit nominations using the forms available, in English and in Polish, on the project website. Completed forms may be submitted online, by email, or by mail.

The *A Woman to Remember* page accepts nominations on a rolling basis, and is intended to honor the contributions of women—mothers, sisters, friends, teachers, and so many more—to the life of the nominator. These stories are not subject to review by the Selection Committee, and the women are not formally inducted into the Hall of Fame—instead, stories are posted when they are received and are intended to reflect a range of personal accomplishments and experiences.

For more information on the project, please visit the website or contact the Piast Institute at: info@piastinstitute.org

CONGRATULATIONS

Introducing the Winners of the 2017 PRCUA Christmas Special

Chicago, IL - The PRCUA is pleased to announce that Sophie Chan (Society #1633), Kiersten Hopko (Society #2109), and Hudson Latoski (Society #701) were selected as winners of the 3 Grand Prizes in 2017 PRCUA Christmas Special. The Christmas Special was offered on all PRCUA Single Pay Life Insurance Certificates for children ages 2 weeks to 15 years and 5 months, purchased between November 1, 2017 and January 2018. Congratulations to all of the young winners. Welcome to the PRCUA Family!



Sophie Chan was born in December of 2016. To keep with Polish traditions, on Christmas Eve the family says a prayer, shares Oplatki, and has pierogi, kielbasa, and sauerkraut for the vigil. Sophie joined the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America when her Great Grandmother Patricia Franks gave Sophie and her brother memberships in the PRCUA as a gift.

Kiersten Hopko is a 13-year-old 8th grader at St. Albert the Great School in North Royalton, Ohio. She is very involved in activities at school includes choir, drama club, youth ministry, power of the pen, and piano accompanist at school Masses. Upon her graduation in May she will be attending Holy Name High School with scholarships in academics and music.

Kiersten joins all members of her family, her mom, grandmother, aunts, uncles, sister, and cousins as recipients of PRCUA insurance policies. Her uncle Joseph Lecznar, President of Lodge #2109, has continually impressed upon all members of the family the importance of their Polish heritage. He encourages attendance at Polish community activities as a means of highlighting Polish culture. As holders of PRCUA insurance policies, Kiersten and her family receive the *Naród Polski*, which helps to keep them abreast of the activities in the Polish community. Kiersten wishes to thank the PRCUA for the wonderful prize and the opportunity to purchase insurance for her future at a reasonable and affordable price.



Hudson Michael Latoski was born January 11, 2017 to his loving parents, Jason and Alicia of Elk Grove, CA. Hudson's uncle, PRCUA member Steven Latoski, of Kingman, AZ established Hudson's membership in PRCUA as his first birthday gift. Rooted in Polish culture, family and health represent the most important values to the Latoski family, from the teachings and practice of Hudson's parents to his proud grandparents Steve and Mary of Sheboygan, WI and Ted and Barbara Odiome of Carmichael, CA. As Hudson grows, he will live to find beauty in everyday life, follow ancestral values, experience, and self-explore Polish culture with his family's encouragement toward faith, education, camaraderie, travel, and celebration.

Hamtramck's PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers Accepted to 10TH World Children's Folk Festival in Iwonicz Zdrój Poland

Hamtramck, MI – The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers proudly announce their acceptance to the 10th World Children's Folk Festival in Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland. The Gwiazda Dancers will travel to Poland to participate in the Festival, which will be held from July 18 to 25, 2018. Gwiazda's acceptance from the festival organizers culminates two years of preparation on their "Road to Iwonicz."

Organized by *Wspólnota Polska – Rzeszów* and held every three years, the event features children's Polish folk dance ensembles from all over the world. The 2015 Festival featured ensembles from the United States, Canada, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Russia, Lithuania, and Latvia.

"To say that Gwiazda is excited is an understatement," said Jessica Wendt, Gwiazda's Director. "We are so excited to provide this opportunity for our dancers to perform and celebrate their heritage at an internationally recognized Festival in Poland. This would not be possible without the support of the entire community of Hamtramck and beyond, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, as well as the commitment of the parents and the dancers to hours of practicing and exceptional fundraising. Thanks and congratulations to the dancers, the parents, our choreographer, Basia Nowakowski, and all the officers of the group. It could not be done without any of you!"

The PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers are the first Polish Folk Ensemble from Hamtramck, Michigan to be accepted to this Festival. They are thrilled to represent the United States, the State of Michigan, the City of Hamtramck, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America at the Festival this summer.

About the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers

Founded in 1960, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers is part of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the oldest Polish fraternal organization in the United States of America. Based in Hamtramck, Michigan, they have represented metro-Detroit's Polonia at numerous events over the past 58 years.

Directed by Jessica Wendt and choreographed by Basia Nowakowski, the group accepts children ages 2-18. Its membership represents a cross-section of Metro Detroit's Polonia with students born in Poland, first generation Polish-Americans, and Polish Americans several generations removed from Poland. Congratulations, Gwiazda Dancers!



The 84th National PRCUA Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Wyandotte, MI, hosted by Sacred Heart Society #162. The committee, chaired by Stan Pasko with the help of Ryan Mahalak and John Bobrowski, has finalized the events as follows:

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

La Quinta Inn Detroit Southgate 12888 Reeck Rd. Southgate, MI 48195 Double Full or King Room: \$63 + Tax* Reservations: (734) 374-3000 by Feb. 16, 2018	Comfort Suites 18950 Northline Rd. Southgate, MI 48195 Double Queen or King Room: \$109 + Tax* Reservations: (734) 287-9200 by Feb. 22, 2018
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*Room rates per night, include Complimentary Breakfast. Make sure to mention code PRCUA Basketball.

SPORTS VENUES:

Lunch will be available at Wilson Middle School for all players.	
Wilson Middle School 1275 15th St. Wyandotte, MI 48192	St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish 266 Antoine St. Wyandotte, MI 48192

GAME DIVISIONS:

- Men's Open
- Women's (3 on 3)
- Men's Over 50 (3 on 3, must be over age 50)

HOSPITALITY GATHERING: PRCUA #162 Lounge
1430 Oak St.
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Friday, March 9 at 5:00 p.m. – Food and complimentary draft beer & wine will be available from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Lounge will remain open until 2:00 a.m.

AWARDS BANQUET: Saturday, March 10, at PRCUA Soc. #162 Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Full dinner - Cash Bar. Awards Presentation after dinner. Polish American Music by the New Brass Express from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

MASS: Our Lady of the Scapular Parish, 976 Pope John Paul II Ave., Wyandotte, MI.
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.; Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Polish), or 12:00 Noon.


All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the court.


New PRCUA players are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun. If there are any questions, please call the Fraternal Department toll-free at: 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2636.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. National President	Micheline Jaminski Vice President	James Robaczewski Secretary Treasurer
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For more info, visit PRCUA.org/sports

81st NATIONAL PRCUA
BOWLING TOURNAMENT
— 2018 —
HOSTED BY PRCUA SOCIETY # 1593





IMPERIAL LANES BOWLING ALLEY
44650 GARFIELD RD, CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI
(586) 586-8700; www.IMPERIALLANES.com

Entries must be received by Friday, March 23, 2018

The 81st National PRCUA Bowling Tournament will be held on April 13, 14, and 15. The Tournament will be held at the **Imperial Lanes**, 44650 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township, MI and is being hosted by PRCUA Saint John Paul II Society #1593.

Once again we are excited to announce that since we have a bowling facility with enough lanes to accommodate our entire group, we are going to have only one squad bowl on each day. This means that we will not have a morning squad on Friday (singles and doubles) or Saturday (team). We will still have a morning squad on Sunday (singles and doubles) for those who cannot bowl on Friday. This exciting change will allow more of us to bowl at the same time!

Squad times are as follows:

- Singles/Doubles – Friday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m.
- Team Event – Saturday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. (Opening Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.)
- Singles/Doubles – Sunday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.

To secure your entry (and preferred squad day for singles and doubles), be sure to send in your completed entry form promptly, along with the appropriate entry fees (\$25 per person per event) by the deadline. Please be sure to fill in all of the information on the entry form, including averages. The deadline for submitting your entry is **Friday, March 23, 2018**.

The La Quinta Inn & Suites in Utica, MI will be the host hotel for the Tournament. To reserve a room, call the number listed below and ask for **group rate #10491091**. **LA QUINTA INN & SUITES**, 45311 Park Ave., Utica, MI. Tel. (586) 731-4700 or (866) 527-1498. **Room Rate:** \$85.50, must be booked before 3/23/18 and is subject to availability.

In addition to the bowling activities, our friends at PRCUA Society #1593 have been busy planning a fun and exciting event for us all. Valerie Brumm, Barb Ozog, and Celeste Grabowski, along with their team, are going to host the following:

HOSPITALITY: A gathering will be held at the host hotel (La Quinta) from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday April 12th. Food and soft drinks will be provided.

CELEBRATION OF MASS: A list of local churches and Mass times will be provided at the Tournament.

AWARDS CEREMONY: The awards ceremony will be held after the completion of the team event on Saturday at Dave & Buster's from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. A buffet and soft drinks will be provided.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE: PRCUA Society #1593 is also adding their own incentive to get folks to get their entry forms in early. **The EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION will give entrants who get their fully-completed entry forms and fees in by the below cutoffs FREE entries into a prize raffle.**

- Complete the entry form and send it along with fees by February 28th to receive FIVE FREE RAFFLE TICKETS
- Complete the entry form and send it along with fees between March 1st-12th to receive ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET
- Entry forms postmarked after March 12th - NO FREE RAFFLE TICKET

NEW JACKPOTS: For the not-so-serious bowler who still wants a chance to win some extra cash this year, we are introducing three new jackpots.

- **Make Your Average** is just that. Bowl your average and wait for your name to get randomly selected to collect some cold hard cash. Don't make your average? Don't worry. Check out the next jackpot.
- **Lucky Lane** means you just show up and bowl to be eligible. Get randomly picked for money if your lane number and bowler position is called (i.e. Lane #30 bowler #3).
- **Box Mystery** is just like boxing your lotto numbers. Three numbers will be randomly selected. If your bowling score is any combination of those three numbers you win! (i.e. 1-2-5 means bowlers with a 125, 152, 215 or 251 could win).

Please mark your calendars and send in your completed entry forms along with the appropriate entry fees in time to get entered into that free raffle! Also, make your hotel reservations and prepare to have a great time at the Tournament in the Detroit area! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Patrick Kosowski, PRCUA National Bowling Tournament Director

PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers January & February Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - After a short break for the holidays, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers shook off their winter blahs and are back in full swing for 2018. The group resumed its practices on January 8, 2018 at its normal practice space at the PLAV Post 10 in Hamtramck, Michigan. With several performances and appearances booked, and the 2018 spring recital on the horizon, the dancers were eager to return to practicing.

On January 24, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers (along with the PRCUA Opole Dancers) participated in the annual Detroit Pistons' Polish Heritage Night. For its performance, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak and a Polka. This is the first Polish Heritage Night held at the newly christened Little Caesar's Arena in downtown Detroit. Following the on-court performance, the dancers remained to watch the Pistons take on the Utah Jazz. Sadly, the Pistons fell to the Jazz 98-95.

On January 27, the Gwiazda Dancers hosted their annual Fowling Fundraiser at the Fowling Warehouse in Detroit, Michigan. Fowling is a sport whereby participants throw footballs across the floor and attempt to knock down bowling pins. Fowling has become quite popular and has been featured heavily in the Detroit press, but has been featured in articles in Time magazine as well as the Chicago Tribune. In addition to Fowling, the event featured lots of pizza, fantastic gift basket raffles (featuring baskets from Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage, the Detroit City FC Soccer Team, Café 1923, Recultured Designs, and from many other local businesses and individual patrons) and 50/50 raffles.

On February 10, the Gwiazda Dancers participated in the City of Hamtramck's annual Countdown to Pączki Day event. Pączki Day is usually held outdoors, under a giant circus-style tent, because the weather isn't always the most hospitable; 2018 was no exception. The day before, metro-Detroit was battered with cold temps and heavy snow, with schools and businesses declaring "snow days." However, that didn't put a damper on the activities. The tent was packed with revelers sampling pączki (donuts) from various Hamtramck bakeries, and enjoying the musical styling of the Misty Blues Polka Band. The Countdown to Pączki Day also features the "Pączki Run" - a 5K race through the streets of Hamtramck which is hosted by Tour de Troit. For its performance at the event, Gwiazda's two youngest groups performed the Krakowiak, a suite of dances from Rzeszów, and its favorite Polka. Following their performance, members of the group remained to listen to the Misty Blues and to sample the assorted pączki.

On February 17, Gwiazda participated in the 11th Annual Polish Folk Dance Festival held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. The event featured various Polish folk groups from the metro-Detroit area (including the PRCUA Halka Dancers) as well as from Windsor, Canada. It also featured performances from the Filarets Choir and a *dudy* (Polish bagpipes) demonstration and performance by Gwiazda parent Tom Osentoski and his daughter, Marianna Osentoski. Also in attendance were various PRCUA dignitaries including President and Mrs. Joseph Drobot, President Emeritus and Mrs. Wallace Ozog, and National Directors Thomas Lisiecki and Colleen Bonkowski. For its performance, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers presented a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki.

On Monday, February 19, the Gwiazda Dancers returned to their practice space as they continue to prepare for upcoming performances and their annual Spring Recital in April 2018.

Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski,
Gwiazda Secretary & 1997 alumnus



Gwiazda performs at Detroit Pistons' Polish Heritage Night



Gwiazda performs at Countdown to Pączki Day



Michael Wolniewicz and Lucyna Wendt with Mr. Paczek at Hamtramck's Countdown to Pączki Day Event



Gwiazda performing dances from Zywiec at the 11th Annual Polish Folk Dance Festival



Tom and Marianna Osentoski perform and demonstrate the *dudy* (Polish bagpipes)



Fraternal Recipe Corner

POLISH EASTER FAVORITES

Easter Babka

1/2 cup sugar, 1/3 cup milk (warm), 2 compressed yeast cakes (or two envelopes of active dry yeast), 1/4 cup flour, 3-1/4 cups flour, 6 eggs, 4 egg yolks, 1-3/4 sticks of melted butter that has been cooled, 2/3 cup raisins, pinch of salt, liquid fruit jam or icing for decoration

In a small glass bowl, dissolve the yeast in warm milk. Add 1 Tbsp. sugar and 1/4 cup of the flour. Set aside for 30 minutes in a warm place so the yeast can rise. In a medium bowl, mix the rest of the sugar, eggs and egg yolks, and the remaining flour; mix well. While mixing, add melted butter a little at a time. Then add a pinch of salt and raisins; mix. Grease babka mold(s) with butter and sprinkle with flour. Place the dough into mold(s), filled to no more than half as it will rise before and during baking. Put it in a warm place to double the volume. When sufficiently risen, preheat oven to 350°F and bake for 45 min. or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack, Drizzle icing made by whisking together confectioners' sugar, lemon juice, and boiling water or decorate with liquified fruit jam.

Potato and Horseradish Soup

Horseradish is an indispensable addition to Easter meats and cold meats, but it can also be used to prepare an aromatic, creamy soup.

1/2 cup chopped onion, 1 Tbsp. butter, 1/2 cup white wine, 1-1/2 quarts vegetable broth, 1/2 cup red potatoes; peeled and diced, 1 chopped clove of garlic, 1/2 cup thick sour cream, salt, white pepper, nutmeg, lemon juice, 4 Tbsp. of freshly-grated horseradish, 8 thin slices of smoked bacon, 8 very thin slices of stale country bread

Cook the onions in butter until translucent, add wine and broth, then add the potatoes and garlic, cook for 20-30 minutes. In a cup, mix the sour cream with a little of the hot soup, pour it back into the pot, mix and cook for 2 min. but do not bring to a boil. Season to taste; add horseradish and mix. Put bacon and bread on a baking tray and bake at 300°F, until both are crispy. Add a slice of toast and a slice of crisp bacon into each bowl before filling it with soup.

Fresh Polish Kielbasa Baked with Apples and Onions

1 lb. uncooked, unsmoked Polish sausage, 3 apples, 2 large onions, 1 cup apple cider, 1 Tbsp. brown sugar, 1/2 cup raisins, juice from half a lemon, 1 Tbsp. oil, salt, coarsely ground black pepper

Place sausage in a pot, cover with cold water. Cook on medium heat until the water almost boils - but it should not boil. Turn off the heat, leave the sausage in the water and cool for about 15-20 minutes. While the sausage is cooling, peel onions and cut into eights. Heat oil in a frying pan, add the onions, fry stirring gently, let the onions burn. Remove from the pan and put aside. Peel the apples and cut them into eights, remove the seeds, sprinkle with lemon juice. Place sausage in a baking dish, add onion, apples and raisins, pour the cider over the sausage, sprinkle with coarsely ground pepper and brown sugar. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake for 30 minutes, then increase the temperature to 400°F degrees and bake for another 10 minutes. Serve with *ćwikła* (grated red beets mixed with horseradish.).

Quail Eggs with Sauce

10 quail eggs, 2 dill or brine pickles, 2 Tbsp. plain yogurt, 2 Tbsp. mayonnaise, 2 Tbsp. canned green peas (drained), 6 marinated mushrooms (drained), salt and pepper to taste.

Boil the eggs for 4 minutes; cool with cold water. Peel eggshells and slice eggs in halves. Dice mushrooms and pickles finely, add yogurt, mayonnaise and peas; mix together. Season with salt and pepper and mix. Place the sauce on a plate and arrange halved eggs on top of the sauce.

PRCUA National Vice Chaplain
Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc
celebrated his 90th birthday on Feb. 24th.

Beloved Fr. Iwuc,
we wish you God's blessings,
and thank God for the gift
of your faith-filled life.

We pray that the Holy Spirit
will strengthen you to continue
to serve the Church and our members.

May God's love, grace and mercy
be with you today and always.

With much love, respect and appreciation,
PRCUA Officers, Directors, Staff, Members





MARZEC

- 2 TOLEDO, OH – OBIAD PIEROGOWY ZESPOŁU “ECHOES OF POLAND”**, piątek, 2 marca w PRCUA Hall, 5255 Detroit, Toledo, OH; w godz. 16:00-20:00; koszt obiadu \$9 - w tym 4 pierogi, sałata, jarzyny, chleb, masło, deser, kawa i napój owocowy; Weześniejsze zamówienia: 12 pierogów w cenie \$9.00 (z serem, ziemniakami, kapustą kiszoną lub mieszane z serem i ziemniakami) można składać do 23 lutego pod nr. telefonu: (419) 531-8658 lub (419) 475-6262.
- 3 WESTLAND, MI – ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE BOWLING KNOCK-OUT TOW. ŚW. STANISŁAWA #718** - sobota, 3 marca, Oak Lanes, 8540 Middlebelt, Westland, MI (skrzyżowanie Middlebelt & Joy Rd.) Rejestracja o 11:15, gry rozpoczną się o godzinie 12:00. Obiad i otwarty bar po zakończeniu rozgrywek w Stitt VFW na Waverly Street (na wschód od Telegraph Rd. i na południe od Warren Ave.) Koszt uczestnictwa - \$30 dla zawodników i \$25 dla uczestników nie biorących udziału w grze. Dodatkowe informacje: Ed i Janet Ryes, tel. (734) 459-9517. Uwaga: Rozgrywki pań mogą się zacząć z opóźnieniem.
- 4 CHICAGO RIDGE – 43. DOROCZNY POKAZ MODY GRUPY KULTURALNEJ DOROSŁYCH** - niedziela, 4 marca; początek o godz. 11:00, pokaz o godz. 12:00. Glendora Banquets, 10225 S. Harlem Ave, Chicago Ridge, IL. Szczegóły str. 23.
- 5 CHICAGO, IL – DOROCZNE OBCHODY DNIA PUŁASKIEGO** - poniedziałek, 5 marca o godz. 10:00, Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL - szczegóły na str. 21. **BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE**
- 8 MIĘDZYNARODOWY DZIEŃ KOBIET**
- 10 WYANDOTTE, MI – 84. OGÓLNOKRAJOWY TURNIEJ KOSZYKÓWKI ZPRKA** sobota, 10 marca w Wyandotte, MI. Gospodarzem jest Tow. Najświętszego Serca #162 ZPRKA. Przewodniczącym komitetu organizacyjnego jest Stanley Pasko. Szczegóły na str. 23.
- 10 WARREN, MI – 13. DOROCZNY RECITAL ZESPOŁU ZAJĄCZEK**, sobota, 10 marca. o godz. 14:30 w Warren Woods Auditorium, Warren, MI, 13400 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren, MI. Wstęp \$7.00. Byli tancerze, którzy chcieliby wziąć udział w przedstawieniu proszeni są o kontakt z: Colleen Bonkowski - zajaczekdance@yahoo.com, Rachael Kasperek - rocki_road@yahoo.com, Tricia Dennis - triciamdennis@gmail.com.
- 11 ZMIANA CZASU Z ZIMOWEGO NA LETNI**
- 11 WYANDOTTE, MI – ZEBRANIE TOW. #162, OBCHODY DNIA ŚW. PATRYKA I DOROCZNY OBIAD CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**, niedziela, 11 marca od godz. 13:30. PRCUA Soc. #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Informacje: prcu@wyan.org lub mhalbers@wyan.org
- 17 DZIEŃ ŚW. PATRYKA**
- 18 CHICAGO, IL – DOROCZNY OBIAD CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DYSTR. #7** - niedziela, 18 marca w świetlicy ZPRKA w Chicago. Początek o godz. 13:00, obiad o godz. 14:00. Szczegóły str. 21.
- 19 UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚW. JÓZEFA**
- 20 PIERWSZY DZIEŃ WIOSNY**
- 23 TOLEDO, OH – TOLEDO, OH - SPRZEDAŻ PIEROGÓW ZESPOŁU “ECHOES OF POLAND”** w piątek, 23 marca, PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH; w godz. 10:00-18:00. 12 pierogów w cenie \$9.00 (z serem, ziemniakami, kapustą kiszoną lub mieszane z serem i ziemniakami). Zamówienia należy składać do 9 marca pod nr. telefonu: (419) 531-8658 lub (419) 475-6262.
- 24 GRAND RAPIDS, MI – 2. DOROCZNY RECITAL WIOSENNY GRUPY TANECZNEJ „MALBORK”**, sobota, 24 marca. w godz. 12:00-15:00, w sali przy parafii Św. Marii Magdaleny, 1253 52nd St. SE, Kentwood, MI. Wstęp wolny (donacje mile widziane). W programie: występ taneczny, losowanie zwycięzców dwóch loterii, lunch przygotowany przez Three Men and A Grill. Koszt lunchu: \$15 od talerza; napoje: \$1/napoje gazowane, \$2/piwo, \$3/wino. Talony na lunch i napoje muszą być zakupione wcześniej. Prosimy o dokonywanie rezerwacji do poniedziałku, 12 marca. Dodatkowe informacje: Anthony Zasuwa, tel. (616) 856-2038 lub anthony-zasuwa@prcu.org
- 25 NIEDZIELA PALMOWA**
- 29 WIELKI CZWARTEK**
- 30 WIELKI PIĄTEK – BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE**
- 31 WIELKA SOBOTA**

KWIECIEŃ

- 1 NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA**
- 7 CENTERLINE, MI – DOROCZNY RECITAL ZESPOŁU „OPOLE”** - sobota, 7 kwietnia w Lincoln High School, Centerline, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Elizabeth, tel. (586) 944-9683.
- 13-15 WARREN, MI – 81. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI ZPRKA** - piątek-niedz., 13-15 kwietnia, w Imperial Lanes, 44650 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township, MI. Gospodarzem tegorocznego turnieju jest Tow. #1593 ZPRKA. Szczegóły na str. 23.
- 14 WYANDOTTE, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU „ROGALIN”** - sobota, 14 kwietnia.
- 15 LINCOLN PARK, MI - RECITAL ZESPOŁU „TATRY”** - niedziela, 15 kwietnia o godzinie 15:00. w Lincoln Park Public School, 1650 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI.
- 15 WARREN, MI – 58. DOROCZNY RECITAL WIOSENNY ZESPOŁU „GWIAZDA”** - niedziela, 15 kwietnia w Fitzgerald High School, Warren, MI.
- 22 WARREN, MI – 49. DOROCZNY RECITAL ZESPOŁU „HALKA”** - niedziela, 22 kwietnia, godz. 15:00, Van Dyke Community Auditorium w Lincoln High School, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI.
- 22 CHICAGO, IL - DOROCZNA ŚWIĘCONKA ZPRKA** - niedziela, 22 kwietnia w świetlicy ZPRKA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Szczegóły na stronie 24.
- 28 WYANDOTTE, MI – 2. DOROCZNA ZABAWA TANECZNA W RYTMACH POLKI TOW. #162 ZPRKA** - Dochód zostanie przekazany na wsparcie American Cancer Society, sobota, 28 kwietnia. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 17:00, muzyka w godz. 18:00-24:00, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak Str., Wyandotte, MI. Wstęp - \$20. Polska kuchnia, płatny bar, loterie. Do tańca grać będą: Lenny Gomulka's Chicago Push i The Music Company. Dodatkowe informacje: Stas Pasko 734-284-5929 lub John Zelazko Sr. 734-671-9366.
- 28 TOLEDO, OH – „ODWROTNA LOTERIA”** zorganizowana przez Towarzystwa ZPRKA #1633, 1584, 719, 1617 z Toledo, OH - sobota, 28 kwietnia, PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Ave., Toledo, OH, w godz. 17:30-21:30; obiad o godz. 18:00. Cena biletu: \$35 (w cenie obiad i deser); płatny bar. Tylko 125 biletów! Nagrody wejściowe i loteria 50/50. Informacje: VikkiJean (419) 351-2698 lub Rick Kaz (419) 377-7610.

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

Pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA kontynuują polskie tradycje

Pączkowo...

We wtorek przed Środą Popielcową, Polacy w Stanach Zjednoczonych po raz drugi (po Tłustym czwartku) delektują się tradycyjnymi pączkami, na zakończenie karnawału. Również w biurze ZPRKA i MPA w dniu 13 lutego nie zabrakło tych smakołyków. Co roku ZPRKA zakupuje pączki dla pracowników Zjednoczenia i Muzeum Polskiego, wspierając tym samym doroczną zbiórkę pieniędzy prowadzoną przez Stowarzyszenie Polsko Amerykańskie, oferujące usługi socjalne dla imigrantów. Wypełnione różnymi nadzieniami pączki z Oak Mill Bakery, jak zawsze, zniknęły w zawrotnym tempie.



Anna Marrah (l)
i Agata Wilgocki (p)

Prochem jesteś i w proch się obrócisz...

Każdego roku w Środę Popielcową, początkującą okres Wielkiego Postu w Kościele katolickim, mamy okazję gościć w budynku Zjednoczenia jednego z polonijnych księży, który oferuje pracownikom ZPRKA i MPA możliwość uczestnictwa w nabożeństwie i obrzędzie posypania głów popiołem. Tego roku, odwiedził nas po raz kolejny, dyrektor Polskiej Misji Duszpasterskiej pw. Świętej Trójcy w Chicago, ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr. Jako lektorzy, służyli w czasie nabożeństwa Anna Marrah (w jęz. ang.) i Mateusz Bomba (w jęz. pol.).



Ks. Totzke posypuje popiołem głowy pracowników

Dzień Polski w Lemont pod hasłem: „100. Rocznica Odzyskania Niepodległości” przygotowany przez Klub Polski, Polską Szkołę im. św. Jana Pawła II oraz zespół „Polanie”

18 lutego 2018 roku, w małej miejscowości Lemont, położonej na południe od Chicago, odbył się 14-ty z kolei Dzień Polski. Tematem tegorocznego Dnia Polskiego było: „100. rocznica odzyskania niepodległości przez Polskę”. Gospodarzem i inicjatorem Dnia Polskiego był Klub Polski w Lemont, IL. Główne uroczystości rozpoczęły się mszą świętą dziękczynną za tą piękną rocznicę celebrowaną przez proboszcza naszej parafii księdza Waldemara Stawiarskiego wraz z proboszczem z Elmhurst księdzem Grzegorzem Skowronem, w asyście diakona Roberta Cisko. Po mszy, Kościuszkwowie wraz z pocztami sztandarowymi przeprowadzili gości i uczestników do budynku szkoły katolickiej. Tam na sali gimnastycznej, pięknie udekorowanej na tą okazję pracami uczniów ze Szkoły św. Jana Pawła II, rozpoczęła się główna akademie z uhonorowaniem Polaków Roku 2018 i programem artystycznym. Burmistrz miasta Lemont pan John Egofski, wręczył prezesowi Klubu Polskiego Ryszardowi Witkowskiemu Proklamację Dnia Polskiego.

Klub Polski w Lemont, który od 1979 roku prężnie i czynnie działa w tej miejscowości, jest organizacją powstałą przy kościele św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont, IL. Założycielami klubu byli Polacy mieszkający w Lemont i okolicach, a inicjatorem i osobą, która dała im pomysł był (już ś.p.) ksiądz Edward Witusik. Początkowo klub miał dwa cele: pierwszym było doprowadzić, aby w kościele św. Cyryla i Metodego odprawiała się msza święta w języku polskim dla coraz liczniejszej Polonii w tych okolicach, a drugim celem było założenie szkoły polskiej, gdzie dzieci z polskich rodzin mogłyby się uczyć języka polskiego, historii i geografii Polski. Obydwa cele udało się osiągnąć. Obecnie, w kościele są odprawiane w każdą niedzielę, dwie msze święte w języku polskim, jest spowiedź święta po polsku, czuwania pierwszobiotnie, nabożeństwa Maryjne w każdy wtorek, rekolekcje bożonarodzeniowe i wielkopostne oraz od dwóch lat mamy religię, prowadzoną przez polskich katechetów z polskim językiem głównym i angielskim w miarę potrzeby. Od 1980 roku działa Szkoła Polska im. św. Jana Pawła II, która zaczynała naukę dla 60 uczniów, a obecnie uczęszcza do niej ponad 400 dzieci. Od wielu lat uczniowie szkoły są członkami ZPRKA, która to organizacja wspiera szkołę w różnych uroczystościach, a główna pomoc idzie na kółko taneczne „Polanie”. Tancerze uczą się tańców z różnych regionów Polski oraz co parę lat uczestniczą w festiwalu tanecznym organizowanym w Polsce. Uczniowie mają możliwość nauki w wieczornych zajęciach piątkowych lub rannych w każdą sobotę. Co roku, są organizowane wycieczki do Polski dla klasy ósmej i maturalnej, które nierzadko przybliżają dzieciom już urodzonym w USA Polskę, jej tradycje, kulturę, architekturę, sztukę i życie Polaków w obecnych czasach.

W roku 2004, ówczesny prezes Klubu Polskiego Ryszard Witkowski, zaproponował zorganizowanie Dnia Polskiego. Głównym celem tego pomysłu było pokazanie historii Polski, jej kultury, tradycji, współczesnych osiągnięć Polski dla społeczności amerykańskiej. Również w tym dniu co roku Komitet Organizacyjny Dnia Polskiego wybiera Polaka lub

Polaków Roku. Mamy wspaniałych Polaków, którzy swoją pracą, postawą i dorobkiem potrafią dzielić się z innymi, a przy tym potrafią zachować tożsamość polską i przekazywać ją następnym pokoleniom. Właśnie takie osoby chcemy zauważyć i docenić. W tym roku Polakami Roku zostali państwo Kazimierz i Kazimierz Cisko. Wybór padł na nich, ponieważ są oni przykładem i „modelem” Polaków – Patriotów, którzy wychowali swoje dzieci i wnuki w tradycji polskiej, przekazali im, że Bóg, Honor i Ojczyzna to najważniejsze i święte rzeczy. W Lemont i okolicy nie znajdziemy większego patrioty Polaka niż pana Kazimierza Cisko, a jego żona Kazimiera, jest przykładem dla każdej matki i babci w wychowaniu patriotycznym, moralnym i polskim swoich dzieci.

Obchodzona w tym roku 100. rocznica niepodległości Polski jest wspaniałą okazją do pokazania młodemu pokoleniu oraz Amerykanom, tej naszej trudnej, czasami niezrozumiałej ale przepełnionej nadzieją i miłością do Ojczyzny Polski, drogi czterech pokoleń Polaków do uzyskania niepodległości przez Polskę.

W tą niedzielę, 18 lutego 2018 roku, członkowie Klubu Polskiego, wcielając się w historyczne już postacie Polaków, jak: Helena Modrzejewska (Helena Gudzowski), Maria Konopnicka (Małgorzata Snieżko), Józef Piłsudski (Jan Zoltek), Ignacy Paderewski (Ryszard Witkowski), Roman Dmowski (Jan Stefański), prezydent Woodrow Wilson (Mirek Cisko), babcia (Anna Zoltek) z wnukiem (Darek Kwak) przy pomocy dzieci i tancerzy z kółka tanecznego Polanie, z Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II, pokazały publiczności trudną drogę Polski do niepodległości. Dzięki życzliwości dyrektora zespołu tanecznego „Polanie” i zarazem głównego choreografa, pana Ryszarda Jamińskiego, tancerze wystąpili w strojach Księstwa Warszawskiego oraz z czasów zaborów. Wykonywane przez zespół Polanie tańce krakowiak i lubelski, wspólnie śpiewane piosenki patriotyczne z czasów niewoli i zaborów Polski, ukazały publiczności atmosferę tamtego okresu historycznego. Sprawne połączenie poszczególnych etapów przez narratora (Grażynę Witkowską) oraz angielskie teksty czytane przez Oliwię Cisko, dały możliwość amerykańskiej grupie widzów na dobre i zrozumiałe zapoznanie się z tematem. Cały program artystyczny został przygotowany, opracowany i wyreżyserowany przez wieloletnią nauczycielkę szkoły panią Grażynę Witkowską. Mamy nadzieję, że wszyscy obecni na tej akademii wyszli z niej z poczuciem obowiązku, że prawdę o Polsce trzeba na nowo odkrywać i ją głosić z podniesioną głową.

Dziękujemy pani Micheline Jamiński, wiceprezes ZPRKA naszej organizacji patronackiej, za uczestnictwo w tej wyjątkowej uroczystości i nieustanne wsparcie dla naszej działalności.

Komitet Organizacyjny Dnia Polskiego: Barbara Foran, Helena Gudzowski, Małgorzata Snieżko, Grażyna Witkowska, Tosia Zych, Jan Lichacz, Ryszard Witkowski i Jan Zoltek



**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;
- Szkolenie się lub ukończenie kursów ALMI (Associate Life Management Institute) w ciągu dwudziestu czterech (24) miesięcy od rozpoczęcia urzędowania.

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 wakat.

**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.

WAŻNA INFORMACJA
DLA CZŁONKÓW ZPRKA i SEKRETARZY
FINANSOWYCH TOWARZYSTW

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.

W celu umieszczenia informacji o zebraniu Towarzystwa w kwietniowym wydaniu Kalendarza ZPRKA, prosimy wszystkich sekretarzy finansowych Towarzystw ZPRKA o skontaktowanie się z redaktorem Lidią Kowalewicz pod bezpłatny numer 1-800-772-8632 w. 2639 lub przesłanie informacji pocztą elektroniczną na adres: narod-polski@prcu.org do 15 marca.

**ZAWIADOMIENIE KOMITETU
BUDŻETU, SKARG I ZAŻALEŃ**

Komitet Budżetu, Skarg i Zażaleń podaje do wiadomości wszystkich członków i członkiń ZPRKA, iż wszystkie skargi, wnioski i zażalenia, muszą być zgłoszone do Komitetu na piśmie do dnia 1 czerwca 2018 r. Tylko skargi, wnioski i zażalenia, które oficjalnie zostaną wniesione do Komitetu, zostaną przyjęte do rozpatrzenia przez Sejm ZPRKA. Komitet Budżetu, Skarg i Zażaleń zbierze się po otrzymaniu powyższych zgłoszeń od członków i członkiń ZPRKA.

Patrick Kosowski, przewodniczący

Wnioski, skargi i zażalenia należy przysyłać na adres:

Budget and Grievance Committee
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984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
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**INFORMACJE DLA ZARZĄDÓW
TOWARZYSTW W SPRAWIE
PRZEDSTAWICIELSTWA NA SEJMIE
ZPRKA**

Zbliża się termin 62. Sejmu ZPRKA. Sekretarz-skarbnik przypomina wszystkim zarządom Towarzystw ZPRKA o bardzo ważnym przepisie w Konstytucji i Statucie, regulującym reprezentację Towarzystw na Sejmie.

Sekcja trzecia, Artykuł 03E, Delegaci na Sejm, Paragraf 6

"Towarzystwo zaległe z opłatami składek dla ZPRKA przez więcej niż dwa (2) miesiące, traci swoje prawo do reprezentacji na Sejmie".

Większość Towarzystw ma w obecnej chwili opłacone wszystkie składki, dlatego ta informacja nie odnosi się do nich. Jednakże zachęcamy wszystkie Towarzystwa, które są opóźnione z opłatami, o jak najszybsze wyrównanie zaległości, w celu dostosowania się do wymogów Konstytucji w sprawie reprezentacji Towarzystwa na Sejmie, który jest najważniejszym wydarzeniem naszej braterskiej organizacji.

James Robaczewski, FIC
sekretarz-skarbnik

UWAGA KANDYDACY NA URZĘDY W ZARZĄDZIE I DYREKCJI ZPRKA

Komitet Kwalifikacji Kandydatów informuje, że osoby zainteresowane ubieganiem się o stanowiska urzędnicze w zarządzie i dyrekcji Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, powinny zwrócić się do biura sekretarza-skarbnika w celu otrzymania oficjalnego formularza zgłoszeniowego (aplikacji).

Wszystkie wypełnione zgłoszenia muszą być przedłożone w biurze sekretarza-skarbnika do 30 maja 2018 r. (ważna data stempla pocztowego).

Kandydaci na stanowiska muszą spełniać warunki przedstawione w Konstytucji ZPRKA:

Sekcja Trzecia, Artykuł 03K. Nominacje i wybór urzędników zarządu i dyrekcji

"1. Tylko delegat spełniający następujące wymagania może zostać mianowany na stanowisko w zarządzie lub dyrekcji Zjednoczenia i może być kandydatem do tego urzędu w Zjednoczeniu:

- a) delegat musi być obecny osobiście i zarejestrować się na obradach sejmowych w wymaganym terminie pierwszego posiedzenia sejmowego w drugim dniu obrad;
- b) musi być członkiem Zjednoczenia przynajmniej pięć (5) lat;
- c) musi być obywatelem Stanów Zjednoczonych;
- d) okazał swoje życzenie ubiegania się na dany urząd lub jest przedstawiony przez Towarzystwo lub Osadę za jego zezwoleniem. Oświadczenie takie musi być nadesłane do Komitetu Kwalifikacji Kandydatów do 30 maja roku, w którym odbywa się Sejm. Po zatwierdzeniu kandydatury przez Komitet Kwalifikacji Kandydatów, nazwisko kandydata musi być opublikowane w oficjalnej publikacji Zjednoczenia na trzydzieści (30) dni przed Sejmem. Kandydat na urząd dyrektora musi być mieszkańcem danego Dystryktu oraz członkiem Towarzystwa, które znajduje się w tym Dystrykcie.

2. Dwóch członków najbliższej rodziny nie może sprawować urzędu w zarządzie i dyrekcji przez okres kadencji ani przez część kadencji. Za najbliższą rodzinę uważa się związki rodzinne: mąż - żona, rodzice - dzieci, brat - siostra. W wypadku, gdy dwie lub więcej osób z najbliższej rodziny będą w czasie Sejmu ubiegać się o różne stanowiska i otrzymają oni wystarczającą ilość głosów, tylko kandydat, który otrzyma najwyższą ilość głosów w czasie Sejmu będzie dopuszczony do złożenia przysięgi i sprawowania urzędu, o który się ubiegał."

Więcej informacji na temat kwalifikacji na stanowiska, wiceprezesa, sekretarza-skarbnika i dyrektorów krajowych, które zostały zatwierdzone przez Radę Dyrektorów ZPRKA w dniu 2 grudnia 2017 r., znajduje się na stronie 20.

W celu otrzymania formularza zgłoszeniowego należy zwrócić się osobiście lub telefonicznie do biura sekretarza-skarbnika ZPRKA pod numer: (773) 782-2600 w. 2605 lub 1-800-772-8632 wewn. 2605. Osoby zainteresowane otrzymaniem podania, mogą zwrócić się pisemnie listem poleconym (Registered Mail) do:

James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101

Komitet Kwalifikacji Kandydatów

**Artykuły do kwietniowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego"
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**poniedziałek, 5 marca 2018
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**w sali im. Sabiny F. Logisz
Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce
984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL**

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984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

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Rezerwacje do 9 marca 2018 r.

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984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101



4. Doroczny Piknik Rodzinny ZPRKA i Msza Polowa

Niedziela 24 czerwca 2018 r.

Przekąski

Zapraszają: Dystrykty 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA

PACF Grove

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Darmowy
lunch
dla dzieci

**Msza Św. o 12 w południe
Piknik do 6 wieczorem**

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i więcej!

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albo dzwoniąc do Departamentu Braterstwa ZPRKA
na numer (773) 782-2636

Przynieś swój własny koszyk lub zakup gotowe jedzenie!



Małgiczne Świąta, Małgiczne Świąta — najpiękniejsze ze wszystkich Świąt! Boże Narodzenie!



Czas to szczególny dla wszystkich, a dla polskich rodzin bardzo wyjątkowy i ważny. Cieszymy się wtedy, że jesteśmy razem, bardziej sobie bliscy, niż w zwykłe dni. Roziskrzona choinka, włożone pod nią prezenty, ciche melodie kolęd przenoszą dorosłych w świat dzieciństwa, a dzieci wzbogacają o kolejne przeżycia.

Dzielenie się opłatkiem oraz śpiewanie kolęd przy wigilijnym stole to symbole wzajemnej jedności, miłości, pokoju. Pewnie dlatego z ochotą podejmujemy wszelki trud, aby w tym podniosłym okresie znaleźć się w gronie najbliższych.

W ten przedświąteczny czas, trzy polonijne grupy artystyczne: Warsztaty Teatralne Little Stars, Akademia Muzyki PaSO oraz Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”, ściśle współpracujące z Fundacją Kopernikowską już po raz siódmy zorganizowały Wielki Świąteczny Festiwal Rodzinny „MAGICZNE ŚWIĘTA”, czyli polskie święta w teatrze! Artyści, wierni naszej tradycji, pokłonili się Dzieciątku, zagrali, zatańczyli i zaśpiewali radośnie, wprowadzając wszystkich przybyłych 10 grudnia 2017 do Copernicus Center w świąteczną atmosferę Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.

Trzeba przyznać, że grupy przygotowujące spektakl podjęły się dużego wyzwania. Z jednej strony miało być tradycyjnie, prawdziwie po polsku, bo chodziło przecież o popularyzowanie i przybliżanie polskich zwyczajów i obyczajów. Z drugiej jednak strony twórcy programu i pedagodzy znaleźli atrakcyjne, zróżnicowane, a jednocześnie wspaniale uzupełniające się formy przekazania tych samych treści.

Mali i duzi aktorzy Warsztatów Teatralnych, jako wychowankowie domu dziecka, przygotowali „Wigilię po polsku” – scenariusz spektaklu napisał Piotr Kukuła. Pod czujnym okiem Agaty Paleczny, marząc o prawdziwych świętach, choince, prezentach, przygotowali wigilijną wieczerzę, napotykając po drodze sporo niedogodności i utrudnień, by na koniec dzielić się opłatkiem i smakować 12 tradycyjnych potraw.

„Cicha noc”, czyli świąteczny koncert Akademii Muzyki PaSO, to najpiękniejsze utwory klasyczne i popularne inspirowane Świętami Bożego Narodzenia, a także kolędy. Dzieci i młodzież przygotowywały się pilnie do spotkania w Copernicus Center pod okiem kadry pedagogicznej kierowanej przez Barbarę Bilsztę i Wojciecha Niewrzoła. O kunszcie i dojrzałości

artystycznej młodych wykonawców świadczyć mogą gromkie brawa od zgromadzonej licznie publiczności.

Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” w programie „Hej Kolęda” zaprosił wszystkich do wspólnego śpiewania i radowania się z narodzin Bożej Dzieciny. W senariuszu dr Barbary Kuleszy, przy współudziale Jacklyn Krysiński i Mieczysława Dziś, znalazły się wybrane kolędy i pastorałki, spotkanie z Rodziną Świętą, ale także teksty napisane specjalnie dla dzieci, odnoszące się do specyficznego pojmowania świata przez najmłodszych. Goście zgromadzeni w teatrze byli świadkami radości ze spotkania z narodziłym Dzieciątkiem.

Radości wyrażonej pięknym słowem, tańcem i śpiewem. Na scenie bowiem pojawiły się też wspaniałe układy taneczne i setki b a r w n y c h kostiumów z różnych regionów Polski.

Nad całością programu ZPiT „Polonia” czuwała Anna Krysiński, dyrektor zespołu.

Artystyczne spotkanie z okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia w Copernicus Center było dopełnione przez świąteczny jarmark ze stoiskami z pięknymi, ręcznie robionymi ozdobami choinkowymi, biżuterią i innymi akcesoriami.

Dziękujemy z całego serca, że chcieliście Państwo dzielić z nami radość z jeszcze jednego Bożego Narodzenia, dziękujemy za przybycie do Copernicus Center, za współtworzenie magii Świąt Bożego Narodzenia. Zapraszamy za rok!

Tekst: dr Barbara Kulesza





84-ty Ogólnokrajowy Turniej Koszykówki ZPRKA
10 marca 2018 - Wyandotte, MI

Dodatkowe informacje: 773-782-2636
Fraternal-Department@prcu.org

- Comfort Suites, 18950 Northline Rd., Southgate, MI 48195. Pokoje Double Queen lub King: \$109/noc + podatek (w cenie - śniadanie). Rezerwacje: (734) 287-9200 do 22 lutego 2018. Rezerwując pokój użyjcie kodu: PRCUA Basketball.

Turniej rozgrywany będzie w dwóch salach gimnastycznych:

- w szkole Wilson Middle School, 1275 15th St., Wyandotte, MI

- przy parafii św. Stanisława Kostki, 266 Antoine St., Wyandotte, MI

(dla zawodników zostanie przygotowany lunch w szkole Wilson Middle School).

Turniej rozgrywany będzie w trzech kategoriach: otwarta-męska, żeńska (3 na 3), męska dla uczestników w wieku ponad 50 lat (3 na 3).

W piątek, 9 marca o godz. 17:00, odbędzie się w PRCUA #162 Lounge przy 1430 Oak St. w Wyandotte, MI wieczór integracyjny. W godz. 19:00-21:00 podany zostanie posiłek i piwo oraz wino.

Rozdanie nagród odbędzie się w PRCUA 162 Banquet Hall przy 1430 Oak St. w Wyandotte, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 18:30 p.m. Obiad, płatny bar. Po obiedzie - rozdanie nagród. W godz. 22:00-24:00 do tańca grać będzie zespół New Brass Express.

Rozkład mszy św. w kościele Our Lady of the Scapular przy 976 Pope John Paul II Ave. w Wyandotte, MI: sobota - 16:30, niedziela - 8:00 (w jęz. pol.), 12 w poł. (w jęz. ang.).

Wszyscy zawodnicy muszą być członkami ZPRKA i mieć opłacone składki członkowskie. Każdy zawodnik może wypełnić tylko jedno zgłoszenie. Uczestnicy turnieju muszą wyrazić zgodę na przestrzeganie zasad i przepisów dobrej sportowej rywalizacji i fair play.

Zachęcamy nowych członków do przyłączenia się do zabawy. W sprawie uzyskania dodatkowych informacji, prosimy się kontaktować z Działem Braterskim: 1-800-772-8632 wew. 2636.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., prezes

Micheline Jaminski, wiceprezes

James Robaczewski, sekretarz/skarbnik

81. Ogólnokrajowy Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA



81. Ogólnokrajowy Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA odbędzie się 13-15 kwietnia w Imperial Lanes, 44650 Garfield Rd., Clinton Township, MI. Gospodarzem turnieju będzie Tow. św. Jana Pawła II #1593 ZPRKA.

Harmonogram rozgrywek:

- Gry pojedyncze / podwójne - piątek, 13 kwietnia o 11:00
- Rozgrywki drużynowe - sobota, 14 kwietnia o godzinie 11:00 (ceremonia otwarcia o 10:30)
- Gry pojedyncze / podwójne - niedziela, 15 kwietnia o 9:00

Aby dokonać zgłoszenia (i wybrać najbardziej dogodny dzień rozgrywek dla zawodników gier pojedynczych i podwójnych), należy przesłać w wyznaczonym terminie wypełniony formularz zgłoszeniowy, wraz z odpowiednimi opłatami wpisowymi (\$25.00 za osobę / za każdą rozgrywkę). Prosimy o wypełnienie na formularzu zgłoszeniowym wszystkich wymaganych informacji, w tym osobistej średniej. Termin nadsyłania zgłoszeń upływa w piątek, 23 marca 2018 roku.

Zachęcamy gości do wykupienia noclegów w hotelu La Quinta Inn & Suites w mieście Utica, MI. Aby zarezerwować pokój, prosimy dzwonić pod podany poniżej numer i pytać o stawkę grupową nr 10491091.

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES, 45311 Park Ave., Utica, MI. Tel. (586) 731-4700 lub (866) 527-1498. Cena pokoju: \$85.50 musi zostać zarezerwowana przed 23 marca i jest zależna od dostępności wolnych pokoi.

Organizatorzy turnieju zaplanowali szereg dodatkowych atrakcji dla wszystkich uczestników:

Spotkanie integracyjne: w hotelu La Quinta w czwartek 12 kwietnia w godzinach 19:00 - 21:00. Zostanie zapewnione jedzenie i napoje bezalkoholowe.

Msze św.: Lista pobliskich kościołów i godziny mszy św. zostanie podana podczas turnieju.

Uroczystość rozdania nagród: Ceremonia wręczenia nagród po zakończeniu rozgrywek drużynowych w sobotę w Dave & Buster's w godz. 18.00 - 22:00 Gospodarze zapewniają bufet i napoje bezalkoholowe.

Leteria „Ranny ptaszek” (Early Bird): Towarzystwo #1593 pragnie zachęcić do wczesnego nadsyłania formularzy zgłoszeniowych. Uczestnicy, którzy nadeślą wypełnione formularze zgłoszeniowe i opłaty przed upływem poniżej wymienionych terminów otrzymają darmowe bilety na loterię.

➤ Wypełnij formularz zgłoszeniowy i wyślij go wraz z opłatami przed 28 lutego, aby otrzymać PIĘĆ DARMOWYCH BILETÓW NA LOTERIĘ

➤ Wypełnij formularz zgłoszeniowy i prześlij go wraz z opłatami w okresie od 1 do 12 marca - aby otrzymać JEDEN BEZPŁATNY BILET NA LOTERIĘ

➤ Formularze zgłoszeniowe nadesłane z datą stempla pocztowego po 12 marca - NIE OTRZYMAJĄ BEZPŁATNEGO BILETU NA LOTERIĘ

Wszyscy uczestnicy będą mieli szansę wygrać jedną z trzech pul pieniędzy:

➤ **„Osiągnij swoją średnią”** - osiągnij swój średni wynik i Twoje nazwisko weźmie udział w losowaniu zwycięzcy loterii pieniężnej. Nie osiągniesz swojej średniej? Nie martw się. Będą jeszcze dwie loterie.

➤ **„Szczęśliwy tor”** - wystarczy, że bierzesz udział w turnieju i się kwalifikujesz do udziału w loterii. Przypadkowo wywołany numer wygrywa gotówkę (np. tor 30, zawodnik numer 3).

➤ **„Tejemnicza kombinacja”** - tak jak w grze w lotto, wygra kombinacja przypadkowo wybranych numerów. Jeśli osiągnięty przez Ciebie wynik będzie się składał z kombinacji tych cyfr - wygrywasz! (np. zostaną losowo wybrane numery 1-2-5, wygrywa każda kombinacja: 125, 152, 215 lub 251).

Prosimy o oznaczenie swoich kalendarzy i terminowe przesłanie wypełnionych formularzy zgłoszeniowych wraz z odpowiednimi wpisowymi, aby kwalifikować się do udziału w loterii! Dokonaj rezerwacji hotelu i przygotuj się na świetną zabawę na turnieju w Detroit!

Patrick Kosowski, krajowy dyrektor turnieju kręglarskiego ZPRKA

ZPRKA OFERUJE DWA DODATKOWE STYPENDIA

Dzięki otrzymaniu hojnej darowizny od jednego z członków ZPRKA, Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce oferuje w 2018 roku dwa dodatkowe stypendia w wysokości \$2500 każde. Stypendia zostaną przyznane studentom, którzy otrzymają najwyższe oceny za napisanie wypracowania w języku angielskim, na podany niżej temat. Prace będą oceniane przez zespół trzech pedagogów. Termin składania prac upływa 1 czerwca 2018 r.

Temat:

The year 2018 marks the centennial of American President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points – the only explicit statement of war aims by any of the countries at war. One of these aims was the reestablishment of an independent Polish state, which was fulfilled with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

Why did President Wilson consider the reestablishment of Poland, bringing a just and lasting peace to Europe, important enough to give Poland its own point within the Fourteen Points? How much did Ignacy Jan Paderewski and the Polish American community influence President Wilson in his decision?

Wypracowanie powinno zawierać od 1000 do 1500 słów.

Wymagania kwalifikacyjne:

Wnioskodawca musi być członkiem ZPRKA, przez co najmniej PIĘĆ (5) LAT i posiadać ubezpieczenia na życie w wysokości, minimum 5 TYSIĘCY DOLARÓW (5000 USD) oraz mieć opłacone w terminie wszystkie składki. Jeśli w chwili składania wniosku członek nie spełnia minimalnego pięcioletniego okresu, może on również spełnić jedną z dwóch poniższych opcji: TRZY LATA członkostwa oraz ubezpieczenie na życie w wysokości \$25 000 lub CZTERY LATA członkostwa i ubezpieczenie w wysokości \$15 000.

1. Wnioskodawcy muszą pomyślnie ukończyć pierwszy rok studiów licencjackich przed upływem terminu na złożenie wniosku. Oficjalny odpis ocen lub inny równorzędny dokument z uczelni, do której student uczęszcza, musi być dołączony do wypełnionego wniosku lub wysłany bezpośrednio przez instytucję edukacyjną do ZPRKA w terminie do 1 czerwca 2018 r.

2. Kwalifikujący się wnioskodawcy to studenci drugiego, trzeciego lub czwartego roku studiów licencjackich, magisterskich lub zawodowych, uczęszczający na studia w pełnym wymiarze godzin. Pełen wymiar godzin określony jest wytycznymi ustanowionymi przez federalny program pomocy finansowej. (Minimum dwanaście (12) godzin kredytowych dla studentów studiów dziennych lub osiem (8) godzin kredytowych dla studentów studiów wieczorowych). O stypendia mogą się również ubiegać studenci studiów magisterskich i zawodowych, studiujący w niepełnym wymiarze godzin.

3. Wnioskodawcy muszą mieć skumulowaną średnią ocen (GPA) 2,5 lub wyższą w skali 4,0 lub 3,5 lub wyższą w skali 5,0.

4. Wnioskodawcy muszą utrzymać swoje polisy ubezpieczeniowe w mocy i opłacać terminowo wszystkie składki przez co najmniej pięć (5) lat po otrzymaniu ostatniej wypłaty stypendium.

5. Wszyscy kandydaci muszą być obywatelami Stanów Zjednoczonych lub stałymi rezydentami.

Powyższa informacja i formularz wniosku są dostępne na naszej stronie internetowej: www.prcua.org/scholarships

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych

Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce pragnie serdecznie zaprosić Państwa na



43. DOROCZNY WIOSENNY POKAZ MODY I LUNCH

w niedzielę, 4 marca 2018 r.
w Glendora Banquets

10225 S. Harlem Ave, Chicago Ridge, IL

Drzwi otwarte o godz. 11:00

Lunch o godz. 12 w południe

Bilety: \$35 dorośli, \$20 dzieci do lat 10

Dochód z pokazu przeznaczony zostanie na stypendia dla przyszłorocznych uczestników Balu „Kopciuszek i Księcia”

W sprawie informacji prosimy dzwonić do:

Liz lub Walter Dynowski tel. (708) 532-1541

WAŻNE INFORMACJE DLA CZŁONKÓW ZPRKA:

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WHITE EAGLE ANNUITY SPECIAL

IN HONOR OF THE 62ND
PRCUA QUADRENNIAL
CONVENTION



Najważniejsze cechy planu:

- gwarantowane oprocentowanie 2,62% przez 24 miesiące
- minimalna pierwsza wpłata - \$25,000
- uzyskane odsetki są naliczane miesięcznie
- możliwość rocznej wypłaty 10%, bez opłat karnych
- seria na okres dwu letni
- dozwolone dodatkowe wpłaty na konto nie przedłużające terminu.
- gwarantowane minimum po okresie dwóch lat – 1,5%
- konta zwolnione od wszelkich opłat administracyjnych
- możliwość otwarcia konta w wieku 0-90 lat
- różne opcje kont: Non-Qualified, Traditional IRA, ROTH IRA oraz inne
- pieniądze gromadzone na koncie nie podlegają opodatkowaniu do czasu ich wypłaty
- kary za wcześniejsze wypłaty

Rok 1 - 4%
Rok 2 - 3%

Wypłaty dokonane przed ukończeniem 59 1/2 roku życia, mogą podlegać karom z urzędu skarbowego IRS w wysokości 10%*

Dodatkowe informacje:

Agnieszka Bastrzyk, dyr. marketingu (j. pol.)
agnieszka-bastrzyk@prcu.org; 773-782-2632

Robert Fattore, dyrektor sprzedaży (j. ang.)
robert-fattore@prcu.org; 773-782-2631

SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY Z OKAZJI 145-LECIA ZPRKA

Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce obchodzi w 2018 roku jubileusz 145-lecia służby dla Polonii amerykańskiej. Aby uczcić ten jubileusz, ZPRKA przygotowało specjalny program ubezpieczeniowy - 10 Year Pay Whole Life (stały plan ubezpieczeniowy, opłacany przez 10 lat).



Oferta obowiązuje od 1 lutego 2018 do 31 grudnia 2018 roku.

Nie czekaj, skontaktuj się z nami już dziś!

Półroczna składka w wysokości \$145
opłaci ubezpieczenie w wysokości:

Wiek	Mężczyzna	Kobieta
0	\$22,971	\$26,678
1	\$22,326	\$25,887
2	\$21,657	\$25,088
3	\$20,979	\$24,294
4	\$20,307	\$23,520
5	\$19,656	\$22,766
6	\$19,026	\$22,034
7	\$18,413	\$21,332
8	\$17,819	\$20,649
9	\$17,243	\$19,987
10	\$16,683	\$19,346
15	\$14,214	\$16,469
20	\$12,264	\$14,058
25	\$10,572	\$11,994
30	\$9,099	\$10,232
35	\$7,793	\$8,735
40	\$6,664	\$7,469
45	\$5,711	\$6,387
50	\$4,906	\$5,473
55	\$4,208	\$4,713
60	\$3,613	\$4,080

W celu wykupienia ubezpieczenia, skontaktuj się z lokalnym przedstawicielem ZPRKA lub biurem głównym: life@prcu.org lub Agnieszka Bastrzyk, 773-782-2632.

**Skorzystaj z tego planu i otrzymaj zniżkę \$45 na pierwsze dwie składki!

Wszystkie wnioski podlegają rozpatrzeniu i muszą być wysłane do 31 grudnia 2018 r. Nie można połączyć tej oferty z inną ofertą ZPRKA.

Dystrykt #7 zaprasza na

Doroczną Świeconkę ZPRKA

Niedziela, 22 kwietnia 2018 r.

Świetlica ZPRKA

984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL

Rozpoczęcie o godz. 12:30
Lunch o godz. 13:00

Dorośli - \$30
Dzieci do lat 10 - \$15.00

Prosimy zgłaszać rezerwacje do:
Mateusz Bomba
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642

Rezerwacje
będą przyjmowane
do 13 kwietnia 2018 r.

