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MAY 3rd POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE

Join the PRCUA marching units at the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Parade on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m., along Columbus Drive in Chicago, IL

Show your pride in being a member of the oldest Polish American Fraternal organization in the <u>USA!</u>

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KANCELARIA PREZYDENTA RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ Konsulat Generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Compatriots!

We have the honor to inform you that the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Andrzej Duda, and the First Lady, Mrs. Agata Kornhauser-Duda, are going to visit Chicago: the largest center of the Polonia community world-wide.

The American Polonia was always there to lend support to the independence aspirations of their Compatriots at home, showing unique commitment and dedication. They always stood by Poland, nurturing their bonds with the Home Country and upholding national values, traditions and customs.

This year, as we celebrate the Centenary of Regaining Independence by Poland, we would like to cordially invite you, Dear Compatriots, to a festive meeting with the Presidential Couple. We would like to share this joyous occasion, afforded by such a unique anniversary, featuring so importantly in the history of Poland.

May it strengthen the bonds of friendship which for centuries have been binding the Polish and the American Nation, the friendship underpinned by the most precious values of love of freedom, of sovereignty, democracy and respect of human rights and civil liberties, that we share. Our numerous presence will testify to our patriotic feelings and attachment to Poland and will speak volumes about the potential of the Polonia in the American Continent, the community which is well organized and active.

Let us meet in the Millennium Park in Chicago!

We look forward to seeing you on May 19, 2018 at 12:00!

Secretary of State
Chancellery of the President of the RP
Adam Kwiatkowski

Consul General of the RP in Chicago Piotr Janicki

Orchard Lake Schools Honored Professor Piotr Wilczek, Ambassador of Poland to the United States and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas with the 2018 Fidelitas Medal

Orchard Lake, MI - Since 1949, members of the Orchard Lake Schools have awarded the Fidelitas Medal to an individual or group who embodies the religious and cultural ideals of its founding father, Rev. Józef Dąbrowski, a Polish missionary priest, who established the original educational institution in Detroit in 1885. The prestigious award recognizes the recipient for fidelity in serving God, country, and the Orchard Lake Schools.

This year, the Orchard Lake Schools chose Professor Piotr Wilczek, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in the United States and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, as the 71st Fidelitas Medal recipient in recognition of his scholarly achievements and support of the Orchard Lake Schools and Polonia in the U.S.A.

The award ceremony took place at the annual Ambassadors Ball on Saturday, April 21 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, MI. Attending the ceremony were PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and First Lady Judith Drobot. President Drobot was last year's recipient of the Fidelitas Medal.

Wilczek was born on April 26, 1962 in Chorzów,
Poland. He is recognized throughout the world as a prolific literary scholar, intellectual historian, writer and translator. He received the title of Professor of the Humanities from the President of the Republic of Poland. (*Continued on page 15.*)



President Joseph Drobot, Judith Drobot, Prof. Wilczek



MOTHERS RIGHTS IN 1918 POLAND

In 2018, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining independence after 123 years of partitions. In the newly-restored state in 1918, the Polish legislature ascertained fundamental laws to protect mothers' rights.

Mother and child welfare in Polish legislation after Poland gained independence was described in the booklet *The Welfare of Mothers and Children in Poland* published by the Polish War Relief of U.S.A. (excerpts):

It was only natural that mother and child welfare should develop more rapidly when Poland regained her independence. In 1921, it was legally recognized as a principle by the Polish Constitution (Paragraph 103). In 1920, regulations came into force regarding sickness insurance. These regulations ensured 8 weeks special leave with pay for women during confinement and also free medical and natal care. In 1924, the National Organization of Women brought a Bill before Parliament concerning maternity welfare amongst working women, and employers were compelled to organize creches in factories, and to grant two breaks in the day's work for the feeding of infants. This Bill was incorporated in the law concerning the Working Women's Protection. Among other things, women were given the right to take six weeks' leave before childbirth and six weeks' compulsory leave after childbirth; a ban was placed on dismissal by the employer during those twelve weeks. It placed upon employers the obligation to run creches for infants in factories employing more than 100 women, and finally put a ban on women working during the night and under dangerous or unsanitary conditions. Furthermore, it was forbidden to employ pregnant women after six months of pregnancy, in certain kinds of work open to women generally. This ban was imposed where the work involved severe physical strain and also where rapid movement was required.

State and municipal legislation with regard to mother and child welfare came partly under the National Health Laws and partly under special laws regarding Working Women's Protection.

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MAY

- 3 POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY
- 5 CHICAGO, IL POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE
- 6 CHICAGO, IL SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH SONG AND DANCE RECITAL on Sun., May 6 at 12:30 p.m. at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago, IL. Contact: swcenterofpolishdancing@gmail.com.
- 8 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE PRCUA CONVENTION on Tues., May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Soc. #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St. Wyandotte, MI. Contact: Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230.
- 8 DOWNERS GROVE, IL PRCUA SOC. #122, #1605, #1636 MEETING AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE PRCUA CONVENTION on Tues., May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at 841 Valley View Drive, Downers Grove, IL. Contact: Anna Sokolowski at 630-963-8616.
- 10 CHICAGO, IL PRCUA SOC. # 1219 MEETING AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE PRCUA CONVENTION on Thurs., May 10 at 5:00 p.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, II.
- II-12 OAK LAWN, IL M. KONOPNICKA POLISH SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR PROGRAM on Fri., May 11 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sat. May 12 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Louis de Montfort, 8808 Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. Contact: mje9132@gmail.com.
- **12 LEMONT, IL POLANIE DANCE GROUP RECITAL** on Sat., May 12 at 10:00 a.m. at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Contact: principal@polschool.com.
- **DETROIT, MI JOIN HANDS DAY** on Sat., May 12 at St. Albertus/St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit, MI. Contact: Director Tom Lisiecki at 586-795-8901.
- 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (USA)
- 13 CHICAGO, IL POLONIA ENSEMBLE RECITAL on Sun., May 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact; annakrysinski@yahoo.com.
- WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BUFFET on Sun., May 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. (See details on pg. 4.)
- **LANSING, MI WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., May 16 (every third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.
- 19 DEARBORN HTS., MI RYDER CUP GOLF SOC. #162 VS. SOC. #718 on Sat., May 19 at Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 W. Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. Afterglow at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. Contact: hoj606@hotmail.com or 313-384-6255.
- 19 CHICAGO, IL PRCUA SACRED HEART SOC. #308 MEETING AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE PRCUA CONVENTION on Sat., May 19 at 10:00 a.m. at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact: Susan at 630-257-8216.
- 20 MUNSTER, IN ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR MASS AND PICNIC Contact: masia@mkc.pl
- 21 ORLAND PARK, IL PRCUA DISTRICT #8 MEETING on Mon., May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL. Contact: Danielle Kroplewski at 312-718-0169.
- **WARREN, MI ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., May 22 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.
- **DETROIT, MI 48th ANNUAL POLISH AMERICAN NIGHT** Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox on Fri., May 25 at Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI. Pre-game ceremonies at 6:30 p.m., game at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Wally Ozog at 586-751-8158 or Christopher Ozog at 586-524-4907. (See order form on pg. 14.)
- 26 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY (POLAND)
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY HONORING OUR FALLEN VETERANS. PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED.

IUNE

- I DEADLINES FOR PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND APPLICATIONS
- I INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

- I HAMTRAMCK, MI 2ND ANNUAL SOCCER POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH DETROIT CITY FC ("DCFC") on Fri. June I at 7:30 p.m. at Keyworth Stadium, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck, MI. DCFC will take on FC Indiana. The match will feature Polish themed events including Polish folk dance groups performing during half-time. Tickets can be purchased online (http://www.detcityfc.com) for \$8.00 using the promo code: POLSKA. (Tickets are regularly priced at \$10.00.) Children under 5 years are free.
- 2 STERLING HTS., MI PRCUA SOC. #1593 YOUTH BOWLING FUN DAY on Sat., June 2 at Five Star Lanes, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI. Contact: Barb at 586-453-3471.
- 2 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 MOTOWN REVIEW DANCE on Sat., June 2 at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, Ml. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., music and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230. Details on pg. 13.
- **TOLEDO, OH ECHOES OF POLAND DANCE ENSEMBLE RECITAL** on Sun., June 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Ohio Theater, 3114 Lagrange St., Toledo, OH. Contact: Paulina Ortyl, Director at 419-531-8658.
- 7 DEARBORN HTS., MI PRCUA ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING on Thurs., June 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren, Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Complimentary Coney dogs.
- 7 UTICA, MI JIMMY JOHNS FIELD POLISH NIGHT on Thurs., June 7 at Jimmy John's Field, 7171 Auburn Rd., Utica, NY. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., first pitch at 7:05 p.m. PRCUA Zajaczek Dance Ensemble will join other dance ensembles in the pre-game presentation. Authentic Polish food and live music. Use promo code: POLISH2018 for \$10 party patio ticket or grandstand ticket starting at \$12. For tickets visit www.uspbl.com or call the box office at 248-601-2400, Ext. 1.
- **8 DES PLAINES, IL 38th PMA SUMMER GALA** at Cafe La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines, IL. See details on pg. 7.
- 10 ORLAND PARK, IL PRCUA ANNUAL SACRED HEART MASS on Sun., June 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL. Hosted by District 8. For additional info contact: Danielle Kroplewski at 312-718-0169. See details on pg. 15.
- 10 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 CLASSIC CAR SHOW on Sun. June 10 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. See details on pg. 9.

14 FLAG DAY

MILWAUKEE, WI – PRCUA AT POLISHFEST IN MILWAUKEE on Sat., June 16. Folk Stage: PRCUA Wesoły Ludek from Southwest Center of Polish Song & Dance, Chicago and PRCUA Polanie Dancers of St. John Paul II Polish School, Lemont from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Cultural Stage: PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company from Chicago from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. PFDAA Gala presenting dance groups from the midwestern states including PRCUA Wesoły Lud from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (USA)

- 20 LANSING, MI WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., June 20 (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.
- 21 SUMMER BEGINS
- 23 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (POLAND)
- 23 STERLING HTS., MI ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 FAMILY AND FRIENDS SUMMER PICNIC on Sat., June 23. For information contact: Barb at 586-453-3471.
- 24 GLENWOOD, IL PRCUA DISTRICTS 7-8-9 4th ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC AND OUTDOOR MASS on Sun., June 24 at PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL. Mass at Noon, picnic until 6:00 p.m. See details on pg. 4.
- **24 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 GENERAL MEETING** on Sun., June 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Soc. #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St.
 Wyandotte, MI. Contact: Stan Pasko at 313-815-5230.
- **WARREN, MI ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., June 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, Ml. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168.
- 27 CHICAGO, IL POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX on Wed., June 27 at 7:10 p.m. at Guaranteed Rate Field, 333 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL. See details on pg. 9.

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PRCUA YOUTH
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ESSAY
CONTEST

Every organization, including the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, needs to focus on reaching the next generation. If we do not, it is likely we will not be able to grow, and even more likely that we will eventually cease to exist.

It's necessary for the health of the PRCUA and for society as a whole to reach out to the younger members, to teach them about our organization and to get them actively involved in the life of the PRCUA and its plans for the future.

At each PRCUA Convention, the Youth Committee presents a report to the delegates, offering its advice on how this can be accomplished. Many of their ideas have been adopted in the past.

One of the recommendations of the 61st PRCUA Quadrennial Convention Youth/Young Adult Committee was to have an essay contest on the subject before the 62nd Convention.

The Youth Committee, headed by the PRCUA's National Director, Beth Sadus of District #9, is inviting all PRCUA members between the ages of 16 to 35 years to participate in the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention Essay Contest.

We want to hear your opinions, new ideas and new ways by which the PRCUA can get our young people more involved in our organization.

RULES:

- 500 words.
- The contest is open to all PRCUA members, ages 16 to 35 years.
- Applicants must provide well developed ideas or events that will encourage themselves or their peers to want to become more involved in the PRCUA.
- Two age categories:

16 to 25 years 26 to 35 years

- One winner will be chosen in each age category.
- The winning essay will be judged by the Young Adult Committee and winners will be announced at the Convention.
- Two prizes of \$250.00 each will be awarded.
- The Committee reserves the right to reject essays that do not meet the criteria. The winning essay will be chosen from essays that are accepted; however, if none meet the criteria, the Committee will not pick a winner solely for the sake of the contest.
- Name, address, contact information, and PRCUA Society number must be provided.
- Deadline is August 1, 2018.

Submit your essays to:
PRCUA Essay Contest,
Dir. Elizabeth Sadus, 847 Marion Way,
Chicago Hts., IL 60411.

Let Your Voice and Opinions Be Heard!

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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

Calling all members of St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579!

PRCUA St. Joseph the Worker Society #1579 is looking for Society members who would like to serve as delegates and/or alternates at the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention in Dearborn, MI on Aug. 10-13.

Time is running out - All deleagates/alternates must be elected by May 30, 2018! Anyone interested in receiving information on how to become a delegate/alternate, please contact Barbara Pawlowski, Soc. #1579 Financial Secretary, at 708-207-5692.



All articles for the June issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

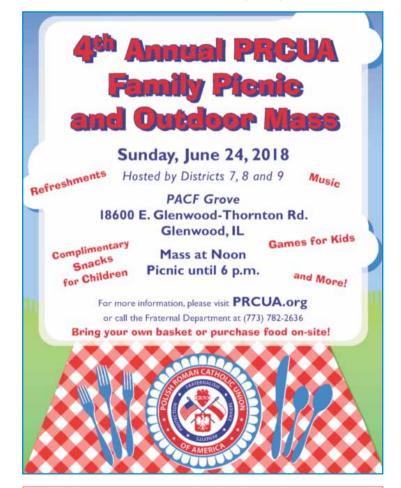
From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer



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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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE ST. RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI POLISH SCHOOL IN MUNSTER, IN



Munster, IN - The St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School commemorates in this year 2018 an exceptional moment in its long history – the fiftieth anniversary of the School's founding.

In 1968, a small group of Polish Americans associated with District #9 of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America decided to establish a Polish language and dance school in South Chicago, IL. The school grew rapidly, but since it did not have a permanent site, its location changed quite often, as did its name. Gradually, the School moved further away from the center where Poles were most highly concentrated in Chicago. Only after close to 25 years did the school finally find a permanent site at the Monastery of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers in Munster, IN. Since that time, the St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School has been the only Polish school functioning in Northwest Indiana, close to the border with Illinois.

The School's program includes a pre-school, an 8-year elementary school, and a 3-year high school curriculum, concluding with a *matura* examination in Polish language, geography, and history.

To mark such a significant anniversary of the school's functioning, the parents of the students pooled their funds to purchase a new official banner, which was solemnly blessed on the feast of the school's patron, St. Raphael Kalinowski on November 18, 2017.

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the school's founding began with a Solemn Mass at the church of the Carmelite Fathers in Munster on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

On February 10, the last Saturday of Carnival time before the beginning of Lent in 2018, a festive gala dinner-dance took place at the banquet hall of

the Carmelite Fathers in Munster to mark the school's Golden Jubilee. The celebration began with the solemn presentation of the new school banner and the singing of both the Polish and American National Anthems.

Next, School Director Małgorzata Czachor greeted the large crowd gathered in the hall, which included the students and alumni of the school, along with their parents and invited guests.

Among the honored guests present at the Jubilee was one of the founders of the school, Barbara Pawłowski, who vividly described how she and her husband, Casimer, along with members of PRCUA District #9, brought the school to life. Mrs. Pawlowski has consistently demonstrated her arduous support for the school throughout its half-century of existence.

Since the beginning, the PRCUA has watched over and sponsored the growth of the school. Thanks to this help, children from first to fourth grade have been able to learn folk and national Polish dances, and also join the Mala Polska dance group that meets after school.

During the gala event, of course, representatives

of the PRCUA were prominent, including President Joseph A. Drobot Jr. and Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski, District #8 Director James Rustik, District #9 Director Elizabeth Sadus, District #9 President Paul Pawlowski and other District #9 representatives. The Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland, Hon. Piotr Semeniuk, honored us with his presence. Also present were representatives of the Polish Teachers' Association of America, as well as Directors of various Polish schools in the Chicago area, including the schools of: General Władysław Anders, Emilia Plater, Helena Modrzejewska, General Kazimierz Pułaski, and St. Blaise. Special guests also included representatives of the Pulaski Citizens' Club and the Association of Polish Army Veterans in America along with its Women's Auxiliary Corps. Dignitaries in attendance worthy of our gratitude likewise included former directors, principals, and teachers of our school, along with former members of our Parents' Committee and School Board.

Such a Jubilee is likewise an occasion for reminiscing and reliving the memories of our school's past. Therefore, the next part of the program was a

video presentation illustrating the history of our school, its life and achievements, school performances, and recollections of former students and workers from our school.

Next, the head of the School Board, Małgorzata Blachut, introduced each of the teachers, to whom she extended best wishes and congratulations. Expressions of gratitude were also extended to the parents, members of the School Board, and the Carmelite Fathers.

The current Board of Directors and teaching staff, as well as former directors and principals over the course of the school's history, received

bouquets of flowers in recognition of their contributions.

To conclude the official portion of the program, guests were treated to a dance performance by our first to fourth grade students as well as our extracurricular dance ensemble "Mała Polska," under the direction of dance instructor Agata Wilgocki.

Before the dinner, the Prior of the Carmelite Fathers, Rev. Franciszek Czaicki, gave the solemn Invocation. After dinner, a Golden Jubilee birthday cake was rolled into the hall to a rousing rendition of "Sto lat."

During the banquet, this year's oldest students of our school were introduced, each of whom was presented with a commemorative trophy.

The celebration continued until midnight with dancing to the music provided by DJ Marcin. During the break between dances, a raffle took place in which over 50 prizes were awarded.

When the festivities concluded, as the guests departed, they wrote commemorative entries into a special book marking our school's Golden Jubilee.

By: Małgorzata Czachor, Translated by: Michael Gibson



Barbara Pawlowski receiving flowers from the School's teachers



Artistic progam presented by the "Mała Polska" dancers



Dance students performing at the Jubilee



Dir. Rustik, Dir. Sadus, VP Jaminski, Hon. Semeniuk, M. Czachor, Matura students, Pres. Drobot, Jr., Secy-Treas. Robaczewski



(L-r) Past Dir. E. Grabowski, Secy-Treas. J. Robaczewski, Dir. E. Sadus, VP M. Jaminski, Pres. J. Drobot, D #9 Pres. P. Pawlowski, School Foundress B. Pawlowski, and staff of the PRCUA St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School

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LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter W

Draw a line connecting the correct picture to the word.

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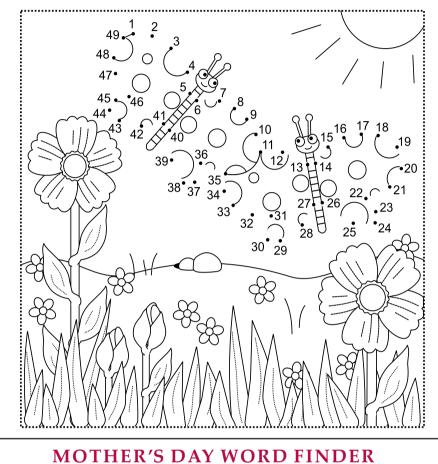
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FIND TWO IDENTICAL PICTURES

Answers on page 10.





CONNECT THE DOTS & COLOR THE PICTURE

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the Naród Polski Page 7 May, 2018

BLESSINGS Upon Us.....

Sterling Hts., MI - On Sunday, March 11, 2018, a special Mass was held at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan. The Mass intention was the sixteenth annual blessing of Polish American Dance Ensembles. It was a day of pride, it was a day of faith, it was a day of unity. Zajaczek Dance Ensemble, from Sterling Heights Michigan, proudly participated in this Mass, along with their families and friends.

PRCUA dignitaries were in attendance along with many dance school directors, choreographers, and students. We pray for God's blessings upon each of us, as we continue to promote our Polish heritage!

Submitted By: Karrie Westphal Secretary, Zajaczek Dance Ensemble















POLISH SPRING TRADITIONS

Poland's culture is rich in traditions that celebrate the coming of spring and the Easter season. While some of these customs are still practiced, they have morphed over time to reflect the present along with the past.

Marzanna

The drowning of *Marzanna* occurs on the first day of spring. It is an old pagan ritual in which an effigy of a woman, often made of straw, is first burned, then thrown into the river. The word *marzanna* comes from the word *marznąć* and the ritual symbolizes the end of the cold, harsh months of winter and the beginning of the spring season. Today, children or scouts usually continue the tradition in Poland. Śmigus Dyngus

Śmigus Dyngus is celebrated on Easter Monday in Poland, which is both a religious and a national holiday in that country. On this day, young people throw water at each other, which symbolizes a renewed Baptism. Long ago, it was also one of the ways by which young men would court young women.

Kogucik

Celebrated on Easter Monday, teenage boys would tie a rooster to a two-wheeled cart and parade with it from house to house through the village. As the rooster crowed, the boys poked girls with specially-made skewers and sang songs. The rooster symbolized male vitality and the ways of courtship. It also was thought to bring good health to the family. As time passed, a rooster - made of clay or dough - replaced a live one. A rooster is called *kogut* in Polish and the word *kogucik* is a diminutive form of the word.

The *gaik* is an old Slavic tradition dating back to pagan times, whereby people would make a large decoration of greenery and walk through the village to greet spring. It is still practiced in some villages in Poland and other Slavic countries today. *Gaik* derives from the word gaj, or grove, that was often enclosed so that intruders would not enter.

The Feast Day of St. Joseph

Joseph is a popular name in Poland. Because the Feast Day of St. Joseph falls during Lent, Poles celebrating St. Joseph's name day (imieniny) would prepare a feast of meatless dishes and decorate their houses with white and red, as well as with holy cards and candles on the food table. Church hymns on this day include: *Duszo moja*, *O Józefie ukochany*, and *Szczęśliwy, kto sobie Patrona*. As early as the 10th century, March 19 was dedicated as St. Joseph's Feast Day on many calendars.

Enjoy your Spring and remember your roots by celebrating one of these age-old customs!

Written by Conrad Wiecek

The Polish Museum of America Summer Gala

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Eriday June 8, 2018

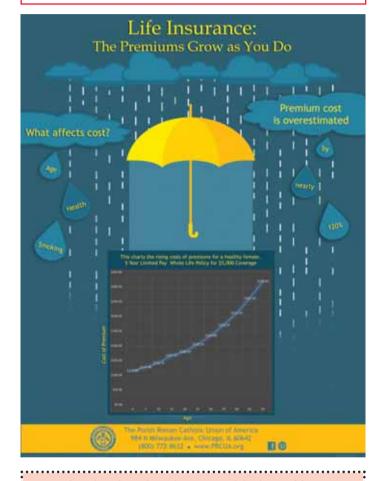
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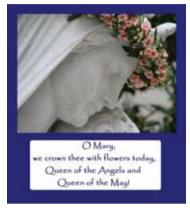
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The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski Vice President ~ wiceprezes

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The month of May is upon us and, with it, the hope that Spring has truly arrived! The signs are all there among the 240 trees budding on our 5-acre yard, the magnolias are ready to burst with flowers and I see my favorites hostas, daylilies and peonies - peeping through the ground. Daffodils bloom in a circular pattern around a certain tree that my mother-in-law planted on her last visit. It is our own "Rondo Rzeszowskie" - reminiscent of the roundabout in Rzeszow (sans the cars)! The grass is slowly awakening from its hibernation, its greenness relaxing the stress of life. I actually look forward to riding my mower as I bask in the warmth of the sun.

May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary who best embodied the promise of new life and hope. Did you know that this tradition was established some 700 years ago and has inspired many ways to honor our Beloved Blessed Mother? My father lost his mother when he was 4 years old – his only material possession from her was a statue of the Blessed Mother which now rests in our family room. Every May for many, many years, my mother

crowned this special keepsake with a wreath of flowers, adorning her with Lilies of the Valley from her garden and candles. Every evening in May, we recited the rosary and the litany and sang the beautiful English and Polish hymns in her honor. Do you celebrate Our Lady in any special way?

As we remember the Mother of Jesus, we celebrate the moms in our families, especially our own mothers, cherishing the memory of those no longer with us. We know that in Poland, Dzień Matki is always on May 26. I found it interesting that in other countries, Mothers' Day is celebrated not solely in May but at different times - around the Assumption (August 15), on International Women's Day (March 8) and others. Suffice it to say, that the majority of countries celebrate Mothers' Day on the second Sunday in May as we do here in the U.S. Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!

The 127th Chicago Polish Parade celebrating the Polish Constitution of 1791 is held annually on the first Saturday in May. This parade is in honor of the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world, coming after to the United States Constitution. This year, the observance will include the 100th Anniversary of Poland regaining its independence (Poland's reemergence on the map of Europe in 1918 after 123 years of partitions) and the State of Illinois' Bicentennial. The PRCUA contingent participating in the parade will also be honoring the PRCUA's 145th Anniversary. Our local Polish language schools and dance groups will be joined by our PRCUA employees and the Polish Museum of America staff and volunteers. If you are in the neighborhood, come join us! The parade route is down Columbus Drive beginning at 11:30 a.m. Check www.mav3parade.org for details!



Cole Pearson

The celebrations in May abound with high school and college graduations from American and Polish schools, Holy Communions, dance recitals, end-of-the-year school programs, and the start of the summer season. Congratulations to all of the Graduates and Communicants for your special moment! Congratulations also to all students and teachers for their efforts this school year!

Lest we never forget - Memorial Day - also known as Decoration Day, this U.S. holiday is set aside to remember all those who died in the service of our country's armed forces. Keep them in your prayers!

And now to recap April: Mother Nature played a cruel April Fool's joke on those of us in the Midwest and East coast that lasted well into the end of the month. Easter was one of the coldest in history and the remainder of the month was an hour-to-hour (okay, day-to-day in some cases) whirlwind of all four seasons! I truly hope that your Easter was a joyous time spent with loved ones in celebration of the Resurrection and the gift of life everlasting

On April 7, the PRCUA Opole Dancers (Elizabeth Thacker, Director and Donna Skurski, Choreographer/Dance Instructor) celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a Polish and American dance recital at Van Dyke Auditorium in Warren, MI. In attendance were President Joseph A. Drobot Jr. and his wife, Judy. The Opole Dancers will be attending the 10th International Festival of Children's Folk Dance Ensembles in Iwonicz Zdroj, Poland this summer for the first time, joining five other PRCUA Youth Groups. What a way to celebrate your 60th!



2018 Opole Recital w President Drobot

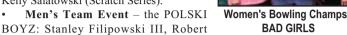
The 81st National PRCUA Bowling Tournament, hosted by PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593, took place on April 13-15 in Warren, MI and was a "striking" success. The Organizing Committee was spearheaded by Valerie Brumm, Celeste Grabowski and Barbara Ozog. The 2017 Joe Osmanski Bowler of the Year Award went to Connie Bonin, National Director of District 6. 2018 marked the 50th PRCUA Bowling Tournament in which this "Golden Bowler of the Year" has participated. Congratulations, Connie! From the hospitality gathering on Thursday night to the Awards Ceremony which was held at Dave and Buster's on Saturday evening, the event was well organized and well attended with 280 bowlers and



2017 Golden Bowler of the Year Connie Bonin (c)

many guests (including Ted and Sally Klamerus). PRCUA Bowling Coordinator Patrick Kosowski and PRCUA Fraternal Coordinator Mateusz Bomba "rolled" with whatever came down their "alley" and "spared" no time adjusting any last minute "splits" from the schedule. Needless to say. they "scored" big! Society President Wallace M. Ozog, PRCUA President Emeritus, can certainly be proud of his committee for a job well done! On behalf of the Executive Officers and the PRCUA - thanks to all who organized and participated in the event. And now (drum roll please) - the 2018 PRCUA National Bowling Champions:

Women's Team Event - the BAD GIRLS: "Golden Girl" Connie Bonin, Joann Kush, Lvnda Sanders, Suzanne Swentko and Estella Barrientes (Handicap Series and Scratch Game); JUST HAVING FUN: Kristyn Belles, Amy Dorobek, Kimberly Harris, Heather Kasprzyk and Kelly Salatowski (Scratch Series).



Gorecki, Andrew and Richard Kushel, and Niezgoda James (Handican Series): ROLLING PROS OF DEWEY, CHEATUM & HOWE: Jeff Greenlaw, Robert Hayes, David Knoll, Cory Lambert and



Men's Champs POLSKI BOYZ

Ricky Lambert Jr. (Scratch Series); ST. RITA'S WARREN: Scott Binkley, Charles Brewer, Keith Kujawski, Kurt Malavolti and Todd Malavolti (Scratch Game).

- Women's Doubles Event Janice Dudek and Bethany Kapanowski (Handicap Series and Scratch Game); Cindy Cooper and Celeste Grabowski (Scratch Series).
- Men's Doubles Event Chris Niemiec and Stan Filipowski (Handicap Series and Scratch Game); Rick Lambert and Cory Lambert
- Women's Singles Event Diane Godin (Handicap Series); Darla Efaw (Scratch Series); Valerie Brumm (Scratch Game).
- Men's Singles Cory Lambert (Handicap Series); Dennis Zakutny (Scratch Series): Nick Wantuck (Scratch Game).

I personally want to thank the Pink Ladies (Colleen Bonkowski, Marcia Pilkiewicz, Lorraine Kelley and Basia Toboy) for letting me bowl with them. We celebrated Marcia's 65th Birthday and her present from me was our college friend, Gosia Niemiec, who flew in from California (they hadn't seen each other for 25 years)! Sto Lat. Marcia!



Pink Ladies with Coach Sally Klamerus and Cheerleader Gosia Niemiec

In the midst of the Team Event, President and Mrs. Drobot, together with Secy.-Treas. Jim Robaczewski, joined Basia Toboy (who left bowling a little earlier as her daughters were performing) at the Rogalin Dance Troupe Recital at Allen Park Center for the Arts in Allen Park, MI. Bravo to Director Lisa Brandt, Dance Instructor Janet Vilag, and to all the



2018 Rogalin Recital

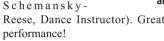
Please indulge me for a moment as I refer to the weather again. On Thursday, April 12 – balmy weather was enjoyed (around 70 degrees). Temperatures dropped 30 degrees by Friday and then Saturday was quite rainy. Nothing could have prepared me for what we woke up to on Sunday. The cars in the parking lot were encased in ice (it was April 15th!), icicle fringe adorned the bottom of the cars. Those fortunate to have a snow brush and ice scraper handy were in luck – that is, of course, after they skated their way to their car and then chiseled their way into it. This ice storm soon gave way to flooding as the temperatures began to rise. I was truly disappointed that my plans to attend both the Gwiazda and Tatry Recitals scheduled that day were changed but we were on the road to get home safe and sound. Nevertheless, "the shows must go on" and President and Mrs. Drobot attended the Gwiazda Recital (Jessica Wendt, Director; Basia Nowakowski, Dance Instructor) at Van Dyke Auditorium at Lincoln High School, Warren, MI while my Michigan BFF, Colleen Bonkowski (alias National Director D-10 and Director of Zajaczek and Zakopane Dance Groups) attended the Tatry Recital (Rose Ann Lackey, Director; Karen Lubiarz, Dance Instructor: Kaitlyn Gordon, Assistant) at Lincoln Park High School, Lincoln Park, MI. Rave reviews resounded all the way to Chicago regarding both performances. Bravo to all for your successful efforts!

Sunday, April 22nd was another busy day in the life of the Executive Officers, as well as the PRCUA dance groups: The 49th Halka Dance Recital (Laura Hejza, Director; Tom Lisiecki, Choreographer/Dance Instructor) was held at Van Dyke Auditorium at Lincoln High School, Warren, MI. It was bittersweet as it was the first

recital without Ms. Rita (Rita Cerankowski passed away on March 12, 2018). Rita was

Halka 's President then Director for a total of 46 years. The Dancers gave it their all to make Ms. Rita proud.

President and Mrs. Drobot attended the Wieliczka Recital at St. Robert Bellarmine School, Redford Charter Twp, MI (Kristi Mihalic, Director; Kasia



On the morning of April 22, I attended the Święconka hosted by the Polish Club of Lemont, IL together with St. John Paul II Polish School and the Polanie Dancers (Halina Szyrzyna, Principal; Agnieszka Witek and Mirek Cislo, Coordinators; Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director/Choreographer; Michael Dziadkowiec and Patricia Szyrzyna, Dance Instructors; Dominika Olivia Cislo.



2018 Tatry Graduates Courtney Cibor, Amanda Johnson, Grace Bertucci



2018 Gwiazda Recital



2018 Wieliczka Recital - Kristi Mihalic and Drobots



2018 Wieliczka



Polanie Dancers of St JPII Polish School

Gornikowska and Alexandra Cislo, Assistants) at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Lemont, IL.

Later that afternoon, Richard and I enjoyed the company of friends at the PRCUA Święconka hosted by District 7 at the PRCUA Social Hall - Mateusz Bomba, President; Pawel Truchan, Vice President; and Kevin Kucik, Treasurer and National Director, did a wonderful job organizing the event with a delicious buffet meal catered by Montrose Deli.

The month ended with a lovely afternoon program honoring Mothers and Fathers presented by the St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School and Mała Polska Dancers at the Carmelite Fathers, Munster, IN held April 28 (Malgorzata Czachor, Principal; Malgorzata Blachut, President; Agata Wilgocki, Dance Instructor). Congratulations for a job well done!

On April 29, Kelly Malinowski celebrated her 35th anniversary teaching the Polskie Maki Dance Group at its annual Dance Recital held at Van Dyke Auditorium at Lincoln High School, Warren, MI. (Maria Jalkiewicz, Director). Kelly is the daughter of the late Shirley Ann Galanty - the Dance Queen of Michigan - who encouraged and nurtured her daughter's dancing ability. Kelly, your Mom is applauding your success from heaven, and here on earth President and Mrs. Drobot, Richard and I join the grateful parents, families and dancers who love, appreciate and celebrate your talents, energy, and creativity for 35 years! Here's to many, many more!

In closing, the Convention is only a few short months away, taking place August 10-13 in Dearborn, MI. Just as a reminder, applications for the position of Executive Officers, National Directors, and Delegates must be postmarked by May 30, 2018. We look forward to seeing who will be a candidate this year. The strength of any organization is in its members and the leaders who rise from the membership. Rise to the challenge and contact the Secretary-Treasurer's office for an application.

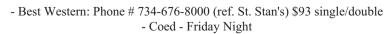
Save the Date: September 9, 2018 - PRCUA Inaugural Mass and Banquet in Chicago.

Take advantage of PRCUA's programs this year (see page 3) - the 145th Anniversary Life Insurance Special and the 2-year White Eagle annuity series offering a 2.62% APY guaranteed for 2 years (offered as this is the 62nd Quadrennial Convention)! Promote the PRCUA in your communities and become a part of its history and future - after all, it is the oldest Polish organization in the United States.



SAVE THE DATE! 64th PRCUA National Softball Tournament

Friday and Saturday, August 17-18, 2018 Woodhaven, MI Hosted by St. Stan's Society #718



- Hospitality room at the Best Western 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. (free beer & pizza)
 - Men's & Women's Open Saturday
 - Luncheon: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pavilion at fields
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PRCUA SOCIETY #1004 CELEBRATED A COMMEMORATIVE MASS

Fr. Paul Bonk celebrates the Commemorative Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Madison, IL



Father Paul blessing the Polish Hall

Madison, IL - On Sunday, March 18, PRCUA St. Stanislaus Society #1004 Madison, Illinois participated in their first commemorative Mass, held Our Ladv Czestochowa Church in Madison. It was followed by a Communion breakfast. Father Paul Bonk, son of members Ed and Clara Bonk and brother to Society President Kenneth Bonk, was the celebrant. Father Bonk blessed the Polish Hall building where breakfast was held. Cooks for the event were Louie Bisto as well as Bob and Judy Kult. An indoor egg hunt was also held for small children.

Submitted by: Henry Mulnik, Rec. Secy. St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004



Father Paul Bonk



Brothers Father Paul Bonk (I) and President of St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004 Kenneth Bonk (r)



Communion Breakfast at the Polish Hall

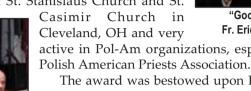


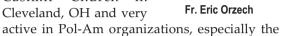
Cooks (I-r): Louie Bisto, Judy Kult and Bob Kult



FR. ERIC ORZECH RECEIVES "GOOD JOE" AWARD

Cleveland, OH - Rev. Eric Orzech, PRCUA Soc. #2220 member and contributing writer to the "Higher Perspectives" column of Narod Polski, was presented with the Cleveland Society of Poles' "Good Joe" Award on March 10, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland Society annually honors one of its members who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting Polonia and its values during the preceding year. Fr. Orzech is the Pastor of St. Stanislaus Church and St.







Fr. Eric Orzech

The award was bestowed upon Fr. Eric at a gala banquet which was held at a most appropriate setting, The City Side Ballroom, located in one of the old ethnic neighborhoods of Cleveland, on the precipice of the valley overlooking the Cuyahoga River, the by-gone location of many of Cleveland's old steel mills.

It was from this very escarpment that many Poles walked to work 100 years ago, to the valley below, forging the steel that built America. Among the many dignitaries

present were: Anthony Togliotti, Mayor of the City of Independence, Ohio with one of his Council members, Jim Trakas, who is also a candidate for a seat in the Ohio House



Pres. Joseph Drobot (I)

congratulating Fr. Orzech (c)

Carol Stafinski, V.P. of the Cleveland Society of Poles; Judy & Pres. Joseph Drobot; Fr. Eric Orzech; Dennis Galicki, President of the Cleveland Society of Poles



L-r: Dir. Mitchell and Krystyna Bienia, Fr. Orzech, Judy & PRCUA Pres. Joseph Drobot

Representatives: Matt Trafis, Council member from the City of Seven Hills, Ohio; Former U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich, candidate for the President of the United States in 2008 and 2016, and current candidate for Governor of Ohio; Raymond J. Grabow, former Mayor of the City of Warrensville Heights, Ohio as well as Ohio State Representative Thomas Patton.

The PRCUA was proudly represented by National President, Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his lovely wife, Judy. PRCUA District 5 National Director Mitchell Bienia and his wife, Krystyna, were there also, on behalf of the PRCUA. Master of Ceremonies and Chairman of the event was Walter Borkowski, a member of PRCUA Society 2220. During the formal program, President Drobot affirmed Fr. Eric's distinct worthiness to receive this prestigious award.

Fr. Eric's mother, Helene, was presented with a bouquet of red roses as the entire Orzech family experienced the proceedings with great pride.

PIAST Folk Dance and Song Ensemble, sponsored by PRCUA, in colorful Polish folk dress, provided a nostalgic moment of entertainment with a suite of dances from Poland. The selection of numbers, from a solo dance routine, to a vocal selection, culminating with a rousing Krakowiak. All were wellreceived by the guests.

The evening of merriment lingered into the late hours of the night as guests danced and listened to the music of Ralph Szubski, while reminiscing about times past. Desserts of pastry and coffee, and adult beverages continued into the night.

On the drive home after the banquet, guests were treated to a rare sight. The Terminal Tower, one of Cleveland's great landmarks, was bathed in red and white lights, the colors of the Polish flag, in honor of Fr. Eric Orzech. What a perfect ending to an incredible night!

> By Mitchell Bienia, PRCUA National Director, District 5 Photos by Tomasz Kacki

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

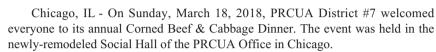
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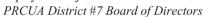


The Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner is a popular event. This year was no different from previous years, with over 80 guests in attendance. It was an opportunity to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon with family and friends in a festive environment celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski began the celebration with a prayer. The delicious corned beef dinner was prepared by Harrington's Catering & Deli, which is the best in town. The traditional drawing to name the Lad and Lassie of the event took place after dinner. An unprecedented event took place during the drawing of the Lad and Lassie. Walter Dynowski won the drawing for two years in a row! He is the only Corned Beef & Cabbage guest to ever win back-to-back Lad honors. This year's Lassie award went to Cecile Krok. After the coronation, the gift card raffle took place. District 7 Secretary Thomas Tarnowski was selling tickets in the form of playing cards, running a raffle the old-fashioned way. Three gift cards in the amount of \$25 each to Starbucks, Home Goods and Kohl's were sponsored by PRCUA

District #7 Vice-President Pawel Truchan and the three lucky winners were drawn. Afterwards, the winners of the cash raffle were announced: Lorraine Piasecki (\$200), Prince Charming Xander Burd (\$100) and Howard Zmijewski (\$50).

The PRCUA District #7 Board of Directors and National Directors A. Krysinski and K. Kucik would like to thank all of participants for the continued success of this event. It would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers: Pam Tuytens, Katarzyna Szwedo and Annette Truchan. Congratulations to all the winners of the generous raffles and the Lad and Lassie drawing. We cannot wait to see everyone at next year's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner! We hope you will join us.









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PRCUA Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski with Dist. #7 Officers, 2018 Cinderella and Prince Charming, 2018 Queen Runner-up of the May 3rd Parade, the Lassie and Lad, D #7 Dir, Kevin Kucik and raffle winners





















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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 business 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.

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 <u>postmarked by May 30, 2018</u>. 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

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

LAST CALL FOR 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

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Send proposed changes by **June 1, 2018** to:
PRCUA Constitution Committee
Michael Turkiewicz, Chairman
984 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642-4101



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Antkowicz, Mark	413	IL	Meczynski, Luccille	408	IL
Baran, Joseph A. Jr.	718	MI	Michaels, Erwin	542	IL
Barbera, Elizabeth	385	NY	Michajlyszyn, Carol A.	1593	MI
Bikowicz, Robert Joseph	242	NY	Oleski, Antoinette	680	PA
Buchalski, Chester S.	712	NY	Ostrowski, Helen	237	PA
Budzinski, Stanley	1000	IL	Potulski, Helen	1591	AZ
Byrdy, Helen	247	ОН	Randle, Edward B.	1622	IL
Cieslak, Bernice K.	2303	WI	Reed, Phyllis	413	IN
Ciucki, Marcella A.	234	IN	Reiling, Eleanor M.	2032	PA
Czahor, John Francis	1416	WI	Rossi, Sandra M.	366	PA
Duginski, Michael J.	2315	WI	Sadowski, Sandra	2159	OH
Dzwoniarek, Theresa E.	2013	PA	Sczesny, Shirley A.	283	WI
Fularz, Mary S.	2290	PA	Sink, Frank A.	849	IN
Getz, Katharine	2159	ОН	Sliwinski, Norbert J.	951	NY
Gutowski, Elizabeth	539	MO	Spankowski, Daniel V.	2315	WI
Hanczar, Virginia	593	IL	Staszak, Elroy S.	2320	WI
Hutnik, Gary M.	540	NY	Stoczynski, Sigmund P.	300	IL
Kaczanowski, Chester	87	MI	Suarez, Joseph	572	NJ
Kelly, Curtis	1492	GA	Sutor, Dorothy	1031	IN
Kolodziejski, Stella	517	NJ	Swol, Ann	1593	MI
Kopro, Richard	997	MD	Szaina, Marian C.	855	PA
Krueger, Camille	261	MI	Szucs, Douglas A.	2144	OH
Krywinski, Helen M.	1492	CT	Topor, Rose	880	IL
Lewalski, Arthur	2227	MI	Turek, Mieczyslaw	1000	IL
Lewandowski, Eleanore	542	IL	Wilczynski, Dorothy	2159	OH
Lubrant, Regina	111	NY	Wilczynski, Phyllis	463	CT
Luszczki, Genevieve	718	MI	Wincek, Arthur T.	2109	CA
Malacha, Edwin	179	AZ	Yankovich, Louise	988	IL

May they rest in eternal peace.

Polish-as-a-Second-Language Classes at St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School

In the next school year 2018-19, St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School in Munster, IN will offer a new class: Polish-as-a-Second-Language, for children 7-12 years old.

Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Space is limited, so if you'd like more information about registration for this class, please contact Mrs. Blachut at 219-613-5148.



PRCUA Society #162, Sacred Heart of Jesus, proudly hosts the PRCUA National Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 21, 2018. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy another great fraternal outing sponsored by our great organization.

We will again run the entire outing as a four person Scrambles tournament.

We will have the following divisions: Men's, Women's, Seniors and Mixed (2/men, 2/Women).

The National office will offer a hole in one prize, and we will also offer other chances to win closet to the pin and longest drive, just to name a few.

Riverview Highlands Golf course will be our tournament site this year. They are located at 15015 Sibley Rd, Riverview, MI, just a few short miles away from Society #162. You can check out the course at www.riverviewhighlands.com.

Hotel Reservations can be made at the Comfort Suites Inn, 18950 Northline Rd, Southgate, MI 48195, 734-287-9200, rates are \$119 based on double occupancy OR at The La Quinta Inn, 12888 Reeck Rd, Southgate, MI 48195. 734-374-3000. Rates are \$79, based on Double Occupancy. Ask for the PRCU rate for the National Golf Outing.

Society 162 will host hospitality back at their Lounge (1430 Oak St. Wyandotte, MI 48192) on Thursday and again on Friday. Free Draft Beer and Wine from 7p – 10p each night.

The Tournament banquet is also being held at our hall with a complete dinner including music and dancing to the fine Sounds of the New Brass Express. Cash bar will be available. Dinner available for non-golfers at \$10 ea.

Many more details to follow as time gets closer. Any questions or concerns, please contact: Stan Pasko, President Society #162 spaskoj@aol.com or at 313-815-5230 1918 - 2018



100th Anniversary

PRCUA Sacred Heart Lodge - #1031 620 Bach St., La Porte, IN Saturday, July 14, 2018

Please join PRCUA Sacred Heart Lodge #1031 as we celebrate our 100 year anniversary this year. Festivities will feature music by Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the "The Boys from Illinois." They will be entertaining us from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meanwhile, guests can take part in various raffles, 50/50, cookie doughs and tip boards.

Snacks, refreshments and adult beverages available for everyone to enjoy!

Starting at 5:00 p.m. we'll be serving a Polish-American Buffet, \$12.00 per person (all-you-can-eat). This will continue until 7:00 p.m. Then, following dinner, we'll start the evening entertainment from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. featuring the "915" Rock Band.

On Sunday, July 15th, following Mass, we will be serving a Breakfast Buffet in the lodge hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon for \$7.00 per person (all-you-can-eat.)

Catch up with old friends, make new ones! Talk about days gone by. This will be a day to remember. Be a part of our celebration. Looking forward to seeing you!

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. (cash bar) must be 18 yrs. old.

THANKS - The PRCUA would like to thank the following donors for their contributions to the PRCUA MATCHING GIFT FUND. The generous support of individuals like you will make it possible for the Orchard Lake Seminary in its mission of preparing foreign-born seminarians, primarily from Poland, to serve the Catholic Church in the United States.

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1430 OAK ST WYANDOTTE MI 48192

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TICKETS \$25

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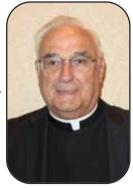
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MILESTONES IN THE LIFE OF REV. ANTHONY D. IWUC

How do you capture a moonbeam in a bottle?! How do you summarize 90 years of living and 65 years of priesthood in a printed column?

The PRCUA is proud to announce that our beloved National Vice Chaplain Reverend Anthony D. Iwuc, who has served as PRCUA National Chaplain and National Vice Chaplain since 1974, is celebrating two milestones in 2018. On February 25th, Father turned 90; on May 30th Father will mark the 65th anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood in the Diocese of Providence, RI.



Reverend Canon Anthony D. Iwuc, National Vice Chaplain,

Father has described himself as an "Alleluia" person – PRCUA ever celebrating God's goodness and reverencing life as he celebrates himself and everyone else.

Born in Sibleyville, South Attleboro, MA, the son of +Bronislaw and +Adolfina Iwuc, Anthony was the 7th of 10 children with 5 brothers and 4 sisters. He was a typical boy – sharing everything in the family, delivering newspapers, collecting cans for movie money, walking the railroad tracks, playing in the ice house and going to Camp Yawgoog. He learned love in his family of faith. He skipped a year in grade school thanks to his keen intelligence and shared knowledge learned from his brothers and sisters. Early on, his young friends hinted that he would make a good priest. His love for the Holy Rosary led him to take the name "Dominic" for his Confirmation name. He never misses saying the Rosary every day.

On his path to the priesthood, his journalistic talents were used as editor of the "Blue Mantle" in Our Lady of Providence Seminary. His statistical acumen and love for history produced many parish jubilee yearbooks. His athletic ability in football and baseball earned him the titles of "muckler" and "Big Ant". His sense of humor and love of song have often brought laughter and joy to many a celebration – he always has a song in his heart.

His love for family draws him to family gatherings, picnics and dinners. His love for travel and discovery were shared with nieces and nephews with trips to the mountains, the ocean and camping. Later he organized parish pilgrimages to Rome, Poland and the Holy Land.

His love for Church and the Eucharist drew him to celebrate the 40 Hours devotion in New England Polish parishes over many years, to plan monthly Holy Hours in his parishes, adoration in the rectory chapel and 8-mile pilgrimages to the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette in MA every year for Polish Day.

His organizational skills produced the Rhode Island Chapter of the Orchard Lake Ladies Auxiliary, radio programs for the sick and shut-ins and fundraising Fashion Shows. He served as National President of the Orchard Lake Schools Alumni Association from 1974 to 1978. His love for Orchard Lake earned him the Fidelitas Medal, Man of the Year Award, and Ambassador status. Father currently serves on the Seminary Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents of the Orchard Lake Schools since 1957.

His love for Rhode Island is shared with every visitor – touring the beautiful coastline, lighthouses, monuments and historical sites in the state.

His love for his two parishes – Our Lady of Czestochowa in Coventry and St. Joseph in Central Falls - was expressed in his diligent service of the people and parish: census taking, blessing of homes, caroling to the shut-ins, visiting the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, parish jubilee books, weekly inspirational and informative church bulletins. Father burned mortgages, built Our Lady of Czestochowa School, renovated St. Joseph Church and purchased the St. Joseph Parish Center.

Father's love for Polonia and his native U.S.A. involved him in civic and fraternal activities, blessings and organizations. He served as President of the Polish American Congress, R.I. Branch for many years. As such, he was instrumental in collecting and sending a huge number of shipments of much-needed shoes, clothing, food, medical supplies and various aid to the people of Poland during the marshal law years, by collaborating with the PAC Charitable Foundation. Fr. Iwuc is on the Board of Directors of the Polish Museum of America and a member of the Kosciuszko Foundation. He organized the annual tribute to Pulaski at Roger Williams Park and also served as National President of the Polish American Priests Association.

His fraternal love for his fellow priests expressed itself by the annual mailing of an inspirational booklet, along with his personal greetings, to every priest in the diocese on the anniversary of his Ordination.

People are Father's hobby. Everyone is celebrated ... everyone is important - from the altar server to the Bishop. No one is left out. People are celebrated in life and in death.

In spite of plenty of setbacks in his life, Father Iwuc maintains a positive and serene outlook. He is the epitome of peace and joy.

During Father's last hospitalization, the nurses had difficulty getting Father's heartbeat. His primary physician told Father it was because his heart is buried deep within his body.

Thank you, beloved Father Anthony D. Iwuc, for your deep, golden heart! We gladly celebrate you! You have blessed our lives with your love. God bless you!

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Chester Schafer Passed Away



Chester "Chet" Schafer, a cultural beacon in Chicago's Polish-American community, passed away on April 11, 2018, at the age of 95. He was a polka radio disc jockey and music producer, champion of Polish culture, and father of 13 children. He is believed to have one of the longest-running radio careers in the Chicago area and one of the longest-running polka radio shows in the country.

Chet Schafer was born Chester Aloysius Szafraniec in 1922 in Chicago to Polish immigrant parents. He grew up in Wicker Park. Schafer served in an administrative capacity during World War II. After completing his service, he took

journalism and broadcasting classes at Northwestern University on the GI Bill.

Chet Schafer's radio career spanned over 65 years. He got his start co-hosting a polka program with musician Li'l Wally Jagiello on Chicago station WCRW in 1950. In 1952, Schafer started his own "Polka Hit Parade" program on LaGrange station WTAQ, using the popular TV program "Your Hit Parade" as a model. In 1954, he expanded to another radio program on WTAQ on which he held the first polka band popularity contest in the Chicagoland area. He received over 22,000 pieces of mail for this contest, which was featured in Reader's Digest magazine. Schafer's polka music has also been broadcast from Oak Park station WPNA before he found his long-term home on the airwaves at WCEV 1450 AM in 1986. The Sunday afternoon "Chet Schafer Show" was broadcast on WCEV until November 2017. Schafer was known as the "Dean of Chicagoland's Polka Broadcasters."

Schafer was the first in Chicago to produce live polka stage shows. These were variety shows which featured live bands, vocalists, dancing groups, and comedy skits. Schafer performed live broadcasts of his radio show at local polka dances and outdoor festivals. He also co-hosted the polka segment of the "Polonia Today" TV show on WCIU Channel 26 in the 1980s.

In addition to his radio activities, Schafer owned the Chicago Polkas - 10-inch 78 rpm records, 45s, 8-tracks, cassettes, LPs, and CDs by artists such as the Pala Brothers, the 47th Street Concertina Club, Li'l Richard, the Hi-Notes, and Staś Bulanda. He released over 100 albums. One of Chicago Polkas' last recordings was an album of music composed by and for the Polish and American war hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

Schafer married Dolores Mendygral in 1950. They lived in the West Humbolt Park neighborhood and raised a family of thirteen children. The family occupied two adjacent houses on Walton Street for many years, and they were active members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The family moved to the Mont Clare neighborhood in 1990 and became members of St. Priscilla Parish.

Schafer spent many years working a day job as part-owner of Hollywood Press, a Wicker Park printing firm, with his brothers Tony and Frank.

In 2004, Chet and Dolores Schafer received the *Polish Spirit Award* from the Polish Museum of America; this was the same year that Dolores passed away. Chet Schafer married Geraldine Ryndak in 2010 at the age of 88. Geraldine passed away in 2013

Throughout his life, Schafer was active in a number of community organizations, including the Polonus Philatelic Society, the International Polka Association (IPA), the Polish American Cultural Club, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. He has written articles for such publications as Polka Guide, Polka World, and I.P.A. News. In 2012, Schafer donated a 1794 handwritten document by Polish military and American Revolutionary War hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko to the Polish Museum of America.

Schafer remained active with his radio show and recording label until his health declined in 2017. He passed away due to kidney disease. Schafer is survived by sister-in-law Barbara Szafraniec; children Alice Belmont, Jane Schafer Kramer, Judith Speer, Thomas Schafer, Therese Bird, Joseph Schafer, Susan Mleczko, Natalie Tu, Ann Geisert, Peter Schafer, Andrew Schafer, Pauline Schafer, and Emily Ruzich; 27 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, April 21 at St. Priscilla Church in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Polish Museum of America would be appreciated.

Chet Schafer was a loyal PRCUA Soc. #136 member with a big heart, who always strived to do whatever he could to help others. May he be blessed a hundredfold for all the good he did and may he rest in eternal peace.



Sacred Heart Mass
Hosted by PRCUA Dist. #8

Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Woods Parish,
10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL

After Mass a Luncheon will be served at the Parish Hall Adults \$30.00; Children under 10 yrs. - \$15.00

Information: Danielle Kroplewski at 312-718-0169

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.

Orchard Lake Schools Honored Professor Piotr Wilczek

(Conitnued from page 1) Some of his accomplishments include:

- University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland: Graduated (1986); received his Ph.D. (1992); Habilitation (2001); recruited for position as Professor and Faculty Dean (until 2008).
 - Oxford's St. Anne's College: Postgraduate research in intellectual history (1988).
- Warburg Institute, University of London: Completed two postdoctoral projects (1996 & 1998)
- The British Centre for Literary Translation, University of East Anglia: Visiting translator (twice).
- *Rice University, University of Illinois, University of Chicago*: Taught Polish literature and language as a visiting professor (1998-2001).
 - Harvard University, University of Texas at Austin: Guest lecturer.
- Boston College, Cleveland State University: Visiting scholar. Doctorate Honoris Causa (Doctor of Humane Letters), Cleveland State University (May 13, 2017).
- *University of Warsaw*: Faculty (2008) with experimental *Artes Liberales* program; Founding Director of *Collegium Artes Liberales* (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; 2009-16); established and chaired Center for the Study of the Reformation and Intellectual Culture in Early Modern Europe; and a director of the *Artes Liberales* Doctoral Studies Program.

Ambassador Wilczek draws upon his scholarly experiences to demonstrate the value of his interdisciplinary approach to cultural diplomacy.

Wilczek joined the foreign service in numerous capacities. As a member of the Warsaw-based non-partisan American Study Group at the Polish Institute of International Affairs, he helps bring experts, journalists and academic professionals together to collaborate on political and cultural affairs within the U.S. as they affect Poland, Europe and the trans-Atlantic alliance. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, he served as Poland's representative (and President of the affiliate in Warsaw) of the New York-based Kosciuszko Foundation, a nonprofit that cultivates the educational, cultural, and artistic collaboration between the U.S. and Poland.

On October 21, 2016, Wilczek was nominated to serve as the Ambassador by the President of the Republic of Poland. Since arriving in Washington, DC, he has shown a special interest in the well being of the Orchard Lake Schools. "There is hardly a more important institution in Polonia than the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake," said Ambassador Wilczek, upon welcoming Fr. Król as the new Chancellor. "Priests educated at Orchard Lake have contributed over the years to Polish-American communities throughout the United States, cultivating Polish language, customs, traditions and faith."

Additional accomplishments include: author and editor of 22 published monographs and over 100 journal articles, both in English and Polish; Member of numerous professional groups and associations; Board member; variety of international academic journals, book series, advisory councils and scholarly initiatives throughout Europe and the U.S.

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Women's Champions #162 Lounge



Over-50 Champions St. Stan's 718 Blue



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St. Stan's 718 Red



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BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Society #162

March 10, 2018

The PRCUA 84th Annual National Basketball tournament went off without a hitch, in the wonderful city of Wyandotte, MI. Over 120 basketball players enjoyed the Tournament on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Stan Pasko, President of Society #162 in Wyandotte, and his co-chairs Ryan Mahalak, Jake Grabowski and John Bobrowski, worked diligently to be sure Society #162 ran another great tournament! Hats off to John, Ryan and Jake for a great job on their first tournament!

Friday evening started with some hospitality at the Soc. #162 Lounge. It is always a great gathering place to start the tournament, have a bite to eat and, of course, quench one's thirst. The Saturday morning competition began at three different gyms: St. Stan's gym, Wilson Auxiliary gym and Wilson Main gym.

Tony Jesue assembled a fine crew of referees and the games began at 8:00 am. PRCUA President Drobot provided a quality jump ball toss to get the games started.

Competition continued into lunchtime, when the players were treated to a lunch and beverage. Of course, what would a PRCUA function be without some 50/50 raffles? Winners were drawn from the morning session and the games began again, leading into the final brackets.

The early afternoon provided our first champions for the day, as the Men's-Over-50, and the Women's games were played. These were all 3 on 3 teams, playing a running 10-minute clock. After all was said and done, the Women's Champions are Society #162 Lounge from Wyandotte, and the Men's-Over-50 Champions are St. Stan's #718 – Blue.

The Men's Open competition continued and led to an awesome final round of games! The championship game posted Society #718 – Dare Bar, trying to unthrone the defending Champs, Society #162 – Wyandotte. Dare Bar, fielding a younger team than usual, came out with a win! Wyandotte needed to up their game. Both teams had played several games throughout the day. In what was a back-and-forth game for most of the time, Wyandotte started to settle into their game and continued to stay ahead by a few points. Ultimately, Wyandotte would once again win the crown and continue their reign as Champions!

All the teams returned to the PRCUA Banquet Hall for the awards presentation and were also treated to a full Polish dinner. The evening continued with the fine sounds of The New Brass Express. Our National Officers at the dinner included Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard; Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski; President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Joann; VP Emeritus Bob Bielenda and his wife. Eleanor: and Mateusz Bomba our Fraternal Coordinator.

Special thanks go to all of the volunteers from Society #162. Without their efforts, the success of this tournament would not have been possible.

Stan Pasko, President of Soc. #162



Team Levangie



Dare Bar



Taskforce



Men's Open Champions PRCUA #162



Belczak Family



PRCU Lodge 78



St. Rita Blazers East



St. Rita Blazers West



St. John Paul II Society #1593



Team O'Reilly

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Save the Dates

2018 PRCUA Sport Tournaments

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

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

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

PRCUA DISTRICTS #7, #8, AND #9 CELEBRATE ANNUAL ŚWIĘCONKA

Chicago, IL - Fifty members of PRCUA Districts #7, #8 and #9 and their guests celebrated the annual PRCUA Święconka together on Sunday, April 22. This year's event was hosted by District #7 at the PRCUA Social Hall in Chicago, IL. Guests were welcomed by D #7 President Mateusz Bomba, who also led the group in saying Grace.

After the meal, catered by Montrose Deli, Mateusz Bomba invited everyone to participate in a game. He asked the 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and 2018 Prince Charming Xander Burd to assist by reading the Easter-themed text, while everyone played the game by passing boxes of candy from left to right and right to left. The boxes of candy prizes were donated by PRCUA V.P. Micheline Jaminski. At the end of the game, whoever was in possession of the boxed chocolates was the winner of the candy. Each person also received a souvenir in the form of a Polish wooden egg, distributed by PRCUA District #7 Treasurer and National Director Kevin Kucik.

A delicious meal, friendly atmosphere and great companionship made this year's Święconka a very relaxing and fun celebration of the Easter season and long-awaited spring.

The 2018 Święconka was attended by PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, National Directors Anna Krysinski and Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), past Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz and her husband, Walter, who is past President of District #7, 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and Prince Charming Xander Burd, members of the Adult Culture Group, Sales Director Robert Fattore, and *Naród Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz.













St. Stan's #718 High School Senior wins Michigan High School State Bowling Championship

PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718 member and Algonac Michigan High School Senior, Shelby Kapanowski started bowling when she was only 5 years old. However, it was not until recent months that she started to witness her vast potential within the sport.

On February 23rd, Shelby surprised even herself by winning a Michigan High School Regional Championship. Then, one week later, on March 3rd, she was at her best and finished her senior season by winning the Michigan High School Division 3 Individual State Championship.

Shelby comes from a family of several generations of bowlers. Her grandparents, Edzia and



Shelby Kapanowski at the Michigan High School State Bowling Championship

Tosia Kapanowski are 48-year members of St Stan's #718. Her cousins, Michael and Kevin Kapanowski, qualified for the Division 3 Team State Finals, and Kevin also qualified for the boys Division 3 individual State Finals as a freshman.

Shelby carries a 4.2 GPA and also plays varsity volleyball and softball. For her accomplishments this year in sports, Shelby has received the Michigan Blue Water Area Conference Female Athlete of the Year Award. Congratulations, Shelby!

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PRCUA Gwiazda Dancer's 58th Annual Spring Recital





Gwiazda dancers performing dances from the Zywiec region

Warren, Michigan – Sunday, April 15th dawned like many a Michigan spring day – with downed power lines and broken tree branches from the previous evening's ice storm. While not exactly idyllic spring weather, the temperatures rose, and by the time members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers descended upon Fitzgerald High School in Warren, Michigan, the weather had shifted to a constant cold rain. If winter was outside, there definitely was "spring" in each of the dancers' steps as they got into costume and make-up while waiting for the afternoon's recital to begin.

The recital began with the Ensemble's director, Jessica Wendt, greeting the audience and asking everyone to rise for the singing of the Polish and American National Anthems. The anthems were led by all of Gwiazda's dancers.

Following the anthems, Ms. Wendt asked that all dancers remain on stage as she acknowledged PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Jr. President Drobot was invited on stage where she thanked him for his continued support of the Gwiazda Dancers during the tenure of his presidency. He was then presented with

a PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers T-Shirt and other tokens of appreciation. There was time for photos and then back to the show.

First, the entire Ensemble presented the Krakowiak. One of the national dances of Poland, the dance embodies the various cultural influences present in the city of Kraków at various points in its development. The Krakowiak folk dress is perhaps the best known and most representative of all Polish folk dress.

Following the Krakowiak, the Gwiazda Dancers invited their special guests, the Behar Bosnian Dancers, to the stage. Behar performed a dance called "A Strange Pain in the City of Mostar." Located in Metro-Detroit, Behar is a group that seeks to preserve and cultivate the Bosnian language, culture, and traditions in the next generations of Bosnian Americans. Their group consists of

students ages 4 to 19 years old.

After Behar completed its number, the audience

characteristic deep knee bend.

resumed its mini-tour of Poland as Gwiazda's Group

3 took them to southeastern Poland and the city of

Rzeszów. They performed a suite of energetic

dances - danced with the Rzeszów region's

audience to central Poland and the village of Opoczno, located in the Mazowsze region. Group 1's

Opoczno suite included the well-known Polka

Then Gwiazda's Group 2 took the audience south.

almost to the Czech boarder with dances from Beskid

Sląsk. Group 2's Beskid suite included the well-

Tramblanka, and several Opoczno obereks.

From Rzeszów, Gwiazda's Group 1 took the

Ensemble performing the Krakowiak

known Kolomajki as well as several dances full of flirtatious fun.

Next, the audience traveled north and east to the city of Nowy Sącz, located in the foothills of the Tatra Mountains. Gwiazda's Group 4, its youngest group, presented its rendition of Cięta Polka, a lively number and an often included dance in suites from Sącz. Following Group 4's number, the Behar Dancers returned to the stage to present their "Oriental Dance."

From Bosnia, the audience then traveled to some of the easternmost parts of Poland as members of Gwiazda's Groups 1 and 2 performed songs and dances from Lublin. Gwiazda's Lubelski suite included some lively polkas, as well as the fun dance, Osa.

After all that dancing, it was time for a break. A 15-minute intermission was held to allow Gwiazda's guests to take a look at some fantastic prize raffle baskets and other raffle prizes.

When the Ensemble returned, it was time to showcase some American style polkas. This year's polka portion saw Group 4 dance to *Hej Tam w Dolinie* by John Góra and Górale, Group 3 to Eddie Blazoncyzk and his Versatones, **Stop the World Polka**, Group 2 to the *Cztery Córy Polka* by John Góra and Górale, and Group 1 to the *Let's Get Going Polka* by John Góra and Górale.

With the polkas concluded, the Ensemble made a quick costume change and returned to the stage to present its American novelty numbers. This year's theme for the American numbers was "Disco," a musical style that developed in the American urban nightlife scene and was popular as a musical genre throughout the mid-1970s and early 1980s. Many Motown artists embraced this musical genre. Since the early 2000s, disco has seen a renaissance with artists like Maroon 5, Justin Timberlake, Bruno Mars, Flo-Rida, and Jason Derula all charting with disco infused hit songs.

Gwiazda's youngest group, Group 4, took to the stage in their sequined outfits, and danced to the chart topping Bruno Mars and Mark Ronson hit, *Uptown Funk*. Next Gwiazda's Groups 1 through 3 took to the stage and danced to Madonna's *Hung Up*. Gwiazda will perform this dance at the Children's Festival in Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland, as part of the Festival's concert of dances from the groups' home nations.

In keeping with its tradition, the Gwiazda Dancers concluded their 58th Recital with songs and dances from Beskid Zywiecki. The suite included the popular Hajduk, Sarna, and Siustu dances.

With the recital completed, the dancers each received a Certificate of Recognition, as well as a special 145th Anniversary medallion from the PRCUA. First-year dancers also received a Gwiazda ribbon and pin that can be worn on their costumes for the duration of their time with the Ensemble. This year, Gwiazda also honored some of its dancers, who hit milestone dance anniversaries, with trophies. They include: Kennedy and Schyler Babicz, Lukas Straske, and Lucyna Wendt (5-year trophies) and Max Chabowski and Mikołaj Sobiesiuk (10-year trophies).

The Gwiazda Dancers wish to thank: their director, Jessica Wendt, and choreographer, Basia Nowakowski, the group's officers (Kim Zaliwski, President; Lisa Straske, VP; Nick Nowakowski, Secretary; and Magdalena Srodek, Treasurer); the group's costume director, Cindy Cervenak; Kim Zaliwski, Courtney Babicz, Armen Gulian, and the Gwiazda families for the raffle baskets and other prizes, Aimee Baranski and Daniel Porzondek for their assistance with the recital slide show and for their assistance with working on

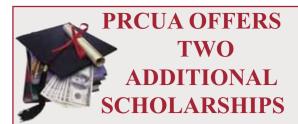
dance technique, all of the stage moms who assisted during the recital (Kristen Bauer, Cheryl Lewis, Arian Floyd, and Kristy Caleca), the dads who assisted with admissions and concessions (Bob Straske, Ken Babicz and Ben Wendt); and PLAV Post 10 in Hamtramck, Michigan for use of their facilities for the group's practices.

With the recital completed, the Gwiazda Dancers returned to their practice facilities in Hamtramck, MI, on April 16 as they continued to practice for their performances in Michigan during the spring and summer and at the Children's Festival in Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland.

Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski



Gwiazda Ensemble with their Choreographer Basia Nowakowski and School Director Jessica Wendt (Photo courtesy of Telewizja Detroit)



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 application and 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 change 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?

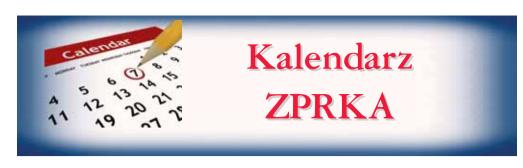
Please submit an application along with an essay on the above topic with a word count between 1,000 and 1,500 words.

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 whole 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



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3 DZIEŃ KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA

- 5 CHICAGO, IL PARADA Z OKAZJI DNIA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA sobota, 5 maja wzdłuż ul. Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL. Zapraszamy członków ZPRKA do wspólnego marszu z jednostką Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce.
- 6 CHICAGO, IL RECITAL POŁUDNIOWO-ZACHODNIEGO CENTRUM POLSKICH TAŃCÓW niedziela, 6 maja, godz. 12:30, Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago, IL. Informacje: swcenterofpolishdancing@gmail.com.
- 11-12 OAK LAWN, IL ZAKOŃCZENIE ROKU SZKOLNEGO W POLSKIEJ SZKOLE IM. M. KONOPNICKIEJ piątek godz. 19:30, sobota o godz. 10:30, parafia St. Louis de Montfort, 8808 Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. Informacje: mje9132@gmail.com.
- **DETROIT, MI DZIEŃ POŁĄCZONYCH RĄK (JOIN HANDS DAY)** sobota, 12 maja organizowany przez parafie św. Alberta (St. Albertus), 4231 St. Aubin St. i św. Jacka (St. Hyacinth), 3151 Farnsworth St., w Detroit, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: dyr. Tom Lisiecki, tel. (586) 795-8901.
- 12 LEMONT, IL RECITAL ZESPOŁU "POLANIE" sobota, 12 maja, godz. 10:00, parafia śś. Cyryla i Metodego, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Informacje: principal@polschool.com.

13 DZIEŃ MATKI (USA)

- **CHICAGO, IL KONCERT ZESPOŁU "POLONIA"** niedziela, 13 maja, godz. 15:00, Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL. Informacje: annakrysinski@yahoo.com.
- WYANDOTTE, MI TOW. #162 ZAPRASZA NA ŚNIADANIE-BUFET Z OKAZJI DNIA MATKI niedziela, 13 maja w godz. 8:00-12:00, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dorośli \$8.00, dzieci do lat 10 wstęp wolny. W menu: jajka, naleśniki, smażona wędlina z cebulą, smażone ziemniaki, tosty, wybór owoców, kawa, herbata, sok. Dodatkowe informacje: mhalbers@wyan.org.
- **DEARBORN HTS., MI ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE (RYDER CUP) TOWARZYSTW** #718 i #162 sobota, 19 maja na polu golfowym Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 W. Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. Spotkanie po rozgrywkach w Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren St., Dearborn Hts., MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Bob Hojnacki, tel. (313) 384-6255 lub hoj606@hotmail.com.
- 20 MUNSTER, IN ZAKOŃCZENIE ROKU SZKOLNEGO W SZKOLE IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO I PIKNIK. Informacje: masia@mkc.pl.
- **ORLAND PARK, IL ZEBRANIE DYSTRYKTU #8 ZPRKA,** poniedziałek, 21 maja, godz. 19:00 w sali parafialnej przy kościele Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL. Kontakt: Danielle Kroplewski (312) 718-0169.
- **DETROIT, MI 48. DOROCZNA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NOC NA STADIONIE COMERICA PARK** piątek, 25 maja, godz. 19:10. Mecz rozegrają drużyny Detroit Tigers i Chicago White Sox; Występy przed meczem rozpoczną się o godz. 18:30. Mecz o 19:10; po meczu pokaz sztucznych ogni. Możliwość zakupienia pamiątkowych czapek i jedzenia. Dodatkowe informacje: Wally Ozog, tel.: 586-751-8158 lub Christopher Ozog, tel.: 586-524-4907. Formularz na zakup biletów, jedzenia i czapek na str. 14.
- 26 DZIEŃ MATKI (POLSKA)
- 28 ŚWIĘTO MEMORIAL DAY BIURO ZPRKA ZAMKNIĘTE

CZERWIEC

- 1 TERMIN NADSYŁANIA PODAŃ O STYPENDIA I POMOC FINANSOWĄ NA STUDIA
- 1 MIĘDZYNARODOWY DZIEŃ DZIECKA
- 1 HAMTRAMCK, MI DRUGA DOROCZNA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NOC Z DETROIT CITY FC ("DCFC") piątek, 1 czerwca, godz. 19:30, Keyworth Stadium, 3201 Roosevelt Podczas przerwy wsytąpią polonijne zespoły tańca ludowego. Bilety: http://www.detcityfc.com w cenie \$8.00 (regularna cena \$10.00) prosimy wpisać kod: POLSKA. Dzieci poniżej pięciu lat wstęp wolny.
- 2 STERLING HTS., MI MŁODZIEŻOWE ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE TOW. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II #1593 sobota, 2 czerwca, Five Star Lanes, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Barb, tel.: (586) 453-3471.
- WYANDOTTE, MI ZABAWA TANECZNA MOTOWN REVIEW DANCE organizowana przez Tow. #162 ZPRKA i Rycerzy Kolumba #13607, sobota, 2 czerwca, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Drzwi otwarte od godz. 18:00, obiad o 18:30, zabawa od 19:30. Bilety tylko w przedsprzedaży w cenie \$25. Dodatkowe informacje: Stan Pasko (313)815 5230.

- **TOLEDO, OH RECITAL ZESPOŁU "ECHOES OF POLAND"** niedziela, 3 o godz. 15:00, Ohio Theater, 3114 Lagrange St., Toledo, OH. Dodatkowe informacje: dyrektor zespołu Paulina Ortyl, tel. (419) 531-8658.
- 7 DEARBORN HTS., MI LOSOWANIE ZWYCIĘZCÓW STYPENDIÓW TOW. #718 ZPRKA czwartek 7 czerwca, o godz. 20:00, Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren, Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Poczęstunek.
- TUTICA, MI NOC POLSKA NA STADIONE JIMMY JOHNS FIELD czwartek, 7 czerwca, stadion Jimmy Johns, 7171 Auburn Rd., Utica, NY. Otwarte od godz. 18:00, mecz o godz. 19:05. Przed rozpoczęciem meczu program taneczny, w którym wystąpią polonijne zespoły tańca ludowgo, w tym zespół "Zajączek" ZPRKA. Polska kuchnia i muzyka. Użyj kodu promocyjnego: POLISH2018 przy zakupie biletów: Bilety w cenach \$10, \$12 i więcej. Bilety można zakupić na stronie www.uspbl.com lub pod numerem (248) 601-2400 w. 1.
- 8 DES PLAINES, IL 38. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE piątek, 8 czerwca w Café La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL. Szczegóły poniżej.
- 10 ORLAND PARK, IL DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA ZPRKA niedziela, 10 czerwca o godz. 14:00 w kościele Our Lady ofthe Woods, 10731 W 131st St, Orland Park, IL. Szczegóły str. 24.
- 10 WYANDOTTE, MI POKAZ ZABYTKOWYCH SAMOCHODÓW TOW. #162 ZPRKA niedziela, 10 czerwca w godz. 10:00 15:00 (zapisy uczestników od godz. 9:00), PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Koszt uczestnictwa dla osób wystawiających samochody: \$8 (wcześniejsze zapisy), \$10 w dniu pokazu. DJ, nagrody wejściowe i dla uczestników, loterie, możliwość zakupu przekąsek i napojów. Cały dochód przeznaczony na dalszą działalność Tow. #162. Dodatkowe informacje: Val (734) 284-4758.

14 DZIEŃ FLAGI (USA)

- MILWAUKEE, WI FESTIWAL POLSKI w festiwalu udział wezmą zespoły tańca ludowego ZPRKA: sobota, 16 czerwca na scenie ludowej "Wesoły Ludek" z Poł-Zach. Centrum Polskich Tańców (Chicago) i "Polanie" z Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II (Lemont) w godz. 15:00-16:00; scena kulturalna: zespół "Wesoły Lud" (Chicago) w godz. 16:00-16:30. Zespół "Wesoły Lud" dołączy do innych zespołów w czasie programu galowego w godz. 18:00-19:30.
- 17 DZIEŃ OJCA (USA)
- 21 KALENDARZOWY POCZĄTEK LATA
- 23 DZIEŃ OJCA (POLSKA)
- 23 STERLING HTS., MI PIKNIK RODZINNY TOW. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II #1593 ZPRKA sobota, 23 czerwca. Dodatkowe informacje: Barb (586) 453-3471.
- **GLENWOOD, IL 4. DOROCZNY PIKNIK RODZINNY ZPRKA I MSZA POLOWA -** niedziela, 24 czerwca w PACF Grove, 18600 E. GlenwoodThornton Rd., Glenwood, IL w godz. 12:00-18.00. Gospodarzami są Dystrykty 7, 8, 9
 ZPRKA. Dodatkowe informacje (773) 782-2636. Szczegóły na str. 21.
- CHICAGO, IL NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA Z DRUŻYNĄ WHITE SOX środa, 27 czerwca, Guaranteed Rate Field, 333 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL. Mecz rozegraja drużyny White Sox i Minnesota Twins Parada przed meczem, uczestnicy proszeni są o stawienie się przy bramie #1 (Gate 1) na południowej stronie stadionu, o godz. 18:15. Początek meczu o godz. 19:10. Osoby biorące udział w paradzie muszą zamówić wejściówki w czasie rezerwacji biletów. Bilety w sekcji Lower Box \$28 (regularna cena \$42.56). Rezerwacje do wtorku, 5 czerwca. Bilety można zakupić dzwoniąc do działu braterstwa ZPRKA, pod numer (800) 772-8632 w. 2636 lub (773) 782-2636.

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

Artykuły do czerwcowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 22 maja.

38. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE

Stulecie odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości piątek, 8 czerwca, 2018

Café La Cave Inheim Rd., Des Pl

2777 Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL Koktajle 19:00 Kolacja 20:00 Nagrodę Ducha Polskości MPA otrzymają Maria Bronny Ciesla i Polsko-Słowiańska Federalna Unia Kredytowa

Bilety: \$200.00 od osoby

Rezerwacje przyjmowane są do 25 maja Mary Jane Robles tel. 773-782-2603; mary-jane-robles@prcua.org



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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 jest stopień licencjacki (Bachelor);
- Preferowane są 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 w pracy zawodowej 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, braterstwa 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:

- $\bullet \ Wymagane \ uczestnictwo \ we \ wszystkich \ zaplanowanych \ spotkaniach \ zarządu \ i \ dyrekcji;$
- Monitoruje działalność powierniczą ZPRKA i Komitetu Wykonawczego;
- Jest głównym kontaktem w rozwiązywaniu problemów między biurem ZPRKA, a lokalnymi Dystryktami;
- Aktywnie promuje i / lub organizuje lokalną działalność organizacji;
- Promuje i zachęca do wstąpienia do ZPRKA;
- 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.

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

UWAGA KANDYDACI 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 sekretarzaskarbnika 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 i zarejestrować się na obradach sejmowych w wymaganym terminie pierwszego posiedzenia sejmowego w drugim dniu obrad;
 - b) musi być członkiem Zjednoczenia przez 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, rodzicie 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 liczba głosów, tylko kandydat, który otrzyma najwyższą liczbę głosów w czasie Sejmu będzie dopuszczony do złożenia przysięgi i sprawowania urzędu, o który się ubiegał."

Więcej informacji na temat kwalifikacji na stanowiska, wiceprezesa, sekretarzaskarbnika i dyrektorów krajowych, które zostały zatwierdzone przez Radę Dyrektorów ZPRKA w dniu 2 grudnia 2017 r., znajduje się obok.

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

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 <u>do dnia 1 czerwca 2018 r</u>. 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 przesyłać na adres: Budget and Grievance Committee, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101

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 reprezentacje 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 zalegają 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

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. 12 "Narodu Polskiego" i przesłać do Komitetu d.s. Konstytucji.

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!

Oprócz zabezpieczenia drogiej Wam osoby, ten plan ubezpieczeniowy również zapewnia:

- przyrost wartości gotówkowej;
- możliwość wzrostu polisy o dywidendy dla ubezpieczonego;
- gwarancję istnienia polisy przez cały okres życia ubezpieczonego;
- możliwość wykupienia planu do 62. roku życia;
- w większości przypadków, bez konieczności badań medycznych.

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

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

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

Meżczyzna

Kohieta

VICK	Męzczyzna	\$26,678	
0	\$22,971		
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	

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

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA w 2018

21 lipca - Turniej golfowy - Wyandotte, MI

<u>17-18 sierpnia</u> - Turniej softball - Woodhaven, MI

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

Wysokie opłaty za studia?



Złóż podanie o stypendium w ZPRKA!



Dodatkowe informacje na temat stypendiów oferowanych przez ZPRKA i wypełniania podań można znaleźć na stronie: PRCUA.org/scholarships

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 komisję 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 oświatową 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 i opłacać twszystkie składki w terminie 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



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DOROCZNY OBIAD "CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER"



L-p: "Lassie" Cecile Krok, "Książę i Kopciuszek 2018" Xander Burd i Anna Tumiel, "Lad" Walter Dynowski



Zarząd Dystryktu #7 ZPRKA (I-p) Paweł Truchan, Kevin Kucik, Tomasz Tarnowski, Mateusz Bomba



Sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski z żoną Elaine i synami



L-p: były prezes Wallace Ozog z żoną Joann i były prezes D-7 Walter Szarowicz

Jak co roku, 18 marca, 2018 r. Dystrykt #7 ZPRKA zorganizował doroczny obiad "Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner". Wydarzenie to odbyło W niedawno wyremontowanej świetlicy biura ZPRKA w Chicago. Doroczny obiad

"Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner" jest popularnym wydarzeniem. W tym roku nie było inaczej. W imprezie udział wzięło nieco ponad 80 gości. Była to okazja do spędzenia pięknego niedzielnego popołudnia w gronie rodziny i przyjaciół, świętując dzień św. Patryka.

Sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA, James Robaczewski rozpoczał uroczystość od modlitwy przed posiłkiem. Wyśmienity "irlandzki" obiad, który najlepiej smakuje właśnie w tym okresie roku, został przygotowany Harrington's Catering & Deli. Tradycyjne losowanie "Lad &

Lassie" ("Dziewczyny i chłopaka") odbyło się po obiedzie. Niebywałe wydarzenie miało miejsce podczas losowania. Walter Dynowski wygrał tytuł po raz drugi i jest on jedynym uczestnikiem dorocznych obiadów "Corned Beef & Cabbage", który kiedykolwiek wygrał to wyróżnienie dwa lata z rzedu. Tegoroczna "Lassie" została Cecile Krok. Po koronacji "Lad i Lassie" miało losowanie podarunkowych, których sprzedażą

zajmował się sekretarz Dystryktu #7 Thomas Tarnowski. Trzy karty podarunkowe o do popularnej kawiarni Starbucks i sklepów HomeGoods i Kohl's ufundował wiceprezes Dystryktu #7 ZPRKA, Paweł Truchan. Następnie rozlosowani zostali zwycięzcy loterii pieniężnej, w tym roku szczęśliwe losy zakupili: Lorraine Piasecki (\$200), "Książę 2018" Xander Burd (\$100) i Howard Zmijewski (\$50).

Zarząd Dystryktu #7 ZPRKA pragnie podziękować wszystkim uczestnikom tego wydarzenia za tak liczne przybycie. Dziękujemy również osobom pomagającym uświetnić to wydarzenie swoją pomocą - Katarzynie Szwedo,

Annette Truchan i Pameli Tuytens. Gratulujemy zwycięzcom loterii pieniężnych, podarunkowych konkursu "Lad & Lassie". Nie możemy się już doczekać, aby zobaczyć wszystkich ponownie na przyszłorocznym obiedzie w stylu "Corned Beef & Cabbage"!

Zapraszamy do wspólnej zabawy!



W podziękowaniu wolontariuszom MPA

W czwartek, 19 kwietnia, odbyła się w Sali głównej im. Sabiny F. Logisz Muzeum Polskiego Ameryce, d o r o c z n a uroczystość Dnia wolontariusza.

Krótki program poprowadzili prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany i dyr. zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot.

Gościewolontariusze, którzy z potrzeby użyczaja swoich pomocnych dłoni i talentów,

pomagają niewielkiej liczbie pracowników muzeum, w realizacji wielu przedsięwzięć. Bogaty wachlarz uroczystości i programów oferowanych dla Polonii chicagowskiej nie byłby możliwy do zrealizowania, gdyby nie stała pomoc tych osób, które poświęcają niejednokrotnie wiele wolnych godzin na pomoc w ich

Jak co roku, wszyscy obecni na uroczystości wolontariusze otrzymali od pracowników MPA podziękowania i kwiaty oraz ugoszczeni zostali obiadem i okazyjnym tortem. Na ich cześć, prezes Owsiany i dvr. Kot wznieśli również uroczysty toast.

Do stałej tradycji Dnia wolontariusza MPA należy wybór Wolontariusza roku "Za ich poświęcenie, czas i zainteresowanie promowaniem i przechowywaniem skarbów Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce". Tytuł Wolontariusza roku przyznany został paniom Małgorzacie Pałce i Barbarze Jakackiej.



Prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany i dyr. zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot dziękują wolontariuszom roku za zaangażowanie w promocję i dzałalność muzeum (I): R. Owsiany, M. Kot, Judy Drobot, Małgorzata Pałka, Barbara Jakacka, Joseph Drobot



Csaba Zongor (I) wręcza skarbnikowi-sekretarzowi ZPRKA Jamesowi Robaczewskiemu (p) dyplom członkowstwa w Federacji Polsko-Węgierskiej

W tym roku, przyznane zostało również wyróżnienie Ambasadora MPA, które otrzymali państwo Judith i Joseph A. Drobotowie. Joseph Drobot jest prezesem Ziednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i przewodniczacym zarzadu Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Jak podkreśliła dyr. Kot, państwo Drobotowie korzystają z każdej nadarzającej się okazji, aby promować Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce, jako placówkę kulturalno-oświatową i skarbnicę pamiątek narodowych.

Przy okazji uroczystości Dnia wolontariusza, prezes Światowej Federacji Polsko-Węgierskiej Csaba Zongor przekazał na ręce zarządu Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce i członków zarządu Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce dyplomy członkowstwa w Federacji, dziękując im za wieloletnią współpracę.

Kilka utworów muzycznych zagrał dla gości Włodek Zuterek.





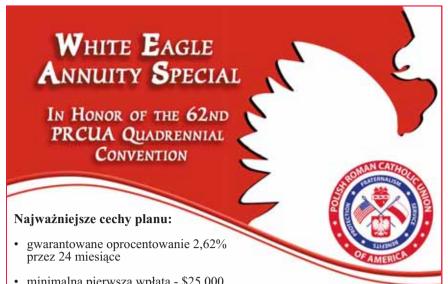








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- minimalna pierwsza wpłata \$25,000
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NOWE PISMO DLA MŁODZIEŻY **POLONIJNEJ**

Droga Polonio!

Jesteśmy dumni, że mogliśmy dla Was przygotować e-magazyn "Cogito dla Polonii", który powstał z myślą o młodzieży polonijnej z całego świata.

To nowoczesny i bezpłatny magazyn edukacyjny dla uczniów i licealistów mieszkających za granicą Polski. Jego tematyka dotyczy życia młodej Polonii, nauki języka ojczystego, historii Polski.

W każdym numerze informujemy też o studiach w Polsce, nowościach kulturalnych, publikujemy wywiady i reportaże o tym, jak żyją młodzi Polacy za granicą.

Naszym marzeniem jest to, by młodzi ludzie nie tylko dołączyli do grona naszych czytelników, ale przede wszystkim stali się bohaterami tekstów współpracownikami "Cogito dla Polonii". Chcemy opisać

ich życie, pasje, sukcesy, działalność na rzecz Polonii. Brak płynności w posługiwaniu się językiem polskim to żaden problem! Po prostu dołączcie do naszego zespołu.

Czekamy na mejle: cogito@cogito.com.pl

W imieniu całego Zespołu zapraszam do lektury 1. wydania, które jest do pobrania w Polonijnej Bibliotece Cyfrowej.

> Ola Siewko, redaktor naczelna "Cogito dla Polonii" Wydawca: Polskie Bractwo Kawalerów Gutenberga

"Cogito dla Polonii" współfinansowane jest ze środków finansowych otrzymanych od Kancelarii Senatu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej na realizację zadań publicznych w zakresie opieki nad Polonią i Polakami w 2018 r.



KONKURS NA PRACĘ PISEMNĄ



Dla młodzieży i młodych członków ZPRKA



Na każdym Seimie ZPRKA Komitet ds. młodzieży/młodych dorosłych przedstawia delegatom sprawozdanie, w którym doradza, w jaki sposób zachęcić młodzież do aktywnego zaangażowania się w życie Zjednoczenia i przyszłe plany naszej organizacji. Wiele z ich pomysłów zostało w przeszłości zrealizowanych.

Jednym z zaleceń Komitetu ds. młodzieży/młodych dorosłych na 61. Sejmie ZPRKA, było przeprowadzenie kolejnego konkuru na pracę pisemną przy okazji 62. Sejmu ZPRKA.

Komitet pod kierownictwem dyrektor Dystr. #9 Beth Sadus, zaprasza wszystkich członków ZPRKA w wieku od 16 do 35 lat, aby wzięli udział w tegorocznym konkursie.

Chcemy usłyszeć wasze opinie, nowe pomysły i nowe sposoby, dzięki którym ZPRKA może w większym stopniu zaangażować naszą młodzież w życie naszej organizacji.

Regulamin konkursu:

- 500 słów
- Konkurs jest otwarty dla wszystkich członków PRCUA, w wieku od 16 do 35 lat.
- Uczestnicy konkursu muszą przedstawić dobrze opracowane pomysły lub plany imprez które zachęcą ich i ich rówieśników do większego zaangażowania się w działalność ZPRKA.
- Dwie kategorie wiekowe:
 - od 16 do 25 lat
 - od 26 do 35 lat
- W każdej kategorii wiekowej może być wybrany tylko jeden zwycięzca.
- Prace bedą oceniane przez Komitet ds. młodzieży/młodych dorosłych, a zwycięzcy zostana ogłoszeni na 62. Sejmie ZPRKA, w sierpniu 2018 r.
- Komitet zastrzega sobie prawo do zdyskwalifikowania prac, które nie spełnią kryteriów. Jeżeli żadna z nadesłanych prac nie spełni kryteriów, komitet nie wybierze żadnego zwycięzcy wyłącznie w celu rozstrzygnięcia konkursu.
- Do wszystkich prac należy dołączyć: imię i nazwisko autora, adres, dane kontaktowe oraz numer Towarzystwa ZPRKA.
- Termin nadsvlanja prac uplywa 1 sierpnia 2018 roku.
- W wypadku, gdy będą wyłonieni zwycięzcy, przyznane zostaną dwie nagrody o wartości \$250 każda.

Wszystkie prace należy przesyłać na adres: PRCUA Essay Contest, Dir. Elizabeth A. Sadus, 847 Marion Way, Chicago Hts., IL 60411.

Zespół Szkół w Orchard Lake wybrał Dyrektora Polskiej Misji

Zespół Szkół w Orchard Lake z radością ogłasza wybór dr Arkadiusza Góreckiego na dyrektora Polskiej Misji. Celem Polskiej Misji jest zachowanie i promocja polskiej i polsko-amerykańskiej kultury, tradycji i historii dla obecnych i przyszłych pokoleń. Polska Misja organizuje programy, kursy i wydarzenia, które podkreślają polską i polsko-amerykańską kulturę oraz zapewnia repozytorium dla artefaktów, materiałów archiwalnych, dzieł sztuki i publikacji.

Arkadiusz Górecki urodził się w Olsztynie, w Polsce, obecnie mieszka w Chicago i jest obywatelem USA. Jest światowej sławy muzykiem. Uzyskał dyplom doktora w dziedzinie muzyki na Uniwersytecie Roosevelta w Chicago, koncentrując się na studiach orkiestrowych oraz zarządzaniu instytucjami kultury. Ukończył również z najwyższym wyróznieniem Conservatoire National Supérieur de



Dr. Arkadiusz Górecki

Musique de Paris - Paryż, Île-de-France, Francja, na wydziale instrumentalnym w klasie puzonu. Uzyskał tytuł magistra na Uniwersytecie Muzycznym Fryderyka Chopina w Warszawie. Dr Górecki włada biegle językiem angielskim i polskim, a także mówi po francusku.

Jest laureatem wielu międzynarodowych konkursów muzycznych. Jako puzonista występował z takimi orkiestrami jak: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra, Simfonia da Camera, Glenview Symphony Orchestra, Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra - wymieniając tylko kilka.

Jest również aktywnym promotorem kultury, wartości i tradycji polskiej, polsko amerykańskiej i amerykańskiej. Jego głównym celem jest kontynuowanie rozwoju polskoamerykańskiego i amerykańskiego krajobrazu kulturowego. Jako osoba z doświadczeniem zarówno w dziedzinie artystycznej, jak i administracyjnej, promuje i realizuje założenia i cele organizacyjne. Docenia ważną rolę sztuki i kultury w życiu społecznym. Od 2013 roku jest członkiem katolickiego stowarzyszenia Rycerzy Kolumba czwartego stopnia.

Arkadiusz Górecki jest dyrektorem World Music Production, Co. w Chicago. Jako animator kultury, zorganizował wiele koncertów, tras koncertowych i wydarzeń artystycznych w Polsce, USA i za granicą, z udziałem czołowych artystów takich jak, np. Stanisław Soyka, Golec uOrkiestra, Aga Zaryan. Sprawował również funkcję dyrektora Katolickiej Fundacji Kultury w Chicago. Jako członek Komisji Konsulatu Generalnego w Chicago wspiera i organizuje kluczowe wydarzenia promujące polską kulturę, historię i dziedzictwo.

Ks. kanonik Mirosław Król, Kanclerz Zespołu Szkół w Orchard Lake jest bardzo zadowolony z wyboru dra Góreckiego na stanowisko dyrektora Polskiej Misji w Orchard Lake. Ks. Król pragnie znacząco poszerzyć działalność kulturalną Szkół w Orchard Lake wśród społeczności polskiej i polsko-amerykańskiej w kraju i za granica i wyraża radość i nadzieje, iż pod kierownictwem dra Arkadiusza Góreckiego, cel ten będzie możliwy do zrealizowania.

Dystrykty 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA spotkały się na dorocznej Święconce

Chicago, IL - Około pięćdziesięciu członków Dystryktów #7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA oraz ich gości wzięło udział w dorocznej Święconce ZPRKA, która miała miejsce w niedzielę, 22 kwietnia w świetlicy w biurze ZPRKA. Tegorocznym gospodarzem uroczystości był Dystrykt #7. Gości powitał prezes D-7 Mateusz Bomba, który również prowadził modlitwę przed posiłkiem.

Po posiłku, przygotowanym przez Montrose Deli, Mateusz Bomba zaprosił wszystkich do wzięcia udziału w zabawnej grze. O pomoc w prowadzeniu gry poprosił "Kopciuszka i Księcia 2018" Annę Tumiel i Xandra Burda, którzy na zmianę odczytali specjalnie przygotowany na tę okazję tekst o tematyce wielkanocnej. Podczas czytania wszyscy goście



Mateusz Bomba, prezes Dystr. #7 ZPRKA

przekazywali sobie z lewa na prawo i z prawa na lewo pudełka z czekoladkami, które zasponsorowała wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński. Na zakończenie gry, ktokolwiek był w posiadaniu czekoladek, został zwycięzca, a nagrodą były oczywiście - biorące udział w grze czekoladki. Wszyscy uczestnicy spotkania otrzymali na pamiątkę polskie drewniane jajka wielkanocne, rozdane przez dyrektora i skarbnika Dystryktu #7 ZPRKA Kevina Kucika.

Doskonały posiłek, przyjazna atmosfera i świetne towarzystwo sprawiły, że tegoroczna Święconka była spotkaniem bardzo relaksującym, miłą kontynuacją okresu wielkanocnego i radosnym powitaniem długo wyczekiwanej wiosny.

W Święconce wzięli udział wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński i jej mąż Ryszard, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski, dyrektorzy krajowi Anna Krysiński i Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech (D-9), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), była sekretarz-skarbnik Joyce Szarowicz i jej mąż Walter (były prezes Dystryktu #7), "Kopciuszek i Książę 2017", Anna Tumiel i Xander Burd, członkowie Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych, dyrektor działu sprzedaży ZPRKA Robert Fattore, redaktor naczelna "Narodu Polskiego" Lidia Kowalewicz.



















Szanowni Państwo, Drodzy Rodacy!

Mamy zaszczyt poinformować, że Prezydent Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Pan Andrzej Duda z Małżonką Panią Agatą Kornhauser-Dudą odwiedzi Chicago, największe skupisko polonijne na świecie.

Polonia amerykańska z wyjątkowym zaangażowaniem i ofiarnością, zawsze wspierała niepodległościowe aspiracje Rodaków w kraju. Trwała przy Polsce, pielęgnując więzi z Macierzą oraz kultywując narodowe wartości, tradycje i obyczaje.

W roku obchodów Stulecia Odzyskania przez Polskę Niepodległości serdecznie zapraszamy Was, Drodzy Rodacy, na uroczyste spotkanie z Parą Prezydencką. Chcemy dzielić radość wspólnego świętowania doniosłej rocznicy w historii Polski, która czyni to wydarzenie wyjątkowym.

Niech wzmocni ono przyjaźń łączącą od stuleci narody polski i amerykański, opartą na fundamencie najcenniejszych wartości: umiłowania wolności, suwerenności, demokracji oraz poszanowania praw człowieka i obywatela. Nasza liczna obecność będzie symbolicznym wyrazem postaw patriotycznych i przywiązania do Polski, najlepiej zaświadczy o potencjale zorganizowanej i aktywnej społeczności polonijnej żyjącej na kontynencie amerykańskim.

Bądźmy razem w Millenium Park w Chicago!

Do zobaczenia 19 maja 2018 roku o godzinie 12.00!

Sekretarz Stanu w Kancelarii Prezydenta RP

Adam Kwiatkowski

Konsul Generalny RP w Chicago

Piotr Janicki

OBCHODY DNIA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA

Zapraszamy wszystkich członków ZPRKA do dołączenia się do grup marszowych ZPRKA na 127. paradzie 3-Maja w sobotę, 5 maja 2018 r o godz. 11:30 wzdłuż ul. Columbus Drive w Chicago, IL



Hasło tegorocznej parady: 100-lecie odzyskania niepodległości przez Polskę





Doroczna Msza Święta ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa niedziela, 10 czerwca 2018 godz. 14:00 w kościele Our Lady of the Woods 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL

Po Mszy Św. zapraszamy na lunch w sali parafialnej \$30.00 - dorośli, \$15.00 - dzieci do lat 10

> Rezerwacje i informacje: Danielle Kroplewski at 312-718-0169.

Gospodarzem tegorocznej Mszy Św. będzie Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA