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President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda and First Lady Agata Kornhauser-Duda Make a Historic Visit to the PRCUA/PMA Headquarters



President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda and First Lady Agata Kornhauser-Duda with invited guests at the PMA's Great Hall (photo: J. Siegel)



Poland's Presidential Couple welcomed by PRCUA President Drobot and PMA President Owsiany (photo: Facebook - Consulate General of Poland)

The Presidential couple visited Chicago on May 18-19 during their recent trip to the United States. This was President Duda's first trip to Chicago since his election as President of the Republic of Poland.

One of the objectives of their 5-day visit was to meet the Polish American diaspora on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining independence.

The Presidential delegation arrived at the PMA and PRCUA around noon, where they were greeted by PMA President Richard Owsiany, PRCUA President and PMA Chairman of the Board Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., and PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot.

The delegation was welcomed to the PRCUA Home Office by PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski. Mrs. Jaminski presented a brief history of the PRCUA's history. The President and First Lady viewed the historic PRCUA Board Room, with its beautiful wooden carvings, elegant wood-paneled walls, and antique table and chairs. Then they toured the PMA's Paderewski Room, the Steven and Elizabeth Ann Kusmierczak Art



President Duda presenting the National Flag of the Republic of Poland to PMA President Richard Owsiany (photo: J. Siegel)

Chicago, IL - The Polish Museum of America and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America were honored to welcome President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda and First Lady Agata Kornhauser-Duda to their headquarters on Friday, May 18, 2018.

Gallery and the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, where they met with a group of invited guests. Present were members of the PMA Board of Directors, representatives from various Polish American organizations, political representatives, and the PMA's staff.

President and First Lady Duda signed the PMA Guest Book and presented the PMA with the flag of the Republic of Poland, which was gratefully accepted by PMA President Richard Owsiany.

The same day, President Duda also met with Governor of the State of Illinois Bruce Rauner at the Polish Consulate in Chicago and Mayor of the City of Chicago Rahm Emanuel at the Art Institute. The Presidential couple also participated in a flower-laying ceremony at the Katyń Monument and the Smoleńsk Commemorative Plaque at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, IL.

In the evening, President Duda visited the Illinois National Guard Base in Kankakee, IL. The First Lady met with representatives of the Polish American Teacher's Association at the Polish Highlander Alliance of North America headquarters in Chicago, IL. Directors and teachers from the IL-IN PRCUA Saturday Schools were present at this event.

On Saturday, May 19, PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and his wife Elaine, D-8 Director Krystyna Lech and her husband Tadeusz, and D-9 Director Elizabeth Sadus, together with several PRCUA employees and members, participated in a special program at Millennium Park in Chicago, which was attended by President Duda and his wife Agata.

During the program, President Duda decorated selected representatives of the Polish Diaspora with State Medals of Merit. He and the First Lady also presented diplomas to this year's Polish Saturday Schools' graduates.



V.P. Jaminski presenting the PRCUA history in the Board Room (photo: Facebook - Consulate General of Poland)



Poland's First Lady signing the PMA Guest Book (photo: L. Kowalewicz)



JUNE

1 DEADLINES FOR PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND APPLICATIONS

1 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

1 HAMTRAMCK, MI – 2ND ANNUAL SOCCER POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH DETROIT CITY FC (DCFC) on Fri., June 1 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 \$10.00.) Children under 5 years are free.

2 STERLING HTS., MI – PRCUA SOC. #1593 YOUTH BOWLING FUN DAY on Sat., June 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Five Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI. \$8 PRCUA / \$10 non-member / \$5 lunch only. 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, MI. 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. See details on pg. 13.

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 Zajączek 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 on Fri., June 8 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. 3.

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. 12.

14 FLAG DAY

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

17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (USA)

20 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., June 20 (third Wednesday of each month) from 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

23 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY (POLAND)

24 ST. CLAIRE SHORES, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC on Sun., June 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, Splash Pad Pavilion, 32400 Jefferson St., Claire Shores, MI. Contact: Barb Ozog at 586-453-3471. Horseshoe Tourney; call John Godin 586-404-2636 to register - \$10 per person or \$20 per team. See details on pg. 12

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. 7.

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.

26 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, MI. 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 St., Chicago, IL. See details on pg. 12.

JULY

1 PRCUA ST. STAN'S SOCIETY #718 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY – PRCUA OFFICE CLOSED

7-8 STERLING HTS., MI - AMERICAN POLISH CENTURY CLUB POLISH FESTIVAL on Sat. and Sun., July 7-8 (Mass on Sunday) at 33204 Maple Ln., Sterling Hts. Performance by Zajączek Dance Group.

9 ORLAND PARK, IL – PRCUA DISTRICT #8 CANDIDATE OPEN HOUSE on Mon., July 9 at 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park, IL.

18 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., July 18 (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 WYANDOTTE, MI – 66TH NATIONAL PRCUA GOLF TOURNAMENT hosted by PRCUA Sacred Heart Soc. #162. Contact: Barb at 586-453-3471 or Bob Hojnacki at 313-384-6255 or email hoj60@hotmail.com. See details on pg. 13.

28 DEARBORN HTS., MI – PRCUA SOC. #718 FAMILY PICNIC for members and their family, on Sat., July 28 from Noon to 8:00 p.m. at Helms Haven (Hines Park) in Dearborn Heights, MI. The pavilion is located west of Outer Drive on Hines Drive. All food and beverages are complimentary. Contact Tina & Denny for more information at 313-561-7464.

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Operating Results For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2018		
	Mar. 31, 2018	Mar. 31, 2017
INCOME:		
Life and Annuity Sales	5,617,788	5,354,720
Investment Income	2,641,609	2,554,028
Other Income	70,294	83,924
TOTAL INCOME	8,329,691	7,992,673
EXPENSES:		
Life and Annuity	6,706,806	6,385,554
General Expenses	1,329,350	1,335,390
Insurance Audit Fees-State of Illinois	130,753	120,734
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,166,909	7,841,678
NET OPERATING INCOME	162,783	150,996
Dividends to Members (deduct)	(37,949)	(37,897)
Net Capital Gain (loss)	0	(241,396)
NET INCOME (loss)	124,834	(128,270)
SURPLUS ACCOUNT		
Beginning Bal-Dec.31, prior year	11,833,894	7,708,653
Net Income (-loss)	124,834	(128,270)
Change in Reserves	45,430	557,374
Ending Balance as of Statement Date	12,004,158	8,137,757

Save the Dates

2018 PRCUA Sports 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@prcu.org

All articles for the July issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Gift of Life from Grandma and Grandpa!

By Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Director of Marketing

A safer future

As a grandparent, you can help ensure that the grandchildren who mean so much to you will enjoy practical insurance benefits that can be a big help to them later in life.

Insurance: a caring and thoughtful gift for your grandchild

Like most grandparents, you probably enjoy buying your grandchildren gifts. But toys and other presents can only bring short term happiness. Why not consider a gift that can give your grandchildren an advantage for life and be your legacy to them?

Help provide a lifetime of security with PRCUA permanent insurance

For less than it costs to buy a few toys a year, you could give your grandchild a much more heartfelt and long-lasting gift. Giving grandchildren a whole life insurance certificate from the PRCUA is an affordable way to help protect their future security.

When you buy life insurance for your grandchildren, you are giving them a powerful head start on their future. With whole life insurance, your grandchildren can receive lifelong protection regardless of any future changes in their health, hobbies, occupation, or any other situation that could prevent coverage from being approved later in life. As long as premiums are paid, PRCUA's whole life insurance policies also build "cash value" that your grandchild can borrow from or cash in, if future circumstances dictate.

Purchase while premiums are low; Adult-size coverage with child-size premiums

Believe it or not, this gift of financial security can cost as little as \$1 a day! That's because your grandchild is eligible for low childhood premiums. Because premiums are based on your grandchild's age at the time you submit your application, the sooner you apply, the lower the rates will be. You can start your grandchild with a whole life certificate and lock in a low childhood premium that will never increase. Parents, grandparents, and permanent legal guardians may apply.

Purchasing this caring and lasting gift is easy

As a grandparent, you can apply for this gift yourself. There are only a few simple questions to answer to request a free, no-obligation quote. After approval, you'll receive all the information you need to decide if a PRCUA permanent insurance certificate would make an important contribution toward your grandchild's future security.

145 years of PRCUA history

As the oldest Polish organization in the United States, the PRCUA has been serving its membership since 1873, helping grandparents just like you provide the loving gift of whole life insurance. Once you purchase whole life insurance for your grandchild, they immediately become a member of the PRCUA with access to our member benefits, such as eligibility to participate in local Polish language or dance schools, sports tournaments, educational grants, scholarships and loans, and much more!

Learn more about the ways that a whole life certificate through the PRCUA can give your child an advantage for a lifetime.

Sample quotes for a 5 Year Limited Pay Whole Life certificate:

Age	Gender	Insurance Amount	Premium Cost (monthly)
5	Female	\$20,000	\$35.06
8	Male	\$20,000	\$43.29
10	Female	\$20,000	\$40.37

A variety of plans and insurance amounts for children and adults are available for every budget!
Ask about the PRCUA Family Plus Plan and possible 10% off premiums.

Contact us today to receive a quote for your grandchild! 1-800-772-8632 ext. 2631 or 2632.

Feel good knowing that you have helped secure their future.



Graduates with their teacher Halina Szyrzyna (6th from left)

Congratulations to all graduates of the 2018 winter/spring PRCUA Polish Language Class for Advanced Students.

The classes, held on Mondays in the PRCUA Board Room from January 15 to May, were taught by Halina Szyrzyna, an accredited Polish language teacher and principal of the PRCUA John Paul II Polish Language School in Lemont, IL.

This year's graduates were: PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., First Lady Judy Drobot, Mary Jane Robles, Lisa Terlecki, Anthony Kowal, Edith Siemianowski, Geraldine Baginski, and James Czuchra.



PRCUA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT 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, and even more likely that we will eventually cease to exist.

It is necessary for the health of the PRCUA and society as a whole for us to reach out to younger members, to teach them about our organization and to get them actively involved in the life of the PRCUA. We must involve them in our plans for the future.

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

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, Elizabeth 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 or less.
- 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!



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

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1634	Isabella Kass	10332 S. Pulaski, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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2003	Briana Miller	4038 Pilgrim Dr., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
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2010	John Macknis	401 W. Mahanoy St., Mahanoy City, PA 17948
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2100	Elizabeth Hanna	8518 Camden Court, Broadview HTS, OH 44147
2108	Mela Dobrowolski	2989 East 61st St., Cleveland, OH 44127
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TATRY DANCERS DELIGHTED THE AUDIENCE AT THEIR 47TH ANNUAL RECITAL



Tatro graduates



Group 1



Group 2



Group 3

Lincoln Park, MI - The Tatro Dancers danced their hearts out to the heavens at our 47th Annual Recital. They rocked out to the Moon and Stars! April 15th was a cold, rainy, blustery “spring” day at Lincoln Park High School in Lincoln Park, MI. But it was warm inside with all the love and dance music in the air!

PRCUA D-10 Dir. Thomas Lisiecki opened the program with a wonderful welcome after the American National Anthem. Rose Ann Lackey, Tatro’s Director, then introduced the Tatro Dancers and choreographer/teacher Karen Lubiarz. Karen outdid herself once again with an amazing program of Polish folk dances and up-beat novelty dances.

The “moon and stars” shone brightly as the curtain rose and Group 3 captured the audience right off the beat with *Starships*. They were followed by Group 4 dancing Sinatra-style to *Fly Me to the Moon*. Our Group 2 stars danced to *Allstar*. Then Group 1 took the stage, looking adorable dancing to *Dancing in the Moonlight*. Lastly, Group 5 dazzled us with *Baby, I’m a Star*.

The second half of the program really showed off their Polish roots with traditional Polish dances, regional dances, and American Polkas. The kids belted out the Polish National Anthem *a cappella* this year!

Group 5 opened with the *Go Jimmy Go Polka*. Group 2 and 3 performed a regional dance to *Kurpie* medley in their beautiful Kurpie costumes. Then it was Group 4’s turn to show off, dancing to the *Happy Fiddles Polka*. Group 5 graduates (Amanda Johnson, Grace Bertucci and Courtney Cibor) then wowed the audience with the *Graduate Polka*. Group 3’s *Caribbean Polka* excited the audience. A Tatro crowd-pleaser was performed flawlessly by our Group 5: *Una Paloma Polka*. This was followed by *Polish Soul* with 2 of our graduates:

Amanda and Grace dancing with Brendan Lubiarz. Next was one of Tatro’s favorite dances - the *Góralski* - which

featured the boys group jumping, leaping and displaying their athleticism. The girls’ footwork kept up with the quick beat for an enjoyable performance. Group 1 was up next dancing to the *Polka Twist*, followed by Group 4’s regional showcase of a *Cieszyn* medley. Group 2 was the final number before our *Graduate Waltz*, performing the *Good Day Polka*. Finally, all the Tatro Dancers took the stage for the Finale. Every dancer did a wonderful job and their parents couldn’t have been more proud.

Many, many thanks to Director Rose Ann Lackey, choreographer and teacher Karen Lubiarz, all the dancers, alumni, officers, parents, and family members.

Congratulations to Tatro’s 2018 graduates - we are so proud of them and their accomplishments! Their dedication throughout many years of Polish folk dance classes, as well as their performances at the annual recitals and community functions, and participation in PRCUA events, are truly appreciated. Tatro and the PRCUA wishes you all the best!

Submitted by Gail Esker, Tatro Secretary



Group 4



Group 5



Tatro Boys





KIDS

ACTIVITY

PAGE

LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter Z

Draw a line connecting the correct picture to the word.

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ZIEMNIAKI

2.



ZAJĄC

3.



ZNACZEK

4.



ZEBRA

5.



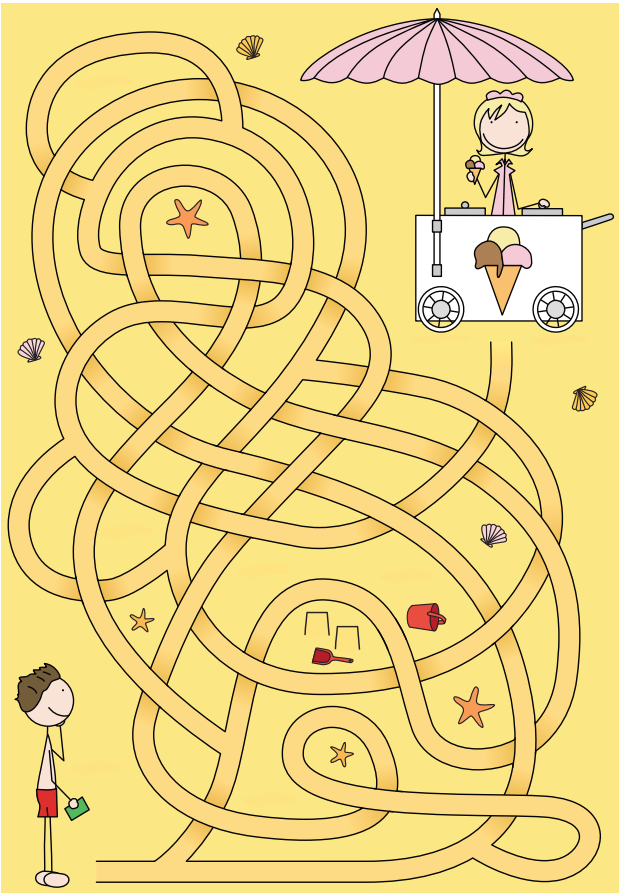
ZEGAR

6.



ZESZYT

HELP JACK FIND A PATH TO
JILL'S ICE CREAM CART



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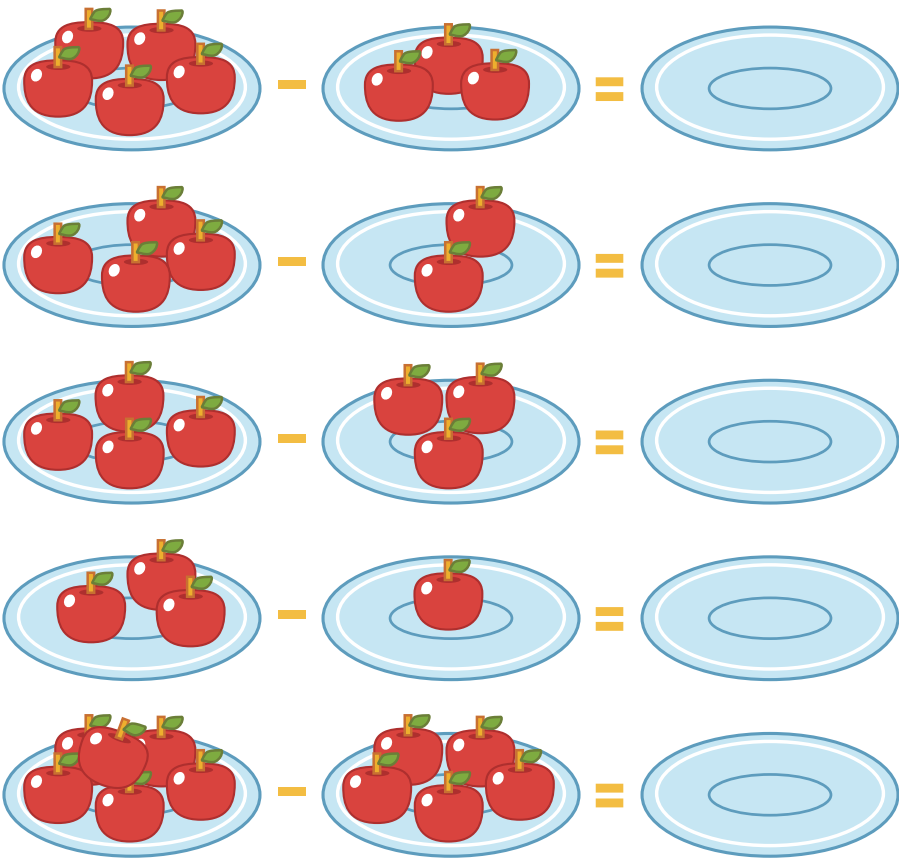
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Answers: beach ball, boy's sandals, boy's smile, dad's sunglasses, dad's bathing suit, mom's hair, mom's purse, girl's hair, girl's swim suit, boat

SHARING WITH OTHERS

It is always good to share with others, when you have plenty. Col. 1 shows how many apples you have. Col. 2 shows how many apples you shared with others. In Col. 3, draw how many apples you have left, after sharing.



Answers on page 9.

FUN WITH RAFFLES



Winners: (front row) Linda 1st Place, Tom J. 3rd Place, and Ann B. 2nd place; (back row) Sandy, Vikki, Susie and Emcee Dan T



Horse Race Jockeys



L-r: Teresa, Walter, and Deb picking a winner

Toledo, OH - The PRCUA Toledo Societies: 1584, 719, 1617, and 1633 held a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, April 28. The sold-out event had 50/50 raffles, insurance, boards, a Chinese raffle for baskets, Live 5, and a horse race. The hit of the night was the horse race. The winner of the horse race was Team Slandzicki. They took home a pot of \$600.00 to split among the team.



Dir. Thomas Jesionowski (l) and 1st prize winner Linda Nyler (r)

The winners of the Reverse Raffle were: 5th place Mark Blake \$100, 4th place Todd Wilson \$250, 3rd Thomas Jesionowski PRCUA National Director from District #5, \$350; 2nd place Ann B. \$500, and the Grand Prize winner for the Reverse Raffle was Linda Nyler \$1200.

This event would not have been possible without the help of many people and we would like to thank them: Dave S. and Rick K. for putting up the board, Rick and Ray for setting up the tables in the hall, Lisa, Sandy and Vikki for cooking the delicious meal, Joanne for the special salad dressing, Bobbie and Jess for working the insurance boards, Walter and Teresa for working the Live 5 and Chinese auction, Sandy and Doris for making the baskets, Deb E. and Sandy for all of the 50/50, Lisa for all of the decorations and for decorating the hall and the kitchen, Tom and Deb for pulling the numbers off the board, Susie for pulling the name, and Dan T. for being the MC for this evening of fun. The biggest "thank you" goes to Vikki for organizing and putting this whole event together.

Article and Photos: Teresa Gibala and Tom Jesionowski

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66th ANNUAL PRCUA NATIONAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT

For PRCUA Members Only - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!
Contact the Fraternal Department @ 773-782-2636 for Membership Information

We will be golfing at Riverview Highlands Golf Course, 15015 Sibley Rd, Riverview, MI 48193 on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Stan Pasko (chairman) and PRCUA Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #162 are excited to host this event. Shotgun start is at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

THIS IS A FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT

A scramble is a great team event. On every hole, each team member may hit a tee shot. The team determines the best shot and then all team members hit from that location. This procedure is repeated until the ball is holed out. A team score is recorded and the team moves to the next hole.

The categories are: Ladies' (four women), Men's (four men), Mixed (2 men, 2 women), and Seniors (62 and over); senior foursomes can be all male, female, or mixed. Entry form (available at prcu.org/sports) must be completed and returned to the Home Office by mail or e-mail along with the \$50.00 entry fee per golfer by July 6, 2017 (See entry form for further instructions.) Any questions, please call the Fraternal Department at 773-782-2636 or toll-free at 800-772-8632.

Winners in each category will be announced at the Banquet on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the tournament at the PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dinner will be served, and includes music and dancing to the New Brass Express Band. Cash bar. Dinner available for non-golfers at \$10 per person.

LODGING

Comfort Suites Inn, 18950 Northline Rd, Southgate, MI 48195, 734-287-9200. King or Double Suite - \$119.

La Quinta Inn, 12888 Reeck Rd, Southgate, MI 48195, 734-374-3000. King or Double Room - \$79. Make your reservations by July 6, 2018, to get the PRCUA special rate by mentioning the National Golf Outing! Individuals are responsible for making reservations, payment of rooms, taxes & incidentals. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or advance deposit.

Welcome gathering: Thursday and Friday, July 19-20, 2018 at the PRCUA #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Free draft beer and wine from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on both days.

CONTESTS

- SKINS GAME - HOLE IN ONE - CLOSEST TO THE PIN - LONGEST DRIVE
- AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TOURNAMENT!

OPTIONAL - FRIDAY WARM-UP ROUND

A warm-up round, four person scramble, will be available on Friday, July 20, 2018 at Riverview Highlands Golf Course, 15015 Sibley Rd, Riverview, MI. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. If you need a partner or team, we'll pair you up. \$30 per person which includes golf and golf cart. Greenies and skins will be extra. Fee is payable that day to the golf course. **You must register with Bob Hojnacki – 313-384-6255 or hoj606@hotmail.com, for the warm-up round.**

Check the PRCUA website (prcu.org/sports) for updates.

PRCUA DEMONSTRATES ITS POLISH PRIDE AT THE MAY 3RD POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS



Chicago, IL - A series of ceremonies were organized in Chicago during the first week of May to commemorate the anniversary of the Polish Constitution of 1791 - the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world, coming after the United States Constitution.

On Thursday, May 2, 2018 a reception was held at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago commemorating the occasion of the May 3rd Polish Constitution. The program opened with a welcome by Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, followed by the singing of the National Anthems by Karolina Nowobilaska, 2018 Queen of the Polish Highlanders in America. Consul General Piotr Janicki gave a short history of the May 3rd Constitution and invited everyone present to participate in the annual May 3rd Parade in Chicago to be held on Saturday, May 5.

During the program, several awards were presented, including the Cross of Freedom and Solidarity for services toward Poland's independence and sovereignty, which was granted by the President of the Republic of Poland to Ryszard Będkowski.

"Pro Patria" medals were awarded by the Office for Veterans and Victims of Oppression to: Tadeusz Barnaś, Kazimierz Cisko, Edward Cyran, Kazimierz Maniak, Mieczysław Rajczakowski, Andrzej Stopa, Stanisław Szulczewski and Wiesław Wiśniewski.

"Outstanding Pole in the USA 2018 - Chicago Edition" statuettes and diplomas were awarded to Henryk Janik and Wojciech Niewrzał (Culture), Bożena Nowicka McLees (Science), Alicja Karlic (Business), Jan Jaworski (Personality), and Andrzej Fonfara (Sport), and a Special Recognition diploma went to Henryk Janik.

"The Friend of Poland and Polonia 2018" Special Recognition was given to Gilbert Villegas.

The "Outstanding Pole in the USA 2018 - Chicago Edition" and "The Friend of Poland and Polonia 2018" competitions were organized by the Foundation of the Polish Promotional Emblem "Teraz Polska." PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. was one of the judges of this competition and had the privilege to present the awards to the recipients.

PRCUA First Lady Judy Drobot, Vice President Micheline Jaminski, her husband Richard Jaminski and several PRCUA members were also guests at the reception. The official program ended with a piano recital by Justyna Gabzdyl.

May 3rd Polish Constitution Day festivities continued on Saturday, May 5, 2018, which began with the Raising of the Flag Ceremony at Daley Plaza at 9 a.m. It was followed by the Polish Parade breakfast at the Hilton Hotel, sponsored by the Chicago Society. The event was well attended by the PRCUA delegation: President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband Richard, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski, members of the Adult Culture Group as well as PRCUA's 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and Prince Charming Xander Burd.

The largest and most colorful celebration held in Chicago was the May 3rd Parade, with hundreds of people marching and hundreds more viewing it along Columbus Drive on the beautiful lakefront in downtown Chicago. The 127th annual parade began at 11:30 a.m. with over 120 marching units in participation. The motto of the parade this year was "100 years of Poland's Regaining Independence." Tom Startek was the Parade Grand Marshal, and Edward Cyran and Henryk Janik were the Vice-Marshals. The 2018 Parade Queen was Magda Tolwinska, with her court: Emilia Wojciak, PRCUA member and "Polonia" dancer, and Natalia Ptaszek.

Several marching units represented the PRCUA, led by PRCUA Officers Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Micheline Jaminski, and James Robaczewski, District 8 Director Krystyna Lech, Home Office employees and their families and friends. They were followed by PRCUA Polish language schools and dance ensembles: St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School, Maria Konopnicka Polish School with the Polish Folk Orchestra, St. John Paul II Polish School and Polanie Dance Ensemble, Polonia Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble, Southwest Center of Polish Dancing, Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company and the Adult Culture Group. The 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and Prince Charming Xander Burd and 2018 Runners-Up Joanna Burdzy and Bart Przytula rode in an elegant white horse-drawn carriage.

Immediately behind the PRCUA marched representatives of the Polish Museum of America, with President Richard Owsiany and Managing Director Małgorzata Kot leading members and friends of the museum.

At 2:00 p.m. a Great Constitutional Concert, organized by the Chicago Chopin Foundation and the Grant Park Conservancy, was held at the Chopin Garden located in Grant Park. The program consisted of a "May 3rd Declaration" historical performance by PRCUA "Polonia" Song and Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Iwona Puc; a piano recital of Chopin's most beautiful compositions by pianist Maralguja Darjaa and violinist Izabella Gieron; and a concert of patriotic songs performed by the choir.

Saturday's May 3rd Polish Constitution celebration ended with the Polish Independence and Constitution Parade Banquet held in the evening at Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL.

On Sunday, May 6, PRCUA President and Mrs. Joseph Drobot, Jr. attended a Mass for Poland concelebrated at Holy Trinity Mission in Chicago by His Excellency Andrzej Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop and Episcopal Vicar, Archdiocese of Chicago; Rev. Paweł Bandruski, Provincial, Society of Christ in North America; Rev. Andrzej Totzke, Pastor, Holy Trinity Mission; and Rev. Robert Łojek, Pastor, St. Francis Borgia Parish. This was a fitting end to the celebratory events in Chicago.

Parade Breakfast photos by: Csaba Zongor



May 3rd Constitution celebration at the Consulate (l-r) Consul Mariusz Gbiorczyk, Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, Consul Piotr Janicki decorating Ryszard Będkowski



Jurors of the "Outstanding Pole in the USA 2018 - Chicago Edition"



Prof. Bożena Nowicka McLees (l) with Pres. and Mrs. Drobot



PRCUA officials at the Polish Parade breakfast (l-r) Richard Jaminski, Micheline Jaminski, James Robaczewski



Pres. & Mrs. Joseph Drobot, Jr. at Breakfast





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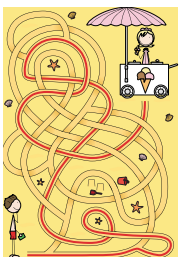
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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish Words: Letter Z: 1. ZEBRA, 2. ZIEMNIAKI, 3. ZEGAR, 4. ZESZYT, 5. ZAJAC, 6. ZNACZEK.

Sharing With Others: 2, 2, 1, 2, 1

Jill's Ice Cream Cart: Jack takes the first right turn and follows the path to the ice cream cart (see picture on the right).





81st NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Men's Champions



Women's Champions

The 81st National PRCUA Bowling Tournament was an event that showed the heart of our organization as friends and family had fun together. A total of 55 teams participated with over 275 bowlers from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Indiana, Illinois, California, and Wisconsin - all joined together as one big Polish family.

The weekend started with folks coming to Detroit's East side suburbs on a sunny, 70-degree Thursday afternoon. Christopher and Barb Ozog, coordinators from the host Society of St. John Paul II in Warren, MI, made a hit in the hospitality room with Polish nachos and spirits from Iron Fish, a distillery run by a PRCUA member as its distiller.

The Friday Singles and Doubles events went quickly as bowlers were spread across 60 lanes, with room to spare at the spacious Imperial Lanes venue. Bowlers enjoyed the new fun jackpots added this year by jackpot coordinators Brian and Valerie Brumm. Rain and cold came on Saturday as opening ceremonies began. The National Anthems were sung and Tournament Director Patrick Kosowski, Vice President Misia Jaminski, and host Society President Wallace Ozog (PRCUA President Emeritus) made their opening remarks. Connie Bonin was honored as *Golden Bowler of the Year* for her participation in PRCUA bowling tournaments for 50 years. Connie, who is currently Dist. 6 Nat'l Director and former Dist. 9 Director, received another award that evening when, to her amazement, her ladies team, Bad Girls, won first place in the team event!

The evening Awards Ceremony took place at the popular entertainment center Dave and Busters, next door to the host hotel. The cold wind and rain continued but party guests were greeted with warm smiles by host society members Valerie Brumm, Barb Ozog, and Celeste Grabowski. Dinner was served and announcements of the 2018 team champions were made. Men's team: Polski Boys from Dearborn Heights, Michigan; Ladies' team Bad Girls from Indiana and surrounding area. Amidst Polish music, some members socialized while other members of all ages enjoyed the game area.

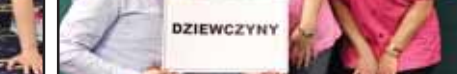
An ice storm hit the area on Sunday as Singles and Doubles events were completed and people headed home. Our prayers were with all those who were traveling that day.

On behalf of host Society #1593 St. John Paul II, I would like to thank all participants, volunteers, and coordinators for their efforts that made the 81st National PRCUA Bowling Tournament a success. For members who have not been to a bowling tournament, please come and meet the wonderful people we have in the PRCUA, supporting each other and cheering for one another. It is fun, even if you only bowl once a year. See you next year in Battle Creek, MI.

Submitted by Celeste Grabowski
Treasurer St. John Paul II Society



L-r: PRCUA Secy.-Treas. J. Robaczewski, Pres. J. Drobot, "2017 Golden Bowler of the Year" Connie Bonin, V.P. M. Jaminski





Gwiazda Late April & Early May Happenings

Hamtramck, MI - Even though they've completed their spring recital, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers, are in full marathon mode. In it for the long haul, they returned to their practices on April 16, 2018 (the day after the recital) and have been consistently at it ever since.

On April 24, 2018, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers received word that they would be featured in the Spring Issue (Issue #2) of *Go Dance Detroit*. Sherrad Glosson, Go Dance Detroit's CEO and founder, visited a Gwiazda practice in December, 2017. The magazine is out now and available at various locations in Metro-Detroit. The magazine highlights dance instructors, studios, and students and provides lots of dance information, but most importantly strives to create a common unity within the dance community. Additional information about *Go Dance Detroit* can be found on their Facebook page or at www.godancedetroit.com.

On April 29, 2018, the PRCUA Gwiazda dancers hosted a "Pancakes for Poland" pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1670 in Hamtramck, MI. This was one of the final fundraising pushes of the ensemble as they



Guests & dancers at Gwiazda's "Pancakes for Poland" Breakfast Fundraiser

continue their preparations to attend the International Children's Folk Festival in Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland in July 2018. Thanks go to all the parents, dancers, and friends who came out and supported this event. Special thanks to Thomas and Deb Stefanek, who donated all the food and cooked at the event. Also, thanks to Janice and Terry Owczarski for also cooking at the event.

Despite being at Moose Lodge very early on Sunday to get things ready for the pancake breakfast, the ensemble decided to make a day of it and proceeded from the lodge to their practice space at the PLAV Post #10 in Hamtramck to work on their performances for Poland this summer.

On May 6, 2018, the Gwiazda Dancers performed in Hamtramck, MI at St. Florian Church's 50th Annual Strawberry Festival. The Strawberry Festival is a long-time performance on the group's performance calendar, which goes back over 30 years. Many of the students in the ensemble are parishioners at the parish. For its performance, Gwiazda presented suites of dances from Żywiec, Sącz, Lublin, and the Krakowiak. After dancing, members of the ensemble remained at the festival as they enjoyed music from live bands, tasty Polish dinners, and homemade strawberry pies, gofry (waffles with ice cream), and other treats.



Gwiazda Dancers performing at St. Florian's Strawberry Festival

Submitted by:

Nicholas J. Nowakowski
Gwiazda Secretary

The Cleveland Opera to Present a Polish Opera Classic: *The Haunted Manor* by Stanisław Moniuszko

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of regaining independence by Poland, The Cleveland Opera will create a new production of *The Haunted Manor* (*Straszny dwór*) by Stanisław Moniuszko, which will be presented on June 16, 2018 at 7:30 pm at The Ohio Theater, Playhouse Square, 1511 Euclid Avenue in downtown Cleveland, Ohio.

This original, fully-staged production, complete with sets and costumes, will be sung in Polish with projected English translation. CLEVELAND BALLET will join in to perform a splendid Mazur, choreographed by Gladisa Guadalupe, danced in costumes specially designed for this production. Soloists, chorus, and the Cleveland Opera Orchestra will render Moniuszko's magnificent music under the baton of Maestro Grzegorz Nowak, Music Director at The Grand Opera in Warsaw, Principle Conductor at The Cleveland Opera, and Permanent Associate Conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London. It will be a splendid event.

Tickets for \$25, \$45, \$65 may be purchased online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000 or 866-546-1353. The Cleveland Opera offers 50% discount to children and students with promo code MANOR, to encourage cultivating Polish art and tradition among the younger generation. For more information, please visit the website at theclevelandopera.org or call our info line at 216-816-1411; or contact E.K. Wright, Director of The Haunted Manor Committee at ekwright1@aol.com; or Jamie Thornburg, Audience Coordinator at jamie@theclevelandopera.org.

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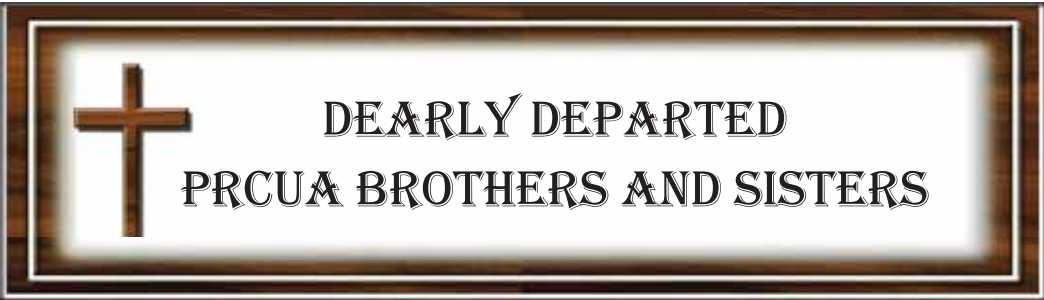
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May they rest in eternal peace.

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- 6) Your course of study

On a separate paper use full sentences to answer the following:

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Higher Perspectives



*By Fr. Erich Orzech,
St. Stanislaus Parish
& St. Casimir Parish,
Cleveland, OH*

The 2018 National Convention of the Polish American Priests' Association

The second week of Easter saw the annual gathering of the Polish American Priests Association for its XXVIII National Convention from April 9 - 13, 2018. After an eleven-year hiatus, the event was hosted for a second time by the Cleveland Chapter, with the assistance of our brothers in Youngstown, Ohio. This annual fraternal gathering affords the participants the opportunity to meet, socialize, and refreshen friendships while also providing the important chance to discuss issues of significance and impact in our communities, parishes, and ministries. In addition to matters formally addressed, this camaraderie refreshes and inspires the delegates to return to their own little portion of the Lord's vineyard with mind and heart renewed.

The first day, Monday, saw the delegates arrive from all over the country to register and get acclimated in their accommodations for the next few days: the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Playhouse Square - right in the heart of downtown's Theater District, which is the largest in the country outside of New York City. Those whose flights arrived in town early didn't seem to mind as much after a couple of lucky hands at the nearby casino welcomed them to town in style! The Convention formally opened with an absolutely delightful Banquet at the hotel in a room overlooking the cityscape. You know it's good when the Polish priests ask for seconds on the chicken soup!

Following the day's business session, everyone loaded onto a bus on Tuesday to head to Lorain where Mass was celebrated in Polish by Bishop Witold Mroczewski, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, NY, at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. He was joined by Bishop Andrzej Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, IL. The community rallied together for this midday event, furnishing a fine choir, inspiring music, and a nice crowd. Convention Chairman, Father Eric Orzech, preached the sermon and one of the local historians filled-in the guests after Mass on the beautiful parish's storied past. Afterward, everyone loaded the bus to head to the Tremont section of Cleveland's near west side where brunch was served home-style at Sokolowski's University Inn. There, John Cebrowski, representing PAPA's Founder, Bishop John Yanta, Emeritus of Amarillo, Texas, gave an interesting report on the progress of the Bishop's dream project: the Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria, Texas. Look it up on the internet and don't be shy about contributing your support to this worthwhile endeavor: (www.polishamericanheritagecenter.org)

Wednesday we took the "show-on-the-road" and headed to Youngstown, OH where we joined in the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Columba's Cathedral. Bishop George Murray of Youngstown was the main celebrant and homilist. (Please remember him in your prayers as he has subsequently been admitted to the hospital for extended treatment of an acute leukemia condition.) From there, we made the short trip to North Jackson to visit the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon, which is under the direction of Bishop Anthony Spinosa of the Maronite Catholic Church. The wonderful crew there served us a tasty chicken lunch after which Aundrea Heschmeyer of Polish Youngstown delivered the inspiring success story of her organization's fabulous revival, along with practical suggestions of how to use their strategies end experience elsewhere.

Thursday morning concluded the business portion of the Convention after which everyone went to Historic St. Casimir Church on the city's near east side for a taste of real "Staropolska Goscinnosc." The homemade meal featuring appetizers, soup, and dessert was well received by everyone. It was followed by a discussion session directed by Fr. Czeslaw Krysa of Buffalo, NY. Father was seeking feedback for his new book about a comprehensive ceremony in English for food blessings at Easter. Following a short break back at the hotel, everyone headed to the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus for the Solemn Convention Mass which was celebrated a 5 p.m. by the new Bishop of Cleveland, Most Rev. Nelson Perez, assisted by Bishop Francis Reiss, Auxiliary Emeritus of Detroit, and over 50 priest concelebrants. Bishop Perez was thrilled to wear the same vestments that St. John Paul wore when he visited as Cardinal in 1969 and to administer Holy Communion from the same ciborium from which he did, too. He even brought and used a miter given him by the late Bishop Alfred Markiewicz - another Polish connection! Father Maciej Mankowski, PAPA's National Secretary from Youngstown, preached an inspiring homily and the musical accompaniment was equally uplifting.

Immediately following Mass, the participants were joined by many members of Cleveland Polonia for the Fr. Leopold Moczygemba Award Banquet held at the nearby Tremont City Side Ballroom which, as the name implies, features an impressive skyline view. Named after the "Patriarch of American Polonia" the dinner serves as the stage for presenting this award, PAPA's highest honor, to a priest who is outstanding in his service to Polonia. This year's recipient was Father Gerald J. Keller, from Cleveland, who served 34 years as Pastor of St. Adalbert Church in Berea, Ohio, the oldest Polish parish in the state. Throughout his tenure, he maintained the Polish character of the parish through celebrating the traditions of the Faith liturgically and culturally with new generations being enriched in the process. Bishop Perez also gave a heartfelt address regarding the importance of ethnic heritage, culture, and traditions in maintaining the faith, while also extolling Poland's contributions to the Church, first and foremost through the person of St. John Paul II the Great.

The evening concluded in style - it was another successful gathering of the Polish American Priests Association. Check the PAPA website, www.polskapapa.com, to learn even more for yourself. Remember to pray for your priests who rely upon this great gift along with your support. Also, encourage your priests to become active in PAPA if they are not already members. We all look forward to next year's gathering in Syracuse, NY.



Group 1 Boys (l-r): Lukasz Srodek, Patrick Porada, Leo Prysiadniuk



Group 1 Girls (l-r): Madison Lacourciere, McKenzie Becker, Korissa Konaszewski, Taylor Magiera



Groups 2 & 3 (l-r) standing: Natalie Magiera, Miah Becker, Brooke Wojciechowski, Kaleah Konaszewski, Layna Leveck, Claire Mazurkiewicz, Clarissa Magiera; kneeling: Logan Porada, Caleb Lacourciere; not pictured: Abigail Rebeaud



Groups 4 & 5 (l-r) Andrea Karpinski, Holly Malinowski, Kristena Konaszewski, Jessica Becker, Tapanga Makowski, Mary Ann Prysiadniuk, Sarah Wolicki; not pictured: Rachel Srodek, David Porada, Cristen Alford, Alexandria Middleton, Chloe Wojciechowski



CYRK POLSKIE MAKI

“THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH”

The Polskie Maki Dance School of Warren, MI, presented their 42nd Annual Dance Recital on April 29, 2018. Their program entitled CYRK POLSKIE MAKI, THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH, was inspired by Poland’s one and only circus school. That’s right - you read correctly. The *Państwowa Szkoła Sztuki Cyrkowej* is located in the town of Julinek, just outside of Warsaw, and has been in existence for 50 years. The three-year curriculum concentrates on gymnastics, trapeze, juggling, acting, pantomime, dance techniques, circus history, and specializes in clown antics!

Do you remember the excitement and anticipation of the circus coming to town? In olden days, when a circus arrived in a new town, the cast would parade through the streets of that town with their circus costumes on, enticing the people to follow them to the fairgrounds. Once there, the people were met with side exhibits of all kinds that would entertain them before entering the main tent. With so much excitement, eventually the people would buy admission tickets to attend the show under the big top.

Cyrk Polskie Maki wowed its audience. In a one-of-a-kind show, the two-part program entertained them with a show-before-the-show that included a *Circus Parade*, an exhibit of *Living Polish Legends*, and an appearance of a dancing *Stara Baba* just to name a few.

As with any live show, you have to expect the unexpected. National President Joseph A. Drobot Jr., and his wife Judy, presented Polskie Maki’s Dance Instructor and Choreographer, Kelly Malinowski, with a plaque and flowers in tribute of her 35th anniversary. National District 10 Directors, Thomas Lisecki and Colleen Bonkowski, also presented Kelly with flowers and congratulations on her special anniversary. The first act did not end just yet, as there were more unexpected surprises in store: the girls of Polskie Maki sang and danced once last time to, “My Polish Boyfriend,” in tribute to retiring President Drobot and Director Lisecki, whose terms are expiring.

Throughout the intermission, the audience eagerly anticipated what was yet to come under the big top in Act 2. The legions of clowns, acrobatic princesses, ringmasters, and circus lions, all dressed accordingly, presented a variety of dances that incorporated their Polish Heritage right along with the fun and excitement of a lively circus show. Without a doubt, it was a show among shows!

The cast of dancers were individually introduced to the audience and awards were presented to dancers who reached their 3rd, 5th, 7th and 10th anniversaries. Attendance awards were presented to dancers who had perfect attendance and outstanding attendance. Performance awards were given to dancers who performed at the numerous outings that the school attends. The school also presented Kelly with a beautiful trophy and numerous gifts for her 35th anniversary recital.

Special thanks were given to School Director Maria Jalkiewicz, Dance Instructor/Choreographer Kelly Malinowski, and Teacher’s Aide Holly Malinowski, for all their efforts within the school. Additional thanks were also given to the parents and grandparents of the Polskie Maki students for all their cooperation and support during the past school year.

Wow what a year and what a recital! The Polskie Maki Dancers look forward to performing at Comerica Park, Keyworth Stadium, and Jimmy Johns within the next few weeks before taking a little time off for the summer.

Polskie Maki Dance School wishes the best of luck to all of the PRCUA dance schools attending the festival in Poland this summer.

Submitted by: Kelly Malinowski
Group photos by: Press Pass Photo



Instructor Kelly Malinowski



L-r: Teacher’s Aide
Holly Malinowski, Instructor
Kelly Malinowski, Director
Maria Jalkiewicz



L-r: Maria Jalkiewicz, Joseph Drobot, Holly Malinowski, Judith Drobot, Kelly Malinowski



49 Years Down and Next is the Golden One!



Group 1 in Łowicz folk dress



Group 2 wearing folk dress from Eastern Kraków



Group 3 in Rzeszów folk dress



Group 4 in Żywiec folk dress

The PRCUA Halka Dancers of Detroit once again proved to be a dedicated group with high standards for their dancers to show their Polish pride. This past school year offered several occasions to represent Poland for International School events and festivals. The dancers are strong supporters of the Join Hands Day event at St. Albertus Parish in Detroit, Polish American Night at Comerica Park for the Detroit Tigers and the PRCUA Youth Bowling Day hosted by the St. John Paul II Society.

This summer they will once again perform at Jimmy John's Field for the United Shore Professional Baseball League, the American Polish Century Club Polish Festival and the Pierogi Festival at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church. The Halka families are very generous with community support projects, like the collections for the Michigan Fraternal Alliance and American Polish Assistance Association, and this past Christmas hosted the Michigan Women's Division Oplatek celebration to support the scholarships presented at the PRCUA Shirley A. Galanty Michigan State Ball.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018 the Halka Dancers celebrated their 49th school year with a beautiful recital to showcase their talents and hard work. After final costume checks and a group prayer, Teacher/Choreographer Tom Lisiecki and Director Laura Hejza welcomed the audience. They said memorable words about the passing of our beloved Director Emeritus Rita Cerankowski, who had been president and then director of the group since it began in 1969 until 2015.

The five National Dances of Poland were performed to open the recital, followed by the presentation of this year's graduating senior, Evelyn Kasperek. Four fun novelty numbers followed that featured the theme of "Earth Day" since the recital took place on Earth Day this year.

Tom Lisiecki began the second half by acknowledging 11 Halka Dancers who will join with students from the PRCUA Zajączek Dance Group to perform this July in the International Children's Folk Dance Festival in Iwonicz-Zdroj, Poland. It will be an amazing adventure for these students to take their dedication to

PRCUA and Polish dancing to the next level. The show then continued, featuring American polkas to the music of "Crusade Band," followed by Polish folk dances from Rzeszow, Eastern Krakow, and Lowicz with the dancers wearing the beautiful folk dress from each of these areas. As is tradition, the finale of the recital was lively dances from the Żywiec Mountains.

The highlight of our dancers receiving their awards included 10-year trophies for Miranda Barba, Julia Brown, Nathan Brown, Lauren Palencik and Natalie Palencik; and 5-year trophies for Brooke McPherson, Ariana Sikula, and Juliet Sikula. First year Halka students Audrey Amsden and Matilda Halatsis were given their first-year Halka rosettes, as well as Outstanding Attendance trophies. The Halka Dancers are rewarded for outstanding practice attendance and participation in extra events. Thanks to the commitment of our parents, 35% of the students were awarded the Attendance Award (Audrey Champine and Charles Shick had Perfect Attendance) and an impressive 69% received an award for participating in Extra Events. It was then that 2018 Halka Graduate, Evelyn Kasperek became the first recipient of the Rita J. Cerankowski Memorial Scholarship for her strong dedication to the Halka Dancers. Mrs. Cerankowski always noticed outstanding participation in Halka and in the PRCUA, therefore it was only fitting to honor her by establishing this scholarship in her memory.

The 2017-2018 school year for the Halka Dancers has had moments of triumph,

celebration, and sadness, and through it, they have proved to be the most supportive no matter what. So many families were present for the Memorial Mass of beloved Mrs. Rita and assisted as altar servers and readers. Some of the youngest Halka Dancers wore traditional Polish folk dress and took part in the Offertory procession, which was a beautiful tribute that touched everyone who was present at Mass that day. Mrs. Rita was much loved and appreciated.

It's wonderful to have families who are eager to help, however they can, and to see fellow dancers cheering each other on saying "you got this" as they are about to go out on stage after a very quick costume change. The team effort of the Halka Dancers is one of a kind. We are proud to be Polish and thankful to be part of the PRCUA

Next year will be our 50th Anniversary and we are already making plans for an exciting golden celebration. If anyone is interested in joining our amazing group, our classes will resume in September and you can contact us at lhejza@comcast.net.

Submitted by Laura Hejza,
Halka Dancers Director



Halka Dancers who will be going to Iwonicz-Zdrój, Poland for the International Children's Folk Dance Festival this summer

A Legend has Passed in Michigan's District #10



Rita Cerankowski

Detroit, MI - It was with much sadness that PRCUA Michigan District 10/Society #261 lost an ever-present member when the extraordinary life and outgoing personality of Rita Cerankowski came to a rest on March 12, 2018. Devoted wife of the late Eugene, loving mother to Marc, Paul, and Laura (Dan) Hejza, and adoring Babcia to Brandon and Katelyn Hejza, she was a proud graduate of Pershing High School, Detroit, MI, Class of 1947 and Wayne State University in 1951. A strong supporter of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Detroit, since her wedding in 1958, she was recently given the title of a church matriarch and enjoyed its weekly Senior Card group. It was at this church that the PRCUA Halka Dancers were established in 1969 and became Rita's most celebrated accomplishment. She was Halka President from 1970-1980 and then its Director from 1981 till 2015, which totals 45 years of dedication directing dozens of students including her own daughter, Laura (Halka Grad 1983) and grandchildren, Brandon (Halka Grad 2013) and Katelyn (Halka Grad 2015). Being a part of Halka was a family tradition. When Mrs. Rita retired (at age 85!) it was only natural for daughter, Laura, to take over as Director. Rita was an Officer of the Michigan Women's Division 1988-present and Co-Chairman to the PRCUA Shirley A. Galanty Michigan State Ball for over 25 years. A devout Catholic and long-time PRCUA member, may Rita Cerankowski rest in eternal peace in the knowledge that she has been a blessing to so many.

News of Rita's passing brought forth the most thoughtful comments on Facebook from past and present Halka families and people who knew her from the PRCUA and Detroit's Polonia.

Shannon Bergt Halka Grad '90 and mother to Halka Grads Bailey '12 and Madison '14:

I'm not sure how to quantify the profound loss of this amazing person - or how much she truly meant to her family, church, community, Halka, my family and myself. Always such an ever present part of both my childhood and later my children's celebrating our "Polish Heritage"... Ms. Rita made you proud to be Polish even if you weren't! So many beautiful memories - being measured for costumes, writing with the quintessential Halka sized pencil, masking tape in my dance skirt with her writing, listening to her sing the Polish National Anthem louder than anyone in the crowd, and her amazing love for her family. I feel truly blessed to have had this wonderful woman in my life. In my heart I hope Gene met her at the pearly gates on his roller skates and they are starting a new dance group with Mrs. Shirley (Galanty) in Heaven.

Sharon Spryszak Eusebi Mother of Halka Grads Erin '13, Kelly '15, Bridgette '17 and current Halka Dancer Deirdre:

Cheers to this beautiful soul who is up in heaven making sure the angels have the perfect Krakowiak costume on for her memorial. There are some people on this earth who are just the most incredible human beings ever. Rita Cerankowski was one of those souls who has touched so many lives and was loved by all. There are no words for her generosity, kindness and love for all she knew. She was literally one-of-a-kind and will be missed by all of us. She was and always will be the Heart of Halka.

To honor the memory of this remarkable woman who has encouraged so many to be proud of their Polish heritage and culture, the Rita J. Cerankowski Memorial Scholarship has been established to benefit the graduates honored at the PRCUA Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball, as well as graduates of her home school, Halka. Memorial donations to the Rita J. Cerankowski Memorial Scholarship can be sent in care of Bi-County Credit Union 21511 Van Dyke, Warren, MI 48089.

Submitted by Laura Hejza,
PRCUA Halka Dancers Director



2018 Halka Graduate, Evelyn Kasperek, the first recipient of the Rita J. Cerankowski Memorial Scholarship pictured with Teacher/Choreographer Tom Lisiecki and Director Laura Hejza

GREATER CLEVELAND'S POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY RECOGNIZES TWO DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS – FRANCIS RUTKOWSKI AND CECYLIA DYCZKO

Cleveland, Ohio – Northeast Ohio's Polish Constitution Day celebrations recognized two long-time volunteers who were members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America: Francis A. Rutkowski, PRCUA Past National President, and Cecylia Dyczko, Financial Secretary of Society 2220. Francis Rutkowski was honored as the 2018 Parade Grand Marshal, posthumously, and Cecylia Dyczko was crowned "Miss Babcia Polonia" at the Polonia Ball.

Grand Marshal

Francis Rutkowski was a retired Cleveland Municipal Court Probations Supervisor, who for many years was the behind-the-scenes visionary of the Polish Constitution Day celebration. He finally came out from the shadows and took charge of the event in 2014 until his death in 2016. Rutkowski served Polonia on the national level as President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in 1986. He was a dedicated and devoted leader of Cleveland's Polish American community, including the Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Post 58 of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and the Cleveland Society of Poles.

Miss Babcia Polonia

Cecylia Dyczko has been the Financial Secretary of Society 2220 for more than 20 years. She was also School Director of the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School. Prior to these activities, Dyczko served on the Library Committee of the Alliance of Poles, which merged with the PRCUA in 2005. She has been a strong promoter of the Miss Ohio Polonia Pageant for many years. She and Ligia Borkowski have been making the sashes which are worn by Miss Polonia and Junior Miss Polonia throughout the years. Little did she know that when she helped make the Miss Babcia Polonia sash, which was awarded for the first time this year, that she would be the recipient of this special honor.

Polonia Ball

The Polish American Congress – Ohio Division continued a 70-year tradition with this year's Polish Constitution Day celebration in Parma, Ohio. Festivities included a "Meet and Greet" Social Hour on Friday, May 4. The traditional Polonia Ball was held on May 5, during which Elżbieta Suhak was crowned 2018 Miss Polonia, and Claudia Lesisz won the title of 2018 Junior Miss Polonia. Congratulations to these two lovely young ladies.

Wreath-Laying

The big day for Polonia began on Sunday with wreath-laying ceremonies at the monuments to two Polish-American heroes, Casimir Pulaski and Tadeusz Kosciuszko. A police escort led the caravan to the Pulaski Canon Monument right next to Cleveland's City Hall. Then the escort cleared the way to the Kosciuszko Monument on the grounds of Cleveland's Museum of Art. Polish Legion of American Veterans supplied beautiful wreaths for both of the memorials.

Holy Mass

At 10:00 a.m. a Holy Mass, in honor of the Polish Constitution of 1791, was celebrated at St. Charles Church in the very heart of Polish Village in Parma, Ohio. Polish touches were added to the regular Sunday Mass. The Offertory procession included a bouquet of red and white flowers for celebrant Fr. Rob Ramser, traditional Polish bread, called "babka," a ramekin of salt, a copy of the PAC Constitution, a roster of members of the PAC-Ohio Div., an icon of Poland's Black Madonna, and a White Eagle symbol of Poland.

Ela Suhak beautifully led the congregation in singing two Polish hymns, "Serdeczna Matko" and "Boże coś Polskę." The first reading was done by Anthony Kacki, while the second reading was presented in Polish by Paulina Kramarczyk. Though a regional parish, St. Charles has many members of the congregation who are of Polish descent. The Polish-oriented theme was very much appreciated, as evidenced by the congregation's large participation in singing the Polish hymns.

Grand Parade

At 2:00 p.m. the Grand Parade began with more entries than past years. Among the marchers were Polish and American veterans, Ukrainian veterans, Parma Police and Fire Departments, children in Polish folk dress, as well as Lithuanian, Estonian and Latvian ethnic community representatives. Civic, social, and cultural organizations were also represented. Area churches had entries in the parade. Parma High School's and Normandy High School's marching bands provided exciting and lively music as they marched down Ridge Road. Piast Polish Dance and Song Ensemble and Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School represented PRCUA in the parade, as did Dennis Yurosko, who carried the PRCUA banner. Parma City officials and candidates for political office in the May primary elections were in attendance. The Cleveland Polish Constitution Day Celebration Day Committee and the Maria Konopnicka Polish National Alliance School were also represented.

The highlight of the parade this year was a 1990 Polish-made car, FSO Polonez, brought from Poland by Wojciech and Emil Baran. It is the first-ever Polish vehicle registered in the state of Ohio. This vehicle drew much attention, particularly from Poles who had such a car in Poland nearly 30 years ago.

Formal Program

Following the parade, a short official program was held. Hannah Rutkowski, granddaughter of Parade Grand Marshal Francis A. Rutkowski, sang the American National Anthem to begin the ceremonies. Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School provided students to highlight the reasons why Polish Constitution Day is celebrated. Among the children who performed are Karolina Kciuk, Andrew Kacki, Maksymilian Kciuk, Nicole Nawojowski, Amelia Bakalaryczyk, Julia Kielbasa, Aleksandra Kielbasa, and Olivia Gutowski. Thanks go to these young Polish-Americans, their parents and teachers, Ewa Wiechec, Magorzata Kacki, Agnieszka Kotlarsic, Andrzej Gutowski, Grazyna Siwik, and Ela Suhak.

After-Parade Party

With formal festivities concluded, the fun began. In addition to food vendors selling a variety of specialties, the St. Casimir Kitchen offered a huge array of Polish food. The PAC ran the beer sales, with *piwo* from Poland. The Northcoast Mix Orchestra provided music for dancing and listening, while also adding a sense of excitement to the atmosphere. Guests partied into the late afternoon, meeting friends of old, and making acquaintances anew.

Special Thanks

Special recognition for a job well done goes to Mark Relovsky as General Chair of the entire weekend of activities. 1st Vice President Tomasz Kacki did a yeoman's job with the PAC website and Facebook page. And, finally, thanks go to Fr. Eric Orzech, President of the Ohio Division of the PAC for his support of all activities. We also cannot forget the good nuns, who prayed for great weather.

By Mitchell Bienia, PRCUA District # 5 National Director, with Aundrea Cika-Heschmeyer contributor, and photos by Tomasz Kacki



Color Guard at head of Parade



Dennis Yurosko carries PRCUA banner



Procession with Offertory "Gifts" at Mass



2018 Junior Miss Polonia Claudia Lesisz, 2018 Miss Polonia Ela Suhak, 2017 Junior Mis Polonia Jessica Tuffle, 2017 Miss Polonia Nicole Koscielski, and 2018 Miss Babcia Polonia Cecylia Dyczko



Piast Polish Folk Dance and Song Ensemble



Hanna Rutkowski sings US National Anthem



Cecylia Dyczko - Babcia Polonia



L-r: Pat Rutkowski, son Joe Rutkowski and Walter Borkowski with photo of Grand Marshal (posthumous) Francis Rutkowski



Polish American Congress banner



Olivia Gutowski plays "Hejnal"



Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School students present cultural program



Kacki brothers admiring 1990 FSO Polonez



Parma High School Marching Band



Huge crowd enjoys after-party

Entitled, “Wilson, Paderewski, and the Re-Birth of Poland” written by Dr. John Radzilowski, this is the second in a series of bi-monthly statements issued by the Polish American Congress regarding the centennial year of Poland’s Independence, November 11, 1918 – November 11, 2018.

Wilson, Paderewski, and the Re-Birth of Poland

By John Radzilowski

The re-birth of a free Poland after 123 years of foreign partition and colonial subjection was one of the most improbable yet important events of modern history. While the Poles themselves should get most of the credit, the United States played a key role in Poland’s rebirth and it was the first country to establish diplomatic relations with the new Poland. Few countries strongly supported Polish independence and those that did had some ulterior motive. America, though, had no strong or abiding interest in east-central Europe or in Poland. Her involvement was based on idealism, not realpolitik.

During the World War I, Poland first emerged in American politics as a humanitarian issue. The war had already caused massive destruction in Poland as Russian, German, and Austro-Hungarian armies marched across the land, destroying villages, farms, and industry. Hundreds of thousands were made homeless or left destitute. In America, Polish Americans mobilized as never before to raise funds for Polish relief. A key player in this effort was pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski who, by 1914, was the single most famous musical celebrity of his day. Already in 1915, Paderewski was able to meet U.S. President Woodrow Wilson through the offices of the president’s friend and advisor, Edward House. Thanks to Paderewski, the Polish relief effort drew in more than just immigrant workers but also caught the attention (and the wallets) of many wealthy and well connected Americans.

However, by 1916, it was clear that aid for Poland was going nowhere due to the war situation. Yet, ironically the humanitarian failure opened the door to political action. President Wilson was finding himself increasingly hard pressed to keep America out of the war. And once the United States did enter the war on the side of Britain and France in France, he became an advocate about how America could use her financial, political and military clout to bring the war to an end. But his aim went beyond victory on the battlefield. Indeed, by 1918, thanks to Europe’s self-inflicted wounds, Wilson had emerged as the most powerful and influential politician in the world. Ever the idealist, Wilson’s vision was that victory should not only bring a just and lasting peace. It should lead the victorious powers to address the underlying causes of Europe’s deep crisis. As Wilson was trying to think though the problems of what such a peace would look like, he again met Paderewski. The two men took a liking to each other.

Paderewski, for his part, was a genuine Polish patriot, like Józef Piłsudski and Roman Dmowski, but unlike them, he was no professional politician. He led no political party and had little grasp of policy. His jealousy and status consciousness - not unknown among celebrities - made it hard for him to work with others. His vision of Poland’s future was vague and somewhat romantic. Yet, this is precisely what appealed to an idealist like Wilson. The president was uninterested in determining the exact future of Poland, how it might become independent, or what its borders might be. Thus, Paderewski’s eloquence and idealism were what got him Wilson’s ear. Because of this, Poland became Wilson’s best example of what he felt had gone wrong in Europe and what needed to be corrected if peace was to be achieved. In January 1917—a year before the famous Fourteen Points – Wilson gave his “Peace without Victory” speech, which laid out his vision for the future of Europe. In it, he mentioned only one country by name - Poland. Although Poland wasn’t the only trouble spot in Europe that Wilson wanted to address, it was the one he highlighted most clearly and consistently.

Thanks to Wilson (and Paderewski), Poland became more than just a pawn on the chessboard of European politics. Although Wilson left aside the details of how Poland would be re-formed, which contributed to a long series of post-war disputes, his intervention on behalf of a Poland restored to independence set the stage for the re-creation of a country that had disappeared from the map for over a century.

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Dr. Mark Pienkos, National Vice President for Public Relations, has assembled a team of eminent Polish American Political Scientists and Historians to alert readers as to the importance of Poland’s contributions to the United States and the World.

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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 would like more information about registration for this class, please contact Mrs. Blachut at 219-613-5148.



POLISH HERITAGE DAY AND MASS Sunday, June 24

Polish Heritage Day Mass at noon
at Our Lady of Grace Grotto / Polish War Memorial
45th & Eoff St., Wheeling, WV

**Polish Heritage Day
from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
at P.A.P. Club, 4410 Jacob St., Wheeling, WV
Please join us for an afternoon of Polish food,
Polka music, beer and more

2018 Ryder Cup Golf X St. Stan’s #718 Defeats Wyandotte #162

Dearborn Heights, MI - Saturday May 19, 2018 was the date for the 10th annual Ryder Cup Golf event between St. Stan’s #718 and Wyandotte #162. The event took place at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights, MI. The Ryder Cup series has continued to grow in size since it began 10 years ago, with 116 golfers participating and over 130 people attending from the two Societies.

The format was the same as in past events:

- First 6 holes - 2-person scramble.
- Second 6 holes - alternate shot between you and your partner.
- Final 6 holes - individual game “A” player versus “A” player from each Society and “B” player versus “B” player from each Society.
- Each 6 holes are based on 1 point (final 6 holes worth 2 points) similar to the PGA Ryder Cup event, for a total of 4 points, which could be won between each foursome.

With the weather being very challenging, it was another tight match as #718 and #162 went back and forth from one to the other, but in the end, St. Stan’s held on for a 62.5 to 53.5 point victory. The series has St. Stan’s Society #718 in the lead at 6 – 4 after ten years. Afterward, everyone headed back to Randy’s Bar in Dearborn Heights, MI where everyone enjoyed beverages, food and Polkas well into the night.

Special thanks go to:

- Mike Halberstat for organizing the #162 members.
- Randy Lanfair for putting out a great spread of food, and hospitality at his bar.
- Mark Hamilton, Greg Surma, Gary Hamilton and Jeff Sydorчук for helping with scores.
- Both Societies for participating.

A Great time was had by all!

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SOC.	NAME	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
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2220	Matthew Damron	27825 Detroit Rd., Westlake, OH 44145
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2220	Peter Damron	27825 Detroit Rd. Westlake, OH 44145
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CZERWIEC

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 wystąpią 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.

2 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.

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.

7 UTICA, MI – NOC POLSKA NA STADIONIE 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 ludowego, 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, Café La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL. Szczegóły na str. 24.

10 ORLAND PARK, IL – DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA ZPRKA - niedziela, 10 czerwca o godz. 14:00 w kościele Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W 131st St., Orland Park, IL. Po Mszy św. zapraszamy na lunch. Szczegóły na 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)

16 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.

24 GLENWOOD, IL – 4. DOROCZNY PIKNIK RODZINNY ZPRKA I MSZA POŁOWA - niedziela, 24 czerwca w PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL w godz. 12:00-18.00. Gospodarzami są Dystrykty 7, 8, 9 ZPRKA. Dodatkowe informacje (773) 782-2636. Szczegóły obok.

27 CHICAGO, IL – NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA Z DRUŻYNĄ WHITE SOX - środa, 27 czerwca, Guaranteed Rate Field, 333 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL. Mecz rozegrają 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). Bilety można zakupić dzwoniąc do działu braterstwa ZPRKA, pod numer (800) 772-8632 w. 2636 lub (773) 782-2636.

LIPIEC

1 OSTATECZNY TERMIN NADSYŁANIA PODAŃ NA STYPENDIUM TOW. #718.

4 ŚWIĘTO NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI USA - Biuro ZPRKA nieczynne.

7-8 FESTIWAL POLSKI I MSZA ŚW. W AMERICAN POLISH CENTURY CLUB (APPC) - sobota niedziela 7-8 lipca (msza św. w niedzielę). Występ zespołu Zajączek ZPRKA.

9 ORLAND PARK, IL - SPOTKANIE Z KANDYDATAMI Z DYSTRYKTU #8 ZPRKA - poniedziałek, 9 lipca w godz. 19:00-21:00 w kościele Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131. St., Orland Park, IL.

21 WYANDOTTE, MI - 66 KRAJOWY TURNIEJ GOLFA ZPRKA Gospodarzem będzie Tow. #162 ZPRKA. Dodatkowe informacje: Barb, tel. (586) 453-3471 lub Bob Hojnacki, tel. (313) 384-6255 lub hoj60@hotmail.com.

28 DEARBORN HTS., MI - PIKNIK RODZINNY TOW. #718 ZPRKA - sobota, 28 lipca od godz. 12:00 do 20:00 w Helms Haven (Hines Park) w Dearborn Heights, MI. Pawilon znajduje się na zachód od Outer Drive na Hines Drive. Wszystkie posiłki i napoje są bezpłatne. Dodatkowe informacje: Tina i Denny, tel. (313) 561-7464.

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

Artykuły do lipcowego wydania „Narodu Polskiego” muszą być nadesłane do redakcji do wtorku, 19 czerwca.

ZPRKA WZIĘŁO UDZIAŁ W OBCHODACH ROCZNICY KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA W CHICAGO

Chicago, IL - W pierwszym tygodniu maja zorganizowane zostało w Chicago szereg uroczystości upamiętniających rocznicę Konstytucji Trzeciego maja, ustawy rządowej Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów z 1791 r., pierwszej demokratycznej konstytucji w Europie i drugiej na świecie po Konstytucji Stanów Zjednoczonych.

W czwartek 2 maja 2018 r. odbyła się w Konsulacie Generalnym RP w Chicago doroczna uroczystość z okazji Święta Narodowego Trzeciego Maja, w której udział wzięli przedstawiciele środowiska polonijnego w Chicago.

Zebranych powitała konsul Małorzata Bąk-Guzik, hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych odśpiewała Karolina Nowobilska, Królowa roku 2018 Związku Podhalan w Ameryce.

Konsul generalny Piotr Janicki dokonał krótkiej prezentacji historii uchwalenia Konstytucji trzeciomajowej i zaprosił wszystkich obecnych do wzięcia udziału w corocznej paradzie w Chicago.

Podczas uroczystości odbyła się ceremonia wręczenia medali i wyróżnień osobom zasłużonym dla Polski i Polonii. Odznaczenia wręczył konsul generalny RP w Chicago, Piotr Janicki.

Krzyżem Wolności i Solidarności za zasługi na rzecz niepodległości i suwerenności Polski przyznanym przez Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej odznaczony został Ryszard Będkowski.

Medale „Pro Patria” przyznane przez Urząd ds. Kombatantów i Osób Represjonowanych otrzymali: Tadeusz Barnaś, Kazimierz Cisło, Edward Cyran, Kazimierz Maniak, Mieczysław Rajczakowski, Andrzej Stopa, Stanisław Szulczewski i Wiesław Wiśniewski.

Statuetki „Wybitny Polak” oraz dyplomy w konkursie *Wybitny Polak za Granicą 2018* organizowanym przez Fundację Polskiego Godła Promocyjnego "Teraz Polska" Edition otrzymali: Wojciech Niewrzoł (w kategorii kultura), Bożena Nowickiej McLees (nauka), Alicja Karlic (biznes), Jan Jaworski (osobowość) i Andrzej Fonfara (sport). „Certyfikat Uznania” przyznany został Henrykowi Janikowi (kultura).

Dyplom „Przyjaciel Polonii” otrzymał Gilbert Villegas.

Prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. był jednym z jurorów konkursu *Wybitny Polak za Granicą 2018*.

W uroczystości uczestniczyli Prezes Joseph Drobot, Jr. z żoną Judy, wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski z mężem Ryszardem oraz kilku członków ZPRKA byli również gośćmi. Oficjalny program zakończył recital fortepianowy Justyny Gabzdyl.



L-p: Laureaci konkursu Jan Jaworski i Alicja Karlic, prezes KPA i ZNP Frank Spula, pani Judy Drobot i prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.



Recital fortepianowy - Justyna Gabzdyl

Obchody Święta Konstytucji 3 maja w sobotę, 5 maja 2018 r. rozpoczęły się od uroczystości wciągnięcia na maszt flagi polskiej na Daley Plaza o godz. 9:00. Następnie odbyło się śniadanie w hotelu Hilton, sponsorowane przez Chicago Society. W wydarzeniu tym wzięła udział delegacja ZPRKA w osobach: prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i jego żona Judy, wicepreze Micheline Jamiński i jej mąż Richard,



„Kopciuszek i Książę 2018” z państwem Drobot, państwem Jamińskimi i członkami Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych w czasie brunchu przed paradą 3-majową (zdj.: Csaba Zongor)

Parada trzeciomajowa, w której biorą udział setki maszerujących, a setki innych oglądają przemarsz wzdłuż Columbus Drive na nadbrzeżu Chicago.

127. doroczna parada rozpoczęła się o godzinie 11:30 z udziałem ponad 120 jednostek marszowych. Mottem parady w tym roku było „100 lat odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości”. Wielkim Marszałkiem Parady był Tom Startek, a wicemarszałkami Edward Cyran i Henryk Janik. Królową Parady wybrana została Magda Tolwińska, asystowały jej Emilia Wojciak, członkini ZPRKA oraz tancerka zespołu „Polonia” i Natalia Ptaszek.

ZPRKA reprezentowało kilka oddziałów marszowych, którym przewodzili członkowie zarządu ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Micheline Jamiński i James Robaczewski, dyrektor Dystr. #8 Krystyna Lech oraz pracownicy biurowi i ich rodziny oraz znajomi. Za nimi maszerowały szkoły języka polskiego i zespoły taneczne: Polska Szkoła im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego, Polska Szkoła im. Marii Konopnickiej wspomagana przez Polską Orkiestrą Ludową, Polska Szkoła im. Św. Jana Pawła II i Zespół Tańca „Polanie”, Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Ludowego „Polonia”, Południowo-zachodnie Centrum Tańca Polskiego, Zespół Polskich Tańców Ludowych „Wesoły Lud” i Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych z Kopciuszkiem i Księciem 2018 - Anną Tumiel i Xandrem Burd oraz ich zastępcami - Joanną Burdzy i Bartem Przytułą.

Za grupami ZPRKA maszerowali przedstawiciele Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce wraz z prezesem Ryszardem Owsianym i dyrektorką zarządzającą Małgorzatą Kot i grupą członków i przyjaciół muzeum.

Tuż po zakończeniu parady odbył się w Ogrodzie Chopina w Grant Park Wielki Koncert Konstytucyjny, zorganizowany przez Chicago Chopin Foundation i Grant Park Conservancy. Program koncertu składał się z historycznego spektaklu „Konstytucja 3 Maja” w wykonaniu Zespołu Pieśni i Tańca Ludowego „Polonia”, pod dyktando Iwony Puc, recitalu fortepianowego najpiękniejszych kompozycji Chopina w wykonaniu pianisty Maralguia Darjaa i skrzypaczki Izabelli Gieron oraz koncertów patriotycznych pieśni w wykonaniu chóru.

Sobotnie obchody zakończyły się bankietem z okazji Święta Niepodległości i Konstytucji, który odbył się wieczorem w Lone Tree Manor w Niles, IL.

W niedzielę, 6 maja, prezes Drobot z małżonką wzięli udział we Mszy Świętej w intencji Polski, odprawionej w misji św. Trójcy w Chicago, IL. Mszę koncelebrowali: biskup pomocniczy Archidiecezji Chicago Andrzej Wypych, ks. Paweł Bandruski, prowincjał Zgromadzenia Chrystusowców w Ameryce Północnej, ks. Andrzej Totzke, proboszcz misji Świętej Trójcy, i ks. Robert Łojek, proboszcz parafii św. Franciszka Borgii.



Przedstawiciele, członkowie i przyjaciele Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce

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.

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

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„Polacy w Chicago”: poszukujemy świadków historii

Muzeum Historii Polski poszukuje reemigrantów oraz rodzin emigrantów, którzy chcieliby podzielić się swoimi wspomnieniami związanymi z pobytem w Chicago, wyjazdem na emigrację i powrotem do Polski. Szukamy także osób z Polski, które nie wyjeżdżały do USA ale pozostawały w kontakcie z emigrantami. Ciekawi jesteśmy jak przez lata kształtowały się te stosunki. Spisywanie doświadczeń emigracyjnych prowadzone w ramach projektu „Polacy w Chicago”, realizowane jest przez Muzeum Historii Polski we współpracy z Muzeum Historii Chicago, Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce oraz Uniwersytetem Loyola.

Muzeum zaprasza do udziału w projekcie wszystkich związanych z emigracją chicagowską.

Z osobami, które zechcą opowiedzieć o emigracyjnych doświadczeniach i podzielić się swoimi wspomnieniami i przeżyciami zostaną przez młodzież z Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych przeprowadzone wywiady, a ich relacje zostaną sfilmowane. Wywiady z bohaterami wspomnień nagrywane będą od 25 czerwca do 1 lipca 2018 r.

Zgromadzone wspomnienia zostaną wykorzystane na wystawie czasowej „Polacy w Chicago – doświadczenie emigranta”, która zostanie zaprezentowana zarówno w Stanach Zjednoczonych jak i Polsce. Relacje bohaterów reportaży przygotowanych przez młodzież wzbogacą również Archiwum Historii Mówionej prowadzone przez Muzeum Historii Polski.

W ramach projektu „Polacy w Chicago”, zorganizowana zostanie również konferencja „Polacy w Chicago: doświadczenie imigranta. Integracja, izolacja, asymilacja”, która odbędzie 14-15 czerwca 2018 r. w Warszawie.

Osoby chcące podzielić się swoją historią proszone są o kontakt z Koordynatorem ds. Historii Mówionej Muzeum Historii Polski Lidia Ujazdowską, tel.: (+ 48 22) 211 90 37, e-mail: lidia.ujazdowska@muzhp.pl.

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA w 2018

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

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UWAGA CZŁONKOWIE ZPRKA!

W celu dostosowania się do nowoczesnych standardów dystrybucji informacji, Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce prosi swoich członków, aby dostarczyli do ZPRKA swoje adresy e-mail, w celu aktualizacji bazy danych członków i stworzenia efektywnego i ekologicznego sposobu komunikacji. Aby wysłać adres e-mail, wystarczy wypełnić odpowiednie miejsca powyżej. Podane informacje zostaną wykorzystane wyłącznie przez ZPRKA.



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„Lato, lato, lato czeka
Razem z latem czeka rzeka
Razem z rzeką czeka las
A tam ciągle nie ma nas.

Lato, lato, nie płacz czasem
Czekaj z rzeką, czekaj z lasem
W lesie schowaj dla nas chłodny cień
Przyjedziemy lada dzień”. *Ludwik Jerzy Kern*

Składamy wszystkim najlepsze życzenia z okazji Międzynarodowego Dnia Dziecka! Ustanowiony w 1925 roku przez Światową Konferencję na rzecz Dobrobytu Dzieci w Genewie w Szwajcarii, obchodzony w dniu 1 czerwca świętuje przyszłość i przypomina nam o naszej odpowiedzialności wobec wszystkich dzieci. Co za piękny początek lata! A wraz z początkiem lata zaczynają się pikniki, grille, festiwale i zabawy! A w miesiącu czerwcu wiele się wydarzy - wystarczy sprawdzić kalendarz wydarzeń w Narodzie Polskim.

Piątek, 18 maja 2018 roku będzie niezapomniany dla wielu z nas w ZPRKA i MPA, w związku z wizytą w Chicago Prezydenta RP Andrzeja Dudy i jego żony Agaty Kornhauser-Dudy, a ściślej, ich odwiedzinami w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce i biurze ZPRKA. Założone przez ZPRKA w 1935 roku muzeum posiada wiele cennych pamiątek z Polski. Dzięki wspólnym inicjatywom Konsulatu RP w Chicago, Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych w Polsce, prezesa MPA Ryszarda Owsianego, członkami zarządu i dyrekcji oraz dyrektorem wykonawczej Małgorzaty Kot, i personelu MPA, oraz tych wszystkich, którzy byli przed nimi, Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce cieszy się takim uznaniem, że Prezydent Duda i Pierwsza Dama, znaleźli czas na wizytę, która od początku do końca została świetnie zaplanowana. Miałam zaszczyt powitać dostojnych gości i przedstawić im historię ZPRKA i naszej siedziby. Wizyta była kontynuowana w Pokoju Paderewskiego, Galerii im. Kuśmierczaków, a zakończyła się w Sali Główniej MPA spotkaniem pary prezydenckiej z członkami zarządu i dyrekcji MPA, patronami i personelem MPA oraz pamiątkowymi zdjęciami.

Następnego dnia, 19 maja 2018 r., odbyło się w Parku Millenijnym w Chicago spotkanie Polonii z parą prezydencką. Wśród gości specjalnych znaleźli się: Jego Ekscelencja bp. Andrzej Wypych, pomocniczy biskup Archidiecezji Chicago; Evelyn Sanguinetti, wice gubernator stanu Illinois (dzień wcześniej odbyło się oficjalne spotkanie pary prezydenckiej z gubernatorem Bruce'm Raunerem); Rahm Emanuel, burmistrz Chicago. Lokalne organizacje polonijne miały zarezerwowane miejsca w sektorze dla gości. ZPRKA była dobrze reprezentowana przez członków zarządu i dyrekcji, ich małżonków lub gości oraz członków naszych lokalnych Towarzystw. Program obejmował: przemówienie Prezydenta oraz wręczenie przez Prezydenta i Pierwszą Damę dyplomów wszystkim tegorocznym absolwentom liceów polonijnych ze środkowo-zachodnich stanów USA. Przekazanie dyplomów zostało zorganizowane przez Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago wspólnie ze Zrzeszeniem Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, którego prezesem jest Ewa Koch. Prawdziwie poruszające doświadczenie dla absolwentów i ich rodzin, ale także dla tych z nas, którzy byli na widowni. Jesteśmy szczególnie dumni ze szkół polskich, działających pod patronatem ZPRKA: Św. Rafała



Grupa członków ZPRKA przed spotkaniem z prezydentem Dudą w Millenium Park

Surowiec-Iwuć, szwagierka ks. Antoniego, przedstawiła krótki życiorys dostojnego jubilata, a jego uroczą siostrzenicę, Stasia Iwuć, pięknie zaśpiewała „Ave Maria” podczas modlitwy nad darami. Po Mszy św. odbył się bankiet w restauracji Venus de Milo w Swansea MA, w czasie którego jubilat „obsypano” licznymi wyrazami



Ks. Iwuć (w niebieskim ornacie) z grupą duchownych - koncelebransów mszy św.



Prezydent Duda i Pierwsza Dama w Sali Główniej MPA (foto: Julita Siegel)



Para prezydencka z zaproszonymi gośćmi w MPA

Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN; Św. Jana Pawła II w Lemont, IL i Marii Konopnickiej w Oak Lawn, IL.

Innym wydarzeniem, które na długo zostanie w naszej pamięci, był 65. jubileusz przyjęcia święceń kapłańskich przez wice kapelana ZPRKA, ks. kanonika Antoniego Iwuć. Prezes Drobot z żoną, naczelnym kapelanem ZPRKA, ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak, sekretarz-skarbnik Robaczewski, mój mąż Ryszard i ja mieliśmy przyjemność uczestniczyć w obchodach jubileuszowych, które odbyły się 27 maja 2018. W uroczystości udział wzięło również wielu członków rodziny, duchownych i przyjaciół ks. Iwuć. Ks. Antoni jest członkiem ZPRKA od 68 lat, w tym 12 lat służył jako kapelan i 32 lata jako wice kapelan naszej organizacji. Dwujęzyczna msza jubileuszowa została odprawiona w kościele św. Józefa w Central Falls w stanie Rhode Island z udziałem wielu duchownych. Florence

uznania, życzeniami, gratulacjami, prezentami oraz wzniesiono na jego cześć uroczysty toast. Ks. Iwuć wyraził swoją głęboką wdzięczność wszystkim, którzy przybyli na tę uroczystość wydaną na jego cześć, po czym jego bliski przyjaciel, JE. ks. Ludwik Edward Gelineau, emerytowany biskup z Providence, RI przedstawił swoje refleksje na temat ich wieloletniej przyjaźni. Koordynatorem uroczystości była siostra Janice Marie Gaudette, C.S.S.F. która przez wiele lat jest także „Aniołem stróżem” ks. Antoniego i jego drogim przyjacielem. Bankiet zakończył się charakterystycznym akcentem, ukazującym poczucie humoru ks. Antoniego i jego zamięłowanie do śpiewu w słowach piosenki, którą zaśpiewał: „Dobranoc panie, żegnajcie panowie,

do zobaczenia, czas już was opuścić Mam nadzieję, że miło spędziliście czas, miły czas, miły czas, miły czas; mam nadzieję, że miło spędziliście czas, miły czas, dobranoc!”.

Inne majowe wydarzenia obejmowały: obchody Dnia Polonii (2 maja) w Konsulacie RP w Chicago, którego gospodarzem był Konsul Generalny Piotr Janicki i jego pracownicy, w tym Konsul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik i Piotr Semeniuk. Prezes Drobot był jednym z jurorów konkursu „Wybitny Polak”, a wśród wyróżnionych w czasie tej uroczystości była Alicia Karlic, redaktor i menedżer biznesowy gazety Polish Weekly w Michigan.

W czwartek (3 maja) o godz. 11:11 zasadzony został w Chicago pierwszy ze 100 dębów - na cześć 100. rocznicy odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości. Uroczystość, na którą byłam zaproszona wraz z prezesem Drobotem, odbyła się w siedzibie Związku Narodowego Polskiego (ZNP) w Chicago dzięki współpracy Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Chicago i Konsulatu RP w Chicago. Projekt nosi nazwę „Dębowa aleja niepodległości”.

W sobotę, 5 maja odbyły się w Chicago całonocne obchody rocznicy Konstytucji 3-majowej z 1791 roku, w tym: uroczystość złożenia wieńców przy Pomniku Kościuszki przed Planetarium Adlera, podniesienie flagi przy Daley Center, doroczny brunch zorganizowany przez Chicago Society w Conrad Hilton (Romuald Matuszczak przewodniczył tej imprezie po raz 41), 127. parada wzdłuż Columbus Drive, program artystyczny Chicago Chopin Foundation w Grant Park w wykonaniu działającego przy ZPRKA zespołu „Polonia”, złożenie wieńca pod Pomnikiem Katyńskim w Niles i na zakończenie dnia, bankiet sponsorowany przez organizatorów parady. W większości tych wydarzeń uczestniczył członek zarządu ZPRKA i ich małżonkowie. W skład jednostek marszowych ZPRKA na tegorocznej paradzie weszli: członkowie zarządu ZPRKA i ich małżonkowie, dyrektor D-8 Krystyna Lech, pracownicy biura i członkowie ZPRKA, uczniowie ze Szkoły Polskiej im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego i tancerze „Małej Polski”, Szkoły Polskiej im. Marii Konopnickiej z Polonijną Orkiestrą Ludową, Szkoły Polskiej im. Św. Jana Pawła II z zespołem „Polanie”; Zespół Polskich Tańców Ludowych „Wesoły Lud”; Południowo-Zachodnie Centrum Polskiej Pieśni i Tańca; Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia”; Kopciuszek 2018 Ania Tumiel i Księżę 2018 Xander Burd, ich zastępcy Joanny Burdzy i Bart Przytuła oraz członkowie Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych.

Dziękujemy wszystkim za udział! Specjalne podziękowania dla dyrektora marketingu, Agnieszki Bastrzyk, za reprezentowanie ZPRKA w Komitecie Parady Konstytucji 3 Maja. Zobacz zdjęcia na stronach 8, 9 i 20.

Obchody Święta Konstytucji RP zakończyły się w niedzielę, 6 maja, doroczną Mszą św. i śniadaniem w parafii Świętej Trójcy, w której uczestniczyli prezes i pani Drobot. Mottem przewodnim całego weekendu było Stulecie odzyskania niepodległości Polski.

Zrzeszenie Nauczycieli Polskich zorganizowało 6 maja w kościele św. Jacka na północnej stronie Chicago, coroczną Mszę Świętą dla przeszło 600 absolwentów szkół ponadgimnazjalnych reprezentujących ponad 35 szkół języka polskiego.



Ks. Iwuć z członkami zarządu ZPRKA i ich małżonkami i naczelnym kapelanem ZPRKA ks. kanonikiem Władysławem Ptak



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Królowa Parady i jej dworki oraz młodzież reprezentująca Polonijne organizacje na brunchu



Brunch przed paradą: członkowie zarządu ZPRKA z Marią Pappas (drua z prawej) i Irene Moskal DelGuidice (w środku)



Z mężem Ryszardem, córką Niki i wnuczkami w oczekiwaniu na rozpoczęcie parady

Wiosenny recital Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskiej Pieśni i Tańca odbył się 6 maja w Mother McAuley High School Auditorium w Chicago. W tym roku Renee Kroplewski i Krzysztof Pabina (dwu-języczni konferansjerzy) „zabrali” publiczność w podróż do Polski przy okazji 100. rocznicy odzyskania niepodległości przez Polskę, 145. rocznicy ZPRKA i 200. rocznicy założenia stanu Illinois. W wydarzeniu tym uczestniczyłam wspólnie z prezesem Drobotem i panią Drobot oraz dyrektorem D-8 Krystyną Lech. Byłam założycielką Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum, jest ono bardzo bliskie mojemu sercu i cieszę się, że nadal rozrasta się pod względem ilościowym i talentu, i jestem nieustannie pod wrażeniem niekończącego się źródła kreatywności dyrektora artystycznego i choreografa, Ryszarda Jamińskiego i jego wspaniałych instruktorów tańca. Składałam wyrazy uznania dla dyrektora zarządzającej, Anny Kraszewskiej, która w tym roku musi pogodzić pracę na pełen etat, ze szkołą taneczną, wycieczką z „Wesołym Ludkiem” na 10. Festiwal Dziecięcych Zespołów Folklorystycznych w Iwonie Zdroju (po raz piąty dla „Wesołego Ludku”), i przygotowaniami do jej przyjęcia panińskiego i ślubu. Życzę Ci dużo entuzjazmu i szczęścia, Aniu! Danowi Winklerowi, dziękuję za cierpliwość i miłość do naszej Ani!

W piątek, 11 maja, prezes Drobot i pani Drobot wraz z panem Robaczewskim uczestniczyli w Mszy Świętej w intencji absolwentów szkoły podstawowej i liceum im. Marii Konopnickiej przy parafii St. Louis de Montfort w Oak Lawn, IL. Gratulacje dla absolwentów, rodziców, nauczycieli, pana Jana Oprzędka i pani Kingi Pierwoła-Truty oraz dyrektora, pana Stanisława Skubisza! Chciałabym wyrazić naszą szczerą wdzięczność zarządowi Szkoły Polskiej im. Konopnickiej, a w szczególności prezes Danielle Kroplewskiej i wiceprezes Joannie Niedzielskiej za ich ciepłe i życzliwe przyjęcie i gościnność.

W sobotę rano, 12 maja, uczestniczyłam w recitalu zespołu „Polanie”, kończącym rok szkolny w Polskiej Szkole im. Św. Jana Pawła II przy parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont, IL. Dyrektor Halina Szyrzyna prowadziła recital, w czasie którego program taneczny przeplatał się z uroczystością wręczenia nagród dla uczniów. Najstarsza grupa „Polan” będzie uczestniczyć w festiwalu w Iwonie Zdroju, dołączając do PIĘCIU INNYCH GRUP TANECZNYCH ZPRKA (po raz pierwszy trzy z Michigan) w tym roku! Brawo dla tancerzy i uczniów szkoły, ich nauczycieli i rodziców za dobrze wykonaną pracę!

Zespół Pieśni i Tańca „Polonia” połączyła swój recital z lunchem, z okazji przypadającego w Stanach Zjednoczonych w dniu 13 maja, Dnia Matki. Recital odbył się w Crystal Palace Banquets w Mount Prospect, IL i odniósł tak wielki sukces, że rodzice poprosili go o powtórkę w tym samym czasie w przyszłym roku. Gratulacje dla tancerzy, rodziców i dyrektor zarządzającej Anny Krysińskiego oraz instruktorów tańca: Jaclyn Krysiński („Polonia”), Nicole Romek („Mała Polonia” i „Młoda Polonia”), Emilia Wójciak i Katarzyna Szewdo („Polonia” w Mt. Prospect); i Lidia Romotowski („Krasnoludki”)! Grupa młodzieży „Polonii” bierze również udział w Festiwalu Dziecięcym w Polsce.

Absolwenci liceum przy Szkole Polskiej im. Św. Jana Pawła II obchodzili Dzień Matki balem dyplomowym, który odbył się w Crystal Grand Banquets w Lemont, IL. Absolwenci wykonali poloneza w choreografii Michała Dziadkowca. Dyrektor Halina Szyrzyna

była bardzo dumna z osiągnięć akademickich i tanecznych swoich absolwentów. Życzymy absolwentom wszystkiego najlepszego i wielu sukcesów. Pamiętajcie, że to, czego się nauczyliście, musi być pielęgnowane! Bądźcie dumni ze swojego polskiego dziedzictwa!

Członkowie zarządu ZPRKA spędzili Dzień Matki (13 maja) z rodzinami – prezes Drobot w Michigan, sekretarz-skarbnik Robaczewski i wiceprezes Jamiński w Chicago. Nasza córka, Niki, rozpoczęła kilka lat temu tradycję organizowania brunchu i cieszymy się ogromnie tą nową tradycją. W świętowaniu pomagali jej mąż Michael i ich córki, co nadało Dniu Matki zupełnie nowy sens. Przy okazji, najlepsze życzenia urodzinowe, Niki (31 maja)!

Cztery lata temu, dzięki mojej inicjatywie wprowadziliśmy klasy języka polskiego dla Amerykanów, jako jedną z dodatkowych korzyści dla członków. Nauczycielką jest niezrównana Halina Szyrzyna. W poniedziałek, 14 maja, Geraldine Baginski, Jim Czuchra, Joseph Drobot Jr., Judith Drobot, Tony Kowal, Mary Jane Robles, Edith Siemiankowski i Lisa Terlecki ukończyli semestr zimowo-wiosenny. Gratulacje! Mam nadzieję zacząć od kolejnej klasy jesienią. Jeśli jesteście zainteresowani, skontaktujcie się z nami na adres: fraternal-department@prcu.org.

W niedzielę, 20 maja, w Polskiej Szkole im. św. Rafała Kalinowskiego odprawiona została Msza św. graduacyjna i odbył się piknik na zakończenie roku. Chociaż pogoda była nieco chłodna, atmosfera była ciepła. Gratulacje dla absolwentów szkoły średniej: Mikołaja Firleja, Agaty Grabowskiej, Davida Holicza, Adriana Orciucha, Mateusza Potrawskiego, Alexandry Traciak i Davida Wróbla, a także dyrektora, Małgorzaty Czachor i kadry pedagogicznej.

Tego samego dnia polska szkoła im. Św. Jana Pawła II zorganizowała w Crystal Grand Banquets w Lemont IL, specjalny lunch dla uczniów szkoły podstawowej. Prezes Drobot i pani Drobot dołączyli do Pani Haliny Szyrzyny na tym spotkaniu.

25 maja odbyła się Polska Noc z Detroit Tigers w Comerica Park w Detroit w stanie Michigan. Z dumą można powiedzieć, że wiele z polonijnych grup tańca ludowego z Michigan wystąpiło na stadionie, w tym wszystkie 9 zespołów tanecznych ZPRKA! Christopher Ozog i Towarzystwo im. Jana Pawła II #1593 ZPRKA, było organizatorem tego wydarzenia. Gdyby nie nasza podróż do Rhode Island, na pewno wzięłabym udział – przecież Detroit Tigers grały z Chicago White Sox! Wygrały Tygrysy, ale było blisko - 5 do 4.



Polska Noc z Detroit Tigers - zespół „Zajazdech”

rocznice w czerwcu, absolwentom, wszystkim Ojcom (bez względu, czy obchodzą 17-go w USA, czy 23-go w Polsce), przyjmijcie nasze najlepsze życzenia miłości, zdrowia, szczęścia i bogactwa! Pozwól sobie na osobistą notatkę: Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji urodzin dla Niki (5/31), Mili (6/3), Nini (6/7), Anny Jamińskiej (6/18), Marii Jamińskiej (6/20), oraz miłości mojego życia, Ryszarda (6/26)! Sto lat! Sto lat! Niech żyją, żyją nam !!!!

Szanowni Członkowie, 62. Sejm ZPRKA szybko się zbliża - a sierpień jest tuż za rogiem !!! Wasze zaangażowanie w naszą organizację jest bardzo cenne i pożądane, ponieważ przyszłość ZPRKA jest w Waszych rękach. Zapraszamy na nasze spotkania, pikniki, zawody sportowe (turniej golfowy ZPRKA 7/21), dziękujemy Wam za aktywne członkostwo w ZPRKA.

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Dla młodzieży i młodych członków ZPRKA



Na każdym Sejmie 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 pomysłów zostało w przeszłości zrealizowanych.

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

Komitet pod kierownictwem dyrektora 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.

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HISTORYCZNA WIZYTA PREZYDENTA RP ANDRZEJA DUDY I PIERWSZEJ DAMY AGATY KORNHAUSER-DUDY W BUDYNKU ZPRKA I MPA



Powitanie pary prezydenckiej w budynku ZPRKA/MPA (pierwszy rząd l-p): dyrektor zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot, Pierwsza Dama Agata Kornhauser-Duda, Prezydent Andrzej Duda, prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany, prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. (foto: J. Loryś)

Chicago, IL - Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce i Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce miały zaszczyt powitać w siedzibie ZPRKA/MPA 2018 Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Andrzeja Dudę i Pierwszą Damę Agatę Kornhauser-Dudę.

Para prezydencka złożyła wizytę w Chicago w

dniach 18-19 maja podczas ich niedawnej podróży do Stanów Zjednoczonych. Była to pierwsza podróż prezydenta Dudy do Chicago od czasu jego wyboru na Prezydenta RP.

Jednym z celów pięciodniowej wizyty pary prezydenckiej w Stanach Zjednoczonych było spotkanie z polsko-amerykańską diasporą z okazji obchodzonej w 2018 roku, setnej rocznicy odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości.

W piątek, 18 maja, delegacja prezydencka złożyła krótką wizytę w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce i Zjednoczeniu Polskim Rzymsko-Katolickim w Ameryce. Dostojnych gości powitali przy wejściu głównym prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany, Prezes ZPRKA i przewodniczący dykcji MPA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. oraz dyrektor zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot.



L-p: Pierwsza Dama Agata Kornhauser-Duda, Prezydent Andrzej Duda, dyr. zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot, prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany

gości, w tym członków dykcji MPA, przedstawicieli różnych organizacji polsko-amerykańskich, polityków i pracowników MPA.

Prezydent Duda i Pierwsza Dama wpisali się do Księgi Pamiątkowej MPA i przekazali muzeum flagę Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, którą odebrał prezes Ryszard Owsiany.

Tego samego dnia prezydent Duda spotkał się w Konsulacie Generalnym RP z



Prezydent Duda (drugi od lewej) przekazujący flagę Polski prezesowi Ryszardowi Owsianemu

gubernatorem stanu Illinois Brucem Raunerem oraz w Instytucie Sztuki - z burmistrzem miasta Chicago, Rahmem Emanuele. Para Prezydencka uczestniczyła także w uroczystości złożenia kwiatów pod Pomnikiem Katyńskim i Tablicą Smoleńską na Cmentarzu św. Wojciecha w Niles, IL.

Wieczorem Prezydent Duda odwiedził bazę Gwardii Narodowej Illinois w Kankakee. Pierwsza Dama spotkała się z przedstawicielami Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce, które miało miejsce w Domu Podhalan w Chicago. W wydarzeniu tym uczestniczyli m.in. przedstawiciele dykcji i kadr nauczycielskich z polskich szkół sobotnich ZPRKA.

W sobotę, 19 maja, prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i pani Judy Drobot, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i pan Ryszard Jamiński, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski i pani Elaine Robaczewski, dyrektor D-8 Krystyna Lech z mężem Tadeuszem i dyrektor D-9 Elizabeth Sadus oraz grupa pracowników biura ZPRKA, wzięli udział w spotkaniu z prezydentem Andrzejem Dudą i panią Agatą Kornhauser-Dudą, zorganizowanym w Millennium Park, w śródmieściu Chicago. Podczas uroczystego programu, prezydent Duda odznaczył Państwowymi Medalami Zasługi grupę działaczy polonijnych. Prezydent i Pierwsza Dama wręczyli także pamiątkowe dyplomy polskim szkołom sobotnim i ich tegorocznym absolwentom.



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