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CANDIDATES

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will hold its 62nd National Quadrennial Convention on August 10-13, 2018 at the Edward Hotel and Convention Center in Dearborn, Michigan. One National Chaplain, Three National Officers and fifteen National Directors will be elected at the Convention. The following PRCUA members have officially declared their candidacy for office and their eligibility was approved by the PRCUA Candidates Qualifications Committee on June 9, 2018:

FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN:

- **REV. WALTER J. PTAK** of Wyandotte, MI is a member of Sacred Heart Society #162 since 1962 (56 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. degree from St. Mary's College (1983)
- Master of Divinity, St. John Provincial Seminary (1987)

Work experience:

- PRCUA Vice Chaplain (1994-2002)
- PRCUA National Chaplain since 2002
- National President of the Polish American Priests Association (2012-2017)
- Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Dearborn Hts., MI

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

- **JAMES J. ROBACZEWSKI** of Chicago, IL is a member of Knights of St. Michael Society #412, St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1593 and Polish Clergy Society #15 - a member since 1972 (46 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. degree from DePaul University (2000)
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor (FIC)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)
- Associate Customer Service (ACS)

Work experience:

- 25+ years of supervisory and management experience including two Fortune 100 companies
- 14 years Licensed life insurance and annuity agent
- 4 years Board Member and 1 year Treasurer of Polish Museum of America
- Member of St. Monica Church Parish Council (6 years); Chairperson (4 years)

Occupation: PRCUA National Secretary-Treasurer

- **MICHAEL R. TURKIEWICZ** of Chicago, IL is a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #57 and Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #1492 since 1989 (29 yrs.)

Education:

- B.B.A. degree from University of Memphis (1988)

Work experience:

- Stockard Commodities
- Sales Representative (1989-1994)
- Director of Sales (1994-1996)
- Founder and President of the Turk Enterprises, Inc. (1996-2017)

Occupation: Management/Sales

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:

- **MICHELINE I. JAMINSKI** of Homer Glen, IL is a member of Wesoły Lud Society # 1590 and Polonia Society #1597 since 1977 (41 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. degree from Alliance College (1974)

Work experience:

- Administrative assistant and bookkeeper (1974-1978)
- Business Co-Owner of 4 BP/Amoco Stations, a Video Store (1978-1987) and 2 Shell Gas Stations/Mini Marts/Carwashes

(1988-2007)

- Artistic Director/Choreographer (1976-2014) of PRCUA Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (also Founder and Manager), PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Dancing (also Founder); Adult Culture Group of PRCUA; and Polanie Dancers of JPPII Polish School
- Co-Organizer of PRCUA Societies #1590 and #1597.
- Treasurer PRCUA District 8 (2011-2017).
- Vice Chair of 60th National Quadrennial Convention of PRCUA.
- Member of Constitution Committee 2014.
- National Treasurer Polish American Congress

Occupation: PRCUA National Vice President

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- **AGNIESZKA J. BASTRZYK** of Elmwood Park, IL, is a member of Cardinal Hlond Society #1219 since 2008 (10 yrs.)

Education:

- B.B.A. from Loyola University (2008)
- Fraternal Insurance Counselor, Fellow (FICF)
- Associate Life Management Institute (ALMI)

Work experience:

- 8+ years of supervisory and management experience
- Secretary of Illinois Fraternal Alliance
- Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Member of Polish American Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member of Holy Trinity Polish School
- 10+ years Licensed life insurance and annuity agent
- 3+ years of Underwriting experience

Occupation: PRCUA Marketing Director

- **WILLIAM MARUTZKY** of Chicago, IL, is a member of St. Fidelis Society #878 since 1981 (37 yrs.)

Education:

- B.S. from Northern Illinois University (1968).
- M.A.S. from Northern Illinois University (1973).
- J.D. from I.I.T. Chicago/Kent College of Law (1977)
- L.L.M. from DePaul College of Law (1980)
- C.P.A. from University of Illinois (1973)

Work experience:

- Tax Director for a Fortune 1000 Company at an international public accounting firm & a national bank
- Full-time professor in local laws schools and universities

Occupation: Attorney/Certified Public Accountant

- **GREGORY B. OLMA** of Buffalo, NY, is a member of St. Ladislaus Society #540 since 2004 (14 yrs.)

Education:

- B.A. from State University of NY at Buffalo (1984)
- J.D. from State University of NY at Buffalo (1992)

Work experience:

- 25 years of experience on Credit Union Board
- Treasurer at the Adam Mickiewicz Library for 12 years
- PRCUA District #2 Director for 8 years

Occupation: Certified Manager

NATIONAL DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT #1 (1 Director) • ONE VACANCY

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do czytania
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w jęz. polskim.



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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 Zajaczek Dancers.
- 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.
- 14 LAPORTE, IN – 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRCUA SACRED HEART LODGE #1031 on Sat., July 14, at PRCUA Lodge Hall, 620 Bach Street, LaPorte, IN. For details see information below.
- 16 CHICAGO, IL – PRCUA DISTRICT #7 CANDIDATE OPEN HOUSE on Mon., July 16, at 6:30 p.m., at PRCUA Social Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, 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. 3.
- 28 DEARBORN HTS., MI – PRCUA SOC. #718 FAMILY PICNIC for members and their families, 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.

AUGUST

- 10-13 DEARBORN, MI – 62nd PRCUA QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION from Friday to Monday, Aug. 10-13 at Edward Hotel and Convention Center, 600 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, MI.
- 15 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Aug. 15 (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.
- 17-18 WOODHAVEN, MI – 64th NATIONAL PRCUA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT hosted by PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718. See details on pg. 4.
- 25 LAMBERTVILLE, MI – PRCUA MEMORIAL ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE on Sat., Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. at Maple Grove Golf Course, Secor Rd., Lambertville, MI. See details on pg. 11.

P. R. C. U. A.
620 Bach St. LaPorte, In.
Saturday, July 14th.

Centennial Celebration
1918 - 2018

2pm. till 5pm.
Enjoy the sounds of Eddie Korosa jr. & "The Boys from Illinois"
following dinner, from 8pm. till 11pm.
dance the night away with
"915 Rock"

Tip boards

Dinner will be from 5pm. to 7pm.
All You Can Eat
Polish-American Buffet \$12.00 a plate.
Includes:
Kielbasa & Kraut
Golumpki (cabbage rolls)
Mizeria (cucumber salad)
Pierogies
Kolaczki
and much more!

Cookie doughs
Raffles
50/50

Doors open at 1pm.
(cash bar)
Open to the Public
must be 18yrs.

Sunday, July 15th.
Following Mass
all you can eat Breakfast \$7.00
From 9am. to 12pm.

100 years and still going strong



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 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, 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 in each age category.
 - 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 or online to marketing@prcu.org.

Let Your Voice and Opinions Be Heard!

A red alarm clock icon with the word "DEADLINE" written on its face.

All articles for the August issue of *Naród Polski*, must be submitted by Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

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

CANDIDATES FOR PRCUA OFFICES

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DISTRICT #2 (1 Director)

• LOUIS J. PERFETTO, JR. of Buffalo, NY is a member of St. Theresa Society #1301 since 2004 (14 yrs.)
Work experience:
- Treasurer of IUPAT Local 122 Dist. Council 4 for 16 years
- Treasurer of Plewacki Post #799 for 13 years
- Chief Steward of CSEA Local #815 for 6 years
- Board Member of Building Committee at Adam Mickiewicz Library (1993 - present)
Occupation: Safety Officer

DISTRICT #3 (2 Directors)
• 2 VACANCIES

DISTRICT #4 (1 Director)

• PATRICK C. KOSOWSKI of Land O Lakes, FL is a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #718 and Sacred Heart of Jesus Society #1492 - a member since 1998 (20 yrs.)
Education:
- University of Michigan - Dearborn
Work Experience:
- Sales Representative, Sales Management, National Account Management (25 yrs.)
- PRCUA Budget & Grievance Committee Member (8 yrs.) - Chairperson (4 yrs.)
- Financial Secretary of Soc. #718 (10+ yrs.)
- Director of PRCUA National Bowling Tournaments (8 yrs.)
Occupation: National Account Manager

DISTRICT #5 (2 Directors)

• MITCHELL J. BIENIA of Cleveland, OH, is a member of Henryk Sienkiewicz Society #2220 since 1994 (24 yrs.)
Education:
- B.A. from John Carrol University (1965)
- M.A. from John Carrol University (1971)
- ED.D. from Nova SE University (1989)
Work experience:
- Owner of a Travel Bureau (1989-2015)
- Current District #5 PRCUA Director
Occupation: Retired teacher

• THOMAS D. JESIONOWSKI of Maumee, OH, is a member of St. Stanislaw Bishop & Martyr Society #719 since 2000 (18 yrs.)
Education:
- Graduate of the University of Toledo
Work experience:
- Vice President of Operations, Human Resource Director and part owner of Pexco Packaging Corp. (1975-2010).
- Workers Comp Courses
- LOMA Courses
- Current District #5 PRCUA Director
Occupation: Retired

DISTRICT #6 (1 Director)

• ANDREW T. LECH of Manhattan Beach, CA, is a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Society #57 since 1988 (30 yrs.)
Education:
- B.S. from Saint Xavier University (2009)
Work Experience:
- Lead Application Developer - Enterprise Resource Planning
- Application Product Manager - Design & implement financial & business systems
- President - Insurance Software
Occupation: Product Manager

DISTRICT #7 (2 Directors)

• ANNA KRYSIŃSKI of Glenview, IL is a member of Tadeusz Kosciuszko Society #1616, Młoda Polonia Society #1624, Polonia Society #1626, and Society

#1638 - a member since 1985 (33 yrs.)
Education:
- Graduate of Warsaw University (1977)
Work experience:
- Director of Polonia Dance & Song Ensemble (31 yrs.)
- Current District #7 PRCUA Director
Occupation: Real Estate Broker

DISTRICT #7 (Cont.)
• ONE VACANCY

DISTRICT #8 (2 Directors)

• MYRON E. CISLO of Lockport, IL is a member of Nicholas Copernicus Society #1575 since 1977 (41 yrs.)
Education:
- B.S. from Loyola University (1992)
- M.S.W. from University of Illinois (1998)
Work Experience:
- Cook Co. Public Guardian Office (22 yrs.)
- PRCUA Polanie Dance Group Manager (8 yrs.)
Occupation: Child Advocate

• ELIZABETH D. DYNOWSKI of Orland Park, IL is a member of Maria Konopnicka Society #1622 since 1979 (39 yrs.)
Education:
- B.A. from Northwestern University (1995)
- M.S.W. from Loyola University (1997)
Work Experience:
- Competitive Team Co-ordinator & Lead Instructor at HHTD
- Liberty Junior High School Improvement Plan - Secretary
- District III School Social Worker
- Chairperson of the PRCUA Adult Culture Group Annual Fashion Show
Occupation: Social Worker

DISTRICT #9 (1 Director)

• ELIZABETH A. SADUS of Chicago Hts., IL, is a member of St. Barbara Society #354 and St. Joseph the Worker Society # 1579 - a member since 2004 (14 yrs.)
Education:
- A.A. from Prairie State College (1998)
- B.A. from Purdue University - Calumet (2001)
- M.S. from Purdue University - Calumet (2010)
Work Experience:
- Former Junior High School Science Teacher
- Licensed PRCUA Agent for States of Illinois and Indiana
- Current District #9 PRCUA Director
Occupation: Instructional Designer

DISTRICT #10 (2 Directors)

• COLLEEN K. BONKOWSKI of Warren, MI, is a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Society #1618 since 1995 (23 yrs.)
Education:
- Macomb Community College
Work Experience:
- PRCUA Dance School Director: Mała Polska (1995-2005), Zajaczek (2005-present), Zakopane (2008-present)
- Community events organizer
- Current PRCUA Director of District #10
Occupation: Culinary Professional

• COURTNEY P. OZOG of Wayne, MI, is a member of Fr. Al's Society #1493 since 1994 (24 yrs.)
Education:
- 2 B.A. degrees, Marygrove College (2016)
Work Experience:
- Recording Secretary of Fr. Al's Society #1493; Treasurer of Society #1493 (present)
- 2014-15 State President of MSCAR with a project supporting the MVF
Occupation: Substitute Teacher, SE MI

*Best of luck
to all Candidates!*



*For PRCUA Members Only
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!*

*Contact the Fraternal Department at 773-782-2636
for Membership Information*

We will be golfing at Riverview Highlands Golf Course, 15015 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI 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, 2018 (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 Reek 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.

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., President
Micheline Jaminski, Vice President
James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer

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Attn: Pam Tuytens**

ATTENTION!

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

64th PRCUA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

For PRCUA Members Only - New Members Welcome
Hosted by St. Stan's Society 718 - Woodhaven, MI
August 17-18, 2018

The 64th PRCUA National Softball Tournament will be held on
Friday and Saturday, August 17-18, 2018 at Henry Ford II Ball
Diamond Complex, 23101 Hall Road, Woodhaven, MI.

Out-of-town players and guests' accommodations will be at the
Best Western Woodhaven Inn, 21700 West Rd, Woodhaven, MI.
Room rates per night plus tax are: King or Double Standard - \$93.
Make your room reservation as soon as possible, by calling 734-676-
8000, before July 27, 2018 and mention "St. Stan's".

Dan Gdowski and Bob Hojnacki, Chairmen, have finalized the
tournament event schedule as follows:

Friday, August 17

- 6:00 p.m. - Co-Ed Games - Henry Ford II Ball Diamond Complex,
23101 Hall Rd, Woodhaven, MI
- 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Welcome Gathering - Best Western
Woodhaven Inn, 21700 West Rd, Woodhaven, MI.
Complimentary draft beer and pizza.

Saturday, August 18

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Games - Henry Ford II Ball
Diamond Complex, 23101 Hall Rd, Woodhaven, MI
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch - served at the fields
- 6:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet - Best Western Woodhaven Inn,
21700 West Rd, Woodhaven, MI. Dinner at no charge. Dis-
counted cash bar.

Mass - Our Lady of the Woods, 21892 Gudith Rd, Woodhaven, MI,
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Home
Office, together with the \$50.00 entry fee per team. All players must
be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign
one roster and must submit a Waiver of Liability form. Players must
agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good
sportsmanship and fair play on and off the playing fields. Make your
check payable to: **PRCUA Softball**, and mail to: PRCUA Fraternal
Department, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60642 or enter
online at **www.prcua.org/sports** and pay online at
www.prcua.org/payonline. All entries must be
postmarked/submitted by August 3, 2018. For additional
information email: fraternal-department@prcu.org or 773-782-2636.

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

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., President
Micheline I. Jaminski, Vice President
James J. Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer

From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

James J. Robaczewski, FIC, ALMI, ACS



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

SOC.	NAME	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
261	Adam Troczynski	8401 18th Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313
435	Sherry Carmichael	5414 Midcrown, San Antonio, TX 78218
540	Marya Kaczynska	1125 Schuyler St., Utica, NY 13502
1415	Aneta Wojtanowska	9721 Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453
1416	Jeri Anderson	633 Hudson St., Eau Claire, WI 54703
1492	Haji Mohammed	3510 SW 63 Ave., Davie, FL 33314
1597	Barbara & Andrew Szlag	3928 W. 58TH St., Chicago, IL 60629
1597	Blythe Roza	1111 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605
1597	Maria Ustupski	6606 S. Kenneth, Chicago, IL 60629
1620	Jolanta Sztafa	222 S. Pine, Arlington Heights, IL 60016
1624	Nicole Rozycki	818 Juneway, Deerfield, IL 60015

Rhode Island Polonia Scholarship Foundation Awards Ten Students and Celebrates Forty Years

On April 7, 2018, the Rhode Island Polonia Scholarship
Foundation awarded ten Rhode Island high school seniors
\$1,000 grants toward their college education. The award
ceremony took place at St. Adalbert's Parish Center, Providence,
RI. Participating in the foundations' 40th awards ceremony
were guest speakers Marek Lesniewski-Laas, Honorary Consul
of the Republic of Poland and former recipients Dr. Robert
Markelewicz and Kristen Setera. The awards were presented by
Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz, Scholarship Selection Chairperson.



**First Row L-R: Dr. Markelewicz, Kristen Setera, Marek Lesniewski-Laas, Emma
Stowe, Stephen Grivers, Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz, Jason Cambra, and Foundation
President Gregory Malec (Alliance College '78, PRCUA Soc. #896); Second
Row L-R: Nicholas Campanini, Jesse Vigeant, Megan Boory, Brandon England,
Zachary Pinault, Tyler Piekarski, and William Such (not present).**

In addition to meeting all of the foundation's requirements,
applicants had to provide an essay on one of the following
summarized topics: (1) Describe how Tadeusz Kosciuszko's
principles of fair and just treatment for all can influence
American social issues for the better in the 21st century; (2) In
2018 we observe the centennial of Poland's rebirth. An all-
volunteer army consisting largely of Polish Americans, known
as "Haller's Army" made a major contribution to win Poland's
independence in 1918, and in securing the Polish victory against
the Soviets in 1920. Discuss the sacrifices of "Haller's Army" in
fighting for a resurrected Poland; (3) In 2018 we observe the
40th anniversary of the election of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla as
Pope John Paul II. Describe the resolve of this "Polish" Pope to
bring about the end of oppressive totalitarian regimes
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PRCUA Members Celebrate the Annual Sacred Heart Mass



The annual PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass celebration took place on June 10, 2018 at Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Orland Park, IL. It was hosted by PRCUA District #8. Mass began with a procession into the church, led by the National Flagbearers: Mariusz Witek, John Frankowicz, and Paul Pawlowski. They were followed by dancers from: Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, Wesoly Ludek of the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing, Mała Polska Ensemble and Polanie Dancers of St. John Paul II Polish School as well as graduates from Maria Konopnicka Polish School in Oak Lawn, IL, 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and Prince Charming Runner-up Bart Przytula. The PRCUA National Officers followed: President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and Judy Drobot, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and Richard Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski and Elaine Robaczewski; the National Directors: Mitchell Bienia (D-5) and Krystyna Bienia, Thomas Jesionowski (D-5), Connie Bonin (D-6), Krystyna Lech (D-8) and Tadeusz Lech, James Rustik (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), and past D-8 Director Steven Cieslicki; followed by the Mass concelebrants: PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc, and Rev. Michael G. Foley, Pastor of Our Lady of the Woods Parish.

Rev. Ptak gave the homily, in which he remarked upon the 145 years of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which was founded on the strong principles of Catholic faith, Polish tradition, fraternalism and unity, and love for their beloved Poland (which in 1873 was partitioned and therefore non-existent). He also praised the attending students of PRCUA schools for preserving and cultivating Polish dancing and culture and reminded them that they are the future of the PRCUA.

The 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and 2018 Prince Charming Runner-up Bart Przytula served as lectors. The Prayer of the Faithful was read by members from the Polanie Dancers: Liliana Cislo, Anette Lichacz, Andrew Lichacz, Claudia Walkosz; and from Southwest Center of Polish Dancing: Wiktor Kuźmiuk, Aleksandra Woźniak, Teresa Czerwien and Andrew Handzel. Beautiful inspirational hymns were provided by the Music Director/Organist Jan Capiak, accompanied by the violinist Michael Capiak.

Fr. Ptak bestowed a special blessing upon the dancers who will be traveling to Iwoniecz Zdrój Poland in July to represent the PRCUA at the 2018 International Children's Folk Dance Festival.



Before the Mass ended, President Joseph Drobot addressed the assembly. As out-going President, he thanked everyone for their support of the PRCUA, for welcoming him and his wife Judy to Chicago, and for helping them make Chicago their second home for the past 8 years.

Vice President Micheline Jaminski thanked the District #8 Directors Krystyna Lech and James Rustik (both of who are outgoing Directors) for hosting the 2018 PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass, and all of the dancers for participating. She also commended President Drobot on his accomplishments on the behalf of the PRCUA, for keeping the organization financially stable, and creating a lasting legacy for the future PRCUA generations.

After Mass, everyone enjoyed a luncheon served in the Parish Hall. The Invocation was offered by Vice Chaplain Fr. Anthony Iwuc. V.P. Jaminski took the opportunity to thank Directors Lech and Rustik for all of their work on behalf of the District #8. She then presented them with potted flowers.





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ACTIVITY

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LEARN POLISH WORDS - Letter Ż

Draw a line connecting the correct picture to the word.

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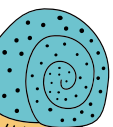
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WORD SEARCH

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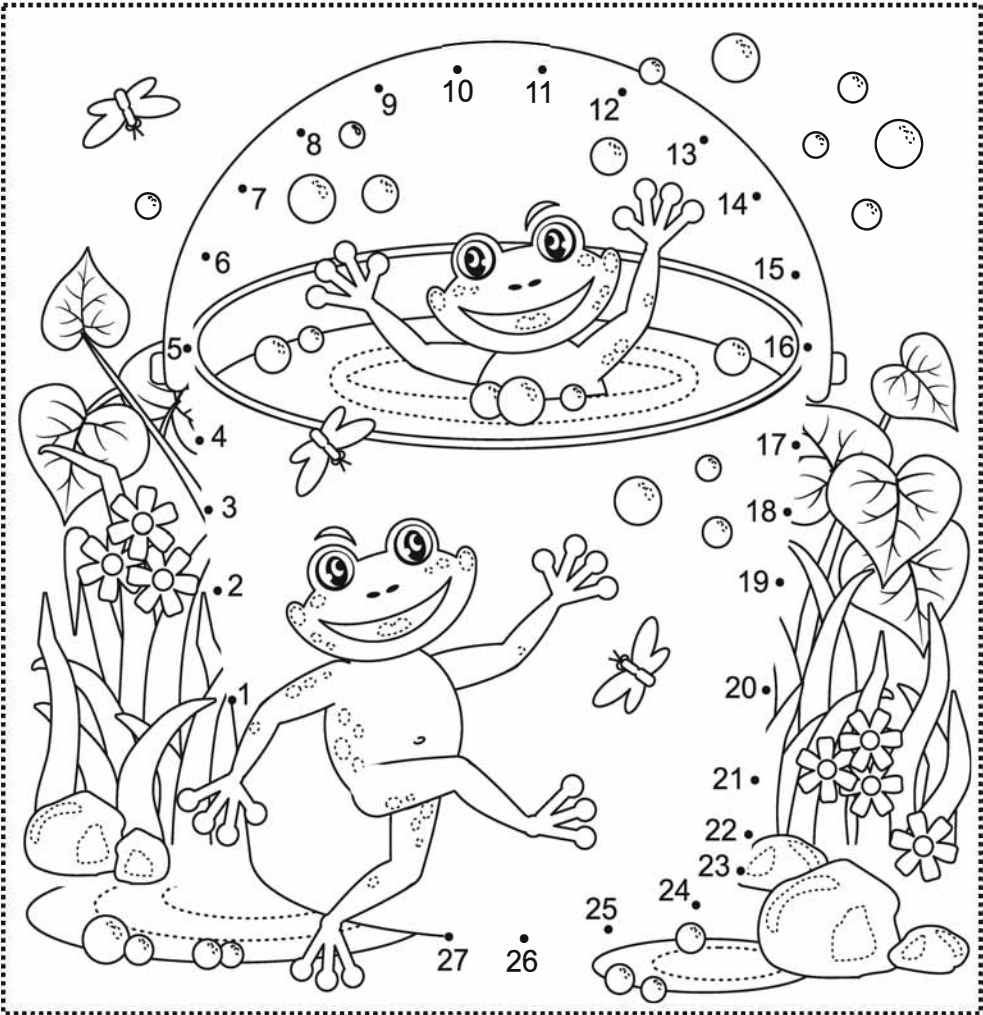
SUMMER MAZE

Help the bees get to the meadow flowers.



CONNECT DOTS AND COLOR THE PICTURE

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all of the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



Answers on page 7.

PRCUA PRESIDENT DROBOT AWARDED THE MATT DOBEK AWARD



Pres. Drobot giving his acceptance speech at the Banquet

Troy, MI - Congratulations to PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. who was selected as a 2018 winner of the Matt Dobek Special Recognition Award by The National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame (NPASHF). The award was presented to Pres. Drobot at the 46th Annual Induction Banquet on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI.

The annual event is held to honor and recognize outstanding American athletes, both amateur and professional, of Polish descent. This year's athlete inductees were: Conrad Dobler (former All-Pro football guard); Rachel Komisarz-Baugh (former competition swimmer, Olympic gold medalist, and former world record-holder); Larry Krystkowiak (retired professional basketball player); and Evan "Big Cat" Williams (former U.S. National Long Drive Champion.)

In 1989, the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame established its Special Recognition Award to recognize those individuals, that have demonstrated dedication, devotion, and service to sports, in extraordinary but frequently unheralded ways. In 2010, the award was re-named in honor of former Detroit Pistons' Public Relations Director Matt Dobek and is presented annually at the NPASHF Induction Banquet.

President Drobot's nomination as the Matt Dobek Award recipient was endorsed by the following statement: *The National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame has been the fortunate and grateful beneficiary of Mr. Drobot's tireless efforts for many years. Joe was instrumental in assisting our organization in establishing ties with the PRCUA, and arranged this past year to have the athletes of the NPASHF featured in the PRCUA's nationally-distributed annual calendar. Joe has also helped connect our organization with the highly respected Polish Museum of America, and has aided greatly in working to establish recognition of the NPASHF with the Polish government. Joe continues today in his efforts to have the NPASHF officially recognized by the Polish government as ambassadors of Polonia in America. Also, he provides assistance each year in our fundraising and marketing efforts at Polish American Night at Comerica Park. Whenever we need assistance or guidance with a project, we can count on Joe Drobot to be there.*



L-R: David Jansen, NPASHF First Vice Chairman, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Brian Bonkowski, D-10 Dir. Thomas Lisiecki, D-10 Dir. Colleen Bonkowski, VP Micheline Jaminski, Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski, Judith Drobot, Rev. Walter Ptak, Chaplain, Sally and Ted Klamerus, Pres. Emeritus Wallace Ozog and Joann Ozog



Mr. and Mrs. Drobot with PRCUA members and other guests

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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
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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Learn Polish Words: Letter Ż:
1. ŻABA, 2. ŻYRANDOL,
3. ŻOŁĘDZIE, 4. ŻAGŁÓWKA,
5. ŻYRAFA, 6. ŻÓŁW

Word Search:



Summer Maze:





The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski Vice President ~ Wiceprezeska



Happy 1st Birthday
Mila!

As the opening poem reads, "For June ran away! I blinked and then she was gone!" the sunshine month began in celebration of International Children's Day (6/1) and what a fun beginning. The first weekend of the month found the PRCUA Officers celebrating with their respective families: The Drobot's entertained son Tim, his wife Emily and grandchildren Joey and Emilia in Chicago; our family and friends gathered to celebrate our granddaughter Mila's first birthday at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Lincoln Park; and the Robaczewskis were busy with sons Joey and Tommy at baseball playoffs. Meanwhile, Hamtramck was the site of the 2nd Annual Soccer Polish Heritage Night with Detroit City FC (6/1) in which Zajączek and Gwiazda participated. On June 2, Society #1593 hosted a Youth Bowling Fun Day in Sterling Heights, MI and Society #162 held the Motown Review Dance in Wyandotte, MI.

PRCUA was amply represented at Polish-American Heritage Night at Jimmy John's Field on June 7 with the Zajączek Dancers (Colleen Bonkowski, Tricia Dennis, Rachel Kasperek); Halka Dancers (Laura Hejza, Tom Lisiecki); Opole Dancers (Beth Thacker, Donna Skurski); Polskie Maki (Maria Jalkiewicz, Kelly Malinowski); and Gwiazda (Jessica Wendt, Basia Nowakowski). For you baseball fans: the Wholly Mammoths upended the Beavers 7-4. Thanks to the staff, dancers, and parents for showcasing your talents and representing PRCUA – we are Polish and Proud!

The PRCUA Home Office was a very busy place from June 7-9 hosting the PRCUA Board of Directors at their quarterly meeting; the Budget and Grievance Committee (Patrick Kosowski, Chair; Robert Bugielski, Teresa Gibala, Andrew Lech, excused was Basia



Toboy); the Credentials Committee (Joan Kush, Mirek Cisło); and the Qualifications Committee (Sharon Haberski, Chair; Michaela Lamont, Edward Muszalski).



Gwiazda (top) and Zajączek (bottom)
at Jimmy Johns

The Polish Museum of America hosted another successful Summer Gala at Café LaCave on Friday, June 8. The recipients of the Polish Spirit Award were Maria Ciesla (past President of PMA for ten years) and Polish Slavic Federal Credit Union (PSFCU). President and Mrs. Drobot received a plaque acknowledging 8 years as avid supporters of the Museum with Mr. Drobot serving as Chairman of the PMA Board. Others representing the PRCUA were: Secy.-Treasurer James Robaczewski and wife Elaine, Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, National Directors Mitch Bienia and wife Krystyna, Thomas Jesionowski, Eileen Hanley, Anna Krysinski, Gregory Olma, General Counsel John Chitkowski and his family, Chairman of the Constitution Committee Michael Turkiewicz and wife Nicole, Director of Marketing Agnieszka Bastrzyk and husband Daniel, Mary Jane Robles, my husband Richard and yours

Here it is, the seventh month of 2018! The air is filled with excitement, with so much happening within it, and in the coming months. Before all of the delegates meet at the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention in Dearborn Heights, MI (August 10-13), there's Independence Day (also known as the Fourth of July); the 66th National PRCUA Golf Tournament hosted by Sacred Heart Society #162 at the Riverview Highlands Golf Course, Riverview, MI (July 21); and the 10th International Festival of Polish Children's Folk Ensembles (July 19-26 – Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland). How many showers, weddings, birthdays and anniversaries will your family and friends be celebrating in July? I wish them all health, happiness, wealth and love!



Zajączek (top) and Gwiazda (bottom)
at the soccer game



Halka (top) and Opole (center), and Polskie Maki
(bottom) at Jimmy Johns

truly.

On Sunday, June 10, District 8 - spearheaded by Director Krystyna Lech - hosted the Annual PRCUA Sacred Heart Mass and Luncheon. Officiating at the Mass were PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak and Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, with the pastor of Our Lady



PRCUA at the PMA Summer Gala (sitting l-r): Rev. Walter Ptak, Rev. Anthony Iwuc, Mitchell and Krystyna Bienia; standing (l-r): Richard and Micheline Jaminski, Judy and Joseph Drobot, Thomas Jesionowski, Eileen Hanley

of the Woods Parish in Orland Park, IL, Rev. Michael Foley. In addition to the officers, spouses, and directors of PRCUA, there was representation by PRCUA-sponsored dance groups and language schools: the Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, the Southwest Center of the Polish Song and Dance, Polanie Dancers of the St. John Paul II Polish School, graduates from the Maria Konopnicka Polish School, and Mała Polska Dancers of the St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School. The 2018 Cinderella Ania Tumiel and Prince Charming Runner-up Bart Przytula read the Readings; Wesoły Ludek and Polanie read the petitions. President Drobot extended his heartfelt thanks to District 8 and those in attendance for their hospitality to him and his wife for the last 8 years. As the Drobot's enter into the next chapter of their journey, we hope that they will visit us often. Following Mass, guests partook of a luncheon buffet prepared by Old Town Restaurant in Lemont, IL in the Parish Hall. Thank you to the Committee: Krystyna Lech; Danielle, Emilia, Karolina, and Aleksandra Kroplewski; Asia, Jacek, Weronika, and Kuba Niedzielski; Michael Dziadkowiec; Richard Jaminski; James Rustik and everyone else who lent a hand. (See article on page 5.) Meanwhile in Michigan, Society #162 hosted its Classic Car Show.

The PRCUA celebrated Flag Day on June 14 at the Home Office which was coordinated by my "Chief of Staff" Conrad Wiecek together with Agata Wilgocki and Anna Marrah. The program commenced with a welcome by President Drobot, singing by Secy.-Treas. Robaczewski, poems and prayers by Audrey Carpenter, Mateusz Bomba, Anna Marrah, and Rafał Ciołkosz. May we never forget that the symbols of our nation – the Flag and the Anthem – are to be respected always, everywhere and by everyone. Joining in the festivities were President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla; past Vice President Anna Sokołowski; National Directors Krystyna Lech, Elizabeth Sadus and Kevin Kucik; in addition to a few past and many of our current PRCUA and PMA employees. The menu was switched up a bit, but nothing says American like "southern fried chicken, fries, coleslaw, potato salad, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon and apple pie a la mode!" Like the old Campbell soup commercials said "Mmmm good!" (See article to the right.)

The Polish American Congress Illinois Division (Michael Niedziński-President; Bogdan Struminski - VP, Ewa Cholewinski-Treasurer) and the Chopin Theater of Chicago (Zygmunt Dyrkacz and Lela Headd, proprietors) hosted a showing of the film "A Night On Milwaukee Avenue" at the Chopin Theater – down the street from the PRCUA Home Office on Friday, June 15. Richard and I attended the event where we met many of our acquaintances from the Polish American Community in Chicago. The film, produced by Adrian Prawica and Rafał Muskała, told the story of the night life in the St. Hyacinth area on Chicago's north side in the 1970s through 1990s from the point of view of the artists who performed then – such as Krzysztof Krawczyk, Stan Borys and Urszula to name a few. Although I lived on the south/southwest side of Chicago and as a fan of Irena Jarocka and others from that era, I was familiar with some of the Polish night clubs – "Maryla Polonaise," "Cisza Leszna," etc. referred to in the film. These famous personalities performed in the major theater houses in Poland's cities, and here in Chicago, the average person could "rub elbows" with the stars – something unimaginable in Poland. Some of these stars also found additional work in between gigs as contractors, cooks, etc. Who knew? The evening was quite enjoyable and for Richard and me, it was a "blast from the past!"

The weekend of June 15-17 boasted the 36th Annual Polish Fest at the Summerfest Grounds, Milwaukee, WI. Manning the PRCUA booth throughout the weekend were past Director D-6 Sharon Haberski, PRCUA Marketing Director Agnieszka Bastrzyk, PRCUA Sales Director Robert Fattore, Insurance Agent Mary Barwick, among others. PRCUA sponsored dance groups, Wesoły Lud, Wesoły Ludek (SWCPSD) and Polanie (JPPI Polish School), performed on the Cultural and Folk Stages. Artistic Director and Choreographer of all three groups is Richard Jamiński. Managing Director of SWCPSD is Anna Kraszewski; Mirek Cisło and Agnieszka Witek are the Coordinators of Polanie. Participating in the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDAA) Gala Concert were: Wesoły Lud (Chicago), Wawel Folk Ensemble (Detroit), Syrena (Milwaukee), Tatr (Chicago), Wici (Chicago), Whispers (Chicago), Polonez (Canada) and a guest appearance by Warszawa (Poland) emceed by PRCUA member, Donna Skurski, Artistic Director and Choreographer of Wawel Folk Ensemble as well as the PRCUA Opole Dancers, and current President of PFDAA (side note: the Skurski's will be celebrating milestone birthdays - Tom in July and Donna in August – Sto Lat, my friends.) My multi-talented husband Richard doubled as the sound engineer for these performances. Special kudos to Janine Adameczyk, Entertainment Chairperson for Milwaukee's Polish Fest for the past several years.

The National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame (NPASHF) hosted its 46th Annual Induction Banquet on June 21, 2018 at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. The PRCUA delegation

included President and Mrs. Drobot and family; Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski; D-10 Directors Colleen (and Brian) Bonkowski and Tom Lisiecki; PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace and Joann Ozog; Marketing Director Agnieszka Bastrzyk; many members from Society #718 including President Jerry Nasiatka and wife Rita, PRCUA Vice President Emeritus Bob Bielenda and his wife Eleanor; from Society #87 - President Ted (also Honorary Director of NPASHF Board of Directors) and VP Sally Klamers, Fin. Secy. Kristi, Joe, Michael, and Kristin Mihalic; and yours truly. We all gathered to not only enjoy the evening, applaud the inductees to the NPASHF (Rachel Komisarz-Baugh, Conrad Dobler, Larry Krystofiak, and Evan "Big Cat" Williams) and listen to their narratives, but also to celebrate our very own PRCUA President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. as he was awarded the Matt Dobek Special Recognition Award. This Award was "established in 1989 to honor those individuals who have demonstrated 'extraordinary dedication, devotion and service to sports'" and given to "a man who has done all that and so much more." I can personally attest to Joe Drobot's intense love of sports, surpassed only by his love for family and the PRCUA, and his enthusiasm for the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame. The result was not just this award, but the 2018 PRCUA Calendar and bringing attention to the organization to all who would listen. The Matt Dobek Award is "the cherry on the top of an ice cream sundae." I must admit I didn't entirely understand the significance of this particular calendar or the NPASHF, but then I heard the stories of the athletes who were inducted on that Thursday evening. They reminded me about a story Coach K - Mike Krzyzewski - told when he was the Marshall of the Polish Constitution Parade a few years back. I was raised Polish in America by parents who weren't even born in Poland; these individuals - the inductees - were raised American by, in most cases, Polish-born parents, who rarely spoke of the horrors of war and poverty they left behind. These athletes attest their accomplishments to God and "Polish perseverance." The NPASHF brought attention to these athletes to the Polish-American community and, in turn, validated their Polish heritage to the athletes. This event made me understand the impact this organization has and, thus, I am glad I had the opportunity to experience it first-hand. At this event, we also had the honor of meeting Janet Lynn Nowicki-Salomon - Olympic, world and U.S. medalist in figure skating and author, who was inducted in the NPASHF in 1990 and featured in the 2018 PRCUA calendar for the month of April. Congratulations to President Joe Drobot, to the Inductees, as well as to the NPASHF! I think I'll call you Coach from now on! (See photos on page 7.)

The Fourth Annual PRCUA Family Picnic hosted by Districts 7, 8 and 9 was held at the PACF Grove in Glenwood, IL. After a week of torrential downpours, the weather could not have been more perfect. God blessed us with sunshine, 80 degree temperatures, and a light breeze. Rev. Ron Kondziolka once again officiated at the outdoor Mass and we thank him for his uplifting sermon. President and Mrs. Drobot joined in the festivities on their way back from Michigan. PRCUA provided transmission of the World Cup game Poland vs Columbia so none of our sports enthusiasts would miss the picnic. Sadly Poland lost 0-3. I want to thank the Directors of District 7, 8 and 9, especially Jim Rustik (together with Secy.-Treas. James Robaczewski - "grillers extraordinaire"), Krystyna Lech (together with daughter Danielle Kroplewski who were in charge of games for the young and young-at-heart), Elizabeth Sadus (arranged for the Mass and venue), and Kevin Kucik (unofficial athletic coordinator). Anna Krysinski stopped by after the St. Ferdinand picnic. Kitchen staff included Agata and Pawel Wilgocki, Mateusz Bomba, Asia Niedzielski and Grażyna Pikul. Mirek Cisko, Elaine Robaczewski, Agnieszka and Daniel Bastrzyk were everywhere and anywhere help was needed. Special thanks go to the Wesoly Lud Dancers and their fearless leader, Richard Jamiński, who came to set up at 10 a.m. and left after all was cleaned and packed away. A few Polonia dancers with Dance Instructor Jaclyn Krysiński came to paint the faces of a very willing group of children. Clowns Lulu and Lolo provided entertainment for the children as did the Grove's own train, paddleboats and the bouncy house! Thanks to all who made this picnic another success! To insure a 5th Annual Picnic and if you live in the area come join us - volunteers are always welcome. You can sign up now by contacting the fraternal-department@prcu.org. Read more about the picnic and see photos in the August issue of *Naród Polski*.

Polish Heritage Night with the Chicago White Sox was held on Wednesday, June 27, at Guaranteed Rate Field (formerly Comiskey Park, then U.S. Cellular Field) on Chicago's south side. Dance performances by the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company at the entrance gate welcomed the fans and then again on the field after the parade and the National Anthem. PRCUA was well represented thanks to the efforts of Fraternal Department Coordinator Mateusz Bomba. The PRCUA Officers and spouses, local National Directors Krystyna Lech and Kevin Kucik, managers, employees and members came out to support the event. Go White Sox! Go Polish Americans!

During the past few weeks, PRCUA members or those near and dear to our PRCUA members have gone to rest with the Lord. On behalf of the Officers, Directors and members of the PRCUA, we extend our deepest sympathy to their families and friends. Among those we remember: Ralph Raczyński (92) husband to Irene for almost 70 years, father to Barbara (Ron) Toboy and Mary Ann (Doug) Evans, grandfather to 6 and great-grandfather to 10 (see tribute on pg. 13); Bernie Holowicki (87), long time PRCUA member and President Drobot's 1st basketball coach at St. Hedwig's (see tribute on pg. 14); Genowefa Huszaluk (92) mother to Marianna (Mieczyslaw) Dzis and grandmother to Marlena Dzis; Iwonka Sulich (37) sister of Agnieszka Witek, survived by her husband, two young children, family and friends. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

As the month of June comes to an end, we reflect on the fact that half of 2018 is complete. New memories have been added to our life's journey and we look forward to the unknown and the new. Speaking of journeys.....

In the middle of July, I will be travelling to Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland, as the guest of the Rzeszów Branch of Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska, the organizers of the 10th International Festival of Children's Folk Ensembles. Together with me will be my husband, Richard, and the two children's groups of which he is the Artistic Director and Choreographer - Wesoly Ludek of the PRCUA Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance and PRCUA Polanie Dancers of the St. John Paul II Polish School - for both of whom this will be their 5th such festival. Joining us on this adventure are: Polonia Ensemble of Chicago (for 3rd time) and FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM MICHIGAN: Halka-Zajęczek Dancers (Detroit), Gwiazda (Hamtramck) and Opole (Warren). Total dancers and staff (not including parents): 145 - just like PRCUA's 145th Anniversary!! So expect the upcoming issues to include the reflections of many who will be experiencing the Iwonicz Zdrój Festival or even Poland for the first time! BON VOYAGE!



Polanie (left) and Wesoly Ludek (right) at the Polish Fest in Milwaukee, WI



Wesoly Lud in Milwaukee, WI



Skurskis

FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE AT THE PRCUA HEADQUARTERS

Chicago, IL - On June 14th, PRCUA and PMA employees participated in the annual Flag Day observance arranged by the PRCUA Fraternal Department. The program began on the lawn by the Home Office with a welcome by President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Next, Secretary-Treasurer James Robaczewski led everyone in singing the National Anthem and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A flag poem was read by Audrey Carpenter, after which Vice President Micheline Jaminski invited everyone to proceed into the Social Hall for lunch. A prayer before lunch was offered in Polish by Mateusz Bomba and in English by Anna Marrah. The closing prayer after lunch was read by Rafał Ciolkosz.

As in the past, the employees were joined by PRCUA Directors and past Officers and employees. This year we were happy to see President Emeritus Edward Dykla, Past Vice President Anna Sokolowski, Directors Kevin Kucik (D-7), Krystyna Lech (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), and a retired employee Frances Surowiec.



L-r: Mateusz Bomba, Anna Marrah, and Rafał Ciolkosz continuing the Flag Day program in the PRCUA Social Hall



The POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB would like you to join them in celebration at their scholarship banquet.

A Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, August 12th
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RSVP- must be received no later than July 27th 2018

48th Annual Polish-American Night Hosted by Detroit Baseball Club

By Raymond Rolak

Detroit, MI - Ethnic promotions are very popular and Polish-American Night is no exception. The evening has been a highlighted tradition of the Major League Baseball season going on its 48th year. The game and festivities did not disappoint the home crowd. The Detroit Tigers eked out a 5-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox at Comerica Park. The pre-game festivities were coordinated by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA). The special ticket package included a red and white Detroit Tigers / Polish American Night hat.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) is the oldest Polish American fraternal in America. It was founded in 1873 in the spirit of brotherhood to unite and help Polish immigrants and to promote Polish culture. Highlights before the game included the participation of 350 dancers on the field, 12 folk dance groups, the Polish Scouts and pre-game polka band entertainment. Included in the program, besides the affiliated PRCUA dance troupes, were folk dance groups sponsored by the Polish National Alliance.

This year's co-chairmen are Wally Ozog and Chris Ozog. Returning for an encore performance to sing the Republic of Poland's National Anthem was Robert Szczublewski of Toledo, OH. David Pozondek, a long-time PRCUA member involved in coordinating several national sports tournaments, threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Also introduced as part of the pre-game ceremony was Rev. Mirosław Krol, the new Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools and St. Mary's Preparatory, along with Ken Chmelko of the Polish-American Federal Credit Union.

The National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame announced their 2018 honored inductees. They include former All-Pro football guard Conrad Dobler, gold medal winning swimmer Rachel Komisarz-Baugh, retired NBA basketball player and current University of Utah coach Larry Krystkowiak and national golf long-drive champion Evan "Big Cat" Williams.

PRCUA President Joseph Drobot Jr. has been selected to receive the 2018 NPASHF Special Recognition Award for dedication and service to sports. The 46th annual induction banquet was held on Thursday June 21, 2018 at the NPASHA Hall of Fame Museum at the American-Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. The NPASHF had an information booth at Comerica Park during Polish Heritage Night and passed out beverage cozy's and keepsake informational programs.

The game activities were concluded by post-game fireworks.

Honored Baseball Inductees into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame are:

Oscar Bielaski	Danny Ozark	
Stan Coveleski	Tom Paciorek	Native Detroit
Art "Pinky" Deras	Ron Perranoski *	
Moe Drabowsky	Johnny Podres *	
Mark Fidrych *	Jack Quinn	
Steve Gromek *	Ron Reed **	
Ryan Klesko	Jenny Romatowski	
Ted Kluszewski	Ray Sadecki	
Casimir (Jim) Konstanty	Al Simmons	
Whitey Kurowski	Bill Skowron	
Tony Kubek	Frank Tanana *	Native Detroit
Bob Kuzava	Alan Trammell *	
Eddie Lopat	Carl Yastrzemski	
Stan Lopata	Richie Zisk	
Greg Luzinski		
Bill Mazeroski		
Barney McCosky *		
Stan Musial *** - Charter Inductee in 1973		
Joe Niekro *		
Phil Niekro		

*Played for the Detroit Tiger's - **
*Also played for the Detroit Pistons - ***
*First honored member to be inducted into the NPASHF - ****



A Beautiful Evening at the Ball Park

Detroit, MI - On Friday, May 25, 2018, the 48th annual Polish American Night took place at Comerica Park in Detroit, Michigan. The Detroit Tigers played against the Chicago White Sox. The temperature was in the high 80s, the first time in many years. There was pre-game Polka band entertainment throughout the stadium. Over 350 Polish Dancers in colorful costumes danced on the field to four lively tunes consisting of the "Polonez", "Hello Everybody Polka", "Krakowiak" and "Oberek".

The PRCUA groups represented were: Polskie Maki, Opole, Gwiazda, Rogalin, Wieliczka, Tatry, Zajączek, Halka and Malbork Dancers. The groups representing PNA were: Łowicz, Centennial and the Polanie Song and Dance Ensemble. The Polish Scout Association was the Honor Guard for the American and Polish flags.

Polish-American Night is also a time for Polish organizations to gather together as one to display pride in their heritage. Polish organizations represented by the following individuals were acknowledged on the field: Chancellor Very Rev. Canon Mirosław Król (Orchard Lake Schools), National Pres. Joseph Drobot, Jr. (PRCUA), National Vice-Pres. Emeritus Bob Bielenda (PRCUA), Fraternal Director Stella Szczesny (PNA), Hon. Mayor Karen Majewski (City of Hamtramck), Vice-Pres. Brian Malski (Friends of Polish Art), Patty Rydahl (Friends of Polish Art), Pres. Ann Bankowski (Polish Amer. Congress, Michigan Div.), Chairman Jim Conrad (National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame), Director George Kurzatkowski (Polish-American Federal Credit Union), Marketing Manager Ken Chmelko (Polish-American Federal Credit Union), Pres. Darryl Onderik (American Polish Century Club) and PRCUA Member Ronald Bak (2017 Matt Dobek Award recipient.)

For many years, the Detroit Tigers offered a shirt or hat purchased with a ticket. For each shirt or hat sold, a certain amount was donated towards a scholarship fund: Polish-American Night Scholarship. To apply for this scholarship, applicants must participate in Polish-American Night. This year each recipient received \$1,000. Those recipients acknowledged on the field were: Erica Geml, Ryan Ozog and Taylor Withers.

Returning for an encore performance was Robert Szczublewski of Toledo Ohio. This year he sang both the Polish and the American National Anthems.

There were a number of nominees to throw out the ceremonial first pitch; David Porzondek was selected to do this great honor. He has been a 30-year member of the PRCUA and has been involved in several national sports tournaments and activities. He has been a 35-year member of the Wawel Folk Ensemble and still dancing. David is involved at the American Polish Century Club and the Mt. Clemens Elks Club where he is Chairman of Polish Night. David threw the ball straight down the middle, which was caught and signed by the pitcher, Jim Palmer.

It takes time, work and many individuals to make this evening possible. We thank the Detroit Tigers Organization for supporting this event and making our Polish-American Night Scholarship possible. Dancers make the program. We appreciate the Choreographers, Directors and parents for encouraging children to participate and the students for providing lively, delightful entertainment. Music resounding throughout the stadium puts everyone in the mood for a happy time. We thank all of the Polka bands for providing music enjoyed by all. We thank the Polish Scouts Association for being Honor Guard for the American and Polish flags. Appreciation is also extended to all of the dignitaries and their organizations for supporting Polish-American Night by coming to the game and showing pride in their Polish heritage.

Polish-American Night has been coordinated by the PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593 for a number of years. Wallace Ozog had been Chairman for many years and then his youngest son, Christopher, began helping him. Today, Wallace is in charge of ticket sales and Christopher coordinates the dancers and dignitaries. We thank this father-and-son team for their time and dedication in promoting their Polish heritage to the community.

Other members of PRCUA St. John Paul II Society #1593 whom we thank are Barb Ozog, Cindy Cooper, Valerie Brumm and Brian Brumm for being security for the dancers and to Courtney Ozog for assisting in the line-up of the dignitaries.

Truly, it was a beautiful evening at the ball park. Not only was the weather great and the entertainment enjoyable, but the Tigers won 5-4 and the evening ended with an awesome fireworks show.

*Submitted by: Joann S. Ozog
(More photos on pg. 11)*



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News from the Echoes of Poland

Festival Fun in Holland, Ohio

Cleveland, OH - The Echoes of Poland were very busy the weekend of May 19th and 20th at the Polish American Festival in Holland, Ohio. On Friday night, Jessica Zuchowski and her "Star" dance partner won the Polka competition at "Dancing with the Stars." Jessica is a freshman at North View High School in Sylvania. Her partner was Justin Feldman, Sports Director for Channel 13 ABC in Toledo, Ohio.

On Saturday, the Ensemble performed. The MC was Robert Wiercinski. The Children's Ensemble performed dances from the regions of: Cieszyn, Lublin, as well as the dances Przepiorniczka, and Krakowiak. The Teen's Ensemble did the *Kujawiak*, and *Trojak Slask*. Couples in the Children's and Teen's Ensembles performed: *Polka Podlaska*, *Polka Spacerowa*, and *Krakowiacek Jeden*. The Ensembles' dancing was very enthusiastically received by the crowd with thunderous applause. Everyone had a great time. After the exhibition, the group spent the night polkaing away to the Randy Krajewski Band and Badinov.

The Ensemble has been choreographed by our one and only Director, Paulina Tul Ortyl, for the past 50 years. The group will perform at various other festivals this summer and throughout the fall.



Jessica Zuchowski with a "Star" dance partner Justin Feldman



Echoes of Poland Teen's Ensemble at the Polish American Festival in Toledo

Polka Princess

On Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, 2018, the 50th Anniversary of the United States Polka Association's Festival and Convention was held in Independence, Ohio. It held a contest that required: one polka with escort Alex Zuchowski, one oral question, a complete bio, and a speech. Jessica Zuchowski performed on May 25 and May 26 and was crowned Polka Princess of the United States Polka Association. Jessica Zuchowski 15, is the daughter of Frank and Ann Zuchowski, and is a student at Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio. Jessica is a long-time member of PRCUA Soc. #1633 and the Echoes of Poland Dance Ensemble. One of the outgoing Princesses, PRCUA member Anna Toboy, daughter of Ron and Barbara Toboy of Wyandotte, MI, welcomed Jessica. Jessica will reign for a year, representing the U.S. Polka Assoc. at Polish events, festivals, picnics and dances. Well done, Jessica!

Submitted By: Teresa Gibala



Polka Princess Jessica Zuchowski with escort Alex Zuchowski



Outgoing Polka Princess Anna Toboy (l) and newly-crowned Princess Jessica Zuchowski (r)



US Polka Association Queen and her Court

Gwiazda Late May & June Happenings

With the school year winding down, thoughts turn to things like - summer vacation. Although enjoying the warm weather, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers certainly aren't in vacation mode. As they dive into summer, they're maintaining a busy schedule of performances and rehearsals.

On Friday, May 25, 2018, to kick-off their Memorial Day weekend, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers (along with many other Michigan PRCUA Dancer Groups) performed on the field at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI, as part of the Detroit Tigers' 48th Annual Polish American Night. The event saw Polish dancers take to the field pre-game and perform the Krakowiak, Oberek, and a polka. In addition to pre-game dancing, the event had a great friend of Gwiazda (and PRCUA member), David Porzondek, throwing the opening pitch. Following the performance, the members of the group stayed at the ball park to listen to the various polka bands participating in the event and to watch the Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4.

About a week later, on June 1, 2018, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers were back on the field (along with the PRCUA Polskie Maki and PRCUA Zajączek Dance Ensembles) in front of a crowd of over 5,000 spectators at Detroit City FC's ("DCFC") 2nd annual Polish American Heritage Night in Hamtramck, MI. The ensembles performed polka and Oberek during half-time of a match that saw DCFC beat FC Indiana 8-0.

On June 7, 2018, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers traveled to Utica, MI, to perform at Jimmy John's Field as part of their annual Polish Heritage Night. As part of the pre-game activities, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers (along with the PRCUA Halka Dancers, Polskie Maki Dancers, Opole Dancers, and Zajączek Dancer) performed a polka, Oberek and the Krakowiak before the United Shore Professional Baseball League's Westside Wolly Mammoths, edged out the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers 7-4.

With summer here, Gwiazda already has several performances lined up. Also, they continue to maintain their increased rehearsal schedule as they prepare for their performances as part of the World Children's Folk Festival in Iwonicz Zdrój, Poland in July, 2018.



Gwiazda Dancers at Polish American Night



PRCUA Michigan Dance School Choreographers Attend Polish Fest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee, WI - On Saturday, June 16, several PRCUA Michigan Directors and Choreographers attended Polish Fest in Milwaukee, WI. The PRCUA from Chicago, Illinois was also quite well represented at Polish Fest. Polish Fest is the largest Polish Festival held in the United States.

The PRCUA Michigan Directors & Choreographers at Polish Fest included: Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda choreographer), Donna Skurski (Opole choreographer), and Rachael Kasperek (Zajączek choreographer).

At Polish Fest, Ms. Nowakowski, and Ms. Kasperek performed with the Wawel Folk Ensemble from Detroit, MI, which is choreographed by Ms. Skurski. Wawel presented a program with the group Polonez from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Wawel also presented two numbers in the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDAA) Gala Concert of Polish Folk Dance at Polish Fest. Ms. Skurski, the current president of the PFDAA, was emcee for the the Gala Concert.

In addition to the dancing, the choreographers had time to experience all that Polish Fest had to offer, as well some of the sites in and around Milwaukee.

Detroit City FC Celebrates Polish Heritage

As a part of the city of Hamtramck, Detroit City FC ("DCFC") continually looks for ways to engage and involve the community in which it makes its home. One of these engagements was through the establishment of a Polish Heritage Night. DCFC celebrated its first Polish Heritage Night in 2017.

On June 1, 2018, DCFC (along with a crowd of 5,451 people) celebrated its second Polish Heritage Night during its match against FC Indiana at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, MI. The match featured pre-game polka and Polish/Disco Polo music piped through the stadium's speakers and a half-time performance by the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers from Hamtramck, MI, the PRCUA Polskie Maki Dancers from Warren, MI, and the PRCUA Zajączek Dancers from Sterling Heights, MI. For their performances, the PRCUA groups presented Polka and Oberek. Ever respectful, members of DCFC's Northern Guard Supporters Group didn't leave the stands during half-time until the dance performances were completed. Following the dance performances, Magdalena Srodek of Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage took to the pitch to announce the winner of the Srodek's Pierogi Sweepstakes. The winner of the sweepstakes won free Srodek's Pierogi for an entire year.

In 2018, rather than just a night of Polish Heritage, DCFC decided to make it an entire weekend by playing a scrimmage against the White Eagles SC at Keyworth Stadium. DCFC won the scrimmage 5-2 with a hat trick from Jake Rudel and goals from Jonathan Barnes, and Tommy Dokho.

DCFC hopes that they will be able to continue to build on their successful Polish Heritage events. Phil Lucas, DCFC Community Liason, said, "Detroit City FC is excited to continue working with the PRCUA to highlight Polish culture within our community. Polish Heritage Night Festivities are an example of our commitment to bringing together our diverse community within the umbrella of soccer."

Detroit City Futbol League (DCFC) is the reigning National Premier Soccer League Midwest Regional Champion. Founded in 2012, DCFC began playing matches at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, Michigan in 2016 having outgrown their previous playing space at Cass Tech in Detroit, MI. They have a fan base and group of supporters that are vocal and passionate. DCFC matches draw an attendance upwards of 4,000 people per match and are live streamed on Fox Sports Detroit. DCFC offers a sporting experience unlike anything else. For more information visit them on the web at www.detcityfc.com.



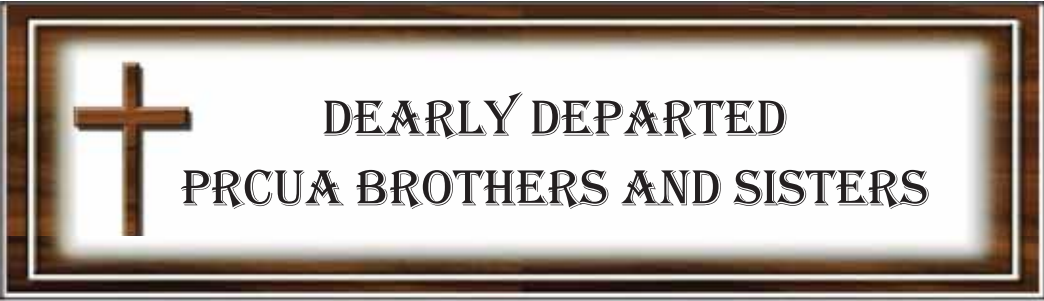
Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski, 1997 Gwiazda Alumnus & Secretary



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Visit the PRCUA booth at the following summer festivals:

July 27-29	Pierogi Fest - 119th Street, Whiting, IN
July 27-29	Southside Polish Fest Toyota Park - 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL
Aug. 10-12	Festival Polonaise - Golf Mill Parking Lot, Niles, IL
Aug. 26	Polvision and 1030 am Picnic - Stone Park, IL
Aug. t 31	Taste of Polonia - Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Andrews, Leo	213	WV	Nagay, Marja	213	MD
Bozzick, Stephanie	855	PA	Novak, Geraldine	509	IL
Budzik, Kenneth P.	988	IL	Olsen, Brendan J.	2109	OH
Carroll, Nancy	750	NY	Orzechowski, Patricia	2303	WI
Cerankowski, Rita J.	261	MI	Orzel, Anna	124	OH
Chomicki, Edward	988	MO	Osterman, Joann	261	MI
Cichorek, Anne	517	NJ	O'Sullivan, Darlene	2145	OH
Danowski, Joseph	1615	PA	O'Sullivan, Margaret A.	353	CT
Dembkowski, Lottie	419	NY	Pacocha, John S.	593	IL
Dombrowski, Therese	354	IL	Paryaski, Alexander	162	MI
Drabant, Lawrence	1415	IL	Pisechko, Regina	1538	PA
Drndak, Anna	413	TX	Prince, Brian	105	KS
Evans, Karen A.	1004	IL	Pulbratek, John M.	1593	MI
Fabisiak, Charles	2308	WI	Resner, James	317	IL
Gibala, Peggy S.	1633	MI	Rostenkowski, Gladys	31	IL
Ginal, Helen	385	NY	Rouhselang, Josephine	234	IN
Graczyk, Michael M.	475	IL	Sacha, Gloria A.	519	NY
Grubbs, Rose	2291	PA	Sankovitch, Sophia F.	1035	PA
Haack, Andrew C.	693	TX	Schafer, Chester	1612	IL
Holmes, Connie	2303	TX	Skowronski, Elizabeth	463	CT
Hudzik, Stanley	1004	IL	Slack, Robert	2206	OH
Jambrozny, Edward	2132	OH	Smak, Agatha Francis	1124	MI
Janik, Szczepan	565	IN	Sokol, Frances	899	MA
Jones, Jacqueline	479	PA	Srednicki, Frances	237	PA
Kane, Yolanda A.	2109	OH	Stadnik, Agatha	2109	OH
Kapusciaz, Andrew	1206	IL	Stanczak, James	1486	IL
Kazimierzczak, Antoinette	1486	NY	Stelmacki, Edward	1004	MO
Kilijanczyk, Mary	247	OH	Sucharski, Stefan G.	709	OH
Kosiarek, David	308	IL	Szyperski, Richard	1598	GA
Kowalski, Loretta	1593	MI	Terlop, Yvette	2109	OH
Krutsick, Mary	816	PA	Tilisky, Cheryl M.	2144	OH
Kulik, Hattie	2100	OH	Tomaszewski, Sophie	1441	NY
Kumiega, Lena	1275	MA	Tomczak, Joseph	1000	IL
Kuszaj, Joseph T.	450	MO	Wilczewski, Edward	139	IL
Labuda, John	849	IL	Wisniewski, Cecelia R.	283	WI
Lazarz, Antoinette	539	MO	Wojcik, Sophia	1591	AZ
Maj, Katarzyna Z.	308	IL	Wojtaszek, Walter G.	802	NJ
Maliszewski, Virginia	76	CA	Wojtusik, Edward	597	CT
Matyka, Jane T.	658	MA	York, Julia	23	MI
McConnell, Christine M.	878	IL	Young, Helen M.	308	IL
Morenci, Dominic M.	345	PA	Zak, Justine R.	262	CT
Morford, Stephanie	33	IL	Zalucki, Catherine	203	NY
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RALPH F. RACZYNSKI
1925-2018



Ralph Frank Raczynski, age 92, of Center Line, MI, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones. He was a member of PRCUA St. John Paul II Society, where he served as President (1998 to 2010).

Ralph Raczynski was born on September 5, 1925 in Detroit, son of the late Adam Raczynski and the late Anna Price. He was very proud of his Polish heritage. Throughout his life, he actively promoted Polish culture, customs and traditions.

Ralph Raczynski served our country during World War II. As a soldier in the U.S. Army, he was a member of the 10th Mountain Division and spent considerable time overseas in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. He received the respective campaign medal with 2 bronze stars indicating 2 tours of duty in these theaters of operation. Along with the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and his Honorable Service Medal, Ralph also earned his Sharpshooter Badge - which means the enemy didn't have a chance. We honor Ralph's military service, bravery and patriotism.

On September 11, 1948, Ralph married the love of his life - Irene Lagodzinski. The loving couple would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this September.

Following the culmination of his education and training, Ralph worked as an engineer for General Motors. He loved his job and extended the utmost in excellence while in GM's employ. After a long and successful career, Ralph accepted his well-deserved retirement. While at GM, he served as Secretary, Treasurer, VP and President of the General Motors Men's Club. Even in retirement, Ralph remained active with the Club.

Hailing from the small community of Center Line, Ralph was fond of this hamlet nestled within the confines of the larger Warren. Always the kind of guy who thought of others' needs first, he put his community spirit into action by serving as a City Councilman. During his tenure, Ralph made a positive difference. He was an integral part of the city's operations and remained involved in its effectiveness.

As a Catholic and avid Polish American, Ralph and his family were very active in the Polish American community. He joined the "Friends of the Cardinal" - a group who supported His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida and the programs that he promoted. Ralph was also a long-time member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, where he and his wife, Irene, served as delegates to many PRCUA Quadrennial Conventions. He was very active in the PRCUA, attended sports events and countless gatherings and events sponsored by the fraternal. Ralph, along with his daughter Barbara Raczynski Toboy, coordinated the annual Polish American Night at Comerica Park for many years.

Ralph was a devoted member of St. Clement Catholic Church in Center Line. A man devout in his faith, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Ralph reaped great pleasure from the brotherhood and friendships he shared amongst his fellow Knights. As a Knight with the Fr. Kramer Council #2835, Ralph attained the level of 3rd Degree. Later, as a part of the Msgr. Van Dyke Assembly - Council #0483, he excelled to the level of 4th Degree and was also appointed as the Council's Faithful Navigator, a position that compares to Chief Executive Officer in the secular world. He was also a distinguished member of the Color Corps, whose ministry it is to preside at the visitations of fellow deceased Knights.

A man of many gifts and talents, Ralph always helped when the need arose and people could depend upon him. He was a Mr. Fix-It at his core.

Ralph was the beloved husband of Irene (nee Lagodzinski) Raczynski; dearest father of Mary Ann (Doug) Evans and Barbara (Ron) Toboy; loving grandfather of Debbie (Shane) Brown, Mike (Ann Marie) Evans, Pam (Scott) Rietz, David (Michelle) Evans, Ania and Zosia Toboy; and beloved great-grandfather of 10. As a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Ralph held his family in the highest regard. They were the center of his world and the light of his life. He set an example, as a wonderful and giving man, which they will cherish forever. He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion - not just within his family, but also in the groups to which he belonged. He will be loved eternally and missed immensely by family and friends and fellow members of the PRCUA.

Ralph Raczynski was laid to rest with a Funeral Mass at St. Mary, Our Lady of Families Catholic Church - St. Clement Campus, Center Line, MI, followed by interment in St. Clement Cemetery in Center Line.

The PRCUA extends deepest sympathy to the Raczynski family. May Ralph Raczynski be blessed a hundredfold for all the good he did for others throughout his lifetime and may he rest in eternal peace. Please keep Raczynskis in your prayers.

Memorial donations are welcomed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207 (www.cskdetroit.org), Fr. Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207 (www.solanuscenter.org), or Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (info@opnuns-fh.org).

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.

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Bernard H. "Bernie" Holowicki
1931 - 2018

Livonia, MI - Legendary high school and collegiate basketball coach, Bernhard "Bernie" Holowicki, passed away on Wednesday, June 13th. Surviving are his beloved wife of 56 years, Barbara Jean (nee Borthwick); five children, Kevin (Dorian), Mark (Tina), Gregory, Stephen (Jennifer) and Beth (Will Diebel); siblings, Frances (the late Carl Sr.) Francavilla; Mary Ann (Ron) Nadolski, Richard (Patricia) and Raymond (Celeste); and six grandchildren, Nicholas, Ryan, Mark Jr., Molly, Ally and Emily. Sadly, Bernie was preceded in death by siblings, Edward (the late Joan), Frank (Jenny) and John (the late Isabel) Holowicki, and Dorothy (Lou) Gallipeau.

A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, MI.

Bernie served as basketball coach from 1971–1994 with an impressive career record of 612–218 and a rank of 7th in the State of Michigan coaches. He was inducted into the Catholic Hall of Fame in 1980 and named Catholic League "Person of the Year" in 1986. His teams appeared in two State Finals and won the State Champions in 1976.

Bernie was a member of PRCUA St. Stan's Society #718.

May he rest in peace. Please remember Bernie and his family in your prayers.



O Good St. Anne!



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

The month of July brings with it one of my favorite Feast Days, the Feast of St. Anne, the Mother of Mary and the Grandmother of Jesus. It is celebrated annually on July 26th and in many places around the world it is preceded by a novena in her honor beginning on the 18th of July. To be fair, the 26th of July is also the day we celebrate the Feast of her husband, St. Joachim, Father of Mary and Grandfather of Jesus. St. Joachim seems to have taken a back seat in this celebration and, being the man of faith that he was, I am sure he is happy to receive less attention than his saintly wife!

What do we really know about St. Anne? Officially, not very much. Most of what we know comes from non-official sources like the apocryphal Gospel of St. James. It is from there that we know that St. Anne was born in Bethlehem and later married her spouse Joachim. Both were descendants of King David. Since they were childless, many thought it was a sign of Divine displeasure. Anne and Joachim, however, did not give up. They trusted in the Lord completely and were rewarded for their strong faith with a baby daughter, Mary. At the time in which they lived, there was a belief that a child born to elderly parents was destined for great things. This belief proved true to the highest degree! Mary became the Mother of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah.

Tradition also tells us that Mary was consecrated in the temple at the age of three, by her parents and admitted to the elect group of virgins that were consecrated to God. The feast day of this consecration is celebrated in our Church each year on November 21st, which is called the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady. St. John of Damascus, who lived in the 8th century, wrote this about St. Anne:

Anne, blessed above all others, we too, bring our reverence, for you have given birth to the girl from whom He will come, Who is the basis of all our hope. Blessed, indeed, above all others, and blessed in your offspring! The tongues of all believers sing the praises of your child. Every voice is raised in joy at her birth. How worthy Anne is of praise, most worthy, for she received the message of God's goodness, and brought forth such fruit that from it would come our Lord, Jesus.

The exact dates of the death of Mary's parents is unknown, but it is presumed that they did not live to see their daughter Mary, give birth to their Grandson, Jesus the Christ. Public devotion to Saint Anne goes back to the early centuries of the Church and is connected to devotion to Our Lady. When we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, how can we not remember St. Anne, for in her womb, this Immaculate Conception took place. For we believe that at the moment of St. Anne's conception of this child Mary, she was set free from Original Sin so that if she wished to cooperate with the message from the Angel, she could bring forth the Savior of the World. The Feast of the birth of Mary, which is celebrated each year on September 8th, we are also reminded of the great faith of both St. Anne and St. Joachim, who trusted completely in God and were reward with the gift of Mary, even though both were past the normal child bearing age. There were at least two major churches dedicated to St. Anne by the sixth century. The Church of St. Anne in Constantinople was dedicated in 550 A.D. and the Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, built over the site of the home of St. Joachim and St. Anne, also existed in this same time frame.

Before public devotion to St. Anne became widespread, first in the Eastern Church, then in the Western Church, private devotion to this saint began even earlier. There is much evidence of this in oral tradition that has been passed down through the ages. The name of St. Anne has been invoked by parents and grandparents alike, especially in time of trouble or danger.

In the United States, devotion to St. Anne was brought here by the first missionaries of North America, who came here from France. Today, there are hundreds of churches and shrines dedicated in her honor, most notably, the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in the province of Quebec, Canada.

As we enter the month of July, I hope and pray that this article may spur on your own devotion to this great saint. I leave you with this beautiful prayer to St. Anne, the mother of Mary and grandmother of the Savior. I hope you will make this prayer your own as we anticipate her Feast Day on July 26th.

O glorious St. Anne, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you, and with love for those who suffer. Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention, which I recommend to you in your special care.

Please recommend it to your daughter, the Merciful Queen of Heaven, and place it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But above obtain for me the grace one day to see my God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless Him for all eternity, Amen.

O Good St. Anne, intercede for me!



POLISH STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE - PHOTO EXHIBIT



May 8, 1915 - Warsaw newspaper boy displaying the headline "Warsaw Surrendered" when the Germans captured Warsaw from the Russians

ing, but it wasn't until he asked his coworker Anna Grabowski last year to translate the captions and other information from Polish to English, that their historic significance came to light. The photos depict events that took place in Poland during World War I (1914 -1917) when Poland was a battlefield and Poles endured many hardships.

After the Third Partition of Poland in 1795, Poland ceased to exist as an independent nation. It was divided between its neighbors Russia, Prussia (Germany) and the Austrian-Hungarian empire. From 1795 through 1863, there were several attempts to reestablish the Polish state: the Duchy of Warsaw in 1807 under Napoleon, after Napoleon's defeat the Congress Kingdom of Poland



Line of people waiting in Poland for bread and flour in 1915

uprisings. Use of the Polish language was restricted, education was limited, and higher education was offered only to those who were sympathetic to the authorities. Many times, Polish peasants (farmers) were expelled from their land for political reasons or because nobles wanted their land.

The Austrian-Hungarian government, because of its multi-ethnic empire, adopted a somewhat tolerant attitude towards the different ethnic groups of people within its empire. In 1866, Austrian-Hungarian granted autonomy to Galicia. Kraków became a Polish national symbol and a center of Polish art and culture. Poles living under the Austrian-Hungarian empire had more freedom and less restrictions than Poles living under German and Russian rule.

When World War I began, many believed it would be a short war, but it dragged on, turning into a trench war which would become one of the most devastating and tragic wars of all times. In 1916, when the Russians were



Łódź, May 3, 1916 - Messengers and veterans of the 1863 January Uprising

A temporary exhibit depicting Poland's struggle for independence is on display in the PRCUA/PMA main lobby, 984 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL. It is a collection of photos acquired by PRCUA employee Mark Sorbi at a flea market in Warsaw during his trip to Poland in 1998 with the Polish Military History Society of America. He knew the photos were interest-

ing, but it wasn't until he asked his coworker Anna Grabowski last year to translate the captions and other information from Polish to English, that their historic significance came to light. The photos depict events that took place in Poland during World War I (1914 -1917) when Poland was a battlefield and Poles endured many hardships.

After the 1863 National Uprising both the Russian and German governments became more repressive, both fearing the possibility of more

uprisings. Use of the Polish language was restricted, education was limited, and higher education was offered only to those who were sympathetic to the authorities. Many times, Polish peasants (farmers) were expelled from their land for political reasons or because nobles wanted their land.

Announcements and proclamations urged Poles to

fight the Russians, granted amnesty for crimes against the German army, and called on people to vote in Provisional Government elections.

One tragic irony was that Poles were enlisted in the armies of the German, Austrian-Hungarian and Russian empires. Poles in the German and Austrian-Hungarian armies fought against their own countrymen in the Russian army on the battlefields of partitioned Poland itself.

World War I would be the catalyst for change that would alter Europe, especially Poland. Through the re-establishing of the Polish language and national holidays, and the creation of the Kingdom of Poland, the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire) hoped to persuade Polish men to fight with them against the Russians. At first the Polish people sided with the Central Powers to defeat the Russians. But they soon realized that the German promise of Polish Independence was not what Germany planned.

The German plan - the Mitteleuropa Plan - was that when the war ended and Germany had won, the Polish and Jewish populations of Poland would be expelled and the land would be resettled by German settlers. In 1917, with the entrance of the United States into the war and the Russian Revolution taking place, Jozef Pilsudski and the other Polish leaders realized that the Central Powers could not guarantee an independent Poland.

In July 1917, when the Central Powers demanded that soldiers of the Polish Legions - commanded by Jozef Piłsudski - take an oath of allegiance and obedience to Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany, Piłsudski and a majority of the Legions' soldiers refused. Piłsudski and his Chief of Staff Kazimierz Sosnkowski were arrested and interned in a German fortress at Magdeburg.

On January 8, 1918, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson gave his Fourteen Point Speech, which was the only clear statement of goals to end World War I. By the fall of 1918, all combatants had accepted the Fourteen Points as the path to end the war. The Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918 and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919 - goals that Poles living in Poland and abroad had hoped for, worked for and fought for - had finally become a reality -

AN
INDEPENDENT
POLAND!

Written by Mark Sorbi



Łódź, December 6, 1916 - Announcement calling for fellow contrymen to vote for the candidates from the Polish Election Committee list for the City Council



October 27, 1917 - the introduction of the Regency Council



Warsaw on May 3, 1919 - the Polish Constitution Day celebration in an Independent Poland

NEWS FROM ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE

With GRATITUDE
and PRAISE....



Presentation of awards

Sterling Hts., MI - As our Polish dance school year comes to an end, we stop to reflect upon how fortunate we are, to not only come together every week as a group, but to dance together as a "family."

On Saturday, May 18, Zajaczek Dance Ensemble came together to

celebrate the completion of another successful year of dance as an awards banquet was held at the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, MI. The evening consisted of a menu filled with Polish Street food, a DJ, a face painter and balloon designer, endless raffle baskets, and a huge prize table for dancers of all ages. Polish musical chairs was played, our famous selfie photo area was in full swing, as well as corn hole tournaments. Awards were distributed for the following categories by our group choreographers Tricia Dennis and Rachel Kasperek: 5, 10, 15 year anniversary, Attendance, Merit for 16-17 year old dancers, Sacraments received, New students, Group performances for the 2017 year, and many student certificates and medallions from the PRCUA home office. Congratulations to all of our Zajaczek dancers and "thank you" for continuing to promote our Polish heritage. May your summer be one to remember.....



Zajaczek students displaying their diplomas (l-r): Joey, Olivia and Ruz



Mila Kasperek with Aunt Rachel - group choreographer (left) and having fun with her father, Nicholas (r)



Picture us perfect - posing with decorative frames

Articles and photos submitted by:
Karrie Westphal, Secretary, Zajaczek Dance Ensemble

SOCCER Played with POLISH Heart

On Friday, June 1, 2018 Zajaczek Dance Ensemble from Sterling Heights, MI performed at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, MI celebrating Polish Heritage Night with the Detroit City Futbol Club. Founded in 2012, the Detroit City FC has established itself as one of the most talked about soccer teams in North America. The club's motto "Passion for Our City, Passion for the Game," evokes the three



ideas the grassroots organization was built upon: to satisfy the demand for soccer in downtown Detroit, represent the city in a positive light, and build community through "the beautiful game." Fun was had by all, as we supported



our Zajaczek dancers and the love we share for our Polish heritage! Until next year DCFC fans.....

It's Polka Time at Comerica Park

And boy did we have fun! On Friday, May 25, Zajaczek Dance Ensemble along with several other dance groups, performed at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI for Polish-American night. As we walked onto the field together, our Polish pride beamed, as the crowd enjoyed our pre-game show. The singing of the American and Polish National Anthems followed, along with other presentations. Thank you Zajaczek Dancers for making this night a memorable one and for displaying so much pride in our Polish heritage through dance.



More Baseball and More
Polkas.....

Utica, MI - What could be better than this? On Thursday, July 7, 2018 Zajacek Dance Ensemble showcased their talents at Jimmy John's Field in Utica, MI, as the group performed for Polish-American Heritage Night. It was sponsored by three Michigan clubs: the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, the Polish Century Club of Detroit, and the Utica Polish Century Club. It was a wonderful evening filled with family, friends, and fun. Thanks go to the Zajacek Dancers, as well as their families, for their continuous commitment to the dance Ensemble and the community events this group supports. May everyone enjoy these welcomed days of summer!



The Polish Museum of America Announces the Release of
The Polish Presence in American Screen Images

Chicago, IL - The Polish Museum of America continues its publication program of documenting Polish American history and culture with the release of *The Polish Presence in American Screen Images*.

Former *Naród Polski* editor, Joseph W. Zurawski, spent five years in researching and viewing well over 1,300 films that are still being shown to American audiences which have some reference to "Polishness." Zurawski explains that term may refer to a Polish American character, reference, geographic area, church, name, even a joke or a slur.

Previous works by Zurawski include *Polish Chicago—Our History, Our Recipes* and *Polish American History and Culture: A Classified Bibliography*. Zurawski's *Polish Chicago* was the best-selling book in Chicago for several days and *Polish American History and Culture* was selected for inclusion in the White House Library.

Richard Owsiany, President of the Polish Museum of America, commented, "We are proud to announce the release of *The Polish Presence in American Screen Images*. May this thoughtful work result in greater appreciation by all Americans of the struggles and contributions of Polish Americans in building this great nation."

The Polish Presence in American Screen Images is a fascinating analysis of how Polish Americans and our Polish heritage have been presented to American film audiences. You will often be surprised, sometimes angry, but always appreciative that this work was made available by the Polish Museum of America. So will that friend of yours when you surprise him with his or her own copy.

All proceeds from the sale of *The Polish Presence in American Screen Images* will directly benefit the Polish Museum of America.



Joseph W. Zurawski (l) presents the first copies of *The Polish Presence in American Screen Images* to (left to right) Richard Owsiany, President of the Polish Museum of America, Malgorzata Kot, Managing Director of the Polish Museum of America, and Joseph A. Drobot, Chairman of the Board of the Polish Museum of America, during the Polish Museum of America's Annual Gala celebrated at Café La Cave.

Early acclaim for *The Polish Presence in American Screen Images*...

"A major contribution to our understanding of the treatment of ethnicity in U.S. film. Through painstaking research, Joseph W. Zurawski has unearthed many virtually unknown dimensions of the history of American moviemaking and has provided lucid, insightful, sometimes surprising examinations of individual films with Polish American and Polish themes and characters."

-- Carlos E. Cortés, Professor Emeritus of History, University of California, Riverside, author of *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*

"Long overdue... a welcome addition to studies of the ethnic fabric in America's film history."

-- James Robert Parish, editor of *The Encyclopedia of Ethnic Groups in Hollywood*

"*The Polish Presence in American Screen Images* is a great resource for any teacher of ethnic portrayals in media."

-- Christine Sleeter, Professor Emerita, California State University, Monterey Bay; Past President, National Association For Multicultural Education

"Poles...Polacks...whatever Polish people have been called in movies, it is high time that a reliable compilation of their presence became accessible for film fans and serious students alike. Thanks to Joseph Zurawski's *The Polish Presence in American Film Images*, we get the right combination of scholarship, zeal and clarity. Zurawski shows precisely why "the Polish American image in film remains out of focus" but charitably explains how often a simple adjustment not only could have improved perceptions of Polish Americans, but resulted in an overall better film."

-- Lisa Mitchell, Hollywood film historian and author, with Bruce Torrence, of *The Hollywood Canteen: Where The Greatest Generation Danced With The Most Beautiful Girls in The World*

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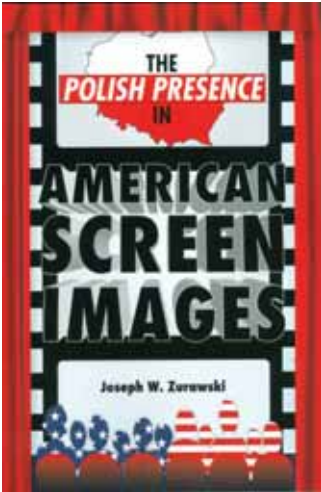
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38th PMA Summer Gala



Sharon Orłowski, PMA Summer Gala Chair



Piotr Janicki, Consul General of Poland



Richard Owsiany and Małgorzata Kot raising the toast

Des Plaines, IL - The 38th annual PMA Summer Gala - the largest annual fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting the general operations of the PMA - was held at Café La Cave in Des Plaines, IL, on Friday, June 8th.

The black-tie affair was preceded by a cocktail reception. The program began with a warm welcome by Sharon Orłowski, Summer Gala Chairman, followed by the singing of the National Anthems by Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., PMA Board Chairman and PRCUA National President. Rev. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, Pastor of Holy Trinity Polish Mission in Chicago, gave the Invocation and the toasts were made by Richard Owsiany, PMA President and Małgorzata Kot, PMA Managing Director.

After dinner, remarks were given by Piotr Janicki, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago.

The program continued with the recognition of major PMA donors by Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Richard Owsiany and Małgorzata Kot.

This was followed by the presentation of the 2018 PMA Polish Spirit Awards. The award has been presented annually since 1987 to individuals and institutions in recognition of their commitment to American Polonia in promulgating Polish and Polish American heritage, culture, and community, as well as supporting the Polish Museum of America in its mission. This year two prizes were awarded: one to Maria Bronny Ciesla, the second to the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union.

Maria Bronny Ciesla is President Emeritus of the Polish Museum of America, a former piano teacher, and recipient of numerous awards: Outstanding Young Woman in America, Community Service Award, Bronze Gloria Artis from the Republic of Poland, Polish American Congress-Illinois Division Heritage Award, Commander's Cross of the Order of Poland, and others. She has many accomplishments and stays active in many organizations.

The Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union (PSFCU) was established in 1976 in New York as the Industrial and Commercial Federal Credit Union. In 1979, its name was officially changed to Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union (PSFCU) - a full-service credit union with 18 branches in the States of NY, NJ, IL and PA. Each year PSFCU donates approximately \$400,000 in awards to Polish language schools, various cultural events, welfare organizations, parishes, Polish media, competitions and scholarships.

Before the official program ended, Pres. Owsiany and Dir. Kot presented a Special Recognition Plaque to PRCUA



Representatives of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union, a recipient of the 2018 Polish Spirit Award, presenting a \$10,000 donation to the PMA

National President and PMA Board Chair Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judith Drobot, acknowledging them as Ambassadors of the PMA. During Mr. Drobot's tenure as the President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America for the last 8 years, Mr. and Mrs. Drobot have been avid supporters of the PMA, professionally and personally advocating the PMA's mission and its noteworthy causes throughout Chicago and the United States.

The evening continued with dancing to the sounds of the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra, a silent auction, and a cash prize raffle.



A \$10,000 donation from the Legion of Young Polish Women



Joseph and Judith Drobot (center) recognized as Ambassadors of the PMA



PRCUA representatives



Maria Ciesla with her husband Richard, their children, and grandchildren



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Piątek, 17 sierpnia

- 18:00 – Rozgrywki drużyn mieszanych - Henry Ford II Ball Diamond Complex, 23101 Hall Rd, Woodhaven, MI.
- 18:30 – 22:00 - Wieczorek powitalny - Best Western Woodhaven Inn, 21700 West Rd, Woodhaven, MI. Bezpłatne piwo z beczki i pizza.

Sobota, 18 sierpnia

- 9:00 – Rogrywki drużyn męskich i żeńskich – Henry Ford II Ball Diamond Complex, 23101 Hall Rd, Woodhaven, MI
- 11:00 – 13:00 – Lunch - serwowany przy boisku
- 18:00 – Bankiet wręczenia nagród - Best Western Woodhaven Inn, 21700 West Rd, Woodhaven, MI. Darmowa kolacja, płatny bar.

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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.

Wielki Koncert Konstytucyjny w Ogrodzie Chopina w Parku Granta

5-go maja 2018 po 127. paradyzie Konstytucji 3 Maja w śródmieściu Chicago odbył się „Wielki Koncert Konstytucyjny” w Ogrodzie Chopina przy 11th St. i Michigan Ave. Koncert odbył się z okazji święta uchwalonej konstytucji oraz 100-nej rocznicy odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości i był dedykowany naszemu wspaniałemu kompozytorowi i jego muzyce.

Koncert zawierał widowisko historyczne, które było inscenizacją projektu w reżyserii autorki Iwony Puc pt. „Deklaracja 3 Maja 1791”. Inspiracją powstania widowiska był słynny, wszystkim Polakom znany, a przynajmniej powinien być, obraz Jana Matejki „Konstytucja 3 Maja”, namalowany w stułtęnią rocznicę tego ważnego wydarzenia.

Przedstawienie zaprezentowane zostało przez Zespół Pieśni i Tańca POLONIA, którego tancerze oraz aktorzy przyodzianymi w stylowe szaty z epoki, w ujmujący sposób przenieśli zgromadzonych widzów do czasów wieku XVIII, kiedy to 3-go maja 1791 r. w Warszawie, radosny tłum wiwatował na cześć uchwalenia długo oczekiwanej, nowej konstytucji, dzięki której wszystkie stany pokładały nadzieję na lepszy byt kraju i sprawiedliwe dla wszystkich rządy.



Słowami wieszczów przemówili Mariusz Skowroński (l) i Mariusz Kot (p)

Przeplatając historyczne wątki autorka, nie bez powodu urzeczywistniła postacie naszych wielkich poetów Adama Mickiewicza i Juliusza Słowackiego, w których to role wcielili się gościnnie; Mariusz Skowroński i Mariusz Kot rozpoczynając przedstawienie. Wprowadzili oni publiczność w poetyckie klimaty czasów w historii kraju, kiedy to po upadku powstania listopadowego zmuszeni byli do opuszczenia Polski i pozostania na emigracji.

Tęskniąc za Ojczyzną, w lirycznym uniesieniu analizowali historię polskich zrywów narodo-wyzwoleńczych, podkreślając dumę i poświęcenia narodu polskiego oraz jego umiłowanie wolności. Budząc ukrytą nadzieję Polaków, dzielili się pokrzepującymi i przywracającymi wiarę wizjami przyszłych zwycięstw, przeczuwając zbliżającą się niepodległość.

Wzruszające, głębokie wynurzenia polskich wieszczów były dla oglądających inscenizację, chicagowskich emigrantów ciekawym, ale emocjonalnym doświadczeniem tęsknoty za krajem oraz silnym poczuciem równości i braterstwa, gdyż odwaga Polaków ma swe korzenie w Konstytucji 3 Maja, zapoczątkowując nową erę w historii.

Kolejna scena ukazała widzom wybitne historyczne znakomitości tamtych czasów, kiedy na rękach wniesiono marszałka sejmu Stanisława Małachowskiego trzymającego w dłoni nową ustawę, która przy boku triumfalnie krocącego króla Polski Stanisława Augusta Poniatowskiego została odczytana jako pierwsza demokratyczna, polska konstytucja, pierwsza w Europie oraz druga na świecie. Niezabrakło też postaci kapłana Hugona Kołłątaja, twórcy konstytucji oraz Róży Dekert wręczającej królowi wieniec laurowy, jako symbol zwycięstwa i triumfu demokracji przy rozlegających się radośnie okrzykach: „Wiwat król, wiwat naród, wiwat wszystkie stany”!

Kolejna parada, po której kolejna udana inscenizacja polskiej przeszłości przedstawiająca żywą lekcję historii i dumy z bogatego dziedzictwa narodu polskiego, przejdzie już do historii Ogródu Chopina, miasta oraz polonii zamieszkującej miasto Chicago. Wśród wielu zgromadzonych gości był konsul generalny RP Piotr Janicki, wicekonsul Piotr Semeniuk, prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot z małżonką, marszałek tegorocznej Parady 3 Maja – Tomasz Startek oraz jeden z wicemarszałków – Henryk Janik.



Autorka i reżyserka przedstawienia Iwona Puc



Wniesienie marszałka Stanisława Małachowskiego



Moment odczytania Ustawy rządowej przez Kołłątaja



Róża Dekert wręcza królowi wieniec laurowy

„Koncert Konstytucyjny” poprowadził Zbigniew Banaś, który po zakończonym przedstawieniu zaprosił wszystkich chętnych do wspólnego konstytucyjnego poloneza, który był barwnym korowodem wolności w alejach Ogródu Chopina. Kontynuacją „Wielkiego Koncertu” był krótki recital fortepianowo-skrzypcowy Maraguli Darjaa oraz Izabelli Gieroń pt. „W Jego ogrodzie”, podczas którego można było usłyszeć dźwięki najpiękniejszych utworów Chopina.

Ogród Chopina powstał przy współpracy Chicagowskiej Fundacji Chopinowskiej, działającej od 2009 roku, razem z organizacją Grant Park Conservancy, według których projektu w tym miejscu ma powstać replika pomnika Fryderyka Chopina. Ideą projektu jest stworzenie unikalnego miejsca koncertowego przy 11th St. i Michigan Ave., gdzie oprócz kwiatów będzie kwitła kultura, muzyka, żywe słowo, pod szyldem Fryderyka Chopina i nazwą na mapie *Chicago Chopin Garden*. Wszystkich entuzjastów zainteresowanych dalszymi planami rozwoju projektu zapraszamy do odwiedzenia strony internetowej www.ChopinMonumentInChicago.com lub www.chopingarden.com oraz na Facebook [OgródChopina-ChopinGarden](https://www.facebook.com/OgródChopina-ChopinGarden) i Grant Park Conservancy.

Istniejący już od 30 lat Zespół Pieśni i Tańca POLONIA, działający pod patronatem Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce to miejsce, gdzie młodzi tancerze poznają świat i piękną polską sztukę ludową,



Tancerze Polonii zaprosili widzów do wspólnego poloneza

obrzędy, obyczaje, kultywując wiele polskich tradycji religijnych i patriotycznych. Zespół oferuje szeroki repertuar obejmujący różnorodność tańców narodowych i ludowych, współczesnych i historycznych, jak również formy widowisk teatralnych. POLONIA już ponad 20-krotnie reprezentowała swój program na światowych festiwalach na wszystkich kontynentach naszego globu. Zespół gromadzi tancerzy w wielu grupach wiekowych od 3 do 30 lat tańcząc, śpiewając i z dumą celebrując patriotyzm oraz bogactwo dziedzictwa polskiej kultury. Zapraszamy do odwiedzenia strony internetowej, gdzie można znaleźć informacje o kolejnych występach, o historii zespołu oraz wiele pamiątkowych zdjęć z okolicznych imprez, widowisk i wojaży podboju świata: www.poloniaensemble.com oraz Facebook [Polonia Ensamble](https://www.facebook.com/PoloniaEnsamble).

Zdjęcia & tekst Dorota Romek



Izabella Gieroń (l) i Maraguli Darjaa (p)

SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY Z OKAZJI 145-LECIA ZPRKA

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



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

Nie czekaj, skontaktuj się z nami już dziś!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREZES DROBOT WYRÓŻNIONY NAGRODĄ PRZEZ NARODOWĄ POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKĄ SPORTOWĄ GALERIĘ SŁAW



Państwo Judy i Joseph Drobot na bankiecie instalacyjnym NPASHF

Prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot Jr., został laureatem nagrody specjalnej im. Matta Dobka, przyznawanej przez National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame - NPASHF (Narodową Polsko-Amerykańską Sportową Galerię Sław). Nagroda została wręczona panu Drobotowi podczas 46. dorocznego bankietu instalacyjnego NPASHF, w czwartek 21 czerwca 2018 r. w American Polish Cultural Center w Troy, w stanie Michigan.

Coroczna impreza odbywa się w celu uhonorowania i uznania wybitnych amerykańskich sportowców polskiego pochodzenia, zarówno amatorskich, jak i zawodowych. W tym roku do Sportowej Galerii Sław przyjęci zostali sportowcy: Conrad Dobler (były zawodnik futbolu All-Pro), Rachel Komisarz-Baugh (była pływaczka - złota medalistka olimpijska i b. rekordzistka świata), Larry Krystkowiak (emerytowany koszykarz zawodowy) i Evan "Big Cat" Williams (b. amerykański golfista)

W 1989 roku National-American Sports Hall of Fame ustanowiła nagrodę specjalną, przyznaną osobom, które wykazały się poświęceniem, oddaniem i zasługami sportowymi w niezwykle, ale często nieuznany sposób. W 2010 r. nazwę nagrody zmieniono na cześć byłego dyrektora ds. relacji publicznych drużyny Detroit Pistons, Matta Dobka, i co roku jest ona prezentowana na bankiecie instalacyjnym NPASHF.

Wybór prezesa Drobota jako odbiorcy nagrody Matta Dobka został umotywowany następująco: *Narodowa Polsko-Amerykańska Sportowa Galeria Sław jest wdzięcznym beneficjentem niestrudzonych wysiłków Pana Drobota przez wiele lat. Joe pomagał naszej organizacji w nawiązaniu kontaktów z ZPRKA i m.in. dzięki jego staraniom w ubiegłym roku, sportowcy z NPASHF pojawili się w kalendarzu wydany przez ZPRKA. Joe pomógł naszej organizacji nawiązać współpracę z Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce i z polskimi placówkami rządowymi. Joe kontynuuje starania, aby NPASHF została oficjalnie uznana przez polski rząd jako ambasador Polonii w Ameryce. Każdego roku pomaga również w naszych działaniach związanych z pozyskiwaniem funduszy i marketingiem podczas dorocznej Polsko-Amerykańskiej Nocy w Comerica Park. Kiedy potrzebujemy pomocy lub wskazówek dotyczących projektu, możemy liczyć na to, że Joe Drobot tam będzie.*

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ZPRKA



Odwiedź stoisko ZPRKA na letnich festynach

27-29 lipca	Pierogi Fest - 119th Street, Whiting, IN
27-29 lipca	Southside Polish Fest Toyota Park, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL
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26 sierpnia	Polvision and 1030 am Picnic - Stone Park, IL
31 sierpnia	Taste of Polonia - Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL

DOROCZNA UROCZYSTOŚĆ Z OKAZJI DNIA FLAGI AMERYKAŃSKIEJ

Chicago, IL - 14 czerwca pracownicy Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce wzięli udział w corocznych obchodach Dnia flagi amerykańskiej, zorganizowanych przez Departament Braterstwa ZPRKA.

Program rozpoczął się przy fladze przy budynku, gdzie zebranych powitał prezes ZPRKA Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Następnie sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski zaintonował śpiew hymnu amerykańskiego oraz recytację przysięgi fladze „Pledge of Allegiance”. Wiersz o fladze został odczytany przez Audrey Carpenter, po czym wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński zaprosiła wszystkich do kontynuowania uroczystości w świetlicy ZPRKA. Modlitwę przed lunchem odmówił w języku polskim Mateusz Bomba, a po angielsku Anna Marrah. Modlitwę po obiedzie odczytał Rafał Ciołkosz.

Podobnie jak w poprzednich latach, na uroczystość zaproszeni zostali dyrektorzy ZPRKA oraz byli członkowie zarządu i dyrekcyi i emerytowani pracownicy. W tym roku z radością powitaliśmy byłego prezesa Edwarda Dyklę, była wiceprezes Annę Sokołowską, dyrektorów Kevina Kucika (D-7), Krystynę Lech (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9) oraz emerytowaną pracowniczkę biura, Frances Surowiec.



66. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ GOLFOWY ZPRKA

TYLKO DLA CZŁONKÓW PRCUA - ZAPRASZAMY NOWYCH CZŁONKÓW!

*Skontaktuj się z Działem Braterskim pod numerem 773-782-2636,
aby uzyskać informacje o członkostwie*

Turniej rozgrywany będzie na polu golfowym Riverview Highlands, 15015 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI w sobotę, 21 lipca 2018 roku. Stan Pasko (przewodniczący) i Tow. Najświętszego Serca Jezusowego ZPRKA #162 cieszą się możliwością zorganizowania tego wydarzenia. Rozpoczęcie rozgrywek o godz. 7:30 rano i 12:30 po południu.

TURNIEJ DRUŻYN CZTEREOOSOBOWYCH

Przy każdym dołku, każdy zawodnik drużyny będzie mógł wybić piłeczkę na tzw. tee. Drużyna wybierze następnie najlepsze trafienie i wszyscy zawodnicy drużyny będą kontynuować z tego miejsca. Ta procedura będzie powtarzana aż piłka znajdzie się w dołku. Wynik zespołu będzie zanotowany i zespół przeniesie się do następnego dołka.

Turniej będzie rozgrywany w czterech kategoriach: żeńska (cztery kobiety), męskie (czterech mężczyzn), mieszane (2 mężczyzn, 2 kobiety) i seniorzy (62 lat i więcej); czwórki seniorów mogą być męskie, żeńskie lub mieszane. Formularz zgłoszeniowy (dostępny na stronie prcu.org/sports) należy wypełnić i odesłać do biura ZPRKA pocztą lub pocztą elektroniczną wraz z opłatą za wpisowe w wysokości \$50,00 od zawodnika. Termin nadsyłania formularzy - do 6 lipca 2018 r. (dodatkowe informacje można znaleźć w formularzu zgłoszeniowym). Wszelkie pytania prosimy kierować do Działu Braterstwa pod numer: 773-782-2636 lub pod numer: 800-772-8632.

Zwycięzcy w każdej kategorii zostaną ogłoszeni na bankiecie w sobotę o 18:30 w sali PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Dla uczestników przygotowana będzie kolacja, po kolacji zagra do tańca zespół New Brass Express Band. Płatny bar. Możliwość zakupu kolacji dla osób, nie biorących udziału w turnieju - \$10 od osoby.

ZAKWATEROWANIE

Comfort Suites Inn, 18950 Northline Rd, Southgate, MI 48195, 734-287-9200. Pokój z łóżkiem typu king-size lub pokój dwuosobowy - \$119 za noc.

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Spotkanie powitalne: czwartek i piątek, 19-20 lipca 2018 r. w PRCUA #162 Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Darmowe piwo z beczki i wino od 19:00 do 22:00 w oba dni.

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W PIĄTEK - MOŻLIWA ROZGRZEWKA PRZED TURNIEJEM

W piątek, 20 lipca zawodnicy będą mogli skorzystać z rozgrzewki na polu golfowym Riverview Highlands, 15015 Sibley Rd, Riverview, MI. Początek o godz. 9:00. \$30 od osoby obejmuje grę i wózek golfowy. Znajdziemy ci partnera lub drużynę, jeśli potrzebujesz. Opłata jest płatna tego dnia na polu golfowym. Zarejestruj się u Boba Hojnackiego - 313-384-6255 lub hoj606@hotmail.com.

Wszystkie informacje dostępne są na stronie internetowej ZPRKA (prcu.org/sports).

INFORMACJA KONSULATU GENERALNEGO RP W CHICAGO

Szanowni Państwo,

Konsulat Generalny RP uprzejmie informuje, że w od dnia 2 lipca 2018 roku interesanci w Konsulacie Generalnym RP w Chicago będą przyjmowani wyłącznie po wcześniejszym zarejestrowaniu się na spotkanie za pośrednictwem systemu e-Konsulat.

Wychodząc naprzeciw oczekiwaniom i w trosce o możliwe skrócenie czasu obsługi Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago (podobnie jak i inne placówki konsularne na całym świecie) wprowadził zapisy na spotkania urzędowe w sprawach paszportowych, wizowych i prawnych za pośrednictwem platformy e-Konsulat: <http://www.e-konsulat.gov.pl/>

Jest to aplikacja w sieci publicznej Internet dostępna w kilku językach, w tym polskim i angielskim, która umożliwia rezerwację terminu wizyty w urzędzie.

W sprawach z dziedziny pomocy konsularnej oraz nagłych i pilnych jak np. konieczności wydania zaświadczenia zezwalającego na przewóz urny lub trumny, w przypadku kradzieży bądź zagubienia dokumentów Konsul będzie mógł podjąć indywidualną decyzję o przyjęciu wniosku od osoby nie zapisanej na wizytę w Konsulacie.

Łączę wyrazy szacunku,

Piotr Semeniuk

Wicekonsul

Konsulat Generalny Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Chicago



- UŁAMEK HISTORII -



Niemcy słyną, że mieli Hitlera,

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ZAPISZ DATĘ - WEŹ UDZIAŁ W TURNIEJU

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38. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE



Laureatka nagrody „Ducha Polskości 2018”
Maria Cieśla z rodziną



Przedstawiciele Polsko-Słowiańskiej Federalnej Unii
Kredytowej - laureata drugiej nagrody „Ducha Polskości
2018”, przekazali donację na MPA



Goście w kuluarach



L-p: Ryszard Owsiany, Sharon Orlowski, konsul Piotr
Janicki, Joseph Drobot

Des Plaines, IL - W piątek, 8 czerwca odbył się w sali bankietowej Café La Cave w Des Plaines, IL doroczny Bal Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Bal jest największą doroczną imprezą MPA, z której dochód przeznaczony jest na dalszą działalność muzeum.

Program rozpoczęła powitaniem gości Sharon Orlowski, przewodnicząca balu. Hymny narodowe Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych zaśpiewał Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., przewodniczący dykcji MPA i prezes ZPRKA. Ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, dyrektor Polskiej Misji Świętej Trójcy w Chicago, odmówił modlitwę przed obiadem, a uroczysty toast za pomyślność Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce wzniesli prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany i dyrektor zarządzająca Małgorzata Kot.

Po kolacji wystąpił z przemówieniem konsul generalny RP w Chicago Piotr Janicki.

Program kontynuowano przyznaniem wyróżnień głównym sponsorom MPA - sponsorów przedstawili prezes ZPRKA Joseph Drobot, prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany i dyr. Małgorzata Kot.

Następnie odbyła się prezentacja nagrody „Ducha Polskości 2018 roku”. Nagroda przyznawana jest corocznie od 1987 r. osobom prywatnym i instytucjom, w uznaniu ich zaangażowania w życie Polonii amerykańskiej, propagowanie polskiego i amerykańskiego dziedzictwa i kultury oraz wspieranie misji Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. W tym roku przyznano dwie nagrody: jedną wyróżniono Marię Bronny Cieślę, drugą otrzymała Polsko-Słowiańska Federalna Unia Kredytowa (PSFCU).

Maria Bronny Cieśla jest emerytowaną prezeską Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce (z muzeum związana jest od 1970 roku), była nauczycielka gry na fortepianie. Była lub jest aktywna w wielu organizacjach i stowarzyszeniach, m.in.: Chicago Intercollegiate Council (Chicagowska Rada Międzyuczelniana), North Edgebrook Civic Association (Stowarzyszenie obywatelskie North Edgebrook), w radzie parafialnej kościoła St. Mary of the Woods i radzie dyrektorów szkoły przy parafii. Działała w Loyola Academy Mother's Club, Mother's Association Uniwersytetu Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (Koalicji walki z rakiem jajnika), Polish American Scholarship Fund (Polsko-Amerykańskim Funduszem Stypendialnym), Legionie Młodych Polek oraz Polish Women's Civic Club (Polskim Obywatelskim Klubie Kobiet) i wielu innych. Jest laureatką wielu nagród i odznaczeń, m.in.: Orderu Zasługi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, Award of Merit of the Advocates Society (wraz z mężem Richardem), „Wybitna Młoda Kobieta Ameryki”, Community Service Award, nagroda wydziału stanowego Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej, brązowego medalu Gloria Artis nadanego przez rząd RP, nagrody dziedzictwa wydziału stanowego KPA i innych.

Polsko-Słowiańska Federalna Unia Kredytowa (PSFCU) została utworzona w 1976 w Nowym Jorku. Celem działalności PSFCU była pomoc emigrantom po przyjeździe do Nowego Jorku. 27 grudnia 1976 władze federalne National Credit Union Administration zarejestrowały „Przemysłowo-Handlową Federalną Unię Kredytową” (Industrial and Commercial Federal Credit Union). Dwa i pół roku później zmieniono dotychczasową nazwę na „Polish &

Slavic Federal Credit Union”, czyli na „Polsko-Słowiańską Federalną Unię Kredytową”. Obecnie, unia posiada 18 oddziałów w stanach NY, NJ, IL i PA. Każdego roku przekazuje około 400 tys. USD na nagrody dla szkół języka polskiego, na różne wydarzenia kulturalne, konkursy i stypendia oraz dla organizacji społecznych, parafii i polskich mediów.

Kolejne wyróżnienie - specjalna plakietka „Ambasadora MPA” zaprezentowana została przez prezesa Owsianego i dyr. Kot prezesowi ZPRKA i przewodniczącemu dykcji MPA, Josephowi A. Drobotowi, Jr. i jego żonie Judith Drobot, w uznaniu ich zasług na rzecz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce i promowanie misji MPA w Chicago i Stanach Zjednoczonych przez ostatnie 8 lat - w czasie kadencji pana Drobot jako prezesa ZPRKA.

Wieczór kontynuowano tańcząc przy dźwiękach orkiestry Anthony'ego Kawalkowskiego.

KONKURS NA PRACĘ PISEMNĄ

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

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

Regulamin konkursu:

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- Konkurs jest otwarty dla wszystkich członków ZPRKA, w wieku od 16 do 35 lat.
- Uczestnicy konkursu muszą przedstawić dobrze opracowane pomysły lub plany imprez, które zachęcą ich i ich rówieśników do większego zaangażowania się w działalność ZPRKA.
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KANDYDACI NA STANOWISKA W ZARZĄDZIE I DYREKCJI ZPRKA

W dniach 10-13 sierpnia 2018 r. odbędzie się w hotelu i Edward Hotel and Convention Center w Dearborn, w stanie Michigan, 62. Krajowy Sejm Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce. W czasie Sejmu zostanie wybrany nowy zarząd i dyrekcja ZPRKA, w tym: jeden kapelan, prezes, wiceprezes i sekretarz-skarbnik oraz piętnastu dyrektorów krajowych. Poniżej przedstawiamy kandydatów, którzy złożyli podania na stanowiska w zarządzie i dyrekcji, a ich kandydatury zostały zatwierdzone przez Komitet kwalifikacyjny kandydatów ZPRKA w dniu 9 czerwca 2018 r. (szczegółowe dane dot. kandydatów - na str. 1 i 3).

NA STANOWISKA KAPELANA KRAJOWEGO

Ks. kanonik Władysław J. Ptak z Wyandotte, MI, członek ZPRKA od 56 lat. Proboszcz parafii św. Sebastiana w Dearborn Hts., MI, obecny kapelan naczelny ZPRKA.

NA STANOWISKO PREZESA KRAJOWEGO:

James J. Robaczewski z Chicago IL, członek ZPRKA od 46 lat, obecny sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA.

Michael R. Turkiewicz z Chicago, IL, członek ZPRKA od 29 lat.

NA STANOWISKO WICEPREZESA KRAJOWEGO:

Micheline I. Jamiński z Homer Glen, IL, członkini ZPRKA od 41 lat, obecna wiceprezes ZPRKA.

NA STANOWISKO SEKRETARZA-SKARBNIKA KRAJOWEGO:

Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk z Elmwood Park, IL, członkini ZPRKA od 10 lat, obecna dyrektor marketingu ZPRKA.

William Marutzky z Chicago, IL, członek ZPRKA od 37 lat.

Gregory B. Olma z Buffalo, NY, członek ZPRKA od 14 lat, obecny dyrektor Dystr. # 1 ZPRKA.

NA DYREKTORÓW KRAJOWYCH:

DYSTRYKT #1 (1 dyrektor) - WAKAT

DYSTRYKT #2 (1 dyrektor)

Louis J. Perfetto, Jr. z Buffalo, NY, członek ZPRKA od 14 lat.

DYSTRYKT #3 (2 dyrektorów) - 2 WAKATY

DYSTRYKT #4 (1 dyrektor)

Patrick C. Kosowski z Land O Lakes, FL, członke ZPRKA od 20 lat.

DYSTRYKT #5 (2 dyrektorów)

Mitchell J. Bienia z Cleveland, OH, członek ZPRKA od 24 lat, obecny dyrektor Dystr. #3.

Thomas D. Jesionowski z Maumee, OH, członek ZPRKA od 18 lat, obecny dyrektor Dystr. #3.

DYSTRYKT #6 (1 dyrektor)

Andrew T. Lech z Manhattan Beach, CA, członek ZPRKA od 30 lat.

DYSTRYKT #7 (2 dyrektorów) - 1 WAKAT

Anna Krysiński z Glenview, IL, członkini ZPRKA od 33 lat, obecna dyrektorka Dystryktu #7.

DYSTRYKT #8 (2 dyrektorów)

Myron E. Cislo z Lockport, IL, członek ZPRKA od 41 lat.

Elizabeth D. Dynowski z Orland Park, IL - członkini ZPRKA od 39 lat.

DYSTRYKT #9 (1 dyrektor)

Elizabeth A. Sadus z Chicago Hts., IL, członkini ZPRKA od 14 lat, obecna dyrektor Dystryktu #9

DYSTRYKT #10 (2 dyrektorów)

Colleen K. Bonkowski z Warren, MI, członkini ZPRKA od 23 lat, obecna dyrektor Dystryktu #10.

Courtney P. Ozog z Wayne, MI, członkini ZPRKA od 24 lat.

DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA

W niedzielę, 10 czerwca oprawiona została w parafii Our Lady of the Woods w Orland Park, IL, doroczna Msza św. ku czci Boskiego Serca Jezusa, patrona ZPRKA. Gospodarzem tegorocznych obchodów był Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA.

Mszę rozpoczęła procesja do kościoła, w której weszli: członkowie pocztu sztandarowego Mariusz Witek, John Frankowicz i Paul Pawłowski; tancerze z zespołów: Wesoły Lud, Wesoły

Ludek, Mała Polska, Polanie oraz absolwenci Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej z Oak Lawn, IL; Kopciuszek 2018 - Anna Tumiel i zastępca Księcia 2018 - Bart Przytuła; członkowie zarządu ZPRKA: prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i Judy Drobot, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i Ryszard Jamiński, sekretarz-skarbnik James Robaczewski i Elaine Robaczewski oraz dyrektorzy krajowi ZPRKA: Mitchell Bienia (D-5) i Krystyna Bienia, Thomas Jesionowski (D-5), Connie Bonin (D-6), Krystyna Lech (D -8) i Tadeusz Lech, James Rustik (D-8), Elżbieta Sadus (D-9), były dyrektor Dystr. #8 Steven Cieslicki, a także koncelebransi masowi: naczelny kapelan ZPRKA ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak, wicekapelan ks. kanonik Antoni Iwuć i proboszcz parafii Our Lady of Woods ks. Michael Foley.

Ksiądz Ptak wygłosił homilię, w której m.in. przypomniał, że w tym roku powstania Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce obchodzi jubileusz 145. lecia

założenia naszej organizacji, która powstała na mocnych zasadach wiary katolickiej, polskiej tradycji, braterstwa i jedności oraz miłości do ukochanej Polski (w tym czasie wymazanej z mapy Europy przez zaborców). Ks. Ptak pochwalił uczniów szkół ZPRKA, że zachowują i kultywują polski taniec ludowy i kulturę oraz przypominał im, że to oni są przyszłością naszej organizacji.

Jako lektorzy służyli podczas mszy Kopciuszek - Anna Tumiel i z-ca Księcia - Bart Przytuła. Modlitwę wiernych odczytali członkowie zespołu Polanie: Liliana Cisło, Anette Lichacz, Andrzej Lichacz, Claudia Walkosz oraz tancerze Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskiej Pieśni i Tańca: Wiktor Kuźmiuk, Aleksandra Woźniak, Teresa Czerwień, Andrzej Handzel. Oprawę muzyczną w czasie nabożeństwa zapewnił dyrektor muzyczny / organista Jan Capiak,

któremu towarzyszył skrzypek Michael Capiak.

Ks. Ptak udzielił szczególnego błogosławieństwa tancerzom, którzy w lipcu będą podróżować do Iwonicza Zdroju, aby reprezentować ZPRKA na Międzynarodowym Dziecięcym Festiwalu Tańca Ludowego.

Przed zakończeniem Mszy św. prezes Joseph Drobot wygłosił krótkie przemówienie, w którym podziękował wszystkim członkom ZPRKA i tym, którzy wspierają Zjednoczenie oraz za serdeczne przyjęcie jego i jego żony Judy w Chicago 8 lat temu, kiedy obejmował stanowisko prezesa. Chicago było dla państwa Drobot drugim domem przez ostatnie 8 lat.

Z kolei, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński wyraziła uznanie dla prezesa Drobota za jego osiągnięcia na rzecz ZPRKA, za utrzymanie stabilności finansowej organizacji i stworzenie trwałej spuścizny dla przyszłych pokoleń ZPRKA oraz podziękowała Dystryktowi #8 i dyrektorom Krystynie Lech i Jamesowi Rustik za organizację tegorocznej Mszy św. oraz wszystkim tancerzom za udział.

Po mszy wszyscy udali się do sali parafialnej na poczęstunek. Modlitwę przed posiłkiem odmówił wicekapelan ks. Antoni Iwuć. Wiceprezes Jamiński skorzystała z okazji, aby podziękować dyrektorom Lech i Rustikowi (którzy w tym roku kończą swoje kadencje urzędnicze) za ich pracę w Dystrykcie #8 i wręczyła im kwiaty.



Koncelebransi uroczystej mszy św.: (l-p) ks. kanonik Antoni Iwuć, ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak, ks. Michael Foley



Kopciuszek 2018 Anna Tumiel i z-ca Księcia 2018 Bart Przytuła



Dzieci i młodzież ze szkół tanecznych i szkół jęz. polskiego z Dystryktów 8 i 9 ZPRKA



Członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA z małżonkami oraz tancerze zespołów ludowych ZPRKA