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145th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

**Zapraszamy
do czytania
stron 19-24
w jęz. polskim.**



**HAPPY
145TH
BIRTHDAY
PRCUA!**

**145. ROCZNICA
ZAŁOŻENIA
ZPRKA**

PERIODICAL POSTAGE
PAID AT CHICAGO, IL

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Chicago, IL - New Officers and Directors of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America took the oath of office during the Inaugural Mass held at St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Chicago, IL on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

The Mass began with a procession led by National Flag Bearers: Pawel Truchan (D-7), John Frankowicz (D-8) and Paul Pawlowski (D-9). They were followed by the 2018 Cinderella Anna Tumiel and Prince Charming Xander Burd, as well as dancers from the PRCUA Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, Southwest Center of Polish Song & Dance, Polonia Polish Song & Dance Ensemble, Mała Polska Dancers of St. Raphael Kalinowski Polish School, and Polanie Dancers of John Paul II Polish School, all dressed in colorful Polish folk dress. They were followed by past PRCUA Officers including President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla and his wife Loretta, President Emeritus Wallace M. Ozog and his wife Joann, President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy, and Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark. Then came past Directors and their spouses, newly-elected Officers and Directors with their spouses, and the Mass concelebrants: PRCUA National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, retired National Vice Chaplain Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection Very Rev. Eugene Szarek, C.R., and Pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish in Chicago Rev. Zdzisław Torba.

The First Reading was read in English by Prince Charming Xander Burd and the Second Reading was read in Polish by Cinderella Anna Tumiel. The Homily was offered by National Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter Ptak, and the Mass intentions were read

by District #8 Directors Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo. Offertory gifts were presented by PRCUA President James Robaczewski and his wife Elaine, Vice President Micheline Jaminski

and her husband Richard, and Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk and her husband Daniel.

Before the Mass ended, Father Ptak administered the Oath of Office to the 2018-2022 PRCUA National Officers: President James J. Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline I. Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk; and National Directors: Louis J. Perfetto, Jr. (D-2), Patrick C. Kosowski (D-4), Mitchell J. Bienia and Thomas D. Jesionowski (D-5), Andrew T. Lech (D-6), Anna Krysinski (D-7), Myron E. Cislo and Elizabeth D. Dynowski (D-8), Elizabeth A. Sadus (D-9) and Colleen K. Bonkowski and Courtney P. Ozog (D-10).

After the Mass, a 145th Anniversary Banquet was held at Galleria Marchetti in Chicago, IL.

The program opened with the introduction of the PRCUA Officers and Directors, whose names were read by Julie Prado, Manager of Member Services, and Kevin Ryba, Director of Information Technology.

Kevin Kucik, Master of Ceremonies and past Director of District #7, welcomed the guests and asked everyone to rise for the singing of the National Anthems. The Polish Anthem was sung by Mateusz Bomba, Fraternal Department Coordinator, who later also sang the *Hymn Zjednoczenia*. The American National Anthem was sung by PRCUA President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

This was followed by the Invocation offered by Father Ptak and a toast by Vice President Micheline Jaminski. (Cont. on pg. 3)



Concelebrants of the PRCUA Inaugural Mass (l-r):
Rev. Zdzisław Torba, Rev. Canon Walter Ptak,
Rev. Canon Anthony Iwuc, Very Rev. Eugene Szarek





Calendar of PRCUA Events

OCTOBER

CELEBRATE POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

- 3 145th ANNIVERSARY OF PRCUA – ESTABLISHED IN 1873**
- 4 DEARBORN HTS., MI – PRCUA ST. STAN’S SOC. #718 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING** on Thurs., Oct. 4 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy’s Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Complimentary Coney dogs.
- 7 WYANDOTTE, MI – EDWARD BZURA 12th ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING** on Sun., Oct. 7 at Riverview Highlands, 15015 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$75.00. Meal and prizes after golf at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Proceeds to benefit Soc. #162 Student Scholarship Fund. Contact 734-552-6124 or 734-671-9366.
- 8 COLUMBUS DAY – THE PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**
- 13 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI - HALKA DANCERS SQUARE DANCE** in celebration of their 50th Anniversary on Sat., Oct. 13, doors open at 7:00 p.m., dancing at 7:30 p.m. at St. Germaine School, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Contact: Laura at 586-291-4486 See details on pg. 4.
- 17 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., Oct. 17 (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 – PRCUA MICHIGAN CULTURAL WORKSHOP** on Sun., Oct. 21, at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Registration: 9:00 a.m - 9:30 a.m. Workshop: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Contact: Tommy Lisiecki at 586-795-8901. See details on pg. 4.
- 23 WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168.
- 27 WESTLAND, MI – PRCUA TATRY GRADUATES PRESENTATION BALL** on Sat., Oct. 27 at Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, MI. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Live Music by the Kielbasa Kings. Tickets \$48 per person includes dinner and open bar. Contact: Rose Ann Lackey at 313-274-0183 or tatyrdancers-roseann@yahoo.com or Gail Esker at Geesker@hotmail.com.
- 28 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA #162 TRUNK-OR-TREAT** on Sun., Oct. 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at PRCUA #162 Lodge parking lot, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Contact: Natalie at 734-778-1730 or Christ at 734-671-9366. See details on pg. 7.
- 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

FRIDAYS MADISON, IL – PRCUA SOC. #1004 FISH FRY & TACOS - Every Friday evening through November 16 - Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004), lower level, 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. Serving from 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cod sandwich \$4, taco \$2. Shrimp, chicken strips, onion rings, fries, slaw, and drinks are also available. Eat-in or Carry-out. Follow all our events on Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison

NOVEMBER

- 1-2 ALL SAINTS DAY / ALL SOULS DAY**
- 2-3 WARREN, MI – 2nd NATIONAL PRCUA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** on Fri.-Sat., Nov. 2-3 at Warren Woods Christian School, 14000 E. 13 Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Hosted by St. John Paul II Society #1593. Contact: Fraternal Dept. at 773-782-2636 or Fraternal-Department@prcu.org. See details on pg. 9.
- 4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK**
- 11 VETERANS DAY**
- 17 HICKORY HILLS, IL – CINDERELLA-PRINCE CHARMING BALL** on Sat., Nov. 17 at Chateau Del Mar, 8301 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:30 p.m. Donation \$85 per person. Contact: Vickie Kroplewski at 708-698-1505. See details on pg. 12.
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- 22-23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING - THE PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**
- 23 WYANDOTTE, MI – SOCIETY #162 6th ANNUAL DAY-AFTER-THANKSGIVING DANCE** on Fri., Nov. 23 at PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Music from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. See details on pg. 7.
- 24 STERLING HTS., MI – PRCUA ZAJACZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE 2019 GRADUATE’S PRESENTATION BALL** on Sat., Nov 24 at American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Height, MI. Adults \$50, students (under 21) \$37. Contact: Colleen Bonkowski at zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.
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Announcing Vacancies for PRCUA National Directors of Districts 1, 3, and 7

Vacancies exist for the office of National Directors in Districts 1 (one Director), 3 (two Directors), and 7 (one Director).

Members are hereby informed that applications to fill these vacancies are now being accepted. The applicant must be an active member of the PRCUA, in good standing for at least five years, and a resident of the specified District. District #1 is composed of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island. District #3 is composed of Pennsylvania. District #7 is composed of the entire state of Illinois NORTH of the dividing line defined as Roosevelt Rd. (Rt. 38) from Lake Michigan, continued west on Rt. 38 to Rt. 88 West in Dixon, Illinois and continue west on Rt. 88 through the state of Illinois to the Mississippi River.

The vacancies shall be acted upon at the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for November 30-December 1, 2018. Applications can be obtained from the office of PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk.

Completed applications, with a photo, must be filed no later than **November 1, 2018** by registered or certified mail, or in person. To obtain an application, please contact:

Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk
PRCUA
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60642-4101
Phone 773-782-2604 or 800-772-8632 ext. 2604

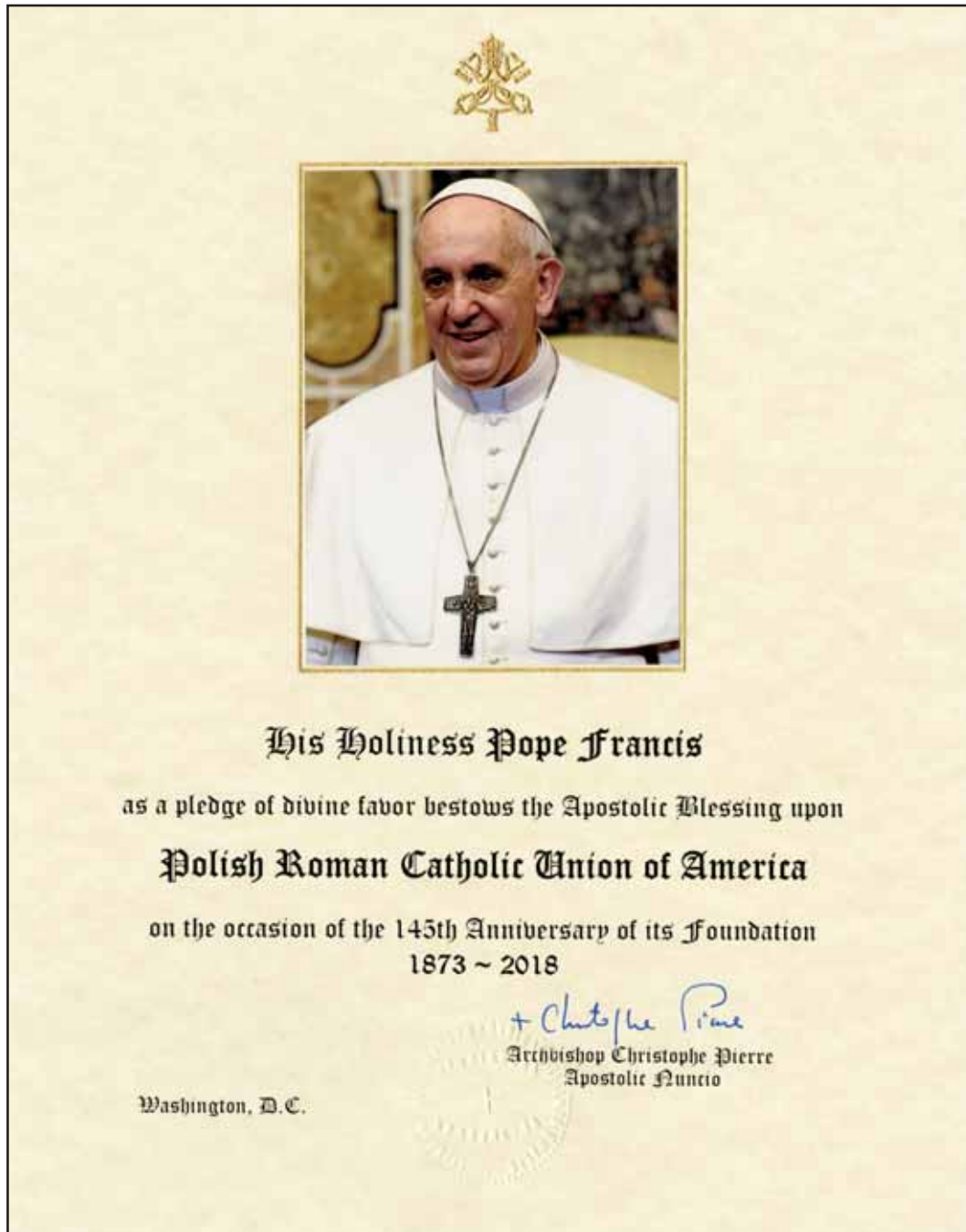
According to the PRCUA Constitution (Article 04C Officers’ and Directors’ Term of Office): All elected Officers and Directors may hold office for three (3) consecutive full four-year terms, but after expiration of such terms, they may seek some other office.

The duties of Directors, as defined in the PRCUA Constitution, approved by the August 2014 Convention (Article 04D Elected Officers' Duties) are:

- The Directors are duty bound to participate in all Board Sessions of the Board of Directors. The Directors
 - supervise the locations of funds of the UNION;
 - approve the bond of the President and all other Officials of whom a bond is required;
 - examine and approve all reports and official actions of the respective Officers and are responsible for the safety, development of, and order of the UNION;
 - upon the advice and written recommendation of the UNION's actuaries, may make an equitable distribution of surplus by the payment of dividends;
 - shall be bound to operate within the budget as approved by the Convention and reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly by the Budget Committee.
- No Officer or Director of the UNION may hold more than one office in the UNION, however, any Officer or Director may not serve on any special Committee of the UNION except Committees of the Board of Directors.
- No spouse, parents, children or siblings of an Officer or Director shall be salaried employees of the UNION in its offices.

In addition to the official duties of a Director of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America as outlined in the Constitution, a Director is encouraged to:

- support membership in the PRCUA by encouraging individuals, both adult and juvenile, to become members of the PRCUA through its life insurance and annuity programs;
- solicit and encourage individuals to represent the PRCUA as agents and deputies by joining the sales department of the PRCUA and becoming licensed sales people of PRCUA financial products;
- initiate, cooperate and participate in the local representative district's activities as it relates to the fraternal goals and mission of the PRCUA.



Papal Blessing received from the Apostolic Nuncio

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The program continued after dinner with remarks by Piotr Semeniuk, Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, who said:

I have the honor to address you here today and present a special letter from Mr. Adam Kwiatkowski, the Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Andrzej Duda.

President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda and the First Lady of Poland Agata Kornhauser-Duda were very happy to be guests of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in your headquarters on Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago in May of this year. Mr. Kwiatkowski, on behalf of the Polish President, congratulates you all on the 145th anniversary. He thanks you for persevering your faith and cultivating the Polish heritage, as well as for promoting a positive image of Poland and the Poles in the USA.

Let me also say a few words from myself as a Polish Consul in Chicago.

A friend of mine, who is a teacher in Chicago, told me a story from last week, the first week of school. He asked some new students if they are Americans. One smart young student in his class said: "Yes, I am an American citizen, but I'm Polish." So nice, isn't it?

Today, when you celebrate the 145th Anniversary of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, and 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence after World War I, I would like to say that even when Poland was dependent for many years in the 19th and 20th centuries, Polish-Americans - POLONIA has been always independent and free, has supported our Homeland - KRAJ nad Wisłą, and today is opening Poland for strong cooperation with the United States of America.

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America has always been a strong factor in this movement, and is now an excellent example of that drive towards independence. At the time when Poland was divided between Russia, Germany and Austria, fathers of your organization created a new Poland in America with Polish heritage, culture, language, cuisine, music and a unique Polish national feature, which is the love of freedom. And that still successfully exists!

Secondly, Polish-Americans actively supported Poland's fight for independence during World War I, World War II and during Communism. There was a time in Chicago after 1945 when the Polish Consulate in Chicago was Polish only by name. Poland was a dependent communist country. But American Polonia was a symbol of independent and free Poland. Poland is not only a territory. Polska jest tam, gdzie biją polskie serca. (Poland is there where the Polish heart beats.) True Poland is - and always has been - in your hearts! I can almost hear it here, among you: Po-land, Po-lska, Po-land, Po-lska, Po-land, Po-lska, Po-land, Po-lska...

As a Consul of the new independent Republic of Poland, I am personally so honored and proud

to thank you ALL and your ancestors for maintaining an independent Poland in your hearts! Thank you for all that you have done and all that you are doing for Poland and the Polish nation!

Thank you for your commitment to the Polish community through life insurance, for working with children, young people and the elderly, for Polish schools, POLONIA and WESOLY LUD dance groups, which will perform today with an artistic program and for other PRCUA dance ensembles, for sports ventures, for the Polish Museum in America and its library and for supporting initiatives in Poland and America.

Thank you that so many young American citizens are proud to say publicly: I am Polish" - JESTEM POLAKIEM - just like that young student from Chicago.

I want to remind you of the years, when the last words of the Polish church hymn, "Boże coś Polskę..." were: "Ojczyznę wolną racz nam wrócić Panie!" - Please return to us our free homeland, oh Lord! Now, I have a very special feeling when I hear Polish people, on both sides of the ocean, proudly sing: "Ojczyznę wolną pobłogosław Panie" - Oh Lord, please BLESS our free homeland!

So now let me congratulate the new President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Mr. James Robaczewski, on the wonderful role he is taking over to play. I wish you, Mr. President, and all elected new officers and directors good luck in keeping and developing the excellent inheritance of fight for and support of independence, both in Poland and in Polish-American's hearts!

This was followed by entertainment presented by two of the PRCUA dance ensembles from the Chicago area: Polonia Polish Dance & Song Ensemble (Anna Krysinski, Director; Jacklyn Krysinski, Choreographer; Mieczyslaw Dzis, Music Director, Cecylia Roznowska, Founder, Hon. Artistic Director & Choreographer), and Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director and Choreographer; Michael Dziadkowiec, Assistant; Micheline I. Jaminski, Founder, Hon. Artistic Director and Choreographer).

Polonia showed their talents and skills in a suite of dances from Warsaw and Wesoly Lud dancers enchanted the audience with dances from the region of Spisz.

The Anniversary Banquet program closed with remarks by President James J. Robaczewski, who said:

Tonight, we are gathered to celebrate two events in the history of the PRCUA. We are commemorating the 145th Anniversary of our founding at St. Albertus Church in Detroit, Michigan. Those individuals gathered there to create an organization to keep and promote our heritage and culture. I know they would be proud that we are keeping it going 145 years later and will continue for many years to come.

We are also celebrating the installation of a new Board of Directors and Executive Committee. This is a very exciting time for us. The world of fraternal organizations is challenging as the country becomes a more blended culture, so we need to remind our friends and our family about their rich Polish heritage.

My plan, as it has been with past administrations, is to grow the PRCUA. We, as an organization, need to invigorate our membership to believe in the PRCUA and to promote it in their communities. I ask all of you to "spread the news" about us. Tell your neighbors. If you remember the old shampoo commercial: you tell two friends and they'll tell two friends and so on and so on... That's how you can help grow the PRCUA. Our communities, be it Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit and all around the country, need to know more about the PRCUA. If you have an idea or want to learn more, contact my office, the vice president's office, or the secretary-treasurer's office. Tell us your idea or call to learn more. People from Buffalo know better about what is going on in their area than the people in Chicago know about Buffalo. Keep us informed of opportunities in your area.

Of course, part of the plan is also to keep PRCUA financially stable. We will continue to closely monitor our investments and expenses as well as revisit the products we offer to our members over the next four years in order to maintain our financial stability.

I will close with two quotes from former U. S. presidents.

The first is from Abraham Lincoln: "A house divided against itself cannot stand." What this means to the PRCUA is that we need to stay united in our efforts. There are times when we do not agree with other people around us, but need to get past the disagreement, keep bonded together as there is strength there.

Lastly, I will use a line from John F. Kennedy's inaugural speech, but will modify it for our audience:

Ask not what the PRCUA can do for you, but what you can do for the PRCUA.

Get involved, Stay involved and get others involved.

At the end of the program, Benediction was given by retired PRCUA National Vice Chaplain, Rev. Canon Anthony D. Iwuc.

The evening continued with dancing to the music of the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra.

See the photos on pg. 5

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PRESIDENT DROBOT'S FAREWELL AT THE HOME OFFICE



Mr. and Mrs. Drobot cutting the
cake together

Chicago, IL - The PRCUA Home Office employees, PMA staff, and a few guests attended the retirement party for PRCUA President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. on Friday, September 7, 2018. Mr. Drobot was accompanied by his wife, Judith Drobot. Special guests attending the party were Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski and her husband Mark, Irene Moskal-Del Giudice, Jamie Kusmierczak with twin daughters Liliana and Genevieve, PRCUA District #10 Director Colleen Bonkowski with her husband Brian and daughter Natalya, Paul and Jan Odrobina member of the PMA Board Betty Uzarowicz, and a retired PRCUA employee Helena Gliniczak.

President-elect James J. Robaczewski welcomed everyone and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Drobot for his exceptional leadership over the past eight years. Vice President Micheline Jamiński, and newly-elected Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, also conveyed their thanks and good wishes to Mr. Drobot.

Mr. Drobot's wish was to make this party a joyous occasion. Everyone brought some cheer and good wishes, and presented Mr. Drobot with flowers and gifts - some of them sentimental, others just funny or practical.

PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot presented Mr. Drobot with the copy of the painting titled *Ice Transport* (Zwózka lodu) by Michał Rouba. The original painting was displayed in Mr. Drobot's office for some time. Recently, it was renovated by the Stephen and Jamie Kusmierczak Family, who sponsored the painting's conservation "In honor of PRCUA President and PMA Board Chair Joseph A. and Judith L. Drobot, who through their words and actions expressed their love of the PMA." The official

unveiling of the newly renovated painting took place just before the retirement celebration in the Stephen and Elizabeth Ann Kusmierczak Art Gallery of the PMA.



Małgorzata Kot (c) presenting the copy of the
renovated painting

*Happy Retirement
Mr. Drobot!*



L-r: Irene Moskal-Del Giudice with
Mr. and Mrs. Drobot



L-r: Mr. and Mrs. Drobot with
Jamie Kusmierczak and
twins: Liliana and Genevieve



From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer



Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk, FIC, ALMI

We need the current addresses for the following members. If you know the address of anyone on this list, please send it to: Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Secretary-Treasurer, PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101 or call 773-782-2600 Ext. 2605 or 1-800-772-8632 Ext. 2604.

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1516	Glenn Szczesniak	16118 Manning, Detroit, MI 48205

In honor of our **50th Anniversary...**

PRCUA HALKA DANCERS

Present a Good Old Fashion

SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Doors open at 7:00 PM - Dancing begins at 8:00 PM

St. Germaine Grade School---Rev. James L. Bjorum Activity Center

28301 Little Mack in St. Clair Shores, Michigan

Adults only- \$20 includes Dancing and Hot Dog Bar

Cash bar---Raffles

Contact Laura at lhejza@comcast.net or 586-291-4486
for reservations and more information.



P.R.C.U.A.
Michigan
CULTURAL WORKSHOP

Sunday – October 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

(Continental breakfast & lunch provided)

PRCU Hall – Wyandotte, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI

CUSTOMS

Open to all PRCUA members
Ages 8-18

Language

History

Cost: \$20.00

(Checks payable to your respective dance school)

Dancing

Must respond by Saturday - October 6, 2018

(Classes are limited)

cooking

CRAFTS

Each participant will receive a commemorative t-shirt

**For further information,
see your PRCUA dance school director
or contact Tommy Lisiecki at (586) 795-8901**

**** Late registrations may not receive a commemorative t-shirt ****

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

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& 145th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET PHOTOS



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Mass Readings: Prince Charming Xander Burd (l) and Cinderella Anna Tumiel (r)



Homily - Rev. Canon Walter Ptak

Oath of Office



MC Kevin Kucik

Pres. James Robaczewski with Consul Piotr Semeniuk

Toast - VP Micheline Jaminski

Invocation - Rev. Canon Walter Ptak

Singing of the National Anthems (l-r): Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and Mateusz Bomba

L-r: Kevin Ryba and Julie Prado presenting the new PRCUA administration

Officers led by Agnieszka and Daniel Baszyk



Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company in a suite from region of Spisz

Songs and dances from Old Warsaw presented by Polonia Song and Dance Ensemble



KIDS

ACTIVITY

PAGE

FIND 10 DIFFERENCES



SOLVE THE PUZZLE

Solve the puzzle. Letters in the gray squares will form one more word.

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HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!
OCTOBER 12

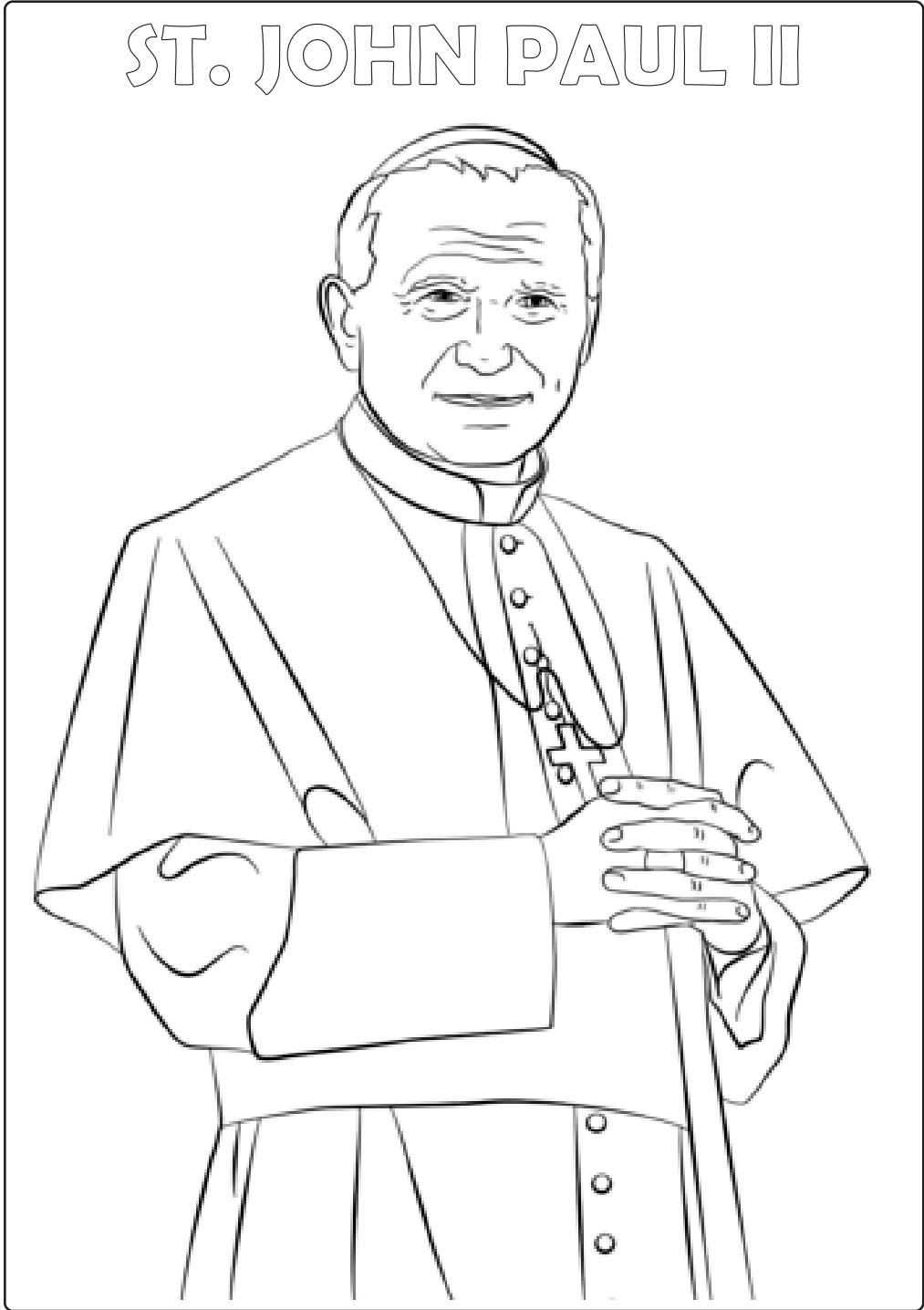
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COLUMBUS DAY

Answers on page 15.

COLOR THE PICTURE

40 years ago His Eminence Karol Cardinal Wojtyla was elected Pope. Now he is a saint. Color the picture of our beloved Saint John Paul II.



ST. JOHN PAUL II - POPE WHO HELPED TO BRING DOWN
COMMUNISM AND LED US INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM

40th Anniversary of Karol Wojtyła’s Election as Pope John Paul II

Forty years ago, on October 16, 1978, Poles all over the world rejoiced upon hearing the message about the election of Cardinal Karol Wojtyła to the Petrine Throne.

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland - the



Pope John Paul II on the day of his election

youngest of three children born to Polish officer Karol Wojtyła and teacher Emilia (Kaczorowska) Wojtyła. His mother died in 1929 when Wojtyła was eight years old. His elder sister, Olga, had died before his birth, and his brother Edmund, who was 13 years his senior and worked as a physician, died in 1932.

In 1938, Karol Wojtyła and his father left Wadowice and moved to Kraków, where Karol enrolled at the Jagiellonian University to study philology and various languages. After the outbreak of World War II in 1939, the Germans closed the university. All able-bodied males were required to work, so from 1940 to 1944 Karol Wojtyła worked various jobs as a messenger for a restaurant, a manual laborer in a limestone quarry, and for the Solvay chemical factory, in order to avoid deportation to Germany. In 1941, his father died of a heart attack.

After his father’s death, Karol started thinking seriously about the priesthood. In 1942, he began taking courses in the clandestine underground seminary run by the Archbishop of Kraków, Adam Stefan Cardinal Sapieha. Wojtyła was ordained to the priesthood on All Saints' Day, November 1, 1946 by Cardinal Sapieha. That same month, Cardinal Sapieha sent Fr. Wojtyła to Rome to study at the Pontifical International Athenaeum Angelicum, the future Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas. In July of 1947, he earned and received his doctorate in Philosophy on June 19, 1948.

Rev. Wojtyła returned to Poland in the summer of 1948 for his first pastoral assignment in the village of Niegów. In March of 1949, he was transferred to Saint Florian Parish in Kraków. He taught ethics at the Jagiellonian University and subsequently at the Catholic University of Lublin. In 1954, he earned a doctorate in Sacred Theology. In 1958, Fr. Wojtyła was named auxiliary bishop of Kraków and received episcopal consecration (as Titular Bishop of Ombi) on September 28, 1958. At the age of 38, he became the youngest bishop in Poland.

On July 16, 1962, after the death of Kraków's Archbishop Eugeniusz Baziak, Bishop Wojtyła was selected as Vicar Capitular, a temporary administrator, until an Archbishop could be appointed.

In October 1962, Bishop Wojtyła took part in the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). He also participated in the assemblies of the Synod of Bishops. On January 13, 1964, Pope Paul VI appointed Wojtyła Archbishop of Kraków. On June 26, 1967, the pope elevated Archbishop Karol Wojtyła to the Sacred College of Cardinals. He was named Cardinal-Priest of the Titulus of San Cesareo in Palatio.

On August 26, 1978, Pope John Paul I was elected to the papacy, however he died unexpectedly only 33 days later. On the third day of the second Papal conclave of 1978, the College of Cardinals elected Karol Cardinal Wojtyła as the new pope. The 58-year-old Cardinal became the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, and was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. He took the name of John Paul II.

He became one of the most dynamic and most traveled world leaders in history. During his pontificate, Pope John Paul II visited 132 countries and 900 towns. He traveled over 1,700,000 kilometers. He visited Poland 9 times, the United States, 7 times. He held 1,161 general audiences, attended by 17.6 million people; 38 official visits with heads of State and more than 982 audiences and meetings with political figures. He published five books during his papacy: “Beyond the Threshold of Hope” (1994); the autobiography “Gift and Mystery” (1996); a book of poetry “Roman Triptych” (2003); “Get Up, Let Us Go” (2004); and “Memory and Identity” (2005). He wrote 14 encyclicals, 14 apostolic exhortations, 11 apostolic constitutions and 45 apostolic letters and delivered 3,288 planned speeches. As Pope, he beatified 1,338 people in 147 ceremonies and canonized 482 saints in 51 ceremonies - more than all of his predecessors combined over the past 500 years. He convened 9 consistories and installed 232 cardinals, ordained 321 bishops, baptized 687 children as well as 814 adults. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with other religions and denominations. He is also recognized as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually in all of Europe.

In his first encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis* he wrote that religious freedom was the most important human right.

In June of 1979, Pope John Paul II visited Poland for the first time. During his visit he preached about religious freedom, human rights and spoke of the need for spiritual and cultural renewal, preserving Poland’s strong faith. He implored the Polish people to "Be not afraid." His visit emboldened the Solidarity movement, and by 1980, the government recognized Solidarity as the first independent trade union in the Communist bloc.

Pope John Paul II survived an attempted assassination after being shot four times on May 13, 1981 in St. Peter's Square, and remained active after recuperating. In 2001, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, yet he continued to tour the world. In February of 2005 he was hospitalized twice with breathing problems and later underwent a tracheotomy. In March, he developed an infection and septic shock. He was monitored by a team of consultants at his private residence. During his final days, tens of thousands of people assembled and held vigil in St. Peter's Square and the surrounding streets. Masses for the intention of the Holy Father were held in churches around the world.

John Paul II died on Sunday, April 2, 2005. The Rite of Visitation took place from April 5 to 7 at St. Peter's Basilica. Pope John Paul II’s testament was published on April 7, 2005. A solemn Requiem Mass was held for him on April 8, attended by 4 kings, 5 queens, at least 70 presidents and prime ministers, and more than 14 leaders of other religions, along with about 4,000,000 people gathered in and around Vatican City.

On December 19, 2009, Pope John Paul II was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI and was beatified on May 1, 2011 (Divine Mercy Sunday) after the Congregation for the Causes of Saints attributed one miracle to his intercession - the healing of a French nun from Parkinson's disease. A second miracle attributed to John Paul II's intercession was approved on July 2, 2013, and confirmed by Pope Francis two days later. John Paul II was canonized on April 27, 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII. St. John Paul II’s Feast Day is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration on October 22nd.



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"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go!" (tinybuddha.com)

What a glorious summer it has been – although quite busy – as documented in this and recent issues of *Naród Polski*! I'm not sure there was a weekend without a celebration of some type – festivals, parties, and, of course, the Inauguration and the 145th Anniversary of PRCUA Celebration. These, in addition to "fun in the sun" and gardening "gymnastics" made the summer memorable.

August bid us adieu, but not before celebrating Jim Robaczewski's birthday on August 30th. The new PRCUA President invited the PRCUA/PMA employees to a delicious luncheon at the Home Office Social Hall. STO LAT, JIM!

The following day, PRCUA hosted a going away party for Audrey Carpenter, who worked in the New Business Department for 4 years. Audrey will be making a new life in Atlanta, Georgia and said she would like to stay connected to the PRCUA, so she will be taking on the role of FFO in that area. Best of luck in your future endeavors, Audrey! You will be missed.

The annual "Taste of Polonia" at the Copernicus Center in Chicago was held on Labor Day weekend. Manning the PRCUA booth were: Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Bob Fattore, Michael Dziadkowiec, Stan Nowak, Mark Sorbi, Pam and Fred Tuytens, and Conrad Wiecek. All had a nice time chatting with current and prospective members. The weather wreaked havoc on the scheduled programs, the attendees, as well as the exhibits, one of which was Mark Sorbi's "Polish Struggle to Regain Independence." Mark is resilient and has recreated his exhibit for all to enjoy. After PRCUA Polonia Ensemble, together with the Polanie Polish Song and Dance Association from Calgary, Canada, presented a multimedia dance and music production entitled "...With Love For Our Homeland." The script was written and directed by Ewa Bielecka; choreography by C. Roznowska, E. Bielecka, J. Krynski, M. Rozko; musical director: M. Dzis. This work of art was in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of Poland's Regained Independence and was duly applauded by those in attendance.

Despite the large number of events happening in such a short time, Agnieszka Bastrzyk represented the PRCUA at the American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN from September 5-6th. This very well attended event - with representatives of 46 fraternal organizations from across the United States and a couple from Canada - offered many insights beneficial to organizations, especially smaller organizations with possibly limited resources. Keynote speakers included representatives from the legal and financial sectors – actuaries, asset managers, reinsurance advisors, and attorneys. The topics that were highlighted at this symposium are of utmost concern in today's world of fraternalism and the life insurance industry in general: governance; the changing life insurance marketplace; investment risk; advocacy; compliance; Information Technology and data security; fiduciary standards/market conduct/suitability; changes in mortality and much more. Though straining the schedule of the PRCUA Home Office, this was an educational seminar that was very informative and attendance was beneficial to retain the information and apply it going forward. The AFA, which is changing in its structure, will also be changing the format of such opportunities in the future. The PRCUA will continue to rely on this organization as one of the sources for insight on the industry.

The PRCUA hosted a "Bon Voyage to Michigan" party for President Joseph A. Drobot Jr. on Friday, September 7th at the PRCUA Social Hall. This farewell reception included Mrs. Judy Drobot, Colleen Bonkowski (District 10 Director) and her family, Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski and husband Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Odrobina, Mrs. Irene Moskal-Del Guidice, Mrs. Betty Uzarowicz, the Kusmierczak family, as well as the incoming Executive Officers and staff of the PRCUA and PMA. We wish the Drobot family all the best as they return to their beloved family and Michigan. *Do zobaczenia!*

On Sunday, September 9, after a morning Board Meeting of outgoing and incoming Officers and Directors, it was time for the PRCUA Inaugural Mass and 145th Anniversary Celebration at St. Hedwig's Parish on Chicago's northwest side. The beauty of this grand Polish Cathedral-style church was matched only by the pageantry of the Mass itself and those in attendance. The Flag Bearers and Cinderella and Prince Charming of 2018 began the procession, followed by dancers wearing colorful Polish folk dress representing Wesoly Lud, Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance, Polanie of St. John Paul II Polish School, Polonia Polish Song and Dance Ensemble and Mała Polska from the St. Rafał Kalinowski Polish School; followed by the past Officers and Directors; the current Officers and the clergy. Officiating at the Mass were PRCUA Chaplain Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, former Vice Chaplain Anthony Iwuc, Very Rev. Eugene Szarek, C.R., and Rev. Zdzisław (Jason) Torba of St. Ferdinand Parish in Chicago.

The Royal Couple – Ania Tumiel and Xander Burd delivered the readings in Polish and English and the new Directors of District 8, Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo, read the petitions. Father Ptak, as always, inspired us with his homily. The choir of angels who spiritually lifted our hearts and souls consisted of two talented singers – Kevin Kucik (outgoing Director of District 7) and Maryna Shutovich, Director of the Parish Music Ministry. During Mass, the oath of office was administered. St. Hedwig's Church was President James J. Robaczewski's home parish, where he received five sacraments – it was only fitting that he be sworn in to his new position in PRCUA in this church.

Following the Mass, the celebration continued at Galleria Marchetti. Family and friends of the PRCUA gathered to welcome the new leaders and bid "do zobaczenia" to those whose terms came to an end. A sincere thank you and continued best wishes are extended to President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and his wife Judy, and National Directors: Connie Bonin, Eileen Hanley, Kevin Kucik, Krystyna Lech, Tommy Lisiecki, Gregory Olma, Sharon Quinn, James Rustik, and Joann Zajac for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the PRCUA. I'll share with you my toast to sum up my reflections of the day:

"Our thanks to those who came today, to celebrate in such a special way, the 145 years of the PRCUA.

Thanks to those who many years before, God bestowed the foresight to open the door,

and ensure our culture we would always adore.

Then there are the keepers of this Polonian flame, they are responsible for what it became.

And to those who now will start a new chapter, we wish for them health, joy, success and laughter.

So raise your glass and sing of good cheer! But it's not "Sto Lat" but "Dwieście Lat" that I'd like to hear!"

Before I direct you to the photos and full details of this special day that are found in this issue of *Naród Polski*, I would like to acknowledge the performances by the Polania Ensemble (Anna Krynski, Director; Jaclyn Krynski, Choreographer) and the Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (Richard Jaminski Director and Choreographer, Michael Dziadkowiec, Assistant) presenting dances and songs from Old Warsaw and Spisz, respectively. The



PRCUA Officers with Piotr Semeniuk, Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, with spouses and dancers from Wesoly Lud and Polonia Ensemble

Inaugural Committee was composed of many employees of the PRCUA but by my side to the end were Conrad Wiecek, my Chief of Staff, and Mateusz Bomba, Coordinator of the Fraternal Department. Special thanks go to Anna Marrah and Lisa Terlecki for the printed material that was distributed. PRCUA Members Anna Toltzman (Beautiful Day Linens) and Albert Kopinski (Mostly Flowers) assisted in beautifying the event.

In appreciation for their participation in the day's celebration, each student received gifts of two of the PRCUA's most recent publications, *Myths and Legends of Poland*, authored by Anna Marrah, Marketing Department Assistant, and *A Brief History of the PRCUA*, written by Joann Ozog and Kathryn (Rosypal) Romani. If anyone else would like a copy of these or other publications put forth by the PRCUA, please contact the marketing-department@prcu.org. Mrs. Ozog and Mrs. Romani have written many of these books for PRCUA for which they do not receive any compensation. Their love for the organization exemplifies the true spirit of Fraternalism – the sharing of time and talents for a greater good. I felt compelled to honor them in some small way and on behalf of the PRCUA gifted each with a personalized crystal book engraved with the PRCUA logo, their names and a tribute to their literary contributions.

As PRCUA enters its next chapter with the recently-elected members of the Executive Board, I noticed that there is a shift in how we attract members. The PRCUA's newly-elected President, James Robaczewski, began his life with the PRCUA by attending Polish dance classes at the Home Office when he was a young child. His mother, Alice, first served on the Parents' Club and later as its School Director. At 7 years of age, his father suddenly passed away and his mother began working at the Home Office. Mr. Robaczewski's connection with the PRCUA continued even after his dance career was over. Jim began attending Conventions with his mother at an early age, his first was in 1986 and each Convention since then. From 2010-2018, he served as National Secretary-Treasurer before being elected National President this year. Congratulations, Jim!

On the other end of the spectrum, PRCUA's newly-elected Secretary-Treasurer, Agnieszka (Agnes) Bastrzyk, took a different route to becoming a member of the Executive Committee. Agnes began as a volunteer with the Polish Museum of America, then worked in the Library of the Polish Museum. After completing her studies in International Business and Economics, she began working for the PRCUA's Underwriting and Annuities Departments, then in the Sales and Marketing Departments, first as Sales Director and, for the last several years, as the Director of Marketing. As this "Millennial" stated to me when campaigning, "if you want the Millennials to come, you have to elect a Millennial!" It wasn't by chance that she became the Director of Marketing – she worked hard to get to where she is today, as our newly-elected National Secretary-Treasurer. Congratulations, Agnes!

At this time, I want to extend my personal thanks to those who "threw their hats into the ring" to afford a choice for our delegates – wishing both Michael Turkiewicz, a fifth generation PRCUA member, and Gregory Olma, past District 2 Director, a successful, healthy and happy future.

Now back to the marathon of September happenings. Mateusz Bomba, President of District 7, continued the tradition of the Annual PRCUA Fishing Derby by hosting a great one on Sunday, September 16 at Busse Lake Fishing Wall in Arlington Hts., IL. The event was open to all PRCUA members and non-member friends. In attendance were James Robaczewski - President, Edward Dykla - President Emeritus and Agnieszka Bastrzyk - Secretary-Treasurer. Refreshments and complimentary snacks were served (Mateusz's parents, Bogumiła and Marek Bomba, volunteered to man the grill and help serve lunch). Congratulations to the winners in each age group who caught the most fish: 2-4 years old: Alexander Boksa; 5-7 years old: Natalia Bastrzyk; 9-11 years old: Philip Milewski and Andrew Vaskiv; 12-15 years old: Olivia Wcislo and Mateusz Boksa. See the articles and photos on pages 12 (English section) and 22 (Polish section).

That same day, in Michigan City, IN, the Annual Polish Heritage Festival was held at the Friendship Botanic Gardens. This event commenced with a Polish-English Mass in the Symphony Garden, followed by



Polanie Dancers of St. JPil Polish School



Wesoly Ludek from the Southwest Center of Polish Song & Dance



Agata Wilgocki sharing information about the PRCUA to an interested visitor



Bożena Matson, Grace Bazylewski, and Veronica Wilgocki

Polonijna Orkiestra Deta during Mass and the "Wyrchy" Mountaineer Dance Group. We thank our dear friend, Festival Committee member and PRCUA member, Margaret Picur, for always remembering the PRCUA and its dancers!

On September 22, Richard and I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of the beautiful Monica Marszałik, graduate of St. John Paul II Polish School, former Polanie and Wesoly Lud dancer and Cinderella of 2011, who married the handsome David Zuk, graduate of Maria Konopnicka Polish School and former SWCPD and Wesoly Lud dancer. The bi-lingual nuptials were held at St. Albert the Great Church in Burbank, IL and the reception was at Camelot Banquets, Hickory Hills, IL. It was there that David, although he danced with Monica in Wesoly Lud and saw her every week at practice, finally "noticed" her and the rest is history! The wedding party was composed of siblings and many friends from Wesoly Lud. The reception resembled a Wesoly Lud reunion. The dancers performed for the newlyweds, their favorites - Spisz and the Country Western Polka. Then the alumni in attendance as well as the bride and groom danced to Jimmy Sturr's Fiddlemania. A "family" photo of 80+ Lud dancers was taken and the party went on and on! We wish the new Mr. and Mrs. David Zuk a lifetime of love, happiness, health and success. We congratulate their parents as well - Gabriela and Sylvester Zuk and Elizabeth and Janusz Marszałik - who signed their children up to the PRCUA and the Polish School and dance groups. The fraternal benefits they received will carry their family into the future!



Wedding of Monica Marszałik and David Zuk

On September 23, along with newly-elected District 8 Director Liz Dynowski, I attended the Legion of Young Polish Women's Legends in Concert with a Touch of Fashion at Chateau Ritz in Niles, IL. The organizers put a bit of a twist on the theme of the fundraiser. Members of



Legion of Young Polish Women Fall Fundraiser - Bożena Haszłakiewicz, Barbara Ciepiela, Andy Haszłakiewicz, V.P. Misia Jaminski, Liz Dynowski and Haszłakiewicz grandchildren

the Legion and some of their family impersonated famous singers while lip-synching to such melodies as "Girls just want to have fun" (Cindy Lauper was perfectly played by Alex (Ciesla) Cornwall, "The Gambler" (Andy Haszłakiewicz was a great Kenny Rogers), "I Feel the Earth Move" (Carole King was none other than Mary Anselmo), among other talented individuals. The raffle baskets were beautifully decorated and I won the school art basket! Liz and I had the pleasure of sitting with Irena Moskal-Del Guidice and PAA Executive Director, Magdalena Dolas, among others. What a wonderful way to spend a lovely autumn afternoon! Congratulations to Barbara Ciepiela, President of the Legion, and her Committee!

On the same day, President Robaczewski attended the 21st Annual Resurrection Gala to benefit the Resurrection Fathers and Brothers at Café La Cave, Des Plaines, IL. One of the founders of the PRCUA and its first Chaplain was Rev. Wincenty Barzynski, C.R., so the PRCUA's tie to the Congregation of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is deeply rooted.

Also on September 23, the Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA welcomed the next generation of Candidates and their parents at the Orientation Luncheon held at Camelot. Edward Muszalski, President, and his Committee are ready to work their magic at the 47th Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball which will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at a new location:

CHATEAU DEL MAR, 8301 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills, IL. Artistic Director and Choreographer is Richard Jaminski. Anyone interested is asked to contact Vickie Kroplewski at 708-698-1505.

On Monday, September 24th, President Robaczewski and Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk attended the monthly meeting of the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress. It was a meet-and-greet with Candidates running for civic Office.

The final weekend of September did not disappoint as Richard and I attended two more weddings - Beata Palarz married Krzysztof Kasia - nuptials at Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, IL with reception at Belvidere Chateau, Palos Hills, IL (9/29) and Therese Golemo, daughter of Nancy (Latuszek) and John Golemo married Matthew Hehn at St. Mary Catholic Church of Buffalo Grove, IL with the reception at Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Kildeer, IL (9/30). Prior to the wedding on the 30th, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muszalski celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a Mass at St. Louis the Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, IL and a luncheon at Camelot, Hickory Hills, IL. Richard went solo as I attended Anna Kraszewski and Daniel Winkler's wedding shower at Orland Chateau, Orland Park, IL.



Mr. & Mrs. Edward Muszalski cutting the cake at their wedding in 1968 (top) and with Bishop Cupich at their 50th wedding anniversary Mass (r)



Also, on September 29th, the Polish Teachers Association held a ceremony, planting the 2nd of 100 Oak Trees at the PNA Youth Camp in Yorkville/Plano, IL. Attending this event on behalf of the PRCUA was Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk. The purpose of this project, entitled "Dębowa Aleja Niepodległości" (roughly translated as Avenue of the Oak Trees for Independence), is to pay tribute to Poland's Centennial of Regained Independence. The Oak Tree is a lasting symbol of strength and endurance and these trees are to be a testament, for future generations, to the strength and resiliency of the Polish spirit.

Amid all of these events, there was time to celebrate my milestone birthday with my wonderful family and friends. At a small gathering at our house, the guest list was like a photo album of different segments of my life - from my immediate family to friends from as far back as 50 years ago to those who have come into my life in the last four years and in between. I realized, once again, how truly blessed I am. I'm hoping that each of you take the time, especially on your birthday, to celebrate how special you are as a child of God and thank Him for sending you those who enrich your lives with love and happiness. My birthday was also celebrated on September 19th at the Home Office by Officers and employees of the PRCUA and PMA. Thank you all for your kind wishes.

October is Polish Heritage Month - I encourage you to find a special way to honor our rich Polish heritage. Who knows, you may start a new tradition!

2nd National PRCUA Volleyball Tournament

November 2-3, 2018 - Hosted by Society #1593
WARREN, MI

The 2nd National PRCUA Volleyball Tournament will be held on Friday, November 2, and Saturday, November 3, 2018 in Warren, MI, hosted by St. John Paul II Society #1593. The committee, chaired by Wallace Ozog, has finalized the events as follows:

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Holiday Inn & Suites, 30000 Van Dyke Ave., Warren, MI. For reservations please call 586-573-7600 by October 21, 2018 and mention PRCUA Volleyball Tournament. Room rates per night are: King Standard Room - \$90 plus tax; 2 Doubles Standard Room - \$95 plus tax.

SPORTS VENUE: Warren Woods Christian School, 14000 E. 13 Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Directions will be provided with a handout at the hotel.

GAME DIVISIONS: Co-Ed (6 vs 6) - Friday, Nov. 2, 2018
Men's Open (6 vs 6) - Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018
Women's Open (6 vs 6) - Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018

HOSPITALITY GATHERING: Friday, November 2, at the hotel from 8 pm-10 pm.

AWARDS BANQUET: American-Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI on Saturday, November 3, immediately after the final game. Cash bar.

MASS: Sunday 8:45am. St. Anne Church, 32000 Mound Rd, Warren, MI. Donuts will be served after Mass.

The Entry Form and Adult Waiver/Release of Liability can be found on the PRCUA website and must be completed and returned to the home office, together with the \$50 entry fee per team. All players must be PRCUA members in good standing. Each player may only sign one roster. Players must agree to abide by the PRCUA rules and regulations of good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the court. MHSAA Volleyball Rules apply, no Libero. Make your check payable to **PRCUA** or use the online payment option at www.prcua.org/payonline. All entries must be postmarked or submitted by October 19, 2018.

Please note: no alcoholic beverages or tobacco products are allowed on the premises of the Sports Venues.

New PRCUA players are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun. If there are any questions, please contact the Fraternal Department: 773-782-2636 or Fraternal-Department@prcu.org.

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St. Stan's #718 Family Picnic

Dearborn Hts., MI - Blessed with perfect weather, St. Stan's held their 14th Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, July 28 at Helm's Haven picnic area, with 180 members, family and guests in attendance. The group was honored with the presence of PRCUA National President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. and First Lady Judy Drobot. St. Stan's President Jerry Nasiatka welcomed everyone and asked them to stand for the singing of the Polish and American National Anthems, led by Joseph and Judy Drobot. This was followed by the presentation of a cake to President Drobot, thanking him for his many years of service to PRCUA.

Ted Klamerus was in attendance when Tom and Janice Dudek announced the recipients of the Ted Klamerus Scholarship. It is important for all of us to support our Polish American youth.

Special thanks are extended to Chairpersons Denny and Tina Churchvara for another very successful picnic and to all the volunteers who pitched in to make this a very enjoyable event.

Submitted by: Jerry Nasiatka



Tom and Janice Dudek announced the Ted Klamerus Scholarship recipients



St. Stan's #718 President Jerry Nasiatka welcomed picnic guests



Joe & Judy Drobot led singing of National Anthems



PRCUA National Pres. Joe Drobot welcomed guests



Crowd stood for singing of the Polish and American National Anthems



Chairperson Tina Churchvara and St. Stan's 1st Lady Rita Nasiatka presented a cake to President Joe Drobot



Cake thanking Mr. Drobot for his years of service to PRCUA

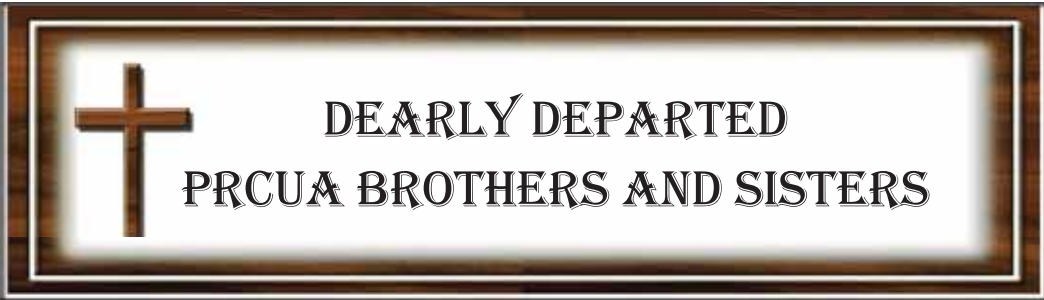


↑ Crowd enjoyed lunch



Chairperson Dennis Churchvara thanked everyone for their participation





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Baranski, Richard J.	2227	MI	Nowacki, Genevieve	893	MN
Barwacz, Virginia	2108	OH	Nowak, Thomas	2227	MI
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Bober, Ryszard	1371	CT	Peternell, Frances	817	WI
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Durbahn, Mary Ann	283	WI	Riggs, Norman	709	OH
Dyga, Max	78	MI	Rolinski, Edward	2315	WI
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Feldkamp, Irene	2159	OH	Rykala, Walter E.	1024	PA
Fiduk, Theresa A.	20	NJ	Slawinski, Carol G.	509	IL
Golab, Angeline J.	413	IN	Smith, Virdell	527	MD
Golden, Loretta J.	531	PA	Smothers, Denise A.	540	VA
Guziewicz, Carol A.	2021	PA	Staretz, William M.	1570	PA
Hanson, Jennie	122	IL	Staszak, Arthur W.	2320	WI
Hawranick, Louise E.	2001	PA	Sukey, John	308	AZ
Helminiak, Richard	294	IL	Szymanska, Helena	2009	PA
Jablecki, Leszek P.	2227	MI	Szymkowiak, Constance M.	224	PA
Jasinski, Virginia	2148	OH	Szypulski, Louise	1000	IL
Johnson, Irene M.	539	MO	Telak, Casimir	527	MD
Josefek, Genevieve S.	604	MA	Tuziak, Betty J.	2320	WI
Kendall, Christopher	258	CO	Wasilewski, Joseph	1000	IL
Lake, Jessica	2308	WI	Werner, Stephen M.	1031	IN
Liszka, Marya	345	PA	Winiarski, Lillian	540	NY
Lokai, Klemens	227	OH	Wisniewski, Edward	2293	PA
Mc Donald, Sharon L.	413	IL	Wytrwal, Joseph A.	2227	MI
Miszuk, Henry	868	NY	Wytrwal, Margare	540	NY

May they rest in eternal peace.

PRCUA Michigan Choreographers and School Director Attend Folk Dance Workshop

Minneapolis, MN - From Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16, 2018, several PRCUA Michigan choreographers and a school director attended a folk dance workshop in Minneapolis, MN. The workshop, sponsored by the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas (PFDA) and hosted by the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers of Minneapolis, taught attendees dances from Lemko. The workshop was taught by Jerzy Starzyński, who traveled from Poland. It consisted of sessions held on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and on Sunday morning.



PRCUA Michigan Choreographers and Director attend PFDA Lemko workshop in Minneapolis, MN: (l-r) Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda Director), Donna Skurski (Opole Choreographer), Jerzy Starynski (Lemko Instructor), Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda Choreographer)

The Michigan choreographers and director who attended the workshop are: Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda Choreographer), Donna Skurski (Opole Choreographer), and Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda Director). Ms. Nowakowski and Ms. Wendt attended with the Wawel Folk Ensemble of Detroit, Michigan of which Ms. Skurski is the choreographer and artistic director. Ms. Skurski also currently serves as the President of the PFDA.

In addition to soaking up lots of information about the culture, songs, and dances of the Lemko region (near the Ukrainian border), there was some time for catching up with and making new friends with other Polish folk ensembles that attended the event.

Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski

Gwiazda Dancers' Late August and Early September Happenings

On Friday, August 24, 2018, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers spent their lunch break with employees of Blue Cross & Blue Shield at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, Michigan as part of their diversity program teaching employees about Polish culture. Gwiazda's presentation featured the dancers performing a Polka, Krakowiak, and Oberek, as well as providing background information and insight about Polish culture, folk dress, traditions, demographics, and history.



Gwiazda Dancers perform at lunch time at Blue Cross & Blue Shield Offices in Detroit

On Monday, September 3, 2018, members of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers - along with PRCUA Halka Dancers, PRCUA Opole Dancers, PRCUA Polskie Maki Dancers, PRCUA Rogalin Dancers, PRCUA Wieliczka Dancers, National Director Courtney Ozog, former National Director Tommy Lisiecki, and President Emeritus Joseph Drobot, Jr. - lined up for the Polish Day Parade in Hamtramck, Michigan. Sponsored by the Polish American Congress - Michigan Division, the 2018 Polish Day Parade celebrated 100 years of Poland's regained independence. The Polish Day Parade's roots go back to the 1930s. when a yearly parade was held at the beginning of May to celebrate Polish Constitution Day. In Hamtramck, the Polish Day Parade is an annual tradition for Labor Day and kicks off the final day of the annual Hamtramck Festival. The 2018 parade was a little different for Gwiazda, as rain "literally" rained on our parade.



Gwiazda Dancers waiting out the rain before the start of the Polish Day Parade

Shortly before the parade's start, Hamtramck was hit with heavy rains, lightning, and thunder. Poised to wait out the storm and march, the group stood huddled together under large golf umbrellas. However as the girls' velvet vests got wetter and the puddles in the streets grew larger, the group shifted to the awnings of the former McDonald's on Joseph Campau. As the rains continued without a sign of letting up, the group decided to call off the parade on account of the rain. No one wanted to damage their folk dress or start off the school year sick.

On Saturday, September 9, 2018, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers performed at St. Isaac Jogues annual Summerfest in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Gwiazda was part of Summerfest's Polish Sunday which featured the Kielbasa Kings Polka Band, the Polish Muslims, and Polish Platter's, provided by the Polish Village Cafe from Hamtramck, Michigan. For its performance, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak, a Polish medley featuring a Krakowiak, Oberek, and Polka, and a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki.

Gwiazda welcomed new and returning dancers and their families with its first practice of the 2018-2019 dance year on September 10, 2018. They'll begin preparing for their 59th Annual Spring Recital. In addition to practicing for the spring recital, Gwiazda has several performances and appearances scheduled during the remainder of September and going into October.

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



Women - Soc. 162 Team - CHAMPIONS



Women - St. Rita's A-Team



Men - Belczak Family Team



Women - St. Rita's Dziewczyny Team



Men - St. Rita's Warren Team



Men - PU 78 Team



2018 National PRCUA Softball Tournament

Woodhaven, MI - Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18 were the dates for the 64th National PRCUA Softball Tournament, hosted by St. Stan's 718 in Woodhaven, Michigan. The weekend kicked off Friday night with the coed portion of the tournament. Four teams participated: St. Stan's Soc. 718, Wyandotte Soc. 162 and 2 teams from St. Rita's Soc. 1368. Despite the rain, all 4 teams played two play-in games with the Championship game featuring St. Stan's 718 vs Wyandotte 162. Soc. 162 took an early lead, 718 battled back but in the end Wyandotte Soc. 162 held on for a 9-8 victory.

On Saturday morning, the Men's and Women's Open Divisions played. Five teams each, in both Divisions, played a round-robin play-in before breaking for a wonderful lunch at the field pavilion. The afternoon featured great games, on a very hot day, between, St. Rita's, PU78 from Muskegon, Wyandotte 162 and St. Stan's 718. The Women's Championship featured Detroit Soc. 718 SNA vs Wyandotte Soc. 162. The game went back and forth and came down to a thrilling last out, with Wyandotte 162 winning 8-7 in the bottom of the 7th inning.

The Men's final featured St. Rita's Big Rapids vs. 718 Dare Bar. Soc. 718's hitting throughout the game seemed to be too much as they won 12-1. A total of 149 players participated in the games.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

The banquet was held across the street at the Best Western Hotel. Over 160 people enjoyed awesome food and cold drinks, including President Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. with wife Judy, Vice President Micheline Jaminski and Secretary-Treasurer James J. Robaczewski. After dinner, the awards were distributed to the All Stars, MVP's and Championship Teams. A great time was had by all who attended.

Special thanks go to: Danny Gdowski and Bob Hojnacki, Co-Chairmen of the tournament; Jerry Nasiatka, Denny Churchvara and Ernie Pindzia for setting up the hospitality; Mike Halberstadt, Dave Butterfield, Ed Rys, Janey Rys, Ron and Barbara Bak for all the work they did and all Societies and guests who participated in the tournament and banquet.



Coed - PRCUA #162 - CHAMPIONS



Coed - Polish Platter #718



Men - Dare Bar #718 - CHAMPIONS



Coed - St. Rita's Metro Team



Coed - St. Rita's Tory's Team



Men - St. Rita's Big Rapids Team



Women - Detroit's Seven Nation Army #718



Women - St. Rita's Sluggers Team



L-r: Courtney Ozog, Secy-Treas. James Robaczewski, VP Micheline Jaminski, Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., Dist. #10 Directors Colleen Bonkowski and Thomas Lisiecki



Batter VP Jaminski and catcher James Robaczewski waiting for the first pitch; Jerry Nasiatka and the Directors of Dist. #10 in back



PRCUA National Pres. Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. throwing the first pitch



2018 PRCUA FISHING DERBY

Arlington Heights, IL - This year, everyone enjoyed the great weather and an abundance of fish at the Annual PRCUA Fishing Derby held on Sunday, September 16 at Busse Lake Fishing Wall in Arlington Heights, IL. District #7 President Mateusz Bomba, Vice President Pawel Truchan and their group of volunteer helpers, prepared enough fishing poles and bait for everyone and made sure that the participants had plenty of cold drinks and snacks. Winners of the most fish caught, in four different age categories, were awarded prizes and all of the participants received bags of goodies from the PRCUA. It was nice to see PRCUA leaders President James J. Robaczewski, President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla and Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, with her whole family, at the derby. Thank you to District #7 for keeping the tradition of the PRCUA Annual Fishing Derbies alive. Everyone had a good time. Hope to see everyone next year!



Fishing fans with the PRCUA and District #7 representatives at the Annual PRCUA Fishing Derby



PRCUA President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla (l) and President James Robaczewski (r)



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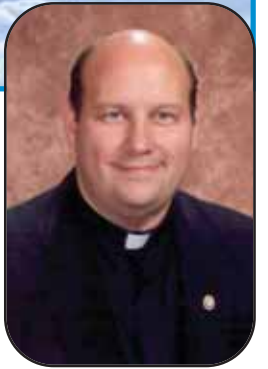
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Congratulations to Sr. Mary Rachel Capets, O.P., Ph.D. on her recent assignment as Prioress of Saint Cecilia Motherhouse and Dean of Education at Aquinas College in Nashville, TN. She served at the Dominican Congregation in Sydney, Australia from 2007 until 2018

Sr. Mary Rachel is the daughter of Victor & Kathy Capets. Victor is a member of the PRCUA St. John Kanty Soc. #855 in PA.

Please remember Sister Mary Rachel Capets in your prayers. We wish her all the best; may she find much joy and satisfaction in her ministry.

Higher Perspectives



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

October, the Month of the Feast Days of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and St. John Paul the Great

The leaves are changing and falling to the ground and there is a crispness once again in the air. The long hot days of Summer are just a memory now and the colors of Fall surround us. It is the month of October, a time of harvest, pumpkins and apple cider. It is also a month that brings with it many great Feast Days, especially the two mentioned in the headline. It's time to celebrate the greatness of our God in giving us the changing seasons and, most importantly, the saints of this month, as examples of holiness to follow.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

The first day of the month of October begins with the great Feast Day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, best known as the “Little Flower”. St. Therese was born in 1873 and died in 1897, the last part of the 19th century in France. She wanted to enter the Carmelite Order at the age 14 and was refused many times. This led her to travel to Rome with her father to speak to the Pope about her admission into the Carmelite Order. Eventually, she was allowed to enter and thus began a life of extraordinary holiness. She was often misunderstood by the other sisters and often suffered because of their jealousy towards her. She did not let this mistreatment stop her but offered it up in the spirit love for Our Lord. She often said that “love proves itself by deeds” and took every opportunity to offer sacrifices to the Lord no matter how small they were. She became a model of holiness and suffering in silence. She was diagnosed with an advanced case of tuberculosis shortly before dying. She had concealed her pain and suffering, offering it up to the Lord, whom she loved. Her autobiography, “The Story of a Soul” was widely published after her death and has helped many people grow in holiness. She often said that she would spend her eternity doing good on earth. Her devotion has spread far and wide and annual Novenas to the “Little Flower” are held each year throughout the world. In 1997, on the 100th anniversary of her death, St. John Paul II declared her to be a Doctor of the Church.

My short summary of her life gives you a glimpse of who she was, but there is much more. If you are interested in learning more about her, please do an internet search and you will find many sources that will fill in the rest of her life story. We can learn a great deal by following her example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. She realized and internalized that it is in the ordinary events of daily life that we can and should strive for holiness. Maybe that's a thought to keep in mind when we are doing a task that we really do not like!

St. John Paul the Great

Since his canonization in April of 2014, the Feast Day of St. John Paul the Great is celebrated on October 22nd, each year in the Universal Church. For it is on this day in 1978 that he was elevated to Supreme Pontiff and began his ministry as Vicar of Christ here on earth. This year marks the 40th Anniversary since his election to the Chair of Peter. It is hard to believe that forty years have passed since the news spread of his election. Forty years ago, I was beginning my senior year of high school and was thinking about entering the seminary, which at that time was unknown to anyone but myself. His election on October 16th, 1978, changed my life forever as due to his example I decided to enter the seminary after high school. His personal holiness and genuine spirit inspired me to become a priest, even though I waited another five months to tell anyone!

So many people around the world have a deep devotion to him and pray to him for his intercessory prayers for them and their many needs. He truly changed the world as we knew it and his impact is still being felt today. I was so privileged to meet him on many occasions and I am forever grateful for those precious moments with a future saint! Those meetings with him will forever be in my heart and on my mind. On the occasion of his canonization, the Vatican released an official prayer which I pray often. As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his election, I would like to share it with you once again and hope that you will pray it often as well.

*Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing!
Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously
leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone
and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion.
Help them dream again, help to look up high again to find the light that
illuminates the path of life here on earth.*

May you bless families, bless each family! You warned of Satan's assault against the precious and indispensable divine spark that God lit on earth. St. John Paul, with your prayer, may you protect the family and every life that blossoms from the family.

Pray for the whole world, which is still marked by tensions, wars and injustice. You tackled war by invoking dialogue and planting the seed of love: pray for us so that we may be tireless sowers of peace.

Oh St. John Paul, from heaven's window, where we see you next to Mary, send God's blessing down upon us all. Amen.

Until next time, may St. Therese, the Little Flower and St. John Paul the Great intercede for us daily that we may grow in genuine holiness in the ordinary events of daily life!

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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Solve the puzzle:

1. SPIDER, 2. BROOM, 3. HAT, 4. WITCH, 5. PUMPKIN,
6. CASTLE, 7. BATS. **Puzzle solution:** DRACULA

Find the Right Way Maze: C

Find 10 differences:



CELEBRATIONS AT THE PRCUA HOME OFFICE

Chicago, IL - Recently, P R C U A employees gathered together several times for various celebrations that were held in the PRCUA Social Hall.



Audrey (far right) with (l-r) VP Micheline Jaminski, Pres. Joseph Drobot and Sales Director Robert Fattore

On Friday, August 31, 2018 the employees said their "good byes" to Audrey Carpenter, an employee who left the PRCUA to pursue a new career and personal opportunities. For the past 4 years, Audrey had worked in the PRCUA Auditing Department.



President-Elect Robaczewski (l) opening birthday gifts and cards



Jim Robaczewski receiving a gift from Jan Lorys, presented on behalf of the PMA employees

We wish Audrey good luck & all the best in her new endeavors.

On Thursday, August 30th, PRCUA and PMA employees sang a Happy Birthday to President Elect James Robaczewski. Mr. Robaczewski treated everyone to a birthday lunch and thanked all for their wishes and gifts, and for celebrating with him on this special occasion.



Mrs. Jaminski thanking the PRCUA Officers and employees for their wishes and gifts



VP Jaminski enjoying her birthday party

On Wednesday, September 19, a birthday celebration was held for PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski. The lunch, in an autumn-theme decorated Social Hall, was attended by PRCUA and PMA staff. Lots of good wishes and gifts were presented to Mrs. Jaminski and a warm "Sto Lat" was sung. Best wishes to all.

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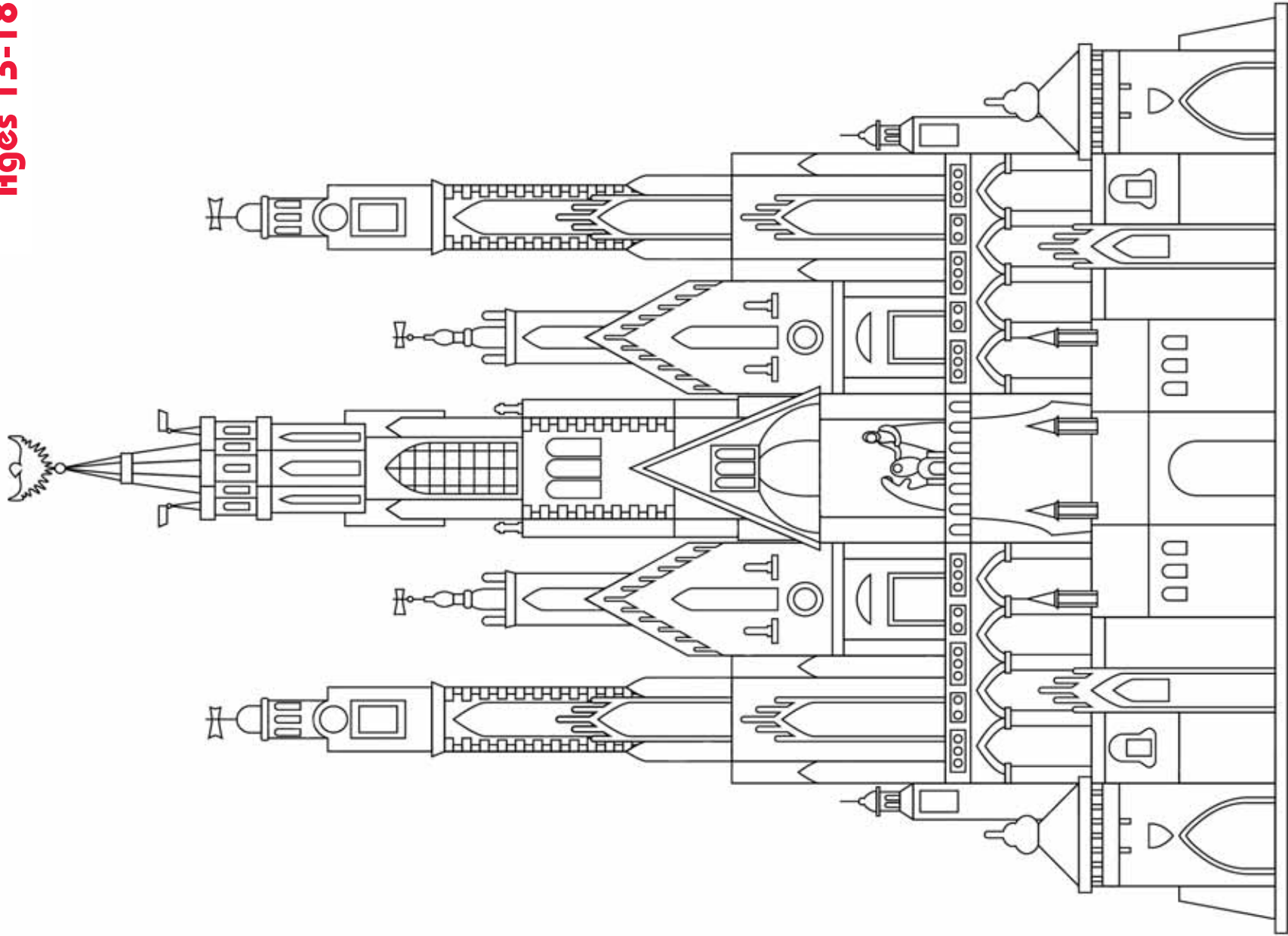
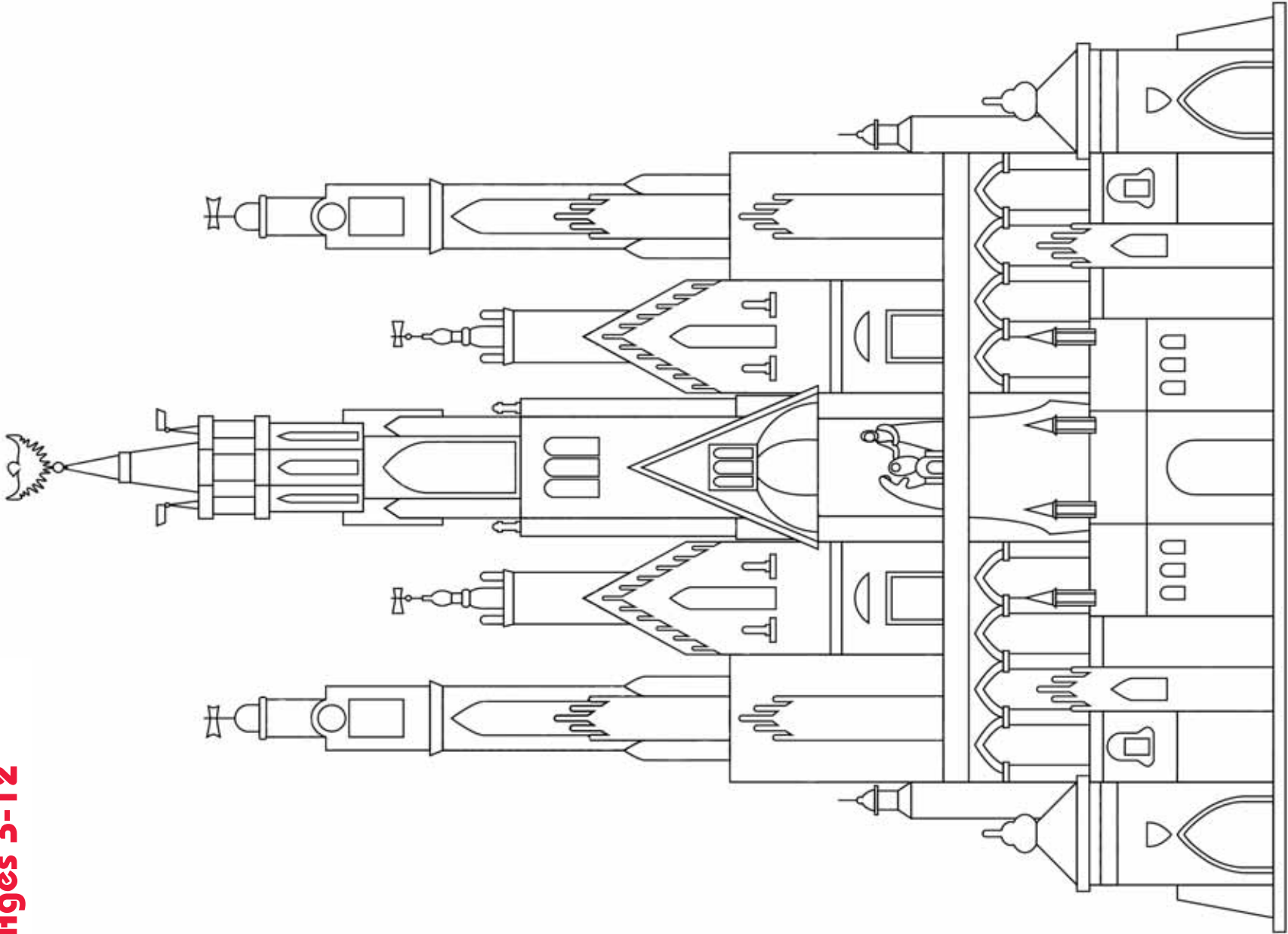


Polish American Heritage Month Coloring Contest (See description and contest rules on pg. 17)

Krakowska szopka

Ages 3-12

Ages 13-18



Polish American Heritage Month
Coloring Contest

THE KRAKÓW SZOPKA

The szopka tradition dates back to the 19th century, when Krakow's craftsmen began making these elaborate, colorful nativity scenes that combined the architecture of Krakow with the Nativity of Jesus as seasonal decorations. The custom grew in popularity and became a true form of Polish folk art as Polish historical figures and mythology sometimes made their way into the scenes. Often modeled after Krakow's architecture, they became more and more elaborate. Some even included movable figures in the forms of stick puppets and marionettes.

A szopka with movable pieces was banned from churches and became more of a street performance act. During World War I, the szopka was banned completely. In 1937, to salvage the dying tradition, Krakow's municipal authorities announced the first szopka competition. The szopka can range in size from small up to approximately 6 feet high and 9 feet wide. Since then, except for the duration of World War II, the szopka competition has taken place in Krakow every year.

CONTEST RULES

This Coloring Contest is open to PRCUA members from 3 to 18 years old. Use crayons, pencils, markers or paint (no fabric, sequins, or glitter, etc.). The simpler picture is designed for children ages 3-12 and the more difficult image for ages 13-18. 1st & 2nd place prizes will be awarded in each age category and the 1st place artwork will be featured on the PRCUA Christmas card. All other prizes are age-appropriate and include a certificate of achievement. DEADLINE: Entries must be received at the Home Office by Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Mail to: PRCUA Coloring Contest, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101. Please Print:

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PRCUA 2018 Young Adult Committee Report
at the 62nd PRCUA Quadrennial Convention
Dearborn, MI

In attempt to involve more young adults in the PRCUA community, we propose the following:

- In an effort to bring younger members to the Conventions, sponsor internship or shadow programs during Convention and non-Convention years.
 - Shadow a chairperson, vice chairperson, corporate lawyer, journalist, member of the budget and grievance committee, election committee etc. at Convention
 - Shadow and internship programs at the Headquarters and the Museum
 - Market the internship program to schools, opening more options for other young adults to join
 - Include service learning and community service opportunities
- Educating young members about their duties as adult members of the PRCUA.
 - Introduce the responsibilities of an adult member
 - The process of becoming and serving as a delegate at the Convention
 - Hold a how-to-be-a-delegate information session for first-time delegates one day prior to the Convention
 - Establish youth social activities and possible workshops for delegates explaining Convention materials and forming connections between first-time delegates the day before the Convention
 - Session etiquette
 - Market job opportunities, internships and leadership positions within PRCUA and make positions more readily available to younger members
 - Flag Bearer
 - Put an upper-age limit on the position
 - Make the role available to women
 - Establish a committee for alternates at the Convention, e.g. young adult committee
- Form a junior board that would be responsible for events for young adults. Multiple boards can be formed within districts or societies to organize events for the regions in which the boards function.
 - Single location performance for all PRCUA dance groups in the form of a National dance festival with cultural workshops
 - Includes all level dance groups
 - Cultural workshops towards language, cooking, folk activities, etc.
 - Rotating locations
 - 2 years off the Convention
 - PRCUA sleep-away summer camp
 - Summer camp aims to bring together Polish and Polish American youth
 - Focus on connecting the younger generations
 - Young Adult Banquet
 - National or district social banquets
 - Home Office lock-in
 - Attempt to make younger members aware of positions in the office
- In addition to Facebook, include other social media platforms such as Instagram and Twitter run by the Young Adult Committee to advertise events.
 - Move away from paper advertisements and make digital media a larger part of information dissemination.
 - Make social media more visible online.

Nicole Romek, Society 1624
Chicago, IL

Courtney Ozog, Society 1493
Wayne, MI

Jennifer Yurosko, Society 2220
Parma, OH

Lidia Ramotowski, Society 1638
Chicago, IL

Kristin Mihalic, Society 87
Dearborn Heights, MI

Nina Romek, Society 1616
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Kevin Kucik, Delegate-at-large
Chicago, IL



Kevin Kucik (at the microphone) and some of the members of the Young Adult Committee reporting at the PRCUA Convention

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By our Members...

Lessons In Hope: My Unexpected Life with St. John Paul II

George Weigel describes his last meeting with St. John Paul the Great, a meeting which occurred about three months before the Pontiff's death, in the following words:

At 8:40 p.m. the Pope declared dinner finished; it was almost like the old days, with him slapping the arms of the chair and getting up following grace after meals—except that he could no longer get up. I walked around to his side of the table, went down on one knee for his blessing, and said the rest of his story, “Holy Father, I promise you that, if you don’t bury me, I’ll finish what I started.” We looked into each other’s eyes; I kissed his ring (for the first time, I think); and then we parted, for what turned out to be the last time.

Weigel of course, is the author who Pope John Paul invited to write his biography; and that 1999 internationally-acclaimed and best-selling biography, *Witness to Hope*, is the work which Weigel promised to finish. That promise was fulfilled in 2010 when Weigel published *The End and the Beginning*, the book which covered the last five years of the Pope John Paul’s life and assessed the measure of his pontificate, tallying the unprecedented record of that pontificate and listing Weigel’s estimate of the ten most enduring accomplishments of John Paul’s papacy. *The End and the Beginning* also became an international best seller.

As it turned out, however, what Weigel started was still not finished. Readers and audiences wanted more—“stories about the man who had gone to the Father’s house in 2005, stories that would make him present again by rekindling memories or illuminating previously unknown aspects of his rich personality.” *Lessons in Hope: My Unexpected Life with St. John Paul II* is Weigel’s response to those requests and, in some cases, demands; the book helps readers “to get to know more personally a saint who bent the course of history in a humane direction.” Weigel does this by reporting on his many meetings and conversations with St. John Paul and on his interviews of the Pope’s friends and critics. Additionally, Weigel provides keen insights into John Paul’s message and papacy, his role in the fall of European communism, and more personally, on his own life.

A review cannot hope to present the wealth of insights and reports which Weigel provides; one must read the book to fully appreciate the range and scope of the reports. A few samples will, however, provide some idea of why you should read *Lessons in Hope*.

At the spiritual level, Weigel reveals a man who had total confidence in the love of God and trust in Divine Providence—qualities which made Pope John Paul not fearless but, indeed, a man who lived beyond fear and who refused to surrender to the “tyranny of the possible”. . . he could discern possibilities where others could only see fixed and unchangeable realities, like the Berlin wall, or the seeming indifference of the young to the Gospel, or the irrelevance of the Catholic Church to authentic liberation of humanity in the twenty-first century and the third millennium.

By now, all know, or should know, the pivotal role that St. John Paul played in the fall of European communism; but most don’t appreciate the battle he waged with Vatican insiders to replace the well-intentioned but failed approach of Pope Paul VI’s *Ostpolitik* with a “robust defense of human rights anchored in religious freedom.” Even fewer people recognize John Paul’s vision of “a free and virtuous society of the future as one composed of a democratic political community, a free economy, and a vibrant public moral culture.” Equally central to John Paul II’s vision was the conviction that “religious freedom makes everything else possible: it puts a check on state power because it declares the inner life of men and women out-of-bounds to state coercion.”

In ecclesiastical matters as well, *Lessons in Hope* reveals fresh insights. John Paul’s record-breaking number of beatifications and canonizations, for example, reflected his conviction that we are living in “the greatest period of martyrdom in Christian history” and that a new martyrology would have a “positive effect on the living Church rediscovering its vocation.” We also learn that the Pope looked to appoint bishops dedicated to “dynamic orthodoxy,” bishops “committed to the Church’s teaching, capable of explaining it publicly, and good at attracting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.”

Readers will also be captured by personal insights into Pope John Paul II’s “personal” life. We learn, for example, details about the Pope’s views on literature and the writers who influenced his own poetry. He agreed, for instance, that “*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* ought to be read by every high school student in the world” and that his ideas about creative work were significantly determined by the Juliusz Slowacki and Cyprian Norwid. Pope John Paul II’s bond of friendship with President Ronald Reagan is powerfully reflected in his distress at the former president’s battle with Alzheimer’s disease and his specific request that Nancy Reagan be assured of his prayers. On a much lighter note, we learn that when something struck John Paul as “amusing or curious,” a favorite response was “*Ale co zrobić?*”

By the time of John Paul the Great’s death, only a handful of people knew and understood the future saint better than George Weigel. *Lessons in Hope* allows readers to share in that knowledge and understanding. Doing so will allow St. John Paul the Great to become a “friend and a defining personality” in the reader’s life as he was in the life of Weigel. This book belongs in the library of all of the members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union.

Lessons in Hope: My Unexpected Life with St. John Paul II by George Weigel. Basic Books: New York, 2017. 357 pp. \$32.00.

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I Still Believe! (An Inspirational Journey) Memoirs of Mark from Michigan Who Went to Hollywood, Then Conquered the World

by Mark Ozog



Book Summary

Is it okay to believe in destiny? Do things happen for a reason or do situations occur because of luck? Some people believe that your life was already set for you before you were born. Others may be cynical. Whatever you believe, *I Still Believe! (An Inspirational Journey) Memoirs of Mark from Michigan Who Went to Hollywood, Then Conquered the World* shows an artist’s determination to become an actor, public speaker, and athlete when much was not in his favor. This journey shows over four decades of trying to obtain that dream but then learning life lessons along the way. Undying faith, perseverance, love for family, friends, and humanity can finally be unfolded. The initial dream may not happen the way that it was originally intended, but other accomplishments came as a result. To anyone who has ever had a dream and wanted to achieve it, this story may inspire you to make those dreams reality. The dream can turn out bigger and better than anticipated.

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“I Still Believe! (An Inspirational Journey) Memoirs of Mark from Michigan Who Went to Hollywood, Then Conquered the World” is available for wholesale order through the Ingram Content Network.

About the Author

Mark Ozog is a native of the Detroit, Michigan, area who grew up in a Polish Roman Catholic environment. He was eager to travel and see the world at an early age. Thus far, he has traveled to nearly fifty countries and six continents. Mark holds his family and his love for his Polish heritage to heart, and in his youth, he was a Polish ethnic dancer and accordionist. As an adult, he became a radio talk show host, stage and film and television actor, public speaker, world traveler, writer, and three-time triathlete. He documents much of his journey in his first published book, *I Still Believe! (An Inspirational Journey) Memoirs of Mark from Michigan Who Went to Hollywood, Then Conquered the World*. Mark loves to motivate, educate, and entertain audiences. He has had much success with various Hollywood projects and highlights his continued success to make it in Hollywood. He has worked with, prayed with, acted with, and even lived near many Hollywood A-listers. Mark speaks English and Spanish and is conversational in Swedish, Polish, Italian, French, Portuguese, German, and Turkish. Mark has lived in Michigan, Arizona, California, Sweden, and Turkey. He holds a BA degree from Arizona State University’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication. No matter what your goals are in life, Mark illustrates that if you see it, perceive it, and believe it, you can conquer anything. His favorite saying is “Carpe diem.” Seize the moments in your life and turn your dreams into reality! Enjoy *I Still Believe! (An Inspirational Journey) Memoirs of Mark from Michigan Who Went to Hollywood, Then Conquered the World* by Mark Ozog.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JOANN OZOG AND KATHRYN ROSYPAL ROMANI



Joann Ozog and Kathryn Romani holding their Kosciuszko workbooks

Chicago, IL - PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski presented special awards to the two creators of multiple workbooks for elementary and high school students: Joann Ozog and Kathryn Rosypal Romani.

These two women volunteered their talents to create these workbooks so that young Polish Americans could benefit from their literary contributions. Over the past 16 years, the PRCUA published their workbooks on *The Polish Museum of America*, *General Casimir Pulaski*, *General Thaddeus Kosciuszko*, *Jan Ignacy Paderewski*, and *Polish Settlers in Chicago*. The women recently collaborated on writing a *Brief History of the PRCUA*, which was distributed at the 145th PRCUA Anniversary Banquet.

All of the PRCUA Polish dance and language schools use these workbooks for their students, and PRCUA has received many requests from various churches, organizations, groups, and individuals for the workbooks.

The awards were presented to Joann Ozog, wife of President Emeritus Wallace Ozog, and Kathryn Rosypal Romani, former *Narod Polski* Executive Editor, in conjunction with the 145th PRCUA Anniversary celebration and the inscription on the award reads: "On behalf of the PRCUA, thank you for your time, energy and dedication to the workbooks you authored on the Polish Museum of America, General Casimir Pulaski, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Jan Ignacy Paderewski, Polish Settlers in Chicago, and the History of the PRCUA." Congratulations to the co-authors for this well-deserved recognition!



PAŹDZIERNIK

PAŹDZIERNIK MIESIĄCEM DZIEDZICTWA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKIEGO

3 145. ROCZNICA ZAŁOŻENIA ZPRKA (1873)

4 DEARBORN HTS., MI – LOSOWANIE ZWYCIĘZCÓW STYPENDIÓW TOW. ŚW. STANISŁAWA #718, czwartek, 4 października o godz. 20:00 w Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI. Hot dogi dla uczestników. Wstęp wolny.

7 WYANDOTTE, MI – 12. DOROCZNE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE IM. EDWARDA BZURY, niedziela, 7 października, Riverview Golf Course, Riverview, MI. Początek o godz. 9:00. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$75. Dochód przeznaczony zostanie na Fundusz Stypendialny Tow. #162. Dodatkowe informacje: (734) 552-6124 lub (734). Termin rejestracji upływa 25 września.

8 DZIEŃ KOLUMBA – BIURO ZPRKA BĘDZIE NIECZYNNE

21 WYANDOTTE, MI – WARSZTATY KULTURALNE ZPRKA W MICHIGAN DLA DZIECI I MŁODZIEŻY W WIEKU OD 8 DO 18 LAT (tradycje, historia, język polski, kuchnia polska, taniec, wyroby rękodzielnicze), niedziela, 21 października w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Rejestracja w godz. 9-9:30, warsztaty w godz. 10-15. Dla uczestników śniadanie w stylu kontynentalnym i lunch. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$20 od osoby (prosimy wystawiać czeki na szkółki tańca do których należą uczestnicy). Liczba miejsc ograniczona, prosimy o dokonanie rezerwacji do soboty, 6 października. Każdy uczestnik otrzyma pamiątkową koszulkę. Dodatkowe informacje: dyrektorzy szkółki tańca w Michigan lub Tommy Lisiecki, tel. (586) 795-8901.

27 WESTLAND, MI – BAL ABSOLWENTÓW ZESPOŁU TATRY, sobota, 27 października w Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, MI. Drzwi otwarte o 18:00. Muzyka w wykonaniu Kielbasa Kings. Bilety \$48 od osobę obejmują kolację i otwarty bar. Dodatkowe informacje: Rose Ann Lackey, tel. 313-274-0183 lub tatyrdancers-roseann@yahoo.com.

28 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA #162 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT, niedziela, 28 października na parkingu PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI w godz. 15:00-17:00. Nagrody najoryginalniej udekorowane samochody. Poczestunek dla uczestników: parówki, prażona kukurydza, amerykańskie pączki i cydr. W celu zarejestrowania udziału swojego samochodu prosimy dzwonić do: Natalie, tel. (734) 778-1730 lub Chrisa, tel. (734) 671-9366.

31 HALLOWEEN!

LISTOPAD

1-2 WSZYSTKICH ŚWIĘTYCH I ZADUSZKI

2-3 WARREN, MI – 2. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ SIATKÓWKI ZPRKA, piątek-sobota, 2-3 listopada, Warren Woods Christian School, 14000 E. 13 Mile Rd., Warren, MI. Szczegóły na str. 23.

4 POCZĄTEK CZASU ZIMOWEGO – COFAMY ZEGARKI O JEDNĄ GODZINĘ

11 DZIEŃ WETERANA (USA) / DZIEŃ NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI (POLSKA)

17 HICKORY HILLS, IL – 47. BAL KOPCIUSZKA I KSIĘCIA GRUPY KULTURALNEJ DOROSŁYCH, sobota, 17 listopada, Chateau Del Mar, 8301 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Godzina koktajlowa 18:30-19:30, kolacja o godzinie 19:30. Info: Vicky Kropiewski (708) 698-1505. Szczegóły obok.

22-23 ŚWIĘTO DZIĘKCZYNIENIA – BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

24 STERLING HTS., MI – BAL PREZENTACYJNY ABSOLWENTÓW ZESPOŁU „ZAJACZEK” NA 2019 R., sobota, 24 listopada w American Polish Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Height, MI. Bilety - dorośli \$50, studenci (poniżej 21 lat) \$37. Kontakt: Colleen Bonkowski, zajaczekdance@yahoo.com.

23 WYANDOTTE, MI – DOROCZNA ZABAWA PO ŚWIĘCIE DZIĘKCZYNIENIA TOW. #162 - piątek, 23 listopada, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Drzwi otwarte o 18:00, muzyka w godz. od 19:00 do 23:00. Do tańca grać będzie zespół The Project. Bilety: \$15. Płatny bar. Możliwość zakupu jedzenia. Dodatkowe informacje: Stas Pasko (734) 284-5929 lub John Zelasko Sr. (734) 671-9366. Dochód przeznaczony na dalszą działalność Tow. #162.

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

MADISON, IL - TOW. #1004 ZPRAKA ZAPRASZA NA FISH FRY & TACOS - w każdy piątkowy wieczór od 14 września do 16 listopada - Polish Hall (Św. Stanisława #1004), 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. W godz. od 17:00 do 20.00 Kanapka z dorsza 4 \$, taco 2 \$. Dostępne są również krewetki, paski z kurczaka, krążki cebulowe, frytki, sałatka z kapusty i napoje. Na miejscu lub na wynos. Śledź wszystkie nasze wydarzenia na Facebooku.com/Polish.Hall.Madison

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych
Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce
ma zaszczyt zaprosić na

47. Bal Kopciuszek i Księżę

sobota, 17 listopada 2018 r.

Koktajle 18:30-19:30 pm

Obiad 19:30

Chateau Del Mar

8301 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL

Bilety \$85.00 od osoby

Rezerwacje będą przyjmowane
do 29 października 2018 r.

Informacje
i rezerwacje:
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SPECJALNY PROGRAM UBEZPIECZENIOWY Z OKAZJI 145-LECIA ZPRKA



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

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

Nie czekaj, skontaktuj się z nami już dziś!

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

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

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Wiek	Mężczyzna	Kobieta
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1	\$22.326	\$25.887
2	\$21.657	\$25.088
3	\$20.979	\$24.294
4	\$20.307	\$23.520
5	\$19.656	\$22.766
6	\$19.026	\$22.034
7	\$18.413	\$21.332
8	\$17.819	\$20.649
9	\$17.243	\$19.987
10	\$16.683	\$19.346
15	\$14.214	\$16.469
20	\$12.264	\$14.058
25	\$10.572	\$11.994
30	\$9.099	\$10.232
35	\$7.793	\$8.735
40	\$6.664	\$7.469
45	\$5.711	\$6.387
50	\$4.906	\$5.473
55	\$4.208	\$4.713
60	\$3.613	\$4.080

W celu wykupienia ubezpieczenia, skontaktuj się z lokalnym przedstawicielem ZPRKA lub biurem głównym: life@prcu.org lub Rafał Ciołkosz, 773-782-2634.

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



Zespół Młoda Polonia na X Jubileuszowym Polonijnym Festiwalu Dziecięcych Zespołów Folklorystycznych w Iwoniczu Zdroju



„Młoda Polonia” gościła w Iwoniczu Zdroju w dniach od 18 do 25 lipca 2018 roku. Festiwal organizowany jest co trzy lata pod patronatem Stowarzyszenia „Wspólnota Polska”, którego prezesem jest Dariusz Bonisławski.

Od pierwszej edycji, dyrektorem organizacyjnym festiwalu jest Mariusz Grudzień. Festiwal organizowany jest również pod patronatem Marszałka Sejmu RP, Marka Kuchcińskiego, Marszałka Senatu RP, Stanisława Karczewskiego, Marszałka Województwa Podkarpackiego, Władysława Ortyka. W skład Komitetu Honorowego wchodzi wielu przedstawicieli Ministerstwa Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego, władz wojewódzkich, władz miasta Rzeszowa, Iwonicza Zdroju, Krosna, przedstawicieli duchowieństwa. Na festiwalu obecne były również wiceprezes Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce Micheline Jamiński oraz była wiceprezes ZPRKA Anna Sokołowska, pełniąca obecnie funkcję Ambasadora Światowych Festiwali Polonijnych.

Na festiwal przybyło 16 zespołów z różnych krajów świata – 8 zespołów z USA, 2 zespoły z Kanady i po jednym zespole z Czech, Litwy, Łotwy, Mołdawii i Ukrainy. Zespoły podzielone były na cztery grupy koncertujące nie tylko w Iwoniczu Zdroju, ale również w wielu okolicznych miejscowościach.

Po wielu próbach, wielkim wysiłku, pełnym zaangażowaniu i ciężkiej pracy, do Iwonicza Zdroju przybyło 24 tancerzy zespołu „Młoda Polonia” z kierownikiem Anną Krysińską, choreografem Jaclyn Krysiński, asystentką Moniką Chyżyńską. Kierownik muzyczny zespołu Mieczysław Dziś nie mógł być osobiście na festiwalu, ale przygotował wokalnie tancerzy i opracował muzykę do układów tanecznych. „Młoda Polonia” została zakwaterowana w położonym na wzgórzu sanatorium „Piast”. Wszystkie dni festiwalowe wypełnione były intensywnym programem – próbami, wyjazdami, koncertami. Festiwal rozpoczął się Mszą św. w kościele parafialnym w Iwoniczu Zdroju. Następnie Orkiestra Dęta OSP Gać poprowadziła uroczysty, barwny korowód ulicami miasta, w którym paradowały wszystkie zespoły oraz organizatorzy festiwalu. Korowód zakończył się na Placu Dietla, gdzie goście festiwalowi powitani zostali przez burmistrza Witolda Kocaja oraz wielu przedstawicieli władz i organizacji. Najmłodszemu uczestnikowi festiwalu przekazany został symboliczny klucz do bram miasta, co oznaczało, że miasto należało teraz do wszystkich gości festiwalowych. Miłym akcentem był występ miejscowego zespołu „Lubatonianie” i powitanie wszystkich tradycyjnie chlebem i solą.

W dniu rozpoczęcia festiwalu odbył się pierwszy koncert „Dziesiąta wędrówka z folklorem”, na którym wszystkie zespoły prezentowały tańce krajów zamieszkania. Nasz zespół zaprezentował dynamiczny taniec kowbojski, długo oklaskiwany przez licznie zgromadzoną widownię. Wieczorem tego samego dnia odbyła się „Dyskoteka pod gwiazdami”, na której wszyscy świetnie się bawili prezentując swoje taneczne umiejętności, tryskając dobrym humorem i wzajemną życzliwością.

21 lipca byliśmy serdecznie witani w gościnnych progach Wielopola Skrzyńskiego. Na scenie miejscowego Domu Kultury „Młoda Polonia” zaprezentowała cały przygotowany na festiwal program – tańce warmińskie,



śląskie, cieszyńskie, taniec kowbojski i pięknego Poloneza. Oklaskom nie było końca. Wzruszona publiczność dziękowała młodym tancerzom owacjami na stojąco, roniąc łzy radości. Po koncercie zaproszono nas na wspaniałą poczęstunek z wyśmienitymi potrawami i domowymi wypiekami. Doszło też do spotkań rodzinnych, na koncercie obecni bowiem byli dziadkowie, ciocie, wujkowie i kuzyni naszych tancerzy. I znów polały się łzy radości. Pełen program festiwalowy tancerze zaprezentowali również w niedzielę, 22 lipca w centrum Iwonicza Zdroju, gdzie zgromadziły się tłumy widzów, wśród których znów obecni byli członkowie rodzin tancerzy, a przekaz na żywo prowadziła telewizja TVP3 Rzeszów. 23 lipca wystąpiliśmy w Krośnie, natomiast 24 lipca każdy z obecnych na festiwalu zespołów zaprezentował jeden taniec w koncercie „Iwoniczka Ballada”. „Młoda Polonia” w perfekcyjnie przygotowanych strojach zatańczyła wiązanek tańców warmińskich. Po koncercie przedstawiciele miasta Iwonicz Zdrój ogłosili zakończenie festiwalu. Po raz ostatni usłyszeliśmy hymn festiwalu „Marsz, marsz Polonia” i dźwięki festiwalowego hejnału. Klucz do bram miasta wrócił do rąk burmistrza Iwonicza Zdroju.

X Jubileuszowy Polonijny Festiwal Dziecięcych Zespołów Folklorystycznych przeszedł do historii, pozostawiając wszystkim tancerzom, dyrekcji zespołu, wspaniałym choreografom i rodzicom obecnym na festiwalu niezapomniane wrażenia, cudowne chwile, wzruszające momenty. Sukces „Młodej Polonii” na festiwalu to zasługa wielu osób i oczywiście intensywnej pracy młodych tancerzy. Serdeczne podziękowania kierujemy do kierownika naszego zespołu, pani Ani Krysińskiej, która z pełnym poświęceniem, troską, serdecznością czuwała organizacyjnie nad wszystkim. Pracująca z pasją, traktująca tancerzy jak jedną rodzinę, dbająca o miłą atmosferę, ciesząca się wielkim autorytetem, profesjonalnie przygotowana choreograf Jaclyn Krysiński dopracowała wszystkie układy taneczne w najmniejszych szczegółach, dlatego z dumą oglądaliśmy zespół w trakcie koncertów. Dyrektor muzyczny Mieczysław Dziś wraz z kapelą zajął się opracowaniami muzycznymi. Dziękujemy rodzicom – pani Edycie Mosz i Agnieszce Woźny, które przygotowały wszystkie dodatki do strojów, przesyływały stroje do ostatniej chwili troszcząc się, aby na scenie tancerze wyglądali pięknie i profesjonalnie. Dziękujemy pani Agacie Zgiet, która zajmowała się wszystkimi sprawami organizacyjnymi przed i w trakcie festiwalu. Dziękujemy wszystkim rodzicom, którzy w jakikolwiek sposób przyczynili się do festiwalowego sukcesu. A wszystko zaczęło się w 1984 roku, kiedy to wybitna choreograf i pedagog, pani Cecylia Rożnowska, kochająca polski folklor i pracę z dziećmi i młodzieżą, założyła zespół „Polonia” działający do dziś pod patronatem Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce. Festiwal w Iwoniczu Zdroju to nie tylko próby i koncerty. To także czas wakacyjnej przygody, spotkań z rodzinami,



obcowania z polską kulturą, upajania się polskimi krajobrazami, smakowania tradycyjnych potraw i doskonalenia sprawności językowych.

Następny festiwal już za trzy lata, po wakacyjnej przerwie rozpoczynamy więc przygotowania do kolejnego wyjazdu.

Małgorzata Kwaśny

Wszystkie grupy taneczne „Polonii” zapraszają w swoje szeregi nowych tancerzy. Informacje można znaleźć na stronie facebook poloniaensemble, www.poloniaensemble.com i dzwoniąc na numer (847) 529-2555.

40. ROCZNICA WYBORU KAROLA WOJTYŁY NA PAPIEŻA



Jan Paweł II w dniu
wyboru

Czterdzieści lat temu, 16 października 1978 roku, Polacy z całego świata radowali się, kiedy świat obiegła wiadomość o wyborze Kardynała Karola Wojtyły na Tron Piotrowy. Wybór pierwszego od 455 lat papieża nie-Włocha, pochodzącego z rządzonego przez komunistów kraju, był wielką niespodzianką. Nikt jednak nie przewidywał, że Karol Wojtyła - Papież Jan Paweł II zostanie uznany jednym z najbardziej wpływowych przywódców XX wieku, a jego pontyfikat przyczyni się do rozpadu Bloku Wschodniego i poprawy relacji Kościoła katolickiego z judaizmem, islamem, Kościołem prawosławnym i Wspólnotą Anglikańską.

Karol Józef Wojtyła urodził się 18 maja 1920 r. w Wadowicach jako najmłodsze dziecko Karola Wojtyły i Emilii z Kaczorowskich. Jego siostra, Olga, zmarła krótko po narodzinach, jego brat, Edmund, który był 13 lat starszy od Karola i był lekarzem, zmarł w 1932 roku. Matka Wojtyły

zmarła w 1929 roku, a ojciec w 1941 r.

Uczęszczał do Państwowego Gimnazjum Męskiego w Wadowicach, które ukończył w 1938 r. Następnie rozpoczął studia polonistyczne na Wydziale Filozoficznym Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego. Po wybuchu II wojny światowej, uniwersytet zamknięto. Wszyscy zdolni do pracy mężczyźni byli skierowani do robót. Aby uniknąć deportacji do Niemiec, Karol Wojtyła pracował m.in. jako robotnik w kamieniołomie i w fabryce chemicznej Solvay.

W 1942 r. postanowił studiować teologię i wstąpił do tajnego Metropolitalnego Seminarium Duchownego w Krakowie. 1 listopada 1946 przyjął święcenia kapłańskie z rąk kard. Adama Stefana Sapiehy. W połowie listopada wyjechał do Rzymu, na studia na Papieskim Międzynarodowym Athenaeum Angelicum, które ukończył w 1948 r. ze stopniem doktora.

W lipcu 1948 r. został skierowany do pracy w parafii Wniebowzięcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny w Niegowici, jako wikariusz i katecheta. W sierpniu 1949 roku został przeniesiony do parafii św. Floriana w Krakowie. 4 lipca 1958 r. został mianowany biskupem tytularnym Ombrii oraz biskupem pomocniczym Krakowa.

W latach 1962-65 aktywnie uczestniczył w obradach II soboru watykańskiego. 13 stycznia 1964 r. Wojtyła został mianowany arcybiskupem metropolitą krakowskim, a 26 czerwca 1967 r. został kardynałem. W latach 1969-1978 był zastępcą przewodniczącego Konferencji Episkopatu Polski.

16 października 1978 r., na zwołanym po śmierci Jana Pawła I drugim konklawe, kard. Karol Wojtyła został wybrany na papieża i przybrał imię Jana Pawła II. Inauguracja pontyfikatu odbyła się na placu św. Piotra 22 października 1978 r.

Zmarł 2 kwietnia 2005 r. Uroczysta msza żałobna odprawiona została 8 kwietnia na Placu św. Piotra w Rzymie. Uczestniczyły w niej delegacje z ponad 150 państw, w tym 4 królów, 5 królowych, co najmniej 70 prezydentów i premierów oraz ponad 14 przywódców innych religii, a także około 4 miliony osób zgromadzonych w Watykanie i okolicach. W ceremonii pogrzebowej uczestniczyły delegacje z ponad 150 państw.

Miesiąc po pogrzebie rozpoczął się proces beatyfikacyjny Jana Pawła II. Proces zakończył się 1 maja 2011. 27 kwietnia 2014 odbyła się wspólna kanonizacja Jana XXIII i Jana Pawła II. Dniem wspomnienia liturgicznego Jana Pawła II jest 22 października – data inauguracji pontyfikatu w 1978.

Podczas swojego pontyfikatu papież Jan Paweł II odwiedził 132 kraje i 900 miast. Przejechał ponad 1 700 000 kilometrów. W podróżach spędził 586 dni. W sumie poza Włochami przebywał prawie 7 proc. pontyfikatu. Odwiedził Polskę 9 razy, USA 7 razy. W czasie swojego pontyfikatu przyjął ponad 1350 polityków i spotkał się z wiernymi na ponad 1161 audiencjach generalnych. Przewodniczył 6 zgromadzeniom generalnym zwyczajnym synodu biskupów, jednemu zgromadzeniu nadzwyczajnemu synodu biskupów, siedmiu zgromadzeniom specjalnym synodu biskupów.

Podczas swojej 27-letniej posługi Jan Paweł II ogłosił 14 encyklik, 14 adhortacji apostolskich, 11 konstytucji apostolskich, 45 listów apostolskich; zwołał dziewięć konsystorzów oraz wygłosił 3288 zaplanowanych przemówień; mianował 232 kardynałów (w tym 10 Polaków); kanonizował 482 świętych (w tym 9 Polaków oraz dwóch świętych związanych z Polską); beatyfikował 1318 błogosławionych (w tym 154 Polaków), wyświęcił 321 biskupów; ochrzcił 687 dzieci oraz 814 dorosłych.

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L-p: Pam Tuytens i Jolanta Zachara, z biura ZPRKA w stoisku Zjednoczenia na Taste of Polonia w Chicago, IL w dniach 31 sierpnia-3 września



L-p: Grace Bazylewski dyżurująca w stoisku Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce z Agatą Wilgocki i Bożeną Matson przy stoisku ZPRKA na festiwalu w Michigan City, IN w dniu 16 września



Uczniowie Polskiej Szkoły im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego na festynie w Michigan City

Walka Polaków o przywrócenie niepodległości – wystawa zdjęć



8 maja 1915 – warszawski chłopiec sprzedający gazety. Na pierwszej stronie tytułu artykułu: „Kapitulacja Warszawy” – mówiący o przejściu Warszawy przez wojska niemieckie z rąk rosyjskich

Fotografie przedstawiają wydarzenia z czasu pierwszej wojny światowej, a dokładnie z lat 1914 do 1917, kiedy to ziemie polskie były polem walki, a jej mieszkańcy doznali wiele trudu i cierpień.

Polska przestała istnieć jako niepodległe państwo w 1795 roku po trzecim, ostatnim rozbiorze, którego dokonały trzy państwa: Rosja, Prusy (Niemcy) oraz Cesarstwo Austriacko-Węgierskie. Od roku 1795 do 1863 podejmowano liczne próby odzyskania niepodległości: utworzenie Księstwa Warszawskiego w 1807 r. za panowania Napoleona Bonapartego, czy utworzenie Polskiego Królestwa Kongresowego po przegranej Bonapartego w 1815 r. Kolejne nieudane próby odzyskania niepodległości to Powstanie Listopadowe w 1830, Wiosna Ludów w 1848 czy Powstanie Styczniowe w 1863 roku. Władze rosyjskie i niemieckie obawiając się kolejnych walk wyzwolńczych, jeszcze bardziej zaostrzały represje wobec Polaków. Ograniczono posługiwanie się językiem polskim. Edukacja nie była powszechnie dostępna, a wykształcenie wyższe mogli zdobywać jedynie ci, którzy w jakiś sposób współpracowali z zaborcami. Polscy chłopcy byli często wyrzucani ze swoich ziem ponieważ przejmowali je możni panowie.



Łódź, 3 maja 1916 r. Posłańcy i weterani Powstania Styczniowego z 1863 r.

Polskości oraz centrum polskiej kultury i sztuki. Mieszkańcy Galicji cieszyli się większymi swobodami niż mieszkańcy pozostałych zaborów.

Kiedy wybuchła pierwsza wojna światowa, wielu ludzi wierzyło, że będzie trwała krótko. Niestety, kilkuletnia wojna stała się jedną z najtragiczniejszych na świecie. W 1916 r. armia rosyjska została pokonana przez Niemcy oraz Austro-Węgry i powoli była wypychana z ziem polskich. Władze niemieckie chcąc przekonać Polaków o ich dobrych intencjach, pozwoliły na pierwsze od 85 lat świętowanie dnia 3 Maja. Odezwy i proklamacje wzywały Polaków do walki z Rosją, ogłaszały amnestię za przestępstwa popełnione wobec armii niemieckiej oraz nawoływały do głosowania w wyborach Rządu Tymczasowego.

I wojna światowa była katalizatorem przemian, które ukształtowały Europę, a w szczególności Polskę. Tragedią Polaków było to, że walczyli oni w armiach trzech zaborców. Polacy pod zaborem niemieckim i austro-węgierskim walczyli przeciwko Polakom, którzy zostali wciągnięci do wojska rosyjskiego. Państwa centralne (Niemcy, Austro-Węgry, Bułgaria i Turcja) obiecywały Polakom wolność języka, święta narodowe oraz utworzenie Królestwa Polskiego, w zmian za wstąpienie do ich wojsk i walkę przeciwko Rosji. Wielu ochotników zaciągnęło się do wojsk państw centralnych, jednakże szybko zorientowano się, że państwo niemieckie niekoniecznie będzie chciało wywiązać się ze zobowiązań. Niemiecki plan „Mitteleuropy” przewidywał znaczną aneksję terytorium Polski, wysiedlenie Polaków oraz Żydów, i zakładanie kolonii niemieckich. Od około 1917 roku, kiedy to Stany Zjednoczone przystąpiły do wojny, a także kiedy w Rosji wybuchła rewolucja, przywódcy polscy na czele z Józefem Piłsudskim zaczęli zdawać sobie sprawę, że Państwa Osi Centralnej nie są dobrym

Począwszy od kwietnia 2018 r., przez kilka miesięcy, w holu budynku Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce oraz Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce można było oglądać tymczasową wystawę ukazującą walkę Polaków o przywrócenie niepodległości. Wystawiane zdjęcia pochodzą z kolekcji Marka Sorbiego - pracownika Zjednoczenia. Nabył on je w 1998 r. na „pchlim targu” w Warszawie, podczas podróży do Polski, zorganizowanej przez Towarzystwo Historii Wojska Polskiego w Ameryce. Ciekawe fotografie opatrzone są opisami, które na prośbę Marka, zostały przetłumaczone przez Annę Grabowską.



Kolejka ludzi czekających aby kupić chleb i mąkę. Rok 1915

Cesarstwo Austriacko-Węgierskie było najbardziej tolerancyjne wobec swoich mieszkańców z powodu wielokulturowości tego zaboru. W 1866 roku Austro-Węgry nadały Polakom mieszkającym w Galicji znaczną autonomię. Kraków stał się symbolem



Łódź, 6 grudnia 1916 r. Odezwa wzywająca rodaków do głosowania na kandydatów do Rady Miejskiej wystawionych przez Polski Komitet Wyborczy.



27 października 1917, powołanie Rady Regencyjnej

politycznego po pierwszej wojnie światowej. Jesienią tego samego roku wszystkie walczące strony zgodziły się zaakceptować pokojowy program nazwany „Czternastoma punktami Wilsona”. Podpisanie układów pokojowych 11 listopada 1918 r. oraz podpisanie „Traktatu wersalskiego” w dniu 28 czerwca 1919 r., urzeczywistniło marzenie wszystkich Polaków na ziemiach polskich oraz za granicą. Tym marzeniem o którym śnili, za które walczyli i na które ciężko pracowali była Niepodległa Polska!

gwarantem niepodległości Polski. W lipcu 1917 r. Piłsudski wraz z żołnierzami Legionów Polskich odmówili złożenia przysięgi na wierność cesarzowi Niemiec Wilhelmowi II. Legioniści, którzy nie złożyli przysięgi, zostali internowani w obozach, a Józef Piłsudski i Kazimierz Sosnkowski zostali aresztowani i uwięzieni w Magdeburgu.

8 stycznia 1918 r. prezydent Stanów Zjednoczonych Woodrow Wilson, w orędziu do Kongresu przedstawił projekt nowego ładu



Warszawa, 3 maja 1919 r. Święto Konstytucji 3-go Maja w Niepodległej Polsce

2. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ SIATKÓWKI ZPRKA 2-3 listopada 2018

2. Krajowy Turniej Siatkówki ZPRKA odbędzie się w piątek i sobotę, 2 i 3 listopada 2018 r. w Warren, MI. Gospodarzem turnieju będzie Tow. Św. Jana Pawła II #1593 ZPRKA. Komitet organizacyjny, któremu przewodniczy Wallace M. Ozog, przygotował następujący harmonogram imprez:

ZAKWATEROWANIE: Holiday Inn & Suites, Warren
30000 Van Dyke Ave., Warren, MI

Rezerwacji można dokonywać dzwoniąc pod numer 586-573-7600 do dnia 21 października 2018 (przy dokonywaniu rezerwacji, prosimy nadmienić [PRCUA Volleyball Tournament](#)). Cena noclegu (za jedną noc): King Standard Room - \$90 plus podatek; 2 Double Standard Room - \$95 plus podatek.

HALA SPORTOWA: Warren Woods Christian School
14000 E. 13 Mile Road, Warren, MI

Informacje o dojeździe będą rozprowadzane w hotelu.

DRUŻYNY I TERMINY ROZGRYWEK:
mieszana (6 na 6) - piątek, 2 listopada
męska-otwarta (6 na 6) - sobota, 3 listopada
żeńska-otwarta (6 na 6) - sobota, 3 listopada

WIECZOREK POWITALNY: piątek, 2 listopada w hotelu w godz. 20:00-22:00.

BANKIET Z ROZDANIEM NAGRÓD:
American-Polish Century Club,
33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI
Bezpośrednio po zakończeniu rozgrywek. Płatny bar.

MSZA ŚW. Kościół pw. Św. Anny, 32000 Mound Rd, Warren, MI
niedziela o godz. 8:45
Po mszy, organizatorzy zapraszają na paczki

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Uwaga: na terenie obiektów sportowych nie wolno spożywać napojów alkoholowych oraz palić wyrobów tytoniowych.

Zapraszamy wszystkich nowych członków ZPRKA do wzięcia udziału w naszych rozgrywkach sportowych. W sprawie dodatkowych pytań prosimy się kontaktować z Departamentem Braterstwa, tel. 773-782-2636 lub Fraternal-Department@prcu.org.

James J. Robaczewski, Prezes
Micheline Jaminski, Wiceprezes
Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Sekretarz-Skarbnik

INAUGURACJA NOWEGO ZARZĄDU I DYREKCJI ZPRKA Msza Św. Jubileuszowa z okazji 145-lecia Zjednoczenia

Chicago, IL - W niedzielę, 9 września 2018 roku odprawiona została w kościele św. Jadwigi w Chicago, IL, uroczysta msza św. inauguracyjna, w czasie której zaprzysiężeni zostali członkowie zarządu i dyrekcji Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, wybrani w czasie 62. Sejmu ZPRKA. Zaprzysiężenia nowej administracji dokonał naczelny kapelan ZPRKA, ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak.

Msza rozpoczęła się procesją do kościoła, prowadzoną przez poczet sztandarowy: Pawła Truchana (D-7), Johna Frankowicza (D-8) i Paula Pawłowskiego (D-9). Za nimi szli „Kopciuszki 2018” Anna Tumiel i „Książę 2018” Xander Burd, a także ubrani w ludowe stroje tancerze z zespołów tańca ludowego sponsorowanych przez ZPRKA: „Wesoły Lud” „Polonia”, „Mała Polska”, „Polanie” i „Południowo Zachodniego Centrum Polskich Tańców”. Następnie w procesji weszli członkowie byłych zarządów i dyrekcji ZPRKA: były prezes Edward G. Dykla i jego żona Loretta, były prezes Wallace M. Ozog i jego żona Joann oraz były prezes Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. i jego żona Judy, a także była wiceprezes Anna Sokołowski i jej mąż Mark; byli dyrektorzy i ich współmałżonkowie. Za nimi weszli nowo wybrani członkowie zarządu i dyrektorzy oraz ich małżonkowie, a także koncelebranci Mszy: kapelan naczelny, ks. kanonik Władysław Ptak, emerytowany zastępca kapelana ks. kanonik.

Anthony Iwuc, promował Zgromadzenia Księży Zmartwychwstańców ks. Eugeniusz Szarek, CR, i proboszcz parafii św. Ferdynanda w Chicago ks. Zdzisław Torba.

Pierwsze czytanie zostało przeczytane po angielsku przez Księcia 2018 Xandra Burda, a drugie czytanie, w jęz. polskim, przez Kopciuszka 2018 Annę Tumiel. Homilia wygłosił ks. Władysław Ptak, a intencje mszalne odczytał dyrektorzy

Julie Prado, menedżer usług członkowskich i Kevin Ryba, dyrektor ds. technologii informatycznych.

Kevin Kucik, mistrz ceremonii i były dyrektor Dystr. #7, przywitał gości i poprosił wszystkich, aby wstali od odśpiewania hymnów narodowych. Hymn Polski zaśpiewał Mateusz Bomba, koordynator Działu braterstwa, który później również śpiewał Hymn Zjednoczenia. Amerykański hymn narodowy został zaśpiewany przez byłego prezesa ZPRKA, Josepha A. Drobota. Modlitwę przed kolacją odmówił ks. Władysław Ptak, a wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński wzniosła uroczysty toast, życząc Zjednoczeniu „Dwieście Lat!”.

Po kolacji, wystąpił z przemówieniem Piotr Semeniuk, wicekonsul RP w Chicago

Następnie odbyła się część artystyczna, w której wystąpiły dwa zespoły ZPRKA z Chicago: „Polonia” (Anna Krysinski, dyrektor, Jacklyn Krysiński, choreograf, Mieczysław), dyrektor muzyczny, Cecylia Roznowska, założycielka, hon. dyrektor artystyczna i choreograf) oraz „Wesoły Lud” (Ryszard Jamiński, dyrektor artystyczny i choreograf, Michael Dziadkowiec, asystent, Micheline I. Jamiński, założycielka, hon. dyrektor artystyczna i choreograf).

Tancerze „Polonii” zaprezentowali swoje talenty w suicie tańców z Warszawy, a „Wesoły Lud” zachwycił publiczność tańcami z regionu Spisza.

Oficjalna część bankietu jubileuszowego zakończyła się przemówieniem prezesa ZPRKA Jamesa J. Robaczewskiego. Błogosławieństwa na zakończenie uroczystości udzielił emerytowany wicekapelan ZPRKA, ks. Anthony D. Iwuc.

Goście bawili się do muzyki w wykonaniu orkiestry Anthony'ego Kawalkowskiego. (Pełne przemówienia wicekonsula Piotra Semeniuka oraz prezesa Jamesa Robaczewskiego oraz więcej zdjęć z uroczystości, zamieszczone są w anglojęzycznej części).



Dary mszalne złożone przez członków zarządu ZPRKA z małżonkami



Księża koncelebranci z obecnymi i byłymi członkami zarządu i dyrekcji ZPRKA i ich małżonkami oraz członkami poczty sztandarowej



Prezes ZPRKA James Robaczewski, Wicekonsul RP w Chicago Piotr Semeniuk, Wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski, Joseph Drobot zaśpiewał hymn amerykański, Mateusz Bomba zaśpiewał Hymn Zjednoczenia



Tańce i przyśpiewki warszawskie w wykonaniu tancerzy Polonii



Wesoły Lud w suicie tańców z regionu Spisza



KANCELARIA PREZIDENTA
RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ

SEKRETARZ STANU
Adam Kwiatkowski

Warszawa, 9 września 2018 roku

Do Organizatorów i Uczestników
Jubileuszowych Obchodów 145. rocznicy
Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce
Chicago, USA

*Droży Rodacy,
Szczególne Państwo,*

w imieniu Prezydenta Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Pana Andrzeja Dudy oraz własnym, składam serdeczne gratulacje z okazji 145. rocznicy powstania Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce.

Przekazuję wyrazy podziękowania dla Zjednoczenia oraz całej wspólnoty polskiej w Stanach Zjednoczonych za pamięć i krzewienie wiedzy o Polsce, pielęgnowanie i trwanie przy tradycji, przywiązanie do chrześcijańskich wartości, zachowanie wiary i polskości, również w czasach, kiedy Polska nie istniała na mapie. Od 145 lat, Wasi przodkowie, a teraz Państwo dajecie wspaniały przykład patriotyzmu. Wyrażam uznanie za Państwa działalność na rzecz upowszechniania kultury polskiej i ochrony polskiego dziedzictwa narodowego oraz za wszystkie inicjatywy organizacji, które przyczyniają się do promowania pozytywnego wizerunku Polski i Polaków w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Cieszę się, że towarzysząc Parze Prezydenckiej, mieliśmy okazję gościć w siedzibie Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, gdzie mogliśmy zapoznać się ze zbiorami o ogromnej wartości dla polskiej historii i kultury, podziwiać salę Ignacego Paderewskiego, fotografie artystów polskich i amerykańskich polskiego pochodzenia oraz eksponaty wystawiane w 1939 roku na Światowej Wystawie w Nowym Jorku.

Z okazji tej szczególnej rocznicy, w imieniu Pana Prezydenta Andrzeja Dudy oraz własnym, składam Państwu życzenia pomyślności oraz sukcesów w życiu osobistym, społecznym oraz w dalszych działaniach na rzecz naszych Rodaków za Oceanem.

2 wyrażam szacunek,

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List gratulacyjny nadesłany do ZPRKA z Kancelarii Prezydenta RP

Dystryktu #8 Elizabeth Dynowski i Myron Cislo. Dary mszalne przynieśli do ołtarza prezes ZPRKA James Robaczewski i jego żona Elaine, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i jej mąż Richard, sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk i jej mąż Daniel.

Przed zakończeniem Mszy św. ks. Ptak dokonał zaprzysiężenia członków zarządu i dyrekcji na lata 2018-2022, którzy zostali wybrani na ostatnim Sejmie ZPRKA. W skład nowego zarządu weszli: prezes James J. Robaczewski, wiceprezes Micheline I. Jamiński, sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk; i dyrektorzy krajowi: Louis J. Perfetto, Jr. (D-2), Patrick C. Kosowski (D-4), Mitchell J. Bienia i Thomas D. Jesionowski (D-5), Andrew T. Lech (D-6), Anna Krysinski (D-7), Myron E. Cisko i Elizabeth D. Dynowski (D-8), Elizabeth A. Sadus (D-9) i Colleen K. Bonkowski oraz Courtney P. Ozog (D-10).

Po mszy odbył się w Gallerii Marchetti w Chicago, IL uroczysty bankiet z okazji obchodzonej w tym roku 145. rocznicy założenia ZPRKA.

Program rozpoczął się uroczystym wprowadzeniem członków zarządu i dyrektorów ZPRKA, których nazwiska wyczytywali



Księża koncelebranci (l-p): ks. Torba, ks. Ptak, ks. Iwuc, ks. Szarek



Dzieci i młodzież ze szkół tańca i języka polskiego ZPRKA