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L-p: Pres. James Robaczewski, Cinderella Klaudia Widur and Prince Charming Aleksander Sacinski, Secy. of State of Poland Adam Kwiatkowski,

phy Easter!

"The Lord has risen from the Dead, as He said; Let us all exult and rejoice, for He reigns for all eternity, Alleluia!"

Entrance Antiphon, Easter Monday

The Lenten Season has come to an end and the joy of Christ's Resurrection brings with it a renewed hope for a wearied world. May the ancient Easter greeting first used by His Disciples "Christ is Risen, truly He is risen, Alleluia," fill our hearts with His love as we share the Blessed Egg and the warmth of our family gatherings this Easter Day.

> A Blessed, Peaceful and Happy Easter! Wesołego Alleluja! Smacznego Jajka!

> > Very Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak National Chaplain

PMA AND PRCUA CELEBRATED CASIMIR PULASKI DAY

Chicago, IL - State of Illinois paid tribute to Casimir Pulaski on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall of the Polish Museum of America. Prominent leaders of the State of Illinois, Cook County, City of Chicago, Chicago Archdiocese, and Polish-American organizations, representatives of the Polish Government and Polish Consulate General in Chicago, and many Polish-Americans participated in the celebration.

Casimir Pulaski (1748-1779) was a Polish-born general who fought for the United States during the American Revolution and is known as the "Father of American Cavalry", and the "Hero of Two Nations." Pulaski died from the wounds he received in the Battle of Savannah.

Casimir Pulaski Day in Illinois was established in 1977. It was formally declared a state holiday on March 3, 1986.

The program began with a welcome by Małgorzata Kot, Managing ector of the PMA, followed by the Presentation of Colors by T. Kościuszko Polish Lancers Society and national anthems sung by Mirosława Sojka-Topór, accompanied by pianist Bartłomiej Ciężobka.

Next, Dir. Kot introduced the Most Reverend Andrew Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, who gave the invocation, and the Masters of Ceremony, James J. Robaczewski, President of the Polish Roman Catholic



VP Micheline Jaminski



Singing of the national anthems

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Owsiany, President of

the PMA, who took

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representing the State

of Illinois; Mayor of

Guest speakers

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Museum of America, and Richard

guest speakers.

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Chicago

Poland in Chicago; Janice Schakowsky, U.S. Representative from Congressional District of IL; Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board; Frank Spula, President of the Polish American Congress and Polish National Alliance; Bogdan Chmielewski, President/CEO of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union; Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County; Andrew

Emanuel; PMA Historian Jan Loryś; Piotr

Janicki, Consul General of the Republic of

Przybylo, Mayor of Niles; Aurelia Pucinski, Appellate Judge of the Illinois First District, 3rd Division; Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County; Ariel Reboyras, Alderman of the 30th Ward; and Scott Swanson, President of PNC Bank in Illinois.

In their speeches, they remarked on Pulaski's heroism and his contributions to American freedom, and remarked about countless contributions Polish-Americans have made to the State of Illinois and the city of Chicago throughout history. Some of the guests urged Polonia to get more involved in political life and participate in the upcoming elections by voting, which is their privilege and civil duty as citizens of

Mayor Emanuel, who will be leaving his office after the runoff

elections that will take place on April 2, 2019, reminded everyone about his continuous efforts to include Poland in the Visa Waiver Program.

President of PAC and PNA Frank Spula reminded

(Cont. on pg. 9)



L-r: Richard Owsiany, Consul General Piotr Janicki, Secretary of State of Republic of Poland, Adam Kwiatkowski, Halina Misterka, Małgorzata Kot, Jan Loryś

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APRIL

- **6** MUNSTER, IN ST. RAPHAEL KALNOWSKI SCHOOL PARENTS' DAY on Sat., April 6. For details contact: Malgorzata Czachor, School Director at masia@mkc.pl.
- 7 WARREN, MI GWIAZDA DANCE SCHOOL 59TH ANNUAL RECITAL on Sun., April 7 at Fitzgerald High School Auditorium, 23200 Ryan Rd., Warren, Ml. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., Recital at 3:00 p.m. For more information contact: panijessica@hotmail.com. See details on pg. 7.
- **TOLEDO, OH ECHOES OF POLAND PIEROGI DOZEN SALE** on Fri., April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. See details on pg. 7.
- 13 ALLEN PARK, MI DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES ROGALIN DANCE TROUPE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE SPECTACULAR on Sat., April 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Allen Park Center for the Arts, 19001 Champaign St., Allen Park, MI. For more information, contact: Lisa Brandt at 734-775-7987 or lisabrandt31@gmail.com. See details on pg. 11.
- 13 LINCOLN PARK, MI TATRY DANCERS 49TH DANCE RECITAL on Sat., April 13 at 3: p.m. at Lincoln Park High School Auditorium, 1701 Champaign, Lincoln Park, Ml. For more information, contact: Rose Ann Lackey, Director at 313-274-0183 or TatrySecretary@outlook.com. See details on pg. 4.
- I4 WARREN, MI HALKA DANCERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL on Sun., April 14 at 3 p.m. at VanDyke Community Auditorium, 22500 Federal, Warren, MI. For more information, contact: PRCUA Halka Director Laura Hejza 586-291-4486. See details on pg. 3.
- 14 PALM SUNDAY
- 15 TAX RETURN FILING DEADLINE
- 17 LANSING, MI WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., April 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, Ml. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.
- 18 HOLY THURSDAY
- 19 GOOD FRIDAY PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- 20 HOLY SATURDAY
- 21 EASTER
- WARREN, MI ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, Ml. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168.
- 23 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 CASINO BUS TRIP TO FIREKEEPER on Tuesday, April 23. \$35 per person. Bus leaves PRCUA #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m.
- **25 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 QUARTER AUCTION** on Thur., April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, Ml. Bring your quarters and get ready for the fun. For more info Contact Nikki at 734-308-6374.
- 26-28 WESTLAND, MI 82ND NATIONAL PRCUA BOWLING TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 on Fri., April 26-Sun., Apr. 28 at Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Rd., Westland, Ml. Additional information: PRCUA Fraternal Department 773-782-2636. See details on pg. 10.
- **27 WYANDOTTE, MI 3RD ANNUAL PRCUA SOC. #162 POLKA BENEFIT DANCE** on Sat., April 27 at Music By Polka Country Musicians and Gerry Kaminski's Polka Network. Admission \$20. NO BYOB. Cash bar. Music from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Additional information: Stas Pasko 734-284-5929 or John Zelasko, Sr., 734-671-9366, See details on pg. 3.
- 28 CHICAGO, IL SOUTHWEST CENTER OF POLISH SONG AND DANCE 34TH ANNUAL RECITAL on Sun., April 28 at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Auditorium, 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago, IL. Doors open at Noon; Showtime 12:30 p.m. \$12 advanced purchase; \$15 at the door. For information or tickets, please call Anna Kraszewski-Winkler, Managing Director at 773-972-0012.

MAY

- 3 POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY
- 4 CHICAGO, IL POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE JOIN PRCUA MARCHING UNITS TO SHOW YOUR POLISH PRIDE!
- **GRAND RAPIDS, MI MALBORK DANCE RECITAL** on Sat., May 4 at West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI. Doors open at 3:30p.m., Recital at 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$5 admission or \$15 for dinner with free admission. Cash bar. Raffle baskets and share the wealth raffles available at door. Additional information at Malborkdancegroup@gmail.com or on Facebook: PRCUA Malbork Dance-Grand Rapids.

II PRCUAJOIN HANDS DAY on Sat., May II at at St. Albertus/St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit, Ml.

12 MOTHER'S DAY (USA)

- MT. PROSPECT, IL POLONIA DANCE ENSEMBLE MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION BANQUET on Sun., May 12 at Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospet, IL. Doors open at 11:30 p.m.; Polonia Ensemble performance at 12:00 p.m.; dinner at 1:00 p.m. Tickets: \$35 adults (cash bar), \$25 youth age 12-21, \$18 under 12. Info and reservations: (847) 529-2555.
- 12 WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST on Sun., May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Eggs, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, fried bologna, biscuits and gravy, toast, muffins and best fruit bar you've seen.
- 15 LANSING, MI WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., May 15 from 5:30 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.
- 18 TOLEDO, OH REVERSE RAFFLE FOR ALL TOLEDO SOCIETIES: 1617, 719, 1584, AND 1633 on Sat., May 18 at the PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit Toledo, OH. Only 125 tickets available. Contact: Vikki Jean Mixon at 419-351-2698. Tickets are also available at the clubhouse. See pg. 11 for more details.
- 18 RIVERVIEW, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 RYDER CUP GOLF Soc. #162 (host Society) versus St. Stan's #718 will be held on Sat., May 18 at Riverview Highlands Golf Course, 15015 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI. Afterglow at #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI.
- 26 MOTHER'S DAY (POLAND)
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- 28 WARREN, MI ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., May 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H. S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, Ml. Contact: Joann Ozog at 586-751-8168

POLISH HALL ANNIVERSARY POLKA DANCE CELEBRATION

Polish Hall, 826 Greenwood St, Madison, IL, will celebrate 102 years of family, friends & community with Polka Dance on Sunday, May 5. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Live music by Dave Hylla & the Good Times Band from 2 to 6 p.m.. Admission charge \$2. Ages 12 & under free. Gołąbki (cabbage rolls), pierogi (filled dumplings), pączki (donuts), chruściki (bow tie cookies), polish sausage sandwiches & drinks on sale (cash).

Follow all our events on Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison.

Monthly Polka Dance

St. Louis Metro Polka Club and PRCUA St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004 invite everyone for Monthly Polka Dances held at Polish Hall, 826 Greenwood St. Madison, IL on the 4th Sunday of every month (except December) from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Admission \$7, Children 12 & under free. Polish sausage sandwiches & drinks are available for purchase.

Apr 28 Eddie Korosa and the Boys from Illinois

May 19 Polka Connection

Jun 23 Butch's Polka Kings

Jul 28 Dave Hylla's Good Times Band Aug 25 Rich Cullen's Dynamic Duo (Hawaiian Attire)

Sep 22 Polka Connection

Oct 27 Larry Haller's Two Star Final

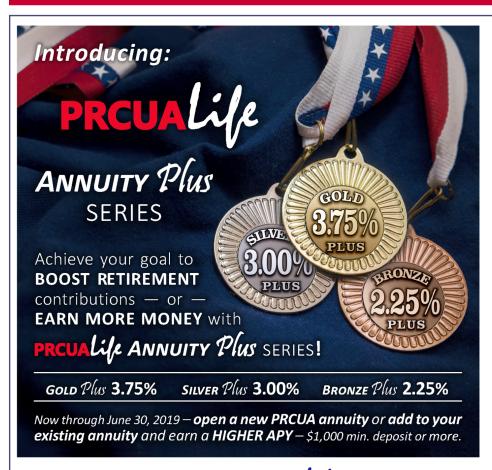
Nov 24 Rich Cullen's Dynamic Duo

To learn more about our friends, the St. Louis Metro Polka Club, visit their website http://folkfire.org/polka/index.html. See all Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004) events on Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison.

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Polka Country Musicians Gerry Kaminski's Polka Network

Admission: \$20

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

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Thank you!

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Kalka Dancers

Polish Folk Dance Ensemble







Sunday, April 14, 2019 3:00 p.m.

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22500 Federal, Warren, MI (located at Lincoln High School – 9 mile 1 block east of VanDyke – Warren, MI)

\$7 donation

For more information and if wanting to attend the 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration immediately after the recital Contact: PRCUA Halka Director - Laura Heiza (586) 291-4486

Calling all alumni - I want to have an alumni dance in the recital. Please call or Halka Facebook me if interested. I would love to have a stage full of alumni this year. Tommy (586) 795-8901









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2019 PRCUA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Bowling Tournament - April 26-28, 2019 - Westland, MI St. Stan's Society #718 - (Jerry Nasiatka)

Golf Tournament - July 20, 2019 - Temperance, MI Soc. #1617 - (Tom Jesionowski, Vikkie Jean Mixon)

<u>Softball Tournament</u> - August 16-17, 2019 - Warren, MI Opole Dance School - (Patricia Johansen)

<u>Volleyball Tournament</u> - November 8-9, 2019 - Romulus, MI Father Al's Society #1493 - (Courtney Ozog)

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1GKO

St. Stan's Society #718 One Game Knockout (1GKO)

Westland., MI – On March 2, 2019, St. Stan's #718 held its 17th Annual Bowling One Game Knockout (1GKO) at Oak Lanes in Westland, MI.

62 men and 25 women participated in the tournament and many other guests joined for d i n n e r afterward. The



Champion: Gary Hamilton, Diane Godin, Kimberly Branch (missing Tony Bagozzi)

tournament and dinner were open to members from all societies as well as family and friends of members. We would like to thank all of those who participated. This year we had one of the largest turnouts ever and had a lot of fun.

The men's fifth and final round had 3 bowlers competing for the championship: Tony Palmer, Gary Hamilton and Tony Bagozzi. Gary Hamilton was the champion with an actual score of 289! He was followed by Tony Bagozzi as the runner-up. The women also had 3 bowlers competing, Diane Godin, Kimberly Branch and Tina Churchvara. Diane Godin took the title followed by Kimberly Branch who had a roll-off for second place against Tina Churchvara.

In addition to the bracket play there was a chance for someone to win a "Blackjack (21 Pin)" challenge. Each participant was given the chance to knock down exactly 21 pins in 3 balls. Every bowler, except those in the championship round, was able to attempt a "Blackjack". 10 bowlers who hit 21 participated in a roll off for the winnings. Cindy Stempien was the only bowler to get a Strike to win. A big thank you to Ultra Aluminum for sponsoring the "Blackjack" challenge.

Thanks go out to Ron Bak, Barbara Bak, Renee Szelag, Rob Szelag, Donna Gdowski, Tina Bak and Frank Nasiatka, for handling the jackpots, 50/50 raffles, Lucky Strike, and "Blackjack", but mostly for their help in keeping the day running smoothly. Also, thank you to those volunteers who jumped in and helped with the scoring in "Blackjack".

We hope to see everyone again next year. Remember that ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS are invited as well, so spread the word that a great time was had by all!

Ed & Janet Rys



A number of 1GKO previous winners (front to back): Ben Kolano, Colleen Brumo, Janet Palmer, Moe Gauvin, Gary Hamilton, Jon Hamilton, Diane Godin, Jeff Levangie, Sandy Partyka, Barb Ozog, Cindy Cooper, Randy Landfair, Frank Nasiatka (representing other previous winners)

Gwiazda Dancers Late February and Early March Happenings

Members, families, and friends of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers ended February elegantly as they attended the 28th Annual Shirley Ann Galanty PRCUA Michigan State Ball. This year's event was celebrated on February 23, 2019 at the San Marino Club in Troy, MI. This event is open to graduating seniors from PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools who meet certain requirements. This year Gwiazda had two of its 2019 graduates, Kennedy Babicz and Max Chabowski participate in the Ball. In addition to two graduates, current Gwiazda dancer Mikołaj Sobiesiuk was an escort for the event. The event was attended by numerous past and present PRCUA national officers along with national directors (past and present) as well as the directors and choreographers of the PRCUA Michigan dance schools. Following dinner, the graduates and their escorts presented a series of dances choreographed by Kelly Malinowski. After the dances were completed, each graduate was presented to Polonia and received a medal along with a parental blessing. After the evening's formal program concluded, graduates and guests enjoyed dancing to the Duane Malinowski Orchestra.

W marcu jak w garncu. The saying has certainly held true for how the Gwiazda Dancers' March 2019 kicked off. The ensemble kicked off March with 3 performances in 3 days.

On Friday, March 1, 2019, the group performed in Royal Oak Michigan at Keller Elementary School's International Food & Fun Fest & Silent Auction. The group presented a medley of dances including a *polka*, *oberek* and the *Krakowiak*.

On Saturday, March 2, the group performed in Hamtramck, MI as part of the City of Hamtramck's Count Down to Paczki Day celebrations. The event included several circus style tents and served as the welcome back/reward for runners returning

from the annual Paczki Run, a 5K which makes its way through the streets of Hamtramck. This year racers in the Paczki Run included Michigan's governor and lieutenant governor. Sadly, the business of governing called and they didn't get to see Gwiazda's performance. However, Hamtramck's mayor, Dr. Karen Majewski, was on hand to take in the performance. Gwiazda provided an all polka performance which was then followed up with open dancing to the sounds of the Misty Blues Polka Band.

Capping off Gwiazda's weekend run was a performance on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at St. Michael the Archangel – Russian Orthodox Church in Redford, Michigan. For its performance, Gwiazda presented a

medley of dances including a *polka*, *oberek* and the *Krakowiak*. After its performance, Gwiazda's choreographer, Basia Nowakowski, gave a crash course to the audience on dancing the *Polonez*. Following the instruction, the audience members had the opportunity to participate.

On Friday, March 8, 2019, parents and friends of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers headed to Eastern Market in Detroit, MI to participate in the Empty Bowls Fundraiser which provides money to Cass Community Services. In January 2019, Gwiazda students and parents received a tour of Cass Community Services and each painted an "empty bowl." At the event, "empty bowls" painted by numerous individuals (including Gwiazda students, parents, and some by local celebrities) were available for selection, and in some cases purchased by event attendees. In addition to the "empty bowls," the event featured soups from various metro-Detroit establishments dished out by metro-area local celebrities, desserts and other entertainment. It was a great night for a great cause.

On Saturday, March 9, the Gwiazda Dancers participated in the 14th

Annual Polish Folk Dance Festival held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI. Gwiazda and the PRCUA Halka Dancers were the two dance groups representing the PRCUA. For its presentation, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak. In addition to Gwiazda's dancing, Tom Osentoski, the parent of one of Gwiazda's 2019 graduates, Marianna Osentoski, gave a presentation and demonstration about the *dudy* (Polish bagpipes).

Since its debut tweet on February 2, 2019, the group has been actively tweeting and building its Twitter following. We hope you'll consider following us @PRCUA Gwiazda.

The Gwiazda Dancers have several performances and appearances scheduled for the latter half of March. They also continue to busily prepare for their annual spring recital in April, 2019.

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



Gwiazda Dancers at 2019 Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball (I-r): Jessica Wendt (Gwiazda Director), Mikolaj Sobiesiuk (escort), Kennedy Babicz (2019 graduate), Max Chabowski (2019 graduate), and Basia Nowakowski (Gwiazda Choreographer)



Dancers perform at Keller Elementary School



Gwiazda under the tent at Hamtramck's Count Down to Paczki
Day Celebration



Dancers at St. Michael the Archangel



Gwiazda Dancers' parents and friends at Empty Bowls Detroit fundraising event

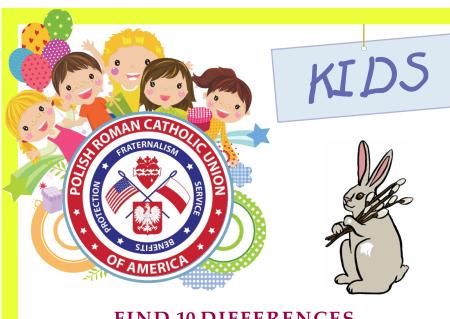


Empty Bowls Detroit fundraising event



Gwiazda performs at annual Polish Folk Festival in Troy, Mi

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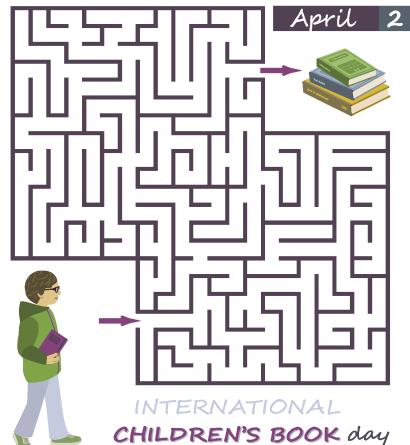


FIND 10 DIFFERENCES



FIND THE WAY

Help the boy in the picture find the right way to get more books.



Since 1967, International Children's Book Day is celebrated every April 2nd, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. The date was chosen to commemorate the birthday of Hans Christian Andersen, the author of many famous children's stories.



COLOR THE PICTURE



ENGLISH-POLISH EASTER CROSSWORD



Across (English): 4. First month of spring; 6. Son of God; 7. Easter praise word; 10. Rising from the dead; 12. They can be boiled or scrambled; 14. Used to color pisanki; 16. A bean-shaped gelatin-like candy (two words); 20. The period of the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter; 22. Good ..., the day before Holy Saturday; 23. They chime on the church tower; 26. Holiday celebrating the Resurrection of Christ; 30. Deliverance from the power and effects of sin; 31. Easter - marching down the street; 32. Colorful spring flowers; 33. Celebrated one week before Easter (two words).

Down (Polish): 1. Gorzkie ... (lamentations sung during Lent); 2. Wielki the day the Paschal Triduum begins; 3. Apostle who betrayed Jesus; 4. Flat Easter cake baked in Poland; 5. Śmigus-....; 8. Crucifixion; 9. Custom, ritual; 11. Easter is always celebrated on this day of the week; 13. ... święcona, sprinkled on the święconka; 15. Easter basket; 17. Lamb; 18. Twelve disciples of Christ; 19. Colored Easter egg; 21. Lent (two words); 23. Easter yeast cake; 24. White Easter flowers; 25. Spring; 27. Cheesecake; 28. A hill where Jesus was crucified; 29. Branches blessed in Church one week before Easter; 34. Traditional Polish Easter soup. Answers on page 13

Reverend Canon Anthony D. Iwuc Celebrated His 91st Birthday

Reverend Anthony Dominic Iwuc offered a Mass of Thanksgiving on his 91st birthday on February 25, 2019 at St. Adalbert Church in Providence, RI. Concelebrants were Rev. Iwuc, Rev. Leon Kachel, Rev. Nicholas Smith and Rev. Marek Kupka. Rev. Smith delivered the homily, ending with the poem: "The Beautiful Hands of a Priest". Father Anthony wore the special vestment designed for him for his Silver Anniversary of the Priesthood in 1978. The blue velvet insert on the blue satin brocade chasuble featured a beautiful image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Communion meditation was the version of



Ave Maria by Maria Parkinson. The organist was Richard Zalewski. Despite threatening weather, family and friends made their way to pray and sing, in celebration.

Following the Mass, all were invited to a special birthday luncheon at the Royal Buffet in Cranston, RI. The luncheon gathering was graced with the presence of His Excellency, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Providence, Louis E. Gelineau. Of the 10 children born of +Bronislaw and +Adolfina (Zamoida) Iwuc, Father enjoyed the company of his last living siblings - his older brother, Charles and his younger brother, Stephen. Among all the guests, fellow clergy and Father Iwuc's nephews, James Iwuc (Father's birthday buddy) and Doctor John Iwuc also were able to attend. New memories were made for all.

STO LAT!, Father Iwuc – 9 TO GO!!!!!

Homily on the occasion of Reverend Anthony D. Iwuc 91st Birthday

Delivered by Reverend Nicholas P. Smith

Some of you who are Father Tony's relatives, or friends of long standing, may be surprised that the priest he chose to speak at his birthday celebration Liturgy today doesn't have a Polish accent. More of a brogue, in fact!

But if you know anything about the history of nations, you definitely know that the Polish and the Irish have a lot in common.

- Large families, for example! Tony is one of 10 children. So am I.
- Both countries have known turmoil and trial for trying to be faithful to their culture and traditions.
- And both have been known for the depth of their Catholicism, in the face of opposition and persecution and suppression.

So I am honored to stand with your man today, as we salute him for who he is and what his life means to us all.

Now, we're actually going against the grain here! In an America that practically canonizes youth - being young, acting young, looking young - Tony is celebrating his 91st birthday! For many, the very idea of getting old is a frightening thought. But at least if you are 91 and married, you could fill up the church seats with your own...children, grandchildren, great grandchildren...your own flesh and blood...people who resemble you and love you and will carry on your name!

Not so the priest. What does he show for his 91 years of life, 66 of them in the priesthood? The cynic and the sarcastic would say 'nothing'! A wasted life! Useless! The believer says that the priest's family breaks all barriers of kin and lineage! He belongs to all and yet belongs

So growing old is tough for everyone in the eyes of the world, but especially priests and those in religious life.

Now contrast that with God's word and God's dream for us all as we get older. Ronald Rolheiser, a great Catholic writer of our day, calls life "The Unfinished Symphony". It's an endless pilgrimage. We never quite have it made. Perfection - certainly for the priest - is to live in conformity with the humanness of Jesus.

And that's a ceaseless process – never achieved here below. What that means is that if you've given your life to Christ - and Tony has - you never really grow old. You're always - you never stop – growing. The key for the priest – the challenge – is to grow with grace.

And Tony has done that! When this man was ordained a priest in 1953, like law and medicine, priesthood had status!

Catholics tipped their hats to a priest if they met on the street.

People came to their priest with problems to be solved and solutions were given . . . clearly, objectively, and with authority.

Back then, the priesthood may not have been paradise, but it was filled with stability and security. You could commit yourself to a celibate life, and be respected for it.

In the more than 60 years that have brought us to 2019, a new world has been born! A new man! A new woman! And we've all been changed! We've been changed by assassinations...Vietnam...Vatican II by unrest...rebellions...terrorist attacks. Institutions, lifestyles, values that had never before been questioned, have, in that time, been put under the microscope.

And the priesthood wasn't spared! Many friends left the active ministry. Vocations plummeted. The sad and sinful acts of a small number have cast a long shadow. So priesthood doesn't seem nearly as attractive to young Catholics now. This is indeed part of the pain of the

The priesthood then has changed, and yet ironically, it remains the same. Its purpose is still to bring people to God...prepare people to meet God. The priest's life is still centered around the incredible mystery of God's love...and God's call to be another Christ, his instrument, his spokesman, his voice!

Tony Iwuc has done that in style, and has been an inspiration in his priestly life...not only to the countless lay people he served, but to his brother priests...including this one... who have looked to him for example and inspiration.

So we include in our thanks today Tony's parents, +Bronislaw and +Adolfina who, with much sacrifice and deep faith, proudly gave their son to the Church.

We thank your remaining brothers, Charles and Stephen (and their families) whose presence help you never forget your heritage and origin and roots.

But your call continues, Tony, . . and is summed up well in a poem I like, called "The Beautiful Hands of a Priest". It goes like this:

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close; We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them while tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne Are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands alone.

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and sin It's the hands of priest that will absolve us not once, but again and again;

And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress; What can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee to bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased. By seeing raised over us in blessing the beautiful hands of a priest!

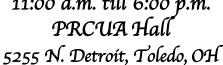


Fr. Iwuc, may God bless you in a special way, for the love and concern with which you minister to all those entrusted to your care.



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The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski Vice President ~ Wiceprezeska

April marches in and with it, the hope of Easter and expectations of the spring season in the northern hemisphere. Named after the Greek goddess Aphrodite, the fourth month of the Gregorian calendar "opens" our hearts to the beauty of nature with its budding flowers and trees. Although the weather has tricked us at times, the sun's warmth and glow affirms the promise of longer days beckoning us to enjoy the outside and renew the spirit within. In addition to Easter with your family and friends, I invite to review the upcoming events of our PRCUA friends and participate in those events in your area, as there will be celebrations of the Golden Anniversary recitals of the Rogalin Dance Troupe (Wyandotte, MI) and Halka Dancers (Warren, MI), the annual Spring Recitals of our PRCUA Dance Schools, the 82nd National PRCUA Bowling Tournament (Westland, MI), and let us not forget – Tax Day (April 15th). Speaking of which, don't forget to make your contribution to your IRA - workers 50 and older can save as much as \$6,500; those under 50 - \$5,500. PRCUALife agents are ready, willing, and able to serve you with the PRCUALife Annuity programs including the Annuity Plus series. Read all about it on page 3 of this issue of the Naród Polski.

As usual, there is much to report from the last month. March began with a visit to the Home Office (during a tour of the Polish Museum) by a member of the Polish Parliament, Zbigniew Grygas, accompanied by the Consul of Poland in Chicago, Piotr Semeniuk. President Robaczewski and I had the pleasure of a short meet-and-greet with our guests in the historic PRCUA Boardroom.

On March 2, Thomas Frankowicz, son of Barbara and John Frankowicz (lifelong and active PRCUA members) married the beautiful Jennifer Schultz at

the Adult Culture Group of PRCUA. We wish the newlyweds a lifetime of love, happiness, good fortune and health!

Director Lech with his with family at the Polish Festival in Arizona

Sacred Heart Church in Chicago Ridge, IL. The reception at Camelot Banquets was another Wesoły Lud reunion as Tom is an alumnus of the dance company. I met the

L-r: Consul Semeniuk, Zbigniew Grygas, Pres. Robaczewski, VP Jaminski Frankowicz family when I founded the Southwest Center of Polish Dancing in 1985. Barbara, a licensed fraternal agent, at one time served as a School Director/PRCUA liaison for FHM Youth Dancers, SWCPD, and Maria Konopnicka Polish School. John Frankowicz also served the Konopnicka School and is currently the Vice President of

In Phoenix, Arizona, Director D-6 Andrew Lech, his wife Patty and daughter Adeline manned the PRCUA booth at the Polish Festival on the grounds of Our Lady of Częstochowa Parish on March 2nd and 3rd. It was the first time PRCUA was represented at this event and we encourage active participation of the many PRCUA members who live in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lech family as well as the coordinators of the Festival - Mrs. Eva Crispo and Mrs. Sylvia Gladkowski - for assisting Marketing Director Ela Sawczuk to make this happen. Remember — PRCUA is everywhere you are!

The Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA presented "The Greatest Fashion Show" at Camelot Banquets, Hickory Hills, IL on Sunday, March 3. There were 19 acts presenting fashions from 13 vendors modeled by the Royal Couple and candidates from the recent Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball, their parents, grandparents, siblings and members of the Adult Culture Group. Ringmaster Andrzej Sacinski and Wieslawa Wildhirt were the commentators. D-8 Director Elizabeth Dynowski was the Chairperson and Choreographer of this 44th Fashion Show. Representing the PRCUA was President Robaczewski, Sec-Treas.

Bastrzyk, Directors Myron Cislo (D-8), Joanna E. Cholewinski (D-7) and Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), Director of Marketing Elżbieta Sawczuk and her associates Artur Stanisz and Agata Wilgocki. Bravo to the models and the members of the Adult Culture Group with President Edward Muszalski at the helm. Thank you to the 350+ attendees. An article in the upcoming Naród will highlight all the details and photos of this successful event, but in the meantime, you can check out the entire show on the PRCUA YouTube channel and on our Facebook page.

Meanwhile, Richard and I celebrated our granddaughter Ariana's 3rd Birthday - Minnie Mouse Style! Where did the last three years go?! Happy Birthday Ariana! Sto Lat! While I am on the birthday bandwagon best wishes to all who celebrated their birthdays in March, especially Tom Jesionowski (D-5 Director), Jessica Wendt and Basia Nowakowski (the dynamic duo of the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers), my niece Kayla and my brother-in-law Jacek. Since we are in April - happy birthday to Sec-Treas. Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Dir. of Sales Robert Fattore, IT Director Kevin Ryba, my BFF Teresa and her daughter Monica, Maggie Panozzo, Marcia Pilkiewicz, my daughter Alina Bencik-Pearson and her husband Benjamin, and anyone else whose birthday is in April! Sto Lat to all!



Ariana in her **Minie Mouse**

outfit The Polish Museum of America celebrated Casimir Pulaski's birthday on March 4th with many dignitaries from local and Polish government as well as Chicago's Polonia. The annual program was emceed this year by PRCUA President and Chairman of the PMA Board of Directors James Robaczewski and President of the PMA Richard Owsiany. There were many guest speakers including the Secretary of State of Poland, Adam Kwiatkowski; the Consul General of Poland, Piotr Janicki; the Honorable Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago; Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs (who even spoke in Polish!); Cook County Board President and Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle, and the Honorable Aurelia Pucinski, Judge of the Illinois First District Appellate Court. Judge Pucinski impressed those present, and especially yours truly, with her speech encouraging Polish Americans to stand up and be counted in the political arena as candidates and voters. During the festivities, Poland's Secretary of State presented the Gold Cross of Merit to PMA President Owsiany, Managing Director of the PMA Małgorzata Kot, and Curator Jan Lorys; Archivist Halina Misterka was bestowed the Silver Cross of Merit. These honors are given at the request of the President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda, for outstanding contribution for Poland and its people. With the support of PRCUA and PMA volunteers, the annual celebration was a resounding success. I was very excited to meet firsthand fellow Chicago southsider and author Dominic Pacyga, a well-known authority of the Poles in Chicago. I'm looking forward to the release of his new book, "American Warsaw: The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of Polish Chicago," scheduled for release in October of 2019. For complete details and photos, please see pages 1 and 9.

Later that same evening, the PAC-IL Division hosted its Pulaski Day Celebration at Lone Tree Manor, Niles, IL. Representing the PRCUA was President Robaczewski and my husband, Richard, accompanied me. Congratulations go to PAC-IL President Mirek Niedzinski and his committee, which included Joanna Ewa Cholewinski, D-7 Director (who also serves as PAC-IL Treasurer), on a successful event.

On Ash Wednesday (March 6), Father Andrzej Totzke, SChr and Director of the Polish Mission of Holy Trinity Parish in Chicago, administered ashes to the PRCUA and PMA employees in the gathering space of the PRCUA Home Office. With readings and prayers in Polish and English, we marked the beginning of Lent with abstinence and repentance.

The newly selected PRCUA Budget and Grievance Committee met for the first time at the Home Office during the Quarterly Board Meeting of the PRCUA Board of Directors (March 7-9). This was an orientation for the former and continuing education for the latter, as the direction for continued success of PRCUA is in their hands

The Zajączek Polish Dancers held their 14th Dance Recital at Warren Woods Auditorium (March 9) at Warren Woods Auditorium, Warren, MI. School Director Colleen Bonkowski (also National Director D-10) and teachers Tricia Dennis and Rachel Kasperek and a cast of 100+ dancers are to be applauded for another

successful school year. Thanks to the parents, family and friends for their continued support. See page 12 for complete details and photos.

Another successful Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon (March 10) was hosted by District 7. President Mateusz Bomba, Vice President Pawel Truchan, Secretary Tomek Tarnowski and Treasurer Kevin Kucik, with the assistance of Nicole Romek and Lidia Ramotowski, provided an afternoon of delicious food and entertainment. The selection of Lad and Lassie brought much joy and laughter to the winners, Wojtek Widur and Krystyna Pietura, as well as to the winners of the

money raffle. Great job, District 7! Details and photos of this event will be in the next issue of the Naród Polski.

March 13-15 found the PRCUA Executive Officers in Nashville, Tennessee, attending the AQS Insurance Symposium.

The invitation was also extended to three of our Directors as well: Mitchell Bienia (D-3), Joanna Cholewinski (D-7), and Myron Cislo (D-8). An informative series of speakers included the Tennessee Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, Julie Mix McPeak. We thank our hosts, Larry and Byron White, for their hospitality and the opportunity to meet with other like-minded business people. And thank you, Mitch Bienia, for taking us to the Parthenon – an authentic replica of the one in Greece, which was built in 1897 as part of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Long before

its Parthenon was built, Nashville was referred to as the "Athens of the South" because of the city's focus on higher education.

Then it was on to Warren, MI, for the 85th NATIONAL PRCUA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT hosted by St. Rita Society #1368 and chaired by Jerry Lubiarz. The Executive Officers were greeted with welcome baskets as we arrived at the hotel (thank you, Jerry!). The hospitality room was warm and inviting with plenty of food and beverages to offset the rather cool, damp weather. On Saturday, 11 men's, 6 women's and 4 Men's 50+ teams played at



Nashville rooftop reception

Warren Parks & Recreation gymnasiums beginning at 8 a.m. and ending around 4:30 p.m. PRCUA President Robaczewski took center court for the ceremonial toss. Jerry Lubiarz has a great article for you with "all the bells and whistles" that will be published in the May issue of the Naród Polski, but in the meantime - to minimize the suspense - the winners of the Men's Open A Division: St. Stan's YMS (MVP -Ewen Stevens): Men's Open B Division: St. Rita's East (MVP - Ryan Speiser): Women's 3 v 3: St. Stan's #718 (MVP - Molly Knoph-Stephens); and Men's 50+ 3 v 3: 718 Team Sequin (MVP - Paul Mardeusz). Congratulations to all the players, the Hosting Committee, scorekeepers, referees and Fraternal Department Coordinator Mateusz Bomba for a job well done! And to the spectators, thanks for coming and keeping it positive!

As Sec-Treas. Agnieszka Bastrzyk and I continued to enjoy the PRCUA Basketball Tournament, President



and Coach Jennifer Knoph **Basketball ceremonial toss** from Soc. #718

and Red Ball sponsored by the Legion of Young Polish Women at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago. Accompanied by his wife, Elaine, the two enjoyed the company of many friends of Polonia. Congratulations to the Legion's President,

Barbara Ciepiela, and



Pietura and Lad Wojtek Widur



Nashville Parthenon

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PRCUA Officers, Directors and Basketball Committee

the entire committee, as well as to the lovely Debutantes, including one of our PRCUA members and Polonia Ensemble dancer, Julia Walczak.

It is customary to celebrate St. Joseph's Table at PRCUA and this year was no exception. The luncheon was preceded by a visit to the PRCUA Home Office by the Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Częstochowa, Poland, Antoni Długosz and Father Totzke on their way to the Paderewski room and PMA. The Executive Officers welcomed the opportunity to boast of the rich history of our organization, its building, the boardroom and the office that resembles a bank.

My Chief-of-Staff Conrad Więcek did an excellent job preparing the Social Hall and ordering the delicious feast. He was assisted by Executive Assistants, Anna Grabowski and Mary Jane Robles. Father Mariusz Lis, SChr, visiting from Rzeszów and assisting at the Holy Trinity Polish Mission, blessed our table and those

present, and came away with a better understanding about PRCUA and its relationship with the PMA. As Managing Director Malgorzata Kot explained, the PRCUA is to the PMA what St. Joseph was to Jesus - a loving parent who cares for its child.

On March 23, President Robaczewski attended the Orchard Lake 46th Annual Ambassadors Ball in Birmingham, MI. Also in attendance were PRCUA President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife Joann and PRCUA Vice President Emeritus Robert Bielenda and his wife, Eleanor. The PRCUA was listed as an Extraordinary Ambassador of the Orchard Lake Schools, a

designation granted to members who have, through the years, contributed a total of \$20,000 or more to the Ambassadors Fund.

The Opole Dancers of PRCUA held their annual Recital on March 23 at the Lincoln High School Auditorium in Warren, MI. Bravo to

Choreographer/Dance Instructor Donna Skurski and School Director Elizabeth Thacker, as well as to all the dancers and backstage assistants for another successful performance, and thank you to the parents, families and friends who support Opole. I understand that there will be a command performance by Opole at Polish Heritage Night with the Red Wings vs. New Jersey Devils on March 29th. We look forward to your Facebook posts and article in the next issue of the Narod Polski.

March 23 was indeed a busy evening. Our PRCUA member, Kamila Bochenek, deserves a big round of applause for her efforts during this year's Queen of May 3rd Parade Pageant, organized by the Alliance of Polish Clubs and the Parade Committee! Congratulations on representing the young Polish-American



Orchard Lake Ambassador Ball

Women's History Month celebration

Pres. Robaczewski at ribbon-cutting

community and PRCUA's "Polonia" Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble with such poise and elegance! Kamila was one of 10 candidates vying for the title of Parade Queen — she presented a folk dance from Lublin and a cowboy dance for the talent portion of the pageant. Her outstanding performance showed how valuable it is to be a PRCUA member and to preserve our Polish heritage!

Queen of May 3rd **Parade Pageant Emcees**

Queen of May 3rd Parade Pageant (I-r) J. Cholewinski, K. Bochenek,

E. Sawczuk

Julia Walczak

PRCUA supported this event with a sponsor ad in the event book and by the participation of PRCUA Marketing Director Elżbieta Sawczuk as Emcee of the evening, which she co-hosted with Lukasz Dudka, General Manager of the Dziennik Związkowy (Polish Daily News). Here's to the unity between organizations, which highlights this year's parade motto: "Strength in Unity -

Polonia Strong!" Also at the event was D-7 Director and PAC-IL Treasurer Joanna Ewa Cholewinski. Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs hosted a Women's History Month celebration on March 26, 2019 at

the James R. Thompson Center honoring Outstanding Women in the following categories: in Business, Community Service, Education, Workforce and Labor, Leadership and as an Elected Official. The latter is a pillar of the Polish

American Community in Chicago and PRCUA member, Judge Aurelia Pucinski from the Illinois Appellate Court. The Executive Officers attended the celebration together with PAC-IL Treasurer and PRCUA Director D-7 Joanna

E. Cholewinski who presented Judge Pucinski with a bouquet of flowers from the Polish American Congress-Illinois Division. Following was an international buffet of delicacies provided by many local restaurants. Thank you, Treasurer Frerichs and your assistants, including our friends from Polonia, Barbara Chałko and Daniel Pogorzelski.

Following the Celebration of Women's History Month, Illinois Treasurer Frerichs hosted the grand opening of an exhibition titled "The United States of America in Polish Historiography and Periodicals." The event was organized by The Alliance of Polish Clubs and co-sponsored by PRCUA. President James Robaczewski participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Since this issue goes to print before the events of the last day of March, you will have to wait until the May issue to "read all about" the District 8 Święconka held at Candlelight Banquets, Chicago Ridge, IL and the Blessing of the Polish Dance Schools, Detroit, MI.

Condolences to PRCUA Director Colleen Bonkowski (D-10) and her family on the passing of her mother, Beverly Herig, age 88, on March 19, 2019. Beverly was honorably discharged as a Private from the Marines during the Korean War. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Austin, and two grandsons, Brent and Sean Bonkowski. Beverly is survived by 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. In a private ceremony, Beverly was honored by the Marines and Army Section 154. Taps played and Colleen was presented the Marine's flag and



Beverly

Herig (top) and her platoon (I)

the bullet shells after Beverly was honored with a 21-gun

ceremony at Thompson Center salute. On behalf of all the members of PRCUA and all Americans, thank you, Beverly, for your service! "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Polish tradition of the "Swięconka" (the blessing of the Easter baskets) is a mainstay in our family as it is in many Polish and Polish-American homes. My mother-in-law, Maria Jamińska, who resides in Poland, visited us often. One such occasion was for Easter. The year of her visit, I prepared my basket for blessing as I did every year and as we were leaving our house, she stopped, looked at the basket, and

asked us to take a photo - not of us just to document the moment, but of the basket and its contents to show her mother. Of course I obliged, but when asked for a specific reason, she responded that in Poland, the "new" tradition is to make a symbolic Easter basket - one egg, a slice of bread, a piece of sausage and ham, a little container of horseradish and butter, even a piece or small babka. At breakfast on Easter morning, everyone had a "taste" of the blessed contents. I informed her that in my family, you took the entire breakfast with you to be blessed and you partook of nothing not blessed at our Świeconka. She laughed as I carried my 20+ pound basket to Church. Thankfully, others did the same at our Church. Once I was in Poland for Easter and went with my mother-in-law to bless her basket (1/4 the size of mine with symbolic portions of food)

and sure enough, the Church was full of "mini" Święconka baskets. During this same visit, there was a radio commentary about how the tradition began and I learned that originally, priests would visit the homes to bless the food. Eventually, there were too many homes to visit, so the priests invited them to God's home. As to the contents, I found this in Wikipedia: "Older generations of Polish Americans, descended from early 19th century immigrants, tend to bless whole meal quantities, often brought to church halls or cafeterias in large hampers and picnic baskets." I carried on the tradition of my family and my sister and I passed this down to our daughters.

I hope your Easter is a spiritual, happy, and plentiful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus in the company of your family and friends! Wesołego Alleluja, Smacznego jajka i mokrego Dyngusa!



PULASKI DAY

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everyone of a e anniversaries that will be celebrated in 2019: the 400th anniversary of the first strike of Polish craftsmen in Jamestown settlement, 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Polish American Congress, the 20th anniversary Poland's of admission to NATO, and

others.

Aurelia Pucinski's speech was awarded with a standing ovation. J u d g e Pucinski emphasized that 1 in 7 people Illinois and 1 in 10 people in Chicago have Polish roots. She t h e n challenged the politicians present at the celebration, to do more for Polonia and to hire more qualified Polish-



Mavor Rahm Emanuel



State Treasurer Michael Frerichs



Judge Aurelia **Pucinski**



County Board Pres. Toni Preckwinkle



Wreath laying ceremony (I-r): T. Kościuszko Polish Lancers, Consul Piotr Janicki, Secretary of State of Republic of Poland Adam Kwiatkowski



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Americans in their offices.

A special guest of this year's celebration, Adam Kwiatkowski, Poland's Secretary of State, conveyed a message from the President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda. In his letter, President Duda recalled his visit to the Polish Museum of America and expressed his gratitude to the management of the PMA and PRCUA, and remarked on the relationship and cooperation which connects Poland and the United States of America for over two centuries.

PMA President Richard Owsiany and three PMA employees were decorated with the Orders of Merit of the Republic of Poland. Pres. Richard Owsiany, Managing Director Małgorzata Kot, and Historian Jan Loryś were awarded the Officer's Crosses of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, and Archivist Halina Misterka was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. Nominations were read by Małgorzata Bak-Guzik, Deputy Consul General, and presented by Adam Kwiatkowski, Poland's Secretary of State, Piotr Janicki, Consul General, and Piotr Semeniuk,

The program continued with the wreath laying ceremony before the 1932 painting "General Pulaski at Savannah" by Stefan Batowski. The first wreath was presented on behalf of the President of Poland by Hon. Adam Kwiatkowski and Consul Piotr Janicki, and the second wreath was presented by PAC/PNA President Frank Spula, PRCUA President James Robaczewski and Dee Hinger-Blicharski, the wife of the late Edward F. Blicharski, a PMA donor.

The celebration concluded with benediction offered by Fr. Marek Smolka, the Archbishop's Liaison to Polonia and with the singing of "God Bless America."

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82nd PRCUA National Bowling Tournament

April 26–28, 2019 – Westland, MI Hosted by PRCUA Society #718, St. Stan's

The 82nd National PRCUA Bowling Tournament will be held on April 26, 27 and 28. The tournament will be held at the Westland Bowl and is being hosted by PRCUA Society #718, St. Stan's.

WESTLAND BOWL

5940 Wayne Rd., Westland, MI (734) 722-7570-8700 www.westlandbowl.com

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

Squad times are as follows:

April, 2019

Doubles/Singles Friday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m.
 Team Event Saturday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m.

(Opening ceremony will be at 11:00 a.m.)

Doubles/Singles Sunday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m.

To secure your entry (and preferred squad day for doubles/singles event), send in your completed entry form promptly along with the appropriate entry fees by the deadline. Forms can be found at www.prcua.org. Please be sure to fill in all information on your entry form, including average information. The deadline for submitting your entry is Friday, April 5, 2019.

At the bowling facility there will be a tournament office; location details provided at the facility upon arrival. We will also have a secured room for overnight bowling ball storage. The host society will offer jackpots and other raffles as follows:

- > 50/50 raffle each game, each day
- ➤ Bowling ball raffle Friday and Saturday
- > Jackpots for both men and women, details provided at bowling facility

In addition to the bowling activities our friends at PRCUA Society #718 have been busy planning a fun and exciting event for us all. Details on lodging and activities:

LODGING: EMBASSY SUITES

19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI (734) 462-6000

Room Rates/Hotel Info:

- ➤ King \$122, Double \$127. Ask for PRCUA rate when booking.
- Must be booked before 4/04/19 and is subject to availability.
 - Rate includes daily breakfast buffet and nightly cocktail hour.

HOSPITALITY - Thursday, April 25

Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI

- ➤ Hospitality hosted from 6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m..
- Includes Pizza Fest and 2 drink tickets per attendee.
- ➤ Monaghan K of C is approximately 3 miles from hotel.

CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Details on Mass offerings provided at hotel check-in.

AWARDS CEREMONY – Saturday, April 26

Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI

- > COMPLIMENTARY Polish Dinner Buffet (a gift to the bowlers from Soc. #718)
- ➤ Doors open at 6:15 p.m., dinner served at 7:00 p.m., awards presentation at approximately 9:00 p.m.
- Music and dancing until 11:00 p.m.

Time to mark your calendars and send in your completed entry forms along with the appropriate entry fees to secure your spot in this fabulous event! Also, make your hotel reservations and prepare to have a great time at the tournament in the Detroit area! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Patrick Kosowski

PRCUA National Bowling Tournament Director

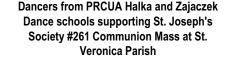
Additional information is available online at www.prcua.org.

HALKA DANCERS ARE READY FOR THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

The Polish Folk Dance Festival held each year at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI is one of the PRCUA Halka Dancers' favorite yearly events and have participated in each of the 12 years it has been held. It is a beautiful display of the children and adult Polish dance groups from the Metro Detroit area and is so well received that even groups from nearby Canada travel to perform. For Halka teacher and choreographer Thomas Lisiecki and Director Laura Hejza, it is a great "pre-dress"

rehearsal" before their annual Spring recital, and this year was extra special as the oldest group performed two suites of dances, the playful and festive *Polka Warszawska* medley and the colorful dances from the region of Łowicz. The second oldest group had the privilege to unveil Halka's brand new regional costume and suite of dances from the area of Krosno. The Halka Dancers definitely know how to "work the crowd" with their stage presence and enthusiasm, as all of their performances were positively received with much applause from the audience.

On Sunday, March 17, the PRCUA St. Joseph's Society #261 held their Communion Mass at St. Veronica Parish in Eastpointe, MI, and students of the Halka and Zajączek Dancers that are members of Society #261 showed their support by attending mass in traditional Polish costumes. Fr. Stanley Pachla, the Pastor of St. Veronica's, remarked how special it is to have our youth aware of their cultural



background and thanked their supporters and parents for having them be part of the mass.

The Halka Dancers will be having their 50th Anniversary Recital on Sunday, April 14,

2019 at Van Dyke Auditorium/Lincoln High School in Warren, MI at 3:00 p.m. A program of traditional Polish dances and special reflection of the past 50 years will be featured. Tickets are available at the door for \$7 each. You may contact Director Laura Hejza for more information at lhejza@comcast.net





Above: Group one in Łowicz costumes at the 12th Annual Polish Folk
Dance Festival



Group One in Polka Warszawska



Halka Dancers unveiling brand new regional Krosno costumes at the 12th Annual Polish Folk Dance Festival



Group Two performing in new costumes

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PRCUA 2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Current economic conditions in the United States and throughout the world, as well as an ever more competitive job market, have made the need for an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree a virtual necessity for today's student. At the same time, the higher costs of education pose a serious and challenging barrier to students and their families to bear. The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) recognizes the necessity of assistance for students of the Polish American community and has developed several financial vehicles to aid in the pursuit of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs.

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

During the 2019-2020 school year, the PRCUA will offer two types of scholarships. The **Education Fund Scholarship** is open to all who apply, whereby the **Student Scholarship Grant** is open to members of the PRCUA. Students can apply for each scholarship once annually, but they may receive only three (3) yearly scholarships total during their lifetime. Scholarships are specific to the school and educational program named in the application. The deadline for submitting applications is June 1, 2019.

Education Fund Scholarships are awarded to students based on the number of applications submitted and are available to all students, even those who are not members of the PRCUA.

The **Student Scholarship Grant Program** is available to eligible PRCUA members. For the 2019-2020 school year, the PRCUA will award scholarships totaling \$25,000, to be broken down as follows: five (5) scholarships of \$2,000, ten (10) scholarships of \$1,000 and ten (10) of \$500. These scholarships are open to all current PRCUA members. Applicants must fulfill all the requirements listed above AND be a member of the PRCUA for a minimum of five (5) years AND have an active policy of a minimum of \$5,000 (and must be current with its payments).

The following options are available to applicants who do NOT fulfill the above five (5) year requirement:

- Three (3) year membership with the PRCUA holding a \$25,000 policy, or
- Four (4) year membership with the PRCUA holding a \$15,000 policy.

Note: Applicants must have active policies and be current with their payments for five (5) years after receipt of the final scholarship.

Selection of award amounts and recipients will be made by an independent committee of jurors. For both scholarships, awards will be granted to applicants based on the highest number of points earned, including an essay (in English).

For **Student Scholarship Grants**, the question this year is:

Tell us about the experiences of a family member during World War II and how these experiences affected or influenced your family.

Essays should be limited to 500 words (maximum).

For Education Fund Scholarships, the question this year is:

Why and how is budgeting and financial planning important for your future and how does having a life insurance policy (or lack thereof) influence your family's financial situation?

Essays should be limited to 500 words (maximum).

The PRCUA acknowledges that continuing one's education is important to get ahead in life. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take advantage of our scholarships. Scholarships from the PRCUA are but one of its many member benefits.

For more information and applications, please visit: www.prcua.org/scholarships.

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1002 PRCUA Hall

5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH

ONLY 125 TICKETS AVAILABLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW \$35 ON MAY 18, 2019

Contact: Vikki Jean Mixon 419-351-2698 (tickets are also available at the clubhouse)

The Rogalin Dance Troupe Presents

Dancing Through the Decades
50th Anniversary Dance Spectacular **Saturday, April 13, 2019**3:00 pm

Allen Park Center for the Arts 19001 Champaign Street, Allen Park, MI

Advance Tickets \$9 At the door \$10

. Ior more information contact: Lisa Brandt (734) 775-7987 or lisabrandt31@gmail.com



Sincère Condolences

PRCUA extends deepest condolences to District #10 Director
Colleen Bonkowski on the death of her mother, Beverly Herig, who passed
away on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.
Please remember Mrs. Herig and her family in your prayers.
May she rest in peace.

Get Egg-cited about Easter at Pisanki Workshop!

Easter is on its way. Get in the spirit by learning the intricate art of making *pisanki* – Polish egg decorating, on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. The workshop will be held in the PRCUA Social Hall on the first floor.



The workshop registration fee is \$25 and includes the cost of stylus and wax. Each participant is asked to bring 3-4 hard-boiled eggs. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian for the entire workshop. Museum admission is complimentary for each paid participant on the day of the workshop.

Guarantee a place today by calling 773-384-3352, ext. 2109, or register online at www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/events/

Checks should be made payable to: Polish Museum of America. Credit card payment is also accepted.

This year's event is co-sponsored by the Edward T. & Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation.

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ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

FOURTEEN ZAJĄCZEK recitals and counting...

BEGINNING

On Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Warren Woods Middle School in Warren, MI, family and friends filled the auditorium excitedly awaiting the beginning of the 14th Annual Zajączek Dance Ensemble recital. The atmosphere was happy, anxious, and lively as the curtains opened to introduce the ensemble and were given a warm welcome, Witamy, by Mrs. Colleen Bonkowski, Group Director. Next, the American National Anthem as well as the Polish Anthem were sung by the entire ensemble with three individual group members leading with vocals. The narrators for the evening, ensemble choreographers Mrs. Tricia Dennis and Ms. Rachael Kasperek, began the program introducing our Young Adults performing dances from the region of Lublin. Returning to our Polka mix, groups two and five danced to When We Met Polka and Golden Girl Polka, respectively. Our youngest ensemble members, Małe Zajączki, then took the stage dancing to Hey Mr. Music Man Polka. Dances from the regions of Kurpie and Warmia were showcased by groups one and three, and then back to the Volcano Polka with our Young Adult Group tearing up the stage with their experienced dance skills and energy! Reverting back to our regional repertoire, dances from the areas of Nowy Sacz and Kaszuby were performed by groups five and two. Our stars of the evening, our 2019 Graduates and their guests, then took the stage in dancing to the Who Stole the Kiszka Polka. Our Zajączek Graduates: Jacklyn Beller, Lillian Kozak, Agata Lubanski, and Joseph Smigiel.

From our oldest group members to almost our youngest, the program navigated back to our Polka section featuring our group one dancers performing to Under the Sea Polka and group four members catching up with I Want Someone Polka! As part of the program line-up, Zajączek Dance Ensemble is fortunate to welcome back each year any and all ensemble alumni who would still like to perform. This year we were blessed with an energetic and entertaining group that came together the day before to learn the choreography and make it work. Needless to say, this group of Polish dancers is always a pleasure to watch! Thank you for always coming home! To conclude this piece of the program, the entire ensemble danced to the Zajączek Theme Dance, Beskid. Onto intermission...

MIDDLE

Now presenting our 2019 Graduates! During this segment of the recital, Zajączek Dance Ensemble Graduates and their parents were presented to the audience and the dancers' resumes were read. This is a very proud, yet bittersweet time for these dancers and their families, as they have all been dancing together for many years. This is an ending, and yet a beginning... After the presentation, the graduates and their escorts danced to the song, *I Get to Love You*. Thank you, Graduates, for all your time and effort devoted to promoting your Polish heritage as well as ours.

During the next component of the program, novelty dance, group four shined on the stage dancing to A King & A Queen, followed by our Małe Zajączki performing to Kidz Bop. Group three took over jamming to Piano Man, guided by group five dancing to Brian Setzer Orchestra & Guest; group one totally ran with Meghan Trainor; our Young Adults sparked a little country, lighting the stage to Stars of Country Music; and to conclude this middle section of our recital, group two entertained our audience with a dance from Paula Abdul. Almost done...

<u>END</u>

Last but not least, we finished the last stretch of our program with group four performing dances from eastern Kraków, followed by group three kicking up their heels to the Say You're Mine Polka, along with our Young Adult group and group five combining to demonstrate dances from Podhale. To conclude, the entire ensemble showcased their dancing talents to the Mountaineer Polka, while being introduced and acknowledged one group at a time! Special thanks were then given by the 2019 graduates to our Dance Ensemble Director, Choreographers, Assistant Dance Choreographer, and Costume Director. In the end, we all said good-bye, tears wear shed, but wonderful memories were created that can never be erased. Great job, Zajączek Dance Ensemble! May God bless you and watch over you until next year.

Submitted by: Karrie Westphal, Secretary, Zajączek Dance Ensemble Photography by: Mrs. Mary Ann Smigiel, Mrs. Jacqueline Dobrzycki Manczyk,





Prayer before recital

(Zajączek News continued on pg. 13)

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Group 1

Group 2





Group 3

Group 4





Group 5

Group 6



Zajączek Dance Ensemble



The Zajączek Dance Family grows by one...

Madelyn Sofia Urbina was born on February 16, 2019, weighing 8 lbs, 15 ounces and 21.5

inches long. Proud parents German and Regina Urbina welcomed her into the world along with big sister Olivia and big brother Lucas. Olivia, who is 3 years old, will be dancing in her first recital this March as part of the Małe Zajączki group, with



German and Regina Urbina with Lucas, Madelyn, and Olivia

the Zajączek Dance Ensemble. Lucas, who is one and a half years old, will be watching and cheering her on from the audience. Both siblings are PRCUA members along with mom, Regina (Zielonka), who danced for 13 years and graduated with the Mała Polska dance ensemble.

Submitted by: Karrie Westphal, Secretary, Zajączek Dance Ensemble



Olivia Westphal

Regina High School Students Celebrate Polish Culture

Congratulations to senior Lillian Kozak and sophomore Olivia Westphal for sharing their talents at the recent Zajaczek Dance Ensemble, a celebration of Polish dancing and music. Their performances entertained the audience and showcased the culmination of many years of lessons and practice. Well done, Lillian and Olivia!

Source: The Regina Messenger --- Regina High School, Warren, MI



Lillian Kozak



Fraternal Recipe Corner

POLISH EASTER FAVORITES

POLISH VEGETABLE SALAD

3 medium carrots, 3 medium potatoes, 2 medium parsley roots, 1 large apple, 4 medium cucumbers in brine, 4 hard boiled eggs, 1 small can of green peas, 1 small onion, salt and ground black pepper to taste, 1/2 teaspoon of sugar, 1 tablespoon of mustard, 3 tablespoons of mayonnaise.

Wash the carrots, potatoes, and parsley thoroughly and cook without peeling in lightly salted water until they are soft but not overcooked. Drain the vegetables and leave to cool, then peel the skins off. Drain the canned peas in a colander. Dice vegetables into small cubes. Peel and core the apple, then dice. Peel and dice the eggs. Peel and finely chop the onion. Put all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add sugar, mustard and mayonnaise, season with salt and pepper, mix gently and thoroughly. Cool in a fridge for about 3 hours before serving.

LEMON MAZUREK

Dough: 1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour, 1/3 cup butter, 7 tsp. powdered sugar, 1 egg yolk, skin peeled from 1 lemon, 1 Tbs. cold water (optional).

Lemon Filling: 2 eggs, lemon zest from 1 lemon; 1/3 cup lemon juice (from 1-2 lemons), 7 Tbs. butter, 2 cups white chocolate.

Candied Lemon Peel: peel of 1 lemon, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup sugar. Almond slivers for decoration

Dough: Sift the flour, add powdered sugar, cold butter (cubed) and egg yolk. Chop the ingredients together with a knife, then knead the dough quickly. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and cool in the fridge for 1 hour. Line an 8-inch-by-11-inch baking pan with parchment paper. Roll out 2/3 dough and place on a pan. Roll the remaining 1/3 of the dough and cut into 1/4-inch strips. Arrange strips around the edges of the pan to form a high edge. Pierce the dough with the tines of a fork, then cool the dough for 30-40 minutes. Preheat the oven to 365F. Bake the cake for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Remove from the oven and put aside to cool down.

Lemon Filling: Crack eggs into a saucepan, add lemon zest and lemon juice, mix over a low heat, stirring constantly. Add butter to the warm mixture, stir to prevent from sticking to the bottom. Heat briefly, until it thickens, then remove from heat. If the mixture is not smooth, gently press it through a strainer with a spoon. Crush the white chocolate into pieces and add to the hot mixture, mixing until the chocolate melts and the mixture is smooth. Cool down slightly, stirring occasionally. Pour the mixture on the cake bottom, smoothing the top out. Leave it to set, then cool it in the fridge. Decorate with almonds slivers and candied lemon peel.

Candied Lemon Peel: Scrub 1 lemon, put in boiling water for 10-15 seconds, then remove and peel using a vegetable peeler. Remove the excess white parts from the peel, and cut the peel into 1 inch-long strips. Place the peel in a sauce pan, pour boiling water over, and cook for 10-15 minutes, then strain. Place sugar in a clean saucepan, add water and the strained lemon peels. Cook on low heat until most of the water evaporates. A thick syrup will form, and the peel will become glassy. Remove peels from the syrup, place on a rack for a few hours to drain and dry.

EGGS STUFFED WITH MUSHROOMS

8 hard-boiled eggs, 1 lb. mushrooms, 1 medium onion, 1 Tbs. butter, salt and pepper to taste, radish sprouts for decoration.

Clean and finely dice mushrooms and onions, than saute with butter in a pan until onion becomes translucent. Set aside to cool down. Peel the eggs, cut them lengthwise. Remove the egg yolks gently and put them in the mixing bowl. Set the egg white halves aside. Add mushroom-onion mix, mayonnaise, salt and pepper to the egg yolks, and gently smash with a fork to combine the ingredients. Fill each egg white with a teaspoonful of the mixture. Decorate with radish sprouts or any other sprouts. Serve chilled.

EGGS STUFFED WITH SMOKED SALMON - 4 hard-boiled eggs, 1 3/4 oz. smoked salmon, 1 whole green onion, 1 tsp. dill, 8 red pepper stuffed olives, pepper to taste, 2 Tbs. mayonnaise.

Peel eggs and cut them lengthwise. Remove egg yolks gently, place them in the mixing bowl and smash with a fork. Set the egg white halves aside. Finely chop green onion, dill and olives, add to the egg yolks. Add mayonnaise and pepper, mix well. Fill the egg white halves with the paste. Serve chilled.

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

English-Polish Easter Crossword:

Across (English): 4. MARCH; 6. JESUS; 7. ALLELUIA; 10. RESURRECTION; 12. EGGS; 14. DYE; 16. JELLY BEAN; 20. LENT; 22. FRIDAY; 232. BELLS; 26. EASTER; 30, SALVATION; 31. PARADE; 32. TULIPS; 33. PALM SUNDAY Down (Polish): 1. ŻALE; 2. CZWARTEK; 3. JUDASZ; 4. MAZUREK; 5. DYNGUS; 8. UKRZYŻOWANIE; 9. TRADYCJA; 11. NIEDZIELA; 13. WODA; 15. KOSZYCZEK; 17. BARANEK; 18. APOSTOŁOWIE; 19. PISANKA; 21. WIELKI POST; 23. BABKA; 24 LILIE; 25. WIOSNA; 27. SERNIK; 28. GOLGOTA; 29. PALMY; 34. ŻUR

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DEARLY DEPARTED PRCUA BROTHERS AND SISTERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	State	<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>
Banks, Patrick Joseph	1570	PA	Mationg, Eugenia	1441	NY
Bednarek, Dephine	1593	MI	Mclaughlin, Delphine E.	868	IN
Bednarek, Felix	1593	MI	Michaelson, Helen E.	1415	IL
Binkiewicz, Frank	977	OH	Morawski, Matthew	2152	OH
Blejski, Robert A.	509	IN	Murphy, James	27	CT
Bobro, Francis M.	1000	IL	Niedzwiecki, Mary L.	261	MI
Buczek, Bernard	1593	MI	Ostrowski, Ann R.	413	IN
Buczek, Stella	607	IN	Pare, Robert F.	1004	IL
Cherico, Clifford	384	PA	Pawlowicz, Alexander	539	IL
Chimelewski, John J.	531	CA	Phillips, Beverly	238	OH
Chlopowicz, Richard V.	844	IL	Plocki, Robert S.	224	PA
Chmielinska, Krystyna Z.	1000	IL	Podolski, Stanley H.	450	MO
Citak, Martin J.	385	NY	Porod, Lorraine J.	593	IL
Czekaj, Stella	2291	PA	Prystash, Terese	1493	MI
Delekta, Josephine G.	1000	IL	Rossi, Helen M.	1049	MA
Dobkowski, Mildred	1004	IL	Schafer, Lottie	604	MA
Dolinski, Sophie	227	FL	Sherrie, Irene	1000	IL
Dondzila, Thomas	122	IL	Sieffert, Raymond J.	1575	IL
Donius, Walter A.	72	МО	Sieracki, Florence	1486	CT
Dostatni, Christine	337	IN	Skamiera, Thomas C.	1404	MI
Fiorio, Robert J.	1579	IL	Skowron, Mark A.	896	RI
Forystek, Florence M	718	MI	Stando, Blanche	522	OH
Fronczak, Ernest. T.	1451	OH	Stanton, Lorraine A.	2026	PA
Gapinski, John	817	WI	Stobinski, Joseph A.	1000	IL
Genge, Anna	1580	IL	Suarez, Helen	1175	NJ
Gurzenda, Norbert S.	162	MI	Szczerba, Frank	237	PA
Hruskocy, Marie	337	IN	Tutka, Pauline G.	1004	IL
Janiec, John	718	MI	Wandrych, Richard	2303	ΑZ
Janis, Bernadine A.	2308	PA	Wodka, Jessie	527	MD
Kalicki, Julian	308	IL	Wojcik, Joan	20	NJ
Kazanecki, Richard J.	1187	IL	Wojtanowski, Jane M.	540	NY
Kocot, Cecylia	1004	MO	Wolanin, Helena	1513	MI
Kopec, Roger	718	MI	Yerace, Florence M.	237	PA
Kopec, Wanda S.	1027	NY	Zalewski, Frederick	2303	WI
Laczkowski, Jakub t.	308	IL	Zelinski, Victoria	72	MO
Lazinek, Adeline	308	IL	Zelmanski, Paul	1593	MI
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May they rest in eternal peace.

2019 Historical Essay Competition - First Prize \$5,000

TORRANCE, CA: POLONIA INSTITUTE announces the 2019 Historical Essay Scholarship Competition for young adults between ages 18 and 30 on the worldwide significance of the 1939 German-Soviet invasion of Poland.

With the 80th anniversary of World War II approaching, Polonia Institute wants to encourage the study of events leading up to the September 1939 outbreak of the deadliest war in human history, its consequences for Poland, Europe and the world. This horrible war waged on humanity by the dictator of Germany, Adolf Hitler and the dictator of the Soviet Union Joseph Stalin, claimed the lives of approximately 70 million people worldwide. After the war, the map of Europe was redrawn. Poland lost one-third of its territory and was subjugated to the Soviet Union for the next 45 years. Millions of Poles were forced to leave their homeland, never to come back. As a result of World War II, Poland lost close to 12 million of its inhabitants. Approximately 6 million were murdered by the German Third Reich and the Soviet Union, the highest percentage of the population of all nations.

Germany built a network of concentration camps on the conquered Polish territory with the intention to exterminate the Polish resistance movement. Ethnic Poles were the primary target of German extermination policy in the years 1939-1941. In 1942-1943, Polish citizens of Jewish origin became the primary target. Today, Poland once again faces anti-Polish propaganda warfare that distorts historical facts by calling German death camps in which ethnic Poles were murdered as "Polish concentration camps" and accusing Poland of co-responsibility for the murder of Jews.

The competition is sponsored by Polonia Institute in cooperation with Polonia for Poland and other Polonia organizations. Participants do not have to be Polish or currently enrolled in any school to participate. The essay must be written in English. Additional details and the application are in the attached link.

First Prize - \$5,000 (additional prizes in the thousands and essays will be considered for publication)

Deadline - July 1, 2019 (results will be announced on September 1, 2019)

Eligibility - young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 (as of July 1, 2019)

Essay Requirements - up to 15 pages analyzing the German-Soviet aggression on Poland by addressing:

- 1. 1938-1939 political developments leading to WWII
- 2. German propaganda war against Poland and the role of German minority
- 3. German invasion of Poland and its political objectives
- 4. Soviet propaganda war against Poland
- 5. Soviet invasion of Poland and its political objectives
- 6. German-Soviet extermination of ethnic Poles 1939-1941
- 7. The impact of German-Soviet cooperation on Poland and the international community
- 8. Lesson for today

April, 2019

This is an incredible opportunity to better understand and reflect on the events leading up to the outbreak of one of the deadliest wars and its consequences for Poland, Europe and the world. Additional information: http://www.poloniainstitute.net/polonia-today/polonia-institute-historical-essay-competition-2019/.



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

many Polish traditions of this Season adds to the depths of this annual celebration.

annual reminder of the love that our Lord has for us. He offered His life on the wood of the cross

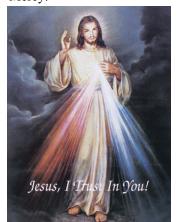
that we might have Life Eternal. For me

personally, I have always looked forward to

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum with its

many traditions and its moving liturgies. Our

Another dimension of this Week of Grace is the addition of the Feast of Divine Mercy that was placed at the close of the Octave of Easter by St. John Paul the Great in the year 2000. It was placed here at the request of our Lord in His revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, the great Apostle of Mercy.



St. John Paul was also a great promoter of Divine Mercy. The canonization of St. Faustina as the first saint of the new millennium emphasized this fact. Since its official insertion into the General Roman Calendar in 2000, the devotion to and celebration of this feast has spread far and wide and has brought this message of Divine Mercy to a world in need of His endless mercy.

St. John Paul the Great re-emphasized the importance of this feast in relationship to Easter in 2001 on the first anniversary of its establishment when he said:

"Jesus said to St. Faustina, humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

It is no coincidence that St. John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy in 2005 and was subsequently beatified and canonized on the Feast of Divine Mercy in 2011 and 2014 respectively.

If you have not had the chance to read anything about Divine Mercy and the revelations of our Lord to St. Faustina, I suggest that you purchase a copy of her diary. This will enable you to become more familiar with this devotion and the unfathomable font of Divine Mercy that our Lord offers to each of us. In my opinion, one of the best copies of her diary is the one called "Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul", which is published by Marian Press. If you don't have a bookstore nearby, you can order a copy on line or from the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge, MA.

St. Faustina's Diary is a fascinating read as Jesus explains His Mercy in detail. For example, Jesus in His own words tells St. Faustina and in turn us, that "this feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it." (Diary 420) What a gift for us! What a promise that will not be forgotten by the only One who never forgets or goes back on His promises!

In speaking about this Day of Mercy, Jesus states explicitly "that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." He goes on to state that "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary 300)

This year, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 28, 2019, the Second Sunday of Easter. We are all called to become Apostles of Mercy bringing others to the Fount of Mercy, Jesus Christ! I hope that this column will inspire you to attend this year's celebration in a parish church near you, where you can experience our Lord's Divine Mercy first hand.

A Blessed and Joy-filled Easter Season to All!



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POLISH EASTER TRADITIONS

Easter is the oldest and most important Christian holiday, celebrated in remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It has its own symbolism and characteristic liturgical rites. In Poland it is inseparably connected with numerous traditions and folk customs, many of which are still cultivated.

The Holy Week, begins with the Palm Sunday, and ends with Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday is celebrated to commemorate Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds of pilgrims, waving palm leaves and throwing them under the Savior's feet. On this day, Catholics bless the palms in churches. The tradition of making Easter palms dates back to the 7th century. In the past, Easter palms in Poland were prepared from pussy willow branches (symbol of the immortality of the soul), boxwood, currant and raspberry twigs, dried herbs,

Polish palms moss, feathers and flowers. The most original Easter palms were created in Kurpie region, where tradition has survived to this day. Kurpie palms are distinguished by their size, they are from about 5 to 26 or almost 33 feet high, and are made of green branches wrapped around a wooden pole and decorated with colorful flowers made of tissue paper. The majority of Easter palms that are currently being made are decorated with dried flowers and grasses, herbs, and feathers of various colors. According to old beliefs, palms protect households from misfortune. The cross made of palm was stuck in the first plowed furrow to protect against hail, twigs were put under the threshold to protect the household from disease or placed under the thatch to protect the house from lightning. After the blessing of the palm in church, willow buds were swallowed to avoid a sore throat.

Housekeeping were busy with cleaning, cooking and baking the holiday feast: sausages, various meats, cakes, etc. It was also time to decorate Easter eggs: pisanki, kraszanki, skrobanki, malowanki, oklejanki, etc. Eggs, or egg shells, were colored using natural ingredients - a dye prepared by boiling onion peels different vegetables or herbs. To create skrobanki, colorful patterns were scratched on colored shells with sharp knives. Pisanki were created by repeatedly applying warm wax to egg shells using a pin or a special stylus. Eggs were dyed several times in between applying multiple layers of wax. At the end, after removing the wax, multi-colored patterns were created. Oklejanki were made by wrapping eggs or the egg shells with a core of rushes or pieces of colored threads or strings or colored paper.

Holy Thursday (also known as Maundy Thursday), is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus' establishment of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Priesthood. It begins the Easter Triduum which ends on Sunday morning. On Good Friday, the Church is commemorating the Passion of the Lord. Blessed Sacrament is transferred to the darkness as a symbol of Jesus' body being placed in the tomb. Holy Saturday is the day of silence and reflection of the passion and death of Christ, and vigils by the Lord's grave.

The most popular folk tradition of the Holy Saturday in Poland is the blessing of $\acute{S}wieconka$ (Easter basket). This tradition has pagan roots, but has been sanctified by the Church. In the past, all the foods that were to be consumed during the Easter breakfast were blessed. Foods were arranged in wicker baskets, lined with white clothes, decorated with boxwood, flowers and ribbons, and were taken to the church or roadside shrines for blessing. Aristocrats and wealthy burghers invited priests to their homes, where dishes prepared for Easter breakfast were displayed on the tables.

At present, only symbolic foods are brought for blessing. Traditional Święconka can be different, depending on the region of Poland. Mandatory foods include: eggs, bread, sausage or cold meats, salt, lamb made of sugar or butter, horseradish and a piece of homemade babka (yeast cake).

Easter Sunday begins with the morning mass at which the solemn Resurrection Procession takes place. Ringing bells proclaim to the world the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. After the mass, the faithful go home to eat the Easter breakfast, which begins with sharing the eggs that were blessed on Holy Saturday and wishing each other a joyful Easter.

According to tradition, the Easter table should be covered with a white cloth and decorated with green brunches and flowers. A figure of a lamb with a flag (lamb can be made of sugar, or some artificial material), a symbol of the resurrected Jesus who overcame sin and death is placed in the center. Traditional



Dyngus by Zofia Stryjeńska

dishes include: *żurek* (a sour rye soup) with sausage, smoked meats, pates, salads, eggs prepared in various ways, horseradish and variety of cakes: yeast baby, mazurkas, cheesecakes, poppy seeds.

Easter celebrations end on Easter Monday. In Poland it is called *lany poniedziałek* or *Śmigus-dyngus* and it is an official holiday. Boys awake girls by pouring water on their heads and striking their legs with willow or birch twigs.

TRADYCJE WIELKANOCNE W POLSCE

Święta Wielkanocne to najstarsze i najważniejsze święta chrześcijańskie, obchodzone na pamiątkę śmierci i zmartwychwstania Jezusa Chrystusa. Posiadają własną symbolikę i charakterystyczne obrzędy liturgiczne oraz wiążą się nierozerwalnie z licznymi tradycjami i obyczajami ludowymi, z których wiele do dziś kultywowanych jest w Polsce.

Najbardziej uroczystym okresem w Wielkim Poście jest Wielki Tydzień, rozpoczynający się Niedziela Meki Pańskiej, zwaną również Niedziela Palmowa (niegdyś zwaną też wierzbną lub kwietną), a kończący się Niedzielą Wielkanocną. Niedziela Palmowa obchodzona jest na pamiątkę wjazdu Chrystusa do Jerozolimy, gdzie powitany był przez tłumy pielgrzymów, rzucających pod nogi Zbawiciela liście palm. W tym dniu, w kościołach święci się plamy. Tradycja wykonywania palm wielkanocnych sięga VII wieku. Dawniej, tradycyjne palmy wielkanocne przygotowywano z wierzbowych gałązek (symbol nieśmiertelności duszy), bukszpanu, porzeczek, malin, suszonych ziół, mchu, piórek i kwiatów. Najbardziej oryginalne palmy wielkanocne tworzone były na Kurpiach, gdzie tradycja przetrwała do dziś. Kurpiowskie palmy wyróżniają się wielkością, mają od ok. 1-5 do 8 czy nawet 14 metrów wysokości i wykonywane są z zielonych gałązek, owiniętych wokół drewnianej tyczki i udekorowanych kolorowymi kwiatami wykonanymi z bibuły. Większość obecnie wykonywanych palemek wielkanocnych, ozdobione jest różnokolorowymi suszonymi kwiatami, trawami i ziołami. Według starych wierzeń, palmy chronią domowników przed nieszczęściem. Wykonany z palemek krzyżyk wtykano w pierwszą zaoraną skibę, by chroniła przed gradobiciem, gałązki wkładano pod próg, by strzegły domowników przed chorobami lub zatykano pod strzechą by chroniły dom przed piorunami. Po święceniu, wierzbowe kotki połykano, aby ustrzec się chorób gardła.

domach trwały porządki, przygotowywano świąteczne wędliny, pasztety, pieczono ciasta i zdobiono jajka: pisanki, kraszanki, skrobanki, malowanki, oklejanki. Jajka, lub wydmuszki jaj, barwiono używając naturalnych składników - wywaru z zagotowanych liści cebuli lub innych warzyw czy ziół. Skrobanki powstawały, przez wyskrobywanie na kolorowych skorupkach wzorów za pomocą ostrych nożyków. Pisanki powstawały poprzez kilkakrotne naniesienie rozgrzanego wosku na skorupki jajek za pomocą szpilki lub specjalnego rysika. Pomiędzy kolejnymi warstwami wosku, jajka były kilkakrotnie kolorowo barwione. Na końcu, po usunięciu wosku, powstawały



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wielobarwne wzory. Oklejanki robiono poprzez oklejanie jajek lub wydmuszek rdzeniem z sitowia lub kawałków kolorowych nitek czy sznurka lub kolorowych papierków.

Wielki Czwartek, obchodzony na pamiątkę ustanowienia przez Jezusa Sakramentu Eucharystii i Sakramentu Kapłaństwa, w Kościele rozpoczyna się Triduum Paschalne, trwające do niedzielnego poranka. W Wielki Piątek, Kościół przeżywa mękę i śmierć Chrystusa na krzyżu. Na znak złożenia Jezusa do grobu, następuje przeniesienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do ciemnicy. Wielka Sobota, jest dniem ciszy, rozważania męki i śmierci Chrystusa i czuwania przy Grobie Pańskim.

W Wielką Sobotę, w Polsce nadal żywa jest tradycja święcenia pokarmów. Tradycja ta ma korzenie pogańskie, ale została uświęcona przez Kościół. Dawniej święcono wszystkie pokarmy, które miały zostać spożyte w czasie wielkanocnego śniadania. Układano je w wiklinowych koszach, wyścielonych białymi lub ozdobionymi w motywy wielkanocne serwetach, ozdabiano kosze bukszpanem lub barwinkiem, kwiatami i wstążkami i zanoszono do kościoła lub święcono przy przydrożnych kapliczkach. Arystokraci i bogaci mieszczanie zapraszali księży do domów, gdzie wystawiano przygotowane na wielkanocne śniadanie potrawy na stołach.

Obecnie, święci się w kościołach symboliczne potrawy, przyniesione w wiklinowych koszyczkach. Tradycyjna święconka może być różna, w zależności od danego regionu. W koszyczkach nie może zabraknąć: jajek, chleba, kiełbasy lub wędlin, soli, baranka z cukru lub masła, chrzanu i kawałka domowej babki.

Niedziela Wielkanocna rozpoczyna się poranną mszą, w czasie której odbywa się uroczysta Procesja Rezurekcyjna. Bijące dzwony obwieszczają światu Zmartwychwstanie Jezusa Chrystusa. Po mszy, wierni udają się do domów, by w rodzinnym gronie spożyć śniadanie wielkanocne, rozpoczynające się od podzielenia się poświęconym jajkiem i złożenia sobie życzeń.

Według tradycji, wielkanocny stół powinien być nakryty białym obrusem i udekorowany zielonymi gałązkami i kwiatami. Centralne miejsce na stole zajmuje baranek z chorągiewką, symbol Jezusa Zmartwychwstałego, który pokonał grzech i śmierć. Tradycyjne potrawy to: żur z białą kiełbasą, wędzone i pieczone mięsa i wędliny, sałatki, jajka przyrządzone na różne sposoby, chrzan oraz różne ciasta: drożdżowe, baby, mazurki, serniki, makowce.

Obchody świąt wielkanocnych kończą się w poniedziałek wielkanocny (tzw. Śmigus-dyngus lub lany poniedziałek). W Polsce jest to dzień wolny od pracy, a tradycją tego dnia jest zwyczaj polewania się wodą.

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- 6 MUNSTER, IN DZIEŃ RODZICÓW POLSKIEJ SZKOŁY IM. ŚW. RAFAŁA KALINOWSKIEGO, sobota, 6 kwietnia. Dodatkowe informacje: Malgorzata Czachor, dyrektor szkoły: masia@mkc.pl.
- WARREN, MI 59. RECITAL ZESPOŁU "GWIAZDA" niedziela, 7 kwietnia o godz. 14:30, Fitzgerald High School Auditorium, 23200 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 14:30, recital o godz. 15:00. Bilety do nabycia przed recitalem w cenie \$10 dorośli, \$5 dzieci 3-11 lat, dzieci do dwóch lat wstęp wolny. Zespół Gwiazda zbiera donacje na Gleaners Food Bank. Za każdą przyniesioną puszkę z żywnością, donator otrzyma jeden los na loterię, w której można wygrać kosz z niespodzianką. Dodatkowe informacje: panijessica@hotmail.com.
- TOLEDO, OH SPRZEDAŻ PIEROGÓW ORGANIZOWANA PRZEZ ZESPÓŁ "ECHOES OF POLAND" piątek, 12 kwietnia, PRCUA Hall, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH; w godz. 10:00-18:00. 12 pierogów w cenie \$9.00 (z serem, ziemniakami, kapustą kiszoną lub mieszane z serem i ziemniakami). Zamówienia należy składać do 23 marca pod nr. telefonu: (419) 531-8658 lub (419) 475-6262.
- ALLEN PARK, MI 50. JUBILEUSZOWY RECITAL ZESPOŁU "ROGALIN" sobota, 13 kwietnia, godz. 15:00, Allen Park Center for the Arts, 19001 Champaign Rd, Allen Park, MI. Bilety: \$9 w przedsprzedaży, \$10 przy wejściu. Dodatkowe informacje: Lisa Brandt (734) 775-7987 lub lisabrandt@gmail.com.
- LINCOLN PARK, MI 49. DOROCZNY RECITAL ZESPOŁU "TATRY" sobota, 13 kwietnia, godz. 15:00, Lincoln Public School, 1650 Champaign, Lincoln Park, MI. Bilety: w przedsprzedaży \$8, przy wejsciu \$10. Dodatkowe informacje: Rose Ann Lackey, dyrektor, tel. (313) 274-0183; Tatrydancers-roseann@yahoo.com; TatrySecretary@outlook.com.
- WARREN, MI 50. JUBILEUSZOWY RECITAL ZESPOŁU "HALKA" niedziela, 14 kwietnia o godz. 15:00, VanDyke Community Auditorium, 22500 Federal, Warren, MI. Wstęp \$7. Osoby chcące wziąć udział w obiedzie bezpośrednio po recitalu, proszone są o kontakt z: Laura Hejza, tel. (586) 291-4486. Byli tancerze, którzy chcą wystąpić w recitalu, proszeni są o kontakt z: Thomas Lisiecki, tel. (586) 795-8901.
- 14 NIEDZIELA PALMOWA
- 15 TERMIN ZWROTU ROZLICZEŃ PODATKOWYCH
- 18 WIELKI CZWARTEK
- 19 **WIELKI PIĄTEK -** BIURO ZPRKA BĘDZIE ZAMKNIĘTE
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- **WYANDOTTE, MI WYCIECZKA TOW. #162 DO KASYNA**, wtorek, 23 kwietnia. \$35 od osoby. Autobus odjedzie o godz. 9:00 z PRCUA #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI i powróci o godz. 18:00.
- **25 WYANDOTTE, MI 25-CIO CENTOWA AUKCJA**, czwartek, 25 kwietnia o godz. 18:00, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Przynieś 25-cio centówki i weź udział w zabawie. Dodatkowe Informacje: Nikki, tel. (734) 308-6374.
- **26-28 WESTLAND, MI 82. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ KRĘGLARSKI ZPRKA**, gospodarzem będzie Tow. #718 piątek-niedziela, 26-28 kwietnia, Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Rd., Westland, MI. Dodatkowe informacje: Departament Braterstwa, tel. (773) 782-2636. Szczegóły na str. 16.
- WYANDOTTE, MI 3. DOROCZNA ZABAWA DOBROCZYNNA W RYTMACH POLKI TOW. #162 ZPRKA, sobota, 27 kwietnia w PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Do tańca grać będą: Polka Country Musicians i Gerry Kaminski's Polka Network. Wstęp \$20 od osoby. Drzwi otwarte od godz. 17:00, zabawa od godz. 18:00 do 23:00. Polska kuchnia, płatny bar (prosimy o nie wnoszenie własnego alkoholu). Dochód przeznaczony zostanie na wsparcie The American Heart Association. Możliwość noclegu (szczegóły w ogłoszeniu na str. 3). Dodatkowe informacje: Stas Pasko (734) 284-5929 lub John Zelasko, Sr., (734) 671-9366.
- **28** CHICAGO, IL **34.** DOROCZNY RECITAL POŁUDNIOWO-ZACHODNIEGO CENTRUM PIEŚNI I TAŃCA niedziała, 28 kwietnia w audytorium szkoły Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago, IL. Drzwi otwarte o 12 w południe; recital o 12:30. Bilety: \$12 w przedsprzedaży, \$15 przy drzwiach. Dodatkowe informacje i bilety: Anna Kraszewski-Winkler, tel. (773) 972-0012.

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- 4 CHICAGO, IL PARADA Z OKAZJI DNIA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA sobota, 4 maja wzdłuż ul. Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL. Zapraszamy członków ZPRKA do wspólnego marszu z jednostką Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce.
- **GRAND RAPIDS, MI RECITAL ZESPOŁU "MALBORK"**, sobota, 4 maja w West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI. Drzwi otwarte od godz. 15:30, recital o godz. 16:00. Bilety: \$5 recital, \$15 obiad (recital gratis). Płatny bar. Przy wejściu możliwość zakupu biletów na loterie. Dodatkowe informacje: Malborkdancegroup@gmail.com lub na Facebook: PRCUA Malbork Dance-Grand Rapids.
- 11 DETROIT, MI DZIEŃ POŁĄCZONYCH RĄK (JOIN HANDS DAY) sobota, 11 maja organizowany przez parafie św. Alberta (St. Albertus), 4231 St. Aubin St. i św. Jacka (St. Hyacinth), 3151 Farnsworth St., w Detroit, MI.
- 12 DZIEŃ MATKI (USA)
- 12 CHICAGO, IL BANKIET Z OKAZJI DNIA MATKI Z ZPiT "POLONIA" niedziela, 12 maja w Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL. Drzwi otwarte od godz. 11:30, występ ZPiT "Polonia" o godz. 12:00, obiad o godz. 13:00. Bilety: \$35 dorośli (płatny bar), \$25 młodzież w wieku od 12 do 21 lat, \$18 dzieci poniżej 12 lat. Rezerwacje: (847) 529-2555.
- WYANDOTTE, MI TOW. #162 ZAPRASZA NA ŚNIADANIE-BUFET Z OKAZJI DNIA MATKI niedziela, 12 maja w godz. 8:00-12:00, PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. W menu: jajka, naleśniki, smażona wędlina z cebulą, smażone ziemniaki, tosty, wybór owoców.
- **TOLEDO, OH "ODWROTNA LOTERIA" TOWARZYSTW: 719, 1617, 1584 I 1633**, sobota, 18 maja, PRCUA HALL, 5255 N. Detroit, Toledo, OH. Do sprzedania tylko 125 biletów na loterię bilety można zakupić po zniżonej cenie (dostępne również w klubie). \$35 w dniu 18 maja. Dodatkowe informacje: Vikki Jean Mixon, tel. (419) 351-2698.
- 18 RIVERVIEW, MI ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE (RYDER CUP) TOWARZYSTW #718 i #162 sobota, 18 maja na polu golfowym Riverview Highlands Golf Course, 1501 Sibley Rd., Riverview, MI. Spotkanie po rozgrywkach w #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI.
- 26 DZIEŃ MATKI (POLSKA)
- **28 ŚWIĘTO MEMORIAL DAY** BIURO ZPRKA BĘDZIE ZAMKNIĘTE

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Informacje o Stypendiach PRCUA / ZPRKA na rok akademicki 2019-2020

Obecne warunki ekonomiczne w USA i na świecie oraz wzrastająca konkurencja na rynku pracy czynią zdobycie dyplomu ukończenia wyższej uczelni warunkiem niezbędnym do znalezienia zatrudnienia. Jednocześnie koszty edukacji stanowią dla studentów i ich rodzin poważną barierę, a ponoszenie ich trudne wyzwanie. Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce wychodząc na przeciw potrzebom finansowym polsko-amerykańskiej społeczności oferuje stypendia naukowe dla studentów studiów licencjackich, magisterskich i zawodowych.

W sezonie stypendialnym 2019-2020 dostępne będą 2 rodzaje stypendiów. Education Fund Scholarship dla wszystkich chętnych aplikantów oraz Student Scholarship Grant dla członków PRCUA. Studenci mogą ubiegać się o stypendia każdego roku nauki, ale maksymalnie mogą je otrzymać 3 razy w życiu. Na każde z oferowanych przez PRCUA stypendiów można składać po jednej aplikacji. **Termin składania podań upływa 1 czerwca 2019 roku.**

W ramach programu: **Education Fund Scholarship** liczba przyznanych stypendiów i ich wysokość zależne będą od ilości tegorocznych aplikacji. Stypendia te dostępne są dla wszystkich chętnych, także osób niebędących członkami PRCUA, spełniających wymagane kryteria:

- 1. Wnioskodawcy muszą pomyślnie ukończyć pierwszy rok studiów przed upływem terminu składania wniosku o stypendium. Do aplikacji o stypendium musi być dołączony oficjalny odpis ocen lub inny równorzędny dokument z uczelni, do której student uczęszcza, wysłany przez tą uczelnie do PRCUA w terminie do 1 czerwca 2019 roku.
- 2. Kwalifikujący się wnioskodawcy to studenci drugiego, trzeciego lub czwartego roku studiów licencjackich, magisterskich lub zawodowych, uczęszczający na studia w pełnym wymiarze godzin. Pełen wymiar godzin jest określony wytycznymi ustanowionymi przez federalny program pomocy finansowej. Minimum 12 godzin kredytowych dla studentów studiów dziennych lub 8 godzin kredytowych dla studentów studiów wieczorowych. O stypendia mogą się ubiegać także studenci studiujący w niepełnym wymiarze godzin.
- 3. Wnioskodawcy muszą mieć skumulowaną średnią ocen (GPA) 2,5 lub wyższą w skali 4,0 lub 3,5 lub wyższą w skali 5,0.
- 4. Wszyscy wnioskodawcy muszą być obywatelami lub stałymi rezydentami Stanów Zjednoczonych.

W ramach programu **Student Scholarship Grant** w sezonie stypendialnym 2019-2020 przyznane zostaną stypendia w wysokości 20 tysięcy dolarów. 5 stypendiów po 2000 USD, 10 stypendiów po 1000 USD dolarów, 10 stypendiów po 500 USD. Prawo do ubiegania się o stypendia w ramach programu **Student Scholarship Grant** mają wyłącznie członkowie Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko – Katolickiego. Wnioskodawca musi spełnić wszystkie wyżej wymienione warunki plus dodatkowo być członkiem PRCUA przez co najmniej pięć (5) lat, posiadać ubezpieczenie na życie w wysokości minimum 5000 USD oraz opłacać terminowo wszystkie składki. Jeśli w chwili składania wniosku członek nie spełnia minimalnego, pięcioletniego okresu członkowstwa może również spełnić jedną z dwóch poniższych opcji: 3 lata członkostwa i ubezpieczenie na życie w wysokości 25000 USD lub cztery lata członkowstwa i ubezpieczenie w wysokości 15000 USD. Wnioskodawcy muszą utrzymać swoje polisy w mocy i opłacać terminowo wszystkie składki przez co najmniej pięć (5) lat po otrzymaniu ostatniej wypłaty stypendium.

W obu programach stypendialnych stypendia zostaną przyznane studentom, którzy otrzymają najwyższą punktację za napisany esej w języku angielskim, na podane niżej tematy. Prace ocenianie będą przez zespół trzech niezależnych jurorów.

Temat eseju dla ubiegających się o stypendium Student Scholarship Grant: Tell us about the experiences of a family member during World War II and how those experiences affected or influenced your family. Please limit your essay to 500 words.

Temat eseju dla ubiegających się o stypendium Education Fund Scholarship: Why and how is budgeting and financial planning important for your future and how does having a life insurance policy (or lack thereof) influence your family's financial situation? Please limit your essay to 500 words.

Zachęcamy do skorzystania z oferowanej przez PRCUA pomocy finansowej na studia. Stypendia naukowe to jedna z wielu korzyści członkowskich oferowanych przez Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce.

Więcej informacji i aplikacja dostępne na www.prcua.org/scholarships

Prosimy o dostarczenie artykułów do majowego wydania "Narodu Polskiego" do 15 kwietnia 2019. Materiały nadesłane po terminie będą wydrukowane w jednym z kolejnych wydań.

82. Ogólnokrajowy Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA

82. Ogólnokrajowy Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA odbędzie się 26-28 kwietnia w WESTLAND BOWL, 5940 Wayne Rd., Westland, MI. Gospodarzem turnieju będzie Tow. św. Stanisława #718 ZPRKA.

Harmonogram rozgrywek:

- Gry podwójne / pojedyncze piątek, 26 kwietnia o 11:00
- Rozgrywki drużynowe sobota, 27 kwietnia o godzinie 11:30 (ceremonia otwarcia o 11:00)

• Gry podwójne / pojedyncze - niedziela, 28 kwietnia o 9:00

Aby dokonać zgłoszenia (i wybrać najbardziej dogodny dzień rozgrywek dla zawodników gier pojedyńczych i podwójnych), należy przesłać w wyznaczonym terminie wypełniony formularz zgłoszeniowy, wraz z odpowiednimi opłatami wpisowymi. Prosimy o wypełnienie na formularzu zgłoszeniowym wszystkich wymaganych informacji, w tym osobistej średniej. Termin nadsyłania zgłoszeń upływa w piątek, 5 kwietnia 2019 roku.

Zachęcamy gości do wykupienia noclegów w EMBASSY SUITES, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI. Tel. (734) 462-6000. Cena pokoju: \$122 (king), \$127 (double) - zapytajcie o zniżki dla PRCUA przy robieniu rerzerwacji. Pokoje muszą zostać zarezerwowane do 4/4/19. W cenie pokoju bufet śniadaniowy i godzina koktajlowa.

Organizatorzy turnieju zaplanowali szereg dodatkowych atrackji dla wszystkich uczestników: Spotkanie integracyjne: Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI, w czwartek 25 kwietnia w godzinach 18:30 - 21:30. Pizza i dwa napoje dla każdego uczestnika.

Msze św.: Lista lokalnych kościołów i godziny mszy św. zostanie podana w hotelu.

Uroczystość rozdania nagród: Ceremonia wręczenia nagród po zakończeniu rozgrywek drużynowych w sobotę w Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. Drzwi otwarte od godz. 18:15, obiad o godz. 19:00, ceremonia rozdania nagród ok. godz. 21:00. Zabawa taneczna do godz. 23:00. Dla zawodników z Tow. #718 - bezpłatny bufet z polskimi daniami.

Dla uczestników turnieju przygotowane będą dodatkowe atrakcje:



Biskup Antoni Długosz z wizytą w ZPRKA i MPA



L-p: Agnieszka Bastrzyk, James Robaczewski, bp. Antoni Długosz, Micheline Jamiński We wtorek,
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Antoni Józef
Długosz.

w san konferencyjnej ZPRKA spotkał się z członkami zarządu:



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prezesem Jamesem Robaczewskim, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszką Bastrzyk. W MPA spotkał się z dyrektor zarządzającą Małgorzatą Kot, która wraz z archiwistką Haliną Misterką, oprowadziły dostojnego gościa po muzeum, gdzie pokazały mu najcenniejsze zbiory placówki.

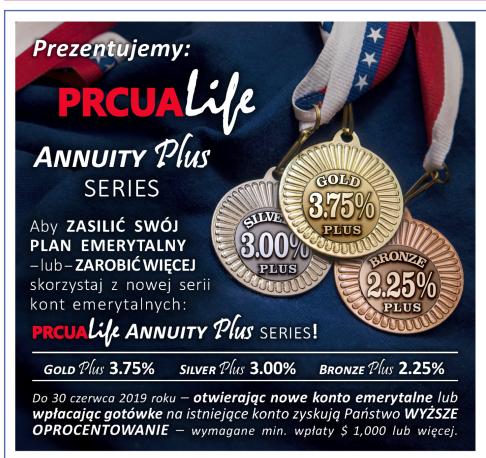
Bp. Długosz jest doktorem habilitowanym nauk teologicznych, w latach 1994-2016 był biskupem pomocniczym częstochowskim. W 2016 r. postanowieniem prezydenta RP Andrzeja Dudy został udekorowany Krzyżem Kawalerskim Orderu Odrodzenia Polski. Jest również laureatem Order Uśmiechu.

Zmarł Por. Leonard Mackiewicz

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago poinformował, że w dniu 27.02.2019 r. zmarł w wieku 95 lat porucznik Leonard Mackiewicz, sybirak, weteran II wojny światowej, ostatni żyjący w USA żołnierz 1. Samodzielnej Brygady Spadochronowej gen. Stanisława Sosabowskiego, zasłużony w działalności społecznej i polonijnej, za męstwo i odwagę odznaczony m. in. Krzyżem Oficerskim Orderu Odrodzenia Polski. Uroczystości pogrzebowe porucznika Mackiewicza odbyły się w sobotę, 2 marca 2019 r. na cmentarzu Maryhill w Niles koło Chicago.

1 Samodzielna Brygada Spadochronowa była pierwszym oddziałem polskiej armii na uchodźstwie utworzonym w Wielkiej Brytanii w 1941 roku. Por. Mackiewicz brał udział m.in. w operacji "Market Garden" pod Arnhem w Holandii. Po rozwiązaniu Brygady w 1947 r. wyemigrował do Chicago, gdzie współtworzył Związek Spadochroniarzy Polskich w Ameryce. W 2013 r. sztandar Związku został uroczyście przekazany w Konsulacie Generalnym RP w Chicago przez prezesa Związku por. Leonarda Mackiewicza 6. Brygadzie Powietrznodesantowej z Krakowa, która jest kontynuatorem tradycji Brygady gen. Sosabowskiego. Krzyż Oficerski Orderu Odrodzenia Polski przyznany przez Prezydenta RP Andrzeja Dudę został wręczony por. Leonardowi Mackiewiczowi 4 grudnia 2018 r. z udziałem Sekretarza Stanu w Ministerstwie Obrony Narodowej Tomasza Zdzikota i Attaché Wojskowego w Waszyngtonie gen. Cezarego Wiśniewskiego.

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Polak Roku 2019

Mirosława Sojka-Topór

"POLISH CLU!

XV Dzień Polski w Lemont

17 lutego 2019 roku, w miejscowości Lemont, IL, odbył się już 15. z kolei Dzień Polski. Organizatorzy, czyli Klub Polski i Szkoła Polska im. św. Jana Pawła II w Lemont, wybrali na temat tego dnia: "Stanisław Moniuszko, ojciec polskiej opery narodowej". Chcieli w ten sposób uczcić 200-tną rocznicę urodzin tego wybitnego muzyka i kompozytora, znanego przede wszystkim jako autora oper "Halka" i "Straszny Dwór".

Główne uroczystości tego dnia rozpoczęły się mszą świętą w kościele śś. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont, którą celebrował biskup Andrzej Wypych. Poczty sztandarowe z bratnich kół i organizacji, wprowadzone przez Kosciuszkowców, nadały tej mszy bardziej doniosły charakter.

O godzinie 15:00 rozpoczęła sie akademia prowadzona przez państwo Grażynę i Ryszarda Witkowskich. Po odśpiewaniu hymnów narodowych przez panią Violettę

Greczyk, nastąpiła prezentacja "Polaka Roku", którym została pani Mirosława Sojka-Topór. Jej wspaniały talent muzyczny i piękny sopran jest znany i słyszany w wielu miejscach stanu Illinois, zarówno w kościołach, gdzie gra i śpiewa jako organistka, jak również na wielkich i mniejszych salach koncertowych, gdzie uświetnia swoją skromną osobą, wspaniałe koncerty. Pani Mirosława śpiewała również dla prezydenta Komorowskiego w Polsce oraz prezydenta Obamy w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Organizatorzy Dnia Polskiego, wyróżnili panią Mirosławe Sojkę-Topór tytułem "Polaka Roku 2019", za jej szczególne zasługi dla Polonii, jak również za promowanie muzyki polskiej oraz rozpowszechnianie swoim talentem muzycznym piękna polskiej kultury, sztuki, tradycji oraz polskich obyczajów. Pani Mirosława przekazuje również to piekno polskiej muzyki młodemu pokoleniu, ucząc ich i rozwijając ich talenty wokalno-muzyczno-instrumentalne.

Dla pani Mirosławy oraz przybyłych gości, uczniowie szkoły - Marysia i







Piotr Snieżko przygotowali bardzo ciekawą prezentację

w języku polskim i angielskim, w której ukazali Stanisława Moniuszkę jako nie tylko sławnego kompozytora oper, ale również wielu piosenek, pieśni kościelnych i wojskowych, a przede wszystkim, jako muzyka który w swoich utworach ujął polską nutę prostego ludu, folkloru, obyczaju, humoru i dramatu oraz podkreślał piękno polskiej tożsamosci, kultury

Poszczególne klasy z Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II ZPRKA, zrobiły gazetki dot. twórczości Stanisława Moniuszki. Uwagę osób odwiedzających wystawę prac uczniowskich, zwróciła imitacja góry Giewont, z krzyżem na szczycie, otoczonej jodłami i postaciami ubranymi w stroje ludowe z wielu rejonów Polski oraz cytaty Moniuszki:

"Jeśli kiedy Polacy własną mowę zdradzą, polskim pieśniom śpiewniki twe umrzeć nie dadzą..."

"Widziałem po świecie, jak pieśni twej siłą zawrzały kamienne umysły, jak oko co dotąd bezmyślnie świeciło, poczuło jak łzy mu wytrysły".

W atmosferze tych wypowiedzianych przez Stanisława Moniuszkę słów, widzowie akademii, mogli usłyszeć piękny koncert muzyki i utworów wielkiego kompozytora w wykonaniu poniższych artystów: Mirosława Sojka-Topór – sopran, John Białas- tenor, Andrzej Lenert – tenor, Emila Topór – sopran, Szymon Koszarek – flet, Luciano Lorentiu

W drugiej części koncertu wystąpił zespół "Goranie" w

fenomenalnej grze i wykonaniu węgierskich czardaszy.

Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy przyszli i poparli ten wyjątkowy Dzień Polski. Szczególne podziękowania należą się organizatorom tego dnia za rozpowszechnianie wśród amerykańskiej społeczności i Polonii wiedzy o Polsce i wyjątkowych Polakach, do których na pewno się zalicza Stanisław Moniuszko.

Dziękujemy również sponsorom oraz darczyńcom, którzy przyczyniają się do tego, aby Klub Polski z Lemont mógł kontynuować swoją misję wspierania i krzewienia kultury polskiej. Staropolskie Bóg zapłać dla: parafii śś. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont, Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II, Celina's Deli – państwa Mrożek, Sophie & Kathy Grele, Montrose Deli – państwa Haliny i Stanisława Urbaniaków, Men's Wear Tuxedo, Heleny i Tadeusza Las, katolickiej księgarni internetowej "Prosta droga", Sport Outlet Express – pana Alexa Zająca, Eagle Distribiution Incorporation, Krystyna Jewelery, Lowell Foods, Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce, Augustyn & Associated LLD, Olympia Bakery, katolickiej ksiegarni "Źródło", Crystal Grand Banquets, Radia Maryja, Danuty Wontorczyk, Kingi i Jana Czupta, Forzley Eye Clinic, Janik Construction, Polameru.



Opracowała: Grażyna Witkowski



Chicago, IL - Okres poprzedzający Wielkanoc bogaty jest w liczne tradycje i uroczystości, które są od wielu lat obchodzone w biurze ZPRKA.

lutego, 28 świętowaliśmy w biurze Tłusty czwartek (obchodzony w Polsce od ok. XVI wieku). Z tej okazji, zarząd Zjednoczenia zaprosił pracowników na kawę i świeże pączki. Wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński przygotowała ciekawostki o historii tradycji Tłustego czwartku, którymi podzieliła się z pracownikami.



Tłusty wtorek

Kulminacyjnym momentem karnawału w Stanach Zjednoczonych, jest Tłusty wtorek. Z tej okazji wielu Amerykanów i Polaków, świętuje ten dzień, powtórnie delektując się pączkami. Również pracownicy ZPRKA po raz drugi zaproszeni zostali na pączki w dniu 5 marca.

6 marca, przypadała Środa Popielcowa, którą Kościół katolicki r o z p o c z y n a czterdziestodniowy okres Wielkiego Postu, czas duchowego przygotowania do Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego. Biuro ZPRKA i MPA odwiedzili ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr, dyrektor Misji św. Trójcy w Chicago, IL i ks. Jarosław Wiśniewski, misjonarz z Boliwii, przebywający gościnnie w Chicago. Posypując głowy pracowników popiołem, wypowiadali nad każdym słowa: "Prochem jesteś i w proch się obrócisz". W krótkiego czasie





Środa Popielcowa w biurze ZPRKA

nabożeństwa, lektorami byli Konrad Więcek, asystent wiceprezes ZPRKA, i Dean Uminski, skarbnik MPA, a psalm odśpiewał Mateusz Bomba.

W dniu 19 marca, w biurze ZPRKA obchodzony jest tradycyjnie Dzień św. Józefa, patrona Kościoła powszechnego, chrześcijańskich małżeństw, rodzin, robotników, rzemieślników, wszystkich pracujących i dobrej śmierci. Kult św. Józefa sięga IX wieku. W dniu 8 grudnia 1870 r. Papież Pius IX ogłosił św. Józefa patronem całego Kościoła.

Od wielu lat, w dniu 19 marca, pracownicy ZPRKA i MPA spotykają się na lunchu. Tradycyjnie, zarząd ZPRKA zaprasza w tym dniu księdza z jednej z okolicznych parafii. W tym roku odwiedził biuro Zjednoczenia ks. Mariusz Lis, SChr z Polskiej Misji Duszpasterskiej św. Trójcy. Ks. Lis odmówił z pracownikami modlitwy do św. Józefa, pobłogosławił



przygotowany posiłek oraz udzielił błogosławieństwa zebranym. Prezes ZPRKA Robaczewski odmówił modlitwę w języku angielskim, a wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński podzieliła pracownikami informacją o genezie obchodów dnia św. Józefa.



Obchody Dnia św. Józefa

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OBCHODY DNIA PUŁASKIEGO W MUZEUM POLSKIM W AMERYCE

Chicago, IL - W poniedziałek, 4 marca 2019 r. odbyły się o 10 rano w Sali Głównej im. Sabiny F. Logisz w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce oficjalne stanowe obchody Dnia Pułaskiego. W uroczystości wzięli udział przedstawiciele władz stanowych, powiatowych i miejskich, archidiecezji chicagowskiej i organizacji polsko-amerykańskich, a także przedstawiciele rządu polskiego i Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago .

Kazimierz Pułaski (1748-1779) polski generał, który walczył w w wojnie o niepodległość Stanów Zjednoczonych, nazywany jest "ojcem amerykańskiej kawalerii" i "bohaterem dwóch narodów". Pułaski zmarł w wyniku ran odniesionych w bitwie pod Sayanah

W 1977 r., władze stanu Illinois ustanowiły Dzień Pułaskiego oficjalnym świętem stanowym. Oficjalnie został ogłoszony świętem państwowym w dniu 3 marca 1986 r.

Gości powitała i program otworzyła Małgorzata Kot, dyrektor zarządzająca MPA. Po wejściu pocztu sztandarowego, Mirosława Sojka-Topór zaśpiewała amerykański i polski hymn narodowy. Na pianinie akompaniował jej Bartłomiej Ciężobka.

Dyr. Kot poprosiła wielebnego ks. Andrzeja Wypycha, biskupa pomocniczego Chicago o odmówienie

modlitwy przed rozpoczęciem programu oraz przedstawiła Jamesa J. Robaczewskiego, prezesa Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce i przewodniczącego Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce oraz Ryszarda Owsianego, którzy na zmianę przedstawiali kolejnych przemawiających w czasie akademii gości.

Przemówienia wygłosili: skarbnik stanu Illinois Michael Frerichs, burmistrz Chicago, Rahm Emanuel; historyk MPA Jan Loryś; Piotr Janicki, Konsul Generalny RP w Chicago; Janice Schakowsky przedstawicielka 9. okręgu wyborczego w stanie Illinois; Toni Preckwinkle, prezes Rady Powiatu Cook; Frank Spula, prezes Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej i Związku Narodowego Polskiego; Bogdan Chmielewski, prezes i dyrektor generalny Polsko-Słowiańskiej Federalnej Unii Kredytowej; Maria Papas, skarbnik powiatu Cook; Andrzej Przybyło, burmistrz Niles; Aurelia Pucinski, sędzia Sądu Apelacyjnego Illinois; Dorothy Brown, sekretarz sądu okręgowego powiatu Cook; Ariel Reboyras, radny z 30 okręgu miejskiego; i Scott Swanson, prezes PNC Bank w Illinois.

W swoich przemówieniach, zwrócili oni uwagę na bohaterstwo Pułaskiego i jego wkład w walkę o wolność Stanów Zjednoczonych oraz podkreślili niezliczone zasługi polskich imigrantów w życie i rozwój stanu Illinois i miasta Chicago na przestrzeni ostatnich wieków. Niektórzy z przemawiających zachęcali Polonię do większego zaangażowania w życie polityczne i uczestniczenia w wzięcia udziału w nadchodzących wyborach, co jest ich przywilejem i obowiązkiem obywatelskim jako obywateli Stanów Zjednoczonych.

Burmistrz Emanuel, który opuści swoje biuro po wyborach w dniu 2 kwietnia 2019 r., przypomniał wszystkim o jego nieustających wysiłkach na rzecz włączenia Polski do programu zniesienia wiz dla obywateli Polskich.

Prezes KPA i ZNP Frank Spula zwrócił uwagę zebranych na kilka rocznic, które będą obchodzone w 2019 r.: 400. rocznicy pierwszego strajku polskich rzemieślników w osadzie Jamestown, 75. rocznicy założenia Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej, 20. rocznicy przyjęcie Polski do NATO i innych.

Owacją na stojąco nagrodzono wystąpienie Aurelii Pucińskiej, która zauważyła, że 1 na 7 osób w Illinois i 1 na 10 osób w Chicago ma polskie korzenie. Następnie rzuciła wyzwanie politykom obecnym na uroczystości, aby zrobili więcej dla Polonii, m.in. poprzez zatrudnienie większej ilości wykwalifikowanych Polaków w swoich biurach.

Gościem specjalnym tegorocznej uroczystości był Adam Kwiatkowski, sekretarz stanu w Kancelarii Prezydenta RP, który odczytał list od Prezydenta RP, Andrzeja Dudy. W swoim liście prezydent Duda wspomniał m.in. swoją wizytę w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce i wyraził wdzięczność kierownictwu MPA i ZPRKA za przechowywanie pamiątek narodowych i pracę na rzecz polskiej diaspory w Ameryce oraz zwrócił uwagę na przyjacielskie relacje i współpracę, która łączy Polskę i Stany Zjednoczone Ameryki od ponad dwóch stuleci.

Kolejnym punktem programu, było odznaczenie prezesa MPA Ryszarda Owsianego i trzech pracowników muzeum Orderami Zasługi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Prezes









Bp. Andrzej Wypych



L-p: Ryszard Owsiany, konsul Piotr Janicki, sekretarz stanu RP Adam Kwiatkowski, Halina Misterka, Małgorzata Kot, Jan Loryś



"Książę" Aleksander Sacinski, sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA Agnieszka Bastrzyk, prezes James Robaczewski, "Kopciuszek" Klaudia Widur





Owsiany, dyrektor zarządzająca Małgorzata Kot i historyk Jan Loryś zostali odznaczeni Krzyżami Oficerskimi Orderu Zasługi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej, a archiwistka Halina Misterka została odznaczona Krzyżem Kawalerskim Orderu Zasługi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Nominacje odczytała Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, z-ca konsula generalnego, a medale wręczyli: Adam Kwiatkowski, Sekretarz Stanu RP, konsul generalny Piotr Janicki i wicekonsul Piotr Semeniuk.

Ostanią oficjalną częścią uroczystości było złożenie dwóch wieńców przed obrazem "Pułaski pod Savannah" Stefana Batowskiego z 1932 roku. Pierwszy wieniec został złożony w imieniu Prezydenta RP przez sekretarza stanu Adama Kwiatkowskiego i konsula Piotra Janickiego, a drugi przez prezesów Franka Spulę, Jamesa Robaczewskiego i Dee Hinger-Blicharską, żonę ś.p. Edwarda F. Blicharskiego, darczyńcy MPA.

Obchody zakończyły się błogosławieństwem udzielonym przez ks. Marka Smołkę, koordynatora ds. Polonii w Archidiecezji Chicagowskiej, Arcybiskupa z Polonią i odśpiewanie "God Bless America".

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