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Welcome May - the Polish way ... Witaj Maj!

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE MAY 3RD POLISH CONSTITUTION HOLIDAY!

The year 2019

marks the 100th anniversary of the

establishment of May

3rd (Constitution Day)

as an official national

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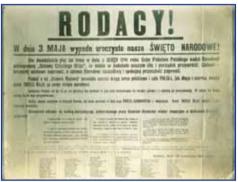
drafted and ratified the

In 1791, the

(Seim).

in April 1919.

Parliament



Poster announcing the program of the May 3rd Constitution celebrations in Kalisz, 1916

May 3rd Constitution to address the long-standing political defects which existed in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. They sought to limit the powers of the magnates, to enact political reforms and to supplant the anarchy fostered by some of the magnates with a more democratic constitutional monarchy.

The adoption of the Constitution provoked hostility from the Commonwealth's three powerful autocratic neighbors: Russia, Prussia and Austria. Because they considered it a threat to their power and privileges, a group of Polish and Lithuanian magnates opposed the Constitution. They formed the Targowica Confederation on April 27, 1792 and asked Empress Catherine II of Russia to intervene. On May 18, 1792, two Russian armies invaded the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth without a

The war in defense of the Polish Constitution in 1792 was a three-month long conflict. The army under the command of Józef Poniatowski and Tadeusz Kościuszko, which was outnumbered by the Targowica Confederation and Russian forces, defeated or fought to a draw the Russians on several occasions, but still defeat loomed. Despite repeated requests, Prussia refused to honor its alliance with Poland. King Stanisław August Poniatowski decided to seek a diplomatic

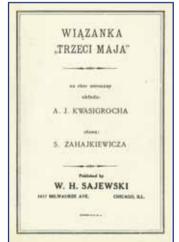
declaration of war.

end to the war, because he hoped to preserve the Commonwealth. His negotiations with the Russians failed the Russian ambassador Yakov Bulgakov made assurances that there would be no seizure of territory from Poland. Empress Catherine demanded that King Poniatowski join the Targowica Confederation. On July 24, 1792, the Guardians of the Laws (Straz Praw) cabinet voted to surrender and the king joined the Confederation. When the news reached the Polish Army, it disintegrated.

Many of the reform nobles went into self-imposed exile, whereby other nobles hoped that the king could negotiate an acceptable compromise with the Russians, but this hope would not last long. A new Seim (called the Grodno Sejm), bribed and intimidated by

Russian troops, was convened. Under duress. it annulled the Constitution of May 3rd and allowed the Russians to seize 97,000 square miles (250,000 square kilometers) of Polish territory, resulting in the Second Partition of Poland. The Targowica Confederates wanted to restore the prior status quo; they didn't realize that Empress Catherine saw their request as an opportunity to weaken the Commonwealth and seize territory from it, increasing the size and power of the Russian

During the 2nd and 3rd partitions, the May 3rd holiday was banned. It was celebrated during the Duchy of Warsaw (1807-1815), unofficially celebrated in the Congress Kingdom and during the three national uprisings. Polish communities outside occupied Poland celebrated May 3rd during the



Booklet of the medley of "May 3rd"songs for a mixed choir



Patriotic soldiers' songs,

19th Century. Here in Chicago the first May 3rd Constitution parade was held in 1893. At the outbreak of World War I, Poland again became a battlefield, with the German defeat of the Russians and their withdrawal from Greater Poland. The Germans hoped the Polish would join them in fighting the Russians, and the first celebration of May 3rd was held on Polish soil after 85 years. In April 1919, the Second Polish Republic declared May 3rd a national holiday.

During World War II, May 3rd was banned by Nazi Germany and then after the war it was banned by the Polish People's Republic. In April 1990, May 3rd once again became a national holiday in Poland.

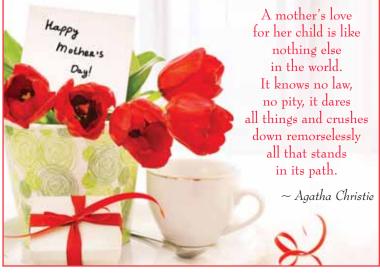
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1891 copy of the May 3, 1791 Constitution printed in Chicago



Cantata for the male choir, composed by Tytus Ernesti







MAY

- POLISH DIASPORA DAY (DZIEŃ POLONII I POLAKÓW ZA GRANICĄ)
- **POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY**
- 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 3:30 p.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 info: Malborkdancegroup@gmail.com or on Facebook: PRCUA Malbork Dance-Grand Rapids.
- PRCUA JOIN HANDS DAY on Sat., May II at at St. Albertus/St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit, MI.
- 12 **MOTHER'S DAY (USA)**
- POLONIA DANCE ENSEMBLE MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION BANQUET on Sun., May 12 at Crystal Palace Banguets, 1070 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL. Doors open at 11:30 a.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.
- WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST on Sun., May 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, Ml. See details on pg. 4.
- LANSING, MI WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., May 15 15 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.
- TOLEDO, OH REVERSE RAFFLE FOR ALL TOLEDO SOCIETIES: #1617, #719, #1584, 18 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. 8 for more details.
- 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
- 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: Valerie Brumm at 248-622-8949 or valerie.brumm@gmail.com.

- **DEADLINE FOR PRCUA SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY**
- STERLING HTS., MI PRCUA ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 29TH ANNUAL YOUTH BOWLING on Sat., June 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 5 Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy., Sterling Hts., Ml. See details on pg. 11.
- WYANDOTTE, MI PRCUA SOC. #162 CLASSIC CAR SHOW on Sun., June 2 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at PRCUA Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, Ml. Open to the public. Food available. For information contact: Val Bojanowski at 734-6261741. See details on pg. 4.
- 2 NEW BRITAIN, CT - 8TH LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL on Sun., June 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. See pg. 15 for details.
- DEARBORN HTS., MI ST. STAN'S SOC. #718 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING on Thur., June 6 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., Ml.
- DES PLAINES, IL POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA SUMMER GALA on Fri., lune 7 at Cafe La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines, IL. Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m. See details on pg. 15.
- HAMTRAMCK, MI 3RD ANNUAL POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH DETROIT CITY FC on Fri., June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Keyworth Stadium, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck, MI. The event will feature Polish themed fun along with an on-field half time Polish folk dance performance by several PRCUA dance groups. Discounted tickets can be purchased at: https://tinyurl.com/dcfcpolska2019. Additional info: www.detcityfc.com.

CHICAGO, IL - POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE WHITE SOX on Thurs., June 13 at Guaranteed Rate Field, 333 W 35th St, Chicago, IL. Pre-game parade at 6:15 p.m., game at 7:10 p.m. For tickets, contact: PRCUA Fraternal Dept. at 773-782-2636 or Fraternal-Department@prcua.org. See details on pg. 15.

FLAG DAY

FATHER'S DAY (USA)

- LANSING, MI WHITE EAGLE SOC, #2342 POTLUCK 19 AND MEETING on Wed., June 19 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.
- CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL PRCUA SACRED HEART MASS (HOSTED BY DISTR. #9) on Sun., June 23. Mass at 12:00 p.m. at St. Kieran Church, 724 W. 195th St., Chicago Heights, IL. Luncheon immediately following the mass at Balagio Restaurant, 17501 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, IL. See details on pg. 3.

FATHER'S DAY (POLAND)

- 23 WYANDOTTE, MI - PRCUA SOC. #162 GENERAL MEETING on Sun., June 23 at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI.
- WARREN, MI ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H.S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, Ml. Contact: Valerie Brumm at 248-622-8949 or valerie.brumm@gmail.com.
- GLENWOOD, IL 5TH ANNUAL PRCUA FAMILY PICNIC AND OUTDOOR MASS on Sun., June 30 at PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL. Mass at Noon, picnic until 6:00 p.m. For information, call the Fraternal Department at 773-782-2636 or visit PRCUA.org. See details on pg. 3.

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 2:00 to 6:00 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 of 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.

May 19 Polka Connection

Butch's Polka Kings Jun 23

Dave Hylla's Good Times Band Jul 28

Rich Cullen's Dynamic Duo (Hawaiian Attire) Aug 25

Sep 22 Polka Connection Oct 27

Larry Haller's Two Star Final Nov 24 Rich Cullen's Dynamic Duo

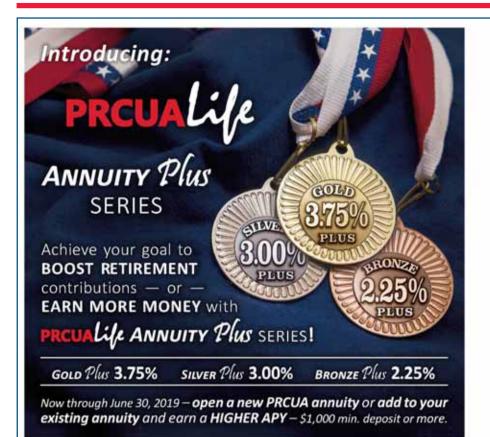
To learn more about our friends, the St. Louis Metro Polka Club, visit their website http://folkfire.org/polka/index.html. See all Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004) events on Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison.



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The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America would like to congratulate the members listed below on attaining 50 years or more as members of our organization. If you, or anyone you know met the 50 year membership with PRCUA, please contact: Julie Prado, Member Services Manager at: julieprado@prcua.org or send a letter to: Julie Prado, Member Services, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642.

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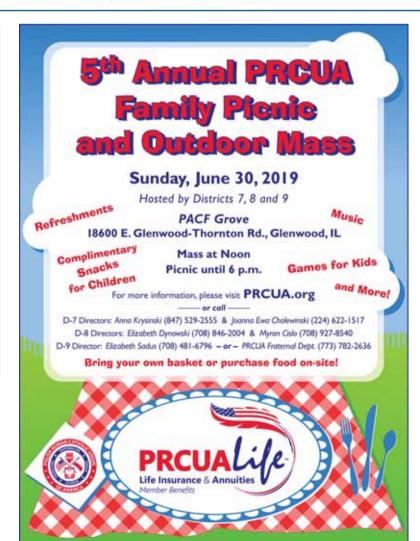
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From the Office of the **Secretary-Treasurer**



Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk, ALMI, FICF, ACS

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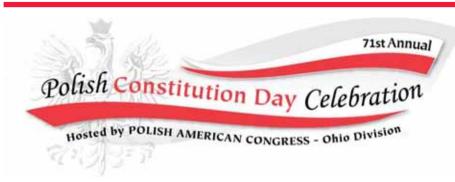
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Golf Tournament - July 20, 2019 - Temperance, MI Soc. #1617 - (Tom Jesionowski, Vickie Jean Mixon)

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

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



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CLEVELAND— Europe's first written constitution was signed in Poland on May 3, 1791. It embodied many of the same democratic principles contained in our U.S. Constitution. In fact, some of our constitution's language can be traced back to Polish philosophers whose books were on the shelf of Jefferson's library. This common devotion to the cause of liberty and freedom is why Polish Americans celebrate its anniversary every year.

This year event marks the 71st year the Polish American Congress will host Constitution Day celebrations. The entire weekend of events take place in the area nicknamed "Polish Village" in Parma from May 3-5, 2019.



PRCUA District #5 Director Mitchell Bienia

In honor of his years of service, the 2019 Parade Grand Marshal will be Dr. Mitchell Bienia. A retired teacher, counselor, department head and administrator in the Cleveland Public Schools and the former owner of the legendary Kniola Travel Bureau, Bienia fell in love with his heritage as a teenager and has since devoted himself to exploring Polish culture, language and perpetuating this passion in others.

Bienia has served Polonia on the national level as a National Director of both the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and Polish American Congress. He is also a dedicated and devoted leader of NE Ohio's Polish American community, including the Cleveland Society of Poles, Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 30 and PolishYoungstown.

GRAND MARSHAL – MITCHELL BIENIA

Mitchell Bienia was born with Polish blood flowing through his veins. All four of his grandparents came from Poland to America in 1900, making Mitch a true "blue-blood" Polish American. At baptism, his parents gave him the name Mieczysław to confirm to all that, indeed, their son was going to be proud to be Polish.

Early years

His Polishness was fostered at an early age when his parents sent him to the PNA Polish School at the Polish Library Home on Professor Avenue in Tremont, before Tremont was a hip place to live. His parents, as well as his grandparents, spoke the Polish language, which inducted him into the Polish way of life by celebrating Polish customs and holidays. Every Sunday, it was a family tradition to go to Babcia and Dziadek's house for dinner, where all sat around the dining room table, telling stories of the ancestors and the courage it took to come to America.

When Mitch was in high school, he learned of an opportunity to spend the summer at the former Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, to study the language and culture of his ancestors. The fire was ignited, and from that day forward, he was an ardent Pole.

Growing as a Pole

As soon as he finished college, he had a desire to travel to Poland to meet relatives, to whom his family had been sending packages and \$10.00 each month since the end of World War II, a modest sum by American standards at the time, but quite helpful to the Poles in post-war Europe, as for them it was nearly a whole month's wage. In 1967, the opportunity to travel to Poland came to him, as he was welcomed into the home of his family in Tarnów, in southeastern Poland. He was the family's first American-born relative to visit Poland. They greeted him with the Polish proverb "Gość w dom, Bóg w dom" – a guest in the home is God in the house. At that moment, Mitch's heart melted and forever he was a Pole. The most touching moments came when Mieczysław saw familiar photos of his American family hanging on the wall.

Career

As he began his career as an educator in Cleveland, Ohio, he returned to Poland nearly every summer, making contact with more family members. In the 1970's, he founded American Teachers Abroad, Inc. and established English language summer schools in Poland, first in Kraków, then in Wrocław, and finally in Warsaw, which eventually spread to Volgograd, Russia. His heart led him to his Polish-born wife, Krystyna. In 1994, his daughters joined him in walking 135 miles in a pilgrimage from Warsaw to Częstochowa.

As a rising force in the Cleveland Public Schools, he continued his education, receiving a Master of Arts degree from John Carroll University, and a Doctor of Education degree from Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Retirement

After retiring from the Cleveland Public Schools in 1995, Mitch and Krysia decided to indulge their passion for travel. Slavic Village-based Kniola Travel was one of the first

Polish-owned businesses in Cleveland and its owner was ready to sell. Mitch and his wife earned the necessary certification and started another adventure with this project. They operated the business for more than 25 years and traveled to more than 60 countries in the process. A grand second career indeed!

This flexibility allowed Mitch to indulge his Polish passion as well. In 1999, he moved to Poland to teach English at Nicolaus Copernicus High School in Warsaw for a semester and to work on his own conversational Polish-speaking abilities. By this time, he was completely involved with the Alliance of Poles of America, serving as secretary general. In 2005, the Alliance of Poles merged with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, based in Chicago, IL. Eventually, he was elected as a Director of the PRCUA, representing the states of Ohio and West Virginia, a position he holds to this day.

Community Service

During his long career, Mitch has held numerous positions within the Polish-American community, as well as outside it, such as: president of the Northeast Ohio Personnel and Guidance Association, member of Metro Hospital Broadway Campus Advisory Board, member of PLAV Post 30, counselor and administrator at Cuyahoga Community College, student-teacher advisor at Cleveland State University, president of the Cleveland Society of Poles, director and vice-president of the Polish American Society of Travel Agents, board member of PolishYoungstown, director at Steel Valley Federal Credit Union, national director at the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, as well as numerous offices in the Polish American Congress — Ohio Division, including state director, national director, secretary, first vice president, and grand chairman of this year's May 3rd celebration.

Thanks to his lovely wife, Krystyna, he is able to continue to serve the Polish-American community of northeast Ohio. Together they have raised two highly successful daughters, Krystyna and Michelle (the latter is married to Joseph), and the two of them are the proud parents of a bright grandson, named Jackson.

ABOUT THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS The Polish American Congress was formed in Buffalo in 1944 as an umbrella organization for all Polish social, cultural, educational, veterans and fraternal organizations so that the Polish American community in the United States could be heard with one strong voice on important issues and events. Since the founding of the Ohio Division in 1948, the PAC has annually sponsored the state's official celebration.

For more information go to www.polishamericancongress-ohio.com.

APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEMBERS OF PRCUA #1493 FATHER AL'S SOCIETY

Please include on a separate sheet or via e-mail:

- 1) Member Name
- 2) Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
- 3) Primary Phone Number
- 4) E-Mail Address
- 5) School you are or will be attending in the Fall 2019. It must be verified with a copy of a document such as letter of acceptance, transcript, class schedule, or similar material.
- 6) What is your course of study?

Please use full sentences:

- 7) How have you participated in PRCUA National or Society functions?
- 8) How have you participated/volunteered in church activities?
- 9) How have you participated/volunteered in community activities?
- 10) What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
- 11) Are your annual society dues paid?

PLEASE NOTE:

Application must include a letter of recommendation from the church or community

Society dues must be paid and up to date.

Scholarships will be based on funds available.

Checks will be made payable to the school and not the applicant.

Scholarships are for Full-Time students.

Scholarships are only available to a recipient (4) times.

Application must be received by July 1, 2019.

Please send to:

PRCUA #1493 Attn: Scholarship Committee 35030 Stellwagen St. Wayne, MI 48184

Or via e-mail to: ozog@hotmail.com.

Subject should include "2019 Father Al's Scholarship"

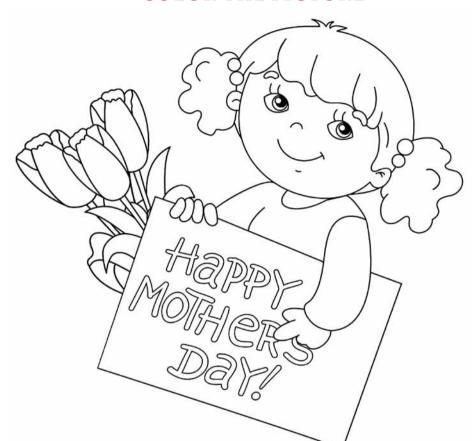
If you have any questions please contact Brenda Ozog at 734-674-9734.

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FIND THE WAY

Help each of the smiling bugs find its way to the right flower.



FIND 12 DIFFERENCES





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ANNUAL PRCUA ŚWIĘCONKA



District #8 Directors Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo

Chicago Ridge, IL -District #8 hosted this year's Annual PRCUA Święconka on Sunday, March 31 at Candlelight Banquets in Chicago Ridge, IL.

The program began with the District #8 Directors Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo welcoming members from Districts #7, #8 and #9 and their guests at this annual

celebration of the upcoming Easter.

After a delicious lunch,

which included some traditional Polish dishes, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski invited everyone to join in the "left-right" game. Keeping up with the right direction in which players were supposed to pass the colorful Easter eggs brought a lot of laughs. At the end of the game, whoever was in the possession of the specially marked egg at each table was the winner of an Easter basket filled with chocolates.

The program continued with a performance of the Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Co., and was awarded with well-deserved applause. Dancers presented the suite of dances from the Lublin region, choreographed by the artistic director Richard Jaminski.

Before the end of the program, Director Cislo and past Director Rustik announced the winners of



Suite of Lublin dances performed by Wesoły Lud



Wesoły Lud dancers with PRCUA Executive Officers and their spouses: Pres. James Robaczewski and wife Elaine, VP Micheline Jaminski and husband Richard, Secy-Treas. Agnieszka Bastrzyk and husband Daniel; National Directors: Anna Krysinski and Joanna Cholewinski (D-7), Elizabeth Dynowski and Myron Cislo (D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9); and past D-8 Directors Krystyna Lech and James Rustik

the cash raffle. Winners were randomly chosen by the Wesoły Lud dancers and had to pick their lucky envelope with cash inside.

The 2019 PRCUA Święconka was attended by: PRCUA President James Robaczewski and his wife Elaine and sons; Vice President Micheline Jaminski and her husband, Richard; Secretary-Treasurer

Agnieszka Bastrzyk and her husband Daniel and children; National Directors Anna Krysinski and



PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski inviting everyone to join in the "left-right" game

Joanna Ewa Cholewinski (D-7); Krystyna Lech and James Rustik (past Directors of D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), guests from the Polish Falcons of America, 2019 Prince Charming Aleksander Sacinski and 2019 Cinderella Runner-up Katarzyna Burdzy, members of the Adult Culture Group, members of the School Board from Maria Konopnicka School, Sales Director Robert Fattore, Marketing Director Elżbieta Sawczuk and *Naród Polski* Executive Editor Lidia Kowalewicz. Mrs. Jaminski also extended a warm welcome to guests from Poland, who attended Święconka with their families.

PRCUA and District #8 extend their thanks to all who attended 2019 Święconka for their support.











Vickie Kroplewski distributing the Easter eggs for the "left-right" game



Myron Cislo and James Rustik presenting the prize envelopes to the winners



Children enjoying various crafts









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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.

- 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 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.

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.

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

Soc. #162 Unveils Hand Carved Polish Eagle



Hand carved Polish eagle plaque displayed at the PRCUA Lounge

At the March General Membership Meeting in Wyandotte, MI, Society #162 members unveiled the Wooden Carving that was presented to the club from President Emeritus Joseph A Drobot, Jr. Participating in the unveiling were: Mike Halberstadt, Stan Pasko, Judy Drobot and Joseph A. Drobot Jr., along with numerous members and directors.

The hand carved historical Polish eagle plaque was originally carved in 1955 by Walter Stachelski of Detroit, MI. Mary Stachoska, Manager and National Director of PRCUA, in Hamtramck, MI, displayed it on the wall behind the Club Bar. When the building was sold, Teresa Cwiek, custodian of the plaque, passed on the carving to the newly elected President of PRCUA,

Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., in 2010. It hung proudly in his office until he retired in 2018. He then passed it along to PRCUA Society #162, Wyandotte, MI, where it is now on display.

The officers and members of Society #162 are very honored to have been chosen to receive this plaque and are proud to display it in their Lounge. Please take the time to stop by and see the carving in person. The lounge is open Tuesday through Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Stan Pasko



L-r: Mike Halberstadt, Stan Pasko, Judy Drobot and PRCUA President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

Dance Director Page Ann Lackey

Dance Director Rose Ann Lackey throwing the football

Tatry's First Annual Fowling Fundraiser

Tatry Dancers held their First Annual Fowling Fundraiser at the Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck, MI.

Over 50 people attended this event. We "fowled" our arms off! Fowling is basically bowling, but you throw a football instead of rolling a bowling ball. It's not as easy as you'd think. But even if you can't throw a football, you can knock pins over!

Thank you to Jerry Lubiarz (husband of Tatry Director Karen) for organizing the event.

Submitted by Gail Esker, Tatry Secretary



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GWIAZDA DANCERS' LATE MARCH AND EARLY APRIL HAPPENINGS

The old saying goes, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." We can't speak about the lamb part, but the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers can attest to the lion part. March has been a month filled with performances and preparation for the ensemble's 59th annual spring recital.

Thursday, March 21, the Gwiazda Dancers performed as part of an International Night for the Chippewa Valley Schools in Clinton Township, MI. For its performance, Gwiazda presented a medley of Polish dances including the Krakowiak, Oberek, and a polka. Gwiazda showcased Poland at the event. Presentations at the event also included performances from Bulgaria, Romania, and Ireland.

On Friday, March 22, the Gwiazda Gals, a group of Gwiazda moms, grandmas, aunts and friends got together for a Polish poppy making workshop. The event saw each participant learning the art of making Polish-style poppy decorations cut out of paper.

On Saturday, March 23, the Gwiazda Dancers performed in Mt. Clemens, MI at the Mt. Clemens Elks Club

as part of their Polish night. In addition to Gwiazda's performance, the event featured a Polish dinner coordinated (and cooked) by Dave Porzondek. For its performance, Gwiazda presented suites of dances from Beskid Śląsk, Beskid Żywiecki, Spisz, Kaszëbë, as well as a polka.

On Sunday, March 24, members of the Gwiazda Dancers participated in a *pisanki* (Polish Easter egg) making workshop held at the Polish Art Center in Hamtramck, MI. The event was coordinated by one of the Polish Art Center's proprietors, Michelle Gerdan, who is also a Gwiazda Alum and current Gwiazda mom. After the pisanki workshop, the ensemble met up at PLAV Post 10 in Hamtramck

On Monday, March 25, the PRCUA Gwiazda dancers held a fundraiser at Maine Street Restaurant in Hamtramck. When patrons presented a flier at the register, Gwiazda received 20% of those patrons' bills.

for a Sunday evening practice.

On Friday, March 29, Gwiazda performed at Little Caesar's Arena in Detroit, MI during the Detroit Red Wings' Polish Night. Gwiazda performed on the concourse during the game's first intermission. For its performance, Gwiazda presented suites of dances from Spisz, Beskid Żywiecki, the Krakowiak, and a polka. Gwiazda had over 90 people at the event (dancers, parents and

Gwiazda friends). The PRCUA Opole Dancers performed during pre-game celebrations at the event. Following the performance, members of the Gwiazda Dancers remained at the Arena to watch the Red Wings square off against the New Jersey Devils. Although eliminated from playoff contention, the Red Wings continued their hot streak and beat the Devils with a score of 4-0. Following the game, the dancers had the opportunity to go on to the ice at Little Caesar's Arena.

On Sunday, March 31, Gwiazda (along with numerous other PRCUA dance groups) participated in the 17th Annual Blessing of the Polish Folk Dance Groups at St. Hyacinth Parish in Detroit. The brain child of St. Hyacinth's former pastor, the late Fr. Francis Skalski, the Parish's current pastor, Fr. Janusz Iwan, has continued this tradition as a way to promote and encourage young people's engagement and continued involvement in their Polish heritage.

Monday, April 1 (no joke, either) started Gwiazda's marathon week. Monday night had Gwiazda back in Hamtramck at PLAV Post 10 for its regular practice. Saturday, April 6, 2019, saw Gwiazda converge on the Fitzgerald High School Auditorium in Warren, MI for its pre-recital dress rehearsal. This was the ensemble's last opportunity to make sure all costumes were in order and that all dancers were

exactly as they should be. On Sunday, April 7, Gwiazda returned to Fitzgerald to hold its 59th Annual Spring Recital (an article will be forthcoming).

With the Annual Recital a memory, there is still plenty to come in 2019. Gwiazda has several performances and appearances already scheduled for the summer months. If you're on Twitter, please be sure to follow us at: @PRCUA Gwiazda.

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



PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers at Chippewa Valley Schools
Diversity Day



Gwiazda Gals at Polish paper poppy-making workshop



Dancers at Mt. Clemens Elks' Club Performance



Making *pisanki* at the Polish Art Center in Hamtramck



Gwiazda's performance at Detroit Red Wings' Polish Heritage Night



17th Annual Blessing of the Polish Folk Dance Ensembles at St. Hyacinth Church in Detroit,

CRUCIFIX PHOTO EXHIBIT AT ORCHARD LAKE

On Saturday April 13. President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife, Ioann, attended an exhibit of crucifixes at the Orchard Lake Schools Orchard Lake, MI. The title of the exhibit was Cruciform L o v e " (Crucifix of Love) and



Mr. and Mrs. Ozog with seminarian Przemyslaw Rozestwinski

consisted of photographs of crucifixes from different parts of the world as seen through the lens of seminarian Przemyslaw Rozestwinski.

The exhibit consisted of photos of crucifixes from St. Peter and Paul Church in Vilnius; from the Congregation of Merciful Mother of God of St. Faustina residence, also in Vilnius; Lady of the Rosary Parish in Gdynia Poland; St. Brigid Parish in Gdansk Poland; St. Joseph Parish in Hackensack, NJ; Marycrest Cemetery in Mahwah, NJ; Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn Church in Vilnius; St. Regis Parish in Bloomfield Hills, MI; and a photo of a crucifix from the Mother of God Chaladean Church, which resides in the office of Bishop Francis Reiss at Orchard Lake, MI.

Seminarian Rozestwinski began taking pictures of crucifixes during his travels. He eventually envisioned exhibiting these photos for others to view. The opportunity arose when he joined the Orchard Lake Seminary. He believes that Jesus on the cross represents love. Jesus loved mankind so much that He suffered and died for us. In return, God calls us to act with love. Each time we pray at the foot of the cross, Jesus sends us on a mission to forgive and to love one another.

This exhibit of crucifixes was most appropriate at this time of year because it took place at the beginning of the holiest week of the year, highlighting Jesus' road to His crucifixion and resurrection.



Members of the choir from Our Lady of Czestochowa Church join Mr. and Mrs. Ozog and Seminarian Rozestwinski

Congratulations to Seminarian Przemyslaw Rozestwinski and may this be the beginning of many more exhibits.

Submitted by Joann Ozog Photos courtesy of Andrzej Chodubski

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ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

BLESSINGS from above...



Sixteen Polish American dance ensembles, two priests, two altar servers, several dance choreographers, directors, and many family and friends filled St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit, MI on Sunday, March 31, 2019.....one may

ask, Why? The purpose? To celebrate as one community in the seventeenth annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles. St. Hyacinth Catholic Church is located on the east side of Detroit in an area commonly known as Poletown. The parish was founded in 1907, during which the Polish population was rapidly growing in this area. Fortunately, today the church still functions as an active parish, commemorating the Most Holy Mass and continuing to offer the Sacraments. On this last Sunday in March, visiting priest Father Zbigniew Grankowski from St. Barbara Parish in Dearborn, MI, along with St. Hyacinth's own priest, Father Janusz Iwan, welcomed everyone with open arms into this beautiful church. As Father Grankowski began his homily, he first sang to the dance groups in Polish, and then emphasized his gratitude to the parents and families of the dancers that were present that day. Father Grankowski conferred a special blessing, asking God to give the dance group members the strength to continue the giving of their time and energy to the wonderful tradition of Polish dancing.

During the Presentation of the Gifts, the dancers from the Zajączek Dance Ensemble gave both priests a picture of Our Lady of Częstochowa, the Queen and Protector of Poland.

Next, a special recognition was given to two dance ensembles which are both celebrating their fiftieth anniversaries, Halka Dancers and Rogalin Dancers, both PRCUA groups with a tremendous amount of talent and history of Polish dancing. Congratulations to both ensembles - what an accomplishment! As mass progressed, authentic Polish hymns were sung by St. Hyacinth's parish choir. Both priests bestowed a special final blessing upon the dance groups and reminded the congregation of the Eighteenth Annual Blessing of the Polish American Dance Ensembles, which is scheduled for March 22, 2020. May God continue to watch over all of us until we meet again next year! As everyone said goodbye, staff from St. Hyacinth distributed chocolate bars commemorating the special Mass as a token of their appreciation. Well done, Zajączek Dancers! Thank you for making us proud to be Polish!!

> Submitted by: Karrie Westphal, Secretary, Zajaczek Dance Ensemble Photography by: Mrs. Mary Ann Smigiel









District #10 National Directors Colleen Bonkowski and **Courtney Ozog present the** scroll of dancers signatures



Zajączek dancers presenting the picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa



Altar serve Natalya Bonkowski

























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Our Sincere Apologies



It was brought to our attention that the Male Zajączki group photo was missing from the article "Fourteen Zajączek Recitals and Counting..." which was published in the April issue of the Naród Polski. We sincerely apologize for the oversight.

Lidia Kowalewicz, Executive Editor

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

TORRANCE, CA: POLONIA INSTITUTE announces 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

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/poloniatoday/polonia-institute-historical-essay-competition-2019/.

Visit Poland with the Piast Institute

The Piast Institute is pleased to announce a two week trip to Poland that will help you with exploring your roots and connecting with your heritage. We will take you to the most important and interesting sites in the old country. Experience first hand the Polish culture and history in cities such as Wroclaw, Krakow, Warsaw, Torun, Malbork and Gdansk and their surrounding areas. The trip can be offered as early as October of 2019.

For additional information, please contact Malgosia Tulecki at $313-733-4535 \times 106$ or email: tulecki@piastinstitute.org .

The Piast Institute is a nonprofit organization that focuses on research, data analysis, publications and social services. It has served the Polish American community and other ethnic groups, nonprofit organizations, and governmental agencies through publications, consultation, and capacity building for the past 16 years.

PRCUA Members Enjoyed St. Patrick's Day Festivities in Ireland

The Christopher sisters, PRCUA members from Ohio, attended Irish festivities in Galway, Ireland this year and were pleased to witness Polish participants in parade.

The 117th Annual Galway St. Patrick's Day Parade



Christopher sisters at the parade in Ireland

marched through the streets of Galway during the St. Patrick's Day Festival, which was held from March 15 to March 17, 2019.



NEWS FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE



Richard Turkiewicz attends the Palm Decoration Contest

Richard Turkiewicz, Florida PRCUA Fraternal Field Officer, enjoyed a visit to St. Joseph's Polish Club for their annual palm decorating contest in Orlando, FL on Palm Sunday. He felt all the contestants were winners!

Richard Turkiewicz and young contestants displaying their palms

Annual Basket Blessing in Florida

Members of PRCUA Society #1492 participated in the 30th Annual Easter Basket Blessing at St. Stephens, Winter Springs, FL, on Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019.



Soc. #1492 members presenting their Easter baskets

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28th Annual Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball

"Something Wonderful" occurred on February 23, 2019, as The Shirley Ann Galanty Michigan State Ball and PRCUA Michigan Dance Schools honored twelve of their finest. The 28th annual ball was held at the elegant San Marino Club in Troy, MI and provided an amazing evening to all in attendance.

While the guests mingled during the cocktail hour, the PRCUA National Officers met with the State Ball honorees during a private Meet and Greet. Photos and conversations soothed the nerves of the honorees who anxiously awaited for the official opening of the ball. The PRCUA Michigan school directors and dance teachers paved the way for the promenade of PRCUA representatives which included our President James Robaczewski; Vice President Misia Jaminski and her husband Richard; Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk; President Emeritus Wallace Ozog and his wife Joann; President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot Jr. and his wife Judy; National Chaplain Rev. Walter J. Ptak and National Directors of District #10 Colleen Bonkowski and Courtney Ozog. The official opening of the ball included the singing of the Polish and American national anthems led by President Robaczewski and President Emeritus Drobot respectively. Emcee for the evening Mr. Tom Lisiecki welcomed everyone before ball coordinator, Kelly

Malinowski gave a fitting memorial and tribute to the late Rita J. Cerankowski, who was the co-chair of the ball from 1991 to 2017. Before dinner, President Emeritus Wallace Ozog, with great exuberance, delivered the toast to the honorees which included a resounding chorus of Sto Lat!

The moment in time arrived for the honorees to deliver their presentation program entitled "Something Wonderful." As Mr. Lisiecki would reveal, the honorees were indeed a special group of young adults ready to set the world afire. Besides meeting all the requirements needed to participate in the ball, the twelve honorees collectively achieved an impressive 148 years of dance experience between them. Through their written resumes, each told the stories of his or her future aspirations of wanting to become a nurse, an architect, a civil engineer, a neo-natal nurse, a radiologist, a business man and several new medical specialists. These honorees are truly something wonderful.

The presentation program began with three beautiful waltzes, which included The *Wunderbar Waltz*, *The Embassy Waltz* and *Just a Dream Waltz*. All the dances encompassed the theme of how wonderful it is to fulfill a dream of being presented in grand style with others who together have more in common than not. The PRCUA Michigan Dance School teachers then formally introduced the State Ball honorees to the audience. President Robaczewski and Vice President Jaminski bestowed upon each of them the honorary State Ball medallion and delivered beautiful messages of perseverance to the class of 2019

In the spirit of giving back, the honorees delivered a few presentations of their own. A gift of \$250 to assist with the education our future priests was given to the Orchard Lake Seminary and in memory of the late PRCUA Vice-Chaplain Monsignor Stanley Milewski: donation of \$250



2019 Shirley A. Galanty Michigan State Ball Honorees with their escorts

to the PRCUA Educational Scholarship Fund was givent to President Robaczewski and in memory of the late Shirley Ann Galanty, founder of the Michigan State Ball; and a contribution of over \$500.00 for the St. Albertus building fund was given to Ms. Celeste Grabowski from St. Albertus, Detroit MI, home to the first PRCUA Society in Michigan.

The Ball Committee took to the floor to present the 8th Annual State Ball Scholarship drawing. Led by Laura Cerankowski Hejza, a heartfelt tribute was made to her late mother Rita J. Cerankowski by renaming the scholarships awarded by the Michigan Women's Division to the Rita J. Cerankowski Michigan Women's Division Scholarship. In addition to the two scholarships awarded by the Michigan Women's Division, one would be funded by the Michigan State Ball. In a surprise reveal, two scholarships would be awarded by the PRCUA Fraternal Department. The lucky recipients of the five scholarships, which were awarded lottery style, included: Faith Brandt, Grace Gutierrez, Brendan Lubiarz, Tapanga Makowski and Alexandria Middleton.

The beautiful tradition of the family blessing, led by PRCUA National Chaplain Father Walter Ptak, brought the parents and the honorees together for a very special moment, all before the program's big finish! The honorees

presented the oldest national dance of Poland, the *Polonez*, then dramatically shifted gears to let loose and have some fun with some soul, as they performed to *Soule Bossa Nova*. Their enthusiasm was contagious and put the party mood in high gear for the remainder of the evening. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the musical talents of PRCUA member Duane Malinowski and his orchestra.

Congratulations to the PRCUA Michigan State Ball honorees, Class of 2019: Alexis Assenmacher, Kennedy Babicz, Faith Brandt, Maximilian Chabowski, Benjamin Czarnota, Michael Federico, Grace Gutierrez, Brendan Lubiarz, Tapanga Makowski, Alexandria Middleton, Zachary Palencik and Katie Sigler. You have all earned the title of PRCUA Ambassador for all that you have achieved for yourselves and for the benefit of the PRCUA and your PRCUA Michigan Dance School. You are all truly something wonderful! May all your future dreams come true!

Special appreciation is extended to Aaron Canter, Lauren Grawburg, Emiliano Mendiola, and Mikolaj Sobiesuik, who participated in the ball as a guest and escorts for our honorees.

A huge thank you to the Michigan State Ball Committee for all its efforts in making this an evening to remember for our honorees: Colleen Bonkowski, Lisa Brandt, Laura Hejza, Maria Jalkiewicz, Rose Ann Lackey, Jennifer Macek, Kelly Malinowski, Kristi Mihalic, Pat Steven, Beth Thacker and Jessica Wendt. Thank you also to the Michigan dance school teachers for their support of the ball and for preparing their students for their participation within: Michelle DeBack, Tricia Dennis, Rachel Kasperek, Tom Lisiecki, Karen Lubiarz, Kelly

Honorees and their escorts with PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, President James Robaczewski and Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk

Malinowski, Basia Nowakowski, Kasia Reese, Donna Skurski and Janet Vilag.

Lastly, thank you Micheline Jaminski and the PRCUA Fraternal Department for all your kind gestures in helping to make the 2019 Michigan State Ball truly something

Submitted by: Kelly Malinowski (Cont. on pg. 11)

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Alexis Layne Assenmacher is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Kim and Jerry Assenmacher of Brownstown Twp., MI. She has been dancing with the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fourteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #162. Alexis's escort for the evening was Mr. Aaron Canter.





Kennedy Babicz

Kennedy Nicole Babicz is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Courtney and Kenneth Babicz of Hamtramck, MI. She has been a member of the Gwiazda Dancers for six years and is a member of PRCUA Society #261. Fellow 2019 honoree and Gwiazda dancer Mr. Maximilian Chabowski was Kennedy's escort for the



Faith Ann Brandt is the daughter of Lisa and Dale Brandt of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the Rogalin Dance Troupe for fifteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #162. Her escort for the evening was Mr. Emiliano Mendiola.



Maximilian Chabowski

Maximilian Chabowski is the eighteenyear-old son of Monika and Miroslaw Chabowski of Hamtramck, MI. He has been a Gwiazda dancer for eleven years and is a member of PRCUA Society #261. Fellow Gwiazda dancer and 2019 honoree Miss Kennedy Babicz, was Maximilian's guest for the evening.



Benjamin Czarnota

Benjamin Czarnota is the eighteen-year-old son of Michelle and Troy Czarnota of Wyandotte, MI. He has been a Rogalin Troupe dancer for thirteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #162. Ben's guest for the evening was fellow Rogalin dancer and 2019 honoree Miss Grace Gutierrez.



Michael J. Federico is the seventeen-year-old son of Debbie and Joseph Federico of Warren, MI. He has been a Halka dancer for fifteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #261. Fellow 2019 honoree and Polskie Maki dancer Miss Tapanga Makowski, was Michael's guest for the evening.



Grace Gutierrez

Grace Catherine Gutierrez is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Deesa and Alfredo Gutierrez of Wyandotte, MI. She has been a member of the

Rogalin Dance Troupe for fourteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #162. Grace's escort for the evening was fellow 2019 honoree and Rogalin dancer Mr. Benjamin Czarnota.



Brendan Lubiarz

Brendan Matthew Lubiarz is the seventeen-year-old son of Karen and Jerry Lubiarz of Warren, MI. He has been a member of the Tatry Dancers for fifteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1413. Brendan's guest for the evening was fellow Tatry Miss dancer Grawburg.



Tapanga Makowski

Tapanga Makowski is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Beatrice Makowski and Jason Tassie of Fraser, MI. She has been a member of the Polskie Maki Dance School for ten years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1587. Tapanga's escort for the evening was fellow 2019 honoree and Halka dancer Mr. Michael Federico.



Alexandria Middleton

Alexandria Gail Middleton is seventeen-year-old daughter of Thomas Middleton and Stephanie and Brian Butterfield of Roseville, MI. She has been a member of the Polskie Maki Dance School for ten years and is a member of PRCUA Society #1587. Alexandria's escort for the evening was Gwiazda dancer, Mr. Mikolaj Sobiesuik.



Zachary Palencik

Zachary Andrew Palencik is the eighteen-year-old son of Jenni and Andrew Palencik of Flat Rock, MI. He has been dancing with the Halka Dancers for ten years and is a member of PRCUA Society #261. Zachary's guest for the evening was fellow Halka dancer and 2019 honoree Miss Katie Sigler.



Katie Sigler

Katie Lyn Sigler is the seventeen-year-old daughter of Kim and Jerry Sigler of Riley, MI. She has danced with the Halka Dancers for fifteen years and is a member of PRCUA Society #261. Fellow 2019 honoree and Halka dancer Mr. Zachary Palencik was Katie's escort for the evening.



President Emeritus Wallace Ozog (I) with President James Robaczewski



L-r: Emcee Thomas Lisiecki, VP Mcheline Jaminski, D-10 Dir. Colleen Bonkowski







Directors, choreographers, and instructors from the PRCUA Michigan dance schools

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Society</u>	<u>State</u>
Bartola, Loretta	880	IL	Krupa, Theresa	413	IL
Bernashuk, Florence	540	NY	Kuczajda, Jerome A.	718	MI
Bernosky, Robert J.	531	PA	Laskiewicz, Josephine A.	531	PA
Broda, Walter	589	VA	Lavigne, Dorothy J.	540	NY
Cain, Justine L.	31	CA	Macinnis, Allan D.	658	CT
Cherry, James F.	718	MI	Mischan, Patricia A.	337	IN
Galczynski, Henry	527	MD	Motter, Catherine	247	OH
Gdowski, Raymond J.	718	MI	Nowaczyk, Chestine A	683	IL
Gennarini, Helen	2010	FL	Olsowski, Walter	308	IL
Gniewek, Helen	823	IL	Paczkowski, Frank C.	20	FL
Golubieski, Elizabeth	934	NJ	Partlow, Thomas J.	78	MI
Gut, Stefania	2002	PA	Ploch, Dolores C.	87	MI
Gutowski, Karol	1593	MI	Raspotnik, Jeannie L.	1024	PA
Jacks, Virginia S.	1118	MI	Rebone, Albert F.	78	MI
Jendrysik, Leona F.	2002	PA	Roberson, Johnny	1492	GA
Jerzak, Sigmund	2002	DE	Rolek, Estera	1579	IL
Jurskinski, Natalie	2159	FL	Sawicki, Alice L.	539	MO
Jutkiewicz, Lillian	1615	NJ	Slater, Walter L.	701	CA
Kaminski, Bernadette	542	IL	Sniadach, Norbert E.	1020	PA
Kania, Edward	237	PA	Stefanski, Henry	28	NY
Kaszuba, Rose	1027	MD	Szurlej, Sophia V.	479	PA
Kawa, Don J.	308	IL	Tiernan, Loretta I.	1486	IL
Kazmer, Jane H.	181	NY	Villani, Florence M.	479	PA
Komenda, Michael C.	119	IL	Wisniewski, Irene	20	NY
Konopka, Mary A.	2015	PA	Zalucki, Casimer	111	NY
Kowaleski, Frances B.	463	CT	Zieba, Ronald L.	1593	MI

May they rest in eternal peace.

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2019 PAPA Convention in Utica, NY

The Polish American Priests Association held its XXIX Annual National Convention on April 23-26, 2019, in the city of Utica, NY, within the confines of the Diocese of Syracuse. Each year we try to travel to a different center of Polonia so that our participants can experience the local Polish community locally, as well as offer the people a



chance to meet Polish priests and bishops from around the country.

Our host for this convention was the Very Rev. Canon John Mikalajunas, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Utica. He was ably assisted by Fr. Arthur Krawczenko, Pastor of St. Mary of Częstochowa/Sacred Heart Church in New York Mills, NY; the Very Rev. Fr. Mark Kaminski, who currently serves as the local dean; as well as by Polonia of the parishes in the Utica area.

Higher Perspectives

Our convention venue was the historic Hotel Utica by Double Tree right in the heart of the city. Delegates arrived on Tuesday, April 23, and the convention kicked off with the opening banquet at the hotel and was followed by an evening of fellowship and catching up in the Hospitality Suite.

Wednesday saw us inaugurate our first morning business session, where various local chapters gave reports, and where we heard from Very Rev. Cannon Mirosław Król, Chancellor of Polonia's premier educational and cultural institution, the Orchard Lake Schools. After adjourning, it was off to the local Polish club, right down the street, where a tasty traditional luncheon awaited us. From there, the delegates went across the street to tour the Utica Club Brewery, to hear their interesting history and even taste a sample or two! (They make soda pop as well, and we learned that theirs was the first legal beer served in the USA following the repeal of Prohibition – how about that?) Later that afternoon, Fr. Krawczenko hosted us at St. Mary of Częstochowa/Sacred Heart Church for Mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. Witold Mroziewski, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and longtime active PAPA member. Fr. Mark Kaminski did the honors in offering the Homily. Following Mass, a lovely dinner capped off the day at the Country Club Hall immediately adjacent to the parish.

Thursday morning saw more business at our meeting session, including finalizing the location of next year's Convention: Miami, FL, thanks to the offer of our soon-to-be host, Most Rev. Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami. There was also the election of new National Board Members to two-year term. From there, it was off to a tasty lunch at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall prepared by a caterer from the parish with loving detail. Moved by the sight of so many priests together, he asked that we all sing together the "Salve Regina," which brought an appropriate conclusion to our time together. Returning to the hotel, we heard a presentation from Chris Zajdzinski, who despite his Polish last name, was raised non-Catholic. Some might recognize his name from EWTA. He told us his moving and uplifting story of how he, his wife, and their four children came to embrace the Faith. We then all traveled back to Holy Trinity Church for the Solemn Convention Mass over which Bishop Mroziewski again presided and where he delivered a homily in both English and Polish.

After Mass, the hotel ballroom served as the sight of the XXIX Annual Fr. Leopold Moczygemba Award Banquet. Fr. Moczygemba was the pioneer Polish priest who oversaw the establishment of the first permanent Polish settlement in the New World at Panna Maria, Texas. PAPA's highest award is named after him and given annually to a priest who exemplifies his spirit of selfless service to the cause of the Church and Polonia. This year's recipient was our host, the Very Rey, Canon John Mikalajunas, who also happens to be celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a priest - 50 years - later in May. Canon John also received the Convention Award for serving as our host and coordinating this year's events. Chris Zajdzinski gave the keynote address and, using a touching story about a dog and his family, reminded all present that the Church would have many more members if we both knew and lived out our faith better. People, despite the facade of our current society, are seeking the Truth, which we have and for which we can be the window of opportunity that allows them to find it. The evening closed with the good news of our National President and National Secretary, Fathers Christopher Henyk and Maciej Mankowski, both of the Diocese of Youngstown, OH, being nominated as the Honorary Canons of St. Florian and St. John Paul II in the Archdiocese of Krakow.

On that happy note, we adjourned for another year, having been refreshed by our annual gathering and fellowship and looking forward to a visit to Miami next year. Do remember to pray for our Polish priests and all those who serve us in the name of the Lord!

Rhode Island Polonia Scholarship Foundation 2019 Awards



L-r: Foundation President Gregory Malec (PRCUA Soc. #896), scholarship recipients Vanessa A. Szulc and Klaudia Gajda, and Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz

On April 6, 2019, the Rhode Island Polonia Scholarship Foundation awarded two high school seniors \$1,000.00 grants toward their college education. The award ceremony took place at St. Adalbert's Parish Center, Providence, RI. This

recipients are Vanessa A. Szulc and Klaudia Gajda. The awards were presented by Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz, Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

Applicants are chosen based on academic excellence, extracurricular and athletic accomplishments, personal character, and community service. In addition, applicants have to submit a research paper on a selected topic pertaining to Polish culture, art, music, or history. This year's research paper focused on the significance of the Centennial of the restoration of Poland's independence and the roles of Józef Piłsudski, Roman Dmowski, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, and U.S. President Woodrow Wilson.

Since its founding in 1978, the Rhode Island Polonia Foundation has awarded 349 grants totaling over \$306,000.00. These grants are made possible through the support of private individuals, businesses and Polish American organizations. In addition to providing financial support, the Foundation strives to promote an appreciation of Polish culture and create an awareness of contributions made by Poland and Polish Americans.

For additional information about the Foundation, please visit www.facebook.com/Rhode-Island-Polonia-Scholarship-Foundation



39th Summer Gala

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary

of the Polish Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair



Friday, June 7, 2019 Café La Cave

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The 85th Annual PRCUA National Basketball **Tournament**



The 85th Annual PRCUA National Basketball Tournament was held on Saturday, March 16 in Warren, MI. This year's tournament included 11 teams in the Men's Division, 6 teams in the Women's Division, and 4 teams in the Men's Over 50 Division. The weekend festivities kicked off Friday night with a hospitality room at the Homewood Suites. Out of town guests from Pennsylvania, Muskegon, and Big Rapids, MI, took part in the event, as well as a few local guests. Thanks to Bob Bielenda for his help with the setup!

The Men's Division tipped off early Saturday morning at the Warren Community Center and Carter Middle School and continued all morning long, with the ceremonial tip off taking place at 9:00 a.m. The Women's 3 on 3 Division started early, took a break for the Men's 50+ games, then finished with a 2:00 p.m. championship game, where St. Stan's 718 captured this year's championship. The Men's 50+ Division featured four games, followed by the championship game in which 718 Team Seguin was crowned this year's winner.

Following lunch at the Warren Community Center, the 3-point shooting contest was held. After a sudden death shoot out, Sheryl Jager from #162 was the winner in the Women's Division. Eric Salla, also from #162, captured his second 3-point shooting title. Eric won the first ever 3-point championship in 2014.

Bracket play continued all afternoon and culminated in a B Championship matchup pitting St. Rita's East against St. Rita's South. The Eastsiders held off the South squad to capture their third straight B Division title. In the A Division, YMS edged PRCUA #162 in a close game to capture the A Division championship.

Participants, dignitaries, and special guests gathered on Saturday evening at the Fr. Kramer Knights of Columbus Hall in Centerline for the awards banquet. Guests dined on a Polish menu that included city chicken, kielbasa, and golabki. The Cousino High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Jason Rose, entertained the crowd with some amazing dinner music. Prizes were awarded to the following teams and individuals:



Men's A St. Stan's YMS St. Rita's East Men's B Women St. Stan's 718 #718 Team Seguin Men's 50+

ALL STARS:					
Jeff Belczak	St. Stan's Dare Bar	Dave Bucka	718 Team Belczak		
Dennis Bucka	718 Team Hoj	Jason Crompton	#78 Muskegon		
Pat Dermyer	St. Rita West	Ian Knoph	St. Stan's YMS		
Keith Kujawski	St. Rita East	Brett Levangie	St. Stan's Boomba Boys		
Jeff Levangie	718 Team Levangie	Connor McCowell	St. Rita Young Bucks		
Eric Moose	#78 Muskegon	Mike Morant	St. Stan's YMS		
Tony Muscat	St. Rita East	Marko Novakovich	Task Force		
Alex Robertson	PRCUA #162	Eric Salla	PRCUA #162		
Nick Samuels	St. Rita West	Tim Seguin	#718 Team Seguin		
Steve Zankiewicz	St. Rita East	Karrie Closter	St. Stan's 718		
Amara Karapas	St. Rita's Team #4	Jan Gardner	St. Rita's Team #3		
Lila Mandziuk	St. Rita's Team #2	Margaret Sparks	St. Rita's Team #1		
Sheryl Jager	#162				

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS:

Men's A Ryan Speiser **Eoghann Stephens** Men's B Women Molly Knoph Men's 50+ Paul Mardeusz

3 POINT CHAMPIONS:

Men Eric Salla Sheryl Jager Women

The evening was capped off with a pre St. Patrick's Day pub crawl, ending a great weekend of basketball, fun, and fraternalism.

A ton of thanks go out to those that helped to make this event a huge success, particularly the scorekeepers: Jeff Curcio, Steve Gardner, Waylon Thacker, Bob Pokriefka, Mike Ozog, and Kristin and Joe Mihalic, who stepped up and took care of the afternoon's scorekeeping. A huge shout out to Traci Maciag, who chose to spend her Saturday with us, running the clock and scorekeeping all day. Thank you, Traci! I would also like to thank Dave Klein from the Warren Parks and Recreation Department for his assistance with the gyms, referees, and tournament scheduling. Finally, I would like to thank the following people for their help throughout the weekend: Erik and Patty Johansen, Deann and Keith Kujawski, Elise Lubiarz, Kristi Metrusias, Cameron Knight, Karen Lubiarz, Paula Vultaggio, and Jason and Jonathan Losinski for keeping the 50/50 sales 'brisk' all night!

Jerry Lubiarz St. Rita's #1368



Men's Champs A - St. Stan's YMS



Men's Champs B - St. Rita's East

Men's 50+ Champs - Team Seguin





Women's Champs - St. Stan's 718

MVPs



Men's All Stars





Men's 50+ All Stars

Women's All Stars



























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Pres. Robaczewski opening the tournament with the first throw



Dream Team



St. Rita's West



Task Force



St. Rita's East



St. Rita's #1



St. Rita's #2



St. Rita's #3



St. Rita's #4



Wyandotte #162



PRCUA #162



3-Point Shooting Contest

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM POLAND VISIT PRCUA AND PMA

Chicago, IL Two delegations
from Poland
visited the Home
Office of the
Polish Roman
Catholic Union of
America and the
Polish Museuem
of America in late
March and in
April.

On Wednesday, March 27, PRCUA President J a m e s Robaczewski. Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary -Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk, and PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot,



Wspólnota Polska visit (I-r): Richard Owsiany, Halina Żurawski, Katarzyna Czyżycka, Dariusz Bonisławski, James Robaczewski, Tomasz Różniak, Micheline Jaminski, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Małgorzata Kot



President Robaczewski highlighting the historical features of the PRCUA Board Room

welcomed the delegation of Stowarzyszenie "Wspólnota Polska" (Association "Polish Community"): President Dariusz Bonisławski, Treasurer Tomasz Różniak, and Program Director of the Association Teacher Training Center Katarzyna Czyżycka. Guests were accompanied by Halina Zurawski and Alicja Nawara from the Polish Teacher Association in America.

The brief presentation of the history of the PRCUA and founding of the PMA was followed by a discussion relating to establishing various forms of cooperation between the "Wspólnota Polska" and the PRCUA and the PMA. President Bonisławski was especially interested in ways to assist young people from the U.S. who visit Poland (including the dance groups who attend dance festivals) with some of the travel issues, and present them with the initiatives and programs which will entice and encourage them to explore Poland more deeply. The discussion with the PMA was focused on cultural exchanges and possible help with the projects and events the museum anticipates in the near future.

The visit continued with a guided tour of the museum.

On Wednesday, April 17, Minister Marek Suski from the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland paid a short visit to the PRCUA and PMA. He was accompanied by Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Piotr Janicki.

Guests met in the PRCUA Board Room with PRCUA Vice F

with PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk and with PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot and PMA Historian Jan Lorys. Minister Suski was interested in learning more about the PRCUA's primary line of operation, which is life insurance, and also converesed with Director Kot about art and PMA's art collections.

Later, the guests met with PMA President Richard Owsiany and



L-r: Jan Lorys, Małgorzata Kot, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Min. Marek Suski, Consul Piotr Janicki, Micheline Jaminski, Elżbieta Sawczuk



Min. Suski touring the Great Hall

toured the Great Hall and Paderewski Room, where they were shown around by Director Kot and PMA Archivist Halina Misterka.

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ORCHARD LAKE AMBASSADOR BALL

On Saturday March 23, the 46th Annual Ambassador Ball that supports the Orchard Lake Schools Endowment was held the elegant at Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, MI. The Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep Student Band provided a variety of delightful songs while guests socialized with one another, enjoyed a cocktail reception and had the opportunity to bid on auction items



L-r: Very Rev. Canon Miroslaw Krol, Chancellor of OL Schools; Joann Ozog, Former PRCUA 1st Lady; Wallace M. Ozog, PRCUA President Emeritus; His Excellency Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron; James Robaczewski, National PRCUA President; Eleanor Bielenda; Robert Bielenda, Past PRCUA National Vice-

ranging from sport packages, Polish items, wine baskets and more.

The evening continued with Mr. Andrew Harrington, emcee and First Ambassador, welcoming everyone and thanking them for their support and patronage. He then introduced Very Rev. Canon Miroslaw K. Krol, Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools. Father Krol is a very dynamic priest who believes in the Orchard Lake Schools, promotes them wherever he travels and is very appreciative to all who support them.

Father Krol called upon His Excellency, Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron and presented him with the prestigious Fidelitas Medal in recognition of his fidelity in serving God and country and for his relentless support of the Orchard Lake Schools and Polonia in the United States. The Fidelitas Medal was first awarded in 1949. Fidelitas medalists are evaluated for their realization of the religious and cultural ideals of Orchard Lake Schools' founder, Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, a Polish missionary priest, who established the original education institution in Detroit, MI in 1885. Congratulations to Bishop Vigneron on his award and may he continue to support the Orchard Lake Schools and Polonia for years to come.

The Orchard Lake Schools consist of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory School and The Polish Mission. Some high school students and seminarians spoke briefly of their experiences on campus and Arkadiusz Gorecki, Director of the Polish Mission, spoke about his work with the historical documents in the Archives.

Being a large and older institution, the Orchard Lake Schools are in need of money for upkeep and renovations. In this modern age, technology has overtaken the old fashioned way of doing things. Financial assistance is needed to replace the old with



Joann Ozog with seminarian Peter who will become a Deacon at the end of April and will be serving in the Springfield, IL diocese

the new. The Ambassador Ball brought together supporters of the Orchard Lake Schools. May more individuals and organizations from Polonia and the community see the importance of this great institution which is committed to faith and Polish customs and traditions. May they come forward and become Ambassadors to promote and support the Orchard Lake Schools so that they will exist for many more years.

The PRCUA Home Office was represented by National PRCUA President James Robaczewski. Also in attendance were Wallace M. Ozog, PRCUA President Emeritus and wife, Joann, as well as Past PRCUA National Vice-President Bob Bielenda and wife, Eleanor.

Submitted by Joann Ozog



Seminarians with Bishop Vigneron and Father Krol. This year SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary has 22 seminarians, a large increase over the past few years

POLISH HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE DETROIT RED WINGS

The 1st Polish Heritage Night with the Detroit Red Wings took place on Friday March 29. They played against the New Jersey Devils.

The program was simple and not as involved as the Detroit Tigers Polish Heritage Night. During the Detroit Red Wing's Night, performers were limited to two groups. PRCUA Opole and PRCUA Gwiazda agreed to participate. The Opole Dance Group under the leadership of Elizabeth Thacker (Director) and Donna Skurski (Choreographer), proudly displayed their heritage through their fantastic, colorful one-hour program at the Market Place prior to the game. The performance of the Gwiazda Dance Group, whose director is Jessica Wendt and choreographer is Basia Nowakowski, held their program between the first and second period near the Meijers entrance. With much pride, the children showed off their heritage to the fans through their lively dances.

Wally Ozog coordinated a table promoting Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA). He distributed information about the organization, dance schools and famous Polish historical figures. The fans showed much interest in the displayed items.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to receive a souvenir item with their ticket package - a limited edition Detroit Red Wings/Polish Heritage scarf. They also had access to a post-game photo at center ice. The first 5,000 fans also received a Detroit Red Wings garden gnome. A portion of the price of the ticket has been designated to the PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society Scholarship fund.

We extend a great big "thank you" to the Detroit Red Wings organization, especially Kristen Knutson, for inviting PRCUA and for organizing the event, to the dancers for their participation and for putting on a beautiful dance performance,

to the directors and choreographers for preparing the children for this event and to the parents for bringing their children to the game.

A good time was had by all and the Detroit Red Wings won the game with score of 4-0. As Director Elizabeth Thacker from the Opole Dance School stated, "the dancers had a blast, especially when they had the opportunity to go on the ice."

Hopefully, next year more groups will be involved and a bigger Polish American Night will take place at the Detroit Red Wings Game at Little Caesar's Arena in Detroit, MI.

Submitted by Joann Ozog



















MAJ

- 2 DZIEŃ POLONII I POLAKÓW ZA GRANICA
- 3 DZIEŃ KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA
- 4 CHICAGO, IL PARADA Z OKAZJI DNIA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA sobota, 4 maja wzdłuż 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.
- II DETROIT, MI DZIEŃ POŁĄCZONYCH RĄK (JOIN HANDS DAY) sobota, II 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. Rezerwacje: (847) 529-2555. Szczegóły na str. 21.
- 12 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, Ml. W menu: jajka, naleśniki, smażona wędlina z cebulą, smażone ziemniaki, tosty, wybór owoców.
- 18 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, Ml. Spotkanie po rozgrywkach w #162 Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, Ml.
- 26 DZIEŃ MATKI (POLSKA)
- 28 ŚWIĘTO MEMORIAL DAY (USA) BIURO ZPRKA BĘDZIE ZAMKNIĘTE

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- I MIĘDZYNARODOWY DZIEŃ DZIECKA
- I STERLING HTS., 29. DOROCZNE MŁODZIEŻOWE ROZGRYWKI KRĘGLARSKIE TOW. ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II #1593, sobota, I czerwca od 10:00 do 13:00 w 5 Star Bowling Center, 2666 Metropolitan Pkwy., Sterling Hts., Ml. Koszt uczestnictwa: \$8 członkowie ZPRKA; \$10 nie-członkowie; \$5 osoby korzystające tylko z lunchu. Opłaty przy rejestracji o godz. 9:45. W cenie: 3 gry (2 na torach "bumper"), wypożyczenie butów, lunch i nagrody. Zgłoszenia: Barb Ozog, tel.: (586) 453-3471 lub BWITHERS03@YAHOO.COM do 26 maja.
- 2 WYANDOTTE, MI POKAZ ZABYTKOWYCH SAMOCHODÓW TOW. #162 ZPRKA, niedziela, 2 czerwca. od 10:00 do 15:00 (zapisy uczestników od godz. 9:00), PRCUA Banquet Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Koszt uczestnictwa \$8 (wcześniejsze zapisy do 30 maja), \$10 w dniu pokazu. DJ, nagrody wejściowe i dla uczestników, loterie, możliwość zakupu przekąsek i napojów. Dochód przeznaczony na dalszą działalność Tow. #162. Informacje: Val Bojanowski (734) 626-1741.
- 2 **NEW BRITAIN, CT LITTLE POLAND FESTIVAL**, niedziela, 2 czerwca. Polska muzyka, tańce ludowe, sztuka, tradycyjna polska kuchnia. Stoisko ZPRKA.
- 6 DEARBORN HTS., MI LOSOWANIE ZWYCIĘZCÓW STYPENDIÓW TOW. ŚW. STANISŁAWA #718 ZPRKA czwartek, 6 czerwca, o godz. 20:00, Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren, Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI.
- 7 **DES PLAINES, IL 39. BAL LETNI MUZEUM POLSKIEGO W AMERYCE**, piątek, 7 czerwca, Cafe La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines, IL. Koktajle godz. 19:00, obiad godz. 20:00. Szczegóły na str. 21.
- 7 HAMTRAMCK, MI TRZECIA DOROCZNA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA NOC Z DETROIT CITY FC ("DCFC") piątek, 7 czerwca, godz. 19:30, Keyworth Stadium, 3201 Roosevelt, Hamtramck, MI. Podczas przerwy wystąpią polonijne zespoły tańca ludowego. Bilety: https://tinyurl.com/dcfcpolska2019. Dodatkowe informacje: http://www.detcityfc.com.
- 13 CHICAGO, IL NOC POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA Z DRUŻYNĄ WHITE SOX czwartek, 13 czerwca, Guaranteed Rate Field, 333 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL. Mecz rozegrają

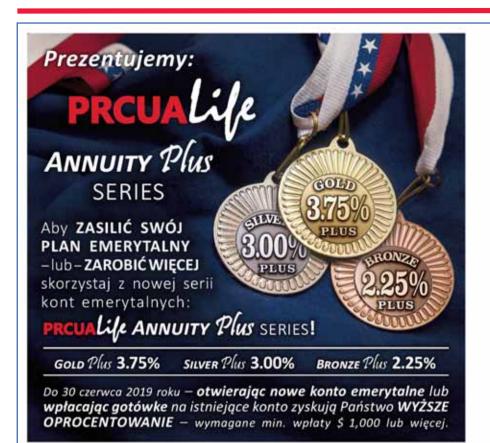
drużyny White Sox i New York Yankees. Parada przed meczem, uczestnicy proszeni są o stawienie się przy bramie #1 (Gate I) na południowej stronie stadionu, o godz. 18:15. Początek meczu o godz. 19:10. Pierwsze 100 osób, które zakupią bilety, otrzyma czapeczki White Sox z polskimi akcentami, przy zakupie 5 biletów - darmo koszulka ZPRKA. Rezerwacja biletów do 6 czerwca. Bilety w sekcji Lower Box - \$36 (regularna cena \$50). Bilety można zakupić w dziale braterstwa ZPRKA, tel. (773) 782-2636 lub Fraternal-Department@prcua.org. Dodatkowe informacje: PRCUA.org/whitesox.

- 14 DZIEŃ FLAGI (USA)
- 16 DZIEŃ OJCA (USA)
- 23 CHICAGO HTS., IL DOROCZNA MSZA ŚW. KU CZCI BOSKIEGO SERCA JEZUSA, PATRONA ZPRKA ZPRKA niedziela, 23 czerwca o godz. 12:00 w kościele pw. św. Kierana, 724 West 195th Street, Chicago Heights, IL. Po Mszy św. zapraszamy na lunch w Balagio Restaurant, 17501 Dixie Hwy., Homewood, IL. Szczegóły na str. 20.
- 23 DZIEŃ OJCA (POLSKA)
- 30 GLENWOOD, IL 5. DOROCZNY PIKNIK ZPRKA I MSZA POLOWA, niedziela, 30 czerwca, PACF Grove, 18600 E. Glenwood-Thornton Rd., Glenwood, IL. Msza polowa o godz. 12:00, piknik do godz. 18:00. Szczegóły poniżej.

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GOŚCIE Z POLSKI W SIEDZIBIE ZPRKA I MPA

Chicago, IL - W marcu i kwietniu siedzibę ZPRKA i MPA odwiedziły dwie delegacje z Polski.

W środę, 27 marca prezes ZPRKA James Robaczewski, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński, sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk oraz dyrektor zarządzająca MPA Małgorzata Kot powitali delegację Stowarzyszenia "Wspólnota Polska" w osobach: Dariusz Różniak - skarbnik, Katarzyna



L-p: Halina Żurawski, Katarzyna Czyżycka, Tomasz Różniak, Agnieszka Bonisławski - prezes, Tomasz Bastrzyk, James Robaczewski, Dariusz Bonisławski, Micheline Jamiński, Małgorzata Kot. Alicia Nawara

Czyżycka - dyrektor programowy ODN SWP (Ośrodek Szkolenia Nauczycieli SWP i Lokalny Ośrodek Metodyczny ODN SWP przy ZNP). Gościom towarzyszyły Halina Żurawski i Alicja Nawara ze Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich w Ameryce.

Po krótkiej prezentacji historii Zjednoczenia i założenia Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, odbyła się dyskusja na temat ustanowienia różnych form współpracy między "Wspólnotą Polską" a ZPRKA i MPA. Prezes Bonisławski był szczególnie zainteresowany sposobami pomocy młodym ludziom ze Stanów Zjednoczonych, którzy odwiedzają Polskę (w tym zespołom tanecznym biorącym udział w festiwalach festiwalach) w niektórych kwestiach związanych z podróżami oraz przedstawił im inicjatywy i programy, które mają zachęcać ich do głębszego odkrywania Polski. Dyskusja z dyrektor Kot dotyczyła ewentualnej wymiany kulturalnej i pomocy przy projektach i wydarzeniach, które muzeum przewiduje w najbliższej przyszłości. Wizyta była kontynuowana z przewodnikiem po muzeum, gdzie towarzyszył gościom prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany.

W środę, 17 kwietnia krótką wizytę w ZPRKA i MPA złożył minister Marek Suski, szef

Gabinetu Politycznego Prezesa Rady Ministrów. Towarzyszył mu konsul generalny RP w Chicago Piotr Janicki.

Goście spotkali się w sali konferencyjnej ZPRKA wiceprezeską ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński, sekretarzem-skarbnikiem Agnieszką Bastrzyk, dyrektor zarządzającą MPA Małgorzatą Kot oraz historykiem MPA Janem Lorysiem. Minister Suski był zdobyciem zainteresowany dodatkowych informacji na temat podstawowej działalności ZPRKA, jaką jest sprzedaż ubezpieczeń na



L-p: Micheline Jaminski, Agnieszka Bastrzyk, Elżbieta Sawczuk, minister Marek Suski, Richard Owsiany, Małgorzata Kot, konsul Piotr Janicki. Jan Lorvś

życie. Z dyrektor Kot rozmawiał o sztuce i kolekcjach znajdujących się w zbiorach muzeum. Później goście spotkali się z prezesem MPA Ryszardem Owsianym i zwiedzili Salę Główną Muzeum oraz Pokój Paderewskiego, po których oprowadzeni zostali przez dyrektor Kot i archiwistkę MPA Halinę Misterkę.

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



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Trzeci maj to święto nasze! Jasio wesół jest jak ptaszek. Przygotował chorągiewki, i dla siebie i dla Ewki. ulicy gra muzyka, przeszedł pochód, w rynku znika. Trzeci maja święto zgody – Wszystkich ludzi, starych, młodych,

Witam Państwa serdecznie! Wiosna gdzieś na horyzoncie cierpliwie czeka - chwilowo bawi się z nami w chowanego – ale jest nadzieja, że wnet się pokaże i zagości na dłużej niosąc radość i ciepło! Maj obfituje w wydarzenia: patriotyczne (polskie - obchody uchwalenia Konstytucji 3-go maja i amerykańskie - Dzień Pamięci), rodzinne (Dzień Mamy - w USA 12 maja, a w Polsce 26), wychowawcze (graduacje i uroczyste zakończenia roku w szkołach podstawowych, średnich i wyższych oraz szkołach polskich), religijne (Pierwsza Komunia Święta, Bierzmowanie), kulturalne (recitale grup tanecznych) oraz inne spotkania towarzyskie. Zachęcam Państwa do wglądu w Kalendarz ZPRKA drukowany w tej edycji "Narodu Polskiego", a także na stronie www.prcua.org. Ten szczegółowy rozkład wydarzeń w naszej organizacji ma zachęcić wszystkich członków oraz osoby nie należące do naszej organizacji, do czynnego udziału.

Teraz czas na relacje z poprzedniego miesjaca. Pani Krystyna Lech (była dyrektorka D-8) przypomniała mi o przysłowiu polskim "Kwiecień, plecień wciąż przeplata, trochę zimy trochę lata!" Oj, to prawda. Kwiecień dał nam do zrozumienia kto tu rządzi i na co naprawdę nie mamy wpływu. Jednak mimo kapryśnej aury atmosfera we wszystkich miejscach, do których "wędrowaliśmy" była ciepła i wesoła.

28 marca, w siedzibie ZPRKA i Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce gościliśmy prezesa Stowarzyszenia "Wspólnota Polska" Dariusza Bonisławskiego, skarbnika Tomasza Różniaka oraz Katarzynę Czyżycką, dyrektor programową Ośrodka Szkolenia Nauczycieli SWP i Lokalnego Ośrodka Metodycznego ODN SWP przy Zrzeszeniu Nauczycieli Polskich. Wieczorem tego dnia, przyjęłam zaproszenie na spotkanie w Konsulacie Generalnym RP w Chicago. Towarzyszyła mi kierownik marketingu Ela Sawczuk. W trakcie uroczystości prezes Stow. "Wspólnota Polska" wręczył Złoty Medal Zasługi Związkowi Podhalan w Ameryce Północnej. Podpisano także umowę pomiędzy Zrzeszeniem Nauczycieli Polskich (nowo wybrany prezes Tadeusz Młynek) i



Wizyta przedstawicieli "Wspólnoty Polskiej"

Stowarzyszeniem "Wspólnota Polska" o uruchomieniu Polskiego Studium Nauczycielskiego w Chicago. Podjęcie kształcenia w ramach studium pozwoli na lepsze przygotowanie kadry nauczycielskiej do nauczania polskiego jako drugiego języka. Absolwenci studium będą wsparciem dla szkół polonijnych, które często borykają się z brakiem odpowiednio wyszkolonych pedagogów. Z programu tego korzystają m.in. nauczycielki z polskich szkół działających pod patronatem ZPRKA: Joanna Niedzielska, Weronika Niedzielska i Patrycja Szyrzyna.

Kolejne marcowe wydarzenie było także związane w polskimi szkołami. 30 marca, nasza dyrektor marketingu Ela Sawczuk reprezentowała ZPRKA w kolejnej odsłonie festiwalu "Coming Togehter, Poland". Celem imprezy było przybliżenie społeczności lokalnej - polskiej grupy etnicznej. W ramach konkursu "Polish Youth Showcase" zorganizowanego w bibliotece Niles - Maine District, uczniowie polskich szkół promowali polską historię, kulturę i folklor. Wśród uczestników rozlosowano 25 kart upominkowych ufundowanych przez Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce. Na zdjęciach dwójka szczęśliwych zwyciezców losowania: Mikołaj i Julia.





31 marca, wraz z mężem Ryszardem uczestniczyliśmy w tradycyjnej Zwycięzcy kart upominkowych "Święconce", przygotowanej w tym roku przez Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA. Na świątecznym spotkaniu w Candlelight Banquets w Chicago Ridge, IL spotkali się członkowie naszej organizacji, ich rodziny i zaproszeni goście. Główną organizatorką tego miłego popołudnia była dyrektor D-8 Elizabeth Dynowski, a asystowali jej: Joanna, Jacek i Weronika Niedzielski, Krystyna Lech, Wally Dynowski, Mirek Cisło, Richard Jaminski oraz James Rustik. Wspólnie świętowaliśmy z Zarządem Głównym ZPRKA; członkami Rady Dyrektorów: A. Krysiński, J.E. Cholewińską, E. Sadus, E. Dynowski i M. Cisło. Obecni byli także: prezes Dystryktu #7 M. Bomba, sekretarz tego dystryktu T. Tarnowski, prezes Dystryktu #9 P. Pawłowski, przedstawieciele Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych z jej prezesem E. Muszalskim, dyrektor marketingu ZPRKA, Elżbieta Sawczuk, dyrektor sprzedaży, Robert Fattore oraz redaktor naczelna "Narodu Polskiego" Lidia Kowalewicz. Zaproszenie na "Święconkę" przyjęli także goście z bratniej organizacji Sokolstwo Polskie w Ameryce: Eugenia Krzyzanski, Cecile Krok i John Nolan. Wspólna modlitwa, pyszny posiłek, występ zespołu "Wesoły Lud", zabawy, loteria, miłe towarzystwo i wspaniała atmosfera sprawiły, że świętowanie Wielkanocy i długo oczekiwanej wiosny była dla nas bardzo relaksującym przeżyciem.

Na początku kwietnia Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce było gospodarzem dorocznego spotkania Polsko-Amerykańskiej Izby Gospodarczej. W tym roku, to bardzo popularne networkingowe wydarzenie połączone było z instalacją nowego Zarządu i Rady Dyrektorów PACC. Uroczyste zaprzysiężenie, którego miałam zaszczyt dokonać odbyło się w Sali Głównej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce. Serdeczne gratulacje dla wszystkich nowo wybranych dyrektorów, a w szczególności dla naszej sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszki Bastrzyk, która podobną funkcję skarbnika pełnić będzie w PACC. Zgromadzeni podczas tego wydarzenia goście byli świadkami debiutu nowej reklamy telewizyjnej Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce. Premierę spotu promującego nasz nowy znak firmowy PRCUALife zapowiedziała dyrektor marketingu Elżbieta Sawczuk. Tego wieczoru na parkiecie muzeum w krótkim programie tańca ludowego zaprezentowała się również utalentowana para z zespołu Pieśni i Tańca "Polonia": Kamila Bochenek i Patryk Gawroński. Dziękujemy wszystkim za udany wieczór i zapraszam naszych czytelników, aby obejrzeli naszą nową reklamę na stronie internetowej www.prcua.org lub na Facebooku.

6 kwietnia, w sali bankietowej Klasztoru Karmelitów Bosych w Munster, IN, Polska Szkoła im. Św. Rafała Kalinowskiego zorganizowała "Dzień Rodziców" tzw. Parents' Day. Program tego wydarzenia opracowała Paulina



"Dzień Rodziców" w Szkole Kalinowskiego

Młodzi uczniowie recytowali wiersze śpiewali piosenki, a dzieci od przedszkola do klasy 4 - t e i

Kozaczka.

zatańczyły na ludowo. Działający przy Szkole Kalinowskiego zespół taneczny "Mała Polska" zaprezentował suitę tańców podlaskich. To właśnie region Podlasia wybrała na swój temat finałowego egzaminu Agata Wilgocki, choreograf zespołu "Mała Polska". Agata kończy w tym roku czwarty i ostatni rok nauki na letnim kursie choreograficznym w Rzeszowie. Powodzenia Agata! Jestem z Ciebie dumna! Brawa także dla wyszstkich nauczycieli i instruktorów oraz dla dyrektor Małgorzaty Czachor i prezes Małgorzaty Blachut na czele.

Już po raz 59-ty zespół taneczny "Gwiazda" zorganizował swój doroczny recital wiosenny. Koncert odbył się 7 kwietnia w Fitzgerald High School Auditorium w Warren, MI. Tym razem recital miał wielokulturowy charakter. By jeszcze bardziej uatrakcyjnić widzom to barwne wydarzenie organizatorzy zaprosili do współudziału Irlandzką Akademię Tańca "Ardan". Zespół "Gwiazda" od powrotu z zeszłorocznego Międzynarodowego Festiwalu Dziecięcych Zespołów Ludowych w Iwoniczu Zdroju, nie miał chwili wytchnienia. W roku bieżącym grafik występów zespołu "Gwiazda" wypełniony jest z kolei lokalnymi koncertami. W najbliższym czasie zobaczymy ich w Whiting, IN, podczas lipcowego International Baseball Challange oraz na Festiwalu Pierogów, a także w trakcie Festiwalu Polskiego w Twin Cities w stanie Minnesota. "Gwiazda" wystąpi też podczas wielu koncertów na terenie Michigan. Gratuluje tancerzom, ich rodzicom, dyrektor grupy Jessice Wendt i choreograf Basi Nowakowskiej!

11 kwietnia, Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce zorganizowało "Dzień Wolontariusza" podczas którego uhonorowano osoby, w sposób szczególny wspierające tą placówke na zasadzie wolontariatu: Jaime Kusmierczak, Lucie Bucki i pośmiertnie, Marka Sokołowskiego. Poczestunek i miłe spotkanie tworzyło atmosfere braterska pełna szacunku dla MPA. Jako wice przewodnicząca MPA, dziękuję wszystkim za poparcie największego polskiego muzeum w Ameryce, a na ręce dyrektor zarządzającej Małgorzaty Kot i prezesa Richarda Owsianego składam wyrazy uznania i serdeczne Bóg zapłać!

Sto lat! Sto lat! Niech żyje, żyje nam! A kto? sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk, która z okazji urodzin zaprosiła wszystkich pracowników ZPRKA i MPA na poczęstunek. Dziękujemy Ci Agnieszko za ten miły przerywnik w naszym codziennym dniu pracy i życzymy zdrowia, szcześcia, pomyślności, dalszych sukcesów, zadowolenia z rodzinki oraz dużo miłości!

Witamy na świecie nowego członka naszej Rodziny ZPRKA - urodzoną 13 kwietnia Sophie Marie Lech,

drugą córkę dyrektora D-6 Andrzeja Lecha i jego żony Patrycji. Serdeczne gratulacje dla rodziców, dziadków Lech i Zupnik, i dla dumnej starszei siostrzyczki! Życzymy Wam wielkiej pociechy z nowonarodzonego potomstwa!

kwietnia to maraton





Agnieszka

Bastrzyk

Weekend 13 i 14 Patrycja i Andrzej Lech z córeczkami

Krystana i Tadeusz Lech z wnuczka

recitali zespołów tanecznych w stanie Michigan. W tej wędrówce towarzyszył mi mąż Ryszard oraz byli prezesi: Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. oraz Wallace Ozog i ich małżonki, a także obecne dyrektorki Dystryktu 10 -Colleen Bonkowski i Courtney Ozog oraz kilku choreografów i kierowników z zespołów ZPRKA w Michigan, w tym między innymi Donna i Tom Skurski. Zaczęliśmy naszą wędrówkę w Lincoln Park, MI, na recitalu zespołu "Tatry", gdzie działają dyrektor szkoły Rose Ann Lackey, choreograf Karen Lubiarz oraz asystent Kaitlyn Gordon. Zawitaliśmy tam tylko na chwilę, bo w tym samym czasie (w Allen Park, MI) odbywał się Jubileuszowy Koncert zespołu "Rogalin" z okazji 50. rocznicy jego powstania. Hasło tegorocznego koncertu brzmiało: "Taniec przez dekady". Dyrektor szkoły Lisa Brandt, choreograf Janet Vilag, asystent Angelina Hamblin wraz z byłymi i obecnymi tancerzami obchodzili swoje "złote lata" z wielką radością i dumą. Po recitalu, wszyscy artyści i ich rodziny zostali zaproszeni na obiad. W koncercie

zatańczyły między innymi: córki byłej dyrektor Dystryktu #10, Barbary (i Ron) Toboy oraz a b s o l w e n t k a szkoły i obecna dvrektor D-10



Na recitalu zespołu "Tatry"

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Recital z okazji jubileuszu 50-lecia zespołu "Rogalin"

Spotkanie po recitalu "Rogalina' Courtney Ozog. Gratuluję wszystkim uczestnikom.

Następnego dnia (14 kwietnia), kierunkiem naszei wedrówki folklorystycznej

było samo Detroit, gdzie zespół "Wieliczka" prezentował swoje talenty w St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center. Bardzo gościnnie przywitały nas dyrektorka szkoły Kristi Mihalic, choreograf

raz pierwszy zaprezentowała tańce krośnieńskie w nowych strojach. Występowali też "oldboye" czyli byli



Spotkanie z tancerzami "Wieliczki" po recitalu

Kasia Reese i asystent Bianca Bowman. Miałam okazję spędzić trochę czasu z tancerzami, którzy byli już gotowi do występu, ubrani w piękne stroje z Krakowa Wschodniego, stroje kaszubskie i kurpiowskie.

Ach, co to był za weekend! Tego samego dnia, zespół "Halka" świętował swój 50. jubileusz w Van Dyke Community Auditorium w Warren, MI. W programie koncertu była prezentacja maturzystów zespołu "Halka" dokonana przez rodziców, kalejdoskop folkloru z różnych regionów no i oczywiście Polka amerykańska. Najstarsza grupa po

tancerze – wśród nich obecny choreograf Tom Lisiecki, obecna dyrektorka Laura Hejza (córka byłej dyrektorki "Halki" Cerankowskiej, zmarłej w 2018 r.) i

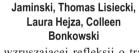
kierownicą dzielnie spisał się mój mąż



Recital z okazji jubileuszu 50-lecia zespołu "Halka"

Ryszard, dzięki czemu ja mogłam pozbierać swoje myśli i podzielić się na Facebooku wszystkimi wrażeniami z tego niezwykłego weekendu. Wracajac z Michigan myślałam też już o zbliżającym się spotkaniu z premierem RP Mateuszem Morawieckim. Nastąpiło ono we wtorek, 16 kwietnia w trakcie premiery filmu p.t. Poland: The Royal Tour. Tego popołudnia do Civic Opera House w śródmieściu Chicago wybrała się 30-sto osobowa grupa ZPRKA. Film był po prostu piękny. Zobaczyliśmy relacje z wyjątkowej podróży ... po wybranych, najcenniejszych historycznie i krajobrazowo zakątkach Polski, której bohaterami byli dziennikarz i producent telewizyjny Peter Greenberg oraz szef polskiego rządu Mateusz Morawiecki. Odwiedziliśmy więc Warszawę, Kraków, Gdynię, Wrocław, Zamek w Malborku i Kopalnie Soli w Wieliczce. Najbardziej emocjonalnym momentem była jednak wizyta na terenie nazistowskiego obozu

koncentracyjnego Auschwitz-Birkenau. Była to chwila głębokiej i



L-p: Courtney Ozog, Micheline

wzruszającej refleksji o tragicznej historii Polaków i Żydów w trakcie II Wojny Światowej. Polskoamerykańska publiczność przyjęła film z wielkim entuzjazmem. Doceniono świetne zdjęcia, dynamiczny montaż i ciekawą narrację. Wieczór zakończyła krótką sesją pytań i odpowiedzi poprowadzona pomiędzy



Grupa członków ZPRKA na premierze filmu p.t. Poland: The Royal Tour

główymi bohaterami filmu a widzami. kwietnia

gościliśmy w ZPRKA Szefa Gabinetu Politycznego Prezesa Rady Ministrów, Marka Suskiego wraz Konsulem Generalnym RP w Chicago Piotrem Janickim. Minister Suski zajrzał do nas w trakcie

odwiedzin w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce. Z wielką duma podjeliśmy go w naszej dostojnej i eleganckiej sali konferencyjnej, która służyła przez dziesiątki lat jako miejsce ważnych spotkań. W roku 1989 został jej



Wizyta ministra Marka Suskiego w ZPRKA

przywrócony oryginalny wyglad: recznie rzeźbiona drewniania dekoracja, troje drzwi, każde zachowane w podobnej stylistyce: z orłem amerykańskim, polskim i katolickim krzyżem. Drzwi te wywierają zwykle na naszych gościach największe wrażenie, podobnie jak wielki stół konferencyjny, dar kościoła Św. Stanisława Kostki.

Kolejny weekend kwietnia upłynął pod znakiem obchodów Świąt Wielkanocnych, a ostatnim akordem miesiąca był 82. Krajowy Turniej Kręglarski ZPRKA, zorganizowany w Westland, MI przez Tow. #718 oraz 34. Recital Południowo-Zachodniego Centrum Polskiej Pieśni i Tańca

Ludowego, działającego przy Dystrykcie. Wrażenia z tych wydarzeń przekaże Państwu w kolejnym wydaniu gazety "Naród Polski", a tymczasem cieszcie się majem!

"... Majowy motyl tańczy z biedronką piegowatą, słoneczko tańczy z niebem i mama tańczy z tata, pies goni własny ogon, a ogon goni psa, w zielone roztańczone piosenkę z nami gra.

Na majówkę, na majówkę, razem z mamą, razem z tatą na wędrówkę. Tam gdzie łąka, tam gdzie las, gdzie nie było jeszcze nas, na majówkę na wędrówkę." Wanda Chotomska

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 polskoamerykańskiej 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 musza 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

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 Ziednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce.

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

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DOROCZNA ŚWIĘCONKA ZPRKA

Członkowie Dystryktów #7, #8 i #9 ZPRKA oraz zaproszeni przez nich goście, spotkali się na dorocznej Święconce ZPRKA, która odbyła się w niedzielę, 31 marca w Candlelight Banquets Chicago Ridge, IL. Gospodarzem tegorocznej Święconki był Dystrykt #8 ZPRKA. Program rozpoczęli powitaniem dyrektorzy Dystryktu Elizabeth Dynowski i Mirosław Cisło na corocznych obchodach, organizowanych z okazji nadchodzących Świąt Wielkanocnych.

Po smacznym posiłku, wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jamiński zaprosiła wszystkich



Wesoły Lud w suicie tańców lubelskich

do udziału w grze "lewa - prawa". Nadążanie za właściwym kierunkiem, w którym gracze mieli przekazywać sobie kolorowe pisanki, wywołało wiele śmiechu. Pod koniec gry, ktokolwiek przy stole był w posiadaniu specjalnie oznaczonego jajka, zostawał zwycięzcą wielkanocnego koszyka wypełnionego czekoladkami.

Następnie wystąpił zespół Wesoły Lud, który zaprezentował wiązankę tańców lubelskich w choreografii dyrektora artystycznego Ryszarda Jamińskiego. Dynamiczny występ nagrodzony został wielce zasłużonym aplauzem.

Na zakończenie programu dyrektor Cislo i były dyrektor James Rustik przeprowadzili losowanie zwycięzców loterii pieniężnej, których nazwiska wybierali losowo tancerze Wesołego Ludu. Każdy szczęśliwiec miał do wyboru jedną kopertę z gotówką w środku.

W tegorocznej Święconce wzięli udział: prezes ZPRKA James i Katarzyna Burdzy Robaczewski i jego żona Elaine oraz synowie, wiceprezes Micheline Jaminski i jej mąż Ryszard, sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk i jej mąż Daniel oraz ich dzieci, dyrektorzy krajowi Anna Krysinski i Joanna Ewa Cholewinski (D-7), Krystyna Lech i James Rustik (byli Dyrektorzy D-8), Elizabeth Sadus (D-9), przedstawiciele Sokolstwa Polskiego w Ameryce, Książę 2019 Aleksander Saciński i zastępczyni Kopciuszka 2019 Katarzyna Burdzy, członkowie Grupy Kulturalnej Dorosłych, przedstawiciele Szkoły Polskiej im. Marii Konopnickiej, przedstawiciele zarządów z Dystryktów #7 i #9, dyrektor działu sprzedaży Robert Fattore, dyrektor marketingu Elżbieta Sawczuk i redaktor naczelna "Narodu Polskiego" Lidia Kowalewicz. Na zakończenie, wiceprezes Jaminski podziękowała za uczestnictwo w Święconce gościom z Polski, którzy towarzyszyli członkom rodzin.

ZPRKA i Dystrykt 8 dziękują za poparcie wszystkim, którzy wzięli udział w tegorocznej Święconce.



Członkowie zarządu ZPRKA i dyrektor D-8 z przedstawicielami Szkoły Polskiej im. M. Konopnickiej



Kopciuszka 2019

Aleksander Sacinski

Dyrektor Cisło i b. dyrektor Rustik wręczają koperty z nagrodami



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Agenci **PRCUA**Life będą kontaktowali się z członkami PRCUA w ciągu roku, dokonując przeglądu Państwa certyfikatów. Pozwoli to na ewentulaną zmianę danych beneficjentów oraz potwierdzenie wysokości aktualnych składek za ubezpieczenie.

Nasze życie składa się z wielu etapów. By uniknąć niespodzianek na którymkolwiek z nich, polecamy Państwu stały kontakt z agentami PRCUALife lub biurem głównym Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Chicago. Dzięki temu będziemy w stanie zawsze wyjść naprzeciw Państwa oczekiwaniom.

Czy wybrane ubezpieczenie jest dostosowane do Państwa potrzeb? Czy dane wyznaczoncyh beneficjentów polisy są aktualne?

Przedstawiciele **PRCUA**Life, wykorzystując dostępne narzędzia planowania ubezpieczeniowego i emerytalnego służą odpowiedzią na każde pytanie i pomocą w zakresie przygotowania indywidualnie stworzonej pod Państwa potrzeby strategii finansowej na każdy etap życia.

Zachęcamy do zapoznania się z nowym programem DocuSign, z aktualną ofertą ubezpieczeń na życie i kont emerytalnych **PRCUA***Life* oraz do kontaktu z przedstawicielami Działu Sprzedaży **PRCUA***Life*: Michał Dziadkowiec (773) 782-2642 lub Robert Fattore (773) 782-2631 lub email sales@prcua.org.

100. rocznica ustanowienia 3 Maja świętem narodowym



127. DOROCZNA PARADA Z OKAZJI ŚWIĘTA KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA Sobota, 4 maja 2019 r. o godz. 11:30, wzdłuż Columbus Drive w Chicago, IL

3 maja 1791 r. uchwalona została przez Sejm Czteroletni Konstytucja 3 Maja Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów, pierwsza konstytucja w nowożytnej Europie, a druga po amerykańskiej na świecie.

Obchody rocznicy uchwalenia Konstytucji były zakazane w okresie zaborów Polski. Rocznica Konstytucji 3 Maja została uznana świętem narodowym po odzyskaniu przez Polskę niepodległości w 1918 r., na mocy uchwały Sejmu Ustawodawczego z 29 kwietnia 1919. Obchodzone było do 1946 r., do czasu kiedy władze komunistyczne zabroniły publicznych uroczystości. Zostało oficjalne zniesione ustawą z 18 stycznia 1951 r.

Jako Święto Narodowe Trzeciego Maja przywrócone zostało ustawą z 6 kwietnia 1990 r.