Dear Friends,

In 1873, our founders met in Detroit to establish an organization that would bring the new immigrants from our motherland under one united roof. This union would help its members keep the shared customs, heritage and culture alive and thriving in their new homeland, the United States. Over the past 146 years, this organization has evolved into the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America of the 21st century. We can proudly state that we are members of one of the oldest fraternal organizations in this country, as well as the mother of all Polish fraternals. As the title of this newspaper, Naród Polski, states - we are the Polish Nation.

It has been a year since I was elected to the office of President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and wanted to give you an update. The PRCUA continues to be very strong financially, but we need your help to maintain and grow our organization. We need our members, who read this periodical to spread the word about the great things that our fraternal does. We look to you to reach out to your families, your neighbors and friends to join us and become members of the PRCUA.

You may ask, how can I help? You can share this paper, the Naród Polski, with them, tell them how you became a member and share memories you have of being a member. By sharing these personal thoughts and memories, you will possibly ignite in them a feeling that they would like to join an organization that shares a common thread with them. Whether by being Polish, Roman Catholic or of community service. The personal touch is what matters, since there is a comfort level that they have with you that might entice them to join the PRCUA.

There are many levels at which you can participate. Many of you are members from birth - your grandparent or parents “signed you up” because they were members. You may have been a student at a Polish language school or dance school as a small child. This is how I was brought into the organization, as a member of a dance group. If you are interested in joining an existing school, or starting a school in your area, please contact our Home Office and our staff will provide you with the information you would need to begin the process.

If that is not the avenue you would like to pursue, we also have established sporting events that may interest you. The PRCUA offers five different sport tournaments for our members to participate in: basketball, bowling, golf, softball and volleyball. Our basketball tournament celebrated its 85th anniversary this past spring. The PRCUA, upon request of our members, added volleyball in 2017. The sport tournaments are a great way to meet members from across the country in a casual and welcoming atmosphere. The events are sponsored by local societies with the assistance of our Fraternal Department. If you are interested in participating in or sponsoring a sport tournament, please contact our Fraternal Department for information.

If neither cultural nor athletic events are what you are looking for, please contact your local society to see what you can do to help in your area. Part of being a fraternal organization is giving back to your community. If you and other members of your society assist in doing good for your community, let us know what it is you are doing. Whether packing food packages for the less fortunate, assisting in a clean-up of a park or river front or helping with the painting or refurbishing of a school, tell us at the Home Office so we can share the good that is being done by our members with our entire community.

On the national level, the PRCUA continues the search to fill two open positions on our Board of Directors. The two openings are in the northeastern areas of the United States: District 1 - New England and District 3 – Pennsylvania. I am reaching out to members in those areas to consider applying for the open positions. A member of the Board of Directors is a vital position in the organization. They are responsible for the overall fiduciary position of the organization. A director must have a background in business with an understanding of investing, accounting, sales or marketing. If you are a member that resides in one of these areas and are interested in applying, please contact my office for more information at president@prcua.org.

Next, I will touch upon our financial products. Please review your life insurance coverage. Funeral costs can range from $10,000 to $15,000. Do you have enough life insurance to cover you so your family does not need to carry that additional financial burden? If you have life insurance at your job, it may not carry over into retirement, or if your only PRCUA policy is from when you were born, it may not be enough. Like most people, we live in the moment. Please consider reviewing what you have and if you are in need of additional coverage, contact the PRCUA Sales Department for additional life insurance coverage.

If you do not need additional coverage, you may want to purchase an annuity through the PRCUA for your retirement. The PRCUA has been offering a very competitive special on our annuity product for 2019. For a minimum deposit of a $1000, we are offering a guaranteed 3.75% APY. As compared to what is being offered on savings account or CDs, PRCUA’s annuities offer higher rates and allow for tax deferred growth!

Lastly, I will mention the revitalization of our organization. We need to look within our local organizations for our replacements to ensure succession and continuation of our efforts. It may be hard to accept changes, but sometimes changes are needed to stimulate growth. Not everyone wants to attend a banquet or dinner dance. I ask that everyone be open to ideas that may attract more members to our beloved PRCUA.

Remember: “Got involved, stay involved and get others involved.”

Thank you for your membership and attention.

James J. Robaczewski, ALMI, FIC, ACS
National President
September 2019

Calendar of PRCUA Events

SEPTEMBER

1-2  CHICAGO, IL – TASTE OF POLONIA. Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL – Come visit the PRCUA booth.

2  LABOR DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

7  CARLETON, MI – PRCUA ST. STAN’S SOCIETY #718 MIXED GOLF OUTING on Sat., Sept. 7 at Thorne Hills Golf Course, 12915 Sumpter Rd., Carleton, MI. Golfers limited to the first 150. Start time at 9:00 a.m. The cost for golfers: $50 and $15 for non-golfers. Price includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and refreshments. Contact Dan Golowski for information: 734-497-2681 or 734-654-2734.

8  ARLINGTON HTS., IL – ANNUAL PRCUA FISHING DERBY hosted by District #7 on Sun., Sept. 8 at Busse Lake Fishing Wall, Arlington Hts., IL from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open to all PRCUA members and non-member friends. Refreshments and complimentary snacks. Prizes. For more information, call Mateusz Bomba at 773-782-2636. See additional information on pg. 15.

15  MICHIGAN CITY, IN – POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL - Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 East US Highway 12, Michigan City, IN. Come visit the PRCUA information table.

15  PRCUA SOC. #162 GENERAL MEETING / POT LUCK on Sun., Sept. 15 at 1:00 p.m. at #162 Society Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI.

18  LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Sept. 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

22  SOUTH ROCKWOOD, MI – SCOTT RZEPPA - R&R SCRAMBLE on Sun., Sept. 22 at Westburn Golf Course, 5617 S. Huron River Dr., South Rockwood, MI. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. See additional information on pg. 19.

22  LEMONT, IL – DOŻYNKI - POLISH HARVEST CELEBRATION on Sun., Sept. 22. Mass at 1:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Polish food and traditions, dancing.

22  HICKORY HILLS, IL – CINDERELLA-PRINCE CHARMING BALL ORIENTATION on Sun., Sept. 22 at 12:00 p.m. at the Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Contact: Gabriela Zuk at 708-916-2638, or Danuta Spydala at 708-257-9019 for reservations. See details on pg. 19.

24  WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Mon., Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

OCTOBER

3  HAPPY 146TH ANNIVERSARY PRCUA!

3  DEARBORN HTS., MI – ST. STAN’S SOC. #718 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE DRAWING on Thur., Oct. 3 at 8:00 p.m. at Randy’s Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI.

14   COLUMBUS DAY – PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

16  LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING on Wed., Oct. 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Federated Polish Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing, MI. Contact: Veronica Ulrich at 517-484-3311.

20  WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY on Sun., Oct. 20. Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, 32000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Reception at 2:00 p.m. at Century Banquet Center, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI. See details on pg. 14.

22  WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tue., Oct. 22 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne Jr. H.S. (Back Building), 36000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Contact: Valerie Brumm at 248-622-8949 or valerie.brumm@gmail.com.

New K-12 Scholarship being offered to Fr. Al’s Society #1493 members

Father Al’s Society #1493 of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America will be offering its members a primary educational scholarship. This is for members that are attending a Catholic school in grades K thru 12. The awarding of the scholarship is determined at a Society meeting after the application due date. To be eligible for the scholarship, the member must be a member in good standing with PRCUA and Society, which includes Society dues paid in full if member is over 16 years of age. (Required)

Write a letter, or e-mail, sent to the Society requesting the scholarship for the upcoming school year. Include information listed below:

- Member’s Name
- Name of parent to contact
- Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
- Parent e-mail address
- School name and address member is attending for the 2019-2020 school year.
- A document stating that the member is actually attending the school, not just accepted, is REQUIRED. This can take the form of a letter from the school or a copy of payments being made.
- The school must provide a Catholic based education.

(Schools are not required to provide a Catholic school, but the member must be attending one to be eligible for the scholarship. The school must be Catholic.)

(The below are not requirements. We are just asking to see how involved our members are.)

In the past year:

1. Have you participated in PRCUA National or Society functions?
2. Have you participated/volunteered in community activities?
3. Have you participated/volunteered in community activities?
4. What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

Scholarships will be based on funds available. Checks will be made payable to the school and not the applicant or parent. Letter with application must be post marked or e-mailed on or before September 30, 2019.

Please send to: PRCUA #1493, Attn: K-12 Scholarship Committee, 35030 Stellwagen St., Wayne, MI 48184 or via e-mail to: ozog@hotmail.com.

Matthew Ozog, Secretary
Fr. Al’s Society #1493

Monthly Polka Dance

St. Louis Metro Polka Club and PRCUA St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004 invite everyone for monthly Polka Dances held at the 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.

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/polkaindex.html. See all Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004) events on Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison.

2020 PRCUA Calendar

Dear PRCUA Family,

The PRCUA Marketing Department is working on the 2020 PRCUA Calendar.

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit dates for the 2020 PRCUA Calendar is September 1, 2019.

Please let us know when you are planning your next year’s PRCUA events by sending information to: fraternal-events@prcua.org

Please submit all articles for the October issue of Naród Polski by September 15. Articles submitted after the deadline will be published in the following issue.
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**What are the primary types of life insurance?**

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**MYTH:** Life insurance is too expensive

**FACT:** Most people substantially overestimate the cost of life insurance. A healthy 35-year-old could get $250,000 of coverage for 20 years for about $30 month.*

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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II

September 1, 2019 marks the 80th anniversary of the September Campaign (Kampania Wrześniowa) - the invasion of Poland by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. This undeclared attack would be the beginning of World War II in Europe, which would devastate the continent and cost the lives of millions of people.

Only twenty years earlier, Poland had regained her independence after 123 years of occupation. During the twenty years of the Second Polish Republic, she developed into a stable and prosperous nation. Poland turned Gdynia, a small fishing village, into a modern commercial seaport; the country produced and exported products such as train engines. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of her rebirth, and confident in a bright future, Poland sent a large pavilion to the 1939 New York World’s Fair (The World of Tomorrow) to highlight the history and culture of Poland, and to show how the country had progressed.

Unknown to Poland, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union had other plans for Poland. In August 1939, German and Soviet leaders met in Moscow to sign a non-aggression pact. This pact also called for the dividing of Poland, the western half to Germany, the eastern half to the Soviet Union. The Polish Government knew war was coming - Hitler had spoken for years of invading Poland. They didn’t know when, and all the attempts at negotiations with Germany failed.

On August 30, 1939, the Polish Navy, in order to prevent loss or destruction, executed the “Peking Plan” and evacuated its destroyers to Great Britain. The Polish Air Force withdrew its airplanes from main airfields to secondary airfields, and the Polish Army began a general mobilization. The German battleship Schleswig-Holstein, while making a supposed courtesy call on Danzig (Gdansk), in the early morning of September 1, 1939, opened fire on Westerplatte (Poland’s military transit depot). Just before dawn, German troops invaded across Poland’s western, southern and northern borders, and the plans for border defense time forced the Polish forces to retreat, and the plans for border defense

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The Polish defense split up into uncoordinated fragments, some retreating, others launching disjointed attacks against German columns, which did little to slow or stop the German advance. The Polish Government evacuated from Warsaw and headed southeast to Romania. By the middle of September, the remaining 98 planes of the Polish Air Force, who were running low on supplies, withdrew to Romania.

From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer

Agnieszka J. Bastrzyk, ALMI, FICF, ACS

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

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Happy Anniversary
60 Years together

PRCUA President Emeritus Edward G. Dykla and former First Lady Loretta Dykla (née Gorski) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 15 (on the Feast of the Assumption).

They were married on August 15, 1959 at St. Tarciussus Church in Chicago. A celebratory Mass was officiated by Rev. Walter Wilczek, CR. Breakfast and dinner receptions were held at Walch’s Hall with twenty-two attendants in the wedding party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dykla have two sons and three grandchildren.

We wish them a long and healthy life. Sto Lat!

2019 PRCUA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

Volleyball Tournament - November 8-9, 2019 - Romulus, MI
Father Al’s Society #1493 - (Courtney Ozog)
PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society Announces the 2019 Educational Grant Recipients

The PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society is happy to announce its 2019 Educational Grant Recipients. The society offers scholarships to its members and also to those students who participate in the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night. Money for the members is raised through society fund raisers. The money for the Polish American Night Scholarship program is also obtained through the sale of special Polish items sold with the purchase of baseball tickets to the game - this year it was the red baseball cap with the Tiger’s logo on the front of the cap and a Polish eagle on the side. The Detroit Tigers Polish American Night Scholarship is one-time only. The PRCUA #1593 members can apply for scholarships up to four times. The 2019 Detroit Tigers Polish American Night recipients are as follows:

Alexis Assenmacher has been a member of PRCUA Rogalin Dancers for 14 years. As a participant of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night, Alexis has the opportunity to gather together with her family and friends to enjoy a baseball game and also to celebrate a heritage that is unique and diverse, which is very meaningful to her. Alexis will be attending the University of Toledo, majoring in Health Science.

Kasia (Katherine) Dziuba is a member of the Polish Scouting Organization, where she has been a volunteer in various capacities. Since 2014, she has organized the Polish Scouts to be part of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night as flag bearers. In her early years, she also had the opportunity to perform at the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night, where she performed in a beautiful and fun way. Polish American Night is a spectacular way of celebrating and keeping in touch with her roots. Anya will be attending Wayne State University and her area of study will be Exploratory Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Lillian Kozak has been a member of the PRCUA Zajacek Dance Ensemble for 14 years. As a young child, she did not understand the importance of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night and disliked dressing in a Polish costume and dancing in the heat or cold. However, as she got older, she learned to appreciate and embrace it. She realized that she was sharing her heritage, not only with Polish people, but also with non-Poles. She proudly performs the beautiful dances of Poland and shows off her colorful Polish costumes. It makes her happy and proud, especially when people show great interest and take photos of her. Lillian will be attending Grand Valley State University and will be majoring in Finance.

Brendan Lubiarz has been a member of the PRCUA Tatry Dancers for 15 years. He has been involved with the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night for most of those years. He hopes that this event will inspire people of other heritage-based groups to make an attempt to get themselves out there so that as Americans, we can all be proud of where we come from. Brendan will be attending the University of Detroit Mercy to pursue a career in Architecture.

Zachary Palencik has been a member of PRCUA Halka Dancers for 10 years. He believes that performing on the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night is a way of showing pride in his Polish heritage. It also shows that America is very diverse with people of many different backgrounds coming together to celebrate Polish culture. Zachary will be attending Wayne State University as a freshman in Sport Management in the College of Education.

Caroline Raczkowski grew up with the Polish Scouting Organization from an early age. For many years, she has participated in the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night as part of the color guard dressing in a Polish costume and dancing in the heat or cold. Polish American Night means a lot to Caroline because she has a deep connection with her culture and heritage and she has a chance to showcase and celebrate her roots with other Polish organizations to the melting pot of Detroit. Caroline will be attending DePaul University in Chicago, IL and her area of study is Business Administration.

Joanna Kmieciel has been a member of PRCUA Zajacek Dance Ensemble for 14 years. The Detroit Tigers Polish American Night allows Joseph to share and display his Polish heritage through dance and also to meet other young people who share the same heritage and love for Polish song and dance. Joseph will be attending Oakland University, majoring in Engineering.

Elena Wioncek is a member of PNA Centennial Dancers. Performing at the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night is a way for Elena to express her heritage and also to honor and to be proud of supporting her heritage and our Detroit Tigers. Elena will be attending Grand Valley State University and will be studying Business.

The following students are recipients of the 2019 PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society Educational Grant:

Anthony Kmieciek II is a member of PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society. As a member of the society, he is able to identify with his culture and heritage. For Anthony, it is a great feeling to be with a group of people with similar beliefs and at the same time, contribute new ideas to the organization. Anthony is attending Oakland University and his area of study is Management Information Systems.

Taylor Withers is a member of PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society and assists the society in a variety of ways without hesitation. She has attended several games at Polish American Night, where she has volunteered with tasks associated with the event. She enjoys this evening because it is a time to foster her Polish heritage with others of the same background. It is also an evening that she spends quality time with her family and at the same time, watches an American sport. In the fall, Taylor will be in her second year at Great Lakes Christian School in Lansing, MI, majoring in Family Life Education.

We extend congratulations to these students! We wish them the best as they journey on the next road of their lives. May they continue to carry on and to promote their cultures and traditions, to always be proud of their Polish heritage and to be involved in their Polish community, for they are Polonia’s future leaders.

Submitted by: Joann S. Ozog

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2019 “Invest in the Future” Annual Scholarship Dinner

The Polish American Congress of Michigan Scholarship Fund, Inc. held its annual “Invest in the Future” dinner on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at Krakus Restaurant, located in Detroit, MI. Its purpose is to raise money for the scholarship fund and to recognize the recipients and their accomplishments. It is also a time for our donors and recipients to meet each other.

The program began with a welcome by Wallace Ozog, President, followed with a prayer by Taylor Withers, one of the scholarship recipients. A delicious dinner was prepared by Alija Zency, also to the recipients were introduced by Ann Bankowski, Chairman of the Board, who gave a brief description of each scholarship recipient. After each student was introduced, Mr. Ozog presented them with a certificate and a check for $1,000.

Mr. Ozog then gave a few remarks. He spoke to the scholarship recipients about the importance of being involved in the PAC Scholarship Fund, Inc. He stated that they are the future leaders and in order for the PAC to continue to give scholarships, their leadership is necessary. Those in command presently are getting older or are no longer with us and someone must replace them.

This year seven scholarships were given to the following students:

Karina Cieslak received the PAC Frank and Sophia Filipiek Grant. She is a sophomore at Michigan State University and is studying Microbiology. After earning her degree, she plans to attend medical school.

Anreiella Czechski, a member of PNA, received the PAC Scholarship Fund, Inc. She will be attending Siena Heights University and is working on a double major - Elementary Education and Child Development.

Jakub Jezrejezak received the PAC Scholarship Fund, Inc. and is studying Biology.

Aleksandra Pejas is the recipient of the PAC Michael and Helen Bednarczyk Grant. Her major is International Studies and Economics and her minor is Cultures and Literatures of Eastern Europe.

Ewa Sztander, a PRCUA member received the Czechowski Grant. Her area of study is nursing.

Christina Wallag, a PNA member received the PAC John and Victoria Kusiel Grant. She is a senior at Eastern Michigan University and will be graduating this December with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. Her future goal is to continue with her Master’s Degree, followed by a Doctorate as a Nurse Practitioner.

Taylor Withers, a PRCUA member, is the recipient of the PAC Scholarship Fund, Inc. She is a sophomore at Great Lakes Christian School, where she is studying Family Life Education.

Congratulations are extended to these students - we wish them a successful school year!

The program concluded with money and prize raffles. We appreciate those in attendance who further supported the scholarship fund by purchasing tickets.

In conjunction with the dinner, an “Invest in the Future” Make a Difference Scholarship appeal was also sent to members and friends. Those who donated $100.00 or more will have their names displayed at the PAC office for one year. Donations are still being accepted. For further information, contact Wallace Ozog at 586-751-8168.

We wish to thank those individuals and organizations who supported the dinner and/or the scholarship appeal, to our photographer, Michael Ozog, to those who helped sell raffle tickets and to Alija Zency of Krakus Restaurant for the delicious meal. All have worked together to make a difference for those attaining a higher education. We hope to see more supporters next year!

Submitted by: Joann Ozog
AMENDMENTS TO THE PRCUA CONSTITUTION

Preliminary Statement

The following Amendments to the Constitution of the Polish Roman Catholic of America were adopted by the Delegates at the 62nd National Quadrennial Convention on August 12, 2018.

Section One, Article 01C, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

The objects and purposes of this Fraternal Benefit Society, which exists solely for the benefit of the members of the UNION, and their beneficiaries, shall be:

a. To unite its members fraternally for social, cultural, religious, benevolent and intellectual improvement, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION;

b. To engage in the insurance business and in any other business reasonably incidental to the insurance business and to form or acquire subsidiaries to the extent permissible under state laws;

c. To engage in any lawful social, cultural, religious, benevolent, intellectual, educational, charitable, moral, fraternal or patriotic activity for the benefit of the members of this UNION or the public as the Board of Directors may determine;

d. As a Fraternal Benefit Society, to operate and maintain a Life Insurance Department for the benefit of its members;

e. To promote the spirit of charity by assisting worthwhile endeavors and financially assisting them whenever possible;

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The Patron of the UNION is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The emblem of the UNION shall be in the form of a disc surrounded by a thick blue border in which shall be written in white, capital letters: FRATERNALISM in the upper quadrant, SERVICE in the right quadrant, BENEFITS in the lower quadrant, and PROTECTION in the left quadrant with one white star between each word. This shall be surrounded by a thick red border in which is written in capital letters: POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION *** OF AMERICA *** and in the center there shall appear the shibboleth of Jesus in the upper quadrant, the Polish flag in the right quadrant, the Polish eagle with crown on a shield in the lower quadrant and the American flag in the left quadrant. All symbols in the center shall be red, except the flag poles and field of stars in the American flag, which shall be blue. This is the only emblem that shall be used by the UNION, though it may also be printed in Polish when needed.

When printed in Polish the wording shall be:

a. Polish Roman Catholic Union of America – Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce

b. Fraternalism – Braterstwo

c. Protection – Bezpieczeństwo

d. Service – Usługa

e. Benefits – Korzyści

There was an amendment to Section Two, Article 02B, Paragraph 5, Point b, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

b. In the state of New York, when such Juvenile members attain the age of sixteen (16) they shall be transferred to and become members of the Adult Division of the Union, as required by Article 45, 4507(c) the Insurance Law of the state of New York.

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The Convention minutes in their entirety shall be published and distributed to all Officers, Directors, Delegates, Societies and Circuits, and any member who requests them within 180 days of the adjournment of the Convention.

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The Convention minutes in their entirety shall be published and distributed to all Officers, Directors, Delegates, Societies and Circuits, and any member who requests them within one hundred-eighty (180) days of the adjournment of the Convention.

There was an amendment to Section Three, Article 03K, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. Only a Delegate meeting the following requirements shall be nominated for the position of Officer or Director for the UNION and may be a candidate for that office in the UNION:

a. the Delegates must personally be present and registered at the Convention within the timeframe of the first session on the second day of the Convention;

b. must have been a member of the UNION for at least five (5) years;

c. is a citizen of the United States of America;

d. has indicated his desire to aspire for the specified office or his name has heretofore been presented by a Society or a Circuit with the consent of the candidate. Such an announcement must be forwarded to the Candidates Qualifications Committee and postmarked by May 30 of the Convention year. Once approved by the Candidates Qualifications Committee, all qualified candidates must be published in an issue of the official publication of the UNION thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. A candidate for the office of Director must be a resident of the District and the candidate must be a member of a Society, which is located in the District.

2. No two members of a nuclear family shall be permitted, during the whole or any part of the same term, to be member of the Board of Directors. Nuclear family shall mean familial relationships only including husband and wife, parent and child and brother and sister. If and in the event that two or more members of a nuclear family shall, at a Convention, run for and receive enough votes to be entitled to be a member of the Board of Directors, then only that member of the nuclear family who has received the most votes from the Delegates at the Convention shall be entitled to take the oath and serve the Term of Office provided for the position for which that member sought election.
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   e. has met the qualifications of either a Bachelor’s degree, Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), or a minimum of five (5) years experience in financial planning, business administration, and/or managerial/organizational leadership;
   f. resides in, and is a member of a Society, located in the District in which he wishes to represent.

2. No two members of a family, either by birth or by marriage, shall be permitted during the whole or any part of the same term to be executive officers. Members of a family shall include spouses, children, stepchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings and the children of siblings.

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8. There was an amendment to Section Three, Article 03M, Paragraph 2, Point b, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

   a. shall have the duty to examine all proposed amendments to, and changes to, the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION and to compare them with those in force and to make written recommendations to the delegates of the Convention. All amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws proposed by the Societies, Circuits, Districts, individual members, Officers or Directors are to be forwarded to the Constitution Committee at the Main Office of the UNION not later than June 1st of the Convention year.

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9. There was an amendment to Section Four, Article 04A, Paragraph 4, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

   4. In the event of a vacancy to the office of President by death, resignation or permanent disability, the Vice President shall immediately succeed. In the event that the Vice President either cannot or refuses to perform the duties of the office of the President, the Secretary-Treasurer shall assume the Presidency until the next Convention.

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The Board of Directors then must go about the business of replacing the vacated position of Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer according to the procedure outlined in the Constitution of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

Should the Secretary-Treasurer also choose not to assume the position of President, then the Secretary-Treasurer shall give notice and call for a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the UNION within thirty (30) days after the vacancy for President has been declared for the purpose of filling that existing vacancy.

The Vice-President assumes the position of "President Pro-Tem" until an Interim President is elected.

The vacancy for President shall be filled by a current member of the Board who is deemed to be in good standing, by a two-thirds majority vote of the regular voting members of the Board.

The "Interim President" shall serve and have the same powers and duties of the President until such time as the regularly scheduled elections are held at the next Quadrennial Convention of the UNION.

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   In case any of the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation may conflict with or shall hereafter conflict with any laws or Insurance Department ruling having effect of law in any State of the United States in which the UNION shall be licensed to do business, the Board of Directors shall have the authority from time to time to amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation by resolution so as to comply with such laws or rulings. When the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, shall amend the Constitution, By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation, notice of such Amendments shall be given by publication in the official publication of the UNION. From, and after the date of such publication, said amendment or amendments shall be binding upon every member of the UNION and upon all those deriving legal rights from every such member, until altered, amended or repealed by the Convention at a Regular or Special Session. To add or change the By-Laws, by the Board of Directors, the following actions will be required:

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   1. All elected and appointed Officers of the UNION shall perform their duties as prescribed by the Insurance statutes and laws, Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION, and approved actions of the Convention.

   2. The President of the UNION:
      a. presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors;
      b. presides at the Convention until a Convention Chair is elected;
      c. votes at the Board of Directors meeting only when the votes are equally divided, with the exception of elections or in case of the removal of one of the Officers;
      d. shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are performed;
      e. reports to the Board of Directors on his official activities;
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      g. the President, or any other Officer of the Organization appointed or designated by the President (other than Officers as authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors), may execute bonds, notes and other evidence of indebtedness, mortgages, contracts, leases, and other agreements except where such documents are required by law to be otherwise signed, and except where the signing thereof is exclusively delegated to some other Officer or employee of the Organization by the Board of Directors. All official UNION documents shall bear the signatures of two Executive Committee members or their appointed representatives.

(To be continued in October issue of Naród Polski)
Another busy summer is bidding us adieu as we begin the next season “which shows us how beautiful it is to let things go” and how quickly “time flies when you are having fun.” Hope you have many new memories from a fun-filled amazing summer!

The schedule for the honorary guests was quite different from previous years, as it included a Symposium entitled “Every third July our hearts skip a beat,” a history of the International Festivals of Polish Folk Ensembles 1969-2019 together with an Exhibit entitled “Trochę z przypadku, trochę z potrzeby” (“Perhaps by chance, perhaps from need”) with reference to a song written by Janusz Chojecki for the 30th Anniversary of the Rzeszów Festival.

By the way, during both concerts – “Folklore from Around the World” and “Folk Dancing in America,” following this, the Father of Polish Opera, Stanisław Moniuszko, in his 200th Anniversary of his birth. Many talented vocalists and actors from within the participating ensembles were selected to perform or to receive special distinctions from Moniuszko’s most famous operas in addition to performing with their ensembles. Emilia Wójcik, Iza Ziarko and Patryk Gawarecki from PRCUA Polonia Ensemble were among those selected. Bravo!

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Polonia in Sącz Finale

Polonia at the City Center

Wesoly Lud with Mariusz Grudziń

Wesoly Lud Chicago Polka

Polonia Lindy-Hop/Swing

Ambassadors of the Rzeszów Festivals, a member of the Honorary Committee and an honored guest. As the Ensembles entered the Rynek, each was introduced. Once all were assembled, the customary greetings and accolades were exchanged by the Festival Director and recently-elected President of the Rzeszów Branch of Stowarzyszenie Wapólna Polska, Mariusz Grudziń, the local government officials and dignitaries. The keys to the city were then given to a participating group – this year, there was one composed of previous Festival attendees whose ensembles are either no longer in existence or were unable to attend. This group was called “Miodulara.”

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Director Anzak Krzyzyski, Musical Director Mieczyslaw Dzik; Dance Directors Janyl Krzyzyski and Magdalena Zolna and Guest Choreographer Iwona Puć) and to Wesely Lud Polish Folk Dance Company (Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director and Choreographer, Joanna Niedzielski, Costumer). May all of you enjoy the fruits of your labor and ENCORE! ENCORE!

As many of you know, a four-year summer course of studies for Polish students of Polish Folk Dance Ensembles has been held in Rzeszów, Poland, for over 20 years (this year marks the 21st). The course is held every July for three weeks and includes not only practical classes in dancing, but also theoretical classes in such subjects as: sports medicine; anatomy; Polish culture, history, ethnography and traditions.

One aspect of completing the course is to study an ethnographic region in depth and write a paper as well as prepare the choreography for and present a suite of dances from that region. We are proud of the PRCUA members who have taken the course and successfully completed the course to the extent that we present. Among those earning a diploma from the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Poland and the University of Rzeszów this year were: Agata Wilgocki (Artistic Director and Choreographer of the Malta Polonia, Poland); Rafał Kalinowski (Polonia School in Munster, IN - D-9); Michael Dziakowic (newly appointed Artistic Director and Choreographer of Polanie Dancers of the St. John Paul II Polish School in Lemont, IL; former dancer and assistant instructor with Wesely Lud; choreographer and instructor at Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance - D-6), Nicole Romek (Dance Instructor for Mala Polonia in Chicago, IL – D-7) and Thomas Tamrowski (Alumnus of Polonia Ensemble – D-7). The final exam was the presentation of each of the graduates' choreographies performed by the participants from the choreographers. Course year 1 through 4, including other PRCUA future choreographers: Nina Romek, Olivia Trojan, and Emilia Więcek. In addition to Agata’s Podlasie suite, Mikey’s Beskid Słaski, Nikdi’s Łowicz and Tomek’s Rzeszów, the other graduates presented dances from Szpice, Eastern Krakow, Warmia, as well as the Polonia Ensemble from the University of Technology, (Artistic Director and Choreographer Janusz Chojecki) as well as Andrzej Bartkowski, the President of “Mazurkas.” The dance concert, which included “Wisła” from Curitiba, Brazil, “ZPI Politechnika” and “Wesełki” from Warsaw – the 40th Forum of the Polish Ensemble Mazurkas. At this and such events, the role PRCUA plays in nurturing Polish heritage and culture in the United States was visibly understood and enjoyed. I was honored to take the opportunity to thank hosts for their hospitality, which included a five-star hotel, tour of Warsaw and Mazowsze headquarters, and an opportunity to see the social life of Warsaw as well as perform in front of many distinguished guests.

Wesely Lud, on the other hand, was invited to perform in Ożarów Mazowiecki (just outside of Warsaw) immediately following the Rzeszów Festival at a beautiful hotel and conference facility, MCC “Mazurkas,” as the guest dance group at Folk Dance Festival. The performers included Wesely Lud, Nowy Świat (Artistic Director and Choreographer Piotr Belka), Polonia in Chicago, IL; Jacek Kotowicz, the President of Młodzieżowa Polska Młodzieżowca (Artistic Director and Choreographer of the Mała Zawisza, Poland); Andrzej Bartkowski, the President of “Mazurkas.” The dance concert, which included “Wisła” from Curitiba, Brazil, “ZPI Politechnika” and “Wesełki” from Warsaw – the 40th Forum of the Polish Ensemble Mazurkas. At this and such events, the role PRCUA plays in nurturing Polish heritage and culture in the United States was visibly understood and enjoyed. I was honored to take the opportunity to thank hosts for their hospitality, which included a five-star hotel, tour of Warsaw and Mazowsze headquarters, and an opportunity to see the social life of Warsaw as well as perform in front of many distinguished guests.

PRCUA graduates with Vice President and Directors

On August 16-17, the Opole Dancers hosted the 65th PRCUA National Softball Tournament at Halmich Park in Warren, MI. The event was co-chaired by School Director Colleen Bonkowski and Brian Bonkowski at the American Polish Festival (Sterling Heights, MI); Edward Muszalski and Mateusz Bomba at Góralmiana (Orland Park, IL); Louis Perfetto Jr. at Polish American Arts Festival (Cheektowaga, NY); Elizabeth Sadar, Barbara Marcin and Michal Pazdziora. The event was joined by Polish Dancers from the United States (Richard Jaminski, Artistic Director and Choreographer of the Mała Polonia – D-6); Mateusz Bomba at Muskegon Polish Festival (Muskegon, MI); Jordan Dykla at Polish American Family Fest (Doylestown, PA); Joanna Ewa Cholewinski, Emily Kurda, Pam and Fred Tayten, Roberto Arias, Igor and Mark Sobir and Mateusz Bomba at Taste of Polonia (Chicago, IL) and the Labor Day Parade in Hamtramck, MI. In the event you missed these, don’t despair, #718 is hosting its Fifth Golf Outing in Carlton, MI on 9/7; the PRCUA District 7 Fishing Derby is in August 11-12; and the PRCUA will be attending Taste of Polonia in Chicago. The PRCUA appreciates the efforts of Richard Owianski and Malgorzata Kot (President and Managing Director of the PMA, respectively) for also including the PRCUA in these visits.

Back in Chicago, on August 1, while President Robaczewski attended an Advertising and PRCUA Golf Tournament – July 25, 2020 in La Porte, IN. Congratulations, Mikey, Agata, Nicki and Tomek!

Prior to the Rzeszów Festival, Polonia Ensemble visited Italy and attended the Tenth Anniversary of Warsaw Uprising. During my speech, I urged the need to keep our culture, history, ethnography and traditions; history of dance, etc.

Polonia in Italy

Congratulations, Mikey, Agata, Nicki and Tomek!

Softball Coed Winning Team

Wesely Lud touring Warsaw
LOOK OUT... IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!!

As a Zajączek Dance Ensemble family, we all know what this means. It's time to smile, sweat, polka, and pray... and this is exactly what we did! On Sunday, July 14, dancers from the Zajączek Dance Ensemble attended the noon Mass held at the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, MI. The Mass was a scheduled event which was part of the Club's 39th Annual American Polish Festival. Approximately 45 dancers attended the Mass in their traditional Krakowiak costumes accompanied by the 2019 Heritage Queen, Danielle Krass, and 2019 Heritage Princess, Jacklyn Bellar, along with Joseph Smigiel and Lillian Kozak, represented the Zajączek Dance Ensemble 2019 graduates (Missing, Agata Lubanski). Members of the American Polish Century Club choir sang proudly as the Knights of Columbus led the procession. Reverend Roman Pasieczny from St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Utica, MI and the Chaplain of the American Polish Century Club, was the celebrant of the Mass. Smiles were bright and true as Fr. Roman welcomed everyone to the celebration. “Today, everything in Heaven is red and white,” said Father, “we honor Polonia.” During his homily, Fr. Roman discussed the many issues affecting the Catholic Church today, and how no one person can solve them all. However, together we can be strong. “Take one day at a time and just be happy,” said Father as he serenaded his congregation with a few Polish songs, adding to the substance of an already beautiful celebration.

The Mass continued reverently, as Fr. Roman was assisted by altar server and Zajączek dancer, Natalya Bonkowski. At the conclusion of Mass, the dancers processed in couples outside to the big tent to perform. From our youngest dancers to our 2019 graduates, everyone put on their biggest smiles and showcased their impeccable Polish dancing skills. As the audience cheered on, the sweat dripped and the music continued to play!!! Thank you, Zajączek Dance Ensemble members, director Colleen Bonkowski, as well as choreographers Tricia Dennis and Rachael Kasperek, for providing us all with the tools necessary to continue to promote our Polish heritage through music, song, and dance.

Come and join us as we begin our 15th year of Polish dance!! Please contact Mrs. Colleen Bonkowski at Zajaczekschool@yahoo.com. Classes begin on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

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

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

And off they went! On Saturday, July 27, five members of Zajączek Dance Ensemble traveled to Jackson, MI to add some Polish flare to the Annual Jackson Area Polish Heritage Festival. The dancers attended the Polka Mass celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Rev. Louis Madey officiating. (Cont. on pg. 11)
and beautiful Polka music played by the band Dyna Brass. After the Mass in which the group presented the offertory gifts, the dancers proceeded to the bandstand area to present the colors of the American and Polish flags, as Mr. Robert Szczublewski from Toledo, OH proudly sang both the Polish and American national anthems, signifying the official start of the festival! The dance floor opened with music played by Randy Wrozek and the Hynotes, a local Jackson favorite! During an intermission between the live bands, Dyna Brass and the Hynotes, the Zajączek Dance Ensemble showcased their Polish dancing skills. As an excited audience watched, the group performed two Polka dances; the first song was the Hello Everybody Polka, and the second was When Lightening Strikes Twice Polka. Needless to say, they were a smashing success! The Jackson Community was overjoyed to welcome the group with open arms, as it has been a very long time since the festival has had any type of Polish dance group perform, according to festival chairpersons David and Mary Ann Robinson. For many festival attendees, it was a joyous sight which will never be forgotten.

From the Polish community in Jackson to the Polish community in Sterling Heights, “thank you” for sharing your dancers with us and for giving us a precious gift, a reminder of what it is to be Polish and proud! The weekend of August 2, the Gwiazda Dancers headed up north again. On August 3, they paraded and performed at the 45th Boyne Falls Polish Festival in Boyne Falls, MI. For their performance in Boyne Falls, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak, a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki, and a polka.

On August 4, Gwiazda remained up north and headed over to Rogers City, MI. There, Gwiazda paraded and performed at the Rogers City Nautical Festival. For their performance in Rogers City, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak, a polka, and the oberek.

Gwiazda hit the road again for Saturday and Sunday August 9 and 11, as they headed to Minneapolis, MN to perform at the Twin Cities Polish Festival. Friday, August 9 was a free day for members of the group. Dancers and their families visited the Mall of America, checked out some Minnehaha Falls and took in some other local flavor.

On Saturday and Sunday August 10 and 11, the Ensemble performed numerous times on the cultural stage at the Twin Cities Polish Festival. The cultural stage performers also included Dolina Polish Folk Dance Ensemble from Minneapolis, MN and Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. For its performances, Gwiazda presented the Krakowiak, along with suites of dances from Spisz, Beskid Śląski, and Beskid Żywiecki.

On Saturday, August 10, during one of the performance breaks, the Gwiazda Dancers had an opportunity to meet the children and teens in Dolina’s younger groups. They played games and some dancers became friends on Snapchat – Polish folk dance: bringing people together.

Not to slow down, Gwiazda hosted a parents and friends outing on Wednesday, August 14, where a group of parents went kayaking on the Detroit River in and around downtown Detroit, MI. It was a great way to relax and enjoy a summer evening in Detroit.

Even with summer vacation starting to wind down and back to school shopping ads on television, Gwiazda still has some performances and appearances scheduled. Be sure to check us out on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @PRCUA_Gwiazda for realtime updates.

Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski, PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers Secretary & 1997 Alumnus
PRESENTING - 2019 PRCUA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

PRCUA scholarship awards are made possible by generous donors who have dedicated their funds to support students seeking a higher education and pursue their future goals. This year, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America awarded $35,000.00 in scholarships and grants to 37 remarkable young men and women who will continue their college studies. 12 students received the Education Fund Scholarships and 22 students received the Student Scholarship Grants. Three of the students applied for and were awarded both scholarships. Congratulations and best of luck with your future studies!

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In celebration of September as National Life Insurance Awareness Month, PRCUA presents excerpts of the highest scored essays written by this year’s PRCUA scholarship recipients.

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?

“I have grown up in a family where income is uncertain from day to day. My parents believe that we have no money to allocate to life insurance. With a budget plan, that could be possible. The lack of life insurance on my parents touches me deeply because if anything were to happen to my parents, my siblings and I would be left alone to fend for ourselves. Additionally, if something were to happen to my father, the sole provider for our family, we would most likely not be able to support ourselves properly. Life insurance is[...], especially important for families who rely solely on one person for income as most life insurance policies plan for a future for the family of the deceased. With the right budget plan, anything is possible.”
Patricia Kolosusk

“Having life insurance before I started college has allowed my mother to have the peace of mind that no matter what happened during my first eighteen years, I would have the finances to pursue a higher education past high school. This is important to emphasize because at this time, having only a high school diploma makes it incredibly hard to provide the job opportunities that allow for a thriving career. My mother understood this and made sure that if anything, God forbid, would happen to her, I would be able to pursue the career that would provide for myself and be of service to the world. Because of life insurance, my mother[’s] and my financial future is a little more stable and forgiving should the worst happen.”
Victor Wiski

“I have seen the peace of mind that comes with having... a policy. I recall when my parents got theirs and informed my siblings and I that it would be split equally among us. Though it was a morbid conversation, I could see the sigh of relief that my mother breathed as she said that at least she knew we would be taken care of. Similarly, my sister and brother in-law both purchased policies as soon as my nephew was born. They want him to have financial support and life stability. By having this peace of mind, money matters are less of a stressor in my family than they may be otherwise. [...]In sum, a life insurance policy influences my family’s financial situation by allowing space to live life without worrying about death.”
Martyna Siewicka

“I [...] realize that if a tragedy were to occur to either myself or my brother (who also has life insurance through PRCUA), my parents would be able to focus more on recovering, rather than scrambling to come up with the finances required for burial. This is a reassuring thought, albeit not a very pleasant one. As a young person, I hope I do not have to utilize my life insurance policy for a very long time.”
Julia Walczak

“Life insurance is an important facet of financial planning and although it may be not an investment of personal gain, it is an investment for those that come after you. Most young adults automatically assume that they cannot afford life insurance and do not consider it as one of their primary needs. Young adults struggle with the concept of illness and mortality and do not value the protection that life insurance provides. It is hard to understand that life insurance is an integral part of a successful financial plan when one is young and healthy. The benefits of purchasing a life insurance plan are usually not realized until there is other collateral involved and many are not aware that it is beneficial and cost saving to purchase life insurance when they are young. Furthermore, life insurance can be portrayed as a long-term investment, which in this case will benefit the beneficiaries. With life insurance, one can dramatically improve the family’s financial situation by leaving them a death benefit amount instead of a financial burden.”
Victoria Gavaghan

“Budgeting your money and financial planning allows you to be ready for whatever happens in life. We can never be sure of what the future holds for us, whether it is good or bad, and it is our responsibility, as adults, to be prepared. As adults, especially the adults that have someone else to take care of, it is our job to provide not just for ourselves, but for them, too.”
Gabriela Sokolowska

“Budgeting your money involves the creation of a spending plan for your income. It ensures that a person has money available to pay for the things that they need. This prevents a person from spending too much on wants, and inadvertently jeopardizing their home or car due to unpaid or late payments. Budgeting also allows an individual to avoid taking unnecessary debt. [... ]Failing to budget can lead to failure to make payments, which can impact a person’s credit score. [...] If a person fails to financial plan responsibly in their twenties and thirties, bad credit can impair their opportunities later in life.”
Alexandra Baczynski

“After witnessing my friend’s father pass away from a sudden stroke while she was halfway through optometry school, I realized the importance of having a life insurance policy. It was concerning that she may have to drop out of school to help support her family, but thankfully, her father had a life insurance policy in place. As for my own family, my father never bothered to purchase a life insurance policy, which did put my family in a precarious financial situation. My mother did have a life insurance policy, so my family did have a sense of some security. I hope to secure my future family’s financial situation by purchasing a life insurance policy.”
Elizabeth Zborz
Another Spectacular Summer with the PRCUA Opole Dancers

After our successful 61st recital, the summer has been fun for our young (and older) dancers. It began with Opole performing at Comerica Park on May 17th. The Tiger’s Polish American Night is a favorite of our students. Opole dancers joined the festivities in their Krakowiak costumes. After entering the stadium field as the Polonez was played, they danced to “Hello Everybody” polka, followed by a Krakowiak and finally an Oberek. Lots of turning and spinning showing off their excellent technique they learned throughout the year…even with straight arms in the Krakowiak! The students loved getting glimpses of the players and seeing themselves up on the big screen in left field. After they danced, the students joined up with their families and enjoyed the game.

Next came our performance at the Center Line Independence festival on June 9. With some of our favorite dances including our summer polka, the Krakowiak, Góralski, Cieszyn, and Zbójnicki. We entertained a nice sized audience with plenty of clapping for our group.

On June 27, Opole, along with other PRCUA groups, entertained the crowds at Jimmy John’s Field at its Polish Night. We performed just prior to game starting…what a way to make baseball fans smile!

July included a new performance for Opole. Opole was invited to perform at the 39th annual American Polish Festival in Sterling Heights on July 13th. The festival is one of the largest Polish festivals in Michigan! The students started the performance by singing the Polish national anthem. We also included all of our summer favorites plus our Cieszyn suite and Góralski, which is always a crowd favorite.

On July 25th, some of our students dressed in Polish folk costumes, attended the Polish novena mass at the historic Ste. Anne de Detroit Church. Ste. Anne de Detroit is the second oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in America and the students really enjoyed participating.

August was also a busy month as the group hosted the 65th PRCUA Softball Tournament at Halmich Park in Warren on Aug 16-17. The group also performed before a Lions pre-season game on August 23. In September, the group will march in the Hamtramck Polish Day Parade on Labor Day and also perform at the St. Louise and Ste. Anne’s festivals.

Opole welcomes new dancers in September and accepts students from 2.5 years to 17 years old. Classes are taught by choreographer Donna Skurski who has 48 years experience in teaching Polish dance. The group practices on Tuesday evenings. This school year, practices will be held at the Center Line Administration Building gym near I-696 and Van Dyke. To learn more about the Opole Dancers, please contact Opole Director Elizabeth Thacker at opole.director@comcast.net or 586-944-9683.

Submitted by Chuck Pelshaw

AN INVITE from…
JOANN S. OZOG
LET'S CELEBRATE AND GIVE BACK

Dear PRCUA #1593 Members, former Pope John Paul II dancers and friends,

Joann Ozog is inviting all society members, members who were part of the PRCUA Pope John Paul II Dance School, their families and friends to the St. Anne 46th Annual Sausage Festival on Sunday, September 22, 2019.

This year St. John Paul II Society is celebrating 40 years! It’s been a long time since some of us have gotten together to socialize, to talk about old times and even see if we can still do the polka. For 40 years, St. Anne Parish has accommodated us for our events and meetings. Since this is a special year for our society, it is time to SHOW our appreciation to the parish, to GIVE BACK and also to celebrate this great achievement of still being alive and active.

The St. Anne Parish Sausage Festival has something for everyone. An 11:00 a.m. Mass in the big tent will begin the festivities on Sunday with Big Daddy Polka Band. Polka music will continue throughout the day. The PRCUA Opole Dancers, most of whom are St. John Paul II Society members, will perform at 5:00 p.m. There will be a variety of ethnic food, a silent auction, bingo, Vegas, a variety of games, amusement rides, recyclable treasures and more. I am also having a booth just like I had in 1978-1997. All proceeds for this booth will go to the parish as a way of giving back.

I hope that you will mark your calendar and come on down! I would love to socialize with our members, some of whom I have not seen for many years. I have lost contact with some of the members. If you keep in touch with any society or dance school member, I would appreciate it if you could give them this information and invite them.

St. Anne is located at 32000 Mound Road, Warren, MI. You would like to volunteer some hours at the booth, please call me at 586-751-8168. I hope that you will come to support St. Anne Festival, to support our booth and to celebrate 40 years of memories, fun and fraternalism.

Joann Ozog (Coordinator)

P.S. Mark your calendar! A formal celebration of our society will take place on Sunday, October 20, 2019 with an 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anne Parish followed by a luncheon at Century Banquet Center in Sterling Heights. You should also be receiving a special invitation on this occasion. For further information, contact Chris Ozog at ozogoj@gmail.com

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Join us as we celebrate
St. John Paul II Society’s
40th Anniversary
October 20, 2019

Mass: 11:00 a.m.
St. Anne Catholic Church
32000 Mound Road
Warren, MI

Reception - Doors Open: 2:00 p.m.
Century Banquet Center
33204 Maple Lane
Sterling Heights, MI

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By October 13, 2019
Tickets: adults $30; youth 5-12: $15; under 5 free
40th Anniversary of St. John Paul II’s visit to Chicago and Five Holy Martyrs Church

We cordially invite you to a solemn Mass at the outdoor Papal memorial altar on October 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm commemorating the 40th anniversary of St. John Paul II’s historic visit to Five Holy Martyrs. The main celebrant will be Most Reverend Bishop Robert Casey. After the Mass, everyone is invited for appetizers in the Bishop Abramowicz Hall and to view the beautiful exhibit of pictures from Saint John Paul II’s visit in 1979. A ceremonical banquet will take place at 4:00 pm at Polish Highlander House & Restaurant, 4808 S. Archer Ave. in Chicago.

Even though it has been forty years since our wonderful compatriot, Saint John Paul II, was here with us, we feel a great connection to him as we surround the Papal memorial altar and take part in an annual commemorative Holy Mass.

During this important period for our parish, we open our doors to other national groups and invite them to the community of prayer and the community of hearts. Let us recall once again the words that our beloved Saint John Paul II spoke in this place; “May the extraordinary sacrifice of bread and wine which we are celebating today, unite all of you again in great love and in great work.”

SAINT JOHN PAUL II - pray for us!

40th Anniversary Papal Mass Committee

St. Stan’s Society #718 Annual Family Picnic

“It’s a Wonderful Life” as over 175 members, family and friends turned out for our Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, July 27. The weather was ideal with temperatures in the 80’s and a light breeze that kept everyone comfortable. Food and beverages were complimentary for our guests.

St. Stan's can't thank Denny (Church) and Tina Churchwar for enough for another outstanding job in chairing this event. Thanks also goes out to President Emeritus, Mr. Joe Drobot, Jr., for leading the crowd in singing the Polish and American national anthems. Also in attendance was President Emeritus Wallace Ozog.

Each year the number of children in attendance increases. Fifty/Fifty raffles were held that brightened the day for the five winners. Dinner was served at 2:30 p.m. and included hot dogs, kielbasa, sauerkraut, chicken, baked beans, Polish dill pickles, corn and homemade angel wings with an assortment of additional desserts. Special thanks to our cooks, the Czajka Family - Tim Sr., Tim Jr., Tony, and Maureen for manning the grills for seven hours.

Thanks also goes out to Tom and Janice Dudek for chairing and coordinating our Tuition Grant/Scholarship Program. We had eight applicants this year who shared $3,100 in awards. Thanks to PRCUA Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski who donated $100 in memory of her late husband Mark. The $3,000 is a result of the raffle we hold three times a year.

Thank also to the following for their donations: Bernie & Maureen Gauvin and Greg & Colleen Bruno (water & pop), the Bob Szelag family (angel wings), Tim & Mary Lou Prezkop (baked beans) and Tim Czajka (dill pickles).

No picnic can be a success without volunteers to help set up the area and return it to its original state. There are just too many to mention by name but they know who they are and their effort is greatly appreciated.

The picture included only represents a small number of those in attendance.

Always Polish,
Always Proud

Jerry Nasiatka
President St. Stan’s #718

Calling All Artists!

Looking for artists to create original works for the first ever PRCUA Arts Exhibition and Contest! Pieces will be displayed at the 2019 Volleyball Tournament and music submissions will be presented at the tournament banquet. Please contact National Director and Exhibition Sponsor Courtney Ozog, courtney.ozog@prcua.org, for additional information.

PRCUA Arts Exhibition Submission Form

Biography

Name:

Age:__________ Grade:__________

Address:_________________________ E-mail:_________________________

Phone:__________________________ Society:_________________________

School:__________________________

Graduated? Yes No Which year?__________

Art Submission

Artists must create an original piece inspired by a Polish artist of the same field, living or deceased. Mediums may include paint, clay, textiles, or music composition.

Type (circle one) Visual Art – Medium:__________

Music

Title:__________________________

Artist inspired by:__________________________

Artist’s piece:__________________________

Please write about your submission (use a separate sheet if not enough space):

Please attach three (3) photos, including one (1) whole view, for visual arts submissions. For music composition submissions, e-mail the file or YouTube link to courtney.ozog@prcua.org. (Please contact for address if mailing a CD.) Submissions are due no later than October 1, 2019 by PRCUA members, any age, who are in good standing. Submissions will be judged and awarded for each category.
PICTURE SUDOKU
Place one of the four items only once in each column and in each row to solve the sudoku.

COLOR THE PICTURE
Use the template on the left to color the picture of a boy fishing.

FIND THE RIGHT PATH
Help the little girl find the correct path to her school desk.

FIND 12 DIFFERENCES
There are 12 differences in the two pictures below. Can you find all of them?

Answers on page 18
Invitation to Teen Members to Attend Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball Orientation

Chicago, IL - The Adult Cultural Group invites high school age PRCUA members from Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9 and their parents to a luncheon and informational meeting for candidates who want to participate in this year’s “Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball.” The orientation is on Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

The Adult Cultural Group, which sponsors the ball, will cover the cost of the luncheon. Those interested in participating are asked to make reservations by September 18. Reservations can be made by calling Gabriela Zuk at 708-989-2408, or Danuta Stypula at 708-257-9019.

Rehearsals for the ball will begin on Monday, October 7 and will be held every Monday until the ball at St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73rd Ave., Summit, IL from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The ball will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

All high school students who are PRCUA members in Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9 (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana), are invited to participate in the Cinderella - Prince Charming Ball. Payment of the registration fee is required when submitting the application form at the luncheon. Scholarships will be awarded to the chosen “Cinderella” and “Prince Charming” winners, the runners-up, and to all participants to help defray the costs involved in participating in the ball.
A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WORTH REMEMBERING

This year of 2019 has been ripe with recollections of events which occurred during the eventful and transformative year of 1969. It seemed to be one more in a series of culture-shaping years which also had its share of milestone events. The reverberations of these events were felt long after they happened and helped influence the ensuing future as it unfolded.

Here on our local level in Cleveland, 1969 was the infamous year when the Cuyahoga River, which runs through the heart of the city, “caught fire” due to an excess of industrial pollution. It had the lingering effect of painting the city negatively in the national eye for many years. What often gets overlooked are its transformative year of 1969. It seemed to be one more milestone event. The reverberations of these events were felt long after they happened and helped influence the ensuing future as it unfolded.

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One other such anniversary is coming up this month but, I'm afraid that except for too few, it will be overlooked by many. It had its beginnings a year previously, when prominent members of U.S. Polonia invited the Primate of Poland, Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, to visit the centers of Polonia in the United States. Rightly fearful that the Communist government of the time would not allow him to return should he leave, he, instead, suggested an alternative: the young, bright, linguistically gifted Archbishop of Kraków who had recently also been elevated to the Cardinalate - Karol Wojtyła of Kraków.

In September of 1969, Cardinal Wojtyła visited the major centers of Polonia in Canada and the United States for the first time. His whirlwind visit brought him to as many places as his schedule would allow. I will spare you the long list of them and simply ask, instead: “Do you know if he came to your area?” You should! And the long list might surprise you! But this also shouldn't be confused with his second visit, in 1976, which coincided not just with our Nation's bicentennial but also with the International Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia that year. The Cardinal...

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impressed many with his command of the English language. He was kind and funny. He took time to talk to people and never seemed rushed. Outside of the Masses he offered, his interactions with the people were rather informal at a time when most proprieties were still observed. In short, he left a lasting favorable impression on a great number of people in very many places.

A decade later would see him visit the U.S.A. again, but this time as Pope John Paul II. His previous visits did much to make him “our” pope by giving many people a chance to not just share an ethnic heritage with him, but to have encountered him in person. Many would attest how, years later, if you were to meet him at the Vatican and mention that you met him when he visited “wherever” during that trip, he would respond favorably and would remember his time among us. Today, we find him numbered among the saints of the Church.

I am graced to be Pastor of the parish in Cleveland where he celebrated Mass for the Polish community during his 1969 visit and gifted us with a relic of his saintly predecessor and our Patron Saint - Stanslaus of Kraków, Bishop and Martyr. The relic was offered in thanksgiving for the contributions of Cleveland Polonia to aid the plight of Poland and the Church during and following World War II. We now possess relics of him! We have, in addition to a first class relic, the beautiful Marian vestment he wore and the ciborium from which he distributed Holy Communion. All will be in use as we will celebrate a special upcoming Mass commemorating the anniversary of this historic visit.

I mention all of this to hopefully inspire our readers to take a look and see whether “the Pope” came to your area in that eventful year of 1969. If so, is anyone planning to celebrate this important 50th anniversary? Even if he didn't make it to your city, it still provides all of Polonia with an opportunity to come together as one and offer thanks for the true gift to all of humanity which was Pope John Paul II. We have much to be reminded of and inspired by! So I urge our readers to not let this opportunity slip by. While we may not all be able to make a big public event come about, we are all able to do what we can to see that this anniversary personally renews us. Get a book on the life of Pope John Paul II and read it. Get one of the many books or church documents which he wrote himself and read it. May the spirit of St. John Paul II live on in our midst - through you!

Karol Cardinal Wojtyła preaching from the pulpit of St. Stanislaus Church during his Pastoral Visit to the United States in September of 1969

Karol Cardinal Wojtyła during the Mass at St. Stanislaus Church in Cleveland during his Pastoral Visit to the U.S. in September of 1969. He is flanked by Auxiliary Bishop Alfred Abramowicz of Chicago on the left and Bishop Szczepan Wesoly of Rome on the right, both of whom accompanied him on his tour.

By Fr. Eric Orzech, St. Stanislaus Parish & St. Casimir Parish, Cleveland, OH
Jeanne Wisniewski passed away

Jeanne Wisniewski, member of the PRCUA Society #1413 and a secretary of the PRCUA Tatry Dancers for 50 years, passed away on August 7 in Dearborn, MI.

Jeanne (Kurtyka) Wisniewski was a first generation American, her parents having emigrated from the Galicia area in Poland. Jeanne was born and grew up a block from St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights, MI, where her parents were founding members. As a teen, she worked in a restaurant called The Bungalow on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, MI. She played the accordion since she was a young girl and performed at events in her teens and 20s.

In 1952, she married John in a daylong wedding celebration that included a parade from her home to the church. The couple was blessed with five children. They were married for 49 years until John's passing 19 years ago.

Jeanne was a ward secretary at the Veteran’s Administration hospital in Allen Park for 25 years. She served as a financial secretary for the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and founded a Polish dance troupe in 1970 because she wanted a place for her two daughters to learn how to dance. She called her cousin Joseph Drobot and asked him how to do this. The Tatry Dancers continue to this day, with Jeanne’s good friend Rose Ann Lackey as director. Her favorite dance was the Polish Soul that the Tatry Dancers perform so wonderfully.

Jeanne is survived by her children: David (Michele), Larry, Karen Wisniewski (Michael Ball) and Laura Lessnau (John); grandchildren: Alex, Kelly, Meagan Pasquini (David), Caroline Claypool (Stephen), Austin and Tara Lessnau; her sister Frances Ensch; her step-grandchildren: Matthew (Serena) and Molly Vozar; step-great-grandchild Bentley Cheeves; and by many nieces and nephews.

Visitations were held on Friday, August 9 at the Querfeld Funeral Home in Dearborn, MI and a funeral mass was held on Saturday, August 10 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights, MI.

Mrs. Wisniewski was the first cousin of past PRCUA President Joseph Drobot, Sr. and relative of President Emeritus Joseph A. Drobot, Jr.

May she rest in eternal peace. Please remember Jeanne Wisniewski and her family in your prayers.
PAMIĘTAMY

OBCHODY 75-LECIA
POWSTANIA WARSZAWSKIEGO W MPA

W czwartek, 1 sierpnia Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce urządziło w Sali Głównej im. Sabiny P. Logisz, obchody 75. rocznicy Powstania Warszawskiego. Program rozpoczął się powitaniami uczestników przez dyrektor zarządzającą MPA Małgorzatę Bąk-Guzik i przedstawiciele honorowych, którego dokonał prezes MPA Ryszard Owsiany.

Tuż przed godziną 17:00 głos zabrał b. dyrektor i obecny historyk muzeum, Jan M. Loryś, zaprosił wszystkich do zwiedzenia okolicznościowej wystawy, której wraz z Markiem Rowickim był współautorem. Punktualnie o godz. 17:00 pan Loryś poprosił wszystkich o powstanie i minutę ciszy - na pamiątkę “Godziny W”, czyli wybuchu Powstania Warszawskiego o godz. 17:00 w dniu 1 sierpnia 1944 r.

Krótką modlitwę za poległych i uczestników Powstania odmówił kapelan MPA, ks. Andrzej Totzke, SChr.

Micheline Jaminski, wiceprzeszef MPA i współpracownicza Rady Dyrektorów MPA, wspominając swoją niedawną wizytę w Warszawie wraz z grupą tancerzy ZPRKA, mówiła o potrzebie uświadamiania historycznej przeszłości narodu polskiego młodemu pokoleniu. O Powstaniu Warszawskim i potrzebie zachowania pamięci tego wielkiego zrywu narodowego, bohaterach walczących w powstańczych szeregach i poświęceniu obywateli miasta Warszawy, mówiła w swoim wystąpieniu konsul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, a także Jan Loryś i Marek Rowicki, którzy również opisali zaprezentowane na wystawie eksponaty.

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Wrzesień miesiącem...

WIEDZY O UBEZPIECZENIU NA ŻYCIE

Czy wiesz, że...?

75 milionów amerykańskich rodzin (2 na 3) korzysta z ubezpieczeń na życie. Firmy ubezpieczeniowe wypłacają dziennie rodzinom i biznesom 1 miliard 700 milionów dolarów.¹

Co to jest ubezpieczenie na życie?

Ubezpieczenie na życie to rodzaj kontraktu pomiędzy właścicielem polisy (w przypadku PRCUA, certyfikatu ubezpieczeniowego) a firmą ubezpieczeniową. W ramach tego kontraktu ubezpieczyciel zobowiązuje się do wypłaty beneficjentowi (osobie wskazanej przez właściciela certyfikatu) określonej sumy ubezpieczenia w przypadku śmierci osoby ubezpieczonej.

Wзамен osoba ubezpieczona przez okres trwania polisy opłaca regularnie, rozłożone na raty lub jednorazowe składki, (l. ang.) premiums.

Jakiego typu ubezpieczenia oferuje PRCUA?

Plan Terminowy zapewnia wypłatę odszkodowania w przypadku śmierci tylko przez pewien okres określony w polisie. Celem planu terminowego jest zapewnienie ochrony finansowej beneficjentów na wypadek awersji śmierci ubezpieczonego. Jeśli posiadasz terminowy plan ubezpieczeniowy i zarejestrowany w trakcie obowiązywania polisy, Twoje bliskie wskazane w polisie otrzymują wypłatę określonej w polisie sumy. Polisa (w przypadku PRCUA tzw. certyfikat) nie buduje żadnej innej wartości. Czas trwania polisy określa się w momencie jej zakupu. Najpopularniejsze plany terminowe to ubezpieczenia na 10, 20 i 30 lat. W większości planów wypłacana suma ubezpieczenia i wysokość składek pozostają niezmienne przez cały czas trwania polisy.

Ubezpieczenie na życie typu Whole Life zapewnia pokrycie czyli wypłatę określonej w polisie sumy ubezpieczenia do końca życia ubezpieczonego, a jednocześnie posługuje wobudowany element oszczędnościowy tzw. wartość gotówkową. Wartość gotówkowa rośnie powoli w okresie, a w przypadku niejest odrzucony na czas jej umużdżelnienia. Wartość składek pozostaje niezmienne do końca życia, a wypłata odszkodowania jest gwarantowana.

Jak wiedzieć, jakie ubezpieczenie kupić?

Dlaczego warto kupić ubezpieczenie na życie?

- By zapewnić rodzinnym środki finansowe na życie po naszej śmierci
- By uzupłnić dochód ubrany w wyniku śmierci
- By dać rodzinnemu możliwość spłaty naszego zadłużenia
- By zapewnić dzieciom fundusze na edukację po naszej śmierci
- By budować majątek rodzinny
- By pokryć koszty pogrzebu
- By zwiększyć bezpieczeństwo finansowe rodzinny
- By podwyżsić dochód emerytalny
- By zapewnić sobie i bliskim spokój ducha i umysłu

Ubezpieczenie na życie: mity i fakty

MIT: Jest za wcześnie, by myśleć o ubezpieczeniu na życie

FAKT: W rzeczywistości nie ma wady myślenia o ubezpieczeniu na życie, tym niższy będzie jego koszt. Im jeśniej starsi tym płacimy więcej!

MIT: Ubezpieczenie na życie jest za drogie

FAKT: Większość osób znacznie przecenia koszty ubezpieczenia na życie. Osoba zdrowa, w wieku 35 lat, może wypłacić ubezpieczenie na życie na sumę $250,000, na okres 20 lat, płacąc jedynie $30 miesięcznie.*

* Wszystkie wypłaty w ubezpieczeniach na życie podlegają pionowej weryfikacji Departamentu Umundurzenia. Więcej informacji na www.prcua.org/insurance-plans lub pod numerem 773.772.8632

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...z Tobą na każdym etapie życia!
Zapraszamy kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Książę” i ich rodziców na spotkanie informacyjne

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych ZPRKA zaprasza młodzież ZPRKA na lunch i spotkanie informacyjne dla kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Książę” oraz ich rodziców, w niedzielę, 22 września 2019 r. o godz. 12:00 w Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych, która jest sponsorem balu, pokryje koszt lunchu. Osoby zainteresowane wzięciem udziału proszone są o zgłaszanie się do 18 września 2019 r.

Próby rozpoczną się w poniedziałek, 7 października i będą się odbywać we wszystkie poniedziałki, aż do balu w St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73rd Ave. w Summit, IL w godz. 19:00-21:30.

Zapraszamy do udziału w balu „Kopciuszek i Książę” uczniów szkół średnich z Dystryktów 6, 7, 8 i 9 ZPRKA (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana). Opłata rejestracyjna jest wymagana w chwili składania formularza zgłoszeniowego.

Bal „Kopciuszek i Książę” odbędzie się w sobotę, 16 listopada 2019 r. „Kopciuszek” i „książę” oraz wszyscy uczestnicy otrzymują stypendia.
Parafia Pięciu Braci Męczenników serdecznie zaprasza na Mszę św. i bankiet z okazji 40. rocznicy wizyty Papieża Jana Pawła II w tej parafii w 1979 r.

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Uroczysta Msza św. sprawowana będzie o godzinie 13:00
6 października 2019 r.
przy Ołtarzu Papieskim na parkingu parafialnym

Bankiet odbędzie się po Mszy św.
o godz. 16:00
w Domu Podhalan
4808 S. Archer Ave., w Chicago

Zapraszamy!

Po więcej informacji, prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym:
4301 S. Richmond St., Chicago, IL 60632, tel. 773-254-3636
email: fiveholymartyrs@yahoo.com
website: www.fiveholymartyrs.org

Św. Janie Paweł II, módl się za nami!
Wizyta Ministra Spraw Zagranicznych w ZPRKA i MPA


W swojej wypowiedzi minister Czaputowicz zaznaczył, że jego wizyta w ośrodkach polonijnych i późniejsze spotkanie z liderami organizacji polonijnych ma na celu zacieśnienie więzi pomiędzy instytucjami rządowymi i Polonią. Podziękował również Polakom mieszkającym na obczyźnie za udział w zbliżających się tradycjach i kulturze polskiej w USA. Zachęcił Polonię amerykańską do podtrzymywania związków z Polską i rekrutowania ludzi do udziału w wyborach samorządowych.

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