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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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 front. This fraternal 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 either 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



James J. Robaczewski

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@prcu.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! See page 7 for more information.

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: "Get involved, stay involved and get others involved."

Thank you for your membership and attention.

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

THE HONORABLE JACEK CZAPUTOWICZ, POLISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VISITS PRCUA AND THE PMA

Chicago, IL - On Wednesday, August 21, the Honorable Jacek Czaputowicz, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, visited the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and the Polish Museum of America. He was accompanied by Piotr Wilczek, Polish Ambassador to the United States, Iwona Kozłowska, director of the Department of Cooperation with Polonia and Poles Abroad at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomats from the Polish Consulate General in Chicago.

The guests were welcomed by PMA President Richard Owsiany and PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot, after which delegation visited the PRCUA Board Room, where they were received by the PRCUA Executives: President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jamiński and Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk. The guests then toured the Paderewski Room, art gallery and PMA Great Hall, where Minister Czaputowicz addressed the members of the PMA Board of Directors and Polish-American media.

In his speech, Minister Czaputowicz pointed out that his visit to Polish-American centers and the subsequent meeting with leaders of Polish diaspora organizations were aimed at strengthening the ties between government institutions and Polonia. He also encouraged Poles living abroad to take part in the upcoming parliamentary elections. He emphasized that as Polish citizens they have full rights to participate.

After a visit to the Polish Museum of America, the delegation went to the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, where a working luncheon was held with leaders of Polish diaspora organizations, including PRCUA President James Robaczewski.



PMA Managing Director Małgorzata Kot, Ambassador Piotr Wilczek, PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jamiński, Minister Jacek Czaputowicz, PRCUA President James Robaczewski, Consul General Piotr Janicki, Director of the Department of Cooperation with Polonia and Poles Abroad Iwona Kozłowska, PMA President Richard Owsiany, PRCUA Secretary-Treasurer Agnieszka Bastrzyk

**Zapraszamy
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w jęz. polskim.**

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II

**September 1, 1939
German invasion of Poland**

**September 17, 1939
Soviet invasion of Poland**

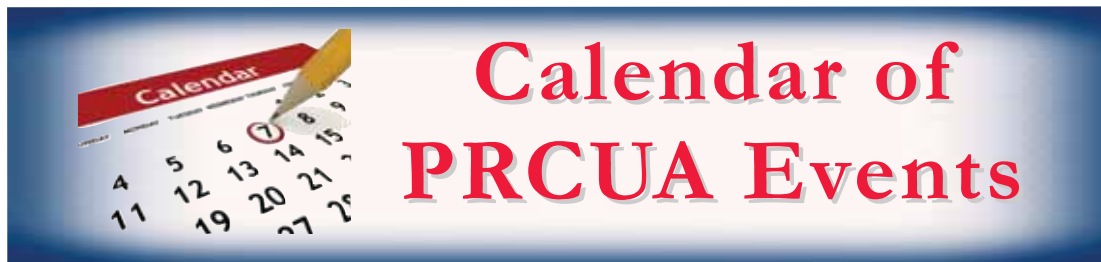


**SEPTEMBER IS
LIFE INSURANCE
AWARENESS MONTH
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SEPTEMBER

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 Gdowski 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 708-989-2408, or Danuta Stypula at 708-257-9019 for reservations. See details on pg. 7.

24 WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING on Tues., Sept. 24 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.

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 Tues., 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.

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/polka/index.html>. See all Polish Hall (St. Stanislaus Soc. #1004) events on [Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison](https://www.facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison).

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.

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

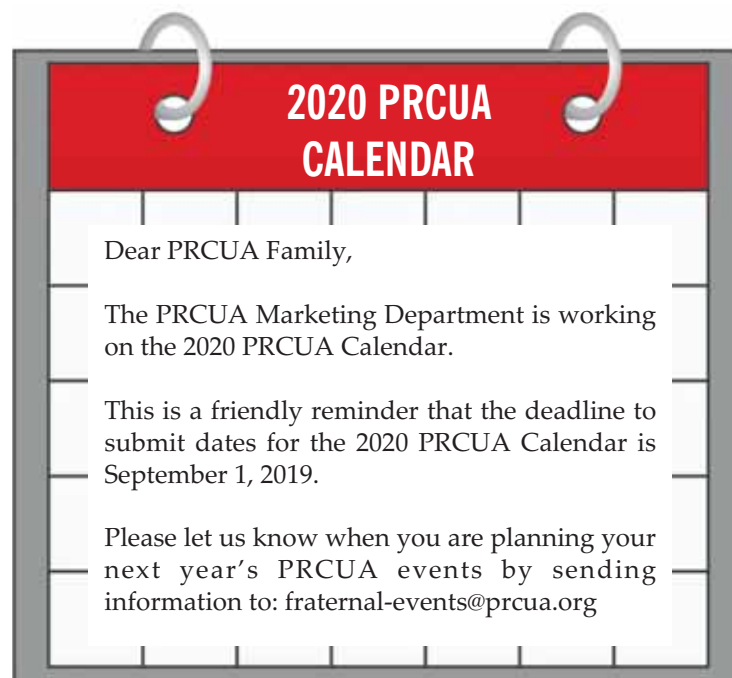
In the past year:

1. Have you participated in PRCUA National or Society functions?
2. Have you participated/volunteered in church 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



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@prcu.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.

September is... NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH

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- ✓ To provide for your family in case of death
- ✓ To replace lost income
- ✓ To protect loved ones from paying off debts
- ✓ To provide for a loved one's education expenses
- ✓ To pass wealth to heirs
- ✓ To cover funeral expenses
- ✓ To add more financial security
- ✓ To supplement retirement goals
- ✓ To bring peace of mind

Life Insurance: Myths and Facts

MYTH: I don't have to think about life insurance until I'm older.

FACT: It's better to buy life insurance when you're young and healthy and the cost is the lowest.

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.*

Did you know...?

75 million American families (2 out of 3) rely on life insurance products. Life insurers pay out **\$1.7 billion** to families and businesses every day.¹

What is life insurance?

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What are the primary types of life insurance?

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Whole life insurance provides lifelong coverage and includes an investment component known as the policy's cash value. The cash value grows slowly at a guaranteed rate and is tax-deferred, meaning you won't pay taxes on its gains while they are accumulating. The premium remains the same for as long as you live. **PRCUALife** whole life certificates also earn annual dividends, a portion of the insurer's financial surplus.

* Applications for all life insurance plans are subject to underwriting review. For terms and conditions, contact your **PRCUALife** sales representative at 800.772.8632 or visit www.prcua.org/insurance-plans/.
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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II



Molotov (sitting), Ribbentrop (left)
and Stalin (right) signing the
Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in Moscow
on August 23, 1939

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 destroyer flotilla 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 (Gdańsk), 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 German air force (Luftwaffe) began bombing military bases and cities. The use of fighters and Stuka dive bombers to bomb and strafe cities, refugee columns and to disrupt lines of supply and communications added to the terror and confusion. Despite some Polish successes in minor battles, the superiority of German forces over time forced the Polish forces to retreat, and the plans for border defense proved a dismal failure. The Polish Air Force - even with outdated planes - were able to shoot down German fighters and 4 Dornier bombers, but in the end the older Polish planes were no match for the modern German ones.



German soldiers capturing prisoners
of war

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. Polish forces retreated eastwards towards Warsaw and Lwów, planning to regroup in the southeast near the Romanian border. By then, the Germans had surrounded Warsaw, increasing the shelling and bombing. Then, on September 17, the Soviet Union invaded Poland across her eastern border, with the Polish forces caught between two armies. The Polish government ordered all Polish forces to evacuate Poland and regroup in France. The Polish government never surrendered to Germany.

On September 28, Warsaw - defended by quickly reorganized army units and civilian volunteers - capitulated, but some isolated Polish garrisons held on long after being surrounded by German forces. On October 6, the last operational unit of the Polish Army Samodzielna Grupa Operacyjna "Polesie," surrendered after the four-day Battle of Kock near Lublin, which marked the end of the September Campaign.

By: Mark Sorbi

From the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer



Agnieszka J. Bastryk, 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 Bastryk, 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. Tarcissus Church in Chicago. A celebratory Mass was officiated by Rev. Walter Wilczek, CR. Breakfast and dinner receptions were held at Walsh'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

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 on the field. As a result of her participation as a dancer and as a Polish Scout, Kasia has many fond memories of proudly showing off her Polish heritage which she enjoys sharing with others. Kasia will be attending Nova Southeastern University in Orlando, FL, where she will be studying to become a Physician Assistant.

Anya Hassen has been a member of PNA Polish Alliance Dancers/Polanie Song and Dance Ensemble for 14 years. As a participant of the Detroit Tigers Polish American Night, she sees the Polish community coming together 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 Zajęcek 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 Lubiartz has been a member of the PRCUA Tetry 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 at 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 displaying the Polish and American flags on the field. 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.

Joseph Smigiel has been a member of PRCUA Zajęcek 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 Kmiecik 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 reflect on 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 customs 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

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 prepared by Alija Zacny was served, after which 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 Filipek Grant. She is a sophomore at Michigan State University and is studying Microbiology. After earning her degree, she plans to attend medical school.

Aurelia Czeski, 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 Jedrzejczak received the PAC Scholarship Fund, Inc. and is studying Biology.

Alexandra 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 Sztandera, a PRCUA member received the Czechowski Grant. Her area of study is nursing.

Christina Wallag, a PNA member received the PAC John and Victoria Kushel 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 Zacny 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.

- There was an amendment to **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:
 - To unite its members fraternally for social, cultural, religious, benevolent and intellectual improvement, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - As a Fraternal Benefit Society, to operate and maintain a Life Insurance Department for the benefit of its members;
 - To promote the spirit of charity by assisting worthwhile endeavors and financially assisting them whenever possible;
 - To arrange patriotic gatherings commemorating American and Polish national and religious affairs;
 - To publish the publication known as NAROD POLSKI.

Following the amendment, **Section One, Article 01C**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents will now read:

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 - To publish the publication known as NAROD POLSKI.
- There was an amendment to **Section One, Article 01D**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:
 - The UNION is bilingual in character and has two official languages, namely, the Polish and English languages. However, the minutes and records of the Convention, the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee shall be officially kept in English and any in Polish will be considered translations.

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- All pronouns and any variations thereof are deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular or plural as the identity of the person, persons, or entity may require.
- There was an amendment to **Section One, Article 01F**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

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.

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- When printed in Polish the wording shall be:
- Polish Roman Catholic Union of America – Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce
 - Fraternalism – Braterstwo
 - Protection – Bezpieczeństwo
 - Service – Usługa
 - 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:
 - 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© the Insurance Law of the state of New York.

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- There was an amendment to **Section Two, Article 03I, Paragraph 12**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:
 - Election of Officers of the Convention should be by ballot in conformity with the voting requirements as prescribed in this section of the Constitution.

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- There was an amendment to **Section Three, Article 03J, Paragraph 6**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

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.

Following the amendment to **Section Three, Article 03J, Paragraph 6**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

- 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:
 - 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:
 - 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;
 - must have been a member of the UNION for at least five (5) years;
 - is a citizen of the United States of America;
 - 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.
 - 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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 - d. has indicated his desire to aspire for the specified office or his name and qualifications have 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, the names and qualifications of all qualified candidates for each office must be published in an issue of the official publication of the UNION and provided to all voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention;
 - 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.
 3. No two members of a nuclear family shall be permitted during the whole or any part of the same term to be a director. 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 director, 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.
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:
- b. 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.
- 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 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 person elected as "Interim President" shall then fill the remainder of the existing term of office.
- 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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- 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.
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- 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.

10. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 04B, Paragraph 1**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

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:

Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 04B, Paragraph 1**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures, and Documents, now reads:

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11. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 04D**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:
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;
 - f. subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, shall have general charge of the business affairs and property of the Organization and general supervision over its Officers, employees, and agents;
 - a. the President, or any other Officer of the Organization appointed or designated by the President (and such other Officers as are 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)



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ Wiceprezesa

SEPTEMBER MAKES HER BOW

May, the sweetest month of all,
Rises to salute,
And June wearing all her roses
Plays upon her flute.
March, the month of mischief laughs,
To welcome Miss September
October gives her one big hug
And so does dark November
The golden armor of July
Dazzles one and all
As he stands up to pay due honor
To this month of fall.
Nor does August fail to give
A greeting most sincere,
A hearty welcome comes from all
The proud months of the year
September bows to everyone
And gives each one some fruit
Then all the months sing one sweet song
While June plays on its flute.

Lenore Hetrick

Lindy-Hop Swing by PRCUA Polonia Ensemble (Chicago IL), "Viva Las Vegas" by Piast (Las Vegas NV), Dances of the 70's by Syrena (Milwaukee WI), Disco by Lajkonik (Tucson AZ), Appalachian Mountain by Dolina (Minneapolis MN), an American Country Dance by Wici (Chicago IL), the American Jive by Polanie (Detroit MI), the Southern Belle Waltz and Polka by Rodacy (Hamtramck MI), and ending the Concert "Folklore from Around the World" was the 1940's style Chicago Polka by PRCUA's Wesoly Lud and a cast of a thousand plus. (P.S. Lajkonik from Chicago performed "Zorba" from Greece). It was so exhilarating to see the culture of the world presented to an audience filled to capacity, but there was more to come.



Wesoly Lud Chicago Polka



Polonia Lindy-Hop/Swing

Ambassador 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 Wspólnota Polska, Mariusz Grudzień, 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 "Miodula". Later that evening, the President of the City of Rzeszów, Tadeusz Ferenc, hosted all the Ensemble directors and other honored guests to an opening soirée.



Jaminskis with Tadeusz Ferenc Rzeszów President and Joanna Fabisiak, Deputy of the Polish Sejm

The schedule for the honorary guests was quite different from that of the participants. The latter performed in the Rynek or in neighboring towns, as the former toured the Subcarpathian (Podkarpace) province visiting such towns as Jarosław, Leżajsk, Iwonicz Zdrój, etc. I attended one such day tour to Jarosław, which was very pleasant and informative. I am rather familiar with the Podkarpace area since Richard and his extensive family are from the area and live throughout the province in many of the towns on the tour. The following day, I travelled with Wesoly Lud to Sieniawa where we were met by our Polish "fan club" – Richard's family – among many others and a torrential downpour in the middle of the performance on a grand stage situated in the middle of a field. The performances in Rzeszów's neighboring towns were part of weekend carnivals held throughout the province. We were safe but disappointed that we were unable to finish our concert – a sentiment felt by many other performers whose concerts in the Rzeszów Rynek or outlying areas were cancelled due to flooding. The weather did not go without further incidence as the Festival Director and several guests were involved in an automobile accident resulting in one fatality.

Earlier on that Sunday, many participated in a Celebratory Mass at the Rzeszów Cathedral officiated by the Bishop of Rzeszów, His Excellency Bishop Jan Wątroba, including both of our PRCUA dance groups. The PRCUA Polonia Dancers under the musical direction of Mieczysław Dziś shared their choral talents during the beautiful Mass.

Rehearsals and preparation for both of the main concerts are a priority for the Artistic

Director/Choreographer/Program Coordinator, Janusz Chojecki; assisted by Choreographers: Janina Wojturska, Alina Kościółek-Rusin, Anna Batiuk, Agata Czelusniak-Głab, and Konrad Klimczuk as well as all of the Dancers and their Artistic Directors/Choreographers.

The theme of this year's Gala Concert was a tribute to the Father of Polish Opera, Stanisław Moniuszko, in this, the 200th Anniversary of his birth. Many talented vocalists and actors from within the participating groups auditioned and were selected to recite or sing selections from Moniuszko's operas in addition to performing with their ensembles. Emilka Wójciak, Iza Ziarko and Patryk Gawroński from PRCUA Polonia Ensemble were among those selected. Bravo! In addition, all participants were encouraged to perform either or both Mazurs from Moniuszko's most famous operas from "The Haunted Mansion" (*Straszny Dwór*) and Halka. I am proud to say that both Wesoly Lud and Polonia stepped up to the task wonderfully. (I can proudly say that I can check my Mazur from *Straszny Dwór* being performed in Poland off of my bucket list. Thank you Richard for your adaptation and for preparing the group to make my wish come true).

During both concerts – "Folklore from Around the World" and Gala, short histories introduced the groups as they entered the stage to perform their selections referencing when they attended their first Rzeszów Festival. Wesoly Lud marked its 12th Rzeszów Festival beginning in 1980 and Polonia its 5th beginning in 2008.

The celebration of 50 years of the Rzeszów Festival was marked with a day of events beginning with a Symposium entitled "Every third July our hearts skip a beat," a history of the International Festivals of Polonian 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. Hosts of this conference were the Center for Research on Polonia and Poles in the World (Andrzej Bonusiak, Ph.D. and Jolanta Słężak-Gotkowska, Ph.D.), Institute of History (Jadwiga Bar, Ph.D.), Sylwester Czopek, Ph.D., Dean – all from the University of Rzeszów. My "Golden Memories" were published in one of the books distributed at this Symposium.

Later that same afternoon, there was a luncheon at the Hotel Prezydencki hosted by Program Director Lesław Wais together with Wiesława Czarnota, Assistant to the Festival Director, for all the ensemble directors and honored guests. 50th Anniversary souvenir medallions and festival awards were given to all attendees.

On the evening of the same day, all Festival participants and guests were invited to the 50th Anniversary Ball which was preceded by an awards ceremony attended by many high ranking government officials, who received the souvenir medallions as well as other tokens of appreciation. After all the ensemble directors received a framed letter of congratulations signed by President Andrzej Duda, special distinctions were awarded by the National President of Stowarzyszenie Wspólnota Polska, Dariusz P. Bonisławski, to those ensembles who attended the most Rzeszów Festivals: Olza from Czech Republic (attending 15), Piastowie from Sweden (14), Wesoly Lud from Chicago (12) and Dolina from Minneapolis (10). Wesoly Lud shares first place in the USA with Krakowiak Dancers of Boston - the ensemble which gave the Rzeszów Festival its international title in 1969. I had hoped to see our "mentors" at this Golden Anniversary Festival in Rzeszów to honor and thank them as they, together with the Polish American Folk Dance Company of New York, laid the foundation of Polish Folk Dancing in America. Following this award presentation, the merriment began with food and social dancing. The Marshal of Podkarpace, Władysław Ortyl, and his associates ended the evening with gifts of appreciation for the ensemble directors. The evening events took place in the newly built, impressive, state of the art G2A Conference Center in Jasionka by the Rzeszów airport.

In this modern age of technology, both concerts were streamed live and family and friends watched and enjoyed these Golden Anniversary Concerts together with the audience. I was thrilled to have been a part of this celebration as I have been since I first heard of the Rzeszów Festival in 1977. Thank you to the past and present organizers, especially Festival Director Mariusz Grudzień, Program Director Lesław Wais and

Artistic Director Janusz Chojecki and their staff; the sponsors: President of the Republic of Poland Andrzej Duda – Honorary Festival Chairman; the Senate of the Republic of Poland with Incoming Marshal of the Sejm Stanisław Karczewski and outgoing Marshal Marek Kuchciński at the helm; the Podkarpackie Voivodeship headed by Voivode (Governor) Ewa Leniart and Marshal Władysław Ortyl; City of Rzeszów and its President Tadeusz Ferenc; and Stowarzyszenie "Wspólnota Polska" with President Dariusz P. Bonisławski. To all the dancers, their directors and choreographers, thank you for continuing an art form that would have been lost if not for you. Special accolades to the Polonia Dancers (Managing



Wesoly Lud with Mariusz Grudzień



Polonia at the City Center



Awards for highest number of festival attendances



Wesoly Lud in Warszawska for the Finale



Polonia in Sącz Finale

Director Anna Krynski; Musical Director Mieczysław Dziś; Dance Instructors Jaclyn Krynski and Magdalena Rozko and Guest Choreographer Iwona Puc) and to Wesoły 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 Polonian instructors 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; history of dance, etc.

One aspect of completing the course is to study an ethnographic region in depth and write a research 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 attended and completed the course in the past and 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 Mała Polska Dancers of the St. Rafał Kalinowski Polish School in Munster, IN - D-9); Michael Dziadkowiec (newly appointed Artistic Director and Choreographer of Polanie Dancers of the St. John Paul II Polish School in Lemont, IL; former dancer and assistant



PRCUA graduates with Vice President and Directors

instructor with Wesoły Lud; choreographer and instructor at Southwest Center of Polish Song and Dance - D-8), Nicole Romek (Dance Instructor for Mała Polonia in Chicago, IL – D-7) and Thomas Tarnowski (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 Śląski, Nikki's Łowicz and Tomek's Rzeszów, the other graduates presented dances from Spisz, Eastern Kraków, Warmia, as well as the Polonaise and Mazur. It was standing room only in the Auditorium of the University of Rzeszów where the presentations and graduation ceremony took place and Wesoły Lud was there to cheer on its fellow dancer and PRCUA friends. Congratulations, Mikey, Agata, Nicki and Tomek!

Prior to the Rzeszów Festival, Polonia Ensemble visited Italy and attended the Tenth International Summer Festival. Look to next month's issue for an exciting narrative of their adventure.

Wesoły 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 guests of the Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of the Warsaw 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, "ZPiT Politechnika" and "Wesoły Lud," was part of the 40th Forum Humanum 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 would like to take this opportunity to thank our 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.



Polonia in Italy



Wesoły Lud touring Warsaw

divisions. While President Robaczewski golfed, Secretary-Treasurer Bastryk was his caddy. (Or that's what they told me). The article with all the details and photos from the tournament will appear in the next issue of the *Naród Polski*. Meanwhile, SAVE THE DATE for next year's PRCUA Golf Tournament – July 25, 2020 in La Porte, IN.

Back in Chicago, on August 1, while President Robaczewski attended an Advertising and Compliance Seminar in Kansas City, MO, I had the honor of representing the PRCUA at PMA's tribute to the 75th Anniversary of Warsaw Uprising. During my speech, I urged the need to increase awareness among younger generations of the tragic events in Poland's history.

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 Elizabeth Thacker (Society #1404), Deann Kujawski (Society #1368) and Jennifer Vernon (#1368), with assistance from Patricia Johansen and Karen Pietrzyk. Opening ceremonies



James Robaczewski and Vickie Jean Mixon

included Opole dancers in costume and several who are members of the Young Marines. [President Robaczewski threw out the first pitch and although a foul, the main point is that I hit the ball!] The weather was perfect as were the players showing true sportsmanship and camaraderie. Details and photos will be in the next issue of the *Naród Polski*, but in the meantime, congratulations to the winning teams: St. Rita's Tory and Jen's Team Big Rapids (Coed), St. Rita's Dziewczynyni (Women's), and St. Rita's Tory's team Big Rapids (Men's). Thank you to all the teams, the Committee for a fun-filled tournament and to my travel partner for the weekend, my BFF Teresa Pazdziora.

If you are wondering where our District 10 Directors were during the Softball Tournament, of course, they were present, assisting wherever and whenever needed. Colleen Bonkowski and Courtney Ozog also incorporated

their annual D-10 Dance School Directors' meeting at the Pavilion at the park during the tournament. I would like to thank all those in attendance – special thanks to Jen Macek who conferenced the 2+ hour meeting as well as former D-10 Director Thomas Lisiecki. One of the busiest of PRCUA districts in all respects, the upcoming School Year will not disappoint and we look forward to celebrating many milestones in addition to all the other recitals and events in this and all other districts.

Moving right along – the Festival season was not limited to the Rzeszów Festival. Our Marketing Department with our loyal employees and volunteers were equally busy. In the past two months, representing the PRCUA were: Colleen and Brian Bonkowski at the American Polish Festival (Sterling Heights, MI); Edward Muszalski and Mateusz Bomba at Góralmania (Orland Park, IL); Louis Perfetto Jr. at Polish American Arts Festival (Cheektowaga, NY); Elizabeth Sadus, Barbara and Paul Pawlowski, Jolanta Sokolowski, Elzbieta Sawczuk, Anne Moschopoulos, Robert Fattore and Mateusz Bomba at Pierogi Festival (Whiting, IN); Karolina Sobczyk, Marta Morawczynski, Iwona Zawicki, Mateusz Bomba, Conrad Wiecek, Elzbieta Sawczuk, Jolanta Sokolowski - Festival Polonaise (Niles, IL); Anthony Zasuwa and Jen Macek together with the Malbork Dancers at Polish Heritage Society Festival (Grand Rapids, MI); Anthony Zasuwa and Jen Macek together with the Malbork Dancers at Muskegon Polish Fest (Muskegon, MI); Jordan Dykla at Polish American Family Fest (Doylestown, PA); Joanna Ewa Cholewinski, Emily Kurda, Pam and Fred Tuytens, Robert Fattore, Elzbieta Sawczuk, Mark Sorbi 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 Mixed Golf Outing in Carlton, MI on 9/7; the PRCUA District 7 Fishing Derby is in Arlington Heights, IL on 9/8; Polish Heritage Festival in Michigan City, IN is 9/15; and many more upcoming events – see the Calendar of Events and check out the PRCUA website www.prcua.org and PRCUA on social media.

On August 21, 2019, the PRCUA Executive Officers were honored with a short visit by Jacek Czaputowicz, Poland's Minister of Foreign Affairs at our headquarters on his way to tour the Polish Museum of America, a must-see for every Polish government official on their trips to Chicago. The PRCUA appreciates the efforts of Richard Owsiany and Małgorzata Kot (President and Managing Director of the PMA, respectively) for also including the PRCUA in these visits. We also acknowledge the efforts of the Polish Consulate in Chicago - Consul General, Piotr Janicki, as well as Consul Piotr Semenik and Consul Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik for remembering the PMA and the PRCUA. See p. 1 and 24 for photos and articles.

On August 26, President Robaczewski attended the 48th PNA Quadrennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ where he was asked to speak as an honorary guest. While speaking to the delegates, he emphasized the biggest challenge in the upcoming years: how to keep our fraternal organizations vital. President Robaczewski also congratulated the newly elected PNA National Officers and Board of Directors.

Before I conclude this article, I would be remiss if I did not extend my sincere (and belated) best wishes on the wedding anniversaries of many of our PRCUA Officers – past and present – President James and Elaine Robaczewski (7/21), Sec-Treas. Agnieszka and Daniel Bastryk (8/21), Wallace and Joann Ozog (8/12), Joseph Jr. and Judy Drobot (8/14), Edward and Loretta Dykla (8/15); as well as to many of my friends who also selected the beautiful month of August to "tie the knot" – Pazdziora, Dziadkowiec, Lech, Rustik, Kroplewski (Rob and Danielle). Richard and I happily join you as we celebrated 31 years on August 10. There are also many August birthdays, but a VERY SPECIAL HAPPY 55TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRESIDENT – JAMES ROBACZEWSKI on August 30. He was kind enough to share this special day with my grandson, Cole Pearson, who will also be a double number – "11". Permit me to indulge in a little more nostalgia as I wish my grandnephew, Cooper Coltri, a very happy first birthday (8/26).

This past year has been an especially difficult one for our Vice President Emeritus Anna Sokolowski and the month of August doubly so – this year, Mark would have been 73 on August 8 and they would have been celebrating their Golden Anniversary on August 29, the same day that their daughter Barbara and son-in-law Sean Ackerman celebrated their 15th.

The celebration Mark planned has occurred thanks to the Ackermans and daughter Alicia who are taking Mom on the cruise. Mark is joining them in spirit and we wish the Sokolowski family all the best in this life – health, happiness and love – and in the next life – happy memories and continued love. Happy Anniversary!

Now to birthdays. September is the month I add another notch in my belt as I successfully have completed another year of my life. I, too, shall join the "double number club" with Jim (55), Agnes (33), Cole (11) and my triple 22 years on this earth. I share this birthday month with so many wonderful people and inasmuch as I would like to mention all, suffice it to say Happy Birthday to Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak – PRCUA Chaplain, Dir. D6 Andrew Lech, Past Dir. D7 Kevin Kucik, Pres. Emeritus Wally Ozog, past Vice Presidents Lorie Rose Gorny and Anna Sokolowski; Loretta Dykla, current First Lady Elaine Robaczewski, current First Son Thomas Robaczewski, Mary Jane Robles, Michael Turkiewicz, Evelyn Cedzidlo, Joanna Niedzielski, Director of Marketing Elzbieta Sawczuk (take me with you to Mexico!) and to all others. Sto Lat to all of you!

On this note, have a wonderful September and "Try to remember the kind of September, when life was slow and oh so mellow. Try to remember the kind of September, when grass was green and grain was yellow. ... Try to remember when life was so tender, that love was an ember about to billow, try to remember, and if you remember, then follow (follow) follow." (Songwriters: Harvey Schmidt / Tom Jones).



Softball Men's Winning Team



Softball Women's Winning Team



Softball Coed Winning Team



Pierogi Festival - J. Robaczewski, B. Sadus and members of Society #1031

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS

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. Ms. 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*



Fr. Roman Pasieczny with Zajączek Dance Ensemble



Some of the youngest dancers presenting their talents



Past and present Zajączek dancers



Mrs. Tricia Dennis, choreographer



Graduate dancer Lillian Kozak



The Cutter family



The passing of the baton - graduate dancer Joey Smigiel and Jonathan Dennis



Look out... Here we come!!!



We did it!!!

**ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE ...
On The Go!!**

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)



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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 Zajaczek 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 Lightning Strikes Twice Polka*. Needless to say, they were a smashing success! The Jackson Community welcomed 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 following Zajaczek Dancers donated their time and talents:

- Joseph Smigiel (2019 Graduate)
 - Olivia Westphal
 - Victoria Dawidowicz
 - Natalie Watson
 - Natalya Bonkowski
- Submitted by: Karrie Westphal
Secretary, Zajaczek Dance Ensemble*



Zajaczek students dancing with the festival guests at the Polish Heritage Festival in Jackson, MI

Gwiazda Dancers Late July and Early August Happenings

The Gershwin song starts: "Summertime, and the livin' is easy..." we suppose that's a matter of interpretation, but our summer's been anything but boring.

On Wednesday, July 24, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers hosted a Trivia Night fundraiser at Trixie's in Hamtramck, MI. The event featured trivia, light snacks, and refreshments. All attendees had a good time.

On Thursday, July 25, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers (along with the PRCUA Opolo Dancers and PRCUA Halka Dancers) participated in a Polish ethnic novena held at Ste. Anne de Detroit Church in Detroit, MI. Ste. Anne de Detroit is the Archdiocese of Detroit's oldest church. Following the novena, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers performed a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki, the Krakowiak, and a polka.

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 the weekend of August 9 – 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 Fest. 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 dancers from Gwiazda 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*



Gwiazda performance announced on the Boyne Falls Festival poster



Gwiazda Dancers parade in Boyne Falls



Gwiazda Dancers with the Choreographer (Basia Nowakowski) and Director (Jessica Wendt) in Boyne Falls



Gwiazda Dancers perform in Boyne Falls, MI



Gwiazda Dancers parade at the Nautical Festival in Rogers City, MI



Gwiazda Dancers and the children and teen members of the Dolina Polish Folk Ensemble from Minneapolis



Gwiazda Dancers in Minneapolis



Gwiazda Dancers perform at the Twin Cities Polish Festival

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!

EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Name	University	Student Year	Society
Alexandra Baczynski	University of Illinois at Chicago	Graduate	
Gabriela Sokolowska	Medical University of Bialystok	Graduate	
Julia Walczak	Benedictine University	Senior	#1626
Benjamin Westphal	University of Detroit Mercy	Senior	#1583
Elizabeth Zborek	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Graduate	
Olivia Bogacz	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Senior	
Sandra Chrzaszcz	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Senior	
Aurelia Czeski	Siena Heights University	Junior	
Victoria Gavaghan	University of Illinois at Chicago	Graduate	#1622
Patricia Kolakowski	Belmont Abbey College	Sophomore	
Hanna Lichacz	Taylor University	Sophomore	#1605
Magdalena Rozko	DePaul University	Graduate	#1624
Martyna Sawicka	University of Arizona	Graduate	
Grant Ugarte	Purdue University	Junior	#1605
Victor Wiski	Saint Louis University	Sophomore	

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Name	University	Student Year	Society
Spencer Chamberlin	University of Cincinnati	Junior	#709
Michael Kapanowski	Oakland University	Sophomore	#718
Mariel Rogozinski	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Graduate	#1605
Thaddeus Rogozinski	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Graduate	#1605
Julia Walczak	Benedictine University	Senior	#1626
Samuel Call	University of California San Diego	Sophomore	#1579
Andrew Gondela	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Sophomore	#475
Patrycja Gorska	Yale University	Junior	#152
Beth Jezyk	DePaul University	Senior	#1605
Shannon Kowalewski	Michigan State University	Senior	#162
Hanna Lichacz	Taylor University	Sophomore	#1605
Anna Napiewocki	University of Michigan	Sophomore	#87
Weronika Niedzielski	St. Xavier University	Junior	#1634
Caroline Orzel	Purdue University	Sophomore	#234
Katarzyna Staron	Illinois Institute of Technology	Sophomore	#1634
Sandra Chrzaszcz	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Senior	#1624
Michelle Concannon	Slippery Rock University	Senior	#531
Caroline Cyranek	The Ohio State University	Sophomore	#2100
Nicholas Florczak	Cabrini University	Sophomore	#517
Alexsandra Gilliland	Michigan State University	Junior	#162
Mary Schafer	Michigan Technological University	Sophomore	#1598
Julianna Scivinsky	Loyola University	Sophomore	#413
Emily Stoch	Lewis University	Sophomore	#1634
Cassandra Surmacz	Kent State University	Senior	#855
Susan Surmacz	Kent State University	Senior	#855

Education Fund Scholarship & Student Scholarship Grant Recipients



Julia Walczak



Hanna Lichacz



Sandra Chrzaszcz

Education Fund Scholarship Recipients



Alexandra Baczynski



Gabriela Sokolowska



Benjamin Westphal



Elizabeth Zborek



Olivia Bogacz



Aurelia Czeski



Victoria Gavaghan



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Thaddeus Rogozinski



Samuel Call



Andrew Gondela



Patrycja Gorska



Beth Jezyk



Shannon Kowalewski



Anna Napiewocki



Weronika Niedzielski



Caroline Orzel



Katarzyna Staron



Michelle Concannon



Caroline Cyranek



Nichola Florczak



Alexsandra Gilliland



Mary Schafer



Julianna Scivinsky



Emily Stoch



Cassandra Surmacz



Susan Surmacz

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 Kolakowski

"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 Sawicka

"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 responsib[ly] 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. I was concerned 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 Zborek

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.



St. Anne Novena



Opole at Center Line

Submitted by Chuck Pelshaw



Opole at Jimmy John's Field



Opole at Comerica Park



Dancing at Jimmy John's Field



Polish Festival

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. If 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 cjozog@gmail.com

CELEBRATE

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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

RSVP: Christopher Ozog
30105 Wagner Dr.,
Warren, MI 48093
Phone: 586-524-4907
E-mail: cjozog@gmail.com
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

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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 ceremonial 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 celebrating 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 Churchvara 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.

Thanks also to the following for their donations: Bernie & Maureen Gauvin and Greg & Colleen Brumo (water & pop), the Bob Szlag 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



Polish Language Classes will begin on the first Monday in November and will meet every Monday at the PRCUA Home Office.

For registration and more information call the PRCUA Fraternal Department at 773-782-2636

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@prcu.org, for additional information.

PRCUA Arts Exhibition Submission Form

Biography

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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@prcu.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.

ANNUAL PRCUA FISHING DERBY
Hosted by District 7
Sunday, September 8, 2019
10 am to 2 pm

Open to everyone from all PRCUA Districts and non-member friends

BEISNER FISHING WALL on BUSSE LAKE
Arlington Hts. Rd. to Biesterfield Rd.,
West on Biesterfield Rd. to Beisner Rd.,
North on Beisner Rd. to Busse Lake Beisner Road Access

Children from ages 1 to 15 and seniors over age 65 do not need a license to fish.

All others – ages 16-64 must have a valid IL hook & line fishing license to fish.

Prizes will be awarded for most fish caught in each age group.

Bring your fishing rod, camera and lawn chair.

Bait will be supplied. Some fishing poles available upon request.

Refreshments and complimentary snacks for participants!

Fish stocked: largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, walleye, sunfish, carp, crappie and channel catfish.

Come and enjoy fishing with PRCUA District 7!
Questions? Call Mateusz Bomba 773-782-2636



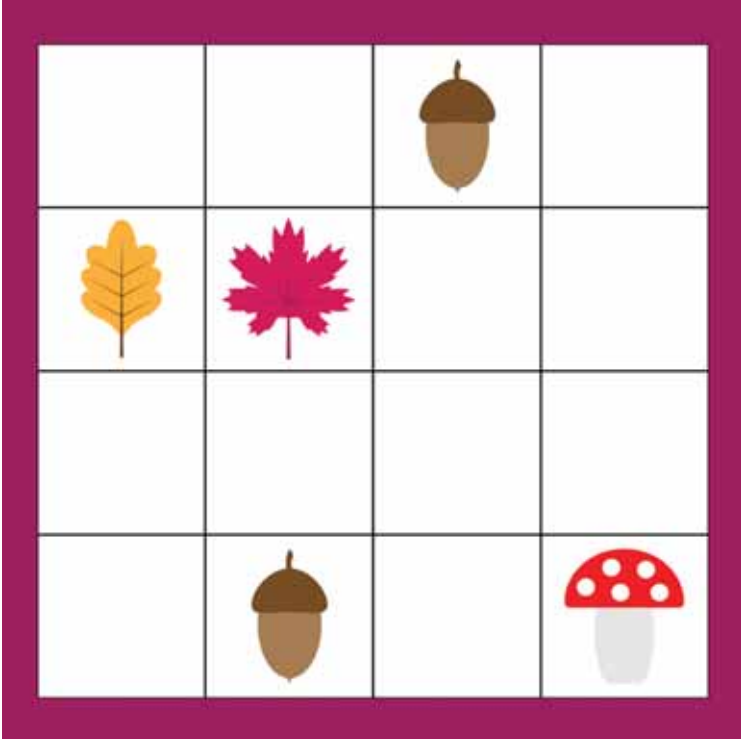
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ACTIVITY

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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.



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			4%
			3%
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FPDA-201SE-E	(SEP) SEP IRA	3.25%	4%
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FPDA-202SI-E	(SIMPLE) SIMPLE IRA		
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**Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of
St. John Paul II Polish School and Polish Club,
and the 20th Anniversary of "POLANIE" Dancers**

40 lat minęło jak jeden dzień...
40 year passed like one day...
20 lat, a może mniej, uczyłem się dopiero żyć...
20 years, or less, I learned to live....



DOŻYNKI - POLISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church in Westfield, MA will hold its annual Dożynki - Polish Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 8, 2019. The Festival will be held from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the parish social center and parish grounds, Main Street and Clinton Avenue, Westfield, MA. The Harvest Wreath, which will be blessed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning, will be carried in procession to the festival just after 2:00 p.m. A Dożynki program, highlighted by members of the St. Joseph's Dożynki Dancers will perform traditional Polish folk dances. Polish music will be played during the duration of the festival. A 9/11 Remembrance Service will also be held at 2:00 p.m.

The Dożynki kitchen will be open from 12:00 noon until closing. Of course, we will have the Polish favorites - pierogi (both cheese and cabbage), gołąbki, kapusta, kielbasa etc. - as well as American foods.

There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

The St. Joseph's Dożynki Dancers is a group of young people from St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield. Mr. Trent Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Committee, and Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, Pastor, extend a most cordial invitation to all to attend this year's Dożynki. We assure that you will have a most enjoyable family time.

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 pm. 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 positive results. A committee was formed to address, for the first time, environmental issues within a major U.S. city. The result: 50 years later we celebrated this anniversary as a success story with the Cuyahoga River at the center of a thriving downtown, where it continues to serve not only an industrial



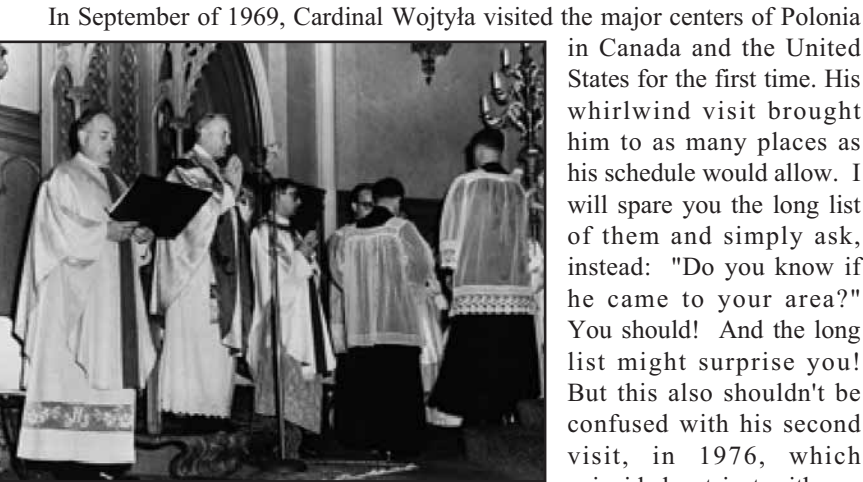
Karol Cardinal Wojtyla preaching from the pulpit of St. Stanislaus Church in Cleveland during his Pastoral Visit to the United States in September of 1969

purpose, but also as a recreation venue in multiple ways - including where fisherman take home to eat the sizeable, tasty catches they pull from it.

Nationally, but especially here in Ohio - which plays such an important role in the space and aeronautic fields - the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing in the summer of '69 has been prominently featured. Neil Armstrong, "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins were once again household names and we relived again the "race to the moon" and its successful achievement which certainly served as a rallying point with a unifying effect during troubled times.

This past Sunday's *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, our local newspaper, featured a full commemorative section on what was supposed to be a small, informal concert in the middle of nowhere in New York State but which - even before social media and virtually instant communication - ended up becoming a landmark event attended by thousands and now known simply by the one word title of the town where it occurred: Woodstock.

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.



Karol Cardinal Wojtyla 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

The Cardinal ➡



Member	Society	State	Member	Society	State
Archacki, Sophie T.	597	CT	Mullally, Dennis C.	718	MI
Asquino, Elsie L.	855	PA	Olek, John J.	237	PA
Bauer, Helen L.	450	MO	Oryl, James	2109	OH
Bednarek, Joseph	2013	PA	Pawlak, Stephanie M	880	WI
Blizzard, Rose	1552	MI	Powell, Helen	2342	MI
Byrne, Ann	1147	IL	Pramick, Joseph	1380	PA
Caron, Peter L.	604	MA	Rabac, Cecilia	1593	MI
Chism, Lorraine	179	IL	Raszeja, Richard A.	300	IL
Cierniak, Reynold E.	122	DE	Ratajczyk, Sophie	2132	OH
Craig, Edmund J.	419	FL	Rozegnal, Josephine	471	IL
Druga, Stella	2001	PA	Rykowski, Patricia	540	NY
Fuss, Margaret	509	IL	Silvia, Normand P.	604	MA
Garbowski, Charlotte	20	NJ	Siroky, Daniel M.	593	IL
Glaz, Rita	1541	PA	Skibinski, Henry M.	1610	IL
Gwiazda, Teresa B.	2002	PA	Stambolija, Joseph	1000	IL
Harris, Romona	347	IL	Stanish, Constance	337	IN
Jachim, Robert M.	631	NY	Stolarz, Sophie B.	291	NJ
Janiak, Clara	546	IL	Targosz, Mildred	1593	MI
Jesiolowski, Irene	2003	PA	Tylicki, Clarence	2108	OH
Kedziora, Walter	1486	IL	Usmial, Leo S.	78	MI
Kendrick, Mary F.	844	IL	Walaszek, Edward T.	424	MA
Kordich, Mary	2059	NJ	Wansovich, Eleanor	977	OH
Krulikowski, Cecilia	2044	PA	Werth, Dolores E.	750	NY
Kurnik, Emilia	286	CT	Wojcik, Eleanore	1000	IL
Kuzma, Matylda	1003	PA	Yurchision, Anastazja	680	PA
Leap, Russell P.	1472	PA	Zaliwski, Brian	1593	MI
Lipinski, James	683	IL	Zielinski, Beatrice	2206	OH
Mithell Jr., James M.	122	IL	Zloza, Christina	1622	IL

May they rest in eternal peace

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 6

Picture Sudoku:



Find the right path:



Find 12 differences:



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 - Stanislaus 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 celebrate and reflect upon! 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!



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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 Enschi; her step-grandchildren: Matthew (Serena) and Molly Voza; 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.





WRZESIEŃ

1-2 CHICAGO, IL – FESTIVAL TASTE OF POLONIA, Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL - odwiedź stoisko ZPRKA.

2 ŚWIĘTO LABOR DAY – Biuro ZPRKA będzie nieczynne

7 CARLETON, MI – MIESZANE ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE TOW. #718 (Mixed Golf Outing), sobota, 7 września, o godz. 9:00, Thorne Hills Golf Course, 12915 Sumpter Rd., Carleton, MI. Liczba graczy ograniczona do pierwszych 150 zgłoszeń. Koszt uczestnictwa: golfiści - \$50, osoby towarzyszące - \$15. Cena obejmuje udział w rozgrywkach, wózki golfowe, obiad, kolację i zimne napoje. Dodatkowe informacje i zgłoszenia: Dan Gdowski, tel. (734) 497-2681 lub (734) 654-2734.

8 ARLINGTON HTS., IL – DOROCZNE DERBY WĘDKARSKIE ZPRKA - w niedzielę, 8 września, od 10 rano do 2 po poł. Busse Lake, Beisner Fishing Wall, Arlington Hts., IL. Otwarte dla wszystkich członków ZPRKA i osób nie będących członkami. Bezpłatnie zimne napoje i przekąski. Nagrody za najwięcej ryb złowionych w każdej grupie wiekowej. Dzieci w wieku 1-15 lat i osoby w wieku powyżej 65 lat nie potrzebują licencji wędkarskiej. Dodatkowe informacje: Mateusz Bomba, tel. (773) 782-2636. Szczegóły na str. 22.

15 MICHIGAN CITY, IN – POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL - Friendship Botanic Gardens, 2055 East US Highway 12, Michigan City, IN - odwiedź stoisko ZPRKA.

22 HICKORY HILLS, IL – SPOTKANIE INFORMACYJNE KANDYDATÓW NA BAL KOPCIUSZEK I KSIĄŻĘ, niedziela, 22 września o godz. 12:00 w Camelot Banquets, 8624 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL. Szczegóły na str. 22.

22 LEMONT, IL – DOŻYNKI 2019, niedziela, 22 września. Msza o godz. 13:30 w kościele śś. Cyryla i Metodego, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL. Polskie dania i tradycje, zabawa taneczna. Informacje na str. 23.

22 SOUTH ROCKWOOD, MI - ROZGRYWKI GOLFOWE - SCOTT RZEPPA - R&R SCRAMBLE, niedziela, 22 września, Westburn Golf Course, 5617 S. Huron River Dr., South Rockwood, MI. Początek o 7:30. Koszt uczestnictwa - \$60 od osoby (w cenie nagrody). Po zakończeniu rozgrywek, obiad w PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. Liczba uczestników ograniczona do pierwszych stu zawodników, którzy dokonają pełnej opłaty. Termin zgłoszeń upływa 17 września. Prosimy o wystawianie czeków na: PRCUA Lounge.

PAŹDZIERNIK

PAŹDZIERNIK MIESIĄCEM DZIEDZICTWA POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKIEGO

3 STO LAT ZJEDNOCZENIE POLSKIE RZYMSKO-KATOLICKIE W AMERYCE - 146. ROCZNICA ZAŁOŻENIA ZPRKA.

3 DEARBORN HTS., MI – LOSOWANIE ZWYCIĘZCÓW STYPENDIÓW TOW. ŚW. STANISŁAWA #718, czwartek, 3 października o godz. 20:00 w Randy's Bar & Grille, 25122 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Hts., MI.

14 DZIEŃ KOLUMBA - Biuro ZPRKA będzie nieczynne

20 WARREN, MI - 40-LECIE ZAŁOŻENIA TOWARZYSTWA ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II, niedziela, 20 października. Msza o godz. 11:00 w kościele Św. Anny, 32000 Mound Rd., Warren, MI. Przyjęcie jubileuszowe o godzinie 14:00 w Century Banquet Center, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI. Rezerwacje: Christopher Ozog, 30105 Wagner Dr., Warren, MI 48093; tel. (586) 524-4907; e-mail: cjozog@gmail.com. Rezerwacje będą przyjmowane do 13 października 2019 r. Bilety: dorośli \$30; młodzież w wieku 5-12: \$15; dzieci poniżej 5 lat - bezpłatnie.

31 HALLOWEEN!

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

Prosimy o dostarczenie artykułów do październikowego wydania „Narodu Polskiego” do 15 września 2019. Materiały nadesłane po terminie będą wydrukowane w jednym z kolejnych wydań.

Turnieje sportowe ZPRKA w 2019 roku

TURNIEJ SIATKÓWKI - 8-9 listopada 2019 - Romulus, MI
Tow. #1493 (Courtney Ozog)

PAMIĘTAMY OBCHODY 75-LECIA POWSTANIA WARSZAWSKIEGO W MPA



Marek Rowicki i Jan Loryś - współautorzy wystawy przez dyrektora zarządzającego MPA Małgorzatę Kot i przedstawieniem gości 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, wiceprezesa ZPRKA i wiceprzewodnicząca 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 konsula Małgorzata Bąk-Guzik, a także Jan Loryś i Marek Rowicki, którzy również opisali zaprezentowane na wystawie eksponaty.



Kasia Chałko

Na zakończenie oficjalnej części programu, przedstawione zostały fragmenty filmu dokumentalnego z wywiadami ze świadkami wybuchu II wojny światowej, życia w okupowanej Warszawie i uczestnikami Powstania (autorstwa Pawła Grajnera i Jana Lorysia).

Uroczystość zakończył występ zespołu Vechi Acum z Polski, który zaprezentował wiązankę polskich pieśni wojennych i powstańczych.

W programie udział wzięło kilku uczestników Powstania Warszawskiego oraz weteranów II wojny światowej: Wiesława Wyrwa z domu Lippert, Janusz Kusz, Krystyna Zielonka, Stefania Oriwol-Jarosz.



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Dlaczego warto kupić ubezpieczenie na życie?

- ✓ By zapewnić rodzinie środki finansowe na życie po naszej śmierci
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- ✓ By dać rodzinie możliwość spłaty naszego zadłużenia
- ✓ By zapewnić dzieciom fundusze na edukację po naszej śmierci
- ✓ By budować majątek rodziny
- ✓ By pokryć koszty pogrzebu
- ✓ By zwiększyć bezpieczeństwo finansowe rodziny
- ✓ By podwyższyć 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 im wcześniej pomyślimy o ubezpieczeniu na życie, tym niższy będzie jego koszt. Im jesteśmy 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 wykupić ubezpieczenie na życie na sumę \$250,000, na okres 20 lat, płacąc jedynie \$30 miesięcznie.*

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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. W zamian osoba ubezpieczona przez okres trwania polisy opłaca regularne, rozłożone na raty lub jednorazowe składki, (j. ang.) *premiums*.

Jakiego typu ubezpieczenia oferuje PRCUA?

Plan Terminowy zapewnia wypłatę odszkodowania w przypadku śmierci tylko przez pewien określony w polisie czas. Celem planu terminowego jest zapewnienie ochrony finansowej beneficjentów na wypadek przedwczesnej śmierci ubezpieczonego. Jeśli posiadasz terminowy plan ubezpieczeniowy i umrzesz w trakcie obowiązywania polisy, Twoi bliscy wskazani w polisie otrzymają 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 niezmiennie przez cały czas trwania polisy.

Ubezpieczenie na całe życie typu Whole Life zapewnia pokrycie czyli wypłatę określonej w polisie sumy ubezpieczenia do końca życia ubezpieczonego, a jednocześnie posiada wbudowany element oszczędnościowy tzw. wartość gotówkową. Wartość gotówkowa rośnie powoli a podatek od niej jest odroczony na czas jej kumulacji. Wysokość składki pozostaje niezmienna do końca życia, a wypłata odszkodowania jest gwarantowana. Wartość gotówkowa narasta zgodnie z gwarantowaną stawką oprocentowania. Niektóre ubezpieczenia typu Whole Life biorą także udział w programie wypłaty wypracowanych przez ubezpieczyciela dywidend.

* Wszystkie aplikacje o ubezpieczenie na życie podlegają procesowi weryfikacji Departmentu Underwriting. Więcej informacji na www.prcua.org/insurance-plans lub pod numerem 773.772.8632
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- ✓ Dodatkowe edukacyjne i kulturalne korzyści członkowskie
- ✓ Zautomatyzowany system wpłat
- ✓ Oferta ważna do 31 października 2019

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Skorzystaj z planu rodzinnego **Family Plus Plan** i otrzymaj prezent!



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Wszystkie aplikacje podlegają analizie i ocenie Działu Weryfikacji tzw. Underwriting i muszą być wysłane do 31 października 2019 roku. *Standardowe składki dla osoby niepalącej.

Po więcej informacji dzwoni do lokalnego agenta sprzedaży PRCUALife lub skontaktuj się z Biurem Głównym PRCUA:

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Zapraszamy kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Księżę” i ich rodziców na spotkanie informacyjne

Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych ZPRKA zaprasza młodzież ZPRKA na lunch i spotkanie informacyjne dla kandydatów na bal „Kopciuszek i Księżę” 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. Rezerwacji można dokonać dzwoniąc do Gabrieli Zuk pod numer (708) 989-2408, lub do Danuty Stypuli (708) 257-9019.

Próby rozpoczynają 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 Księżę” 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 Księżę” odbędzie się w sobotę, 16 listopada 2019 r. „Kopciuszek” i „księżę” oraz wszyscy uczestnicy otrzymają stypendia.





DOROCZNE DERBY WĘDKARSKIE ZPRKA

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Wizyta Ministra Spraw Zagranicznych w ZPRKA i MPA



Goście w sali obrad ZPRKA (l-p): konsul Janicki, ambasador Wilczek, dyrektor zarządzająca Kot, wiceprezes ZPRKA Jaminski, minister Czaputowicz, prezes ZPRKA Robaczewski, prezes MPA Owsiany

W środę, 21 września gościł z krótką wizytą w budynku Zjednoczenia Minister Spraw Zagranicznych RP Jacek Czaputowicz, któremu towarzyszyli: ambasador RP w Stanach Zjednoczonych Piotr Wilczek, dyrektor Departamentu Współpracy z Polakami i Polonią za Granicą w MSZ Iwona Kozłowska oraz przedstawiciele korpusu dyplomatycznego z Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago.

Goście powitani zostali przez prezesa MPA Ryszarda Owsianego i dyrektora zarządzającą MPA Małgorzatę Kot. Następnie delegacja odwiedziła biura ZPRKA, gdzie oczekiwali na nich członkowie zarządu ZPRKA: prezes James Robaczewski, wiceprezes Micheline Jamiński i sekretarz skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk. Po odwiedzinach w zabytkowej sali obrad ZPRKA, goście udali się do Pokoju Paderewskiego, galerii sztuki oraz do Sali Głównej MPA, gdzie minister Czaputowicz udzielił wywiadu dla mediów.

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 Polonii amerykańskiej za podtrzymywanie tradycji i kultury polskiej w USA. Zachęcał również Polaków mieszkających na obczyźnie do udziału w zbliżających się wyborach parlamentarnych. Podkreślił, że jako obywatele polscy, mają oni pełne prawo do udziału w wyborach.

W godzinach porannych minister Czaputowicz odwiedził Cmentarz św. Wojciecha w Niles, gdzie delegacja złożyła wieniec pod Pomnikiem Katyńskim oraz wiązanek kwiatów pod Tablicą Smoleńską. Następnie, minister złożył wizytę w Polskiej Misji Duszpasterskiej pw. Trójcy Świętej w Chicago.

Po wizycie w Muzeum Polskim w Ameryce delegacja udała się do Konsulatu Generalnego RP w Chicago, gdzie odbyło się spotkanie robocze z liderami organizacji polonijnych, w której uczestniczył również prezes ZPRKA Robaczewski. Prezes Robaczewski poinformował, że w czasie spotkania zaproszeni goście mieli okazję przedstawić ministrowi organizacje, które reprezentują.



Dyplomaci w otoczeniu członków zarządu ZPRKA, zarządu i dyrekcji MPA oraz pracowników MPA

80. ROCZNICA WYBUCHU II WOJNY ŚWIATOWEJ



Spotkanie w Moskwie, w dniu 23 sierpnia 1939 r., w czasie którego podpisany został Pakt Ribbentrop-Mołotow (l-p): Józef Stalin, Borys Szaposznikow, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, n/n, Władysław Mołotow

produkowano i skąd eksportowano produkty, takie jak silniki pociągów. W 1939 r., aby uczcić 20. rocznicę odrodzenia, pewna świetlanej przyszłości Polska wysłała duży pawilon na Światowe Targi w Nowym Jorku nazwane „The World of Tomorrow” czyli „Świat Jutra”. Uczestnictwo w wystawie miało zaprezentować historię i kulturę Polski oraz podkreślić rozwój kraju.

Nazistowskie Niemcy i Związek Radziecki miały inne plany. W sierpniu 1939 r. w Moskwie oba te kraje podpisały pakt o nieagresji. Pakt ten wzywał do podziału Polski, w następstwie którego, zachodnia część Polski miała przypaść Niemcom, a wschodnia Związkowi Radzieckiemu. Rząd

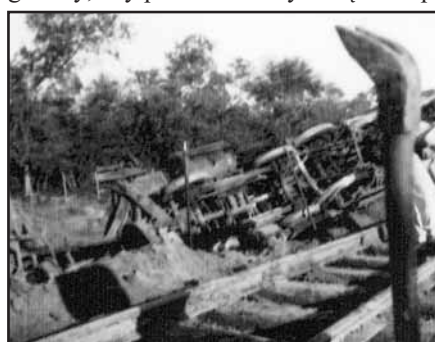


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Polska obrona rozpadła się na nieskoordynowane jednostki. Niektóre z nich wycofały się, inne z niewielkim skutkiem próbowały atakować niemieckie kolumny. Polski rząd ewakuował się z Warszawy i wyruszył na południowy wschód do Rumunii. W połowie września, 98 samolotów Polskich Sił Powietrznych wycofało się do Rumunii. Wojsko Polskie odwróciło się na wschód w kierunku Warszawy i Lwowa, planując przegrupowanie i walkę na południowym wschodzie w pobliżu granicy z Rumunią. W połowie września Niemcy otoczyli Warszawę, nasilając ostrzał i bombardowania. W wyniku ataku Związku Radzieckiego na Polskę dnia 17 września od wschodniej granicy, siły polskie zostały uwięzione pomiędzy dwiema armiami. Rząd polski nigdy nie poddał się Niemcom. Wydany został rozkaz ewakuacji i przegrupowania we Francji. Stolica Polski, stojąc wobec ogromnych strat i trudnej sytuacji ludności cywilnej skapitulowała 28 września. Nieliczne odizolowane polskie garnizony otoczone przez siły niemieckie dzielnie walczyły do końca. 6 października, po czterodniowej bitwie pod Kockiem koło Lublina, złożyły broń oddziały Samodzielnej Grupy Operacyjnej „Polesie” pod dowództwem gen. Franciszka Kleeberga, co oznaczało koniec kampanii wrześniowej.



Lokomotywa wykołajona w wyniku działań wojennych

polski przeczuwał, że wojna może nadejść ponieważ Hitler od lat nadmieniał o inwazji. Niestety różne próby negocjacji z Niemcami nie powiodły się.

30 sierpnia polska Marynarka Wojenna pragnąc zapobiec stratom lub zniszczeniu w wypadku ewentualnego ataku, ewakuowała flotyllę niszczycieli do Wielkiej Brytanii realizując tym samym „Plan Pekin”. Polskie Siły Powietrzne wycofały swoje samoloty z lotnisk głównych na lotniska pomocnicze. Wojsko Polskie rozpoczęło ogólną mobilizację. Wczesnym rankiem 1 września 1939 r. niemiecki pancernik Schleswig-Holstein, podczas rzekomej grzecznościowej wizyty w Gdańsku, otworzył ogień na Westerplatte (polską

wojskową bazę tranzytową). Tuż przed świtem wojska niemieckie zaatakowały zachodnią, południową i północną granicę Polski. Niemieckie lotnictwo (Luftwaffe) rozpoczęło bombardowanie polskich miast i baz wojskowych. Myśliwce i bombowce nurkujące *Stuka* bombardowały i atakowały miasta, kolumny uchodźców oraz zakłócały linie zaopatrzenia i komunikacji, co zwiększało terror i zamieszanie. Pomimo sukcesów polskich w mniejszych bitwach, przewaga wojsk niemieckich z czasem zmusiła wojska polskie do wycofania się. Plany obrony granic okazały się ponurą porażką. Polskie lotnictwo z przestarzałymi samolotami było w stanie zestrzelić niemieckie myśliwce i 4 bombowce *Dornier*, ale ostatecznie przestarzałe polskie samoloty nie dorównały nowoczesnym niemieckim samolotom.

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