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A holiday celebrated in the United States to commemorate Christopher Columbus's arrival to the New World on October 12, 1492.

Columbus Day became a national holiday in 1937.



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POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Each October since 1981, American Polonia celebrates Polish American Heritage Month. It was first organized by Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center in Philadelphia. Originally it was celebrated in August at various gatherings, travel events, and culturally significant locations in Pennsylvania.

In 1984, House Joint Resolution 577 passed, making August Polish American Heritage Month. The month was changed to October in 1986 in order to aid participating schools in organizing their celebrations during the school year, and to commemorate the month when the first Polish settlers came to Jamestown, Virginia in 1608.

Heritage represents the past history, culture, language, and religion of a nation. Those values influence how we approach living and create the invisible bond which ties people together - a sense of unity and belonging within a



group, as well as support from the community to which one belongs.

Polish Americans can be especially proud of all of their ancestors' achievements, both in Poland and in the United States - the country with the largest Polish diaspora in the world.

This month, we celebrate the national heroes of two countries, like Pułaski and Kościuszko, founders of

many Polish American churches, schools, and organizations such as the Polish American Congress, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary on November 14, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which celebrates its 146th anniversary this year. We also honor the many generations of Polish immigrants and Polish Americans, who throughout their hard work, determination, deep commitment, and unaccountable contributions, helped shape America into a better, more prosperous, and stronger nation.

80th Anniversary of the 1939 New York Worlds Fair

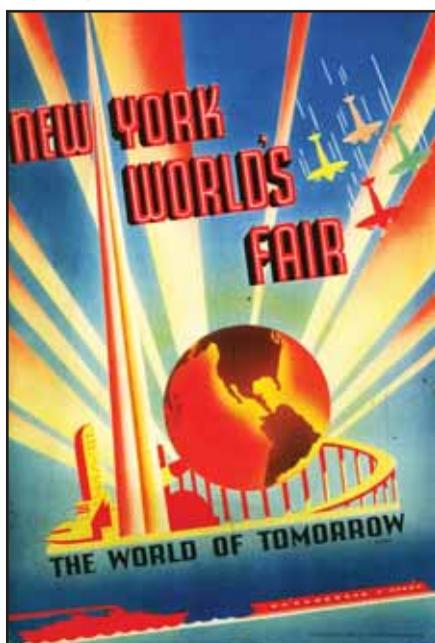
This year marks the 80th anniversary of the 1939 New York World's Fair. The organizers wanted to lift New York and the country out of its economic woes by bringing business and the world to the city.

The year 1939 and the opening day, April 30, were chosen to coincide with the 150th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration as the first president of the United States.

With its concept, "Dawn of a New Day," visitors could view exhibits of new and futuristic consumer products such as nylon fabric, the 3-D view-master, a streamlined pencil sharpener, early televisions, electric typewriters, an electric calculator that used punch cards, Bell Labs "Voder," a keyboard operated speech synthesizer, and hundreds of other exhibits which gave the fair's visitors a glimpse of "Building The World of Tomorrow."

Poland was among the countries participating in the World's Fair. The Second Polish Republic sent a large pavilion to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence, to commemorate the 148th anniversary of the signing of the Polish Constitution on May 3, 1791, and to show

the progress the country had made in twenty years. Poland sent 200 tons of items for its pavilion: exhibits of historic and modern paintings, sculpture, folk art, tapestries, and Polish hussar armor. Exhibits on interior design, communication, transportation, industry, science, social welfare, and over 200 Polish inventions were also on display. A restaurant and bar modeled after a 16th century Polish inn which served various Polish foods, wines and liquors.

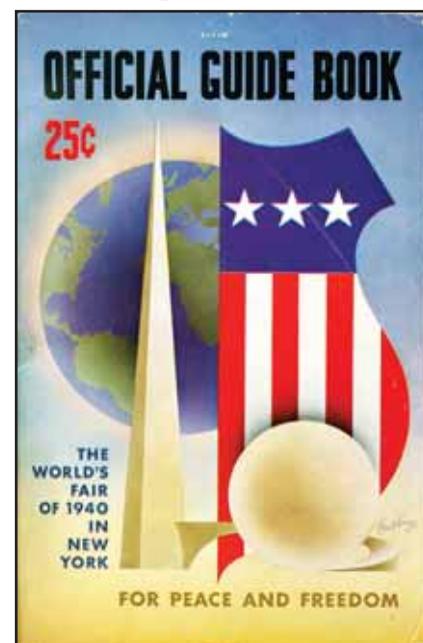


1939 official guide to the World's Fair

Then, on September 1, 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland, starting World War II. The Polish Pavilion closed after the Soviet Union invaded Poland on September 17, 1939, and the Soviet Pavilion was closed and dismantled. In the spring of 1940, the New York World's Fair reopened, and the fair's theme was changed from "Building The World of Tomorrow" to "For Peace and Freedom."

On May 3, 1940, the Polish Pavilion reopened with some changes to its exhibits reflecting Poland's struggle. At dusk every evening, a horn call sounded from the top of the pavilion's tower above tumult of the fair, then stopped on a broken note. The "Hejnał" commemorated the death of a watchman of Kraków who fell dead with an arrow in his throat while sounding an alarm. The broken note was symbolic of the story of Poland. In the Court of Honour, a Polish flag flew at half mast as a sign of a nation in exile. In the Hall of Art, the paintings were augmented with photographs of the destruction war brought to Poland's monuments of art. Poland, like the other countries under Axis control, operated its pavilion with increased national pride. When the Fair closed in the fall of 1940, the exhibits could not return to Poland. Those exhibits borrowed from museums, archives and libraries were sent to the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C., while the rest of the exhibits were put up for sale. The Museum and Archives of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (now The Polish Museum of America) purchased seventy percent of the exhibits, which were then brought here to Chicago where most are kept to this day.

By: Mark Sorbi



1940 revised guide book



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.
- 5 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI – PRCUA HALKA DANCERS SQUARE DANCE** on Sat., Oct. 5 at St. Germaine Grade School, Rev. James L. Bjorum Activity Center, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, MI. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., dancing begins at 8:00 p.m. For reservation and additional information, contact: Laura Hejza at lhejza@comcast.net or 586-291-4486. See details on pg. 5.
- 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.
- 18 WARREN, MI – GWIAZDA DANCERS - A NIGHT AT THE RACES**, on Fri., Oct. 18 at Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$40 per person. Contact: panijessica@hotmail.com or 313-682-3031. Additional information on pg. 17.
- 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 at right.
- 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.
- 27 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA #162 TRUNK-OR-TREAT** on Sun., Oct. 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at #162 Lodge parking lot, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI (Corner of 14th and Oak). To Register your car: Stop by the Lounge and sign up or contact Natalie at 734-778-1730 or Chris at 734-671-9366. See details on pg. 4.
- 27 CLEVELAND, OH – MEET AND GREET PRCUA OFFICERS LUNCHEON** on Sun., Oct. 27 at 12:30 p.m. at Sowinski Social Hall, 8233 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland, OH. Contact: District #5 National Director Mitchell Bienia at 216-2812800 lub MitchBienia@gmail.com. Additional information on pg. 4.
- 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!** 🎃

FRIDAYS MADISON, IL – PRCUA SOC. #1004 FISH FRY & TACOS - Every Friday Evening from October 4th through November 15th - Polish Hall, lower level, 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. Serving from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fried cod sandwich \$4, taco \$2. Chicken wings or strips, shrimp, onion rings, fries, slaw, and drinks are also available. Eat-in or carry-out. Follow all our events on Facebook.com/Polish.Hall.Madison

NOVEMBER

- 1-2 ALL SAINTS DAY / ALL SOULS DAY**
- 4 CHICAGO, IL – POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS BEGIN** on Monday, November 4 at 6:00 pm in the PRCUA Board Room, 984 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL. FREE for PRCUA members; \$150 tuition for non-PRCUA members. Registration: mateusz-bomba@prcu.org or 773-782-2636. See details on pg. 17.
- 8-9 ROMULUS, MI – 3rd NATIONAL PRCUA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** - THE EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
- 10 WYANDOTTE, MI – PRCUA SOCIETY #162 SOUP SUNDAY** on Sun., Nov. 10, starting at 1:00 p.m. at PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. \$5 per person - unlimited refills of a selection of soups. Soup makers are also needed. Contact Stan Pasko for more information at 313-815-5230.
- 11 VETERANS DAY (USA) / INDEPENDENCE DAY (POLAND)**
- 20 LANSING, MI – WHITE EAGLE SOC. #2342 POTLUCK AND MEETING** on Wed., Nov., 20 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.
- 23 HICKORY HILLS, IL – CINDERELLA-PRINCE CHARMING BALL** on Sat., Nov. 23 at Bobak's Signature Events, 6440 Double Eagle Dr, Woodridge, IL. See details to the right.
- 26 WARREN, MI – ST. JOHN PAUL II SOC. #1593 MEETING** on Tues., Nov. 26 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.
- 28-29 HAPPY THANKSGIVING z – THE PRCUA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

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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.

- Oct. 27 Larry Haller's Two Star Final
- Nov. 24 Rich Cullen's Dynamic Duo

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

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*RSVP: Christopher Ozog
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Warren, MI 48093
Phone: 586-524-4907
E-mail: cjozog@gmail.com
By October 13, 2019
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- Elizabeth Jauer

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

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World Leaders Mark WW II Anniversary In Poland

By Robert Strybel, Warsaw Correspondent

WARSAW—At the start of September, the international media focused on Poland, where some 250 world leaders gathered to mark the 80th anniversary of mankind's most horrific conflict. Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki took part in pre-dawn ceremonies in the Baltic port of Gdańsk, where on September 1st, 1939 the German battleship Schleswig-Holstein attacked a Polish military depot at Westerplatte, firing the first shots of World War II.

Regarding Poland's suffering at the hands of the German invaders, Morawiecki said: "We need to talk about those losses, we must remember, demand the truth and demand compensation." Not only was one-fifth of the nation annihilated, but Warsaw estimates that Poland lost the equivalent of \$1.1 trillion of destroyed infrastructure, stolen art works and potential revenue lost because of the war.

At roughly the same time, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier apologized for Germany's war crimes as he spoke in the central town of Wieluń. There, Hitler's Luftwaffe first tested its Blitzkrieg bombardment, slaughtering a thousand civilians as they slept. In halting Polish, Steinmeier made a valiant attempt to say: "Chylę czoło przed ofiarami ataku na Wieluń. Chylę czoło przed polskimi ofiarami niemieckiej tyranii i proszę o przebaczenie". (I bow before the victims of the attack on Wieluń, I bow before the Polish victims of German tyranny and ask forgiveness.)

In the afternoon, the main ceremonies took place at Warsaw's Piłsudski Square according to the protocol for high-level commemorations: wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 21-gun salute and a military parade. US Vice President Mike Pence delivered a keynote speech as a stand-in for the president who had postponed his planned visit to monitor Hurricane Dorian as it approached Florida. His address fully reflected the pro-Polish rhetoric of Donald Trump, who in his memorable speech in Warsaw in 2017 held Poland up as a model for other nations to emulate.

„Today, in the heart of Warsaw and before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, we have gathered to bear witness to the courage of a great people, to the spirit of a great nation, and to the profound and lasting strength of a great civilization.” He called Poland “a homeland of heroes” which “had endured a campaign to demolish your freedom, laws, history, identity and faith. Yet you never lost that spirit. Your oppressors tried to break you, but Poland could not be broken.”

In a hard-hitting address, Polish President Andrzej Duda not only recounted the horrors perpetrated upon Poland by both Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, but openly criticized the cowardice and “business as usual” approach of Poland's Western Allies. “There may have never been a Second World War if the Western powers had opposed Hitler's Anschluss (annexation) of Austria and the mistreatment of Jews in Germany and had defended Czechoslovakia,” Duda said.

In a clear reference to Putin's Russia, he added: “Today, in Europe, imperialistic tendencies have re-emerged to change borders and subjugate citizens. There must be sanctions There must be a response to every aggression. Turning a blind eye is no prescription for peace. It simply encourages further attacks.”

Near the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, guests of honor took turns ringing a Peace Bell specially cast for the occasion. When its last peal ended, church-bells resounded all over Warsaw. In the evening, guests attended a state banquet at Warsaw's resplendent Royal Castle which was destroyed by the Germans and then painstakingly restored in the 1970s. At the nearby Great Theater, they attended a performance of Krzysztof Penderecki's “Polish Requiem”, an oratorio devoted to the victims of Stalin's 1940 Katyn Massacre.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRCUA CONSTITUTION

(Continued from the September issue of Naród Polski)

3. The Vice-President shall also be presiding Officer of the Fraternal Department of the UNION, and shall attend all Board of Directors sessions and shall perform all duties incident to the office or as delegated by the President. In the case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer
 - a. shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors;
 - b. shall report in detail at the sessions of the Board of Directors, and more often when called upon to do so; he must render an accurate statement of his official action to the Convention;
 - c. shall receive all monies belonging to the UNION and keep an accurate record thereof. The Secretary-Treasurer makes, upon receipt of proper requisitions signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, payments for mortuary benefits, salaries, etc., and keeps a detailed record of them in his books. The emoluments of his office belong to the UNION;
 - d. shall, at least once each calendar year, furnish a detailed financial statement of the UNION to the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer signs checks according to the resolutions of the Board of Directors adopted at the Board Sessions of the Board of Directors;
 - e. shall see that all notices required to be given by the Organization are duly given and served;
 - f. shall have custody of the seal of the Organization;
 - g. shall have custody of all deeds, leases, contracts and other important corporate documents; shall see that all reports, statements and other documents required by law to be filed are properly filed;
 - h. shall perform such other duties as are specifically imposed upon him by the Board of Directors.
5. The National Chaplains
 - a. shall have the same duties of Directors noted in Article 4D.6
 - b. may request that the Board of Directors, who shall appoint, a First Vice Chaplain or Second Vice Chaplain. The duties of the Appointed First Vice Chaplain or Second Vice Chaplain shall be that outlined in Article 04E.
6. The Directors are duty bound to participate in all Board Sessions of the Board of Directors. The Directors:
 - a. supervise the locations of funds of the UNION;
 - b. approve the bond of the President and all other Officials of whom a bond is required;
 - c. examine and approve all reports and official actions of the respective Officers and are responsible for the safety, development of, and order of the UNION;
 - d. upon the advice and written recommendation of the UNION'S actuaries, may make an equitable distribution of surplus by the payment of dividends;
 - e. shall be bound to operate within the budget as approved by the Convention and reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly by the Budget Committee.
7. No Officer or Director of the UNION may hold more than one office in the UNION, however, any Officer or Director may not serve on any special Committee of the UNION except Committees of the Board of Directors.
8. No spouse, parents, children or siblings of an Officer or Director shall be salaried employees of the UNION in its offices.
9. No Officer shall transact any of his personal business in the office of the UNION from which he or a member of his immediate family would benefit directly or indirectly.
10. Officer and Director Education
 - a. each Officer or Director of the UNION shall complete a board training or orientation program selected and approved by the Executive Committee and paid for by the UNION within six months of his or her election to the Board of Directors that includes information, board duties and responsibilities;
 - b. any Officer or Director of the UNION who fails to comply with Paragraph 10a above shall be removed from office by the Board of Directors by majority vote at a regular Board Session unless the Officer or Director shows good cause for his failure to comply. Any Officer or Director thus removed may demand trial and appeal from the decision of the Board of Directors to the Convention. Said procedure for removal shall be exclusive to this section, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 04A.3.

Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 04D**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now 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.
 - a. shall have custody of all deeds, leases, contracts and other important corporate documents; shall see that all reports, statements and other documents required by law to be filed are properly filed;
 - b. shall perform such other duties as are specifically imposed upon him by the Board of Directors.
2. No Officer or Director of the UNION may hold more than one office in the UNION, however, any Officer or Director may not serve on any special Committee of the UNION except Committees of the Board of Directors.
3. No spouse, parents, children or siblings of an Officer or Director shall be salaried employees of the UNION in its offices.
4. No Officer shall transact any of his personal business in the office of the UNION from which he or a member of his immediate family would benefit directly or indirectly.
5. Officer and Director Background
 - a. No person who has been convicted of a felony, a court having competent jurisdiction in the United States of America, may serve or hold office as an

Officer or Director of the UNION;

- b. Any Officer or Director of the UNION who fails to comply with Paragraph 5.a above shall be removed from office by the Board of Directors, majority vote at a regular Board Session. Any Officer or Director thus removed may demand trial and appeal from the decision of the Board of Directors to the Convention. Said procedure for removal shall be exclusive to this Section. notwithstanding the provisions of Article 04A.3.

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

All past presidents of the UNION are "Honorary Presidents" of the Organization and are an ex-officio members of the Board of Directors without voting rights and shall receive no remunerations.

- Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 04E, Paragraph 4**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

All past presidents of the UNION are "Honorary Presidents" of the Organization. The immediate past President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, without voting rights or remunerations, for one (1) year only following the election at the last Quadrennial Convention.

13. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 4G, Paragraph 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

2. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any dispute covered by this section. The following are steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

- Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 4G, Paragraph 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

2. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any dispute covered by this Section. The following are steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

14. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 4H, Paragraph 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

2. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any dispute covered by this section. The following are steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

- Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 4H, Paragraph 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

2. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any dispute covered by this Section. The following are steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

15. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 4I, Paragraphs 1 and 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. The purpose of this Article is to provide a procedure to resolve disputes consistent with the fraternal nature of the UNION in matters dealing with Insurance Disputes. This section applies to all past, current and future benefit certificates, members, benefit certificate owners, beneficiaries or payers, and the UNION, corresponding to all claims, actions, disputes and grievances of any kind or nature whatsoever. To the extent permitted by applicable law, this section applies to all claims, actions, disputes and grievances brought by the UNION against members, insureds, certificate owners or beneficiaries. This section does not apply to any claims or disputes relating to interpleaded actions to determine proper owner, beneficiary, or payee.

2. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any dispute covered by this section. The following are steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

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2. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any dispute covered by this Section. The following are steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

16. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 4M, Paragraphs 1 and 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. Designation.

- a. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, designate one or more Committees, each Committee to consist of two or more Directors. The Board of Directors may designate other Directors as alternate members of any Committee. In the absence or disqualification of any member of any Committee and any alternate member in the Committee member's place, the member or members present at the meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether the member or members constitute a quorum, may by unanimous vote appoint another Director to act at the meeting in the place of the absent or disqualified Committee member.
- b. To the extent provided by resolution of the Board of Directors or this

Constitution, a Committee shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Organization; however, no Committee shall:

- i. authorize or approve distributions except according to a formula or method, or within limits, prescribed by the Board of Directors;
- ii. fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or, except as provided in article 04M.1 (a), on any of its Committees; or
- iii. adopt, amend or repeal By-Laws.

2 The creation of a Committee and appointment of its members must be approved by the greater of (1) a majority of all the Directors in office when the action is taken, or (2) the number of Directors required to take action outlined in the Constitution, By-Laws or Charter of the Committee.

Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 4M, Paragraphs 1 and 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

1. Designation.

a. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, designate one or more Committees, each Committee to consist of two or more Directors. The Board of Directors may designate other Directors as alternate members of any Committee. In the absence or disqualification of any member of any Committee and any alternate member in the Committee member's place, the member or members present at the meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether the member or members constitute a quorum, may by unanimous vote appoint another Director to act at the meeting in the place of the absent or disqualified Committee member.

b. To the extent provided by resolution of the Board of Directors or this Constitution, a Committee shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Organization; however, no Committee shall:

- i. authorize or approve distributions except according to a formula or method, or within limits, prescribed by the Board of Directors;
- ii. fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or, except as provided in Article 04M.1 (a), on any of its Committees; or
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17. There was an amendment to **Section Four, Article 4M, Paragraph 4**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

4. Audit Committee.

a. The Board of Directors, at its annual meeting, shall designate an Audit Committee, which shall consist of three (3) or more Directors, each of whom shall satisfy any securities exchange independence requirements then in effect and applicable to the Organization. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be stated in the committee's charter, as approved by the Board of Directors.

Following the amendment to **Section Four, Article 4M, Paragraph 4**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

4. Audit Committee.

a. The Board of Directors, at its annual meeting, shall designate an Audit Committee, which shall consist of three (3) or more Directors, each of whom shall satisfy any securities exchange independence requirements then in effect and applicable to the Organization. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be stated in the committee's charter, as approved by the Board of Directors, and shall comply with the Illinois Administrative Code provisions relating to annual financial reporting and described in Part 925 of the Illinois Administrative Code, 50 Ill. Adm. Code 925.10, *et. seg.*

18. There was an amendment to Section Five, Article 05A, Points d and f, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

- d. District 4 Composed of New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Florida
- f. District 6 Composed of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, California

Following the amendment to **Section Five, Article 05A, Point d and f**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

- d. District 4 Composed of Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, and North Carolina
- f. District 6 Composed of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, and Wisconsin

19. There was an amendment to **Section Six, Article 06B, Paragraph 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

2. The Board of Directors may order the suspension of a Society or Circuit for one or more of the following causes:

- a. for failure to hold regular meetings;
- b. for non-payment of assessments or other dues to the UNION within the prescribed time;
- a. for failing to fulfill the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION and the mandates of the Board of Directors;
- b. for non-response from all officers of the society.

Following the amendment to **Section Six, Article 06B, Paragraph 2**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

2. The Board of Directors may order the suspension of a Society or Circuit for one or more of the following causes:

- a. for failure to hold regular meetings;
- b. for non-payment of assessments or other dues to the UNION within the prescribed time;
- c. for failing to fulfill the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION and the mandates of the Board of Directors;
- d. for non-response from all officers of the society.

20. There was an amendment to **By-Laws Section Twelve, Article 12F**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. A member having \$50,000 or more in a single PRCUA certificate, considered past due after 31 days, is suspended for that certificate and is required to submit a new application along with a medical exam, at the suspended member's cost, before reinstatement, if insurable. This delinquency necessitates the Secretary-Treasurer's office to:

- a. Notify the suspended member of actions taken;
- b. Notify Sales Department, Society's Secretary and Member regarding the assumption of medical exam.

Following the amendment to **By-Laws Section Twelve, Article 12F**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

1. A member having Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more in a single PRCUA certificate, considered past due after thirty-one (31) days, is suspended for that certificate and is required to submit a new application along with a medical exam, at the suspended member's cost, before reinstatement, if insurable. This delinquency necessitates the Secretary-Treasurer's office to:

- a. Notify the suspended member of actions taken;
- b. Notify Sales Department, Society's Secretary and Member regarding the assumption of medical exam.

21. There was an amendment to **By-Laws Section Thirteen, Article 13C, Paragraph 1**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

The Committees of the Convention shall consist of a minimum of (3) members unless otherwise stated.

Following the amendment to **By-Laws Section Thirteen, Article 13C, Paragraph 1**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

The Committees of the Convention shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members unless otherwise stated.

22. There was an amendment to **By-Laws Section Fourteen, Article 14A**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. The Fraternal Department shall be headed by the Vice-President who will supervise its activities, and the Vice-President shall report to the President of the UNION on the activities of the Fraternal Department.
2. The Fraternal Department shall have three (3) Divisions being:
 - a. The Juvenile Division;
 - b. The Youth and Sports Division;
 - c. The Adult Division.
3. The Vice-President shall submit quarterly reports of the activities and expenditures of the Divisions of the Fraternal Department to the Board of Directors of the UNION.

Following the amendment to **By-Laws Section Fourteen, Article 14A**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

1. 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, including:
 - i. participates in investing funds of the organization;
 - ii. represents the PRCUA at national and local events;
 - iii. develops and implements Business Plan;
 - iv. oversees Compliance, Investments, Human Resources and General Counsel;
 - e. shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are performed;
 - f. reports to the Board of Directors on the President's official activities;
 - g. subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, shall have general charge of the business affairs and property of the UNION and general supervision over its Officers, employees, and agents;
 - h. the President, or any other Officer of the UNION 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 (Cont. on pg. 8)

indebtedness, mortgages, contracts, leases, and other agreements except where the signing thereof is exclusively delegated to some other Officer or employee of the UNION by the Board of Directors. All official UNION documents shall bear the signatures of the Executive Committee members or their appointed representatives.

2. The Vice-President
 - a. shall attend all Board of Directors sessions;
 - b. shall perform all duties incident to the office or as delegated by the President;
 - c. shall oversee Sales, Marketing, Fraternal, and Publications Departments;
 - d. represents the PRCUA at national and local events.

In the case of the removal of the President from office, or of the President's death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice-President.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer
 - a. shall keep the minutes of the Board of Directors;
 - b. shall report in detail at the sessions of the Board of Directors, and more often when called upon to do so; the Secretary-Treasurer must render an accurate statement of his official action to the Convention;
 - c. shall receive all monies belonging to the UNION and keep an accurate record thereof. The Secretary-Treasurer makes, upon receipt of proper requisitions signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, payments for mortuary benefits, salaries, etc., and keeps a detailed record of them in his books. The emoluments of the Secretary-Treasurer's office belong to the UNION;
 - d. shall, at least once each calendar year, furnish a detailed financial statement of the UNION to the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer signs checks according to the resolutions of the Board of Directors adopted at the Board Sessions of the Board of Directors;
 - e. shall see that all notices required to be given by the Organization are duly given and served;
 - f. shall have custody of the seal of the Organization;
 - g. shall have custody of all deeds, leases, contracts and other important corporate documents; shall see that all reports, statements and other documents required by law to be filed are properly filed;
 - h. shall perform all duties incident to the office or as delegated by the President;
 - i. oversees Information Technologies, Member Services, Risk Management, Auditing, Treasury, Underwriting Departments, and Building and Property Management;
 - j. represents the PRCUA at national and local events.

4. The National Chaplains
 - a. serve as advisor to the President, Officers and Board of Directors on all Spiritual Matters;
 - b. shall have the same duties of Directors as noted in Article 4D6;
 - c. may request that the Board of Directors appoint a National Vice Chaplain, who will assist the National Chaplain in performing duties of the office as outlined herein. The National Vice Chaplain, if appointed, will perform the duties of the National Chaplain when he is unable to do so, until the National Chaplain is able to do so or the expiration of the term of office, whichever is sooner;
 - d. attend quarterly Board meetings, to open and close said meetings with a prayer, participate in the meeting as a National Director, and to celebrate mass for the officers and Board members at the end of the meetings;
 - e. plan and coordinate the Annual Sacred Heart Mass each June to honor our Patron, the Sacred Heart of Jesus;
 - f. prepare, plan and coordinate the two main masses of the Quadrennial Convention: the Opening Mass of the Convention and the Fraternal Mass for deceased members on the third day of the convention;
 - g. attend the Quadrennial Convention to lead the prayer at all sessions, administer the oath to the delegates, to celebrate daily mass with the delegates, administer oath of office to those newly elected to serve the PRCUA and to fulfill any other spiritual matters that arise during the convention;
 - h. write a monthly column for the Narod Polski that instructs and inspires the members of the Union about matters of faith;
 - i. coordinate all Liturgical celebrations of the Union, including those that regularly occur and special events and anniversaries as they arise. This includes the appropriate Liturgical aids that may be needed for these celebrations. To fulfill all duties that is placed upon him by virtue of his office as a National Director.
5. The Directors are duty bound to participate in all Board Sessions of the Board of Directors. The Directors:
 - a. supervise the locations of funds of the UNION;
 - b. approve the bond of the President and all other Officials of whom a bond is required;
 - c. examine and approve all reports and official actions of the respective Officers and are responsible for the safety, development of, and order of the UNION;
 - d. upon the advice and written recommendation of the UNION'S actuaries, may make an equitable distribution of surplus by the payment of dividends;
 - e. shall be bound to operate within the budget as approved by the Convention and reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly by the Budget Committee.
 - f. shall conduct annual self-assessments.

6. Officer and Director Background
 - a. No person who has been convicted of a felony, by a court having competent jurisdiction in the United States of America, may serve or hold office as an Officer or Director of the UNION;
 - b. Any Officer or Director of the UNION who fails to comply with Paragraph 11.a above shall be removed from office by the Board of Directors by majority vote at a regular Board Session. Any Officer or Director thus removed may demand trial and appeal from the decision of the Board of Directors to the Convention. Said procedure for removal shall be exclusive to this section, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 04A.3.

23. There was an amendment to **By-Laws Section Sixteen, Article 16C, Paragraph 1**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. Every member in good standing may be a candidate for any office in the Society, except an agent of a life insurance company or a field worker of other fraternal benefit Societies. This prohibition does not apply to an agent of a life insurance company in which the UNION has a financial investment and interest and such agent may be a candidate for any office in a Society.

Following the amendment to **By-Laws Section Sixteen, Article 16C, Paragraph 1**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

1. Every member in good standing who has not been convicted of a felony, by a court having competent jurisdiction in the United States of America, may be a candidate for any office in the Society, except an agent of a life insurance company or a field worker of other fraternal benefit Societies. This prohibition does not apply to an agent of a life insurance company in which the UNION has a financial investment and interest and such agent may be a candidate for any office in a Society.

24. There was an amendment to By-Laws Section Sixteen, Article 16D, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, which currently reads:

1. The Pastor of the local parish to which a Society may belong shall be ex-officio the Chaplain.
 - a. he may, however, designate another local priest to act as Chaplain. The Chaplain watches over the religious welfare of the Society and its members, and the moral side of the Society's aims and aspirations. He administers the oath to the newly elected Officers before they take over the duties of their office and performs all other duties connected with his office.

2. The President

- a. presides at all meetings and enforces the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION and the Society and the mandate of the Board of Directors;
- b. decides all questions on the order of the day;
- c. does not vote but acts as a judge and decides the result of the elections. He votes, however, when Officers are elected and candidates are to be submitted to the Society and whenever the votes are equally divided;
- d. appoints all committees, unless the Society decides otherwise;
- e. signs orders of the Treasurer for monies to be paid out of the Society's treasury;
- f. convokes special meetings;
- g. receives and keeps in his care the bonds of the Officers, if bonds are required by the Board of Directors of the UNION, and all documents executed by them;
- h. represents the Society outside the meetings and performs all other duties that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society shall require of him.

3. The Vice-President assists the President in conducting the meetings and in all other duties of his office, and in case of his absence or disqualification, he presides and performs the duties of the President as above set forth.

4. The Recording Secretary

- a. keeps the minutes of all regular and special meetings in a separate book;
- b. conducts the general correspondence and the correspondence with the Board of Directors, and the office of the Secretary-Treasurer;
- c. keeps in his charge all records and letters, read them at the meetings;
- d. keeps accurate addresses of the members and furnish them to the Board of Directors to whom he also sends all prescribed reports and statements;
- e. keeps the roll of candidates, informs the office of the Secretary-Treasurer in all matters pertaining to new members, as for instance, with reference to the names, the number, age, address and occupation of the new members;
- f. advises candidates of their admission within five (5) days after the meeting asking them to submit to medical examination, and notes the names of the rejected candidates.

5. The Financial Secretary

- a. furnishes the Recording Secretary with all the information concerning suspended, reinstated and expelled members, the names and number of the defaulting members, the amount of the assessments due and other dues in arrears;
- b. collects all assessments and dues and records them properly;
- c. shall be compensated for services as established by the Convention with the approval of the Illinois Department of Insurance.

6. The Treasurer

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- a. shall receive from the Financial Secretary all monies paid to him for the assessments due to the UNION and the Society, receipt for same and deposit the funds so received in a bank designated by the Society in the name of the Society. The funds thus deposited may be withdrawn by check only signed by himself as Treasurer and attested by the President and Financial Secretary;
 - b. shall keep accurate accounts of the mortuary fund and other funds in suitable books and does not permit use of these funds for purposes other than those they were made for;
 - c. shall keep the books in order and ready for examination at any time and shall close them not later than December 25th of each year.
7. The Sergeant-at-Arms
- a. shall have charge of the emblems, badges, regalia and other property of the Society;
 - b. shall preserve order in the meeting hall and during the manifestations. In these matters he is assisting the President or any Officer taking the President's place.
8. The retiring Officers must surrender to the Society or their legally elected or appointed successors all the funds, books, records, badges and all property of the Society and render an account of their stewardship.

There was an amendment to **By-Laws Section Sixteen, Article 16D**, of the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures and Documents, now reads:

1. The Pastor of the local parish to which a Society may belong shall be ex-officio the Chaplain.
 - a. he may, however, designate another local priest to act as Chaplain. The Chaplain watches over the religious welfare of the Society and its members, and the moral side of the Society's aims and aspirations. He administers the oath to the newly elected Officers before they take over the duties of their office and performs all other duties connected with his office.
2. The President
 - a. presides at all meetings and enforces the Constitution and By-Laws of the UNION and the Society and the mandate of the Board of Directors;
 - b. decides all questions on the order of the day;
 - c. does not vote but acts as a judge and decides the result of the elections. He votes, however, when Officers are elected and candidates are to be submitted to the Society and whenever the votes are equally divided;
 - d. appoints all committees, unless the Society decides otherwise;
 - e. signs orders of the Treasurer for monies to be paid out of the Society's treasury;
 - f. convokes special meetings;
 - g. receives and keeps in his care the bonds of the Officers, if bonds are required by the Board of Directors of the UNION, and all documents executed by them;
 - h. represents the Society outside the meetings and performs all other duties that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society shall require of him.
3. The Vice-President
 - a. assists the President in conducting the meetings and in all other duties of his office, and
 - b. in case of his absence or disqualification, he presides and performs the duties of the President as above set forth.
4. The Recording Secretary
 - a. keeps the minutes of all regular and special meetings in a separate book;
 - b. conducts the general correspondence and the correspondence with the Board of Directors, and the office of the Secretary-Treasurer;
 - c. keeps in his charge all records and letters, reads them at the meetings;
 - d. keeps accurate addresses of the members and furnish them to the Board of Directors to whom he also sends all prescribed reports and statements;
 - e. keeps the roll of candidates, informs the office of the Secretary-Treasurer in all matters pertaining to new members, as for instance, with reference to the names, the number, age, address and occupation of the new members;
 - f. advises candidates of their admission within five (5) days after the meeting asking them to submit to medical examination, and notes the names of the rejected candidates.
5. The Financial Secretary
 - a. furnishes the Recording Secretary with all the information concerning suspended, reinstated and expelled members, the names and number of the defaulting members, the amount of the assessments due and other dues in arrears;
 - b. collects all assessments and dues and records them properly;

- c. shall be compensated for services as established by the Convention with the approval of the Illinois Department of Insurance.
6. The Treasurer
- a. shall receive from the Financial Secretary all monies paid to him for the assessments due to the UNION and the Society, receipt for same and deposit the funds so received in a bank designated by the Society in the name of the Society. The funds thus deposited may be withdrawn by check only signed by himself as Treasurer and attested by the President and Financial Secretary;
 - b. shall keep accurate accounts of the mortuary fund and other funds in suitable books and does not permit use of these funds for purposes other than those they were made for;
 - c. shall keep the books in order and ready for examination at any time and shall close them not later than December 25th of each year.
7. The Sergeant-at-Arms
- a. shall have charge of the emblems, badges, regalia and other property of the Society;
 - b. shall preserve order in the meeting hall and during the manifestations. In these matters he is assisting the President or any Officer taking the President's place.
8. The retiring Officers must surrender to the Society or their legally elected or appointed successors all the funds, books, records, badges and all property of the Society and render an account of their stewardship.
9. Officer Background
- a. No person who has been convicted of a felony, by a court having competent jurisdiction in the United States of America, may serve or hold office as an Officer of the UNION;
 - b. Any Officer of the UNION who fails to comply with Paragraph 9.a above shall be removed from office by the Board of Directors by majority vote at a regular Board Session. Any Officer thus removed may demand trial and appeal from the decision of the Board of Directors to the Convention. Said procedure for removal shall be exclusive to this Section, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 04A.3 of the Constitution.

Echoes of Poland News

The Echoes of Poland continued performing at festivals throughout the end of summer. On Sunday, August 18 Echoes showed their talents at Birmingham Hungarian Festival in Toledo, OH. The Festival was celebrated by the Children and Teen Ensembles of the Echoes



of Poland Dance Ensemble. The Children's Ensemble performed dances from the regions of Cieszyn and Lublin, as well as the dances *Przepióreczka* and *Krakowiak*. The Teen Ensemble performed *Kujawiak*, and *Trojak Śląsk*. Couples in the Children and Teen Ensembles performed: *Polka Podlaska*, *Polka Spacerowa*, and *Krakowiaczek Jeden*. The ensembles performed to very enthusiastic crowds. Everyone had a great time.

On Saturday, August 24, the Adult Ensemble and Teen Ensemble joined in the festival fun at Our Lady of the Scapular Polish Festival in Wyandotte, MI. The ensembles entertained the enthusiastic crowd and past PRCUA National Director from District #10 (and emcee) Basia



Toboy. The adults performed *Łowicz* and the teens performed *Kujawiak* and *Trojak Śląski*. Both ensembles performed *Polka Podlaska*, *Polka Spacerowa*, and *Krakowiaczek Jeden*. Anna Toboy sang a popular Polish song, "Kraj Rodzinny Matki Meji", to great applause. We were so honored and proud to represent the PRCUA and our beautiful Polish culture for all to see at these events.

Submitted by: Teresa A. Gibala

ZAJĄCZEK DANCE ENSEMBLE NEWS



Sto lat!!!

Nicole (Beller) and Daniel Krupp

Saturday, August 3, 2019 was a beautiful day and love was in the air. Nicole Beller, 2013 Zajączek Dance Ensemble graduate and 2015 & 2016 American Polish Century Club Heritage Queen, married her best friend and soulmate, Daniel Krupp. The heartfelt wedding ceremony was officiated by Father Roman Pasieczny at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. A festive reception including family, friends, and many Polish traditions followed at the American Polish Century Club, Century Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, MI.



Nicole and Daniel Krupp

The bridal party included Nicole's siblings and fellow Zajączek Dance Ensemble graduates, Rebecca (2015), Zachary (2017), and Jacklyn (2019). The bridal party also included current Zajączek Dance Ensemble dancers and cousins, Bobby and Ceci Lawrence, Cali, Alexis, and Jake Radtke. Nicole's parents Arnold and Christine Beller, and Daniel's parents, David and Wendy Krupp, beamed as they watched Nicole and Daniel start the next exciting chapter of their lives. Nicole's Polish heritage is very near and dear to her heart, as anyone will tell you. Daniel has embraced her Polish family traditions and cultural heritage with open arms, and he showed his continued support of Nicole by incorporating many Polish traditions on their special day.



Grand March



Nicole with her siblings (l-r): Jackie, Zach, Becky

Nicole proudly participated as a PRCUA dancer for a total of 10 years, eight of which were with the Zajączek Dance Ensemble, two with Mała Polska. She attended Wayne State University from August 2013 – August 2018, graduating with a BS in Biochemistry and Chemical Biology with University Honors and a BA in Slavic Studies with a Concentration in Polish. While at Wayne State University, she studied abroad in Poland. Upon returning home, Nicole, under the guidance of her Polish professor, Dr. Alina Klin, helped establish the Polish Culture Club, where she served as President, Vice President, and Secretary. She is continuing her studies at The Ohio State University working towards her doctoral degree.



Ceci and Bobby Lawrence

Nicole is a very dedicated and hardworking young woman. She earned many scholarships/honors, including two from the Friends of Polish Art: The Frank Filipek Scholarship and The Mitchell Fine Arts Scholarship, and The American Polish Century Club's Scholarship. She was also admitted into the Slavic Honor Society, Dobro Slovo. Not only did Nicole gain a great amount of knowledge about her heritage while attending Wayne State University, she also met and gained her best friend, soulmate, partner, and husband.



Lexi, Jake and Cali Radtke

*Article and photos by: Ms. Jessica Catalano
Submitted by: Karrie Westphal, Secretary
Zajączek Dance Ensemble*

Zajączek Graduate Travels to Ghana



I was a Zajączek dancer for 14 years. I believe the Zajączek community has been a great part of my inspiration to be a better person and to grow culturally. My favorite memory is the graduation ball. It was humbling to look back on how much I grew and accomplished to that point. I felt so much love and support from my Zajączek family and will forever remember all the wonderful memories. Today, I am a sophomore at Wayne State University. I am a pre-med student, majoring in biological sciences with a minor in Spanish and chemistry. In the future, I plan to attend medical school and become an oncologist.

This past August, I went on a medical mission trip to Ghana with a group of students from the Detroit area. We volunteered with Global Brigades, an organization that uses a holistic model to empower volunteers and underresourced communities to resolve global health and economic disparities. We spent 3 days working a clinic and pharmacy in Eyisam. We provided checkups and medicine to hundreds of patients for free. I had the opportunity to learn so much. The doctors allowed us to diagnose patients and write prescriptions. We did many malaria tests because it is a very common sickness in Africa. Additionally, in a community called Ekumpano we built four biodigesters. These are dome-like, underground structures, connected to toilets that get rid of waste in a natural process. Open defecation is a big problem in this community and it causes disease. Also, we spent time preparing lessons called "Charla." We taught the community safe health practices, the importance of sanitation, and how to avoid mosquito bites. The goal of Global Brigades is to empower the community. We gave the people resources to eventually be sustainable on their own, when volunteers are no longer there to help. As volunteers, we made an impact on these communities. The beautiful country of Ghana,

however, was so welcoming and truly impacted me in a positive way as well. My experience in Ghana has influenced me to want to practice medicine in an under-resourced area one day. I appreciate all the support I have received from family, friends, and the Zajączek community!

*Written by: Abby Jaczkowski, 2017 Zajączek Dance Ensemble Graduate
Submitted by: Karrie Westphal, Secretary
Zajączek Dance Ensemble*



Apples, Peaches and Zajączek Dancers...



...this is what the Annual Dodge Park Farmers Market was made of on Thursday, September 5 in Sterling Heights, MI, as the first Polish themed festival took place. Members from Zajączek Dance Ensemble proudly promoted their Polish heritage as they showcased their dancing skills to several Polish songs, to an enthusiastic

audience. From our youngest group members, Małe Zajączki to our oldest Group Six dancers, Sterling Heights is where our group calls "home." Classes are held weekly at the American Polish (Cont. on pg. 11)





Century Club, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, MI. If you would like more information regarding our group, please contact Mrs. Colleen Bonkowski at zajaczekschool@yahoo.com.

Submitted by: Karrie Westphal,
Secretary



Fifteen First Days

On Thursday, September 12, Zajaczk Dance Ensemble opened the Polish dance school doors at the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, MI for the fifteenth time. Choreographers Tricia Dennis and Rachael Kasperek greeted their classes with enthusiasm, energy, and big smiles. Once again, expectations are set high for the students. However, they already know this, because Thursday nights are not just about Polish dance classes, they are about family and belonging to a group that believes in promoting their Polish heritage... one Thursday at a time! Ensemble Director Colleen Bonkowski also welcomed everyone back distributing gift bags filled with back to school supplies and treats compliments of the PRCUA home office. Have a great year Zajaczk dancers...continue to make us proud!

Submitted by: Karrie Westphal
Secretary, Zajaczk Dance Ensemble



October, the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

The leaves are changing and giving us their annual show of colors and there is once again a crispness in the air. The long hot days of summer are just a memory. It is now the month of October, a time of harvest, pumpkins and apple cider. It is also, and most importantly, a month that brings with it a renewed focus on the role of Mary, especially under the title of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. October is Mary's month, and rightly so! It is during this month, on October 7th each year, that we celebrate Mary's Feast Day under this title. For me, it is one of the favorite months of the year, so let me explain to you why.

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

I think that those of us who attended Catholic school remember this month so because we were taught this beautiful prayer to Our Lady from our first days of our education by the many Polish religious orders that ministered in our parish schools. In my case, it was the Felician Sisters of Livonia that taught me this devotion to Our Lady. They had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, which was reflected in the life of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska. She was a woman of great faith who trusted completely in Our Lord and Our Lady. Her life was not easy, as she suffered greatly, especially in her last years, but through it all, her devotion to Our Lady never wavered. This devotion also spread to those young women who joined her in the early days of this religious order. For it was because of her love and complete dedication to Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary that she founded the Felician Sisters 164 years ago. This was on the Feast of the Presentation of Mary on November 21, 1855 before an icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in Warsaw, Poland.

When I think back to those days, I remember Sr. Mary Leonise, my first grade teacher, who not only taught us the rosary, but also helped us master the beautiful Polish Marian hymns, "Po górach, dolinach" and "Zawitaj Królowo Różańca Świętego", as a part of our prayerful musical tribute to the Blessed Virgin, especially in the months of May and October. We would stand before an image of Mary and pray and sing with all our hearts every day during this special month. While we prayed and sang, we prayed the simple requests which we held in our hearts. It was from these simple beginnings that our love for Mary grew and deepened as we looked to her as the model of perfect discipleship, thanks to the devotion of these dedicated religious women of faith. We trusted in Mary's maternal care for us and we were often assured by the Felician Sisters that we could never go wrong in turning to Mary.

Throughout my life, I can say that I never forgot these lessons taught, now long ago. Mary has been a constant guide and companion, especially in my thirty-two years of priestly ministry. She has been there through it all and has always responded to my prayers, inviting me to trust, to believe and to allow the Lord to work in and through my life.

In October of 2002, St. John Paul the Great declared the Year of the Rosary. In doing so, he issued an Apostolic Letter entitled, "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary". In this letter he instituted a new set of mysteries, called the "Luminous Mysteries", to be prayed on Thursday of each week. In doing this, he reminded all of us that "to recite the rosary" of the Blessed Virgin Mary "is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary, the face of Christ." When we think of the rosary in this light, we see why this has been, and still is, such a powerful and beloved prayer of so many throughout the centuries. St. John Paul the Great invites us all to rediscover this ancient prayer and make it a part of our daily prayers. When we pray the rosary, we do contemplate the life of Christ and call upon our Mother to assist us in our daily journey.

During this month of October, Mary's month, I invite you to turn to her and find what you need in your own life. She is always present, ready and waiting to assist, to comfort and to reassure, for it is her role to point out her Divine Son as we journey down the road to salvation. If you haven't picked up your rosary in a while, I invite you to do so once again and reconnect with her, for she is our life, our sweetness and our hope! **Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.**



65th PRCUA National Softball Tournament

If you host it, they will come!

The PRCUA Opole Dancers hosted the 65th PRCUA National Softball Tournament on August 16-17 at Halmich Park in Warren, MI. The weekend was filled with athleticism, sportsmanship, and friendships!

Friday night featured the co-ed tournament, which found Wyandotte #162 and Tory & Jen's Team in the finals. After many long balls and close defensive plays, Tory & Jen's Team took the championship. After the games, the players headed back to the hotel hospitality room to catch up with other players and prepare for the men's and women's tournaments the next morning.

Saturday saw a total of 12 teams, 6 men's teams and 6 women's teams, take to the diamonds in hopes of a tournament victory. The Opening Ceremonies began with the presentation of the colors by the Young Marines group, accompanied by members of the Opole Dancers presenting the Polish flag. The dancers and many players sang the Polish National Anthem, followed by the American National Anthem. PRCUA President James Robaczewski threw out the ceremonial first pitch to PRCUA Vice President Micheline Jaminski and the games began.

Each team played 3 games before the first eliminations. The women's finals featured the Polka Cherries from Wyandotte trying to take down the local team, St. Rita's Dziewczynny. Each team entered the finals undefeated. St. Rita's Dziewczynny proved to be too much for the Polka Cherries this year and St. Rita's Dziewczynny took home the championship!

The men's finals showcased the power of St. Rita's Tory's Team battling St. Stan's Dare Bar. Again, both teams entered the final contest undefeated, and again a St. Rita's team found themselves victorious. St. Stan's Dare Bar came with slugging power, but defense was key as St. Rita's Tory's Team won.

All teams celebrated a great day of competition and camaraderie at the Awards Banquet. President Jim Robaczewski greeted the players, thanked the hosting Opole Dancers and encouraged all members to reach out to others to grow our membership. He emphasized the importance of letting current members know about their member benefits like these athletic competitions and building a larger organization to support the community.

Jennifer Vernon and Deann Kujawski, the softball tournament chairwomen, then announced the All Stars from each team as voted by their fellow teammates. Each All Star received an embroidered fleece blanket. The co-ed, men's and women's winning team members received embroidered coolers and the tournament MVPs received embroidered backpacks. A delicious Polish meal was enjoyed by all before the DJ started the dancing. Some players even took to karaoke. Laughter and music went into the night and for some into the next morning!

A big thank you to all who planned, supported and participated in this year's tournament., especially, President James Robaczewski, Vice President Micheline Jaminski, Fraternal Department Coordinator Mateusz Bomba, District 10 Directors Colleen Bonkowski and Courtney Ozog, Opole Dance Director Beth Thacker, Opole Teacher Donna Skurski, Softball Chairwomen Jennifer Vernon and Deann Kujawski, along with Patty Johansen, Karen Pietrzyk, Joann Ozog, and families of the Opole Dancers that supplied food, donations and worked the various tournament tables and locations. If you couldn't make it to this year's tournament, make plans to join a team or make one of your own for next year. Remember, players must be PRCUA members to play, so sign your friends up now!

Submitted by: Beth Thacker, Opole Dance School Director

Team All-Stars

Coed

1. St. Rita's Tory & Jen's Team – Mark Haukereid
2. Wyandotte 162 – Brady Cooper
3. St. Rita's Coed 1 – Justin Tatge
4. St. Rita's Coed 2 – Angelina Sittaro
5. Opole Dance Family – Mike Rocheleau

Women's

1. Opole Dance Moms - Laura Kromer
2. Polka Cherries 162 – Amelia Czarnota
3. Seven Nation Army 718 – Jen Knoph
4. St. Rita's Warren – Carolyn Silver
5. St. Rita's Dziewczynny – Ashley Roberts
6. St. Rita's Big Rapids – Megan Knoff

Men's

1. Opole Guys/Muskegon - Mitchell Mandziuk
2. St. Rita's Tory's Team – Brandon Bongard
3. St. Rita's Warren – Anthony Perfetto
4. St. Rita's Young Bucks – Frank Woodward
5. St. Stan's 718 Polski Boys – Zach Hodgenson
6. St. Stan's Dare Bar – Dennis Butka

Tournament MVPs

Co-ed: Amara Karapas

Women's: Mary Skurnit

Men's: John Bongard



Opening ceremony

Right: President Robaczewski and Vice President Jaminski opening the tournament with a first pitch



All Stars



MVPs



Men's Champions - St. Rita's Tory's Team



Women's Champions - St. Rita's Dziewczynny



Co-ed Champions - St. Rita's Tory's Team



Co-ed #162



Co-ed Opole Dance Family



Co-ed St. Rita's 1



Co-ed St. Rita's 2



Men's Opole and Muskegon



Men's St. Rita's Warren



Men's St. Rita's Young Bucks

NEWS FROM PRCUA #1593 ST. JOHN PAUL II SOCIETY Meeting Our Member...



Men's St. Stan's #718 Polski Boys



Men's St. Stan's Dare Bar



Women's #162 Polka Cherries



Women's Opole Moms



Women's Seven Nation Army #718



Women's St. Rita Warren



Women's St. Rita's Big Rapids

**Congratulations to all the participants
and to the PRCUA Opole Dancers
for hosting a successful event!**

In order to have an organization such as the Polish Roman Catholic Union, you need members. Some members become part of this oldest fraternal as young children. Through the years, they join a PRCUA dance school, participate in national PRCUA sport tournaments and some become involved in their local societies.

As they get older, they often lose contact with their friends from their younger years. They take different paths in life, some of which are very interesting. One of those PRCUA members from Society #1593 is Daniel Krolczyk.

Dan graduated from DeLaSalle Collegiate High School in Warren, MI, where he was taught by the Christian Brothers. After graduation, he attended Macomb Community College, where he received an Associate Degree in General Studies. His journey after graduation from Macomb College led him from studying to become a Christian Brother to becoming the Head Distiller at Iron Fish Distillery in Thompsonville, MI.

Dan first became interested in the craft beverage business when he was studying to become a Christian Brother. While working with underprivileged kids at a Brother-run school in Oakland, CA, Dan would spend his free time at Mt. Veeder, CA, where there is a retirement community for the Brothers and where the Brothers also own a winery. While visiting, he had the honor of meeting Brother Timothy, who once was head winemaker at the winery. He introduced and piqued Dan's interest in the wine business. Thus, Daniel began a new journey.

He worked at Kuhnhehn Brewery in Warren, MI, which produced and sold wine and beer. He then moved to Suttons Bay, MI, where he was an employee of L. Mawby Winery, which was the largest sparkling wine producer east of the Mississippi. He worked there for five years. It was there he met his wife, Joni. He then went to North Peak Brewing Company in Traverse City, MI where he worked for three years as an Assistant Brewer and then on to the Grand Traverse Distillery. His most recent endeavor since 2016 has been as the Head Distiller at Iron Fish Distillery in Thompsonville, MI, which is named for the Steelhead fish that journey up the nearby Betsie River.

The Iron Fish Distillery is Michigan's first working farm solely dedicated to the practice of distilling small-batch craft spirits. They create spirits by growing their own grain and also by sourcing grain from other Michigan farmers. Every step of the process, from growing to harvesting non-GMO grain to cultivating yeast, milling, mashing, fermenting, distilling, aging and bottling, is done by hand.

Dan got the job at Iron Fish Distillery by trying to sell them grain he had grown on his family farm. When the owners learned that he was a distiller, they hired him immediately. He assisted in the designing of the first farm distillery since prohibition. During the past three years that Dan has been working at the Distillery, he has won numerous awards. In fact, he received his first award within four months from the time he started working. The most recent ones awarded to him are the 2018 and 2019 World Vodka Award.

Dan's most recent achievement was growing his own rye, which the distillery allowed him to put into barrels to age as whiskey and turned the rest into vodka. Iron Fish's most exciting experience was being invited to the U.S. Embassy in Portugal where their bourbon whiskey, aged in tawny port barrels, was served at an event.

Dan has been an involved PRCUA member. He was a dancer with the PRCUA #1593 Pope John Paul II dance school, participated in many PRCUA National tournaments (and still does when time permits), experienced the National PRCUA Conventions as a delegate and assisted the society with its fundraisers, especially working bingo and making pierogi.

The Iron Fish Distillery is a unique place to visit. It is open the year round, offers tours, has a tasting room where one can enjoy delicious and unusual craft cocktails, have wood fire pizzas that are unlike any other and have local artists who provide some delightful music. During the summer, families bring their children who have fun playing games, such as fowling and corn hole.

We congratulate Dan Krolczyk on his journey from his desire to become a Christian Brother to becoming a head distiller. Some people have dreams but many times, God has a different plan for them on this earth.

If you are ever in the area, visit Dan at the Iron Fish Distillery. He may give you a special tour. For further information, go to <http://www.ironfishdistillery.com>.

Submitted by Joann Ozog



Dan Krolczyk



Touring with Dan Krolczyk



**PRCUA WELCOMES
THE NEWEST
MEMBER OF THE
SOCIETY #2220**

Olivia Frances Rutkowski, born April 28, 2019, daughter of Michael and Katie Rutkowski, and granddaughter of Patricia and former PRCUA President, the late Francis A. Rutkowski, is the newest member of PRCUA Society #2220. Congrats to the Rutkowski family!





67th PRCUA National Golf Tournament



Toledo, Ohio – It was a very hot day this year for the 67th PRCUA National Golf Tournament, which took place in Temperance, MI, on Saturday, July 20, at Giant Oak Golf Course and was hosted by PRCUA Soc. #1617. Competitors from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania made the trip to Toledo, where Society #1617 put together a great tournament.

The weekend started with the Hospitality Night at the PRCUA Toledo Lounge on Friday evening. A large crowd arrived to enjoy food and great company while getting ready for the tournament. The heat was a factor all day on Saturday for both groups, but everyone managed to finish playing, a lot hotter than when they started. The evening continued with a great Polish-style dinner and music from the great sounds of Randy Krajewski. Awards presentations were made by the President of the Toledo Societies, VikkiJean Mixon, in the following divisions:

Ladies' – Margaret Gauci-Kendziorek, Deborah Davis, Kimberly Branch, Mary Kalinski

Men's – William Kaczur, Jeffery Schade, Kevin Surma, Jordan Surma

Men's Senior – Paul Rzeppa, Paul Kuhar, Leo Tobiczky, Jr., Lawrence Olszewski

Mixed – Curtis Walker, Jeffrey Cunningham, Amy Baucom, Thomas Baucom

The awards ceremony concluded with words of wisdom from PRCUA President James Robaczewski. VikkiJean Mixon took a few minutes to thank all the volunteers for their hard work, since (as you know if you have run a tournament) you cannot do it alone. Special thanks go to: Mateusz Bomba, Fraternal Coordinator, and photographer, Rick Kaczmarek, Tom Jesionowski, National Director of District #5, Joan Sylak, former National Director of District #5, Sandy Kaminski, Teresa Gibala, Doris Rober, Pat Cieniewski, Tina Poddzielniak, Jim Dziejatka, and our bartenders: Deb Estell, Ann Marie, and Roberta. Everyone had a great time and were sorry to see the evening end.

Submitted by: Teresa A. Gibala, Secretary





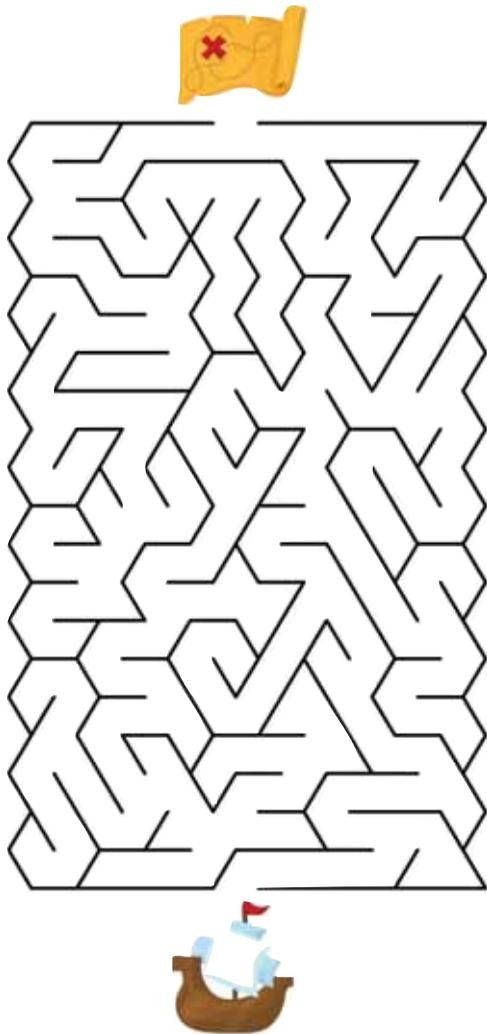
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HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!

Help Christopher Columbus find the map which will show him how to get to America.



FIND THE CORRECT SHADOW

Only one shadow matches the picture on left. Can you find it?

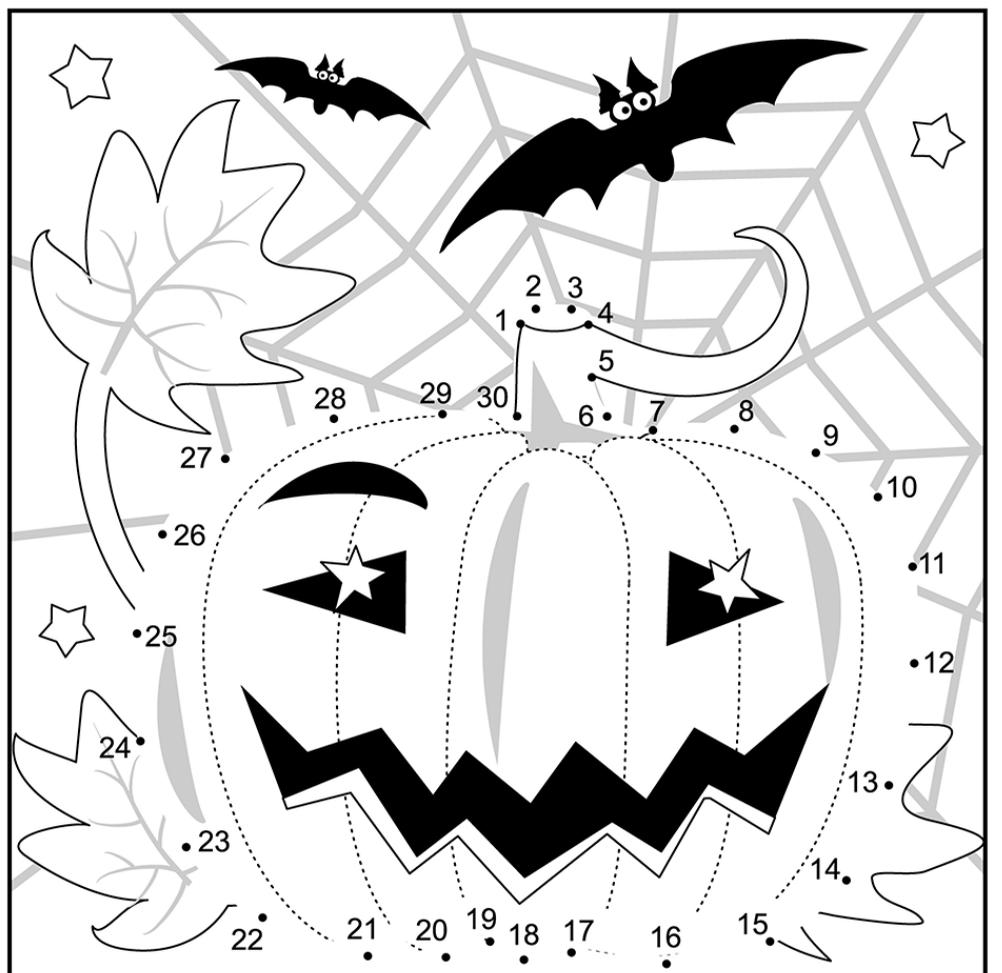


SOLVE THE HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CONNECT THE DOTS AND COLOR THE PICTURE

Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



2019 PRCUA COLORING CONTEST

The year 2019 has been declared the “Year of Moniuszko,” celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Stanisław Moniuszko, the outstanding 19th century Polish composer, conductor, and teacher. He is considered the “father of Polish national opera,” and was the author of over 268 songs, as well as many operas, operettas, and ballets. Moniuszko’s most famous works are the operas “Halka” and “Straszny Dwór” (The Haunted Manor). His music is representative of 19th century Romanticism, but is characterized by the use of traditional Polish folk melodies and rhythms while incorporating the texts of prominent Polish poets such as Jan Kochanowski and Adam Mickiewicz.

Stanisław Moniuszko was born on May 5, 1819, in Ubiel, modern-day Belarus. This year’s Polish-American Heritage Month Coloring Contest image is modeled on the illustration of Moniuszko Manor (Napoleon Orda, ca. 1864), the birthplace and family home of this remarkable Polish composer.

CONTEST RULES

This coloring contest, the annual PRCUA tradition celebrating October as Polish American Heritage Month, is open to all PRCUA members from 3 to 18 years. Use crayons, pencils, markers or paint (no fabric, sequins, or glitter, etc.). The first, simpler picture is designed for children ages 3-9 and the more detailed image for ages 10-18. First and second place prizes will be awarded in multiple age categories and winning submissions featured in the December edition of the *Naród Polski*. All prizes will be age-appropriate and include a certificate of achievement. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by the Home Office no later than Friday, November 1, 2019. Mail to: PRCUA Coloring Contest, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642-4101.

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Age: _____ Grade: _____ Society Number: _____

School: _____

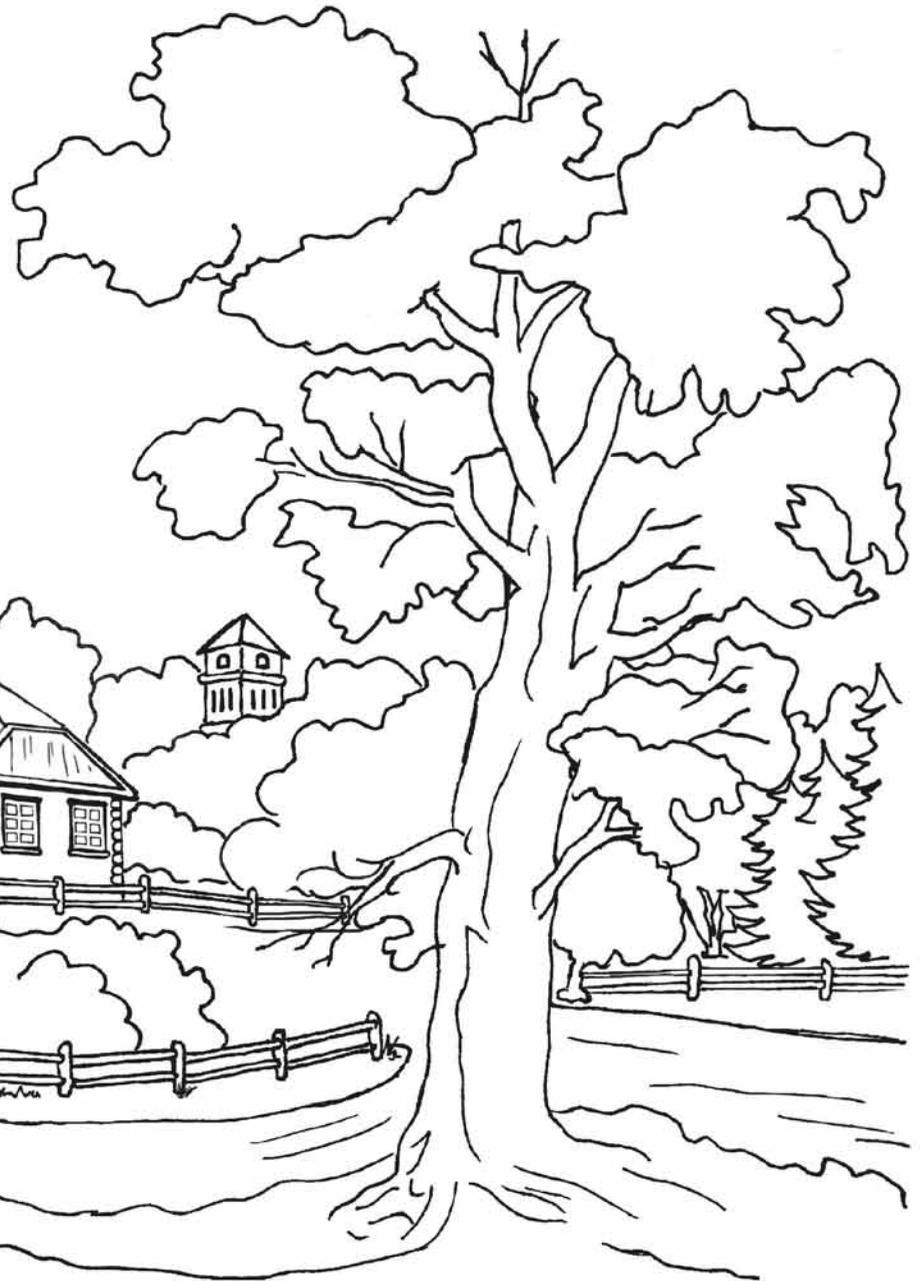
Include the name of your language or dance school, if you are a current student:

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Ages 3-9

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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES ON PG. 15

Happy Columbus Day:



Connect dots and color the picture:



Solve the Halloween crossword puzzle:

- Across:**
- Witch; 6. Pirate;
 - Dinosaur; 9. Mummy;
 - Mermaid
- Down:**
- Clown; 3. Carrot; 4. Devil;
 - Vampire; 6. Pumpkin;
 - Angel

Find the correct shadow: 3



PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers Late August & Early September Happenings



Not wanting to let go of the warm weather and summer fun, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers continued to pack in as much as they can as the calendar careens toward chillier days and the first days of fall.



Gwiazda Dancers along with Director Jessica Wendt and Choreographer Basia Nowakowski at Assumption Greek Fest



Gwiazda Dancers perform at Greek Fest

On Saturday, August 17, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers performed in St. Clair Shores, Michigan at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's annual Greek Fest. There the dancers presented a Krakowiak medley, a polka, and a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki. Opa!

On Friday, August 23, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers headed to Ford Field in Detroit,



Gwiazda Dancers participating in the Polish Day Parade in Hamtramck, MI

Michigan to watch a pre-season Detroit Lions' game against the Buffalo Bills. The game was the Detroit Lions' first ever Polish Heritage Night. It was originally slated to have a pre-game Polish dance element; however, that didn't happen this year. Regardless, Gwiazda Dancers and their families headed to Ford Field to celebrate Polish heritage and to watch the Lions fall 24-20 to the visiting Bills. "Forward down the field!"

On Monday, September 2, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers headed to their home turf of Hamtramck, MI to participate in the annual Polish Day Parade. A yearly



2019 Gwiazda Graduate Kennedy Babicz, Schyler Babicz & Basia Nowakowski at Hamtramck Polish Day Parade

tradition for Gwiazda, the Polish Day Parade serves as the de facto kick-off to the new dance year and the closing of the summer dance season. Also participating in the Polish Day parade were PRCUA National Director of District #10, Courtney Ozog, as well as several other metro-Detroit PRCUA dance schools. Following the parade, dancers and their families stuck around to enjoy the final day of the 40th Annual Hamtramck Festival, which featured food, rides, and entertainment.

Saturday, September 7 kicked off another marathon weekend for the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers. On Saturday, they performed in Dearborn Heights, MI at the Dearborn Heights Moose Lodge's Polish Night. For their performance, Gwiazda presented a Krakowiak medley, a polka, and a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki. The dancing fun continued that weekend when on Sunday, September 8, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers headed to St. Clair Shores, MI to perform at St. Isaac Jogues Parish's Summer Fest's Polish Day. Gwiazda performed during the band break between the Kielbasa Kings Polka Band and local "polka rockers", the Polish Muslims' sets. For its performance, Gwiazda presented two versions of the Krakowiak, a polka and a suite of dances from Beskid Żywiecki.

From St. Clair Shores, Gwiazda's choreographer Basia Nowakowski and her partner then headed to Sterling Heights, MI and the American Polish Century Club to perform a duet at a 50th wedding anniversary party. Ms. Nowakowski and partner presented a Krakowiak and then participated in a three song polka-along followed by Ms. Nowakowski leading the anniversary couple and their guests in a grand wedding march. The march snaked its way through the hall and made its way outside and around the building until it returned to the hall with bridges and kisses for the anniversary couple. Gwiazda's participation in the event concluded with Ms. Nowakowski and partner leading the guests in singing "Sto Lat" to the happy couple.

And, just like that: summer was over... On Monday, September 9, the PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers returned to their practice space at the PLAV Post 10 in Hamtramck, MI (even though they didn't really take much time off during the summer) to commence the 2019-2020 dance year and their 60th Annual Spring Recital, which will be held in March 2020.

Even with school back in session, Gwiazda has several performances and appearances booked through the early fall and winter months. Be sure to sign up for Gwiazda's Facebook Group or follow us on Twitter: @PRCUA_Gwiazda for realtime updates.

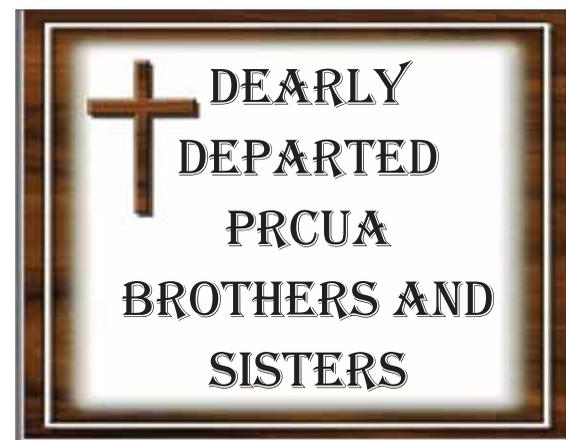
Submitted by Nicholas J. Nowakowski,
PRCUA Gwiazda Dancers Secretary & 1997 Alumnus



Gwiazda Dancers with Choreographer Basia Nowakowski at Dearborn Heights Moose Polish Night



Gwiazda Dancers at St. Isaac Jogues Summer Fest



Member	Society	State
Babinski, Blanche V.	1593	MI
Bara, Edwin J.	718	MI
Bieniek, Jerome A.	1617	OH
Binic, Edward	2248	OH
Bodi, Steven P.	2303	WI
Bognacki, Edward J.	160	NY
Bonk, Edward	1004	IL
Bozelka, Kenneth G.	1598	IL
Bush, Maritta	641	IL
Cantwell, Theresa	631	NY
Czerniak, Chester	2148	AZ
Dacey, Wanda	907	NJ
Disher, Sharon	1617	OH
Dynowski, Gary Matthew	124	OH
Dziura, Theresa J.	2019	NJ
Franecki, John	283	WI
Godawska, Jean	683	IL
Goff, Ann	2342	MI
Golaszewski, Lucian	20	NJ
Gravlin, Adele	162	MI
Gravlin, Ernest	162	MI
Hanusiak, Lukasz	1613	IL
Humenik, Leona	907	NJ
Jelen, Marion	145	IL
Kazmier, Zenobia J.	2148	OH
Kindle, Ronald J.	240	PA
Knurek, Helena	2132	OH
Kowalczyk, Marie A.	337	IN
Kuc, Stephanie C.	1491	MA
Lambur, Dorothy H.	2159	OH
Lechowski, Anna M.	347	IL
Lyon, Jr., Joseph G.	849 & 957	IL
Matakovich, Raymond	7	PA
Matuch, Eleanor S.	572	NJ
McClintock, Trevor W.	1368	MI
Moneskey, James J.	2248	OH
Novella, Frances	2003	PA
Nowak, Edward J.	980	MA
Nowak, Ladislava B.	549	MA
Olejnik Jr, Donald J.	1633	OH
Olszewski, Paul	237	PA
Osciak, Frank A.	549	MA
Plummer, Philip G.	227	OH
Poddubny, Mikolaj	2220	OH
Reimond, Johanna P.	237	PA
Richiski, Helen	841	CT
Roark, Harriet	413	IL
Rogers, James T.	2220	OH
Rosinski, Gregory A.	1493	MI
Roslan, Theodore	2109	OH
Rutkowski, Raymond	750	NY
Sadowski, Sharon M.	162	MI
Sledzinski, Francis E.	654	FL
Slottke, Virginia R.	817	WI
Staniszewski, Ted	712	NY
Terlop, Nicholas	2109	OH
Wasik, Nicholas A.	162	MI
Wisniewski, Jeanne	1413	MI
Wlosowicz, Mark	2220	OH
Wloszek, Joseph	2152	OH
Wojnarski, Frances	850	IN
Wolinski, Raymond	2109	OH
Wozniak, Cecelia	247	OH
Zatorski, Dorothy	413	OH

May they rest in eternal
peace



PAŹDZIERNIK

PAŹDZIERNIK MIESIĄCEM DZIEDICTWA 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.

5 ST. CLAIRE SHORES, MI – ZABAWA „SQUARE DANCE” Z ZESPOŁEM HALKA - sobota, 5 października w St. Germaine Grade School - Rev. James L. Bjorum Activity Centre, 28301 Little Mack w St. Clair Shores, MI. Drzwi otwarte o godz. 19:00, zabawa zacznie się o godz. 20:00. Tylko dla osób, które ukończyły 18 lat. Wstęp \$20 od osoby (w cenie poczęstunek i zabawa). Płatny bar i loteria w czasie wieczoru. Rezerwacje i dodatkowe informacje: Laura, tel. (586) 291-4486 lub lhejza@comcast.net.

14 DZIEŃ KOLUMBA - BIURO ZPRKA BEDZIE NIECZYNNE

18 WARREN, MI – „NOC NA WYŚCIGACH” Z ZESPOŁEM TANECZNYM „GWIAZDA”, piątek, 18 października, Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI. Drzwi otwarte o 18:00, obiad o 18:30. Wstęp - \$40 (tylko dla dorosłych - w cenie obiad i wino lub piwo). Liczne loterie i nagrody za najlepiej przystrojony kapelus. Muzyka taneczna. Kontakt: panijessica@hotmail.com lub (313) 682-3031. Dodatkowe informacje w angielskiej sekcji na str. 11

20 WARREN, MI – 40-LECIE ZAŁOŻENIA TOWARZYSTWA ŚW. JANA PAWŁA II, niedziela, 20 października. Msza św. 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.

27 WYANDOTTE, MI – WYSTAWA SAMOCHODÓW „TRUNK-OR-TREAT” TOW. #162, niedziela - 27 października na parkingu PRCUA Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI w godz. 15:00-17:00. Nagrody za najoryginalniej udekorowane samochody. Poczęstunek dla uczestników: parówki, popcorn, amerykańskie pączki i cydr. W celu zarejestrowania udziału swojego samochodu prosimy dzwonić do: Natalie, tel. (734) 778-1730 lub Chrisa, tel. (734) 671-936 lub zgłosić osobiście w PRCUA Lodge.

27 CLEVELAND, OH – SPOTKANIE Z CZŁONKAMI ZARZĄDU ZPRKA: PREZESEM ROBACZEWSKIM, WICEPREZES JAMIŃSKĄ I SEKRETARZEM-SKARBNIKIEM AGNIESZKĄ BASTRYK, niedziela, 27 października, St. Casimir Social Hall, 8233 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland, OH o godz. 12:30 (po mszy o godz. 11:30). Obiad - \$15 (75 członków ZPRKA, którzy pierwsi dokonają rezerwacji - wstęp gratis). Informacje i rezerwacje: dyrektor Dyr. #5 Mitchell Bienia, tel. (216) 281-2800 lub MitchBienia@gmail.com.

31 HALLOWEEN!

MADISON, IL - TOW. #1004 ZPRKA ZAPRASZA NA FISH FRY & TACOS - w każdy piątkowy wieczór od 4 października do 15 listopada - Polish Hall (Św. Stanisława #1004), 826 Greenwood Street, Madison, IL. W godz. od 17:00 do 20.00. Kanapka z dorsza - \$4, taco - \$2. Dostępne są również krewetki, smażone kawałki kurczaka, krążki cebulowe, frytki, sałatka z kapusty i napoje. Na miejscu lub na wynos. Śledź wszystkie nasze wydarzenia na Facebooku.com/Polish.Hall.Madison

LISTOPAD

1-2 WSZYSTKICH ŚWIĘTYCH I ZADUSZKI

4 CHICAGO, IL – KURS JĘZYKA POLSKIEGO DLA DOROSŁYCH rozpoczną się w poniedziałek 4 listopada o godz. 18.00 w sali konferencyjnej ZPRKA, 984 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL. Oplaty: gratis dla członków ZPRKA; osoby nie należące do ZPRKA - \$150. Zapisy: Fraternal-Department@PRCUA.org lub pod nr. tel. (773) 782-2636.

8-9 WARREN, MI – 3. KRAJOWY TURNIEJ SIATKÓWKI ZPRKA - TURNIEJ ZOSTAŁ ODWOŁANY

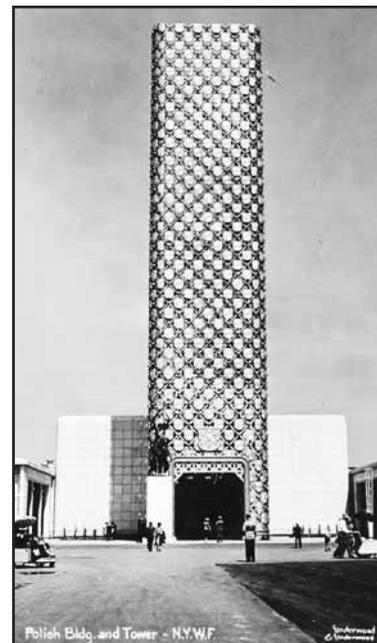
10 WYANDOTTE, MI – NIEDZIELA Z ZUPĄ TOW. #162 - niedziela, 10 listopada, od godziny 13:00, PRCUA Lounge, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI. \$5 za osobę - nieograniczone dolewki. Potrzebni są ochotnicy do ugotowania zup. Dodatkowe informacje: Stan Pasko, tel. (313) 815-5230.

11 DZIEŃ WETERANA (USA) / DZIEŃ NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI (POLSKA) – BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

23 HICKORY HILLS, IL – 47. BAL KOPCIUSZKA I KSIĘCIA GRUPY KULTURALNEJ DOROSŁYCH, sobota, 23 listopada, Bobak's Signature Events, 6440 Double Eagle Dr, Woodridge, IL. Godzina koktajlowa 18:30-19:30, kolacja o godzinie 19:30. Info: Vicky Kroplewski (708) 698-1505. Szczegóły na str. 24.

28-29 ŚWIĘTO DZIĘKCZYNIENIA – BIURO ZPRKA NIECZYNNE

80. ROCZNICA WYSTAWY ŚWIATOWEJ W NOWYM JORKU



Pawilon polski na wystawie w Nowym Jorku w 1939 r.

Jedną z największych wystaw światowych nazwaną „The World of Tomorrow”, czyli „Świat jutra” odbyła się w 1939 r. w Nowym Jorku. Obecnie świętujemy jej 80. rocznicę. Uroczystego otwarcia wystawy dokonano 30 kwietnia 1939, w 150. rocznicę inauguracji prezydenckiej George'a Washingtona na pierwszego prezydenta Stanów Zjednoczonych. Wystawa miała na celu zachęcenie i sprowadzenie krajowego i światowego biznesu do miasta, które powoli wychodziło z kryzysu ekonomicznego. Konceptcją wystawy był „Dawn of a New Day”, czyli „Świt nowego dnia”, która miała na celu zaprezentowanie nowych i futurystycznych produktów

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Państwa z całego świata zgłosiły chęć uczestnictwa w wystawie. Jednym z nich była Polska. Chcąc podkreślić 20. rocznicę niepodległości, uczcić 148. rocznicę podpisania polskiej konstytucji 3 maja 1791 r. oraz pokazać postęp, jaki kraj poczynił w ciągu dwudziestu lat, II Rzeczpospolita przygotowała wspólną wystawę. Wśród eksponatów znalazło się 200 ton przedmiotów takich jak eksponaty malarstwa historycznego i współczesnego, rzeźby, sztuka ludowa, gobeliny czy polska zbroja husarska. Zaprezentowano też eksponaty związane z projektem wnętrza, komunikacją, transportem, przemysłem, nauką, pomocą społeczną oraz ponad 200 najnowszych wynalazków. Restauracja i bar w pawilonie wzorowane były na XVI-wiecznej polskiej gospodzie, która serwowała różnorodne polskie potrawy, wina i alkohole.

Dnia 1 września 1939 r. nazistowskie Niemcy zaatakowały Polskę rozpoczynając II wojnę światową. Pawilon polski został tymczasowo zamknięty. III Rzesza nie uczestniczyła w wystawie natomiast pawilon Związku Radzieckiego został zamknięty i był zdemontowany po napadzie na Polskę w dniu 17 września 1939 r.

Wiosną 1940 r. motyw wystawy został zmieniony z „Budowanie świata jutra” na „Ku pokojowi i wolności”.

Polski pawilon został ponownie otwarty 3 maja 1940 r. Zmiany w eksponatach odzwierciedlały walkę o wolność. Każdego dnia o zmierzchu, nad zgłębkiem zwiedzających rozlegał się dźwięk trąbki granej na wieży polskiego pawilonu. Symboliczny alarm Hejnału Mariackiego, upamiętniającego śmierć trębacza krakowskiego, przypominał zwiedzającym o wojnie i niebezpieczeństwie w jakim znalazły się Polska i Europa.

Na znak żałoby, flaga polska w Sali Honorowej pawilonu została opuszczona do połowy masztu. W Sali Sztuki ustawiono fotografie zabytków sztuki zniszczonych przez działania wojenne. Polska, podobnie jak inne kraje pod kontrolą Osi, eksponowała swój pawilon z wielką dumą narodową. Po zamknięciu wystawy jesienią 1940 r., zdecydowano nie odsyłać eksponatów do nękaną wojną Polski. Eksponaty wypożyczone z polskich muzeów, archiwów i bibliotek zostały wysłane do polskiej ambasady w Waszyngtonie. Pozostałe eksponaty zostały wystawione na sprzedaż. Muzeum i Archiwum Zjednoczenia Polskiego Rzymsko-Katolickiego w Ameryce (obecnie Muzeum Polskie w Ameryce) zakupiło 70 procent eksponatów, które zostały przywiezione do Chicago, większość z nich znajduje się nadal w kolekcji MPA.

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



The Open Door Otwarte Drzwi

Micheline "Misia" Jaminski
Vice President ~ Wiceprezeska

Każda z pór roku ma swoje dobre i złe strony, wady i zalety. Jesień jednak niesie ze sobą wyjątkowy smak i zapach, i wcale nie mam tu na myśli smaku dyni. Dla mnie to jabłka Honeycrisp z Michigan, złote odcienie żółci, pomarańczy, brzozy i burgundy. Rześkie poranki oraz czule wszechogarniające nas ciepło jesiennego słońca. Wielu z nas (i to nie tylko tych urodzonych pomiędzy wrześniem a listopadem) myśli o sezonie jesiennym z wielkim sentymentem, niekoniecznie związanym z obchodami urodzin. Jesienią ze szczególną mocą ogarnia nas nostalgia, wracają wspomnienia z przeszłości, ale też radość z „nowego początku” jakim zwykle był dla nas start nowego roku szkolnego i wizja szybkiego dorastania do dorosłości. Te uczucia oczekiwania towarzyszą nam przez całe życie, a każda kolejna jesień uczy nas jak iść dalej. Tak jak zbliżające się Święto Dziękczynienia daje nam możliwość wyrażenia wdzięczności za nasze życie, jak Boże Narodzenie i Nowy Rok wprawiają nas w nastrój celebracji i zabawy... tak jesienią Matka Natura strącając liście z drzew pokazuje nam, by czynić w naszym życiu miejsce „na nowe”. Sprawdźmy więc co nowego czeka nas w ZPRKA w październiku.

Październik to Miesiąc Dziedzictwa Polsko-Amerykańskiego. Choć w 1981 roku Kongres pod naciskiem Michaela Blichasza, ówczesnego szefa Polsko-Amerykańskiego Centrum Kultury w Filadelfii i Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej, ustanowił te obchody na sierpień, zostały one jednak przesunięte na październik. Celem było uczczenie pierwszych polskich osadników i upamiętnienie śmierci polsko-amerykańskich bojowników o wolność Generała Kazimierza Pułaskiego oraz Tadeusza Kościuszki. Zmiana na październik dała również szkołom możliwość celebracji kultury ludzi, którzy mieli istotny wpływ na kształtowanie tego kraju, bez względu na to czy mieli polskie korzenie czy też nie. Pozwólcie, że przy tej okazji pozwolę sobie na krótką lekcję historii (cytowaną przez National Today): W 1608 roku pierwsza fala polskich imigrantów przybyła do kolonii Jamestown. W 1619 r., pierwsze związki zawodowe Nowego Świata zorganizowały protest, gdy polskim kolonistom odmówiono prawa do głosowania. W 1854 roku, pierwsi polscy imigranci, Słazacy przybyli do Teksasu z części Polski pod zaborem Pruskim, stworzyli społeczność rolniczą, która celebrowała polskie tradycje, zwyczaje i język ojczysty. Pod koniec wojny francusko-pruskiej, w 1870 roku do Ameryki przybyła największa grupa imigrantów z ziem polskich okupowanych przez Prusy. W 1873 roku, grupa wpływowych Amerykanów polskiego pochodzenia, włączając w to Wincentego Barzyńskiego, proboszcza z Chicago oraz ojca Leopolda Moczygembę, twórcę polskiej osady w Panna Maria w Teksasie, powołali do życia Zjednoczenie Polskie Rzymsko-Katolickie w Ameryce. W tym miesiącu obchodzimy 146-tą rocznicę powstania naszej organizacji. Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji „urodzin” ZPRKA oraz obchodów październik jako Miesiąca Dziedzictwa. Po więcej informacji dotyczących najbliższych wydarzeń w Waszym Dystrykcie ZPRKA odsyłam Was do kalendarza zamieszczonego w tym wydaniu „Narodu Polskiego”.

Wracając do wydarzeń minionego miesiąca, chciałabym przede wszystkim wspomnieć o 80. rocznicy wybuchu II Wojny Światowej, która była najbardziej tragiczną w skutkach wojną w historii, i w którą zaangażowanych było ponad 30 państw. Wywołana w 1939 roku inwazją Nazistów na Polskę wojna trwała krwawych sześć lat aż do momentu pokonania przez sojuszników w 1945 roku nazistowskich Niemiec i Japonii. 3 września 2019 roku Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago upamiętnił rocznicę wybuchu II Wojny Światowej specjalną wystawą poświęconą tamtym wydarzeniom, na otwarcie której zaprosił liderów organizacji polonijnych i przyjaciół Polonii. Ekspozycja pod hasłem „Walczący i cierpiący. Polacy podczas II Wojny Światowej” została zaprezentowana w holu Thompson R. Center w samym sercu Chicago. Program wernisazu obejmował słowo wstępne Konsula Generalnego Piotra Janickiego, refleksję wicegubernator Illinois Juliany Stratton i oficjalne



L-p: Konsul Generalny RP Piotr Janicki, prezes ZPRKA James Robaczewski, wicegubernator Juliana Stratton, wiceprezes ZPRKA Micheline Jaminski, sekretarz-skarbnik ZPRKA Agnieszka Bastrzyk, dyrektor Dystryktu #7 ZPRKA Joanna Cholewiński, dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Magorzata Kot, b. wiceprezes ZPRKA Anna Sokolowski

Początek września wiąże się zwykle z obchodami święta Labor Day, długim weekendem i festiwalem „Taste of Polonia”. Cztery dni, cztery sceny muzyczne, wielkie święto polskiej muzyki, kultury, kuchni i smaku w północnej części Chicago wykorzystaliśmy do promocji naszej organizacji. Na specjalnie zorganizowanym stanowisku ZPRKA dyżurowali przez cały weekend nasi pracownicy i członkowie: Ewa Cholewiński (dyr. Dystryktu 7), Ela Sawczuk (dyr. Działu Marketingu), Robert Fattore (dyr. Działu Sprzedaży), Mateusz Bomba (koordynator Działu Braterstwa) oraz pracownicy biura głównego: Emily Kurda, Jolanta Sokolowski, Mark Sorbi, Pamela Tuytens oraz Fred Tuytens.

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barwaniami się mieni,
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z tej kolej jesieni.

ZPRKA było obecne na szeregu i n n y c h wrześniowych imprez. Byliśmy m.in. w Hamtramck (MI) na Paradzie z okazji Labor Day, w której uczestniczyli członkowie grup tanecznych ZPRKA



Przedstawiciele ZPRKA na festiwalu w Michigan City (l-p: Oliver Wilgocki, Agata Wilgocki, Beth Sadus, Grace Bazylewski oraz Bożena Matson

z Michigan. Dyrektor Dystryktu 3 ZPRKA Jordan Dykla reprezentował nas podczas Polsko-Amerykańskiego Festiwalu Rodzinnego w Doylestown w Pensylwanii, gdzie zabawa trwała przez pierwsze dwa weekendy września. Nie obyło się też bez zmian w kalendarzu naszych wydarzeń. W niedzielny poranek, 8 września z bólem serca zmuszeni byliśmy odwołać tegoroczne Derby Wędkarskie ZPRKA organizowane przez Dystrykt 7 i Mateusza Bombę nad Busse Lake w Arlington Heights. Nasze plany pokrzyżowała deszczowa aura i na wspólne wędkowanie musimy poczekać do przyszłego roku. Tydzień później, 15 września, sekretarz-skarbnik Agnieszka Bastrzyk uczestniczyła w obchodach 80. rocznicy istnienia Legionu Młodych Polek. Uroczysty bankiet pod hasłem „Women with a Cause”, zorganizowano na Uniwersytecie Loyola, na terenie kampusu Lakeshore. Serdeczne gratulacje rocznicowe składałam w imieniu ZPRKA na ręce obecnej prezki organizacji Pani Barbary Ciepiela oraz dla przewodniczącej Marii Cieśli.

W ten sam weekend prezes ZPRKA James Robaczewski, ja wraz z mężem Richardem oraz dyrektorzy Dystryktów 8, 9, 10 Mirek Cisło, Elizabeth Sadus oraz Colleen Bonkowski reprezentowaliśmy naszą organizację podczas 8. edycji Festiwalu Dziedzictwa Polskiego w Michigan City w Indiana. To tradycyjne miejsce dorocznego występu założonego przeze mnie, a prowadzonego przez Richarda Jamińskiego zespołu „Wesoły Lud”. Tym razem spotkała nas tam wyjątkowa niespodzianka. Zostaliśmy oboje uhonorowani wyróżnieniem „Abasadorowie Roku 2019” za zasługi dla pomocy kultury polskiej poprzez taniec i śpiew. Nagrodę tą wyeksponowaliśmy z wielką dumą w centralnym punkcie naszego domu, zaraz pod Złotym Medalem otrzymanym podczas tegorocznego Świątecznego Festiwalu Polonijnych Zespołów Folklorystycznych w Rzeszowie. Za wyróżnienie otrzymane w Michigan City serdecznie dziękujemy organizatorom festiwalu: Margaret Picur, Markowi Kolaska oraz Eugene Tilisz. Dziękuję także Agacie Wilgocki (pracownicy Działu Marketingu ZPRKA oraz kierownik artystyczny i choreograf kółka tanecznego „Mała Polska” przy Polskiej Szkole im. św. R. Kalinowskiego w Munster, IN), Beth Sadus (dyrektor Dystryktu 9) oraz Grace Bazylewski za organizację stanowiska ZPRKA podczas tej imprezy.

Trwają przygotowania do 48-go Balu Kopciuszka i Księcia organizowanego przez Kulturalną Grupę Dorosłych ZPRKA. W niedzielę, 22 września organizatorzy spotkali się z tegorocznymi kandydatkami i kandydatami do tytułów przyznawanych podczas balu. W tym roku zarejestrowano rekordową liczbę około 30-stu chętnych do udziału w wydarzeniu, podczas którego Grupa Kulturalna Dorosłych (prowadzona przez Edwarda Muszalskiego) przyznaje stypendia naukowe. Tym razem, na ten przepiękny bal zapraszamy Państwa 23 listopada do Bobak's Signature Events w Woodridge, IL. Wszelkie informacje dotyczące sprzedaży biletów dostępne są u prezesa grupy E. Muszalskiego oraz sekretarza grupy Elizabeth Dynowski.

Zjednoczenie patronowało w minionym miesiącu wielkiemu sportowemu wydarzeniu, które miało miejsce 22 września na stadionie SeatGeek w Bridgeview. Towarzyski mecz piłki nożnej Soccer Legends Cup, rozegrany pomiędzy drużyną legend polskiej piłki nożnej a reprezentacją Brazylii zgromadził ok. 6 tysięcy kibiców. Mimo, że deszcz utrudnił grę i z pewnością przyczynił się do jedynie remisowego wyniku spotkania (3:3) cieszymy się, że mogliśmy być częścią tej ciekawej imprezy.

Pod koniec miesiąca (23-25 września) prezes ZPRKA James Robaczewski uczestniczył w szczyście American Fraternal Alliance w Waszyngtonie D.C. Było to spotkanie liderów organizacji braterskich, których jednoczą obecnie wspólne działania mające na celu podtrzymanie misji naszych organizacji. W szczyście udział wzięło 40-ci z 56-ciu istniejących organizacji bratniej pomocy zrzeszonych w American Fraternal Alliance.

W atmosferze towarzyskiego spotkania rozmawiano o nowościach prawnych, strategiach rozwoju i zaangażowania członków oraz o wizji przyszłości organizacji pomocy braterskiej w świetle wyborów 2020. Kulminacyjnym punktem szczytu było spotkanie na Kapitolu z ustawodawcami reprezentującymi w Waszyngtonie stan Illinois.

W tym miejscu chciałabym złożyć wyrazy uznania i gratulacje Małgorzacie Kot, dyrektor zarządzającej Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce, za nadany jej przez prezydenta RP Andrzeja Dudę, Medal Stulecia Odzyskania Niepodległości. Wyróżnienie to Małgorzata Kot odebrała podczas XX Powszechnego Zjazdu Historyków Polskich zorganizowanego na Katolickim Uniwersytecie Lubelskim Jana Pawła II. Dyrektor Muzeum Polskiego w Ameryce we wrześniu



Dyrektor wykonawczy MPA Małgorzata Kot (pierwsza z prawej) w czasie uroczystości wręczenia Medalu Stulecia Odzyskania Niepodległości

ubezpieczenia na życie. To faktycznie zabezpieczenie Waszych najbliższych na przyszłość. Okazanie im, że Wasza troska o rodzinę nigdy się nie skończy. Nigdy też nie jest za późno, by pomyśleć o ubezpieczeniu na życie, choć oczywiście im wcześniej tym lepiej. Pamiętajcie, że im przybywa nam lat i dolegliwości - płacimy drożej.



Adeline Lech na Dożynkach w Yorba Linda, Ca

Dyr. Dystryktu #6 Andrew Lech z żoną Patty i córeczkami na Dożynkach

Tegoroczny sezon letnich festiwali dobiegł końca. Uwieńczyliśmy go udziałem w Dożynkach zorganizowanych po raz 41-szy przez Centrum Polskie św. Jana Pawła II w Yorba Linda, CA. W dwudniowym festiwalu Zjednoczenie reprezentował dyrektor Dystryktu #6 Andrew Lech ze swoją rodziną: żoną Patty i córeczkami Adeline oraz Sophie Marie. Centrum św. Jana Pawła II w Yorba Linda wraz z przylegającym doń kościołem, to tętniący życiem i stale rozwijający się ośrodek kulturalno-duchowy dla Polaków i Amerykanów polskiego pochodzenia żyjących w południowej Kalifornii. Tworzy go obecnie ok. 1700 rodzin, a ich liczba ciągle się



Mila Turkiewicz na senie w Portland, OR

powiększa. Jedną z trwałych tradycji polskiej społeczności w Orange County jest kontynuacja starego polskiego zwyczaju świętowania zbiorów upraw (dożynki) w miesiącach jesiennych. Tradycyjne Dożynki w Yorba Linda mają bogaty program artystyczny, który rozpoczął się w sobotę 21 września od polskich tańców ludowych i występów wokalnych, a skończył się w niedzielę, 22 września procesją, w której robotnicy ziemscy prezentowali „dary ziemi” po udanych zbiorach. Jedną z atrakcji festiwalu była serwowana w trakcie imprezy pyszna, autentyczna polska kuchnia. Festiwal odwiedza zwykle ok. 5000 osób. Bardzo się cieszymy, że i my mogliśmy towarzyszyć Polonusom w Kalifornii, w trakcie tegorocznych Dożynek.

Członkowie ZPRKA Michael i Mila Turkiewicz reprezentowali naszą organizację podczas Polskiego Festiwalu w Portland w stanie Oregon. Wielki zachwyt publiczności i mojej wnuczki Mili wzbudził występ folklorystycznego zespołu „Lajkonik” z Tucson w Arizonie. Mila wpatrywała się z zaciekawieniem w ludowe płasy, a gdy poproszono publiczność na scenę ... zgadnijcie



Urodzinowe wspomnienia: z zespołem „Wesoły Lud”, sekretarz-skabrnik Agnieszką Bastrzyk i prezesem Jamesem Robaczewskim, wnuczkami Arianą i Milą, Conradem Więcek, dyrektorem D-7 Joanną Cholewinski i pracownikami działu marketingu - Anne Moschopoulos, Elżbietą Sawczuk i Lisą Terlecki

mojego asystenta Conrada Więcek za zorganizowanie mi przyjęcia urodzinowego i codzienną współpracę. Conrad! Jesteś niezastąpiony!

I jeszcze jedno: moich Drogich Czytelników proszę o poradę. Czy chcecie nadal czytać moje artykuły w języku polskim? Zastanawiam się nad publikowaniem jedynie po angielsku, ale zanim podejmę decyzję chciałabym poznać Waszą opinię. Piszcie na micheline-jaminski@prcu.org.

Informacja dotycząca głosowania w wyborach do Sejmu i Senatu RP w stanach Illinois Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri i Wisconsin w sobotę, 12 października 2019 r. w godz. 7.00-21.00 czasu miejscowego

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago informuje, że we wtorek 17 września 2019 r. rozpoczęła się rejestracja wyborców do głosowania za granicą w wyborach do Sejmu RP i Senatu RP w 2019 r. **ELEKTRONICZNA REJESTRACJA WYBORCÓW:** <https://ewybory.msz.gov.pl>

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Głosowanie odbędzie się w sobotę, 12 października 2019 r. w godz. 7.00-21.00.

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6	\$246.80	\$220.30	6	\$453.60	\$400.60	6	\$644.50	\$566.80
7	\$253.50	\$226.00	7	\$467.00	\$412.00	7	\$664.30	\$583.60
8	\$260.50	\$231.80	8	\$481.00	\$423.60	8	\$684.70	\$600.70
9	\$267.80	\$238.00	9	\$495.60	\$436.00	9	\$705.70	\$618.70
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18	\$342.20	\$303.30	18	\$644.40	\$566.60	18	\$923.50	\$809.80

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Ś.P. por. Filip Ożarowski 1922-2019

Konsulat Generalny RP w Chicago z głębokim żalem i smutkiem przyjął wiadomość o śmierci w dniu 13 września 2019 r. porucznika Filipa Ożarowskiego ps. „Mietlica”, weterana II wojny światowej, ostatniego żyjącego w Stanach Zjednoczonych żołnierza 27. Wołyńskiej Dywizji Piechoty Armii Krajowej i naocznego świadka polskiej gehenny na Wołyniu. Porucznik Ożarowski ur. się w Zasmykach koło Kowla 31 kwietnia 1922 r. Po wybuchu wojny był żołnierzem samoobrony na Wołyniu i oddziału partyzanckiego pod dowództwem porucznika Władysława Czerwińskiego ps. Jastrząb”, a następnie 27. Wołyńskiej Dywizji Piechoty Armii Krajowej. Był członkiem honorowym Związku Żołnierzy Narodowych Sił Zbrojnych w Chicago. Zmarły jest autorem książek wydawanych w jęz. polskim i angielskim: „Gdy płonął Wołyn” i „Wołyn a flame” i „Wołyńska Grenada”.

Uroczystości pogrzebowe porucznika Filipa Ożarowskiego odbyły się w sobotę, 21 września 2019.

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Papieska Msza Św. i Jubileuszowy Bankiet z okazji 40-lecia historycznej wizyty Św. Jana Pawła II w parafii Pięciu Braci Męczenników w Chicago

Wspólnota kościoła Pięciu Braci Męczenników serdecznie zaprasza całą Polonię na uroczystości związane z 40. rocznicą historycznej wizyty Ojca Świętego Jana Pawła II i Mszy św. sprawowanej za Polonię.

W dniu 6 października o godz. 13:00, przy Ołtarzu Papieskim będzie koncelebrowana Msza św. prowadzona przez ks. Bpa Roberta Casey z udziałem wielu księży. Po mszy św. i błogławieństwie relikwiami Św. Jana Pawła II, wszyscy są proszeni na poczęstunek do Sali Bpa. Abramowicza, gdzie będzie można obejrzeć zdjęcia z wizyty Ojca Św. w dniu 5 października 1979 roku.

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Medicare jest programem ubezpieczeniowym na zdrowie dedykowanym osobom z uregulowanym statusem imigracyjnym, spełniającym określone warunki historii zawodowej oraz osobom, które:

- Ukończyły 65 lat lub więcej
- Poniżej 65 roku życia Medicare przysługuje osobom przebywającym na rencie inwalidzkiej (disability) przez okres co najmniej 24 miesięcy
- Osobom w końcowym stadium choroby nerek (ESRD)

Odrobina Historii

Ustawa o Medicare została podpisana w roku 1965. Program ten jest administrowany przez Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), która jest częścią Ministerstwa Opieki Społecznej - Department of Human Services (DHS).

Karty identyfikacyjne

Każda osoba posiadająca Medicare otrzymuje papierową kartę identyfikacyjną formatu karty Social Security. Karta ta zawiera podstawowe informacje łącznie z imieniem i nazwiskiem, numerem beneficjenta oraz datę wejścia w życie Part A i/lub Part B. Karta ta jest w kolorze białym z czerwonym i niebieskim akcentem.

Ważna informacja! Wszystkie osoby, które weszły w Medicare przed kwietniem 2018 roku otrzymały nowe karty, które zastąpią ich dotychczasowy dokument. Zamieniony jest tam ich stary numer identyfikacyjny składający się częściowo z ich numeru Social Security na unikalny, 11 cyfrowy numer, składający się z liter i cyfr.

Ważnym jest tutaj fakt, że starymi kartami beneficjenci mogą się posługiwać tylko **do końca 2019 roku**. Każda osoba, która do tej pory nie otrzymała nowej karty powinna jak najszybciej skontaktować się z biurem Social Security lub zadzwonić na 1-800-MEDICARE w celu zamówienia nowego dokumentu.



Zmiana kart Medicare ma na celu zabezpieczenie danych osobowych seniorów przed ich wykorzystaniem przez osoby trzecie, bez zgody właściciela, w innych celach niż świadczenia Medicare.

Po otrzymaniu karty beneficjent powinien natychmiast zacząć używać nowej karty w celu uzyskiwania świadczeń zdrowotnych.

Stara karta, zawierająca stary numer identyfikacyjny częściowo składający się z numeru Social Security powinna być zniszczona.

Podstawowe części składowe Medicare

- Part A – koszty szpitalne
- Part B – koszty medyczne
- Part C – plany zdrowotne Medicare (Plany Medicare Advantage muszą pokrywać co najmniej benefity Part A i Part B)
- Part D – zniżkowe plany na leki na receptę
- Part E – dodatkowe przepisy dotyczące między innymi planów pokrywających Medigap

Kilka szczegółów dotyczących poszczególnych części Medicare

Oryginalne Medicare (ma dwie części – Part A i Part B)

Part A – Szpital, Skilled Nursing facility (ośrodek opieki specjalistycznej), hospicjum, opieka domowa

Part B – Usługi pozaszpitalne świadczone przez lekarzy, terapeutów, usługi laboratoryjne i inne usługi medyczne

Part C – Medicare Advantage (Plany Medicare Advantage muszą pokrywać przynajmniej Part A i Part B Medicare)

- HMO (niektóre plany zawierają part D)
- PPO (niektóre plany zawierają part D)
- Prywatne Plany Fee-for-Service (plan te czasem zawierają part D Medicare, aczkolwiek nie są do tego zobligowane)

- Plany dla Osób o Specjalnych Potrzebach - Special Needs Plans (wszystkie SNP's zawierają part D)
- Medyczne Plany z Kontem Oszczędnościowym - Medical Savings Account Plans (MSA) (nie zawierają Part D)
- Plany oferowane przez pracodawcę lub Plany oferowane przez Związki Zawodowe

Part D – Plany zniżkowe na leki na receptę

- Samodzielne plany zniżkowe na leki na receptę (PDP)
- Plany oferowane jako element planów zdrowotnych Medicare (np. MAPD)

Zbliżamy się do najważniejszego okresu w roku, w życiu posiadacza **Medicare** – Corocznego Okresu Zapisowego – Annual Enrollment Period (**AEP**). Trwa on co roku między 15 października, a 7 grudnia.

W okresie tym posiadacz Medicare ma możliwość dostosowania dodatków do Medicare w taki sposób, by na podstawie obecnych dostępnych informacji dostosować dodatki na następny rok kalendarzowy do swoich potrzeb.

Po pierwsze, mamy okazję dobrania odpowiedniego planu zniżkowego na leki na receptę – część D do własnych potrzeb na następny rok kalendarzowy tak, by koszty leków zażywanych regularnie były jak najniższe.

Po drugie, mamy okazję wyboru dodatku pokrycia medycznego pomiędzy Medicare Supplement, a Medicare Advantage tak by ograniczyć Państwa koszty korzystania i opłaty miesięcznej.

Po trzecie, możemy zweryfikować i dostosować plan Medicare Advantage dla obecnego posiadacza tego typu planu na nowy rok tak, by dostosować go do jego bieżącej sytuacji zdrowotnej i świadczeń oferowanych przez plany typu Medicare Advantage na następny rok kalendarzowy, w jego miejscu zamieszkania.



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W roku 2019, nazwanym rokiem Moniuszki, obchodzimy 200. rocznicę urodzin Stanisława Moniuszki, najwybitniejszego polskiego kompozytora okresu romantyzmu, dyrygenta i pedagoga. Moniuszko był autorem ponad 268 pieśni (najbardziej popularna jest Prząśniczka) oraz wielu oper, operetek i baletów. Nazywany jest ojcem polskiej opery narodowej. Jego najślynniejsze dzieła to opery Halka i Straszny Dwór. Tworzył muzykę o charakterze narodowym, wplatając w swoje kompozycje elementy polskiego folkloru (melodie i tańce ludowe) oraz wykorzystując utwory polskich poetów (m.in. Jana Kochanowskiego czy Adama Mickiewicza).

Stanisław Moniuszko urodził się 5 maja 1819 roku w Ubielu, na Białorusi. Rycina autorstwa Napoleona Ordy, wybrana do dorocznego Konkursu Rysunkowego ZPRKA z okazji Miesiąca Dziedzictwa Polsko-Amerykańskiego, przedstawia rodzinny Dwór Moniuszków, w którym urodził się ten wybitny polski kompozytor.

TERMIN: Prace konkursowe muszą być nadesłane do biura ZPRKA nie później niż do piątku, 1 listopada 2019 r.

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