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## Special Convention Held

Polish Union USA held a Special Convention at Ramada Plaza Hotel, 20 Public Square in Wilkes Barre, PA. Sunday March 21, 2010 was a major milestone in the history of Polish Union USA because it was the first time a "Special Convention" convened and a Merger process was voted on to partner with another Fraternal.

The Convention was "Special" because our Board found it necessary to convene before the regularly scheduled Convention. Just two items were on the agenda and Delegates eligible for participation were those who served at the 2006 regular Convention. President Rose Wartko chaired the Convention and 51 delegates were present to vote. The first item of business was the vote on having the Grand Council of Pennsylvania Catholic Beneficial League merge with the Polish Union of the U.S. of N.A. Details of the merger agreement had been sent to all Delegates and, after discussion, they voted unanimously to approve the merger.

The second item of business was the proposed Constitution and By-Law changes which were deemed necessary prior to the regular Convention scheduled for September 2010. All matters of business were successfully concluded after discussion and deliberation by the Delegates. Specific details will be published after approval by the PA Insurance Department.

When the business session was completed, General Secretary Androckitis gave a brief report on Polish Union activities, asking those present to sign up new members and requested for them to consider donations to the Polish Union Tree of Knowledge scholarship fund.

The delegation enjoyed dinner prior to leaving the assembly and preliminary reports indicate that all were pleased with the meal and the facilities in general. The Quadrennial Convention in September 2010 will also be held in the Ramada.

*Photos from the Special Convention are found on page six.*



**Ladies of the Polish Union sparkle at the 60th annual Kosciuszko Scholarship Ball held at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, W.-B., PA.**  
**Pictured left to right: Helen Kopack, Karen Bednarski, Jozia Zuba and Genevieve Witkowski.**  
**Guests enjoyed gourmet dining and danced to the music of the George Tarasek Orchestra. Committee members and their friends entertained all by performing the traditional Polonaise.**

## You Could Be Our Miss Polish Union for 2010

The Polish Union of USA, extends an invitation to any female member, between the ages of 15-19, to participate in becoming our new "Miss Polish Union" 2010-2011.

This is a great opportunity to meet people and attend interesting events throughout the reign. "Miss Polish Union" is the organization's representative at various activities, including, but not limited to, Parades, the Wafer Supper "Wigilia", St. Joseph's Dinner, the Children's Easter, Christmas and Halloween Parties as well as other activities.

If you are interested, please submit the application found on our website: [www.PolishUnionUSA.com](http://www.PolishUnionUSA.com) with some background information about yourself and a recent 8" X 10" photo to: Polish Union of

USA by September 1, 2010.

If there are any questions that you may have, please feel free to contact the home office at (570) 823-1611 or email Chairperson Sheri Pudlosky-Brierley at [psusp@verizon.net](mailto:psusp@verizon.net) or contact her after 5:00 p.m. at (610) 517-5505.

This year's crowning of "Miss Polish Union" and her court will take place in November 2010. The exact date, time and location are still being finalized.

Thank you in advance for your interest. I know this event will be one that you will always remember.

**Sheri Pudlosky-Brierley**  
**2010-2011 Ms. Polish Union Chairperson**

## Debutantes Introduced at 31st Annual Debutante Ball

The Polish Union of USA hosted its 31st Annual Debutante Ball on November 7th, 2009 at Genetti Manor, Dickson City. There were six Debutantes that participated in the magical affair. With 182 attendees, the evening was a great success. "I would like to thank all of the participants for coming out to be a part of this year's Debutante Ball", said the chairperson, Emily Huber. "The event wouldn't be possible without the support we received from the community and local businesses. The Debutantes looked absolutely stunning tonight, and it was my pleasure to host such a memorable occasion in their honor." A special thank-you goes out to Elaine Larronde and Deborah Osborne who gave the live presentation of the Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship Fund that evening. Debutante, Miss Leigh Anne Machowski, proudly accepted the scholarship.

Meet Miss **Alexandra Heck** from Plains, PA. Alexandra is the daughter of Rick and Sheila Heck. She is currently in 10th grade at Holy Redeemer. Christian Choman of Hanover Township, PA escorted Alexandra that evening.



Meet Miss **Leigh Ann Machowski** from Mountain Top, PA. Leigh Ann is the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Machowski. She currently is in the 11th grade at Crestwood High School. Leigh Ann was the 1st runner up of the 2009 Miss Polish Union contest. Jason Bender of Mountain Top, PA escorted Leigh Ann that evening.



Meet Miss **Heather Perkowski** from Nanticoke, PA. Heather is the daughter of Robert and Jacqueline Perkowski. She is currently in 10th grade at Greater Nanticoke Area High School. Joshua Youngcourt of Nanticoke, PA escorted Heather that evening.



evening.

Meet Miss **Abby Wasiakowski** of Mountain Top, PA. Abby is the daughter of Bernard and Barbara Wasiakowski. Abby is currently in 11th grade at Crestwood High School. Jason Hunter of Mountain Top, PA escorted Abby that

Meet Miss **Sarah Beth Kolodziej** of Wilkes-Barre, PA. Sarah Beth is the daughter of Mark Noel and Carol Kolodziej. She is currently in 11th grade at Holy Redeemer. Steve Skiro of Hanover Township, PA escorted Sarah Beth that evening.



Meet Miss **Olga Opshinsky** of Dalton, PA. Olga is the daughter of Frank and Rose Opshinsky. She is currently in 9th grade at Scranton Prep. Alex Simrell of Scranton, PA escorted Olga that evening.

## We're Financially Healthy

The Actuarial Review of the Polish Union of USA for the year ended 2009 showed a surplus of \$1,134,987. A very good thing in these difficult economic times.

The report further shows that our ratio of assets to liabilities is 117.02% which means that for every dollar we will have to pay, we would still have seventeen cents left over.

You can feel safe and secure knowing that you and your family are insured and protected by the Polish Union of USA. Contact us to find out even more ways we can provide you with safe, affordable financial protection.



# Our 2009 Valuation Report

## CPS Actuaries

March 3, 2010

Polish Union of the United States of North America  
53-59 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 660  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-0660

Gentlemen:

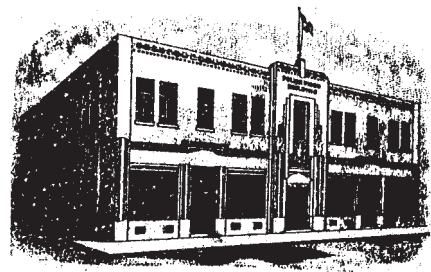
This will certify that we have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Society as of December 31, 2009, according to the schedules of insurance submitted to us, and have found the reserves to be as follows:

01 CSO 4%	\$ 29,929
41 CSO 3 %	910,107
80 CET 4 %	1,695
80 CET 4.5 %	118,032
80 CSO 4 %	115,567
80 CSO 4.5 %	2,125,132
80 CSO 5 %	655,088
80 CSO 5.5 %	423,632
AE 3 %	590,714
AM 3 %	847,133
AM(5) 3 %	118,951
Unearned Premium Reserve	31,420
Adjustment for 1st of Month Dating	9,552
For AIDS Risk	5,900
Immediate Payment of Claims Reserve	117,102
Deficient Premiums Reserve	1,204
on-deduction of deferred fractional premiums	11,031
Asset adequacy analysis	150,000
Reinsurance Credit	-
Total Life Reserve	\$ 6,262,189
Reserve for Accident & Health Certificates	-
Total Reserve	\$ 6,262,189

The Society’s valuation indicates that on the bases specified above, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society’s 2009 annual statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a surplus of \$1,134,987 (or 17.02%) above the statutory standards.

Ratios of assets to liabilities: 2009-117.02%; 2008-119.92%; 2007-136.93%; 2006-134.64%; 2005-139.52%.

Sincerely,  
Allan Ferrone, FSA, MAAA  
Actuary



Home Office of the Polish Union of U.S.A., Downtown, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*The beautifully designed edifice was dedicated in 1938. the lower floor contains a two-room auditorium. Business offices and board room are located on the second floor. there are many designs on the exterior and interior of the building which refers to the fraternal’s ethnic heritage.*

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# The Importance of Life Insurance

In spite of the bad weather we had the past few weeks, I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. I know were all waiting for warmer weather, for graduations, weddings, and a new baby to be born. Have you decided to consider signing a new member in the Polish Union, or maybe to increase your own life insurance while your in good health.

By becoming a member of the Polish Union, you are insuring your life for that day when all will cease to exist. Many people buy life insurance to replace income if the head of the household should die unexpectedly. Others buy life insurance to cover medical expenses, funeral cost, the cost of a funeral is over \$7,000.00, and other expenses.

You, as a member of Polish Union, can do your family and friends a great favor by enrolling them as a member of Polish Union. And, remember Polish Union rates are economical. The only way a member can really take advantage of all our fraternal benefits is by participating in all of our activities. We have the scholarship program, the children’s Easter, Halloween, and Christmas parties, family picnic, craft course, St. Joseph’s Dinner, Miss Polish Union, and the highlight of the year, the Debutante Ball. The Polish Union has insurance plans to fit the needs of every family member and that is why I’m encouraging you to enroll your children.

All of us can do our part as a member by making an effort to enroll your family and friends to our organization, the Polish Union. Since grandparents have an insurable interest in their grandchildren, why not purchase life insurance for them. Why not consider one of our popular Single Premium Life or a Three Payment Life Plan? The first, with one payment, the policy is fully paid up. The Three Payment Life Plan, the premium is spread over three annual payments.

Parents and Grandparents, this is a good



President’s  
Desk



ROSE A. WARTKO

time to check if all of your children and grandchildren are members of the Polish Union. If so, do they have enough life insurance? Did you know that Polish Union has increased the scholarship aid program to students attending college this year? A student must be a member of Polish Union for five years to receive \$200.00 a year and must have \$5,000.00 of life insurance and to receive \$300.00 a year, the student must have \$7,500.00of life insurance and to receive \$400.00 a year, the student must have \$10,000.00 life insurance and a student that has \$20,000.00 and over life insurance will receive \$800.00 a year. If your children are not members of Polish Union, now is the time to enroll them or purchase additional insurance. Life insurance is one of the ways a parent can demonstrate love to a family member.

Have you updated your policy lately? Did you check the beneficiary on your insurance policy? Did you get married lately—do you need to change your name on the policy—have you moved and need to change your address with us? If any of the above questions is a yes, please contact your group secretary or call Polish Union Office at (570) 823-1611 and Chris or Linda will be glad to help you. Thank you.

Happy Mothers Day  
Happy Fathers Day

## Malak Receives Award



Jeffrey J. Malak, General Counsel of the Polish Union, recently received the 40 under 40 award for 2010. This award is presented each year by the Times Leader Newspaper to those successful individuals who have excelled in their professions and in their communities as well.

Pictured at left at the Award Dinner are: Attorney Malak standing being congratulated by his parents Sylvia and Paul Malak.

## In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the families of recently deceased members of Polish Union of U.S.A.

Group	Member	State
206	Franciszek Roszka	PA
401	Regina Reeves	OH
182	Maryanna Kowalski	PA
197	Mary A. Zawadzki	PA
401	Emily Adamkiewicz	NY
73	Josephine Trenell	PA
189	N.J. Molski	PA
230	Helen Hyerczyk	IL
206	Janet Kovach	PA
321	Helena Yezefska	NJ
74	John W. Sulcoski	PA
180	Genowefa Szubrowski	NJ
74	Louis Garbacik	PA
258	Dennis Schubert	IL
138	Jozef Hajduk	PA
405	Martha Valance	CO
163	Irene B. Dembosky	PA
51	Jozef Sopka	OH
258	Dolores Emerick	IL
155	Czeslaw Zdrodowski	NJ

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May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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A Mass for deceased members is celebrated monthly by Chaplain Rev. Patrick L. Albert

“You can’t stay mad at anyone who makes you laugh.”  
—Jay Leno

## On Mother’s Day To All Our Moms



It Takes a Mother’s Love to Make a House a Home—  
A Place To Be Remembered No Matter Where We Roam.

It Takes a Mother’s Patience To Bring A Child Up Right

And Her Courage And Her Cheerfulness To Make a Dark Day Bright

It Takes A Mother’s Wisdom To Recognize Our Needs.

And To Give Us Reassurance By Her Loving Words and Deeds.

And That Is Why, In All This World, there Could Not Be Another

Who Could FulFill God’s Purpose as Completely As A Mother



# Young Members: Apply Now For Henry J. Dende Scholarship Grants 2010-2011

Additions/Changes Have Been Made  
Please Read Thoroughly

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be a qualified insured member of the Polish Union of U.S.A. in good standing (paid up to date) for a Minimum of Five (5) years and Presently Carry a Minimum of \$5,000.00 of Polish Union of U.S.A. Permanent Life Insurance (excludes term insurance). If All Eligibility Requirements are met and fulfilled:

Approved applicants with between \$5,000 and \$7,499 of insurance will receive a grant of \$200.00  
Approved applicants with between \$7,500 and \$9,999 of insurance will receive a grant of \$300.00  
Approved applicants with between \$10,000 and \$14,999 of insurance will receive a grant of \$400.00

Approved applicants with between \$15,000 and \$19,999 of insurance will receive a grant of \$600.00  
Approved applicants with \$20,000 or more of insurance will receive a grant of \$800.00

2. Applicants must be a High School Graduate or higher, entering the Fall Term in the year that they are applying for the Scholarship Grant, and must be a Full Time student (12 Term/Semester Hours).

3. Applicants must Obtain and Submit to the Polish Union; Verification from the University, College, Junior College, Graduate, Business, Nursing or Trade School that they will be attending in the New Fall Term for the year that they are applying for the scholarship. The Verification may be a Letter of Admission, Class Schedule, Bill, etc.; but it must have the Schools Name, Students Name and show the dates that they will be attending the New/Current Fall Term in which they are applying for. Old/Previous Term Information will not be accepted. Each year the Applicant is required to send a New Verification of attending their New Fall Term.

4. Applicants must Write an Essay which must be a minimum of three (3) Full pages on one of the topics set forth in this application. The Essay must be Typed, Double-Spaced, with 1" Margins All Around, using Font 12, Times New Roman. The essay must be submitted along with the applicant's fully Completed Application, School Verification and Photograph. Polish Union reserves the right to use the essays and photographs for publicity purposes and information.

5. Deadline for submitting completed Applications for Scholarship Grant is May 31ST of the current year. All Applications must be **Postmarked not later than May 31st**. Please consider the day of the week for the Post Office. They may be closed. Any Applications received with a postmark after this date will not be considered. Applications are not sent out automatically. It is the Applicant's Responsibility to request an application from the home office, or download it from the Polish Union Web Site: [www.polishunionusa.com](http://www.polishunionusa.com)

6. Completed Applications, School Verifications, and Essays are to be mailed to the **Education Fund, Polish Union of U.S.A., P.O. Box 660, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0660**, or E-mailed to: [polunion@epix.net](mailto:polunion@epix.net)



7. Present Scholarship Grants are given to each approved applicant once per school year with a limit of up to four times. Scholarship Grant checks will be issued and sent to the applicant, with the understanding that it will be applied toward applicant's tuition, or supplies.

8. Polish Union accepts no responsibility for decreases of other grants or loan amounts due to the awarding of the Polish Union Scholarship Grant to the student. Students are solely responsible for all aspects of their financial aid status and, thus, should be aware of the consequences of applying for a Polish Union Scholarship Grant.

9. By signing the application it is the students understanding that the Scholarship Grant does not obligate the student to return said grant unless the student does not complete Two (2) Full Terms of the current school year for which they are applying.

Applications can be obtained  
from our website:  
[www.PolishUnionUSA.com](http://www.PolishUnionUSA.com)

## Henry J. Dende Scholarship Essay Topics 2010 -2011

### 1. Voluntary Community Service

Consist with the current national emphasis on donating time and talent for improvement of our world, we are searching for opinions on Voluntary Community Service. As a current or aspiring student, your input is valuable. Please address the topic in general terms or specifically to the importance of community service and voluntary participation in private or government sponsored projects.

### 2. The Future

The future can be both exciting and wondrous. Please write an essay that discusses how you see yourself, the country and the world 20 years into the future.

## 2009 Debutante Ball



### Our Debutante Ball Page Girl and Page Boy

A special thank you goes out to Miss Ava Butcher of Pittston, PA and Mr. Jacob English of Wyoming, PA. They did an extremely wonderful job as this year's 2009 Page Girl and Page Boy

## We need YOUR help to make our Tree of Knowledge Grow!

The Polish Union of USA is seeking donations toward the Polish Union Educational Fund.

Each year, those who donate to the Scholarship Fund will receive a leaf on the Polish Union Tree of Knowledge, as well as being acknowledged in both the online and print versions of the Fraternal Journal. During the past 15 years, the Polish Union of USA awarded more than \$135,000 to 658 applicants to help defer tuition costs.

By sponsoring a leaf on the Polish Union Tree of Knowledge, you can help us continue helping students by supporting the Polish Union Educational Fund. Leaves may be purchased in your own name, your business name or as a living memorial for a loved one.

Please complete the form below and return it (a photocopy is also acceptable), along with your donation to: Polish Union of the United States of North America Tree of Knowledge, P.O. Box 660, 53-59 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. Please make checks payable to the "Polish Union-Educational Plan"

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Enclosed is (please check one)

- ☐ My first annual donation toward the "Tree of Knowledge" \_\_\_\_\_ entitling me to a Tree of Knowledge leaf. (Minimum of \$20 per payment).
- ☐ My donation toward the "Tree of Knowledge". I do not wish \_\_\_\_\_ to receive a Tree of Knowledge leaf or have my name published in the Fraternal Journal.

### Please Print My Tree of Knowledge Leaf As Follows: Leaf Inscription:

Maximum of 4 lines with 20 characters per line, including spaces.

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**SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**

**POLISH AMERICAN VETERANS  
PAVILION**

**2 SOUTH OAK STREET • PLAINS PA**

**1- 10 P.M.**

Donation: \$20.00 per person  
“Door Prizes”

Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund

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U.S.A.**

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ZAK, GROUP 175**

Happy Birthday - Sto Lat  
To Our Senior Members  
April — June, 2010

Reaching Age 96

Marjanna Zoranski, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Reaching Age 90

Henry Apanel, Avon Park, FL  
Frank Badowski, Windber, PA  
Stani Bronislowski, McKees Rocks, PA  
Kazimiera Fryzel, Dupont, PA  
Blanche Grabin, Eynon, PA  
Wiktorya Kovalesky, Wharton, NJ  
Helena Lojewska, Pittston, PA  
Anna Monroe, Pleasantville, PA  
Irene S. Mroz, New Windsor, NY  
Stasia Neal, Clifton, NJ  
Joseph Petrosky, Taylor, PA  
Genevieve Swwatek, Omaha, NE  
Eleanor Wasicke, Limington, ME

Reaching Age 85

Helena Austin, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Zofia Dzikoska, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Bernardyna Foley, Schenectady, NY  
Dorota Gasperchek  
Dolores M. Kujawa, Niles, IL  
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Irene Przych, Scranton, PA  
Genowefa Sadowska, Swoyersville, PA  
Bernadine Tetlak, Dupont, PA  
Florence Walsh, Leesburg, FL  
Marja Wlodarczyk, Carteret, NJ  
Eleo Wojnarski, Swoyersville, PA  
Jozefa Wozniak, Darien, IL

Reaching Age 80

Anastasia Bachurek, Dickson City, PA  
Louise A. Bonning, Larksville, PA  
Ralph Dandrea, Itasca, IL  
Adeline R. Fudala, Elk Grove Village, IL  
Sara Gigliello, Pittston, PA  
Ann Hopiak, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Alojzy Kowalczyk, North Riverside, IL  
Sophie Las, Genoa City, WI  
Eleanor Lipski, Long Beach, MS  
Teresa Misczyk, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
June M. Olszewski, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Agnes Patrylak, E. Norriton, PA  
Lucy Sciandra, Pitston, PA  
Adelle D. Sedor, Westbury, NY  
Edward Shymanski, Sr., Old Bridge, NJ  
Betty Sluk, Dickson City, PA  
Maria Zimecki, Chicago, IL

And to all our Members and Readers who  
celebrate Birthdays in these months, Happy  
Birthday—Sto lat

NOTE: If a member does not wish to  
have their birthday announced, please notify  
the Home Office.

### Party A Hoppin’ Success

Despite the rainy weather, there were 21 children that came to spend some time with the Easter Bunny and get their picture taken. The children decorated foam chicken and egg cutouts with Easter stickers that they took home with them to brighten their rooms or refrigerator doors. They even got to have a bite to eat before the Easter Egg Hunt to keep their energy up as one participant said.

This year s Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Community Room at Polish Union Headquarters. It was divided into 3 age groups. The 0-4 year old age group winners were Christian Patts, Reece Woytowich and a tie between Gabriel Vitale and Ryan Roman. The 5-6 year old age group winners were Isabella Brimer, Josh Kollar and Brooke Arnold. The hunt ended with the 7-12 year old age group. The winners of this age group were Daniel Drost, Jacob English and Jocelyn Vitale. Congratulations to our winners and all the children who participated. The event ended with children, parents, grandparents and great grandparents listening to Ms. Polish Union 2010 (Sarah Ruth Connolly) read a story about Peter Cottontail and his many colored Easter eggs.

The Young Adult Committee would like to thank everyone for coming and making this annual event so much fun! The Polish Union board and a big thanks to Emily and Nick for setting-up and decorating the rooms & Joe, Jeff and Mom for prepping, cooking and cleaning up & Samantha and Alex for coming and helping & Samantha for being our Bunny & Ms. PUNA Sara for reading our story &..Rose and Alice for registering everyone &..the office for taking reservations See you next year!



News From

CHICAGOLAND

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Toni Storts 708-216-9624 Joan Wisinski, 708-448-6936 days, or 708-361-4180 evenings.

Happy Easter to All

The Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting will be held on Saturday May 22, 2010 at 1:00pm at Sawas Old Warsaw, 9200 West Cermak Rd in Broadview Il. Tel. 708 343-9040. A Polish Buffet will be served. All Group Secretaries, Members and Convention Delegates are invited to attend. RSVP to Toni Storts at 708 562-3153 or Joan Wisinski at 708 361-4180 by May 15, 2010 if you will be attending.

Welcome to our newest member, **Morgan Karoline Wasielewski** to Group 275.

Celebrating April Birthdays from Group 275 are-Irene Borkowski, Randall Cybulski, Heather Dzialowy, Billy Grgantov turns 12 on April 28th, Mildred Jendras, Sandra Laboda, Brian and Dawn Las, Francis McBlaine, Megan Michalec, Danuta & Halina Nawrocki, Czeslaw Piszczur, Eugene Podrazik, Alan Reberski, Ronald Savaglio,Emily Wieczorek & Jozefa Wozniak.

From Group 230-Dennis Gallas, James Golata, David Hyerczyk, Jessica Jennings, Jason Jerousek, Mia Marie Jordan, Barbara & Samantha Kalfas, Cara Perez, Raymond Pierce, Amanda Schlumpf, Wendy Suarez, Dennis Sutkowski, William Wellnitz and Dillon Young.

Congratulations to Emily Faith Wisinski on her First Communion on April 24, 2010 at St. Mary's Church in Mokena, Il.

Happy Mothers Day to All.

May Birthdays from Group 275 are-Adeline Fudala, Carter Kannon, Michael & Thomas Kotlarczyk, Joseph Mcadrian, Karen Metcalf, Elizabeth Migut, Natalie Nowak, Irene Pencak, Leanna Pittman, Mary Podrezik, Stanley Sendra and Philip Strenski.

From Group 230-Frederick Bluder, Jordan Gallas, Greeley Hillman, Richard Hyerczyk, Mikayla Jennings, Andrew & Laverne Kalfas, Scott Tepper.

Happy Fathers Day to All and Congratulations to all our 2010 Graduates. Good Luck in all your future plans.

June Birthdays from Group 275-Jonathan Cagle, Candice Cardona, Jamie Dzialowy, Brighton & Jesse Ferris, Donna Gabriel, Peter Hiero, Sara & Valerie Kacinskas, Florence Kolezewski, David & John Kotlarczyk, John Kusek, Teresa Laboda, Diane Martin, Raymond Migut, Patrick Nirchi, Sarah Pittman, Josephine Reigner, Jeanine Roman, Eleanora Slapa, Gerald Snyder, Emily Solinko, Kenneth Trzebiatowski.

From Group 230-Paula Bednarz, Lynn Bluder, Kathleen FencI, Cynthia Gallas, Nicole Harris, Paul Daniel, Veronica Kalfas, Caitlin Klonowski, Debbie Malek, Cynthia Suarez, Judy Twomey & Walker Young.

To all members, please consider increasing your life insurance amounts. Your work insurance is only there if you are still working for the company. Polish Union Insurance is always there for you.†A perfect gift for children for any occasion, your grandchildren-great grand-chilkdren and nieces and nephews.

Call Joan Wisinski at 708 361-4180 for all your insurance needs or your Group Secretary.†Join our Group 275 Cruise to Scandinavia and Russia on The Orchestra July 31-August 14, 2010 Contact Joan Wisinski at 1 888 789-5182 for more information.

Coming Soon- Quadrennial Convention Polish Union USA Sep 17-19 2010 in Wilkes-Barre Pa at the Ramada.

The Annual Fall Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon for all Chicago Groups will be held on Saturday October 23, 2010 at 1:00pm. Location to be Announced.

Happy Summer to All.

Article submitted by Joan Wisinski, Illinois District Director and Group 275 Secretary.



Joe and Lorraine Healey Polish Union members of group # 406 and also members of the Susquehanna Trailers Hiking Club are shown here enjoying a beautiful, sunny, snowy, Sunday hike at the Tubs Natural Area in W.-B. Twp., PA.

Lorraine and Joe, now retired, have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail, Mt. Rainier and the Rocky Mts.

Joe was chairman of the Keystone Trails Assoc. for twelve years building and maintaining hiking trails throughout the region. He was also named “Volunteer of the Year” by the PA Dept.of Parks and Forests.

The Susquehanna Trailers Hiking Club was established in 1932 and is still going strong today with interesting hikes every Sunday throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Check Friday’s newspaper Guide for details.

Shepherd, Scranton PA. Their reception was held following the ceremony at the Best Western Genetti Hotel, Wilkes-Barre. Emily is a long time member of the Polish Union. She is chair of the Young Adult committee and the Debutante Ball committee. Nicholas has recently become an official member of the Polish Union, although his help at various events since dating Miss Huber made him a beloved member already. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Stefanac now happily reside in Spring Brook Township, PA.

White Coat

Congratulations to Paul Rumensky, a junior Chemistry Major at Wilkes University who was recently accepted into the four-year doctorate program at the Mesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in Wilkes Barre.

Paul will be a part of the 2013 Pharmacy Class and was presented with his White Coat at the White Coat Ceremony taking the oath of the program with 70 inductees. aul has been a member of Polish Union for 20 years. Paul is the son of Peter and Karen Rumensky and grandson of Peter and Theresa Rumensky, Dickson City, PA, Group 240 of the Polish Union of USA.

New Member

Lainee Nicole Julian, daughter of Danielle Julian and Gregory Ciernioski a new member of the Polish Union sporting her Polish Union T shirt.

Ties Knot

Miss Emily Huber, daughter of Walter and Terri Huber, married Mr. Nicholas Stefanac, son of Michael and Nancy Stefanac, on November 27th, 2009 at the Church of the Good

Join Our Family Activities

Clip and Save

Members are encouraged to participate in all educational, cultural, civic and social activities sponsored by Polish union of USA. the following activities are yours for the taking. They are designed for all ages. We urge you and your family to participate in them.

2010

May

May 22 Chicago Area Spring Luncheon, 1:00 PM at Sawas Old Warsaw, 9200 West Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL

May 22 Bowl For St. Joseph’s Center, 6 - 9 p.m. at South Side Bowl, 125 Beech St., Scranton, PA

June

June 27 Annual Family Picnic, Knoebel’s Amusement Park, Rte. 487 in Elysburg, PA

July

July 11 Pig Roast to be held at the American Veterans Pavillion, 2 South Old St., Plains, PA. Proceeds for the Scholarship Fund

September

Sept 17-18 37th Quadrennial Convention, Ramada Inn, Public Square, Wilkes Barre, PA

October

October 3 Pulaski Day Parade—bus trip to Philadelphia for the day’s festivities.

October 23 Chicago Area Fall Annual Fall Meeting, 1:00 PM, Location to be announced.

All dates and times are subject to change. For the latest revisions or additions, or to register on-line, go to [www.PolishUnionUSA.com](http://www.PolishUnionUSA.com) or phone (570) 823-1611.

7th Annual

Bowling For St. Joseph’s Center

Mark your calendar’s now! Help the Polish Union Youth Committee support St. Joseph’s Center. Come join in some bowling fun with family and friends,

Saturday, May 22nd, 6 pm to 9 pm

South Side Bowl, Scranton. • \$12

admission price includes::

3 games of 3-6-9 bowling, shoe rentals, a goody bag provided by the Polish Union!!

And...

Try your luck on winning one of the free raffles at the bowling alley that night! Bumper lanes are available.

Please call the Polish Union of USA, (570) 823-1611, or Emily Stefanac (570) 466-7789, to reserve a lane at the bowl-



# Your Privacy Is Important And Protected at Polish Union

*The Board of Directors of the Polish Union of U.S.A. has adopted the following policy regarding the fraternal and its members right to privacy of individual information, we possess for insurance purposes. That policy is printed below for your information. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please call the Polish Union Home Office.*

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## 1. The Purpose Of This Policy Shall Be To:

- a. insure the security and confidentiality of customer records and information.
- b. protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such records, and
- c. protect against unauthorized access to or use of such records or information which could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer.

## 2. Persons Bound.

This policy shall be applicable to and adhered to by the Officers, members of the Board of Directors, employees of and all of the Officers of the groups comprising the Polish Union and all of our group secretaries and licensed agents. Further, all of the members of the Polish Union are requested to adhere to the letter in spirit of this policy.

## 3. Information Subject To This Policy.

All of the information we have collected or will collect in the future regarding our officers, members of the Board of Directors, District Directors, employees, officers of our groups, group secretaries and our members and their beneficiaries concerning demographic data such as names, addresses, social security numbers, etc., along with information regarding employment, finances, health, avocations and other personal characteristics.

## 4. Declaration Of Confidentiality

All of the information collected by Polish Union is hereby declared to be confidential and shall not be disclosed to any individual or other entity without the express written consent of the affected person.

## 5. Exceptions To This Privacy Policy

In the course of our business, we must disclose certain information to other individuals or firms in order to enable them to provide business services to us including our re-issuers, actuarial and data processing services subcontractor. However, our contracts with any of our subcontractors require them to keep confidential any information which may be disclosed to them. In addition, information may be disclosed to our auditors or for research purposes, regulatory agencies such as state insurance departments. In addition, Polish Union will comply with all lawful subpoenas issued by order of any court or regulatory body.

## 6. Disclosure To Third Parties.

Polish Union at present does not disclose any personal information to other companies or organizations not affiliated with it that would use the information we have provided them to contact your about their own prod-

ucts or services.

## 7. Duration Of Confidentiality.

Should you cease to be a member of Polish Union, we will continue to protect and safeguard your personal information in the same manner as we do with our members.

## 8. Source Of Information

The great bulk of the personal information which Polish Union obtains from its members comes directly from the members particularly in the form of policy applications. This information provides Polish Union with those facts which it needs in order to conduct its business. In many cases, it may need to verify this information or it may need additional information which it may obtain from third parties such as employers, consumer reporting agencies and health care providers.

## 9. Use Of This Information

Polish Union uses the information gathered from its members and from other third parties in the normal course of our insurance business and our fraternal relationships with its members. The business purpose for collecting this information includes the evaluation of a request for our insurance or other services, and analysis of benefit claims and administration of our products or services in addition to processing transactions and other requests by members. In addition, we will use this information to contact you about services and products which we currently provide or may provide in the he future.

## 10. Safeguarding Of This Information.

Polish Union shall take all steps reasonably necessary to safeguard the integrity of the information in its custody including the continued use of our office vault, the use of all reasonable methods of safeguarding information contained in our computerized data system and the control of the office area.

## 11. Adherence To This Policy.

All of the Officers and each member of the Board of Directors, District Directors, employees, officers of groups, group secretaries and licensed agents shall be given a copy of this policy and asked in writing to acknowledge its receipt on an annual basis.

## 12. Sanctions For Violation Of This Policy.

The Board of Directors will investigate all alleged breaches of this policy and will impose sanctions and penalties, on a case by case basis, should a violation of this policy be shown. In addition, the Board of Directors will, in appropriate cases or when required by law or regulation, report all violations to state and federal authorities. Penalties for violation may include dismissal from employment by Polish Union in addition to those sanctions and penalties provided by law.

## 13. Procedure

If anyone to whom this policy applies is requested by a third party to divulge any confidential information, the General Secretary must be notified of such requests. The General Secretary shall have the responsibility, in consultation with the Executive Committee, of deciding whether or not to comply with such requests.

# Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship Fund Recipient



The daughters of the late Marion Orloski Vrabel, Elaine Larronde and Deborah Osborne gave the live presentation of the Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship Fund the evening of the Debutante Ball. Debutante, Miss Leigh Anne Machowski, proudly accepted the scholarship.

# At The Special Convention

Polish Union USA held a Special Convention at Ramada Plaza Hotel, 20 Public Square in Wilkes Barre, PA. Sunday March 21, 2010 was a major milestone in the history of Polish Union USA because it was the first time a "Special Convention" convened and a Merger process was voted on to partner with another Fraternal.







# The Polish Chef

## Traditional Chicken Soup

### Rosol z Kury Chicken soup:

For an old-fashioned broth like babcia used to make wash one cut-up 3 lb. chicken, place in pot, add 1 T. salt and 2- 3 qts. water, bring to gentle boil and cook 90 min. Skim off scum until no more forms. Remove chicken and set aside. To broth add one or two carrots, a slice of celeriac (or 2 stalks celery), 1 parsley root, 1 halved onion (impaled on fork and charred over flame), 1 whole tomato, 6 peppercorns and 1 grain allspice. Cook until vegetables are tender. Strain and discard all spices and vegetables except carrots and celery (save these for the stew recipe below’. Serve over cooked diced potatoes, cooked rice or barley, home-made or store-bought egg noodles or egg-drop noodles, (see next recipe).

**Note:** If weight-watching and calorie-counting, refrigerate broth overnight and discard congealed fat (saving 2 T. for stew) before reheating.

### Lane Kluski Egg-drop noodles:

The height of simplicity, these will really bring back memories of Polonia’s good old days. Fork-blend 2 small eggs, 6 T. flour and 2 pinches of salt until mixture is smooth. Stir in 1 T. hot chicken broth or as much as needed to get a nice pourable batter and beat with fork until smooth. Pour batter in a thin stream into a pot of rapidly boiling water and cook about 2 min. Remove with slotted spoon and serve with chicken soup. Garnish soup with chopped fresh parsley and/or dill,

### Potrawka z Kury Polish chicken Stew:

In skillet melt 2 T. congealed fat from chicken soup, stir in 3 T. flour, gradually add 2 c. chicken stock and 1 c. milk and simmer, stirring to get a nice, smooth sauce. Remove cooked chicken from bone, dice and add to sauce together with diced cooked carrot and celery (from broth). Simmer covered on low heat 5 min. Add a small can of drained peas and heat until warmed through. Season with salt, pepper, paprika and juice 1/2 of a lemon. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve over rice, noodles or mashed potatoes.

**Optional:** 8 oz. washed, sliced, sauteed fresh mushrooms may be added.

### Klops Meat loaf:

Break up stale kaiser roll (or equal amount stale French bread) and soak in 1 c. milk. When soggy squeeze out excess moisture and pass through meat grinder. Combine with 3/4 lb. ground pork, 3/4 lb. ground veal, 1 diced onion simmered in 1 T. lard until tender, 1 whole egg and salt and pepper to taste. Form into the shape of a loaf of rye bread, place in a roasting pan or casserole, add 1 c. water and bake covered, basting occasionally about 60 mins. Serve as is or with cream sauce: Fork-blend 1 c. sour cream with 1 T. flour and combine with pan drippings. Salt and pepper to taste and heat until smooth and bubbly, adding enough boiling water to the desired consistency. Chopped parsley may also be added.

### Kisiel Jelly Pudding:

Bring 1 c. water and 1/2 c. sugar to boil. Add just under 1/4 c. potato starch mixed with 1/4 c. cold water and bring to boil again, mixing thoroughly. Fold in 1 lb. fresh or frozen strawberries or raspberries, stirring until mixture is uniform. Pour into serving dishes and refrigerate. Serve as is or with cream or vanilla sauce. Another way is to reduce the amount of sugar in recipe and serve with fruit syrup. Kisiel can be made with most any fruit. Cranberries are especially good but they must be cooked first before being forced though a sieve and combined with cooked water-sugar-potato starch mixture.

—Smaczego!

## New Membership Applications Approved in 2009

Group #	Licensed Agent/ Gr. Secy.	# Policies Sold	Face Amount
138	ANDROCKITIS, CHARLOTTE	2	7000
321	ANDROCKITIS, CHARLOTTE	7	39000
392	ANDROCKITIS, CHARLOTTE	2	40000
320	ARNOLD, MARY ANN	3	25000
163	BACHUREK, ANASTASIA	2	15000
405	BEDNARSKI, JOHN	4	93000
407	DEMBINSKI, NORBERT	8	150000
293	DENDE, P.K.	1	5000
070	GIEBUS, WILLIAM	2	15000
073	HOWELL, LINDA	1	5000
138	HOWELL, LINDA	2	15000
392	HOWELL, LINDA	3	15000
131	KOLODZIEJ, BERNARD	4	38000
100	KOWALCIK, MILDRED	1	10000
385	KOWALSKI, BARBARA	1	2000
265	LUKACINSKY, MARGO	3	30000
189	PAGODA, CHRISTINE	2	10000
392	PAGODA, CHRISTINE	5	22000
258	ROSNER, KATHY	1	10000
240	RUMENSKY, THERESA	3	19000
406	SIRAK, ANITA	3	10000
230	STORTS, TONI	3	6000
227	TRACEWSKI, CHESTER	4	30000
400	WARTKO, ROSE	5	55000
275	WISINSKI, JOAN	4	20000
175	ZAK, JOSEPH	3	30000
TOTAL		79	716000

Dad—You’re The Greatest  
Happy Fathers’ Day!

## Koffee Klatch

with P.K.



**Dzien dobry!** Welcome to my kitchen. The scent of Spring is in the air. The guests are all here along with some new faces. The coffees and teas, along with Spring fruit cookies are ready. Many of the new faces look sad. . . and Sue informed me they are having a problem feeling sorry for themselves because they have some problems and feel inadequate. . . and she asked me to cheer them up. . . Well, that is a big order. . . My mind began to wonder, then, with God’s help, a story came to me.

After the welcome, I informed them I had a story to tell them all. . . A story I loved. . . So here it goes: An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a big crack while the other was perfect. The woman went to the well to fill them with water. As time went on, the cracked pot felt inferior to the perfect pot. The perfect pot was so proud The cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection which leaked most of the water. After a few years, the cracked pot spoke to the woman telling her how ashamed he was because the water leaked out all the way back to the house. The woman smiled and said, did you notice the flowers on your side of the path? Because I knew of your flaw, I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day, while we walked back, you water them. I have been able to pick the flowers to decorate the table. If it were not for you, I would not have beauty in my house. So, just like the cracked pot, each of us has our own flaw. It’s the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives interesting and rewarding. So, to all my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path.

### Health Hints

Did you know that laughter is a true health promoter, helping reduce stress, boost

the heart rate, increase circulation and even burn calories? Less stress means a better immune system making your body less prone to infection and disease. When you laugh, your body moves in various ways: muscles throughout the body stretch and your abdomen and other areas of the body contract repeatedly. That’s a workout and a laugh all in one!

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### Dear P.K.

At Christmas I sent my grandson and his family a Christmas check. I never got a thank you or a Christmas card or an e-mail, thanking me. I thought they may not have received it, but my bank statement indicated that the check was cashed. I am very hurt, what would you do?

Janet

### Dear Janet

Doesn’t sound like your grandson thinks much about you. To not even call or write a thank you is very ungrateful. I would reconsider sending a check next year.

P.K.

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**Strictly Personal:** Birthday Greetings to: Nancy Bachurek, Norbert Dembinski, Bill Giebus, Norma Ambrose, Rose Wartko, Charlotte Androckitis and Alice Czyzyk.

. . .

I asked God for water, He gave me an ocean.

I asked God for a flower, He gave me a garden

I asked God for a friend, He gave me you  
God Bless all of you

. . .

PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTERS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO ME FOR PUBLICATION....PK , 17 LAUREL DRIVE, SCRANTON, PA. 18505.

## St. Joseph Celebration

Members and friends of Polish Union USA gathered on 3-20-10 at the After Five Club in Dickson City for their annual celebration of St. Joseph’s Day. This is a very special day as far as the universal church is concerned because St. Joseph is revered as the Foster father of Jesus and the Protector of Our Lady. Although many people of Polish descent view it as a “Polish Holiday”, this Saint is honored throughout the world.  
More than 90 guests were in attendance





# Joyous Easter Wishes!

## Wesołego Alleluja!

### From The Officers

President: **Rose Wartko**; 1st Vice President, **Bernard Kolodziej**; 2nd Vice President, **Alice Czyzyk**; General Secretary, **Charlotte L. Androckitis**; Treasurer, **John Bednarski**; Medical Examiner, **Dr. Leon Skweir, M.D.**; General Counsel, **Jeffrey J. Malak**; Chaplain, **Rev. Patrick L. Albert**

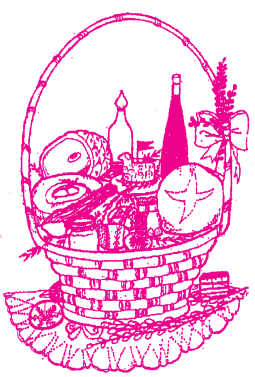
### And The Board of Directors

**Anastasia Bachurek**, **Terri Rumensky**, **Joseph P. Pudlosky, Jr.**, **Chester Tracewski**, **William J. Giebus**

### And District Directors

**Mrs. Toni Storts**, **Mrs. Joan Wisinski**

### Polish Union of U.S.A.



## Help Us Find Our Fraternalist of the Year

- ### RULES & REGULATIONS

  - 1) Nominee must be a Polish Union member.
  - 2) Board Members are not eligible.
  - 3) A person can only be Fraternalist of the Year one time.
  - 4) All Polish Union Members from all States can qualify.
  - 5) Applications must be submitted by July 1st each year.
- 6) Emphasis should be placed on volunteerism and community activities.
  - 7) There will be 3 judges.
  - 8) All judges will receive a copy of the application submitted to review. The point system will be used to select a winner.
  - 9) The Fraternalist of the Year selected shall receive a \$100 cash award and a plaque.

## POLISH UNION OF USA

# “FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR” AWARD

## NOMINATION FORM –

(Please print or type all information)

### ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 1, 2010

### I. PERSONAL DATA:

Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Children’s Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

Nominee’s Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years has Nominee been a member of this Society? \_\_\_\_\_

List Nominee’s most significant achievements in his/her Society. (Awards, committee work, elected or appointed positions.)

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### III. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

To What other church or community organization does the Nominee belong?

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List the Nominee’s achievements within these organizations.

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### IV. Describe why you have nominated this individual to receive this award. (Use additional sheet, if necessary.)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Completed Application to: Fraternalist of the Year Committee  
Polish Union of USA • P.O. Box 660 • Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0660

## Join The Polish Union Youth Committee For A Fun-Filled Day At



# Knoebels Amusement Park

Rt. 487, Elysburg, PA

## Sunday, June 27, 2010

From Noon to 3 p.m.

*Polish Union will provide Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soda and Water*

A Drawing Will Also Be Held

Please RSVP by June 21st

Phone The Polish Union Home Office

570-823-1611



## Debutante Ball Committee Thanks Helen Gauss



Helen Gauss, of the New Civic Dance Studio, has volunteered her time for the past 30 years to teach our Debutantes and their escorts the traditional Polonaise Waltz. This usually pertains to a Saturday rehearsal of at least an hour, followed by a dress rehearsal at the Debutant Ball venue. Even though some of our participants may not have dance experience, with such a great teacher, they were always able to walk away looking like stars! Helen informed us last year that she would pass the torch to Linda Daugher, of the New Civic Dance Studio, to continue with the teaching in the future.

## ATTENTION

# Pre-Convention/ 120th Anniversary Contest

Group Secretaries and Licensed Agents

Now is the the time to take advantage of the New Contest starting with New Applications starting with issue date September 1, 2009 ending August 1, 2010.

### Limited Time Program

Sign up new members and be a winner of one of the cash prizes to be announced at the 2010 Polish Union Convention.