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Debutantes Introduced at the 34th Annual Ball

The Polish Union of USA hosted its 34th Annual Debutante Ball, Dancing with the Debs, on November 3rd, 2012 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel, Wilkes Barre. There were nine Debutantes that participated in the magical affair. With over 200 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 Stefanac. "The event wouldn't be possible without the support we received from the community and local businesses. The Debutantes looked absolutely stunning, and it was my pleasure to host such a memorable occasion in their honor."



Miss **Madeleine Mae Ambruso**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor and Roseann Ambruso of Exeter, PA. Madeleine was escorted that evening by Mr. Tanner Johnson of Exeter, PA.



Miss **Kellan Katra**. She is the daughter of the late Mr. Tony Katra and Mrs. Judy Katra of Mountain Top, PA. Kella was escorted that evening by Mr. Eli Dove of Nanticoke, PA.

Miss **Allyson Michaela Meredith**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caroline and Michael Meredith of Scranton, PA. Allyson was escorted that evening by Mr. Brendan Connelly of Pocono Mountain, PA.



Miss **Marlee Ann Mierzwa**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lisa and Paul Mierzwa of Kingston, PA. Marlee was escorted that evening by Mr. Benjamin Nause of Swoyersville, PA.

Miss **Jessica Olszyk**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karen and Joseph Olszyk of Mountain Top, PA. Jessica was escorted that evening by Mr. Spencer Shotto of Dunmore, PA.



Miss **Amber Rose Grohowski**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Diane and Eric Grohowski of Nanticoke, PA. Amber Rose was escorted that evening by Mr. Jacob Havey of Nanticoke, PA.



Miss **Samantha Hilenski**. She is the daughter of the late Mr. Paul J. Hilenski and Mrs. Karen C. Hilenski of Hanover Twp., PA. Samantha was escorted that evening by Mr. John Kashmer of Hanover Twp., PA.

Miss **Ashlynd K. Huber**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jennifer and Timothy Huber of Clifton Township, PA. Ashlynd was escorted that evening by Mr. Nikko Bonavoglia of Olyphant, PA.



Miss **Erica Yerke**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie and Craig Yerke of Clarks Summit, PA. Erica was escorted that evening by Mr. Brenton Reilly of Clarks Summit, PA.

**More Photos From The
Debutante Ball Are Found On
Page Three**

Mourning An Untimely Loss



for the benefit of everyone in the community. Polish Union benefitted from his expertise as demonstrated by his enthusiastic participation as Board member and involvement in Committees and special projects during his years of service to the members of Polish Union/Ameripol. Chester continued the work of his parents with our organization and, after retiring as an Honorary Board Member, he was engaged as an Area Representative, remaining loyally dedicated to our organization.

Evidence of the broad scope of Chester's church and community involvement was clearly demonstrated by the large attendance at his wake and funeral Mass. Our organization is grateful that he shared some of his time and talents with us over the years.

Chester's wife Barbara has worked closely with him on Polish Union projects. Barbara also serves as an Officer with the Women's Division and is Secretary of Council 17, Scranton, PA. Past history of participation in our organization by the Tracewski family and relatives is now being further complemented by Chester 111 who has elected to succeed his father as Group Secretary. We at Polish Union are honored to have Chester follow in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents, a fitting tribute to his Dad.

Our Polish Union family joins with the family and friends of Chester P. Tracewski Jr. in mourning his death at 62 years of age. Chester passed away on October 14, 2012 in Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA. He is survived by his wife Barbara, son Chester 111 and wife Sherry and granddaughter Camryn Paige. He was very active throughout his life in church activities, community service, sports, business, and many pursuits

Ashlynd Huber Crowned Miss Polish Union 2013



As part of the Wilgilia celebrations at the Polish Union on November 25th, Ms Polish Unions 2013 was crowned.

All candidates were interviewed at an earlier date. Ashlynd Huber is our new Miss Polish Union 2013.

Miss Polish Union 2013 Court consists of Jessica Olszyh, Samantha Hilenski, Amber Growhowski, Allyson Meredith, Marlee Mierzwa and Rebecca Zaneski.

Ms Polish Unions 2012, Nicole Poplawski and Nancy Bachureck assisted the chairperson, Sheri Pudlosky Brierley, with the crowning and presentation of the flowers to the young women.

A special thank you to our judges. It was a tough job to perform and they did a fantastic job. Margo Lukacinsky, Mary Ann Arnold, and Jennifer Zaleski were the judges for this year's event.

Vrabel Scholarship Recipient

The daughter of the late Marion Orloski Vrabel, Elaine Larronde presented the Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship Fund the evening of the Debutante Ball. Debutante, Miss Kellan Katra, proudly accepted the scholarship. Kellan is the daughter of Judy and the late Tony Katra, and she currently resides with her mom and brother in Mountain Top,



PA. Kellan is currently a junior at Holy Redeemer High School. She was honored to be the 2012 recipient of the Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship. Kellan wishes to use the scholarship money to pursue a degree to become a Physician's Assistant.

In Memoriam

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

Group	Member	State
401	JeanetteSuchocki	FL
51	Pauline Sklaney	PA
258	Wladyslaw Smajek	IL
230	Stella Saflover	IL
275	Theresa Laboda	AZ
270	Helena Mazurecyk	IL
502	Lorraine Metz	PA
189	Jan Piorowski	MD
321	Adele Milauskas	PA
230	Stanislaw Moskal	IL
293	Edward Nasiadka	PA
293	Edward Nashotka	PA
502	Ellen J. Reynolds	PA
258	Edward Sobczak	WI
358	Alphonse Stepanik	PA
502	Rose Suchak	PA
401	James Sullivan	DE
385	Florence Whalen	FL
358	Margaret McIntyre	PA
502	Robert L. Paine	PA
230	Rose Duda	IL
401	Marja Wlodarczyk	NJ
175	Jozef A. Schidt	NY
401	Samuel A. Gresock	SC
227	Chester Tracewski	PA
240	Joanna Wrabel	MD
400	Albina Homitz	PA
227	Helen Burke	NJ
73	Marilyn A. Achuff	PA
73	Stanislaw Rishkofski	PA
131	Helena Kowalec	PA
131	Janice Yalch	PA
100	Kazimiera Fryzel	PA
70	Narczyz Cesarz	PA
197	Kordula Kaczenska	PA
395	Mary Dzwonczyk	PA
320	Ivor Rodney	PA
3	Thaddeus Wilebski	MN
401	Jozefa Zemruz	PA
25	Leona Carr	MI
400	Mary Martini	PA
502	Peter Connor	PA
293	Pawel Zalewski	PA

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May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

Chaplain Patrick Albert Thanks Volunteers.

Rev. Patrick Albert, our Polish Union Chaplain, offered special thanks to the Polish Union members and friends who joined him at the Thanksgiving Food Distribution Project. Several members joined hundreds of volunteers to help distribute food items to needy families at the CEO Distribution Center in Wilkes Barre, PA. CEO (Commission on Economic Opportunity) in collaboration with the Weinberg Foundation supports thousands of needy families throughout the year and each November a special effort is made to see that these families receive sufficient food for a joyous Thanksgiving. Volunteers from all walks of life assist in this Community Service Project and Father Albert is proud to report that Polish Union has been at least a small part of this voluntary activity for the past four years.

This year the CEO Thanksgiving Project served 8,084 households in Luzerne and Wyoming counties. Dan McGowan, Thanksgiving Drive chairman, commended the many volunteers who come together almost daily to help care for the disadvantaged and elderly.

Unfiled Claims

Each year our Home Office reports a number of members deaths, yet, beneficiaries have not filed a death claim with us. Until the claim is made and processed we cannot issue the death benefit due. If you know of anyone who might not have filed a death claim that they are beneficiary to, encourage them to contact us. We will help you make arrangements to file a legal death claim. Call us during business hours.

If someone has lost the original policy as the beneficiary, or the policy was misplaced while the deceased was still alive, you may request a duplicate policy providing you have a legal Death Certificate for the deceased member.

"Without faith, nothing is possible.

With it, nothing is impossible."

—Mary McLeod Bethune

Investment Opportunities

After just getting over the expenses of the Christmas Holidays it is now time to think about ways to invest what money is left. What about Life Insurance? Better yet, what about Polish Union Life Insurance? It appears that most people do not think of life insurance as an investment, but it is. Most financial advisors will tell you that life insurance should be a part of your investment portfolio. I am sure that you haven't given much thought to it, but life insurance is one of the few items that through the years has gotten cheaper with a few exceptions. Why is this you ask? Since life insurance is sold on age and people are living longer the premiums have become less expensive.

Buying a Life Insurance Policy is especially a great gift with children in mind. Occasions such as a christening, first communion, birthday, graduation, or Christmas are just a few ways that you can give them a practical gift for their future. Not only are they getting a life insurance policy but they can attend the Children's parties and they are also taking a step forward to become eligible for the Polish Union of USA Scholarship Grant as well.

The Polish Union has four plans of life



Fraternal
News &
Views

CHARLOTTE L.
ANDROCKITIS, F.I.C.
CEO/NATIONAL SECRETARY

insurance; Whole Life; 20 Payment Life; 3 Pay Life and Single Premium which is our most popular Plan. All of our rates are very affordable. We have activities, events and benefits for young and old alike. Make your entire family a member of the Polish Union family. Why not check us out at our new and improved web site at: www.polishunionusa.com

I am sure that we even have a life insurance plan for you!

During this beginning of a new year, I would like to extend to you and yours the gift of good health, happiness and peace.

Volunteers Serving the Community

Best wishes and good health to all of our members and friends during this new year. There are many unknowns for 2013 and we pray that your experiences for the year will be prosperous and pleasurable. The following two part message is focused on volunteering by those who have the ability and are so disposed.

THE ART OF VOLUNTEERING

How do those people find the time to be involved in so many activities while coping with the every day demands of life? Many of us ask that question of our friends who are active to varying degrees in the community, church, favorite charity, or other voluntary endeavor. There is a broad range of involvement with some devoting time to one specific activity while others may participate in several projects. The level of commitment on the part of a volunteer is directly related to their mindset and availability of time. Possessing the discipline to allocate time and energy for a given task disposes the volunteer to develop the habit of helping others. A small amount of time spent

Volunteering reaps immeasurable rewards in terms of personal satisfaction along with appreciation by those individuals helped. Try it! You may like it! Your community has numerous volunteer opportunities and Polish Union/Ameripol has needs from time to time. We need help with children's parties, social activities, and other programs throughout the year. Call our office at 570-823-1611 for more information.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AFA AND PA INS. DEPT.

Polish Union/ Ameripol is a member of the American Fraternal Alliance, a trade Association formerly known as the National Fraternal Congress of America. This organization is committed to providing support and direction to their member Societies in all aspects of management, compliance with regulations, planning for the future, and preservation of the Fraternal system which



President's
Desk

BERNARD KOLODZIEJ

had its origins 125 years ago. We are reminded by the AFA that our Societies should include Community Service in our portfolio of Fraternal Activities since this "playing a vital community role" is one of the foundation stones of Fraternal Benefit Societies. The PA Insurance Department, as part of their oversight also looks beyond compliance with basic insurance regulations, management, and financial solvency. They are interested in our plans for the future and pay particular attention to community service involvement by our organization and members. Essentially the Insurance Department is on the same page as the AFA regarding Community Service Work.

During our Focus Group meetings last March we included volunteer activities on our agenda and found to our pleasant surprise that our members are active in many volunteer pursuits. Unfortunately these viable activities are not specifically identified as being sponsored by our organization and we do not deem this necessary. At the least we hope to cite some of the activities in which our members participate and we call upon them to keep us informed through messages to our Home Office. Meanwhile we publicize those events of which we are made aware. These include; donation of clothing, personal items, and related products to the Domestic Violence Service Center, work at the Food Distribution Center for Thanksgiving, collaborating with other Fraternal Societies in helping United Way Agencies, and joint cultural projects with the Wilkes University Polish Women's Group.



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Scenes From The 34th Debutante Ball

Nine young ladies made their debut on November 3, 2012 at The Polish Union of USA hosted its 34th Annual Debutante Ball. The event was held at the Best Western Genetti Hotel, Wilkes Barre.



Our Debutante Ball Page Girl and Page Boy A special thank you goes out to Miss Paige E. Huber of Clifton Township, PA and Mr. Joseph A. Kopko of White Haven, PA. They did an extremely wonderful job as this year's 2012 Debutante Ball Page Girl and Page Boy.

2012-2013 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE - PLEASE READ THIS THOROUGHLY

1. If All Eligibility Requirements listed below are met then the Approved Applicant will receive a grant as follows:
 - Insured for between \$5,000 and \$7,499 of insurance will receive a grant of \$200 dollars.
 - Insured for between \$7,500 and \$9,999 of insurance will receive a grant of \$300 dollars.
 - Insured for between \$10,000 and \$14,999 of insurance will receive a grant of \$400 dollars.
 - Insured for between \$15,000 and \$19,999 of insurance will receive a grant of \$600 dollars.
 - Insured for \$20,000 or more of insurance will receive a grant of \$800 dollars.
2. Applicant must be an Insured Member of the Polish Union of U.S.A. in good standing (paid to date) for a Minimum of Five (5) years and carry a Minimum of \$5,000 of Polish Union of U.S.A. Permanent Life Insurance (excludes term).
3. Applicant must be a High School Graduate or Higher, entering the 2013 Fall Term/Semester, and must be a Full Time Student (minimum of 12 Term/Semester Hours).
4. Applicant must Submit; School Verification from the University, College, Graduate, Business, Nursing or Trade School that they will be attending in the 2013 Fall Term/Semester. This Verification may be a Letter of Admission, a Class Schedule, a Bill, etc.; But it must have the Schools Name, the Students Name, and it must show they will be attending the 2013 Fall Term/Semester. Old or Previous Term/Semester information listed will not be accepted as a verification. Scholarship Applications are not sent out automatically each year. 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
5. Applicant must Write an Essay on one of the topics set forth in this application. The Essay must be a minimum of three 3 Full pages. It must be Typed, Double-Spaced, with 1" Margins, using Times New Roman, Font 12.
6. The completed Scholarship Application, School Verification, Essay and Applicant's Photograph are to be submitted by mailing to: Education Fund, Polish Union of U.S.A., P.O. Box 660, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0660, or E-mailing to: polunion@epix.net. Polish Union reserves the right to use the essays and photographs for publicity purposes and information.
7. The Scholarship Application and Essay **Deadline is May 31, 2013**. They must be Postmarked no later than May 31, 2013. Any received with a postmark after this date will not be eligible or considered. The School Verification will be accepted under separate cover to allow for additional time to acquire, But it must be received no later than July 31, 2013.
8. Scholarship Grants are given to each

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

9. 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.

10. By submitting and 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/Semesters of the current school year for which they are applying.

Applications are available at:

www.PolishUnionUSA.com

Complete this application and return it along with your essay and your school verification and a photograph on or before May 31, 2013 to:

**Education Fund
POLISH UNION OF U.S.A.
P.O. BOX 660
Wilkes Barre, PA 18703-0660**

Or e-mail to: polunion@epix.net
Be sure to include all requested attachments

**Henry J. Dende
Scholarship
Essay Topics
2013-2014**

Community Service

Many of us have participated in voluntary Community Service Projects in the past and we notice an increase in the popularity of such activity today. In fact, individuals are often required to perform Community Service as a prerequisite for Confirmation or admission to certain school and college programs. Please offer your opinions on the value of Community Service Activities and give examples of any personal experience.

Education Support

Should the U.S. Government subsidize Higher Education through loans or grants? Some countries offer free higher education to their citizens based on their aptitude. Expound on consideration of such options by our Government.

Members At Pulaski Parade



Council 21 of the Polish Union of USA along with members and guests attended the Pulaski Day festivities on October 14 in Philadelphia. The Polish Union of USA sponsored this trip as part of it's celebration of Polish American Heritage month. Chairman Bill Giebus and Co-chair Chris Pagoda coordinated the trip. Members and friends attended a Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral Basilica, a light luncheon was hosted by

Northeast Polish American Congress, along with a memorial tribute to General Pulaski, followed by the Parade with reserved seats for area attendees. Shown in the photo are attendees: Phillip and Marie Amico, Delphine Bienick, Sheri Brierley, Joanne Dahmes, JoAnn Exter, Bill Giebus, Fran Macy, Chris Pagoda, Claudia and Vince Piczak, Maryann Pudlosky, Nicholas Sabol and Theresa Sabol, Bernie Tarasek, Marie Voitek and Carol Zukowski.

About Our Members

Summa Cum Laude



Matthew J. Meredick of Group 400, Scranton, graduated April 29, 2012 Summa Cum Laude from the Univ. of Pittsburgh

with a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training. The son of Michael and Carolyn Meredick, Matthew holds EMT-B certification and has been honored with various scholarships. He is now in pursuit of a Master of Sports Medicing degree also at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and will pursue his goal of becoming a reasearcher in sports medicine and working with the military.. He received the Richard M. Burkholder Student Scholarship at the Penna. Athletic Trainers' Society Awards Banquet in Lancaster, PA on June 9, 2012.

New Group 227 Secretary

Due to the sudden death of Chester P. Tracewski, Jr., his son has taken over as Secretary of Group #227, Mayfield, PA. You can read an article on Mr. Tracewski in this issue of the Fraternal Journal.

The information on the new Group Secretary is as follows:

Chester P. Tracewski, III
207 Azalea Drive
Mayfield, PA 18433
Phone: 1-570-239-2800

Year-End Meeting For Council 17

Council 17 recently held their meeting at Sacred Heart Hall in Scranton, PA to map out plans for the coming year. President P K Dende announced that her Officers for 2013 are Barbara Tracewski, Secretary, Theresa Volski, Vice President, and Betty Koza, Treasurer.

In addition to the regular business meeting the group heard remarks from CEO Charlotte Androckitis and President Bernard Kolodziej.

The Officers and members of Council 17 extend best wishes to all for the New Year. Pictured below are Betty Koza and P.K. Dende.



Joyous Easter Wishes!

Wesołego Alleluja!

From The Officers

CEO/National Secretary, **Charlotte L. Androckitis**;
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NE Penna. Fraternal Aid Domestic Violence Center



Members of the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania presenting the items to DVCS, left to right: **Charlotte L. Androckitis, Magdalen Iskra, Bernie Regis, Martha Iskra, Tammy Rodgers, DVSC development director, Mary Ann Ewasko, Bernard Kolodziej, Felicia Perlick and Theresa Kluchinski.**

The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania presented a donation to the Domestic Violence Service Center (DVSC) as part of their Make-A-Difference Day project during their October meeting held at the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Wilkes-Barre.

The donation was an assortment of items collected from the organization's members including household items, bed linens, towels, baby products, car seats, health and hygiene products. All of the items collected will be used by the residents of DVSC's emergency shelter and transitional housing unit.

The Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania (FSNEPA), a not-for-profit trade association, unites local leaders of fraternal benefits societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The FSNEPA membership consists of seven fraternal benefit societies: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society, Polish National Union of America, Polish Union of the U.S. of N.A., Polish Women's Alliance of America and Slovak Catholic Sokol.

The efforts of fraternal benefits societies

are primarily funded by the sale of life insurance and other financial service products. The donation recipient, the Domestic Violence Service Center, has been providing services to battered and homeless women and their children since 1976.

Celebrating 36 years of service to the community, DVSC currently serves Luzerne and Carbon counties, providing emergency shelter and direct services to battered women and their children.

DVSC's Bridge Housing Program offers transitional housing for battered and homeless women and their children. In addition to emergency shelter and transitional housing, DVSC offers a range of free and confidential services including 24-hour hotlines, supportive options counseling, individual and group counseling, advocacy, court advocacy and accompaniment, community outreach and education, life skills and parenting training, medical and mental health advocacy and training for professionals.

For information on the Domestic Violence Service Center, or to learn how to become a support of DVSC, visit www.domesticviolenceservice.org or call (800) 424-5600. DVSC is a member of the United Way.

Annual St Joseph's Dinner and Celebration,
Saturday March 23, 2012
at the Ramada Inn in Wilkes-Barre.
Cocktails; 5:30 P.M. ♦ Program and Dinner at 6 P.M.
Music & Dancing to the George Tarasek Orchestra
Tickets: \$30 per person
For Reservations: Contact Polish Union of USA 570 823-1611

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.

2013

March

March 3 **Children's Easter Party** Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. to be held in the Polish Union Community, Wilkes-Barre.

March 23 **St Joseph's Dinner Dance** Ramada Inn, Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. Cocktails 5:30 P.M. Dinner/Program 6:00 P.M.

June

June 30 **Family Picnic, Knoebels Amusement Park** Elysburg, PA. Luncheon from Noon to 3:00 P.M. To be held in Pavillion N.

October

TBA **Pulaski Parade in Philadelphia.** Bus trip details will be announced.

November

TBA **Debutante Ball**

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

Send Us Your News

Polish Union Members as well as Grand Council Members are asked to send articles along with a picture (if possible) to Public Relations Coordinator, Chris Pagoda at the Home Office via mail; or

E-mail to: cap@polishunionusa.com Questions? call Chris at (570) 823-1611.

News From

CHICAGOLAND

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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

2013 Schedule will be a yearly meeting for all Groups in Chicago in September. Date to be announced.

Celebrating a new arrival is the Wasilewski Family of Group 275 born on December 2, 2012. A new member is Klaire Monroe Wasilewski. Proud grandparents are Jim and Jean Dombroski. Congratulations.

Celebrating January Birthdays from Group 275 are Janet Abbott, Gabriel Andrew, Kyle Antene, Jeanine Bustillo, Jan and Paul Dzialowy, Veronika Falborski, Erin Grand, Carol Grochowski, Valeria Knapczyk, Helen Madaj, Paul Pencak, Elaine Strenski and Florence Wojtowicz.

Group 230 January birthdays: Dale Brokiewicz, Sara Busa, Martha Digangi, Jenna Galas, Helen Hyerczyk, Jan Lazarowicz, Diane Pieklo, Jennifer Rafferty, Stella Safflover, Arlene Sopata, Rosalie Storts, Severine Towns, Anthony VanDusen, Stella Winski

Group 378 January Birthdays celebrants are Robert Katnik

February Birthdays in Group 275 are Debra Barker, Catherine Bober, Lauren Bustillo, Rita Cybulski, Antoni Dzialowy, Mieczyslaw Klimek, Keith Michalec, Gary Migut, Michael and Richard Pencak, Charity Piet, Robert Reddy, Joyce† and Judith Regnier Genowefa Stoklosa, Kurt Wood and Emily Wisinski turns 12 on Feb 2nd.†March 23 anniversary Celebrants are Tom and Venus Wisinski 17 yrs together Group 275 members.

Group 230 February Burthdays are, Krista Bednarz, Gary and Randolph Doman, Richard Dubin, Catherine and Kim Fencel, Catherine Golata, Melissa Hlavac, Joseph Hyerczyk, Ashley Jennings, Jozefa Kasperska, Eugene Kornak, Jacqueline Milbratz, Rose Marie Palama, Claudette Pernice, Debra Rafferty, Donald Szymaszek, Staci Joy Keper, Trisha Tepper, and Shanna Winters.

Group 378 February Birthdays celebrating are Terence Citko, Joey Diakow, Audrey Katnik, Daphne Westfallen.

March Birthdays in Group 275 are Christopher Blake, Brittney Bustillo, Maribeth Dzialowy, Jozefa Gajda, Brian Grgantov turns 12 on March 11, Debra Grgantov celebrates on March 13th, John Kotlarczyk, Pamela Moskal, Jozef Mulinski, Loretta Nirchi, Matthew Pittman, Stanley Sendra, Joanne Setlak, Jamie Wieczorek, Joan Wisinski celebrates on March 4th, Thomas Wisinski celebrates on March 29th, Jean Wood celebrates on March 19th and Todd Zientek.

Group 230 Celebrating January Birthday are, Dale Brokiewicz, Jenna Gallas, Helen Hyerczyk, Tracey Karalow,Jan Lazarowicz, Richard Obartuch, Diane Peiklo, Jennifer Rafferty, Stella Safflover, Arlene Sopata, Rosalie Storts, Severine Towns, Anthony VanDusen, Stella Winski.

March Birthdays from Group 230 are Jolene Bluder, Ronald Capek, Linda Dank, Linda Doman, Marissa Gallas, Jesse Kalfas, Michael Kalfas, Sharon Kalfas, Wiktorya Lewis, Tara Murphy, Erwin Obartuch, Lauren Spencer, Joseph Stachel, Sarah Rose Tepper, Steven Tepper and Paige Lynn Young.

Group 378 March Birthdays are Greg Citko, Sara Anna Lizak and Andrew Westfallen.

Group 230 birthdays, March, Jolene Bluder, Ronald Capek, Linda Dank, Linda Doman, Marissa Galas, Jessie Kalfas, Michael Kalfas, Lilith Rosalee Kalfas, Wiktorya Lewis, Tara Murphy, Erwin Obartuch, Lauren Spencer, Joseph Stachel, Sarah Rose Tepper, Steven Tepper, Paige Lynn Young

Have an addition to your family, sign them up for Polish Union insurance, a great gift for all family members. Call your group secretary for rates and applications. Or call Joan Wisinski at 1 888 789-5182 for information and applications and any forms to change names and beneficiaries.

Most children do not carry life insurance. Look at the benefits, permanent life insurance and scholarship benefits to protect your children and grandchildren. A great gift for Christenings, Communions, etc.

Christmas In Chicago

The annual Chicoland Childrens Christmas Party was held on Dec 2, at Mayfields Banquets in Westchester II for all the Chicago Groups. Approximately 80 Children and Adults attended, enjoying a Pizza Buffet and delicious Sweet table provided by the members of all groups. A big Thank you goes out to the committee who made the party a huge success. Toni Storts, Joan and Tom Wisinski, Helen and Karol Leja, Barbara Kowalski, Maria Zwolinska, Robyn Carpenter and helpers. Mrs Santa was a huge success with the face painting and Santa Claus arrived to gift all the children attending. The children always enjoy the raffle, where they get to choose their own gift.



NE Pennsylvania Fraternals Elect Kolodziej President



The Fraternal Societies of NEPA elected Bernard Kolodziej, President of the Polish Union, as their new President for the coming year. Other Officers elected for 2013 are:

1st Vice President, Felicia Perlick, Polish Women's Alliance; 2nd Vice President, Magdalena Iskra, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association; Secretary/Treasurer, John Andrzejewski, III, Polish National Union of America and Immediate Past President, Martha Iskra, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.

The installation of new Officers for the Fraternals of NEPA was done by CEO/National Secretary Charlotte L. Androckitis and held at the recent Annual Christmas Party.

Pictured above are the members of the Polish Union that attended the dinner.

Sitting (left to right): Terri Rumensky, Nancy Bachurek and Alice Czyzyk.

Standing Left to right: Charlotte L. Androckitis, Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Mary Ellen Kolodziej and Bernard Kolodziej.

Council 21 to Sponsor St Joseph’s Day Celebration



Chris Pagoda, member of Council 21 will chair the Annual St Joseph’s Dinner and Celebration, to be held on Saturday March 23, 2012 at the Ramada Inn in Wilkes-Barre. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 P.M. with the Program and Dinner beginning at 6:00 P.M. Members of the Committee are Charlotte Androckitis, Bill Giebus and Linda Howell all members of Council # 21. Traditional observances will be held to honor St. Joseph. St Joseph’s day is designated as March 19th on the Roman Catholic Calendar. It is widely celebrated in Poland and many other countries such as Italy where the tradition in the Sicily area began in the 1500’s. St Joseph was known as the protector of the Holy family and he was a carpenter by trade. Many believe that because of

this trade, if they pray to him they will be granted special favors such as the successful selling of property and any financial needs they may have. Join us for a special night honoring the protector of the Holy Family – St. Joseph. Tickets will be \$ 30.00 dollars and can be purchased at the Polish Union of USA 570 823-1611 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The price of the tickets also includes a family style dinner and music by the George Tarasek Orchestra. Shown in the photo are Chris Pagoda, Chair; Bill Giebus President of Council 21, and Charlotte Androckitis, CEO/National Secretary of Polish Union USA. Absent from the photo is Linda Howell, member of Council 21.

Children’s Halloween Party

The Youth committee hosted this year’s Children’s Halloween Party on Friday, October 26th, 6:30-8:30 at Polish Union Headquarters. There were 22 children in attendance, along with various parents and helpers. Mr. Fun the Magician wowed us with his spectacular spooky magic tricks and funny jokes alike. It’s always such a joy when he brings his bunny friend with him too! The youth committee would like to thank all of those who participated, helped set up,

and attended that evening. Children enjoyed creating a cat craft, coloring Halloween magnets, sharing dinner and snacks together, a parade of costumes, and the magical fun tricks from Mr. Fun himself. Costume winners and coloring contest winners were announced that evening. All children went home with a tremendous goody bag filled with Halloween fun. A special thanks to our President, Bernie Kolodziej, who also provided each child with a pumpkin to enjoy or carve!



Costume Winners:**Our youngest category winners were: Raymond Chimock, Lilly Huber, and Madelyn Stefanac. Our second category winners were: Bradely Cox, John Grove, and Paige Huber. Our third category winners were: Stanley Shimko, Daniel Drost, and Arabella Cox. Last but not least, our most original costume winner of the whole group went to Emily Hopkins.**



Search For Missing Members

The Polish Union of USA has been trying to locate the following individuals for quite some time. We would like our members to help if you can identify and/or provide us with updated information on these individuals. Any information you have may help us to settle any funds that may be due to these individuals.

Name	Last Know City
Aukamp Mary J (Hoar)	Lancaster PA
Badowski Frank	Windber PA
Becker Teresa Murray A	Grove City PA
Berkowicz, Therese	Chicago IL
Bulewich, Theodore	W Springfield MA
Carbone Eleonora	Trumbell CT
Cislo Helena	South River NJ
Ciurej Ryszard	Omaha NE
Cronk Felicya	Yonkers NY
Cumens Elizabeth	Downingtown PA
Czachor Mary	Moscow PA
Damask Helen	Mt Dora FL
Echterling John E	Pennsville NJ ok
Evans Patricia	Chicago IL
Falborski Christin	Chicago IL
Fiorda Stefania	Oklahoma City OK
Flynn Mary R (Swisher)	Gettysburg PA
Fudala Edwin	Lisle IL
Gawron Antoinette	Berwyn IL
Gogolinski Chester	Northumberland PA
Harvey Arthur S	Alta Loma CA
Helinski Jozef M	cKees Rocks PA
Herbert Carolyn I (Reisinger)	Columbia PA
Hoar Robert S	Elizabethtown PA
Jakubowska Jozefa (Smajek)	Westchester IL
Jurusik Leo	South Plymouth NY
Kisla Emilja	Friendswood TX
Klingler Barbara Flynn	Timonium MD
Klonowski Mark Peter	Geneva IL
Kurland Sophie	Justice IL
Labrasca Rose M	Lancaster PA
Lech John H	Emmaus PA
Macherino Emma M	Downingtown PA
Mazurczyk, Helena	Chicago, IL
McCaughy William S	Millersville PA
McMullen Donald H	Lancaster PA
Milauskas, Adele	Stroudsburg, PA
Misczyk Irene	Wilkes Barre PA
Moher, Cheryl L.	Clarks Green, PA
Nashotka (Nasiadka), Edward	Dunmore, PA
Niedzielski Bernard	Lagrange Pk IL
Paluskiewicz Adrian	Baltimore MD
Patin Mary E	Coatsville PA
Pranger Thomas R	
Reynolds, Ellen J.	
Rezem Louis	
Ross Rose	
Ruppert John R	
Schnittger Elizabeth	
Slavinkas Frances Clarks	
Smajek, Wladyslaw	
Sobczak, Edward	
Sosnowska Rose	
Stepanik, Alphonse	
Szczech Marjanna	
Suchak, Rose	
Sullivan, James	
Vitalec Sophie	
Wasielewska Wladyslawa	
Wentz Marjanna N	
Whalen, Florence	
Wisotzkey Ruth A	
Wlodarczyk, Maria	

Lancaster, PA
E Brunswick NJ
Henderson NJ
Lockport IL
Staunton A
Summit PA
Broadview, IL
Oak Creek, WI
Elgin IL
West Hazleton,PA
Old Forge PA
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Hockessin, DE
Scranton PA
Gouldsboro PA
Haledon NJ
Altha, FL
Gettysburg PA
Carteret, NJ

Help Us Find These Members

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We Have Lost Contact With These Members

Group	Name	Last Know City
3/221	Lewaniak, Denise	Brookfield, IL
221	Lewaniak, Eugene	Brookfield, IL
221	Lewaniak, Stephanie J.	Brookfield, IL
191	Lewis, Rena	Detroit, MI
163	Liberty, Megan,L.	Bradenton,FL
227	Lilli, Mark	Phoenix, AZ
385	Lipa, Susan c/o John Lipa	Berwyn,IL
497	Liptai, James	Scranton,PA
407	Liptai, John	Scranton, PA
270	Lis, David	Orlando, FL
258	Lobue, Lauren	Albuquerque,NM
258	Lobue,Lisa	Albuquerque,NM
70	Loferski, Marianne	Providence, RI
258	Lopatka, Dustin	Wheaton, IL
25	Lott,April,M.	Columbia, TN
270	Lukomski, Lech	Tinley Park, IL
400	Lunny, Shawn	West Pittston, PA
400	MacDonald, Aidan	Chiccago,IL
502	Macherino, Emma M.	Downingtown,PA
138	Maculloch,Joan	Sweet Valley, PA
155	Magnuson, Andrea	Fairfax, VA
502	Malatesta, Anna T.	Coatesville,PA
221	Marecka,Urszula	Chicago, IL
221	Marecki, Ryszard	Mount Prospect, IL
221	Marecki,Stanislaw	Chicago,IL
221	Marecki, Stanislaw	Chicago, IL
502	Martin, David M.	Lancaster, PA
293	Martini, Kimberly c/o Nierodzik	Moosic, PA
240	Matasavage, Albert	Scranton, PA
240	Matasavage,M.S.	Scranton, PA
73	Mattiace, Rosanne F.	Montoursville,PA



The Polish Chef

Grandma’s Chrusciki Recipe

Beat 5 egg yolks with 2 T. confectioner’s sugar until white. Continue beating and gradually add 6 T. sour cream, 2 T. melted room-temp. butter and 2 T grain alcohol. (You can also use vodka, whisky, rum, cognac or even 6% distilled vinegar.) Sift 3 c. flour onto board, add yolk mixture and work ingredients into a uniform dough. Knead it vigorously 5 - 7 mins., then beat it with rolling-pin about 10 min., until silky. Keep turning the dough over so all sides get well-beaten. Roll out on floured board, sifting a little flour over the top, and cut into 1 by 4 in. strips. Make a 1-in. vertical slit at middle of each strip and pull one end through slit to form a bow. Cook in hot, deep lard, shortening or oil until golden on both sides, remove to paper towel and, when cool, dust chrusciki with confectioner’s sugar.

Bliny Polskie Polish Pancakes

Ingredients: 2 c. lukewarm water; 1 ½ cakes or 1 ½ envelopes yeast; 4 c. all-purpose flour; 2 c. whole-wheat flour; 5 separated eggs; ½ c. melted butter; ½ t. salt butter for frying. Dissolve yeast in milk, add flour and mix thoroughly. Add lightly beaten egg yolks, melted butter and salt and finally, fold in stiffly-beaten egg whites. Let stand at cool room temperature for 3 to 4 hrs. until batter has consistency of waffle batter. Fry in very hot butter but do not burn. Fry till brown. Serve with sour cream. **Note:** Recipe serves 12. For half the quantity, use 2 or 3 eggs, depending on size.

Cucumber Apple Salad Mizeria z Ogórków i Jabłek

Place 2 sliced thin cucumbers, 2 cored and sliced thin apples, 4 sliced thin radishes and 3 T lemon juice in a salad bowl, and toss, being sure to cover the apple slices completely with lemon juice. Season ⅔ c. sour cream with 2 t. chopped dill and spoon over the salad just before serving.

Pork Ribs and Cabbage Żeberka Wieprozowe z Kapusta

Brown 3 to 4 lbs. of ribs: pork spareribs or short ribs in ¼ c. bacon drippings. Season and combine with 6 peppercorns, salt, 1 ½ c. beef broth, ¼ c. cider vinegar, 1 diced carrot, 2 chopped onions, ¼ t. caraway seeds and 1 bayleaf. Simmer for 1 ½ hrs., adding more broth if necessary (keep meat covered). Add 1 small quartered head of savoy cabbage in quarters and continue cooking for another 30 mins. or until cabbage is tender. Cut into serving pieces and arrange on heated platter with the cabbage.

Chocolate Mazurek Mazurek Czekoladowy

Cream 1 c sugar and ½ c. butter, then beat in ½ c. melted baking chocolate slowly. Add 4 lightly beaten eggs, 1 t. vanilla extract, salt to taste and 1 T. light cream or milk and mix well. Gradually sift in 2 c. flour. Spread evenly on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 15 - 20 mins. When cool, drizzle with the white icing. Top with grated nuts of your choice. **White Icing:** Combine 1 c. confectioner’s sugar and 2 T. rum or lemon juice and drizzle over cake.

Smacznego!



Koffee Klatch

with P.K.

Dzien dobry! Welcome to my kitchen. While I poured the mocha java coffee, my guest, Jean, who is a newcomer to the area, was full of smiles.After asking the usual questions, she proceeded telling me about the Catholic church she joined. She noticed how many young couples belong to the parish, many with children. Assuming that most of the couples work, her eyes beamed with what she was about to tell me. Jean noticed that the parish had many activities for young couples, but the one greatest activity—to unite the church and family together—as she pointed out,would be to organize and advertise baby sitting in the church bulletin. Here is how it would work.

Many couples in a parish are looking for special help (life baby-sitting) while parents are at work, or just want an evening out together (without the kids). There might be members of the parish who need the extra money or just want to have a part-time job, like my guest.She was so excited, stating that this also would keep it all in the parish. “This is what they did in Kansas.” which is where she came from. As we both got excited about this idea,w added another feature, that we could have a baby-sitting course for one or two hours for any member of the parish who was interested,even ring in neighboring parishes for the classes which could be taught by a nurse and a CPR instructor. It could take place following CCD classes for those interested. I think it’s a great idea.

The pastor could advertise the names and phone numbers of parishioners interested in the project. Also, how about retired folks who love gardening or doing odd jobs. Advertise your intentions of doing part time work, and you’ll earn extra money

Add a little something: meal prayers: the next time you say the family meal prayer, join hands and each day have a different member of the family give their personal gratefulness to the Lord.Start with the father,the next day with the mother, etc. What a great way to teach children and also to remind them,and us, that“without God nothing is possible.”

Hiccups! What a pain! Here are some old remedies that are said to help to get rid of hiccups. Drink water very quickly, if this does not work, swallow dry bread or crushed ice, or put a drop of sugar on your tongue, or, increase the amount of carbon dioxide in your body holding your breath or breathing into a paper bag over your nose and mouth. Another remedy, push in on the soft spot (pressure point) under your rib-cage directly in the center of your body (center of diaphragm).

Folk Art Instructor Sought

We are in need of Instructors for our Folk Art Programs. Persons interested in teaching our members and friends the art of Palm Weaving, Christmas Ornaments, Wycinanki, Pisanki, and other folk crafts are requested to call our office at 570-823-1611

Halloween Coloring Contest Winners

Nicole Poplawski, Miss Polish Union 2012, would like to thank all of those who participated in the newspaper coloring contest! Winners who were present at the Halloween Party received their prize that night. All other prizes were mailed to those winners afterwards. Coloring pages were filled with additional decorations, shading, and spectacular coloring abilities! It was difficult to choose winners with such awesome entries. However, the winners this year were: Ava Arnold, Reece Woytowich, Jack Grove, Jacob English, Brooke Arnold, Natalie Nareski, Jessica English, Regan Woytowich, and Meghan Graham. Great job all!

Don’t throw that banana peel away! Mash it or put it in a blender to puree. Place in a small cup and with a soft cloth, polish your silver. it will shine!...When you want to remove dust from a drawer without removing contents, just cover the nozzle of your vacuum cleaner with an old panty hose. It will take out the dust without sucking up the rest. ...

Dear P.K.
My husband and I have been married for five years.Everything is just great.However,I’m disturbed about something. Every Sunday we go to his mother’s house for dinner. On holidays it’s always his family. If it isn’t his parent’s home it’s his brother’s home. I too have a family and I’m afraid to mention anything because our marriage is going great and I don’t want to spoil everything. What should I do?

Dear Kazia:
Sounds to me like your marriage can’t be that great if you can’t mention going to your family for a Sunday dinner or on holidays.It’s time to take a stand. You have rights too. Tell him you want to alternate Sundays or holidays. If he’s as great as you make him sound, you shouldn’t have a problem.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all our readers who are celebrating the big days during January, February and March!

There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree: Catch that first limb and climb. . or, find a good healthy acorn, sit on it, and wait.

Keep on sending me your letters, ideas and special dates to PK, 17 Laurel Drive, Scranton, PA 18505

Want To Go To Poland?

Membership in the Polish Union spans four generations for Joseph Michalczyk, son of late members John and Sophie Michalczyk, formerly from Dickson City, PA, and grandfather to members Maura and Joel Michalczyk in Group 227. Joe recently shared some exciting news. He and his wife Dolly have been organizing and escorting groups throughout the United States and Europe for 31 years. Next year he is returning to his roots. After a very successful trip to Poland four years ago, Joe has custom designed a trip featuring the best of Poland departing August, 2013. The trip, The Majesty Of Old World Poland, includes historic cities and old world charm: Krakow, Warsaw, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, etc. The resort areas of Zakopane, with its art colonies, and Gdansk on the Baltic Sea will surely delight! This is old world Europe at its best! Polish Union members and friends are invited to join Joe and Dolly on this Polish adventure. For further information call 570 961-3691.

Wigilia Held

This year s Wilgilia Dinner was held at the Polish Union s Home Office in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, November 25th. The event began with the Catholic Mass, followed by the crowning of Ms. Polish Union 2013 and dinner. There were 70 guests that attended.† As usual, it was a superb way to start off the Holiday season. Many old friends were able to catch-up and new friends were made at this yearly event.† Oplatek was broken and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year was expressed by many. Following dinner, Koledy was sung and what a great way to start off the Holiday Season! The Young Adult Committee would like to thank everyone involved!

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 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 products 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.

Party A Joyful Success

The Children’s Christmas party held on December 15 in the Polish Union Community Room was a joyful success. Co Chairpersons Rachel Keefe and Erin Birmer did a fine job of providing gifts and entertainment for the 28 children who were accompanied by many of their parents.

The children enjoyed Arts and crafts, Pizza and refreshments prior to Santa’s arrival. As usual Santa Claus, portrayed by Stanley Keefe, Erin’s Dad was the main attraction and it was obvious that the young-

sters enjoyed unwrapping their presents.

We heard from some of the parents that their children enjoyed their individual gifts and the party in general. Emily Stefanac, Chairperson of the Young Adult Committee, thanked the Committee for chairing the event and reminded the guests about the upcoming events scheduled for next year. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year were extended to all.

A few photos of the fun are seen below



Zonta Club Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party of the Zonta Club was held recently at Alfredo’s Restaurant in the south side of Scranton.

The 29 persons present enjoyed a full afternoon of dinner, exchanging of gifts, games and the traditional breaking of the

Holy Wafer.

Officers of the Zonta Club presented their President, Nancy Bachurek with a Christmas gift on behalf of the entire membership of the Zonta Club.



Sitting: Nancy Bachurek, Zonta Club President and Mary Ann Arnold, Zonta Club Treasurer. **Standing:** Sophie Dubiak, VP of the Zonta; Charlotte L. Androckitis, CEO/National Secretary of the Polish Union; Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Chaplain of the Polish Union; Barbara O’Neill, Sgt.-Of-Arms of the Zonta Club and Joyce Pietrzykoski, Secretary of the Zonta Club.



Standing: Sophie Dubiak, Nancy Bachurek and Ann Sabatini.

Happy Birthday - Sto Lat To Our Senior Members January-March, 2013

Reaching Age 96

- Angela Bielanda, Galena, IL
- Jennie Blasi, Glen Lyon, PA
- Feliks Kotarski, Crystal Falls, MI
- Sterfania Kuliczowska, Trenton, NJ
- Charles A.Obst, SwanLake, NY
- Helen Perkosi, Wilkes-Barre,PA

Reaching Age 90

- Marie Haduck, Philadelphia, PA
- Caroline L. Keister, Lancaster, PA
- Mary Kofira, Taylor,PA
- Stefanja Mackin,Wilmigton, DE
- Mary J. Micek, Norridge, IL
- Irene Mokrzycki, Santa Cruz, CA
- Edward Poczowski, Chicago,IL
- Elizabeth G. Simpson, Lancaster, PA
- Mary Skorupka, Olyphant, PA
- Jozef Starzec, duryea, PA
- Margaret Tobias, Lebanon, PA
- Geraldine Tullai, Roselle, NJ
- Jozef Wojcik, Erie, PA
- Florent Wojtowicz, Darien, IL

Reaching Age 85

- Weronika Candner, Dupont, PA
- Walerya Dandrea,Itasca,IL
- Carl H Draude, Jr., Lancaster, PA
- Rita K. Horn, Columbia, PA

- John Lykon, Swoyersville, PA
- Charlotte Partash, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Anne Remick, Dunore, PA
- Christine A. Rusnak, Philipsburg, PA
- Leokadya (Laura) Shuta, Montrose, PA
- John B. Tretter,Lancaster,PA
- Wanda Vaughn, Phoenix, AZ
- Florence Williams, Hanover Twp., PA

Reaching Age 80

- Shirley Rita Burger, Lancaster, PA
- Malvina Cimoch Houck, Franklin, WI
- Elizabeth J.Hahn, Lancater, PA
- Anthony S. Ill, Lebanon, PA
- Zygmjunt Karwonowski, Chicago, IL
- Teodor Kowalski, Sugar Notch, PA
- John J. Musser, Baton Rouge, LA
- James F. Roeser,Mountville, PA
- Leonard Skibicki, Hanover Twp., PA
- Urania Claire Suess, Lancaster, PA
- Ray Wielgopolski, Miners Mills, PA
- Agnes Wienczkowski, Erie, PA

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.