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## Ninth Vrabel Scholarship Presented at Deb Ball



**Debutante Rebecca Lynn Zaneski, receives the Marion Vrabel Scholarship from Elaine Larronde.**

A special presentation at the 35th Annual Polish Union Debutante Ball. For the 9th consecutive year the Marion Vrabel Scholarship was awarded to a deserving Debutante by Elaine Larronde, daughter of

sue dental school in hopes of becoming an Orthodontist.

Coverage of the 35th Debutante Ball and photos appear on page three of this issue.

the late Marion Vrabel. The Scholarship Fund was originally established nine years ago by Mrs. Larronde, Houston, Texas, and her sister, Deborah Osborne, Arlington, VA. in memory of their deceased mother, Marion Vrabel, a staunch supporter of our Deb Ball. Mrs. Larronde travels annually from Houston to participate in judging and awarding the Scholarship. Elaine, her sister, family members and friends, work diligently to assure perpetuation of the fund supporting higher education. Polish Union USA is very appreciative of this generous gesture.

Congratulations to Debutante Miss Rebecca Lynn Zaneski, the 2013 recipient of the 9th Annual Marion Vrabel Scholarship. She is pictured with Elaine. In the future, Rebecca hopes use the scholarship fund to attend college after graduating High School to obtain a degree in Biology, to then pursue dental school in hopes of becoming an Orthodontist.

## Polish Union Gives Donation to St. Paul of the Cross Church



**The Polish Union of USA recently gave a donation to St. Paul of the Cross Church (formerly Sacred Heart Church of Prospect Ave. in Scranton, PA). The Polish Union has had a long association with this church holding many activities and meetings in their school auditorium. Currently, Lackawanna County Council #21 holds their meetings there on a regular basis.**

**Pictured at left is P.K. Dende, President of Council #21 making the presentation on behalf of the Polish Union to Rev. Scott Sterowski, Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Church.**

## 2014-2015 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

**CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE - PLEASE READ THIS THOROUGHLY**

**Completed Application and Essay due on or before May 31, 2014**

**School Verification required on or before July 31, 2014**

1. Education is important to the Polish Union. Accordingly, Polish Union will make Scholarships available to members who are paid to date in good standing with the Polish Union and who are enrolled in a certified University, College, or other Post High School Program. Eligibility is on a year to year basis and can continue for up to Four (4) years. An Application can be obtained by calling the Home Office (570)823-1611 or downloading from the Polish Union website: [www.polishunionusa.com](http://www.polishunionusa.com).

2. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Scholarships will be awarded by judges reviewing the scholarship applications. Consideration by the judges will be given to the effectiveness in addressing the assigned topic in their essay. Community service, extra curricular activities, involvement in civic, church, and non-profit organizations are also factors that will be considered by the judges.

3. Applicant must be a High School Graduate or Higher, enrolled to attend the 2014 Fall Term of higher education, and must be attending as a Full Time Student (minimum 12 Term Hours).

4. Applicant must Complete the 2014/2015 Scholarship Application and Write an Essay on one of the topics set forth in the Scholarship Application. Essays must be Typed, Double-Spaced, with 1" Margins, using Times New Roman, Font 12. Essays must be a Minimum of Three (3) Full Pages (cover and bibliography pages are not counted as part of the three essay pages).

5. Applicant must Submit School Verification from the University, College, Graduate, Business, Nursing or Trade School, stating they will be attending the 2014 Fall Term. The School Verifications must show the Schools Name, the Students Name, and state that they will be attending Full Time for the 2014 Fall Term. Old or Previous Term information will not be accepted as verification.

6. Completed Scholarship Application, Essay, School Verification, and Applicants Photograph are to be submitted to: The Scholarship Committee, Polish Union of U.S.A., P.O. Box 660, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0660, or can be E-mailed to: [polunion@epix.net](mailto:polunion@epix.net). Polish Union reserves the right to use essays and photographs for publicity purposes and information.

7. Submission Deadline for Scholarship Application and Essay is May 31, 2014. Postmarks after this date will not be eligible or considered.

8. Submission Deadline for School Verification is July 31, 2014. This date is extended to allow for additional time to

acquire the proper School Verification.

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 signing and submitting the Scholarship 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.

**MAIL or E-MAIL Application to:**

**Scholarship Committee  
Polish Union of USA  
P.O. Box 660  
Wilkes Barre, PA 18703-0660**

**E-Mail: [polunion@epix.net](mailto:polunion@epix.net)**

## Henry J. Dende Scholarship Essay Topics

**2014-2015**

All Essay's Must Be Typed, in Times New Roman, Font 12, Double-Spaced, with 1" Margins, and they must be a Minimum of three Full Pages.(Cover and Bibliography pages Do Not Count as part of the three essay pages)

### Fraternal Societies vs. Commercial Insurance Companies

What is your perception of the difference between Fraternal Benefit Societies such as Polish Union of USA and commercial insurance companies?

### Educational Preparation

Generally speaking, is your High School adequately preparing students for College? Expound on the positive and negative experiences during your High School years.

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## In Memoriam

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

Group	Member	State
170	Paulina Grzesiak	IL
25	Dorothy Weaver	NJ
395	Agnes Sagan	PA
180	Edward Wereski	NJ
175	Albina Kuczynski	PA
401	Florence Brunner	PA
230	Helena Majcher	IL
400	Ann Boyko	PA
227	Carolyn Visbisky	PA
240	Winifred Prorock	NY
395	Stella Toth	PA
230	Emilia Majcher	IL
74	Czeslaw Wielebop	PA
395	Jayne Wasyluniak	PA
400	Jayne Hughes	PA
73	James Lohman	PA
189	Apolonia Przybylinska	PA
257	Kata Matuszewska	PA
73	Edward Dolaczynski	CT
270	Rita Hoeksema	IL
163	Joseph E. McDerott	PA
70	Josephine Antonsh	PA
320	Robert E. O'Neill	PA
400	Claire J. Cordier	PA
257	Josephine Strumski	PA
293	Florence C. Lydon	PA
221	Frank Kowalkowski	IL
321	Farence Duda	PA
395	Mary A. McCarthy	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

## Annual National Household Membership Fee

Polish Union of USA is instituting a voluntary Annual National Household Membership fee of \$12.00 per year effective for the year of 2014. The reasons for this assessment are the cost of monitoring records, processing payments, fraternal activities, and related matters pertinent to each of our members which is now borne primarily by the Home Office. Years ago, Group Secretaries had the responsibility for collecting dues and providing general services to their members. Groups often had to levy membership fees to help cover some of the costs. Since this function is now provided through the Home Office the decision was made to levy an annual household membership fee to cover some of the added costs. We offer our thanks in advance for your understanding and support.

## Search For CEO

As stated in the constitution and by-laws of Polish Union "the Board shall appoint a Search Committee to seek out, interview and recommend for nomination a person for the office of CEO/National Secretary".

Requirements include; appropriate education and experience in life insurance, fraternal work, business administration, public relations, community activities, personnel management and marketing experience.

Candidates who feel they meet these requirements should send a resume and application to: Search Committee for CEO/National Secretary

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## Societies Celebrate Anniversaries

Two Fraternal Societies with whom we have close ties recently celebrated major milestones and we offer congratulations on behalf of Polish Union.

This past October, the Association of the Sons of Poland was recognized for 110 years of service. Charlotte Androckitis, our CEO/National Secretary, serves on the New York/New Jersey Fraternal Alliance Board and maintains dialogue with this New Jersey based Society.

More recently, we honored the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union on the occasion of their 115th anniversary. The national headquarters of LPSCU is in Wilkes Barre, PA and they work closely with our other local Societies as members of the Fraternal Societies of Northeastern PA.

Congratulations once again to both organizations for their long term dedicated service to the community.



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.

## Polish Union of U.S.A. Officers and Board Members 2010-2014

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## First-Hand Proof of What Makes Us So Different

From time to time I get involved in the processing of our Death Claims here at the Polish Union. You go through the motions of doing the job never really thinking of what the beneficiaries and those in charge of estates must do to finalize everything.

I recently became involved in being on the other side of the death claim process as well as in charge of an estate. I never realized what an overwhelming experience it is.

After waiting many weeks for others to do their jobs, I suddenly realized that the Polish Union is far ahead of most Insurance Companies to pay their claims quickly. I also know, now from experience, how very important it is for us to service our Polish Union members and their beneficiaries as soon as possible, which we do. Trying to finalize everything depends on the Insurance Companies and others doing their jobs in a timely manner. This ends up saving the family many additional costs and problems as well as giving them closure to a difficult experience.

This leads me to the next item which is costs of a funeral. Now speaking from personal experience, the cost of a funeral is extremely expensive. I would venture to



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

say that the average cost is around \$10,000 whether you have cremation or a traditional funeral.

How do people absorb such costs? They purchase Life Insurance. Now is the time to check your Life Insurance policies to see if you have enough coverage. If not, Polish Union is only a phone call away to help you in discussing your life insurance needs. Give us a call today at 570-823-1611.

I would like to extend to you and yours the gift of good health, happiness and peace. A belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

## Convention Planning Needs Your Input For Success

This issue of our Journal will reach you early in this new year and I sincerely hope that you and your family and friends are enjoying a wonderful start to the year ahead. May God's blessings remain with you and your loved ones throughout the year.

Preparations are underway at Polish Union for our Convention in September since advance planning is required to assure satisfactory accommodations for our Delegates. We also take this opportunity to remind all members of their responsibility to provide suggestions and ideas for consideration by the Body when they assemble. All members may provide input either directly or through their respective Groups. Prospective Delegates should make their desire known to the Group Secretaries who will be holding elections to select representatives from their Groups. During the coming months information will be provided from the Home Office to guide everyone through the process.

Constitutional Amendments are being solicited by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and Committees are forming to appropriately address other matters at hand. We cannot adequately stress the importance of convening a body of members interested in the welfare of Polish Union. Delegates have the final say in planning our future.

During the past several months we have witnessed an increased emphasis on Board governance and policy regulations by the state Insurance Department. A particular concern for the Fraternal Societies which do not have large membership and assets is the pressure to consider merging with other Societies. Many of the twenty Societies based in PA find themselves in



President's  
Desk

BERNARD KOLODZIEJ

this situation and are taking steps to address the matter. In fact, Our CEO/General Secretary convened a regional meeting of five Societies in September, 2011 when this issue first arose. At that time there was some discussion on collaborating but no action resulted until after our statewide meeting of the PA Fraternal Alliance in November, 2013. Several Societies, ours included, have resumed dialogue.

We take respite in the fact that this regulatory body, the Insurance Department, helps protect the integrity of each organization and guarantees the welfare of every individual member but the prevailing sentiment is that we are being treated the same as the large commercial companies. Our feeling is that the Fraternal are and have been focused more closely on personal relationships with their respective members. Furthermore, although the membership population is now more diverse, each Society cherishes their identity and founding roots, be they ethnic, religious, or other. The main goal of most Societies is that they be recognized more as having a fraternal mission, not as a typical commercial organization. We will keep you posted as matters develop. Very likely this will be a major topic at our upcoming Convention.

## Swieconka is Symbol of Easter



Chaplain's  
Corner

REV. PATRICK ALBERT

As Spring time approaches our attention turns to Lent and ultimately Easter, a most beautiful and tremendously symbolic time of the year. All Polish celebrations are beautiful and multi dimensional but Easter is the holiest as well as the most beautiful beginning with The Holy Saturday blessing of Easter foods "Swieconka".

This blessing symbolizes the gratitude of the people for all God's blessing. The Easter menu usually consists of cold fare,

such as baked ham, Babka bread and kielbasa. Butter is usually shaped like a lamb, symbolic of the "Lamb of God". This tradition of blessing of food baskets is observed in America and many other countries as well, but originated in Eastern Europe.

The Catholic priest blesses the basket at the church or some central location. Eggs are always part of the basket fare as the symbol of life. Many non Polish congregations have adopted this beautiful tradition as well, adding a special richness to their Easter celebration. Finally, a blessed candle is inserted into the basket is lighted just prior to the blessing. To see hundreds of these Easter food baskets lined across the altar of the church is awe-inspiring.

These beautiful traditions and celebrations that come to us from Eastern Europe and especially Poland can be enjoyed by one and all.



# Debutantes Introduced at the 35th Annual Debutante Ball

The Polish Union of USA hosted its 35th Annual Debutante Ball, *Cherish Your Dreams*, on November 2, 2013 at Genetti Manor, Dickson City. There were three Debutantes that participated in the magical affair. With 115 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 Kimberly Marie Kowalski.** She is the daughter of Daniel and Karen Kowalski of Scranton, PA. Kimberly was escorted that evening by Mr. Jonathan Symonies of Carbondale, PA.

**Rebecca Lynn Zaneski.** She is the daughter of Stanley and Linda Zaneski of Edwardsville, PA. Rebecca was escorted that evening by her brother, Mr. Stanley Zaneski, III also of Edwardsville, PA.

**Miss Melanie McAndrew.** She is the daughter of Eric and Kim McAndrew of Eynon, PA. Melanie was escorted that evening by Mr. Evan Sutton of Eynon, PA.

**Mr. Brennan Huber,** 2013 Page Boy and **Ava Arnold,** 2013 Page Girl. Brennan is the son of Timothy and Jennifer Huber of Clifton Twp., PA. Ava is the daughter of James and Lisa Arnold of Old Forge, PA.

The Officers and Board Members of Polish Union USA offer special thanks Emily Stefanac and her Committee for successfully conducting the 35th Annual Debutante Ball at Genetti's Ball Room, Dickson City, PA. in November 2013. The Debs, (list the names as per program) , obviously enjoyed their "Introduction into Society" and the guests participated enthusiastically in the celebration. Guests included Polis Union members, family and friends of the Debs, and a significant number of youngsters further testifying to the viability of our beloved Fraternal. Congratulations to the Debs and their families with best wishes for the future!



Our Debutantes, their escorts and our page boy and girl gather together



The committee who planned the 2013 Debutante Ball



The dance floor was as much fun for attendees as the debs themselves



Brennan Huber was Page Boy and Ava Arnold served as Page Girl



A popular highlight, Debs and their escorts perform the traditional Polonaise

**Need extra cash?**  
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Polish Union offers an incentive program for all who recommend prospective members.

When your referred prospect becomes a member you receive a \$20 cash award! For more details or call our Home Office.

As an added incentive, we are offering Ameripol tote bags (while supplies last) to everyone who recommends three or more new members.

Help Polish Union grow and earn extra cash by becoming a Recommender today!





# About Our Members

## Welcome Home!



**Sgt. Edward Snyder** member of Polish Union Group 405, has just returned home after serving under Enduring Freedom in Kuwait 2012-2013. This was his second deployment.

Sgt. Snyder is a member of the Army National Guard G-228 Part of the 55Th brigade Kingston PA. His first week home Sgt. Snyder enjoyed going to see his favorite baseball team, the Philadelphia Phillies. At the game he was able to go on the field and change the bases at the end of the third inning and go behind the scenes. His Fiance's daughter, **Karen**, was able to join him. The experience was a moment they'll

never forget and is captured above. On behalf of the Polish Union we thank Sgt. Snyder and all of the members of the Armed Forces for the Sacrifices that them and their families make to help protect this great nation.

## Age 97



**Amelia E (Nicklaus) Tremmel**, pictured above, of Souderton celebrated her 97th birthday last June. Amelia is a member of group 502 located in Lancaster. Congratulations to you Amelia and many more!

## Pysanky Class Offered April 2



**Instructor Tammy Budnovitch decorates a traditional Pysanky egg**

The Polish Union is sponsoring a Ukrainian Pysanky class, to be held at St. Catherine's of Siena, located in Moscow, PA. The class will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Instructor will be Tammy Budnovitch and her mother Sonia Laslar. Cost of the beginner's class is \$ 20.00 which includes the cost of the kistka, beeswax, egg, and handouts with designs and instructions. There will be 2 classes offered, one beginning at 2:00 and the other will begin at 5:30.

Classes are approximately 2 hours long. Guests and members are asked to arrive at least one-half hour prior to the beginning of the class to receive your supplies and pay for the class. There will also be pysanky and supplies for sale. Class size is limited so please call early to sign up! Class is suggested for age 15 and up. Members and guests can call Tammy Budnovitch at 570 766-1919 to register.

## Youth Bowling Tournament

**This Is a 3-6-9 Tournament -Automatic Strike in those Frames**

**Sunday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to Noon at Stanton Lanes, Stanton St., Wilkes-Barre**



**\$5 admission for members**

**\$7 for non-members**

There will be divisions and age brackets. Trophies will be awarded to the top bowlers

**All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Please call the Polish Union at 570-823-1611 to make reservations on or before February 17, 2014.**

# Happy Birthday - Sto Lat To Our Senior Members January-March, 2014

## Reaching Age 96

Marion Capobianco, Sewell, NJ  
Mieczyslaw Klimek, Niles, MI  
Stanislawa Lubash, Swoyersville, PA  
Jozefa Pavloski, Indiana, PA  
Joseph Stachel, Phoenix, AZ  
Jozefa Topczewska, Chicago, IL  
Czeslaw Winiarski, Lisle, IL

## Reaching Age 90

James J. Dillman, Gettysburg, PA  
Catherine Dulski, Hatfield, PA  
Helene M. Eisenhauer, Lebanon, PA  
Jozefa Gajda, Lisle, IL  
Helen Grudzinski, Avoca, PA  
Rosetta J. Johnson, Gettysburg, PA  
Filip Marcolono, Indiana, PA  
Henry Musielinski, Wausaukee, WI  
Janet B. Oyler, Gettysburg, PA  
Martha Roarty, Lincoln Park, MI  
E. Swiatkowski, South River, NJ  
Marie M. Waller, Constoga, PA  
Genowefa Watson, Staten Island, NY

## Reaching Age 85

Weronika Falborski, Oak Lawn, IL  
Theresa F. Jobin, Elkhart, IN  
Irene Kivak, Dupont, PA  
Barbara Kowalski, Palos Hills, IL  
Henry P. Lucas, Brooklyn, NY  
Anna M. Marszalek, Chicago, IL  
Helen Palys, Stickney, IL  
Charles K. Riley, Lancaster, PA  
Annette Sheldon, Dallas, PA  
Florence Skutnik, McHenry, IL

Mary A. Smith, Doylestown, PA  
Wladyslawa Sowa, Des Plaines, IL  
Christine H. Bender, Lebanon, PA

## Reaching Age 80

Sylvia Barg, Schaumburg, IL  
Bernadette Beagley, Lombard, IL  
Josephine Cotterman, Oil City, PA  
Elizabeth Czeck, Mountaintop, PA  
Ann Donson, Dickson City, PA  
Alicja Gajos, Wilmette, IL  
Daniel G. Ganse, Manheim, PA  
Theresa Greening, Scranton, PA  
Geraldyna Gronska, Cresco, PA  
Margaret Grzymek, Orland Park, IL  
Joan C. Korth, Ponce Inlet, FL  
Geraldyna Krupa, Cape May, NJ  
Stella Kusy, Scranton, PA  
Teresa Letinski, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Florence Lowell, Lakewood, NJ  
Dolores Neverowski, Woodridge, IL  
Loretta Nirchi, Chicago, IL  
Dorothy Osowski, Mout Prospect, IL  
Lawrence Quarry, Manns Choice, PA  
Sylvia Sklanka, Moosic, PA  
Jean F. Smith, Swoyersville, PA  
Elaine Strenski, Baton Rouge, LA  
Thomas Wisinski, Palos Park, 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.

## Convention Reminder

The initial Proclamation for the 38th Polish Union Quadrennial Convention was published in the fall 2013 issue of our Fraternal Journal. This reminder contains a correction regarding the location. Our Convention is scheduled for September 12, 13, and 14, 2014 at Gennetti's Best Western in Wilkes Barre, PA.

Your Officers, Board and Committee members, and Office Staff are and will continue to work toward fully preparing all pertinent information for the Delegates. We must remember that once the Convention is called to order, the Delegates are in charge. They will map out the future of our organization and elect the leaders to see that those plans are implemented. Remember that potential Delegates must, by January 1, 2014, be a registered member of the Group they will be representing.

There are many important issues before us, including budget constraints, new regulations from the State Insurance Department, and increased emphasis on Governance and Management. Delegates have major responsibilities during the course of a Convention and we ask that you exercise those rights for the benefit of all members.

**Fraternally,  
Bernard Kolodziej,  
Board President**

## Upcoming Activities & Events

### 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.

### 2014

#### March

- March 2 Youth Bowling Tournament, to be held on Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Stanton Lanes, Stanton Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA.
- March 22 **Saint Joseph's Dinner** A Touch of Class Catering at The Palace on George Avenue in Wilkes-Barre. Details to be announced in the Winter issue.

#### April

- April 2 Pisanki Class – will be held at St. Catherine's of Siena, located in Moscow, PA. There will be 2 classes held that day. 2:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. See article for additional information.
- April 12 Children's Easter Party – will be held at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre, PA from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

#### September

- Sept 12-14th 38th Polish Union Quadrennial Convention to be held at Gennetti's Best Western in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

- Sept 27 Chicago Annual Meeting, details to be announced in a future issue.

#### December

- Dec. 7 Chicago Groups Annual Childrens Party to be held from 2-5 PM, a 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.*



# News From CHICAGOLAND

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

Happy New Year 2014 to all Our members.

## 2014 Schedule of events-

Annual Meeting Saturday September 27, 2014. Location TBA

Chicago Groups Annual Childrens Christmas Party on Sunday December 7, 2014 from 2p-5pm

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. and Audrey Radek.

From Group 230 January Birthdays are-Dale Brokiewicz, Sara Busa, Martha Digangi, Jenna Galas, Helen Hyerczyk, Jan Lazarowicz, Diane Pieklo, Jennifer Rafferty, Stella Saflower, Arlene Sopata, Rosalie Storts, Severine Towns, Anthony VanDusen and Stella Winski.

From Group 378 January Birthday wishes to Robert Katnik.

Happy Valentines Day February 14th to all.

Celebrating Birthdays in February from Group 275 are-Emily Wisinski turns 13 on Feb 2nd, 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.

From Group 230-Krista Bednarz, Gary and Randolph Doman, Richard Dubin, Catherine and Kim Fencl, 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.From Group 378-

Terrence Citko, Joey Diakow, Audrey Katnik and Daphne Westfallen.

Happy Anniversary on March 23rd to Thomas J and Venus Wisinski celebrating 18 yrs from group 275.

Happy Birthday in March from group 275 to-Christopher Blake, Brittney Bustillo, Maribeth Dzialowy, Jozefa Gajda, Brian† Grgantov turns 13 on March 11th, Debra Grgantov on March 13th, John Kotlarczyk, Pamela Moskal, Jozef Mulinski, Loretta Nirchi, Matthew Pittman, Joanne Setlak, Jamie Wieczorek, Joan Wisinski on March 4th, Thomas Wisinski on March 29th, Jean Wood on March 19th ,Todd Zientek. Dolores Kubicki. Allen Plachta, Kristen Platt, Joann Stettlar.From Group 230-Jolene Bluder, Ronald Capek, Linda Dank, Linda Doman, Marissa Galas, Jessie Kalfas, Michael Kalfas, Sharon Kalfas, Wiktorya Lewis, Tara Murphy, Erwin Obartuch, Lauren Spencer, Joseph Stachel, Sarah Rose Tepper and Paige Lynn Young.From Group 378-Greg Citko, Sara Anna Lizak and Andrew Westfallen.

Any special occasion you want mentioned in our paper of our Members. Email to Joan Wisinski at-wisinski85@comcast.net.

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## Christmas in Chicago

The Annual Chicagoland Childrens Christmas Party was held on December 1, at Mayfield Banquets. We welcomed approximately 80 children, parents and grandparents. A pizza buffet and Sweet Table was enjoyed by all. Mrs Santa did face painting and balloon making for the children and some adults and Santa arrived to give each child a gift and picture taking of the children and group secretaries and parents. Thank you to the committee for all your hard work, Toni Storts, Tom and Joan Wisinski, Helen and Karol Leja, Barbara Kowalski, Maria Zwolinska, Robyn Carpenter and helpers.



## Fraternal Societies Donate



As part of their Make-A-Difference Day Project, the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania presented a donation to the Domestic Violence Service Center (DVSC) at the October meeting held at the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Home Office in Wilkes-Barre. The donation was an assortment of items including a highchair, household items, bed linens, towels, baby products, car seats, strollers, and health and hygiene products. All of the items 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 benefit societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Members include: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Greek Catholic Union of the USA, 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, Slovene National Benefit Society and CPS Actuaries. At the donation presentation, from left: Theresa Kluchinski; Charlotte L. Androckitis; Bernard Golubiewski; Mary Jo Savidge; Martha Iskra; Ann Dougher; Bernie Regis; Magdalen Iskra; Mary Ann Ewasko; Felicia Perlick; Bernard Kolodziej; Irene Jugan and Geneva Evancho, Outreach Supervisor, Domestic Violence Service Center.



## Penna Fraternalists Meet

The PFA recently held their 102nd Annual meeting in Hershey. Charlotte Androckitis, our CEO/ National Secretary participated in the program, presenting Scholarship Awards. Northeastern PA was well represented in the Program with Mrs. Irene Jugan, CEO of the Polish National Union and 2014 PFA President-elect, presenting our State Senator John Yudichak as 2014 PA Fraternalist of the Year, and Bernard S. Golubieski as PFA Secretary-Treasurer. Members of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and Polish National Union also attended as Delegates.

There were many pertinent topics discussed by knowledgeable resource personnel. Presentations included; Outlook 2014, Fraternal Cash Management Services, Milton Hershey School, Health Care Reform Update, and Keeping Your Board Informed. The Standing Committees gave their reports during the course of the 2 day session which also included Award presentations and the Charity Award to Aaron's Acres, a Lancaster based program for Children who are Developmentally Disabled. Each year a special charitable donation is made by PFA to a selected organization.

The closing major session was a presentation by Stephen J. Johnson, Deputy Insurance Commissioner from the PA. Insurance Department. This section was ded-



**President Bernard Kolodziej and CEO/National Secretary Charlotte Androckitis attended the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting.**

icated to alerting all Societies of the increasingly complex regulations facing us now and in the future. Afterwards, many participants expressed concern for action both to contend with and take steps to modify some of the proposals on the horizon. Board Members and the general membership of our organization will be apprised of developments accordingly.

## Search For Missing Members

The Polish Union of USA has been trying to locate the following individuals for quite some time. Members have contacted us in some instances regarding the names listed below but as of this date we have not received proper documentation to complete our paperwork. therefore, the names below will remain on our search list. Any information provided may help to settle any funds that may be due to these individuals.

Name	Last Know City
Badowski Frank	Windber PA
Becker Teresa Murray A	Grove City PA
Bulewich Theodore	W Springfield MA
Carbone Eleonora	Trumbell CT
Ciurej Ryszard	Omaha NE
Cronk Felicya	Yonkers NY
Cumens Elizabeth	Downingtown PA
Czachor Mary	Moscow PA
Eppolito Enes (Ines)	Downingtown PA
Falborski Christin	Chicago IL
FilipiakStanislawa	Maspeth NY
Fiorda Stefania	Oklahoma City OK
Flynn Mary R (Swisher )	Gettysburg PA
Gogolinski Chester	Northumberland PA
Grzesiak	Paulina Chicago IL
Harvey Arthur S	Alta Loma CA
Helinski Jozef	McKees Rocks PA
Herbert Carolyn I (Reisinger)	Columbia PA
Hoar Robert S	Elizabethtown PA
Jurusik Leo	South Plymouth NY
Karwacki Ronald	Oaklawn IL
Kisla Emilja	Friendswood TX
Klonowski Mark Peter	Geneva IL
Kurland Sophie	Justice IL
Lech John H	Emmaus PA
Majchrowska Laurina	Chicago IL
McMullen Donald H	Lancaster PA
Misczyk Irene	Wilkes Barre PA
Moher Cheryl L	Clarks Green PA
Nashotka ( Nasiadka) Edward	Dunmore PA
Pranger Thomas R	Lancaster PA
Reynolds Ellen J	E Brunswick NJ
Rezem Louis	Henderson NV
Ross Rose	Lockport IL
Ruppert John R	Staunton VA
Schnittger Elizabeth	Clarks Summit PA
Slavinkas Frances	Broadview IL
Smajek Wladyslaw	Elgin IL
Sosnowska Rose	West Hazleton PA
Stepanik Alphonse	Old Forge PA
Szczech Marjanna	Wilkes Barre PA
Suchak Rose	Hockessin DE
Sullivan James	Scranton PA
Vitalec Sophie	Gouldsboro PA
Wasielewska Wladyslawa	Altha FL
Whalen Florence	Lancaster PA
Willman Magdalene	Gettysburg PA
Wisotzkey Ruth A	Carteret NJ
Wlodarczyk Maria	

## Children's Halloween Party

The Young Adult Committee hosted this year's Children's Halloween Party on Sunday, October 27th. They would like to thank all of those who attended. We saw great costumes again this year, and the judges had a difficult time choosing costume winners! All children were given a special pumpkin to take home compliments of our President, Bernie Kolodziej, and National Secretary, Charlotte Androckitis. The children enjoyed lunch, refreshments, entertainment by Mr. Fun the Magician, balloon animals, and goody bags as well! We hope you all had a wonderful and safe Halloween!



These costumes earned prizes as the best of the day



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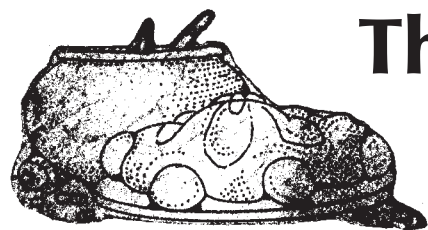
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# The Polish Chef

## Family Dinner Favorites

### Polish chicken stew potrawka z kurczęcia

This old favorite, ideal for a Sunday family dinner, has been down-scaled to better suit today's weight and health-minded times. Nearly all the chicken fat has been discarded and milk is used in place of the rich sour cream called for in the original recipe. But there is no noticeable loss in taste.

Wash, drain and pat dry 1 2 to 3 lb. fryer. Rub the chicken pieces with lemon juice and place in a pot. Add 1 carrot, 1 parsnip, 1 leek, 1 stalk celery and 1 onion, 1 bay leaf, 2 clove, 2 grains allspice, 1 t. salt (or less if restricting sodium intake) and 1/4 t. pepper. Add 2 c. boiling water, cover and cook about 1 hour, or until chicken is tender. Replace liquid that evaporates. Strain, reserving vegetables and chicken and discarding spices. Refrigerate separately overnight. Next day,, discard all but 1 T. congealed chicken fat. Remove and discard bones from chicken and cut meat into small cubes. Slice the vegetables. In large skillet melt the 1 T. reserved chicken fat Stir in 1 heaped T flour to form a roux and cook briefly without browning, stirring constantly and adding a few spoonfuls of the de-greased chicken-vegetable stock to get a smooth paste. Then stir in remaining stock, add the chicken and vegetables and simmer about 5 min. Add 1/2 c. milk and simmer a bit longer. Season to taste with salt, pepper and a little lemon juice and sugar. Serve over cooked rice, egg noodles or mashed potatoes. Garnish each portion with finely chopped parsley and/or dill.

### Egg Cutlets kotlety z jaj

here is another winning dish from the treasure trove of traditional Polish recipes. Grind or briefly process to a ground consistency 7 hard-cooked eggs.

(Variation: If concerned about cholesterol, you can use an egg substitute equivalent to 7 eggs, cooked according to package directions to a hard-boiled consistency.) Soak 1/2 c. bread crumbs in 2/3 c. milk. Chop fine 2 - 3 med. onions and simmer in a little oil or butter until transparent. Combine the eggs and onions and bread crumb mixture, add 1 raw egg, 2 - 3 T. fresh dill, chopped fine and season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper.

**Optional:** (A T. fresh chopped parsley, and/or chives may also be added). Mix well and add some bread crumbs if mixture feels too mushy. Form rather thick hamburger-sized or smaller patties from mixture, dredge in flour, dip in beaten egg and sprinkle with bread crumbs, pressing them in gently. Fry to a nice golden brown on both sides in hot oil. Drain on absorbent paper and serve at once with sliced tomatoes and boiled, new potatoes, dotted with butter.

### Beef Roll-Ups Zraziki Po Krakowskiu

Yields six servings: 2 lbs. Round steak; 1 c. bread crumbs; 1 onion grated; 1 egg, beaten; 8 T. butter, melted; 1 T. chopped parsley; 2 c. water; salt and pepper.

Cut steak into thin pieces, about 4 1/2 by 2 in. Score, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine bread crumbs, egg, onions and 4 T of the melted butter, salt and pepper. Spread the dressing on each piece of meat, roll up and fasten with a skewer or toothpick. Roll in flour and brown in remaining butter. Add 2 c. water (meat stock if you have it) and simmer 1 1/2 hrs. Remove toothpicks. Pour gravy over meat. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve with mashed potatoes.

*Smacznego!*

## Pre Convention Membership Contest

The 38th Convention of Polish Union will be held in September 2014 and a membership contest is now underway. Group Secretaries and Licensed Agents are urged to submit new applications to compete for one of several cash prizes to be awarded at the 2014 Convention.

Beginning date for the contest is has already begun and will be ending on August 31, 2014.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP  
NEW MEMBERS!**

## Bad Address Report

The Polish Union seeks to locate the following members whose addresses have been reported as incorrect. Members knowing the correct addresses are urged to contact the Home Office

Group	Member Name	Last Known Address
0221	ADAMOWSKI, MAREK	22W546 BALSAM, GLEN ELLYN, IL
0221	ALBERSKA, BOGUSTAWA	2020 N 73RD AVE APT 2E, ELMWOOD PARK, IL
0155	ANDRYSIK, JOANNA	56 CORONA RD., EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ
0502	ARNOLD, KATHLEEN M	POB LEBANON, PA
0502	ARNOLD, MARGARET A	4 PERSHING Ave., LEBANON, PA
0100	BABIARZ, KENNETH	RR 3 BOX 3506, NICHOLAS, PA
0163	BAINBRIDGE, STACE L	903 PARK ST., SCRANTON, PA
0502	BALDWIN, BRIAN K	3306 CURTIS DRIVE, SUITLAND, MD
0258	BALDYGA, ALLISON	
	C/O WILLIAM BALDYGA	APT 1, 1457 W. CARMEN AVE., CHICAGO, IL
0392	BATES, ROBERT A	3089 EMERALD BLVD. LONG POND, PA
0502	BAUMLER, MARGARET M	26 ??? CHESTER, PA
0240	BEDNARSKI, STACIE N	331 MARSHALL ST., ELIZABETH, NJ
0502	BEECHER, NANCY	17 NORTH JEFFERSON ST., LANCASTER PA
0502	BEILER, TRACY L	APT 1, 214 EAST MAIN ST. LEOLA, PA
0406	BELENSKI, MICHAEL	181 PAGE AVE., KINGSTON, PA
0406	BELENSKI, SUZANNE	38 EAST SPRUCE ST., NORRISTOWN, PA

## Koffee Klatch

with P.K.



**Dzien Dobry!** Welcome to my kitchen. The Columbian coffee and peppermint tea is read and the chocolate covered strawberries are prepared for eating. Everyone is thankful to be inside, warm and toasty. Who thought that something with such a quaint name as "polar vortex" could plunge us deep into a modern day ice-age so fast!? The conversation turned to the aches and pains so many suffer when the weather changes so drastically. Joe was philosophical saying, "We're not going to live forever." Ceil chimed in that everything would be great if only she could get a new pair of knees. That took our conversation in a totally different direction. We began to fanaticize about buying new body parts. and according to Samuel, those dreams could come true in the not too distant future.

He told us about research he had read about scientist cloning pigs for the purpose of organ transplants. The reason pigs are used, he said, is because their organs are so similar to humans.

Another discovery he found was the discovery of a gene that looks a lot like a worm, already in our bodies, that seems to be able to prolong life. Researchers believe that activating this gene could make life-spans of one-hundred years, common. They also claim that this could be developed in as little as a decade.

A scary chill went through me when I heard this. This is no longer a wild dream, but a visible reality. However, I remember reading one doctor say that with everything new comes risks. He said that new infections and new diseases could arise. Only time will tell.

If the world goes on for another millennium or more, can you imagine the possibilities it will bring? Person-like robots would certainly be created. Wouldn't it be nice to have one to clean your house, or cook a gourmet meal for you and your guests? Then, what would we do with all that free time? Yes, there are many possibilities, but let us not forget that all that glitters is not gold!

**Dear PK,**

I'm 78-years-old and in the past year or so I have become very concerned, almost obsessed, about going to heaven. I pray a lot but I am concerned about my past sins. I make my Christmas and Easter duty, but wonder if I confessed all my sins now and in the past. I should ask a priest about this, but I'm too embarrassed. Do you think there is a heaven? Also, do you think God is strict? What could I do to be sure I get to heaven?

—Rhonda

**Dear Rhonda,**

Yes, I do believe there is a heaven. I do believe God loves us unconditionally.

Confession is very important. To admit your sins is a relief (remember, the priest in the confessional is representing God). In Confession you say, please forgive me for all my sins and the sins I have forgotten. Therefore, if you have forgotten some sins, it is forgiven. Concentrate on living a good life and helping others and keeping the commandments. I am sure God will hold His arms out to you when it is time to meet Him.

—P.K.

The "Second" Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.

2. Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never happen.

3. Thou shalt not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.

4. Thou shalt face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time.

5. Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.

6. Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.

7. Thou shalt not try to relive yesterday for good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!

\*. Thou shalt be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking and some people do know more than you do.

9. Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to big ones.

10. Thou shalt not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90 percent of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.

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Happy Birthday to all who will celebrate the warm day during these cold months.

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**Hints For the Day:** Finally we have a use for all those banana peels. They are great for polishing and shining shoes. Just rub the inside of the peel on your shoes and watch them shine.

—Push a straw to the bottom of a new bottle of catsup—the catsup will flow faster.

—Foam shaving cream removes spots from rugs.

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Keep on sending me your letters and comments. Those of you who have not some written as yet, please write to P.K., 17 Laurel Drive, Scranton, PA 18505

## 56th Meeting for Council 17



Council 17 of Polish Union USA recently held their fall 2013 meeting at Sacred Heart Hall, Scranton, PA with Mrs. P. K. Dende presiding. The group reviewed their activities from the past year did preliminary planning for 2014. Polish Union activities were outlined by Board Member Bill Giebus, Activities Chairman;

CEO/General Secretary Charlotte Androckitis reported on operations in general highlighting the pending Deb Ball, followed by remarks from Board President Bernard Kolodziej.

Council President Dende presented a special plaque to Nancy Bachurek, honoring her as Council 17 Person of the Year. Mrs. Bachurek, a Polish Union Board Member, is actively engaged in a variety of Council and Polish Union activities. She is also committed to serving as a volunteer with the American Legion Auxiliary, having held office as State Chaplain and now as State Vice President. Pictured are Mrs. Dende and Mrs. Bachurek.



## In Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Area: Easter Party For Children

**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Kirby Park, Wilkes-Barre**

*Sponsored By The Young Adult  
Committee*



### For Reservations:

- Parents are invited to bring their children ages 0-12 to the party.
- There will be an Egg Hunt, Entertainment and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Refreshments will be served.

### Reservations Necessary

Phone the Polish Union Home Office at 823-1611 by April 3 to make reservations.

**Volunteers To Help At This Event Are Welcome**

## Council 21 to Sponsor St Joseph's Day Celebration



**Chris Pagoda, left and Linda Howell, chair this year's 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 22, 2014 at the Touch of Class at the Palace 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. St Joseph's day is widely celebrated in Poland and many other European

countries such as Italy where the tradition in the Sicily area began in the 1500's. St Joseph, the protector of the Holy family was a carpenter by trade. Many believe that because of his 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 are \$ 30 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.

## St. Joseph's Dinner

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Polish Union Home Office - 570-823-1611

MaryAnn Arnold - 570-510-4551 or 570-457-2923

Chris Pagoda - 570-779-3805 • Bill Giebus - 570-822-3005

## Traditional Wigilia Was Held

The Wigilia and Miss Polish Union crowning was held on the first Sunday of Advent at Holy Transfiguration Hall in Nanticoke, PA. The program began with a Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Rev. Patrick Albert followed by Ashlynd Huber, Miss Polish Union 2013, crowning Melanie McAndrew, the new Miss Polish Union 2014!

Father then blessed the wafers which were shared by the 60 members and guests in attendance. The traditional meal served by the Young Adult Committee and volunteers, was enjoyed by all. Christmas wreaths and poinsettias were awarded to selected guests and the Committee extended their best wishes to all for a joyous Christmas Season.

Congratulations to the Committee for a job well done.



**Miss Polish Union, Melanie McAndrew, was crowned at the Wigilia**



**Blessing of the eucharist began the evening's proceedings**



**The committee that organized the Wigilia**

