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# Committees Announced For 38th Convention

Prior issues of our Journal contained announcements and information regarding our 38th Quadrennial Convention. We are publishing an updated version with additional information to remind all members of this important event. Members can also refer to Article IV of our Constitution and By-Laws for specific details if desired.

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The Convention is scheduled for September 12 and 13, 2014 at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes Barre, PA. Credential blanks for Delegates will be sent to the Group Secretaries no later than April 1, 2014. Secretaries are to send in the appropriate copies of Delegate applications to the Credentials Committee at the Home Office on or before June 1, 2014.

Listed below are the 2014 Convention Committee assignments.

Pre-Convention; Charlotte Androckitis, Chair, Jack Bednarski, Bernard Kolodziej, and Attorney Jeffrey Malak.

**Constitution and By-Laws;** Attorney Jeffrey Malak, Chair, Charlotte

Androckitis, Jack Bednarski, and Bernard Kolodziej.

**Registration and Credentials**; Chris Pagoda, Chair, William Giebus, and Mary Ann Pudlosky.

Nomination Review; Cheryl Malak, Chair, P.K. Dende, Sophie Dubiak, and Barbara O'Neill.

**Good of the Union;** Bernard Kolodziej, Chair, Rev. Patrick Albert, Charlotte Androckitis, and Terri Rumensky.

Search Committee for CEO/National Secretary; Anthony Strzelecki, Chair, Mary Ann Arnold, Nancy Bachurek, Margo Lukacinsky, and Terri Rumensky.

Margo Lukacinsky, and Terri Rumensky. **Budget and Salary Review;** Rev.

Patrick Albert, Chair, Kathleen Atwell,
Veronica Dende, Joseph Pudlosky, and

Chester Tracewski

Each Committee will be contacted in the near future by the CEO/National Secretary or President regarding the time and place of their respective meetings.

All Polish Union members and especially those who expect to be Delegates should review the Constitution and By-Laws, offering any suggestions well in advance so that their concerns can be addressed accordingly.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will accept suggestions and proposed Amendments until May 30, 2014. Members are requested to send in their requests to the Committee at our Home Office.

Applications for Board Member or District Director, available from the Home Office. The completed application must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by **July 25, 2014**.

The Search Committee for CEO/National Secretary will accept letters of application for that position until **July 15, 2014**. Basic Requirements for this position include appropriate education, experience in Life Insurance sales and management, Fraternal activities, marketing, public relations, and office management. Candidates may send in their letter of application to; Search Committee for CEO/National Secretary to Polish Union USA, PO box 660, Wilkes Barre, PA. 18703

We wish to again take this opportunity to remind prospective Delegates in particular and all members in general that our upcoming deliberations at the Convention map out the future direction of Polish Union. Your dedicated interest and participation is very much appreciated.

Fraternally, Bernard Kolodziej, President

# Polish Union represented at Kolodziej-Yedinak Wedding



Carol Kolodziej, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kolodziej married Mr. Paul Yedinak at St. Benedict's Parish in Wilkes Barre, PA on Valentine's Day 2-14-14. There were over 150 guests at the reception which included 25 Polish Union members. Part of the group representing Polish Union gathered for a photo joining the bride and her maid of honor, daughter Sarah Beth, both former Debutantes. The group reminisced briefly about the various children's parties and other fraternal functions they attended over the years. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

### Flag Day Events Planned



Pictured are Committee members discussing details for the two events. Seated left to right; Magdalen Iskra, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Felicia Perlick, Polish omen's Alliance, and Theresa Kluchinski, Ladies PA Slovak Catholic Union. Standing left to right; Charlotte Androckitis, Polish Union USA, and John Andrzejewski, Polish National Union of America.

The Fraternal Societies of Northeastern PA have two major events planned to commemorate Flag Day 2014. For many years, the group celebrated Flag Day at the Ball Park with a pregame program honoring the American Flag. Three years ago, another event was initiated with presentation of a flag and brief program at the Veteran's Center in Scranton, PA. Last year, programs were held at the Mohegan Sun Ball Park and at the Veteran's Hospital in Wilkes Barre, PA.

On Friday June 6, 2014 the Fraternals will celebrate Flag Day at the Ball Park and on Thursday June 12, 2014 the group will conduct a brief program and host a social hour for the patients at Wilkes Barre VA Hospital. Member

Societies are now raising funds from their groups to purchase Bingo prizes and refreshments for the Veterans.

The FSNEPA includes fraternal societies from the northeast region including; Polish National Union of America, Polish Women's Alliance of America, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association of the USA, Polish Union USA, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Greek Catholic Union USA, National Slovak Society, Slovene National Benefit Society, and CPS Actuaries. They are a subgroup of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Association and one of their main activities is the support of various non profit community organizations.

# 2013 Membership Contest Winners Announced

CEO?National Secretary, Sharlotte L. Androckitis, presented a report on membership recruitment at a reent Executive Committee meetig. Based on predetermined rules, there were three specific categories: Number of new members enrolled; Face amount of new insurance and Total annual premium for new members.

Several producers placed high in more than one category, but, by rule, they were awarded recognition in their highest category so that more participants could be acknowledges.

All the producers are congratulated for their efforts.

Results for the year are as follows:

# Total Face Value of New Insurance

1st Linda Howell 2nD Joan Wisinski

New Members Enrolled

(1st Place Tie) 1st Anita Sirak

1st Mary Ann Arnold

2nd Bernard Kolodziej

#### Total Annual Premium For New Members

1st Charlotte L. Androkitis

2nd John Bednarski

In Memoriam
Our sympathy to the families of recently deceased members of Polish

Union of U.S.A.

Group Member State Ronald Karwackio IL Laurina Majchrowska IL Bernadine Jastrem PA Franciszk McBlaine IN Raymond Chimock 32.1 PA 100 Cecelia Kearney PA Dorothy Janik PA Helen Madaj 2.75 IL Victor Formella 385 IL Walter Huber 407 PA Edward Nowakowski PA 75 395 Elizabeth Gondella PA Rose Tepper IL: Caroline Keister 502 PA 155 John A. Hoffman FL 221 Stefania Syrek ILStanislawa Lubash 32.1 PA 400 Irene Prazych PA Czeslaw Winiarski IL Henry F. Hartman 502 PA 100 Irene Orlowska PA Alice Brek 321 PA Mary Dellocono 2.5 NY 395 David J. Darmofal MD Louis Braleski NY 180-Fran E. Dietrich NJ t t t

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

# National Household Membership Dues As mentioned in the last issue of the

As mentioned in the last issue of the Fraternal Journal, the Polish Union has instituted an Annual National Household Membership Dues for the members of the Polish Union. The annual membership fee of \$12.00 will be effective for the year of 2014. Invoices will be mailed shortly to all households. Your dues will help support Polish Union's Fraternal Activities throughout the year. We would like to offer our thanks in advance for your understanding and support.

# Good News from Group 240 Our spring 2012 issue of the Journal had

Our spring 2012 issue of the Journal had an article about Chris Polk, a member of Group 240 who was direly in need of a kidney. Since that time he was on dialysis and his family and friends worked diligently raising funds for expenses related to his care. At Christmas time 2013, Chris received the best news ever; one of his school classmates, Megan Altman of Dickson City, PA notified him that she would donate a kidney to him. Last month the transplant was completed. Both donor and recipient are doing well. Coincidentally Megan is a neighbor of our Board member and Secretary of Group 240, Terry Rumensky. There is much joy in and around Dickson City and the Polk family offers their thanks to all who are supporting efforts to help cover medical expenses.

This is a great example of fraternalism at its' best!

#### Debutante Ball, November 1, 2014

Emily Stefanac wishes to remind everyone that preliminary work has been done on the 2014 Deb Ball and more extensive planning will soon begin. The event is scheduled for Saturday November 1, 2014 at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes Barre, PA. Persons interested in working on the Committee may contact Emily or our Home Office.

Girls age 15 to 19 years of age who are interested in being a Deb this year are invited to inquire about details by contacting Emily at her email address, Casper3819@aol.com or call our Home Office at 570-823-1611.

"From what we get, we can make a living, what we give, however, make a life."

-Arthur Ashe



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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# We Offer Financial Aid For Our Student Members

Scholarship time at the Polish Union! This is the time of the year that our members start thinking of applying for the 2014/2015 Henry J. Dende Scholarship that is offered to those members of the Polish Union that meet all of the qualifications. Applications are available at the Home Office and on our web site at www.polishunionusa.com Deadline for submitting completed scholarship applications is May 31, 2014.

There will be many changes this year in the Scholarship format. One of the biggest changes will be that all applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee to determine eligibility. Scholarship money distributed will be determined mainly by the amount of money in our Scholarship Fund. The members of the Polish Union 2014/2015 Henry J. Dende Scholarship Committee are: Charlotte L. Androckitis, CEO/National Secretary; Bernard Kolodziej, President; John P. Bednarski, CFO/Vice President and Atty. Jeffrey J. Malak, CLO.

Pictures of our scholarship applicants along with some of their information will be published in a future edition of the Fraternal Journal.

Due to the fact that the Polish Union is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance, our Polish Union members, who are residents of Pennsylvania, can also take advantage of applying for a Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship. You must be



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CHARLOTTE L.
ANDROCKITIS, F.I.C.
CEO/National Secretary

a senior in high school that will be graduating this year and starting college this fall. Applications can be received by contacting the Polish Union of USA office at 570-823-1611. If you are applying for this Scholarship, you must contact me for a letter of recommendation. The application deadline for this Scholarship is September 1, 2014.

These are just some of the benefits that you receive by being a member of the Polish Union. There are many more, so tell your family and friends to inquire today.

During this Holy Easter Season I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and yours a very blessed Easter Season. May the risen Lord continue to watch over you and your families by giving you plenty of good health and happiness.

### Look On The Bright Side

Spring is here and most of us are looking forward to better weather, increased opportunities for outdoor activities, and have general optimism for the future. After the Lenten season of fasting, sacrifice, and charitable works we, as Easter People rejoice in the Resurrection and hopefully adopt a positive attitude toward all, especially family and friends. Granted, those with serious illness and other misfortune may have difficulty maintaining a positive outlook. Therein lays our opportunity to help those in need however we can. As we move out of the winter doldrums, spreading joy and optimism, remember first our family and loved ones, but consider the good example for all.

Just one scenario is to reflect on the past actions of the Founders of Polish Union and those of other Fraternal Benefit Societies. The idea of insurance dates back to Roman times but the movement became more formalized and expanded during the late 1800s. The pioneers of the Fraternal Benefit system set the example of aid to those in need, had strong religious beliefs, were faithful providers for their families and accepted their responsibility as loyal citizens of their adopted country. Our legacy as members of such a Fraternal Benefit Society is one in which we take great pride and there is an obligation to share this experience with others. Helping others should be high on our priority list and following the example of our predecessors is a means to that end.

The joyful and enlightening experiences witnessed in the broad range of social and cultural activities are the bright side shared by our members and friends.

Give your friends the opportunity to participate in accordance with their level of



President's

Desk

BERNARD KOLODZIEJ

interest. Some may eventually increase their interest in fraternal benefits by becoming full partners through membership in our organization. Should you need help in explaining all of our benefits to your friends call your Group Secretary or the Home Office. Share the joy and rewarding experience by looking at the

On a final note we again remind all members of the Convention scheduled for September 12th and 13th, at Genetti's in Wilkes Barre. We are in the midst of spring and anticipate a summer season to relax and rejuvenate after the long hard winter but some time must be set aside for Convention preparation. Many of our members and all of our staff are busy with those tasks. The past few issues of our Journal contained references and reminders about the 38th Quadrennial Convention. Your continued interest and support will help guarantee a successful Convention and bright future for Polish Union.

# **Polish Wedding Traditions**



Chaplain's
Corner

REV. PATRICK ALBERT

As we eagerly await the approaching warmer weather, many young couples are busy planning their weddings for the summer season. Saluting our Polish heritage can be especially beautiful and meaningful on the wedding day. Expressions of tradition can be exhibited through dress, foods, music, customs and overall décor.

Prior to the actual marriage ceremony, a blessing service is conducted for the bride and groom and their parents. At this ceremony gifts of bread and salt are given to the prospective couple symbolizing the prosperity and bitterness they will

encounter throughout their married lives.

At a traditional Polish wedding, the bride wears a wreath of rosemary and fresh flowers in her hair, which is familiar to Eastern as well as Central Europeans. Horse-drawn carriages were used exclusively for the bride and groom, bringing them to and from the strictly Roman Catholic ceremony.

After the ceremony, as the couple exits the church, they are showered with small change in place of confetti or rice. The newlyweds retrieve the change, which is believed to bring them luck.

A Polish wedding reception can last for days, with food and drink in ample supply. Foods at the wedding feast would consist of traditional Polish fare like roast duck and veal, as well as pickled herring and cured meats.

A Polish wedding is truly an experience of beautiful traditions passed down from generation to generation.

## Need extra cash?

Become a recommender!

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 mem-

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

#### 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.

# **Scholarship Opportunity** For Pennsylvania Members The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance, of which Polish Union is a member, has

announced the availability of scholarships for Pennsylvania fraternal members.

At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarddepending upon available funds.

• Judging will be done by the scholarship committee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal

Awards will be announced at the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance annual meeting in October, 2014.

· Acceptance of attendance from college, university, trade school, etc. must accompa-

ny this application.

Use the application below or download a copy at www.pafraternal.org.

#### Rules and Regulations

Applicant Must

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of a Fraternal Benefit Society that is a member of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance.
- Be a 2014 high school graduate attending an accredited college, university, trade school, etc. in the summer/fall of 2014 as a full-time student (twelve semester credits).
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from your Fraternal Benefit Society. • Submit a 500 word essay on: How your Fraternal Benefit Society has made an

impact on your daily life, your family and your community.. • Sign the statement of application at the bottom of this application

• Return completed application, essay and letter of recommendation, proof of acceptance from your college, university, trade school, etc. postmarked no later than September 1, 2014 to:

Charlotte L. Androckitis, FIC, Chair Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Scholarship Committee Polish Union of USA **PO Box 660** Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0660 570-823-1611

#### Please Print or Type

Date: Social Security #	Date of Birth
Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
e-mail address	
Your Fraternal Benefit Society	
College you will attend in 2014/2015	
Scholastic Achievement (Honors-Awards)	
Extracurricular School Activities*	
Citic (company) And think	
Civic (non-school) Activities*	
Fraternal Benefit Society Activities*	
* Information may be submitted on a separate she	eet of paper, please type or print.

#### Statement of Application

I understand that my selection for this scholarship is based upon my answers to these questions and the essay I have written; and, further that my application is in competition with other eligible persons and that the decision of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress is final. This application is completed with my knowledge and consent, and false information will void the award. The information that is provided in this application is true and complete.

Signature of Applicant and Date

**New Member Applications** Approved in 2013

Group	Licensed Agent / Group Secretary	# Certificates Sold	Face Amount
073	ANDROCKITIS, CHARLOTTE	2	10000
321	ANDROCKITIS, CHARLOTTE	1	10000
395	ANDROCKITIS, CHARLOTTE	1	10000
320	ARNOLD, MARY ANN	7	74000
401	ARNOLD, MARY ANN	2	4000
405	BEDNARSKI, JOHN	2	15000
293	DENDE, PK	2	20000
138	HOWELL, LINDA	4	71000
230	HOWELL, LINDA	1	10000
131	KOLODZIEJ, BERNARD	4	25000
385	KOWALSKI, BARBARA	2	20000
206	MILEWSKI, MARGARET	1	5000
400	PAGODA, CHRISTINE	1	15000
406	SIRAK, ANITA	9	27000
230	STORTS, TONI	2	10000
227	TRACEWSKI, CHESTER	1	10000
275	WISINSKI, JOAN	2	40000
	TOTALS	44	376000

# 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.

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. 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

#### 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.

Application may be obtained by downloading from the Polish Union website: www.polishunionusa.com. or calling the Home Office (570) 823-1611

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## **About Our Members**

#### Chess and Science Whiz



John Kolodziej won first place in West Virginia Middle School Chess Tournament. John, a meember of Group 131, resides in Bridgeport West Virginia with his parents Joseph and Alexa and brother Jacob. He attends St. Mary's parochial .School

Kolodziej also drew the attention of the Exponent Telegram newspaper for a project he led with fellow students in the County Science Fair. That project involved taking photos of friends eyes and investigating if other friends could identify them. According

to Kolodziej, 19 out of 27 could.

As a proud member of a Polish Union family he actively engages in other after activities including† Scouts, Choir, Soccer, and Theatre Arts.

#### New Member



Austin Stefanac, age one-month, was recently introduced by his parents to the Polish Union at the recent Focus Group meeting. He will join his sister Madelyn as a member Health and good fortune from all at Polish Union

March 12, 2014

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

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This will certify that we have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Society as of December 31, 2013 according to the schedules of insurance submitted to us, and have found the reserves to be as follows:

	39,694
5	341,153
	1,083,753
	6,805
	141,392
	161,378
	2,392,136
	656,557
	508,583
	425,446
	59,075
	792,565
	105,708
	23,240
	9,347
	90,515
	591
	9,439
	500,000
- 5	7,347,377
	5

The Society's valuation indicates that on the bases specified above, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 2013 annual statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a surplus of \$459,185 (or 5.85%) above the statutory standards.

Ratios of assets to liabilities: 2013-105.85%; 2012-106.68%; 2011-106.91%; 2010-117.3%; and 2009-117.02%

Allan Ferrone, FSA, MAAA Actuary

CPS Actuaries 45 Church St., Suite 201 Stamford, CT 06906

### Memorial Day 2014

Here's to the men and women of our armed forces, who unselfish-

ly answered their nation's call. In times of war and times of peace, these dedicated Americans stood ready to fight and die so that democracy might live on. On Memorial Day, we honor them one and all, and proudly, offer our thoughts of gratitude for giving a part of their lives to freedom's cause and playing an important role in American history.



# Happy Birthday - Sto Lat

# To Our Senior Members April-June, 2014

Reaching Age 96
Leo C. Banner, Columbia, PA Genowefa Madaus, Long Island, NY Mary Molnar, Dunmore, PA

Reaching Age 90 Edward D. Burke, Lancaster, PA Margaret Moyer Edkin, Lebanon, PA Rosemary L. Frey, Willow Street, PA Zofia Gryczka, New Hartford, NY Sara Foster Marko, Lebanon, PA Ann Monczewski, Scranton, PA Regina Partsch, Windber, PA Helena Piwowar, Buckeye, AZ Edward Poplawski, Scranton, PA Sophie Snarski, Wilkes-Barre, PA Kazmiera Tarulli, Cranford, NJ Cecylia Wrazien, Avoca, PA

Reaching Age 85 Dolores Belinski, Levittown, PA Dr William Boyd, Mechanicsburg, PA Joann Burak, Nicholson, PA Leon Burawski, Alpha Retta, GA Lorraine Day, Scranton, PA Laverne Kalfas, Chicago, IL Paul Kiscadden, Lewes, De Walt J. Kwiatkowski, Larksville, PA Wlady Kwiatkowski, Larksville, PA Joseph Laskiewicz, Scranton, PA Joseph P. Lewis, Pocono Pines, PA Marcella Love, Houtzdale, PA Michal Magdon, Peckville, PA

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Reaching Age 80 John Gurzynski, Wilkes-Barre, PA Joseph Macaravage, Pittston, PA Priscilla Mccomsey, Lancaster, PA Mary Ellen Meredick, Scranton, PA Regina Meyers, Nanticoke, PA Robert Mongeau Sr., Lancaster, PA Rose M. Mustard, Mechanicsburg, PA Teresa Palenski, Dupont, PA Jacqueline Rowell, Lititz PA Margaret Schmidt, Dallas PA Robert Strzelec, Dupont, PA Eleanore Sugalski, Myerstown, 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.

## Help For Your Life's Events

Time is very valuable, as we all know. There are different functions that we attend, are involved in, and care about. Yet, everyone's life is full of many events that Polish Union can be very helpful with. It could be anew baby in the family, a first Holy Communion, a graduation, a wedding, or a funeral. Imagine Polish Union products being the answer to the participant of these events.

Polish Union is a Fraternal Society which means that unlike commercial insurance companies, Polish Union members stand to benefit much more from membership. We offer fraternal insurance which besides providing life insurance, also offers benefits such as our scholarship program; debutante ball; holiday parties and community projects. However, to receive these benefits a person must be a member of our Polish Union of U.S.A.

Remember, our plans of insurance are competitive and are backed by our 114year-history. Our members are more than just numbers. If you need to increase your insurance, please contact your Group Secretary or the Home office and they will be more and ready to help you.

# **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

#### 2014

Children's Easter Party – will be held at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre, PA April 12 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

June 6 Flag Day Celebration at the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Raiders beginning at

June 29 Family Picnic at Knoebel's Amusement Park Begins at Noon. See the ad for further details

September

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

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

November

Nov. 1 Annual Debutante Ball Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes-Barre..

December

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

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# News From

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

Happy Spring and Happy and Blessed Easter to all our members.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Satiurday June 7, 2014 at 1 P.M. at Sawas Restaurant 9200 West Cermak Rd for all Chicago Groups. All group secretaries must attend this meeting and invite your members to attend for this very important meeting about our Convention held every four years. The convention will be held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa Sept. 12-14 2014. Each group can send delegates to the convention. The amount of delegates is determined by the size of the membership. Call Toni Storts, Illinois District Director at 708 562-3153 for more information regarding the meeting and convention requirements. Joan Wisinski-Illinois District Director also can be contacted at 708 361-4180.

Happy Birthday in April to members of Group 230-Brendan Balling-Dennis Gallas-James Golata-Davis Hyerczyk-Jessica Jennings-John Jerosek-Mia Marie Jordan-Barbara and Samantha Kalfas-Helena Mejta-Bednar Niedzielski-Phyllis Gorek-Cara Pierce-Leona Perez-Raymond Schlumpf-Anna Ronczkowski-Amanda Stopka-Wendy Suarez- William Wellntz and Dillon Young.

Happy Birthay to our April members from Group 275- Billy Grgantov turns 16 on April 28th. Also to Randall Cybulski-Heather Dzialowy-Mildred Jendras-Sandra Laboda-Brian and Dawn Las-Frank Michalec-Danuta McBlaine-Megan Nawrocki-Czeslaw Nawrocki-Halena Piszczor-Eugene Podrazek-Alan Reberski-Ronald Savaglio-Emily Wieczorek-Jozefa Wozniak.

APRIL Birthdays for Group 230: BREN-DAN BALLING, DENNIS GALLAS, JAMES GOLATA, DAVID HYERCZYK, JESSICA JENNINGS, JASON JEROUSEK, MIA MARIE JORDAN, BARBARA KALFAS, **SAMANTHA** PATRICK LABUZ, HELEN MEJTA, BERNARD NIEDZIELSKI, CARA PEREZ, RAYMOND PIRCE JRLEONA RON-CZKOWSKI, AMANDA SCHLUMPF, ANNA STOPKA, WENDY SUAREZ, DENNIS SUTKOWSKI, WILLIAM WELLNITZ, DILLON YOÚNG.

#### Happy Mothers Day to all our Members.

Celebrating May Birthdays from group 275 are-Adeline Fudala-Carter Kannon-Michael and Thomas Kotlarczyk-Joseph Mcadrian-Karen Metcalf-Elizabeth Migut-Natalie Nowak-Irene Pencak-Leanna Pitman-Mary Podrazek-Stanley Sendra and Philip Strenski,

Group 230 MAY Birthdays FREDER-ICK BLUDER, ALEXANDER CHORO-JORDAN GALLAS, GREELEY HILLMAN, RICHARD HÝERCZYKMI,

KAYLA JENNINGS, ANDREW KALFAS, LAVERNE KALFAS, RAYMOND LES-NIA, SUSAN MCDOWELL, CHERYL MEJTA, JOHN ALBERT SKWARA, SCOTT TEPPER, SOPHIE WEGLARZ.

Congratulations to all making their First Holy Communion. May God always be with

#### Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers.

Congratulations to all 2014 Graduates-Remember to go online for the Scholarship program available to all students who are eligible to apply.

Happy June Birthdays to Group 230 Members-Catherine Baron-William Bartkowicz-Lynn Bluder-Kathleen Fencl-Cynthia Gallas-Nicole Harris-John Jennings-Paul Daniel Kalfas-Emilija Kisla-Caitlin Klownowski-Helena Majeber-Debbie Malek-Yvonne Price-Alicia Quall-Cynthia Suarez-Judy Twomey-Jill Renec and Walker Young.

Group 275 Birthday Wishes in June go out to-Jonathan Cagle-Jamie Dzialowy-Brighton and Jessie Ferris-Donna Gabriel-Peter Hiero-Sara and Valerie Kacinskas-Florence Kalczewski-David and John Kotlarczyk-Teresa Laboda-Diane Martin-Raymond Migut-Patrick and Rachelle Nirchi-Sarah Pittman-Josephine Regnier-Jeanine Roman-Eleanora Slapa-Emily Solenko and Kenneth Trzebiatowski..

JUNE Group 230 Birthdays: CATHER-INE BARON, WILLIAM BARTKOWICZ, PAULA BEDNARZ, LYNN BLUDER, NICOLE HARRIS, CYNTHIA GALLAS, HELENA MAJCHER, DEBBIE MALEK, CAITLIN KLONOWSKI, PAUL DANIEL KALFAS, JANICE OCHENKOWSKI, YVONNE PRICE, ALICIA QUALL, CYN-THIA SUAREZ, MICHAEL SKWARA, KATHLEEN SWAIN, JUDY TWOMEY, JILL RENEE YOUNG, WALKER YOUNG.

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## Enjoy your summer after this brutal win-

A great and memorable vacation is Alaska this year. Aug 2-9 2014 sail round trip from Seattle to see this fabulous state. Call Joan Wisinski at 1 888-789-5182 to join our group. A trip of a lifetime.

If you have any news to be printed in the newsletter about any special occasion please email to-wisinski85@comcast.net.

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Food Available from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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# PRE-CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

GROUP SECRETARIES AND LICENSED AGENTS YOU STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PARTIC IPATE IN THE CONTEST **NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS** SUBMITTED ANY TIME PRIOR TO

AUGUST 31, 2014

WILL QUALIFY FOR THE CONTEST

# **Joyous Easter Wishes!**

# Wesołego Alleluja!

#### From The Officers

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**And Illinois District Directors** 

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### **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.

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#### To Our Graduates

If you put truth above your own desires and value those as friends who feel the same. If you take pride in things that you've accomplished.

And when you're wrong, stand up and take the blame.

If you can understand your limitations And not waste time on task beyond your

But take the future as a brand new challenge

That you can meet with confidence and

If you can listen to those who would advise

And then judge for yourself just what is

If you can keep in touch with what is all about you.

And settle differences without a fight. If you can find delight in simple pleasure And see the rainbow-not the falling rain. If you can lose and never give up trying Believing that there's nothing done in vain. If you can be as practical as need be And still remember sometimes dreams come true.

Then you'll be not just happy and success-

But the worthwhile person you are meant

# **Have You Reviewed Your Designated Beneficiary?**

• Life Insurance has more than on purpose, providing a saving fund for use in the event of an emergency, a retirement fund for supplementing other income, but without a doubt the primary purpose is the protection it affords to the beneficiary named on your pol-

• It Is True that in some instances we hope to personally enjoy the benefits accumulating under the insurance contracts, but those responsible for the support of others carry insurance for less selfish reasons in that they hope to guarantee a future for the loved ones that may be left behind.

While It Is True that insurance is usually taken out to protect someone else, it is also true that not enough thought is given to this after the issuance of the certificate or policy. Failure to keep the Beneficiary Designation up-to-date could mean that the proceeds will be paid to the wrong person or that someone who should share in the proceeds will be left out. Unlike the estate of a deceased person which is distributed to the heirs in accordance with state statutes, life insurance proceeds must be paid to the person or persons named on the policy as beneficiary.

· Occasionally while going through the files, we find that certificates issued, ten, twenty or more years ago have had no change in beneficiary designation since their issuance. It would seem that in some of the instances, some changes have occurred in the family relationship during this time to require changes in the beneficiary designation. Marriages have occurred or children may have been born so that a husband or new children should be added as beneficiaries.

Also, it may be that the original beneficiary is no longer living so that a new beneficiary should be named. We believe it is very important that the beneficiary designation be kept up-to-date at all times. It would be our recommendation that you look over your certificates from time to time to make certain

that your beneficiary is correctly stated.
• If your Polish Union/Ameripol certificate needs updating, contact your Group Secretary or the Home Office at (570) 823-

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.

Badowski Frank Becker Teresa Murray A **Bulewich Theodore** Ciurej Ryszard Cronk Felicya Czachor Mary Falborski Christine Filipiak Stanislawa Fiorda Stefania Harvey Arthur S Karwacki Ronald Kisla Emilja Klonowski Mark Peter Kurland Sophie Lech John H Majchrowska Laurina McMullen Donald H Nashotka (Nasiadka) Edward Pranger Thomas R Rezem Louis Ross Rose Ruppert John R Slavinskas Frances Smajek Wladyslaw Solomon Lillian E Sosnowska Rose Szczech Marjanna Wasielewska Wladyslawa Whalen Florence Willman Magdalene Wisotzkey Ruth A Wlodarczyk Maria Zalewski Pawel

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Bad Address Report
The Polish Union seeks to locate the following members whose addresses have been

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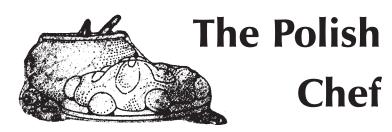
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# **Gourmet Cooking With Leftovers**

If you are like many families, your freezer is likely to be filled with various left over meats. Here are a few ways to use them and transform them into culinary delights with a Polish flair.

Turkey Soup Zupa Na Indyka

Even if your turkey carcass appears to have been picked clean—don't throw it away.

The turkey bones still contain plenty of Instead, crack it up and freeze if for future use. The turkey bones still contain plenty of gelatin, mineral nutrients and flavor and make an excellent stock. Simply place the bones in a pot, cover with 2 -3 qts. cold water (depending on the size of the turkey) and simmer under cover on low heat 3 hrs. Midway through, add 1 portion soup greens (2 carrots, 1 small parsnip, a slice of celeriac or 1 stalk celery, 1 leek) 1/2 a bay leaf, 1 grain allspice and 6 -8 peppercorns. Drain, discarding bones, vegetables and spice, salt and pepper to taste, add a sprinkle of lemon juice and serve over egg noodles. Garnish with chopped parsley and/or dill.

Casserole Zapiekanka

This is an excellent way to use up not only leftover meats, but also cooked vegetables, boiled potatoes, noodles or rice. Use about 2 -3 parts potatoes, noodles or rice to 1 part diced cooked meet or sausage. Butter a baking dish and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Add the ingredients and drench with 1 c. fork-blended sour cream. Bake 1 hr. in 350 degree oven. Optional Mix 1/2 c. grated cheese with 1/2 c. bread crumbs and sprinkle over casserole during last 15 mins. Serve hot with a fresh salad for a complete meal.

#### **Breaded Patties** Kotleciki Panierowane

Grind 2-4 c. cooked leftover meat of choice. Add 1-2 eggs, 1-2 finely chopped onions cooked until tender in a little butter 1/2 c. milk and enough bread crumbs to achieve a workable mixture. Salt & pepper to taste. Additional seasonings might include your home-made pork, beef, poultry or hunter's seasoning. Form into meatballs, oblong cutlets or patties, dredge in flour, dip in beaten egg and roll in bread crumbs, pressing in breading. Fry on med. heat to a nice golden-brown on all sides in hot fat. Serve immediately or transfer to baking dish, cover and bake in 350 degree oven another 30 - 40 mins.

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**Hearty Beet-Root Soup Barszcz Czerwony Pozywny**In pot combine 6 c. water and 2-3 c. cooked, diced leftover meat. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer about 20 mins. Add 2-3 c. drained canned sliced beets and the liquid in which they were packed. Dissolve 1 heaping T. flour in 1 c. milk and add to pot. Simmer about 5 min. longer Season to taste with salt, pepper, a pinch of marjoram, a dash of garlic powder (optional) and sour to taste with a pinch or two of sour salt (citric acid crystals) or a T. or more of white vinegar.

Smacznego!

## **Koffee Klatch**

with P.K.



Dzien Dobry! Welcome to my kitchen. My guests were very busy talking at the buffet table and en route to their seats. They never stopped talking, their conversation was like a chain effect. Jo0e and Sally were talking about a recent story about all the efforts our government is making to close off our borders to prevent people from just walking in. Jim and Ed broke in with the number of people who come to this country from Mexico regularly (many of them illegally) to have babies here, just to make them American citizens and reap the health benefits of a tax-paying American.

Ann and Bruce said, "Sure, it's not fair that this 'free' country is open to some and closed to others. For example, people from Poland, Italy, Ireland and Germany can never come here and expect to become citizens as easily as Mexicans and Cubans can. They would instantly be shipped back because we have an established quota figure for these countries." Phil added saying, 'Congress has also granted dual citizenship to people for a few countries, but not others. Is that fair." when people end up on our land with nothing and then reap the benefits that Americans were born into, who supports these people? where do the funds come from? Your taxes, of course. Yes, we are a very charitable country, but when charity is doled out it should be distributed in a fair and equal manner.

Do You Yell? This came to me from a former yelling mom.

If you are a yeller, it could have a profound effect on your children. It only hardens the child, and could become explosive when he or she becomes a teenager. Teenagers become increasingly angry, hateful and disrespectful. I was a yeller, but I decided to change. This is what I did:

- To show love to my son by touching him gently at least ten times a day with hugs, pats, or just resting a hand on his shoulder when he talked to me.
- · When I wanted his attention, I went to him, touching him gently and I spoke very softly, looking him in the eyes.

- I listened attentively to his stories, remarks, comments, etc., without judgement
- I stayed in control of my emotion and stopped yelling, which eliminated the power struggles.

This calmer, nicer approach reduced the arguments and I noticed my son like talking to me more than ever before. He wasn't afraid to talk to me about anything. Before, he would just clam up. This approach has amazing results and best of all, I got my sweet, loving son, back.

PS: Breaking the yelling habit also applies to adult vs. adult; husbands and wives; brothers and sisters; employer and employee; wherever the shoe fits, wear it.

Dear P.K.

I've had periods of depression that lasted for months. My doctor prescribed an antidepressant and I haven't been depressed since. My problem is that I am afraid to tell by boyfriend about this. We have been dating for eight-months now. He may think I am unstable or not good marriage material because of these problems. He noticed my pill bottle yesterday and asked me what they were for, and I lied. I said they were vitamins. Should I tell him the truth and risk a goodbye, or is it none of his business now?

Depression is a biological problem, like high blood pressure or diabetes. You were smart enough to get professional help, and I am sure you are smart enough to make this decision. You haven't been bothered with the problem for two years, so that sounds like a good sign. What have you got to hide? Tell him the truth, don't get caught up in lies, it will make things worse. If he is worthy of someone like you, he will love you regardless, and if this makes a dent in your relationship, then you are better off without him.

Heartbreak: I recently lost a man I had the pleasure of raising since he was nineyears-old. Henry J. Dende, Jr. was a wonderful son and always called me mom until the day he died this past March 2 way too early. I feel so sadly about his passing and share the pain felt by his wonderful wife, Betty and his brothers who flew monthly to visit Henry in Plymouth, Massachusetts during his illness. Henry, I will love you always,

Happy Birthday and Happy aniversary who celebrate these months during this wonderful Spring that has finally arrived. Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day to all.

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

# Times and They Will Be Yours Forever

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Progamista Programmer pro-gram-ee-stah Noteć if any of the above apply to a female, an "a" ending should be used, e.g. Młoda, Gruba, Silna,

Be Agreeable
Just For Today—I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just For Today—I will not find fault with a friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.

Just For Today-I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two enemies - hurry and indecision.

Just For Today—I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just For Today—I will do two things I don't want to do, just for the exercise.

# Seek Area Agents

We have been directed by our Board to assure current members of services available through out organization and also concentrate on recruiting new members. Records indicate that many of our members do not have sufficient coverage for needs typically required later in life. There are others who have family members without coverage and we are obliged to serve our membership by keeping them fully informed.

Area Agents will be assigned, under contract, in sections where such services are needed. We are licensed in PA, Ill. and NJ and opportunities are potentially available in

Initially our plan is to have designated agents from within our ranks provide this service. Beyond the proscribed scope of service, Area Agents will also have the opportunity to recruit new members from the general population. Licensed Agents affiliated with Polish Union are eligible to apply. Specific areas are now being designated and interested individuals may obtain more details by calling the Home Office and/or check the website.

#### Polish Union of the U.S.A. 2013 Financial Statement

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**TOTAL USES** 

LEAVING AVAILABLE, NET INCOME

TO MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE: BONDS, GOVERNMENT 1,617,640 INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS \$6,373,239 **EQUITY SECURITIES** 885,687 CERTIFICATE LOANS 41,150 **REAL ESTATE** 600,376 CASH & SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS 282,190 DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT 13,406 OTHER RECEIVABLES 56,076 35,309 INVESTMENT INCOME DUE & ACCRUED PAYMENTS DUE FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES 2,200

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>8,309,878</u>
OUR OBLIGATIONS WERE:	
CERTIFICATE RESERVES	\$7,347,377
CLAIMS IN PROCESS OF PAYMENT	95,086
RESERVES FOR PREMIUMS PAID IN ADVANCE	3,501
RESERVES FOR SECURITY VALUATION	112,585
NOTES PAYABLE	97,232
PAYABLE FOR SECURITIES	32,505
ACCRUED COMMISSIONS	2,679
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES	15,571
ACCRUED TAXES, LICENSES & FEES	10,573
AMOUNTS HELD BY SOCIETY AS	
AGENTS OR TRUSTEE	22,001
TOTAL RESERVES & OBLIGATIONS	\$ <u>7,850,694</u>
LEAVING AVAILABLE SURPLUS	\$459,184
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$ <u>8,309,878</u>

2013 SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - ACCRUAL BASIS OUR SOURCES OF INCOME WERE INSURANCE PREMIUMS RECEIVED \$125,854 NET INVESTMENT INCOME 384,660 OTHER INCOME 6,767 REALIZED CAPITAL GAIN (LOSS) 174,742

Mom, P.K.

THIS INCOME WAS USED FOR: \$189,971 **DEATH BENEFITS** OTHER INSURANCE BENEFITS 77,181 NET INCREASE IN RESERVES 23,217 **GENERAL EXPENSES &** FRATERNAL PAYMENTS 421,405 TAXES, LICENSES & FEES 24,249

**2013 STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS** RATIO OF SOLVENCY 105.85% YIELD ON INVESTMENTS 8.55% NUMBER OF LODGES 391,000 NEW INSURANCE ISSUED \$1,072,000 INSURANCE IN FORCE \$27,720,000

Kovalchik, Kollar & Co, LLP

\$<u>779,735</u>

10,562

\$<u>746,585</u>

\$33,150

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## Focus Groups Seminar Held

Board members, Committee members, Secretaries, Licensed Agents, and key Volunteers recently attended a Focus Group meeting at Polish Union headquarters. The group heard presentations regarding some of the new initiatives underway for membership growth, current financial status of our organization, and preparation for the Convention.

Two key initiatives are the proposed Legacy Program coordinated by Chaplain Patrick Albert and the creative approach to using whole life insurance instead of term insurance for employee benefit packages. This second item was explained by Attorney Malak and CEO Androckitis.

Also covered in part by President Kolodziej and a message from Vice President-Treasurer Bednarski were the factors of Fiscal management, State insurance regulations, and preparations for the Quadrennial Convention.

CEO Androckitis then engaged the participants in general discussion focused primarily on strategies for member recruitment. Members of the group offered suggestions and had their questions addressed concerning new and ongoing fraternal activities. Several items proposed by the group will be implemented soon, such as inviting guests to children's parties and advance notice to future Deb prospects, while other matters will be more extensively covered in Committee meetings.

Based on immediate feedback it was concluded that this format allowed the participants to express their concerns and obtain immediate response to many of their questions









# On Mother's Day To All Our Moms It Takes a Mother's Love to Make a House a Home—



It Takes a Mother's Love to Make a House a Home— A Place To Be Remembered No Matter Where We Roam. It Takes a Mother's Patience To Bring A Child Up Right And Her Courage And Her Cheerfulness To Make a Dark Day Bright

It Takes A Mother's Wisdom To Recognize Our Needs. And To Give Us Reassurance By Her Loving Words and Deeds.

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

Who Could Fulfill God's Purpose as Completely As A Mother

#### Children Do Not Realize

Until we're grown we never know or fully realize
How wonderful our father is—

How kind he is, how wise. We simply take for granted From day to passing day, Each sacrifice he makes for

In his own loving way. .

But then we grow and finally learn, The way that children do, How much his love



has really meant. . .
How thoughtful he's been,
too.
And so this come with
all the thanks
That you deserve and more,
For there's no one more
deserving
Of our love than our Dearest

Dad.
Happy Father's
Day to all of our
Polish Union Dads

# Support The Henry J. Dende Scholarship Fund Recent Tree of Knowledge Donors

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Recently we have seen an influx of donations to the Tree of Knowledge Henry J. Dende Scholarship Fund. This is very encouraging and much appreciated by our Board and entire organization because such support assures that we can maintain a reasonable level of aid for aspiring College students.

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