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Honorary Members of Polish Women's Alliance



Helena Modrzejewska

The third Honorary Member of Polish Women's Alliance, after writers Maria Konopnicka and Eliza Orzeszkowa, was world-famous Polish actress Helena Modrzejewska. She was a legend in her time, known and respected on two continents. She

was as beloved in America as she was in Europe—one could call her one of the very first international super stars. She spent her early life in Poland, immigrating later to the United States which became her second home. She was born on October 12, 1840, in Cracow, Poland, and she died on April 8, 1909, in Newport Beach, California.

Helena started acting as a young girl at a school run by the Presentation Sisters in Russian-occupied Poland. Her acting career began on provincial stages and by age 21 reviews of her talents were reaching the bigger cities in Poland as well. She was tall and graceful and she had a beautiful voice. She soon earned a contract in Lwow and after two years there, went on to perform and tour in other Polish cities on the Russian border *Continued on page 2*

Resolution Bestowing Honorary U.S. Citizenship on Casimir Pulaski Passes in Senate

Washington, DC—On March 20, 2007, a joint resolution "Proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously" was passed in the U.S. Senate by unanimous consent, without amendment. The resolution was sponsored by Illinois Senator Richard Durbin, Democrat, with nine cosponsors, in alphabetical order: Senators Ben Cardin, Thomas Carpe, Robert Casey Jr., Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, Barbara Mikulski, Lisa Murkowski, Barack Obama, and Mark Pryor. An identical resolution had been introduced by Rep. Denis Kucinich on March 5, 2007, in the

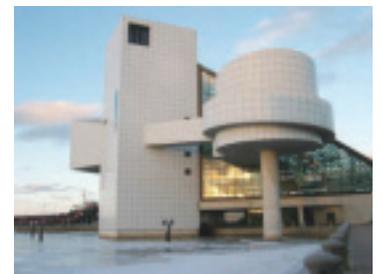
House of Representatives. This honor has been given only to six other persons in the past, Winston Churchill and Mother Teresa, among them.

Casimir Pulaski, who had come to fight in the American War of Independence as a volunteer in George Washington's army, lost his life in the Battle for Savannah on October 11, 1779. The Continental Congress decreed in 1779 that a monument be erected in Pulaski's honor in Savannah. More than two hundred years later, the U.S. Congress now bestows another honor on the Polish American hero—the honor of U.S. citizenship.



PWA's 35th National Convention Is Headed for Cleveland, Ohio

Every four years, PWA delegates from across the nation come together to deliberate on the future of the organization, to amend its Constitution, and to elect new officers. This year, the Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by District VII's State President Irena Honc-Jadlos and the Pre-Convention Committee. Two National Conventions were held in Cleveland in the past, the first one exactly one hundred years ago in 1907, and again in 1967.



Cleveland, one of the oldest cities on the Great Lakes, was founded in 1796 by General Moses Cleaveland, the head surveyor of the Connecticut Land Company. The city was named after its founder and the spelling was shortened to Cleveland. The city was incorporated in 1836.

Photos from top: City skyline, Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, city in 1855.

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Join the four Polish Fraternal for the Second Annual White Sox Night, Great America Outing, and Junior Bowling. See pages 9 and 10.

35th Convention Special

**Get a Special Gift if you apply by April 30th.
See pages 5 and 6 for details.**

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Honorary Members of PWA

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as well as in Russia. Her career really took off when she finally moved back to Cracow in October 1865. The theater scene in Cracow was a special place, brimming with new ideas and energy. The repertoires embraced both Polish and foreign classics, as well as ambitious contemporary dramas, and with a group of other talented Polish actors Modrzejewska soon became part of the "Cracow School," known for a modern, psychological approach to dramatic interpretation.

After four successful years in Cracow, Modrzejewska finally made her Warsaw debut. The capital city fell in love with the young actress from the provinces, whom they had heard so much about. For the next ten years, she appeared in countless plays in Warsaw to rave reviews. She loved playing Shakespearean roles and it seemed like they had been written especially for her! Her acting skills got even better as she matured. She became one of the most talked about women in Europe.

In 1876 Modrzejewska, her second husband Karol Chlapowski, and her son left Poland for the United States. They bought a farm near Anaheim, California, along with Henryk Sienkiewicz, the future Nobel Prize-winning writer, and a few other artists. They wanted to establish a community where creativity and art would thrive, but they were not successful at this endeavor, so Helena took a crash course in English, simplified her last name to Modjeska, and appeared in San Francisco in her first English language role in 1877. She was an instant hit and her American career was launched.

She then appeared to great acclaim on the stages of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and Washington, DC. Her excellent acting technique was often commented on as was her magnetic personality.

Three years later, in 1880, she sailed to England for a number of guest performances and she would go back many times, both to England and to Poland. She especially loved to perform for her countrymen, in her mother tongue. She became a U.S. citizen in 1883 and continued acting until her retirement from the stage in 1907. Her home and gardens, called Arden, in Lake Forest, California, have been designated a National Historic Landmark.

After her retirement, she devoted herself to writing her memoirs, in English, *Memories and Impressions*. She died in 1909 and was buried in Los Angeles. In accordance with her last will, her remains were later put to rest next to her mother's grave at the Rakowicki Cemetery in Cracow in a funeral ceremony which turned into a patriotic demonstration.

PWA members were very proud of Modrzejewska and the good will and good name that she brought to Poland and to Polish people everywhere. She was clearly the most famous Polish woman, not only in the U.S., but in the world. They contacted her soon after the organization was founded. She was interested in women's causes, had attended a Women's Conference in Chicago in 1893, and was very supportive of PWA and its mission. After her death, her daughter-in-law donated some of Modrzejewska's personal mementos to PWA, many of which can be viewed at the Home Office.

You can also contact us by e-mail or visit www.pwaa.org

If you have access to the Internet you can contact Polish Women's Alliance of America at the following e-mail addresses or call our toll-free number at 888-522-1898.

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Next Deadlines for Głos Polek

May issue: Deadline for articles is April 20th
June issue: Deadline for articles is May 20th
July issue: Deadline for articles is June 20th

Cleveland

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Cleveland's growth was stimulated by the opening of the Ohio and Erie canals in 1832 and, later, by the advent of the Civil War, with the increasing demand for machinery, railroad equipment, ships, and other items. The fast growth of this vibrant city on the lake attracted thousands of immigrants at the turn of the century, including many Poles. Cleveland is home to many Polish churches and organizations and it has a number of old Polish neighborhoods.

The city's cultural attractions include the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Orchestra, one of the country's most highly acclaimed symphony orchestras. Jacobs Field, a major league ballpark, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame also draw thousands of visitors to the city. The population in 2005 was 452,000. For a few days this summer, that number will increase as PWA delegates come to visit and explore the city!

35th Convention News and Notices



Let's do it!!

A reminder to ALL members!

APRIL 15th is the Deadline for Amendments to the Constitution!!

You do not have to be a Delegate to the Convention to send in an amendment to the Constitution! All members have a voice in the future of the PWA. This is your opportunity to suggest changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the PWA, the governing document of our organization.

The proposals must be in writing and must include your full name and Group number, as well as your signature. Councils or Groups submitting amendments must include the names and signatures of all members proposing the amendment. The revised Constitution was printed in the *Glos Polek* in 2004. If you did not save that issue of the *Glos Polek*, you can download a copy of the Constitution as a Word file from the PWA website at www.pwaa.org.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the Committee is **April 15, 2007**. All letters must be sent to the following address, postmarked no later than April 15, 2007:

Committee on Constitutional Amendments
Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Chair: Delphine Lytell, District I President
Members: Rita Giersch, Gr. 211; Teresa Makowski, Gr. 114;
Dawn Nelson, Gr. 743; and Monica Serafin, Gr. 440.

Registration Forms and Fees Are Due in the Home Office by May 31, 2007 *Make your travel arrangements now!*

The 35th National Convention of PWA will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from Saturday, August 25th, through Tuesday, August 28th, 2007.

Forms: Delegates, Alternates, and Guests have received Registration Forms (green) and Emergency Contact Forms (pink) in the mail. These must be returned, along with the Registration Fee, no later than **May 31st**.

Fees: The Registration Fee of **\$225** per Delegate, Alternate, and Guest is the responsibility of the Delegate and/or her Group or Council. The Registration Fee is also due by **May 31st**. Included in the fee is a ticket to the Convention Banquet in the amount of \$100.

Travel: Travel Expenses for Delegates will be covered by the Home Office. Please contact Dee or Melody at **The Travel Gallery** by calling **773-763-6161** to make your travel arrangements. This is the **only** approved travel agent for air transportation to the Convention.

Hotel: Accommodations for Delegates will be covered by the Home Office, based on double occupancy. Do not contact the hotel directly; the Home Office will make all arrangements with the hotel. If you wish single accommodation (at extra cost to you) or to let us know your roommate preference, please include a note to that effect when you mail in your Forms and Fees.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Office of the National Secretary by calling 1-800-522-1898, ext 1211.

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES!

Application Deadline is April 20th for Candidates for Office in the General Administration of PWA

The Committee on Nominations will start its work on May 1, 2007. The members of the Committee are listed below. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of Polish Women's Alliance of America, the Nominations Committee is to be called by the National President at least 90 days before the Convention.

The Committee on Nominations will review applications for the following offices in the General Administration: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors (five positions of Director need to be filled). Members of Polish Women's Alliance who are seeking office should mail their statements of candidacy to:

Nominations Committee
Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Letters must be postmarked no later than midnight, **April 20, 2007**. Candidates are asked to include a recent photograph with their statement of candidacy.

Members of Nominations Committee

Members of the Nominations Committee have been announced by President Virginia Sikora. They are:

Andrea Torok	Gr. 128	District III	Chair
Evelyn Lisek	Gr. 562	District III	
Diane Svitko	Gr. 132	District III	

Members of Pre-Convention Committee

The Chair of the Pre-Convention Committee is now the newly elected State President Irena Honc Jadlos. Committee members are:

Chair:	Irena Honc-Jadlos, District VII President
Co-Chair:	Grazyna Buczek, Gr. 754
Secretary:	Kate Thomas, Gr. 49
Treasurer:	Jadwiga Kopij, Gr. 544
Advisory:	Mary Rostafinski, Gr. 55
Members:	Beata Telesz, Gr 55., Jadwiga Jablonski, Gr. 87

Convention Program Book Deadline for Ads is May 31st

Polish Women's Alliance is 109 years old and thousands of members strong. We are looking forward to the next 109 years and hope to meet head-on the challenges of the 21st century. The 35th National Convention will be setting the agenda for the future. Be a part of the Convention! Be a part of our future! Send in your greetings and photos to appear in the 35th Convention Commemorative Program Book by **May 31st, 2007**.

Letters have been mailed to all members and Groups. Ads range from \$15 for a one-line Patron ad; \$25 for a two-line Sponsor ad; \$50 for a quarter page ad; \$100 for half a page; and \$200 for a full-page ad. Photos are \$10 extra.

For more information, please call Mary Rostafinski, Program Book Committee Chair, at 440-333-0092 or 216-226-5496.

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- Issue a contract, Form Number FPDA-2006.
- The issue date of the contract will be the date we receive your signed application and the initial premium.
- Bonus interest credit ends after one year from the contract issue date.
- After the initial one-year period, interest credits will continue at an attractive rate, which we will declare from time to time. We guarantee that the rate will never be less than 3 percent.
- You may make additional premium payments at any time in any amount not less than \$100.
- Withdrawal charges will be deducted from the amounts withdrawn in the first five (5) contract years. The withdrawal charges are calculated as a percentage of the amount withdrawn as follows: year one - 7%, year two - 6%, year three - 5%, year four - 4%, year five - 3%, year six and on - 0%.
- The bonus rate also applies to any additional contributions made during the first year.
- Amounts withdrawn before age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% federal penalty for each withdrawal.

Enrollment is easy. Just complete the application on this page, sign, date, and return with your check to:

Polish Women's Alliance of America,
6643 N. Northwest Hwy., 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631- 1360

Questions? Call 1.888.522.1898 ext 228 or 206

ANNUITY APPLICATION

Please Print, Use Dark Ink

1. a) PROPOSED ANNUITANT, name: _____ Male Female
first - mi - last

b) Date and Place of Birth: _____
mo - day - yr state or country

c) Address: _____
no. - street - city - state - zip

d) Social Security No.: _____ Telephone No.: _____ / _____

2. PLAN, description: _____ Non-qualified Qualified

a) Maturity at age: _____ (Age 65 if no age shown.)

b) Life Annuity with Guaranteed Period: None. 5 years. 10 Years. 15 Years. 20 Years. (10 years if no Guaranteed Period checked.)

c) Premium: _____ Amount paid with this application: _____

d) Send premium notices: Yes. No. If yes, send notice: Annual. Semi-Annual. Quarterly. Monthly.

e) Dividend Option: Cash. Add to Account Value.

f) If Qualified, plan: _____ Amount paid to be allocated for Tax Year: _____

3. BENEFICIARY. (Show name, relationship and share.)

Primary: _____

Contingent: _____

4. Will the annuity applied for replace or change any existing insurance or annuity? No. Yes; show name of insurer and contract number: _____

5. Is the Proposed Annuitant a member of the Polish Women's Alliance of America? Yes. No. If no, apply for membership.

6. Special Requests: _____

The Proposed Annuitant shall be the owner of any contract issued.

THE UNDERSIGNED: (1) REPRESENT that the information shown in this application is complete and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief; (2) AGREE that this application shall be the basis for and a part of any contract issued; and (3) UNDERSTAND that: (a) the contract applied for shall be effective on the later of the date the Polish Women's Alliance of America approves issue of the contract applied for or the date it receives the initial premium for the contract; and (b) only the Officers of the Polish Women's Alliance of America may, in writing, make or change a contract or waive any of its rights or requirements.

Signed at: _____ Date: _____

Proposed Annuitant: _____

Adult or Member Applicant (if other than Proposed Annuitant): _____

Name, please print: _____

Witness (licensed agent where required by law): _____

Form AA-0900

Polish Women's Alliance Of America
6643 N Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631
1-847-384-1220

1-888-522-1898 ext. 228 phone; 1-847-384-1494 fax: www.pwaa.org

The Annual Limits for Contributions to Traditional IRAs (TIRAs) and Roth IRAs (RIRAs)

FOR TAX YEARS 2006 AND 2007

TIRA under age 50	\$ 4,000	RIRA under age 50	\$ 4,000
TIRA age 50 to 70 ½	\$ 5,000	RIRA age 50 to 70 ½	\$ 5,000

You can contribute the allowed limits for tax year 2006 until
April 15th, 2007; and you can also contribute for tax year 2007.

YOU CAN ALSO ROLLOVER MONEY FROM YOUR IRAs TO PWAA.

Call 1.888.522.1898 for the proper forms.

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35th CONVENTION SPECIAL

During our 35th Convention Special you can apply for **\$2,000**

Single Payment Whole Life Insurance. This is a ONE-TIME OFFER ONLY!! In addition, if you are a PWAA member in good standing (that is, if you have an active life insurance or annuity policy), the premium will be reduced by \$35 if you use the XXXV PWAA CONVENTION SPECIAL COUPON on page 6.

Don't miss this great one-time opportunity to increase your life insurance coverage without going through a medical examination!!

If you apply on or before April 30th, 2007, you will receive a special gift, a POLISH HANDPAINTED EASTER EGG "PISANKA"



RULES:

- Promotion starts now and ends August 15, 2007.
- Any person between the ages 16 days and 85 years (nearest birthday) can participate.
- For existing PWAA members in good standing (those who have an active PWAA life insurance or annuity policy) we are offering a special **\$35 - XXXV Convention Coupon** (see page 6).
- Each active PWAA member can use one coupon. The \$35 - XXXV Convention Coupon is transferable.

TO APPLY:

- Fill in the application on page 7.
- Look up the rates in the table on page 6.
- Find your age (to the nearest birthday); then look for the corresponding single premium. If you will be using the 35th Convention Coupon on page 6, you must fill it out and send it along with the completed application (on page 7) and with the premium payment to:

Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N Northwest Hwy.; 2nd Floor; Chicago, IL 60631

Questions? Please call Bo Padowski at 888-522-1898, ext. 228

Insurance Corner with Bo Padowski



Q. Can you please give me some tips on purchasing Life Insurance for children? I have 3 children ages 2, 4 and 7 and I want to know if should I buy life insurance for them or not?

Susan G., Wisconsin

I believe that buying life insurance for children is a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future and to make sure they'll have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life should make them uninsurable, especially if there's a history of health problems in your family, such as diabetes or heart disease.

If you buy a policy for a child, I would recommend you consider the whole life policy with a single premium or limited premium payments. Why? Because you want to be sure that the policy is paid up before the child becomes a young adult and before you give the policy to the child. Many experts suggest that children will have trouble buying insurance on their own for the first time when they are right out of college, or starting their first job. And if you pass on to them a policy which is not paid up, the child may be not able to continue sending in the payments and the policy may lapse.

The next factor for you to consider is that accidents do happen. This is another reason to insure children—to cover final expenses after an unexpected death, such as funeral arrangements, which today can range from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The average family may not have the funds for such an expense, and the life insurance will help.

In addition to the above, buying a whole life policy from Polish Women's Alliance automatically makes the child a member of our organization and, in the future, the child may be eligible for a scholarship. Each year we award approximately \$50,000 in college scholarships to members.

PWA offers two very popular plans for children. One is the **Single Payment Whole Life** and the second is the **10-Year Payment Whole Life Plan**. The minimum issue is \$3,000. However, currently we have a **35th Convention Special** that you can take advantage of and apply for \$2,000 in a Single Payment Whole Life policy as a starter. See page 6 of this issue of *Glos Polek* for rates. For children to age 10 we also offer an **Education Life Builder Plan**. This plan is a combination whole life insurance and annuity rider, which saves money on the deferred bases. The child at age 19, on the anniversary of the issue date of policy, will receive a check from the maturity of the annuity rider and will still have a paid-up whole life policy. This plan is very popular with grandparents or parents as a gift for a child's first communion or baptism.

For information about any insurance plan offered by PWA or for rates, please send in the coupon below or call me at 888-522-1898 ext.228 or send me an email to padowski@pwaa.org.

Request for Life Insurance Quote - April 2007

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Age (nearest birthday) _____ Sex _____ Smoker / Non-Smoker

Spouse's Age (nearest birthday) _____ Sex _____ Smoker / Non-Smoker

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Comments: _____

35th CONVENTION SPECIAL

Single Premium Rates for \$2,000 Face Amount Whole Life Insurance

FEMALE						MALE					
Age*	Without Coupon	With Coupon	Age*	Without Coupon	With Coupon	Age*	Without Coupon	With Coupon	Age*	Without Coupon	With Coupon
0	169.96	134.96	43	651.34	616.34	0	191.26	156.26	43	704.40	669.40
1	173.28	138.28	44	670.54	635.54	1	194.02	159.02	44	723.62	688.62
2	177.00	142.00	45	690.14	655.14	2	198.06	163.06	45	743.66	708.66
3	181.02	146.02	46	709.72	674.72	3	202.64	167.64	46	763.82	728.82
4	185.42	150.42	47	729.46	694.46	4	207.80	172.80	47	784.58	749.58
5	189.94	154.94	48	749.18	714.18	5	213.20	178.20	48	805.52	770.52
6	194.74	159.74	49	768.56	733.56	6	218.80	183.80	49	826.72	791.72
7	199.70	164.70	50	787.78	752.78	7	224.64	189.64	50	848.26	813.26
8	204.80	169.80	51	807.24	772.24	8	230.70	195.70	51	870.36	835.36
9	210.12	175.12	52	826.54	791.54	9	237.04	202.04	52	892.96	857.96
10	215.62	180.62	53	845.90	810.90	10	243.66	208.66	53	916.04	881.04
11	221.38	186.38	54	865.64	830.64	11	250.48	215.48	54	939.54	904.54
12	227.34	192.34	55	885.98	850.98	12	257.60	222.60	55	962.92	927.92
13	233.52	198.52	56	905.84	870.84	13	264.96	229.96	56	986.48	951.48
14	239.90	204.90	57	926.00	891.00	14	272.58	237.58	57	1,011.46	976.46
15	246.46	211.46	58	946.48	911.48	15	280.36	245.36	58	1,035.82	1,000.82
16	253.16	218.16	59	967.42	932.42	16	288.30	253.30	59	1,059.98	1,024.98
17	260.12	225.12	60	988.28	953.28	17	296.00	261.00	60	1,083.70	1,048.70
18	267.24	232.24	61	1,009.22	974.22	18	303.56	268.56	61	1,106.70	1,071.70
19	274.70	239.70	62	1,030.10	995.10	19	311.04	276.04	62	1,129.58	1,094.58
20	282.36	247.36	63	1,050.62	1,015.62	20	318.68	283.68	63	1,153.54	1,118.54
21	342.14	307.14	64	1,071.86	1,036.86	21	378.88	343.88	64	1,178.26	1,143.26
22	352.18	317.18	65	1,092.08	1,057.08	22	388.26	353.26	65	1,203.30	1,168.30
23	362.40	327.40	66	1,110.96	1,075.96	23	398.40	363.40	66	1,226.22	1,191.22
24	372.98	337.98	67	1,130.16	1,095.16	24	409.08	374.08	67	1,249.12	1,214.12
25	383.88	348.88	68	1,150.08	1,115.08	25	420.36	385.36	68	1,273.78	1,238.78
26	395.10	360.10	69	1,169.96	1,134.96	26	432.44	397.44	69	1,294.52	1,259.52
27	406.74	371.74	70	1,189.94	1,154.94	27	445.20	410.20	70	1,319.14	1,284.14
28	418.72	383.72	71	1,210.16	1,175.16	28	458.48	423.48	71	1,341.78	1,306.78
29	431.18	396.18	72	1,232.22	1,197.22	29	472.20	437.20	72	1,358.98	1,323.98
30	443.98	408.98	73	1,251.94	1,216.94	30	485.98	450.98	73	1,377.68	1,342.68
31	457.38	422.38	74	1,272.84	1,237.84	31	499.92	464.92	74	1,399.58	1,364.58
32	471.26	436.26	75	1,293.86	1,258.86	32	513.96	478.96	75	1,427.40	1,392.40
33	485.62	450.62	76	1,320.38	1,285.38	33	528.76	493.76	76	1,454.42	1,419.42
34	500.42	465.42	77	1,348.12	1,313.12	34	544.24	509.24	77	1,480.84	1,445.84
35	515.78	480.78	78	1,376.50	1,341.50	35	560.16	525.16	78	1,507.48	1,472.48
36	531.30	496.30	79	1,404.78	1,369.78	36	576.42	541.42	79	1,535.18	1,500.18
37	547.18	512.18	80	1,433.60	1,398.60	37	593.00	558.00	80	1,562.82	1,527.82
38	563.24	528.24	81	1,463.34	1,428.34	38	610.44	575.44	81	1,589.48	1,554.48
39	579.86	544.86	82	1,493.22	1,458.22	39	628.34	593.34	82	1,616.38	1,581.38
40	596.90	561.90	83	1,522.16	1,487.16	40	646.76	611.76	83	1,643.10	1,608.10
41	614.50	579.50	84	1,552.22	1,517.22	41	665.92	630.92	84	1,671.58	1,636.58
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* Age to the nearest birthday.

If you are a member of Polish Women's Alliance of America you can use the coupon below (one coupon per PWAA member).

Please fill out the information in the coupon below and send it together with the application on page 7 and with the premium payment to PWAA.



35th Convention Coupon

For Existing PWAA Members

\$35
OFF!

This coupon can be used with the 35th Convention Special only. This coupon cannot be redeemed for cash.

Please return with application and payment to: Polish Women's Alliance, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL 60631.

1. Information about you: (if you are an existing PWAA member; if you are not a PWAA member, you cannot use this coupon):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

PWA Certificate Number: _____

2. Below please write the name of the person for whom you wish to use this coupon:

Name of Proposed Insured: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Information in this application is given to obtain this insurance and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. This certificate shall not take effect unless the first or single premium is actually paid to the Alliance at the time of application.							
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Calendar of Events

SUNDAY APRIL 15

Group 585 Easter Social at 12 noon in the cafeteria of St. Bartholomew's parish, Outer Drive and Wexford, in Detroit. Dinner, Bingo, and prizes. See page 8 for details. Contact: Kathryn Modelski, President.

Group 819 Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 p.m., St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles IL. Penny Social follows at 4 p.m. Contact: Sylvia Kania at 773-685-7807.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Second Annual Polish Night at White Sox Park U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago, Illinois, For details, please see page 10 or call the Vice President's Office at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 208.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Council 21 Indiana celebrates its 75th Anniversary. Mass at 10 a.m. with St. Cecilia Choir at St. Stanislaus Church in East Chicago. Dinner follows in Social Hall. Contact: Bernice Olszowska at 219-663-8746.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Group 341 Krakowianki will meet at the Panera Bread Company, 3401 Blvd of the Allies, Pittsburgh, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Hyacinth's Church, 3201 Croft Place. Contact: Vicki Niemiec at 412-422-5754.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Group 211 Mother's Day Luncheon at 1 p.m. Zia's Restaurant, 6699 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. All PWA members and guests are invited. See article on page 8 for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Council 9 Mother-Daughter Luncheon at 1 p.m. in Flannigan Hall, St. John Brebeuf School, Niles, IL. See ad on this page.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Council 27 Mother's Day Celebration. Please save the date! Details to follow. Contact: Council President Czeslawa Kolak or Bo Padowski at 847-384-1200, ext 228.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Polish American Day at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois. Bring the family for a day of fun! Doors open at 9 a.m. See page 10 for details or call the Vice President's Office at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 208.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

District XIV Annual Scholarship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Convention Hall, Pittston PA. For information/reservations please call District XIV State President Helen Lopez at 570-735-1066.

10th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon Hosted by Council 9



Join us in Honoring Our Council 9
May Queen Delphine Lytell

Saturday, May 12, 2007, at 1 p.m. in Flannigan Hall
St. John Brebeuf School, Lower Hall
8307 N. Harlem Ave, Niles, IL

Catering by Kasia's
Tickets: \$15 per person; \$5 for children under 12

Deadline for reservations is May 8, 2007.
A Raffle is planned and prizes would be appreciated.

RSVP to Adeline Holda at 1-773-736-5861
or Regina Solms at 1-847-647-1855

News from Group 530

Group 530 of Nanticoke, PA, is holding a "Support Our Troops" project. A member of our group is currently serving in Iraq. Items or donations can be made to Hedy Rominski or Helen Lopez. We are encouraging notes of support for our servicemen as well. There is a correction to the newsletter as the project will end on May 12, 2007, not March 12th, as written.

The next Group 530 meeting will be on Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. at the home of Hedy Rominski. Plans for our fundraising project at Sam's Club on August 19 will be finalized. For information please contact Helen Lopez at 570-735-1066 or Hedy Rominski at 570-735-6517.

PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation Makes Donations

Your contributions at work!



In photo above, PWA President Virginia Sikora presents a check to Sister Rafaela and Sister Agnieszka from Poland. The Franciscan Sisters operate the Laski Hospital for Blind Children in Poland as well as hospitals for the blind in other countries. The donation came from the "Dziecko Polskie" Fund.

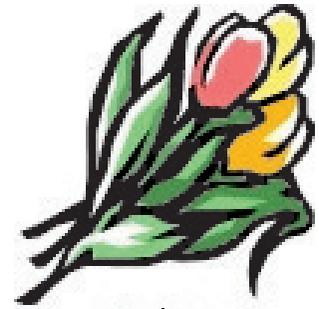


Photo at left shows PWA Treasurer Barbara Miller presenting a donation to Dr. Elizabeth Myers of the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership Archives at Loyola University in Chicago for the upkeep of the PWA leadership archives that were donated to the Center in November of 2006. PWA records will now be available to researchers and scholars from around the world.

Group 211 Mother's Day Luncheon

The next meeting of PWA Group 211 Madame Sklodowska-Curie Society will be held on Wednesday, **May 9th** at 1 p.m. This is our annual Mother's Day celebration and the meeting luncheon will be held at

Zia's Restaurant
6699 N. Northwest Highway
Chicago, Illinois



at the corner of Northwest Highway and Oliphant Ave. Complimentary valet parking is available. After our regular business meeting, we will enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared especially for our group. We encourage all group members to attend, as important information about the upcoming PWA National Convention will be discussed.

Guests and members of our fellow PWA groups are welcome at the cost of \$19.50 per person. Group 211 members will be complimentary; however, a \$10 voluntary donation from members will be appreciated. A Split-The-Pot Cash Raffle will be held and your generosity will also be appreciated to assist in our charitable endeavors.

Reservations are a must; the deadline is May 1st. Please contact Antoinette Trela Vander Noot at 847-808-0336 or Rita Giersch at 847-647-0311 to make your reservation or for further information

Fraternally,
Antoinette Trela Vander Noot
Financial Secretary



Groups 388 and 693 Host 'Swieconka'

Chicago, IL—This year Groups 388 and 693 joined together to celebrate the traditional Polish Easter Brunch, Swieconka, on Saturday, March 24, at St. Juliana's Parish Social Hall. All members from District I had been invited to attend. The event opened with the painting of Easter eggs in the old-fashioned Polish way by using hot wax to make designs on the eggs before dipping them in colored dye. Group Presidents Marta Klus and Grazyna Migala then welcomed the guests and exchanged wishes with everyone present by sharing with them a piece of an egg. Zurek, ham, Polish sausage, salads, eggs, and beets with horseradish were served, as were babas and homemade

mazurki. After luncheon, Mary Steinert of Group 819 demonstrated how to make a butter lamb and the children of the Marie Curie Sklodowska School of the PWA, who attend Saturday classes at St. Juliana, came to greet the guests and held a presentation about Polish Easter customs. The principal of the Polish School, Malgorzata Wasilewska, thanked PWA members for their support of the school and presented each guest with a gift of a beautiful Easter egg "pisanka" she had made herself. Father Steve, pastor of St. Juliana and the nephew of past PWA Treasurer Olga Kaszewicz, who was also present, blessed everyone and said a prayer in closing.



News from Group 585 "Easter Social" Elections of Officers

Detroit, MI—On Sunday, April 15, 2007, Group 585 will hold its annual Easter Social at 12 noon in the cafeteria of St. Bartholomew's Parish, Outer Drive and Wexford Street in Detroit. Dinner will be served, followed by Bingo and prizes. Everyone is cordially invited.

Group 585 officers for the year 2007 are as follows: Kathryn Modelski, President; Virginia Kuznia, Recording Secretary; Josephine Wujcikowski, Treasurer; Jessie Lipinski, Auditor; and Regina Wieczorek, Auditor and delegate to Council 20. Elections for Financial Secretary will be held in April.



Garland Youth Section

Group 114 member is crowned Queen of White and Red Ball



Chicago, IL—Diana Ciepiela of Group 114 was presented as a debutante at the White and Red Ball held on February 17, 2007, and sponsored by the Legion of Young Polish

Women. She was crowned Queen of the Ball in recognition of her fundraising for charities supported by the Legion. She is a senior at Resurrection High School, where she is on the Honor Roll, a member of the Polish Club, as well as a varsity tennis player. She was voted MVP all four years! Diana attended St. Maximilian Kolbe Polish Language School and is a member of the Polish Scouting Organization. She is also a dancer with the Lechici Dancers. Diana has not yet decided where she will be attending college in the fall. We wish her luck in all her future endeavors, where ever they may take her! Diana is the granddaughter of Barbara Ciepiela who is an active PWA member and officer of Group 114 and Council 27. Congratulations Diana!

News from Lowicz Dancers Szopka Competition Winners



The first annual Detroit Area Friends of Polish Art Szopka Competition had five entrants and three winners—and very many fans of all ages. The Polish Art Center in Hamtramck displayed the entries.

The winner in the Adult category was Johanna and her mom Linda Hughes, whose entry was based on St. Josaphat Church in Detroit (see top left photo). The Youth category winning entry was made by Rebekah Hughes and Molly Piskar, based on the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit (top right photo). The Children's category was won by Clara Hughes whose entry was also modeled on St. Josaphat Church (see photo at right). Sisters Johanna and Rebekah Hughes are members of the PWA Lowicz Dancers (PWA Group 786). Congratulations to the Hughes family!



Komitet Oswiaty Announces

The 2007 POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April to June **

Attention PWA youth members
ages 3-18 years old!



Information about the Youth Bowling Tournament has been mailed to you. If you did not receive your packet in the mail, please call the Office of the Vice President at 1-88-522-1898 ext. 208 if you'd like to participate. Read the rules

below so you know how many games you need to bowl for your age group and how to send in your scores. Your parents will need to fill out your application and vouch for the scores. Good Luck!!

RULES FOR JUNIOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR PWA YOUTH

- All Bowlers must be PWA members as of December 31, 2006, and in good standing.
- Separate events will be held for boys and girls in 5 age groups:

Peewee	ages 3 to 5 years
Bantams	ages 6 to 8 years
Preps	ages 9 to 11 years
Juniors	ages 12-14 years
Majors	ages 15 to 18 years
- Individual's age as of December 31, 2006, determines the age classification.
- All bowlers must bowl in their age division.
- All participants may participate only once in this tournament. Parent or adult must complete application for each participant.
- Peewee and Bantam bowlers may use bumpers and scores for two games.
- Preps, Juniors, and Majors scores are based on three games bowled.
- Average rules: Use the current league average as of December 31, 2006, for at least seven league sessions. Bowlers with less than twenty-one games or seven league sessions will be classified as scratch bowlers. The tournament manager will add the handicap to raw scores of the scratch bowlers using YABA guidelines.
- Individuals will bowl on one weekend of their choice from April through June.
- All scores and printouts from the bowling alley of the scores should be mailed in with the bowling applications.
- Peewee division: The child must be able to pick up the bowling ball with two hands off the rack and carry it to the foul line. No parental or adult assistance is allowed to help the child to the foul line. Please follow this rule!
- Proper attire must be worn (bowling shoes).
- Foul lights must be in operation.
- Score sheets and bowling score printouts must be mailed to the PWA Youth Committee c/o Sharon Zago, Vice President, and post-marked no later than **June 15, 2007 **** to be eligible for prizes. Awards will be given out for first, second, and third place in each division based on a national level.

Komitet Oswiaty

Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chairman; Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton, Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, and Felicia Perlick; Ex-Officio: Virginia Sikora, National President.

Garland Youth Section

Polish American Day

@ SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA & SIX FLAGS HURRICANE HARBOR

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Park Opens 10:00 A.M.
Park Closes 9:00 P.M.

Ticket Price: \$28.00
Children 3 & Under: FREE
Parking: \$15.00

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America
Mary Jane Robles
1-800-772-8632 ext. 2601

Polish Women's Alliance of America
Sharon Zago
1-888-522-1898 ext. 208

Polish Falcons of America
Robert Gorny
1-574-289-2140

Polish National Alliance
Joan Oskorep
1-800-621-3723

Orders must be made by: Monday May 21, 2007
NO REFUNDS or EXCHANGES



Have Fun with PWA this Spring !

- Polish Night at White Sox Park, April 19th (see ad on this page)
- Polonia Day at Six Flags Great America, June 2nd (see ad on this page)
- Junior Bowling Tournament - April to June (see page 9)

Call the Office of the Vice President at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 for more information about these events.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS Check the Deadlines!

Please check our website www.pwwa.org for scholarship forms and deadlines or you may call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 for more information.

- The regular PWA Scholarship period is now closed. The deadline was February 15, 2007.
- Application period for the two high school scholarships is now closed. The deadline was March 15, 2007.
- The application period for the Junior and Senior Year Undergraduate College Academic Scholarships is open from **March 1st to May 15, 2007.**
- Coming **June 1st !**
Polish Studies Program Scholarship in Krakow, Poland

It's Here!!

Your chance to WIN BIG
with
POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE



Win \$4500 in Prize Money
in

PWA'S NATIONAL CASH RAFFLE

Return your lucky tickets as soon as possible!

The deadline is June 10, 2007.

Entries must be postmarked June 10, 2007, to be eligible.

GRAND PRIZE	\$ 2000
Second Prize	\$ 1000
Third Prize	\$ 500
Fourth Prize	\$ 250
Fifth Prize	\$ 250
Sixth thru Tenth Prizes	\$ 100

*Drawing will be held on June 21, 2007,
during the State Presidents' Conference in Illinois.*

Proceeds to benefit Komitet Oswiaty, the PWA Education Committee, promoting Polish culture and heritage. Please support our 2007 National Raffle. You could be one of the lucky winners!

*Committee: Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chair
Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton, Antoinette Trela Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, Felicia Perlick*

Fun for the Whole Family!!



Polish Night at White Sox Park! Thursday, April 19th

Chicago, IL—If you missed the first annual White Sox Polish Night at U.S. Cellular Field Sox Park, you are in luck. The second annual White Sox Polish Night is now confirmed! Come see the Chicago White Sox play the Texas Rangers on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 7:11 p.m..

Tickets are limited, available on a first-come first-served basis. Due to the responses of last year's participants, only lower deck seats will be available this year. Tickets are \$17.50 per person. Don't miss the fun and excitement of a live baseball game! Call the Office of the Vice President at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 today to reserve your tickets for Polish Night at U.S. Cellular Field - White Sox Park.

35th Convention Special - see pages 5-6

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER



Treasurer Barbara Miller

A Preview of the 2006 Financial Statements of PWA of A

I plan to publish the full financial report for the year 2006 in a future issue of the *Głos Polek*, after the PWA auditors complete their work. However from the reports which we filed as our annual report with the State of Illinois Department of Insurance, I can tell you that the earnings of the PWA have improved from last year and PWA is moving in the right direction.

I have three important trends to discuss with you. First, many of us have the idea that PWA and our insurance policies are weighted toward older individuals. The following is a breakdown of the ages of our policy holders. As you will see, over 50% of our policy holders are under 50 years of age. This is a good indication for the long term viability of our organization. The following are the actual numbers:

Age Range	No of Policy Holders	% of Total
Under 18	4,543	12.5%
18-30	5,420	15.1%
31-40	4,198	11.7%
41-50	5,088	14.1%
51-60	4,963	13.8%
61-70	3,088	8.6%
71-80	3,343	9.3%
Over 80	5,365	14.9%

Second, the PWA surplus has improved over the last four years and our operating expenses have declined, as follows:

Year	Operating Expenses	Surplus
2003	\$1,981,851	\$2,229,000
2004	\$1,769,654	\$1,118,000
2005	\$1,652,224	\$2,836,761
2006	\$1,388,423	\$2,587,258

PWA is on a strong financial footing and more than able to meet all its obligations, as we have since 1898.

Third, the safety of our investment portfolio makes PWA a strong and safe place for your insurance and annuity investments. Today, the PWA investment portfolio is approximately 65% invested in U.S. Government obligations and U.S. Agency bonds. PWA has no borrowings, no derivatives, and no futures contracts.

Women tend to be risk adverse and this has certainly been the case for PWA over its long history. However, PWA has had excess demand for expenditures for fraternal funding. Such items as scholarships to members and other fraternal expenses are costly. New approaches have been taken and, for example, now the PWA raffle covers much of the cost of the scholarships, thanks to our members. Together we have made a difference!

Did you know that when you invest in an annuity through a bank that your investment does not carry the FDIC insurance of accounts? Most people think that their annuity at a bank is insured but that is not the case. I invite you to ask the representative at your bank about insurance of accounts as it relates to annuities offered by the bank.

PWA is going strong after 109 years and you, the members, have made it so. Your faith in the value of a Polish American organization serving its members is powerful and is the future strength of PWA. We don't say "gracias," we don't say "merci," we say "dziękuję!" loud and clear.

PWA Awarded Heritage Grant

PWA has been allocated \$3,260 through the Heritage Preservation CAP Program in Washington, D.C., to hire a professional conservator to assess our art and library collections.

The assessment will become a "blueprint" for conserving these collections which include film and sound recordings, wood objects, furniture, metalwork and metal sculptures, historic objects, library and archival materials, photographic materials, stone artifacts and sculpture, textiles and costumes, and other treasures and documents, such as the

original letter to PWA from Marie Curie. Vice President Sharon Zago and Treasurer Barbara Miller will be working on this project to ensure its successful completion.

Our acceptance of the 2007 Heritage Grant from the Conservation Assessment Program is the first step in obtaining additional funding to begin the actual preservation work. It is a privilege to continue the work started by our PWA forebears. Let's strive to leave our PWA legacy to our children, the PWA leaders of tomorrow.

A Radio Interview with PWA

Chicago, IL—Polish Women's Alliance was invited to participate in a radio interview program called "Our Village on the Air" on WJG-1530 AM radio on Friday, February 28, 2007. Vice President Sharon Zago was delegated to represent PWA in the interview which was conducted by hosts Fred and Chris Gillman.

Vice President Zago informed the public about our organization, its many products, and its rich history. With Pulaski Day coming up, she also spoke about the observance at the Polish Museum which is held every year in honor of Casimir Pulaski. She spoke about the impor-

tant role that PWA played in preserving and donating one of the museum's most famous pieces of art, the "Battle of Savannah," a 10 by 20 foot oil painting, depicting Pulaski's last stand in that battle with the British where he was mortally wounded. Also mentioned was the role that First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt played in the story of behind this painting. If you missed the live interview, you can go to www.ourvillagechicago.com and click on "Podcast on the Village," then choose Episode 9. PWA was the third interview of this episode. You can also go to our website www.pwaa.org to hear the podcast.

PWA BOOK CLUB



We are currently reading the second book of the year: *Karski: How One Man Tried to Stop the Holocaust* by E. Thomas Wood and Stanislaw M. Jankowski, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. in 1994. The ISBN is 0-471-01856-2. There will be no discussion

meeting on Monday, April 9th. The last meeting for this book will be on Tuesday, April 10. We will be discussing pages 181 to 259. Please join us!

Questions? Call Vice President's office at 888-522-1898, ext. 208.

Come and Visit the PWA Library!

Looking for something different and interesting to do? Why not come and visit our newly reorganized Library and Reading Room?

We have many books, both Polish and English, about the Polish experience, just waiting for you to browse and read. Give yourself a special treat by visiting the PWA Library to enrich your mind and discover this quiet place of history and exploration.

For a list of catalogued books, visit www.pwaa.org and click on the Library link. The catalog is a work-in-progress and will be updated further during 2007. For further information contact Vice President Sharon Zago 1-847-384-1208 or Treasurer Barbara Miller 1-847-384-1206.

The 35th National Convention of Polish Women's Alliance of America will be held from August 25 to 28, 2007, in Cleveland, Ohio. See page 3 for details.

IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness the passing of the following PWA members. May they rest in peace.

Gr.No. Name	City/State	Gr.No. Name	City/State		
0006	Evelyn Kikulska	Chicago, IL	0434	Zita Zapotocka	Wilkes Barre, PA
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Recipes from Busia's Kitchen

Polish Wild Mushroom Soup

- 1/4 lb dried wild mushrooms
- 1/4 lb fresh mushrooms
- 9 cups beef or chicken stock
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- salt, white pepper to taste
- sour cream
- fresh parsley or dill

Cover dried mushrooms with cold water and soak overnight. Drain the mushrooms, reserving the soaking liquid, then strain the liquid through a fine cloth. Rinse the mushrooms in cold water to remove any remaining sand then slice into strips. Add the mushrooms, 8 cups of the beef stock, and the soaking liquid to a 3-quart saucepan, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer over low heat 4 hours.

Melt half the butter in a heavy

skillet, add the onion, saute until golden brown then add to the soup. Use the rest of the butter to saute the fresh mushrooms, coarsely sliced. Add to the soup. Whisk the cornstarch with the remaining cup of stock, add to the soup, stir and simmer until slightly thickened.

Season to taste with salt and pepper, ladle into bowls, top each with sour cream, and sprinkle with chopped parsley or dill.

Polish Baked Potatoes with Eggs and Cream

- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 3 cups diced cooked potatoes
- salt and pepper
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives

Preheat oven to 350°F. Pour butter into the bottom of an oven proof

casserole. Add potatoes and season with salt and pepper. Mix together eggs and sour cream and pour over potatoes. Top with chives, cover, and bake for 1 hour.

Polish Vegetable Salad

- 1 cup peeled diced apples
- 1/2 cup diced dill pickles
- 1 cup diced cooked potatoes
- 1 cup diced cooked carrots
- 1 cup cooked or canned drained green peas
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 3 diced hard-boiled eggs
- 1 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh dill, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- salt and pepper

The secret of a good Polish salad is to have all the ingredients diced

very fine, no larger than a green pea. In a salad bowl combine the apples, pickles, potatoes, carrots, peas, celery, and diced onion. Mix well, add salt and pepper to taste. Just before serving add the hard boiled eggs, fresh cucumber, and dill. Toss ingredients gently to mix. For the dressing: In a small bowl, mix the mayonnaise and sour cream until well blended. Fold gently into the salad. Transfer to lettuce-lined platter and serve. Decorate with hard-boiled egg wedges, tomato wedges, or radish roses or slices.

Smacznego!



Rok 2007 ogłoszony rokiem światowej sławy polskiego kompozytora Karola Szymanowskiego



W roku 2007 przypadają dwie ważne rocznice związane z Karolem Szymanowskim:

125-rocznica urodzin kompozytora i 70-rocznica jego śmierci. W związku z tym Sejm RP na posiedzeniu w dniu 16 listopada 2006 podjął uchwałę w sprawie ogłoszenia roku 2007 Rokiem Karola Szymanowskiego.

Kompozytor, Karol Szymanowski urodził się 3 października 1882 w Tymoszówce na Ukrainie. W 1889 rozpoczął naukę gry na fortepianie najpierw pod kierunkiem ojca, potem w szkole muzycznej u Gustawa Neuhausa w Elizawetgradzie. W latach 1901-05 studiował u Marka Zawirskiego (harmonia) i Zygmunta Noskowskiego (kontrapunkt i kompozycja) w Warszawie. W tym czasie poznał Pawła Kochańskiego, Artura Rubinsteina, Grzegorza Fitelberga, Stanisława Ignacego Witkiewicza "Witkacego" i Stefana Żeromskiego. W 1905 odbył, wspólnie z Witkacym, pierwszą podróż do Włoch. W tym samym roku wraz z Grzegorzem Fitelbergiem, Ludomirem Różyckim i Apolinariem Szeluto założył Spółkę Nakładową Młodych Kompozytorów Polskich, działającą pod mecenatem Władysława Lubomirskiego i promującą twórczość polskich kompozytorów współczesnych. Grupa ta zyskała niebawem miano "Młodej Polski". W 1906 odbyły się koncerty kompozytorskie członków Spółki w Warszawie i Berlinie. W latach 1906-07 Karol Szymanowski wyjeżdżał kilkakrotnie do Berlina i Lipska, a w 1908 odbył kolejną podróż do Włoch. W 1912 osiedlił się w Wiedniu. W tym czasie nawiązał kontakt z firmą Universal-Edition, z którą podpisał kontrakt na 10 lat. W 1914 odbył kolejną podróż do Włoch oraz na Sycylię, do Afryki Północnej, Paryża i Londynu, zaś w latach 1915-16 wyjeżdżał do Kijowa, Moskwy i Petersburga.

W 1917 roku, na skutek bolszewickiej rewolucji październikowej, kompozytor na zawsze opuścił Tymoszwówkę. Przeprowadził się do Elizawetgradu, a w 1919 osiedlił się w Warszawie. W 1921 wraz z Pawłem Kochańskim i Arturem Rubinsteinem odbył podróż do Stanów Zjednoczonych. W maju 1922 odbył się jego koncert kompozytorski w Paryżu, zakończony wielkim sukcesem. W sierpniu 1922 przyjechał po raz pierwszy po I wojnie światowej do Zakopanego, które odtąd zaczął regularnie odwiedzać. Jego artystyczne zainteresowania skupiają się coraz bardziej na polskiej muzyce ludowej, szczególnie podhalańskiej i kurpiowskiej. W 1926 odrzucił propozycję objęcia stanowiska dyrektora Konserwatorium Kairskiego. Od 22 lutego 1927 do 31 sierpnia 1929 był rektorem Konserwatorium Warszawskiego. W 1929 odbył kurację w sanatorium Edlach w Austrii, a później w Davos w Szwajcarii. Od 1 września 1930 do 30 kwietnia 1932 pełnił funkcję rektora Wyższej Szkoły Muzycznej w Warszawie (obecnie Akademia Muzyczna im. Fryderyka Chopina w Warszawie). Od 1930 zamieszkał na stałe w Zakopanem, w willi "Atma". W latach 1933-36 koncertował jako wykonawca własnych utworów we Francji, Belgii, Holandii, Anglii, Włoszech, Jugosławii, Bułgarii, Niemczech, Szwecji, Danii, Norwegii i Związku Radzieckim. W 1935 doszło do jedyne spotkanie dwóch największych polskich kompozytorów XX wieku - Karola Szymanowskiego i Witolda Lutosławskiego. W listopadzie 1935 Szymanowski na zawsze opuścił "Atmę". W 1936 przebywał kilkakrotnie w sanatorium w Grasse we Francji. W marcu 1937 przyjechał do sanatorium w Lozannie, gdzie zmarł.

Karol Szymanowski otrzymał następujące odznaczenia: Krzyż Oficerski Orderu Odrodzenia Polski, Order Oficerski Korony Włoskiej, Order Komandorski Korony Włoskiej, Odznakę honorową Regia Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Krzyż Komandorski Orderu Odrodzenia Polski, Złoty Wawrzyn Akademicki Polskiej Akademii Literatury. Ponadto otrzymał doktorat honoris causa Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego oraz członkostwa honorowe Ceske Akademie Ved a Umeni, Łotewskiego Konserwatorium Muzycznego w Rydze, Królewskiej Akademii Św. Cecylii w Rzymie, Królewskiej Akademii Muzycznej w Belgradzie, Międzynarodowego Towarzystwa Muzyki Współczesnej. W 1935 odznaczony został Państwową Nagrodą Muzyczną.

Tradycje Wielkanocne i Dzień otwarty w szkole Im. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej



24 marca b.r. Polska Szkoła przy Związku Polek w Ameryce im. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej zaprosiła Polonię na doroczny Kiermasz Wielkanocny połączone z pokazem malowania pisanek. Atrakcją imprezy były warsztaty zdobienia tradycyjnych pisanek prowadzone przez artystkę w tej dziedzinie i Dyrektora szkoły Panią Małgorzatę Wasilewską która również przygotowała kilkaset pisanek na sprzedaż z której dochód przeznaczyła na pomoce naukowe. Ta forma spotkań z kulturą i tradycją polską cieszy się niesłabnącym powodzeniem także wśród dorosłych. Wykonane przez uczniów, rodziców i gości pisanki stały się mile widzianym upominkiem świątecznym lub niezapomnianą dekoracją wielkanocnego stołu.

Kiermasz połączono jest z dniem otwartym szkoły, nauczyciele i grono rodzicielskie i sami uczniowie udzielali wszelkich informacji związanych z działalnością naszej placówki.

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Zainteresowani przekonali się, że Polska Szkoła im. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej jest szkołą, do której młodzież przychodzi z przy-

jemnością, a każde z rodziców z radością wita sobotni poranek. Zawdzięczamy ten fakt przede wszystkim świetnie przygotowanym do pracy z młodzieżą dwujęzycznym pedagogom, którzy są pasjonatami swego zawodu. Szkoła pracuje w niewielkich zespołach klasowych, co sprzyja formowaniu się przyjaźni między uczniami, buduje atmosferę bliskości i ułatwia nauczycielom wprowadzanie elementów do zajęć lekcyjnych.

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Norman Davies

Duch Święty spóźnia się przez lustrację

Brytyjski historyk Profesor Norman Davies otrzymał doktorat honoris causa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego. Podczas swojego wystąpienia dotyczącego historii Polski, przytaczając słowa Jana Pawła II "niech Duch Święty zstąpi na tę ziemię", odniósł się do obecnej sytuacji w kraju: Duch Święty spóźnia się przez lustrację. Profesor Norman Davies w swoim wystąpieniu omówił ostatnich 200 lat historii Polski i Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego. Podkreślił znaczenie demokracji i liberalizmu. Jego zdaniem w sferze międzynarodowej liberalizm hamuje działanie mocarstw. Każdemu krajowi wolno promować swoje interesy do chwili gdy nie zaczyna niszczyć swoich sąsiadów, stwierdził Norman Davies. Profesor uważa, że każdy Polak patriotą, który kocha niepodległość ojczyzny powinien być liberałem. Norman Davies odwołał się także do dzieł Jana Pawła II. Zdaniem historyka papież uczynił więcej niż ktokolwiek inny, aby położyć kres sowieckiej hegemonii, a jego myślenie i kultura mówienia powinny być wzorem. Profesor Davies przypomniał, że papież nie nazwał nigdy ani Edwarda Gierka ani generała Jaruzelskiego "żelazną elitą". W jego encyklikach nie ma takich słów jak "lumpen-liberał" czy "szambo" tylko proste i pozytywne: Przykro stwierdzić, że Duch Święty trochę się spóźnia, bo On także czeka na lustrację" - powiedział Norman Davis.

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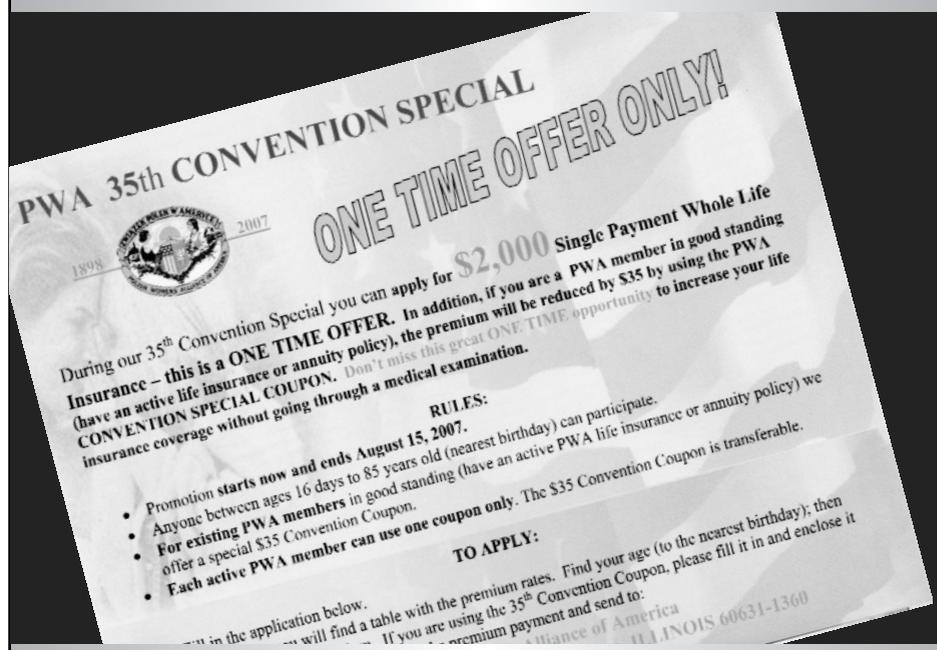
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Promotor doktoratu profesor Henryk Samsonowicz podkreślił, że Norman Davies jest znakomitym ambasadorem naszego kraju. Jest przecież przybyszem i pisze niejako z zewnątrz Polski, co pozwala za granicą na bardziej uważne śledzenie jego wywodów. Kraj nasz dzięki twórczości profesora uzyskuje wiarygodne świadectwo za granicą.

Profesor Samsonowicz podkreślał wartości literackie dzieł Normana Daviesa. Promotor zwrócił uwagę, że książki te chętnie czytają nie tylko naukowcy. Nie stanowią one suchego zestawu faktów, nie starają się epatować nauką frazeologią, lecz pisane są językiem żywym, zrozumiałym także dla miłośników historii. Dlatego mają tak szeroki oddźwięk, mówił Henryk Samsonowicz. Norman Davies znany jest Polakom, bo należy do nielicznych zagranicznych historyków zajmujących się dziejami naszego kraju. Jest autorem między innymi bestsellerowej książki "Powstanie '44", poświęconej Powstaniu Warszawskiemu, historii Polski "Boże igrzysko" oraz książki "Europa". Brytyjski historyk ma już tytuł doktora honoris causa uniwersytetów: Gdańskiego, Marii Curie Skłodowskiej w Lublinie i Jagiellońskiego. Jest także honorowym obywatelem Krakowa, Lublina i Wrocławia. W 2001 roku dostał nagrodę imienia Andrzeja Drawicza, będącą wyrazem uznania i podziękowania za promowanie osiągnięć Polski.

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Według mnie, wykupienie ubezpieczenia dla dzieci jest bardzo korzystnym sposobem zapoczątkowania oszczędzania na ich przyszłość i równocześnie zapewnienie im posiadania ubezpieczenia na życie kiedy osiągną stan dojrzałości. Jest to szczególnie ważne o ile w rodzinie istnieje historia problemów zdrowotnych takich jak np. cukrzyca czy choroby serca, wykluczające zatwierdzenie do planu ubezpieczeniowego w przyszłości.

Z planów dla dziecka sugerowałabym polisę ubezpieczeniową na życie opłaconą jednorazową lub spłacaną w kilku latach. Dlaczego? Ponieważ polisa będzie spłacona zanim dziecko wejdzie w wiek dojrzały i polisa będzie mu przekazana. Wielu ekspertów twierdzi, że osoby w młodym wieku, po ukończeniu szkoły czy te, które właśnie rozpoczęły pracę zawodową nie są w stanie wykupić ubezpieczenia ze względów finansowych. Dotyczy to również kontynuacji wszelkich innych opłat. Między innymi jeżeli przeżycemy dziecku polisę, która nie jest spłacona młody człowiek może nie być w stanie kontynuować spłacania jej i polisa może wygasnąć.

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KIEBASA BIAŁA PIECZONA

Składniki: 2 lbs surowej, białej kiełbasy, 2 średnie cebule, główka czosnku, 2 - 3 łyżki smalcu.

Rondel wysmarować smalcem i ściśle ułożyć w nim kiełbasę. Ponakłuwać dosyć gęsto - należy jednak uważać, żeby dziury nie były zbyt duże. Kiełbasa w czasie pieczenia przez nakłucia odda nadmiar wody i zachowa ładny kształt. Cebulę obrać, pokroić. Obrać 6 ząbków czosnku, resztę ładnie oczyścić i ułożyć w środku pęta. Kiełbasę obłożyć krążkami cebuli i plasterkami czosnku. Wstawić do mocno nagrzanego piekarnika. Piec ok. godziny najpierw pod przykryciem, potem na chwilę odkryć - kiełbasa ładnie się zrumieni. Podawać na zimno lub na gorąco, najlepiej z ćwikłą lub chrzanem.

ZUPA WIOSENNA

Składniki: 1/2 lb mięsa wieprzowego bez kości, 1/2 lb włoszczyzny, 2 quart lwody, 1 q żuru, 5 jajek, 1/2 lb białej kiełbasy, 1/2 lb białego sera, 4 oz tłustej śmietany, ząbek czosnku, sól i pieprz do smaku.

Z mięsa, kiełbasy i włoszczyzny ugotować wywar a następnie go precedzić. Do wywaru dodać pokrojone w kostki: ugotowane mięso, warzywa, białą kiełbasę i jajka na twardo. Wlać żur, dodać ser i roztarty czosnek doprawić solą i pieprzem, wlać śmietanę i zagotować. Serwować natychmiast po zagotowaniu.

WIOSENNY SPECJAL

Dla 4 osób:

1 pęczek szparagów
1/2 lb zielonego groszku (może być mrożony)
1 średnia cebula cienko pokrojona
1 ząbek czosnku cienko posiekany
1 pęczek zielonej pietruszki
1/2 lb ryżu
1 litr rosółu
1 kieliszek białego wytrawnego wina, 4 łyżki oliwy z oliwek extra vergine, 2 łyżki tartego parmezanu
sól, pieprz. Dobrze oskrobać szparagi i podzielić na trzy części: czubek ugotować do miękkości w wrzącej wodzie, część środkową pokroić na małe kawałki, a część końcową wyrzucić. Zielony groszek ugotować do miękkości. Podsmażyć cebulę, czosnek i pokrojone na kawałki szparagi na oliwie przez około 5 minut, w garnku o grubym dnie. Pod koniec dodawać posiekaną natkę. Dodać suchy ryż i smażyć jeszcze przez kilka minut. Wlać wino i stale mieszając, poczekać, aż całe wyparuje. Zmniejszyć ogień i znów mieszając, dodawać powoli gorący rosół. Cała operacja powinna trwać tak długo, jak długo gotuje się ryż, a więc nie dłużej niż około 20 minut. Pod koniec gotowania dodać parmezanu, czubki szparagów, zielony groszek. Wymieszać, posolić do smaku i dodać nieco świeżego pieprzu. Podawać natychmiast.

Cały świat czci 2-gą rocznicę śmierci Papieża Jana Pawła II.



2 kwietnia minęła druga rocznica śmierci papieża Jana Pawła II.

W Polsce na Jasnej Górze w czasie dwudniowych obchodów wszystkie msze święte i specjalne modlitwy celebrowano w intencji jego szybkiej beatyfikacji.

Zorganizowano również koncerty i wystawę papieskich portretów. Wieczorny uroczysty Apel Jasnogórski poprowadził, jak przed dwoma laty, metropolita częstochowski abp Stanisław Nowak.

O godz. 21.37 wierni modlili się pod pomnikiem Jana Pawła II na jasnogórskich wałach. Dla uczczenia pamięci polskiego papieża - częstochowskie sanktuarium, które podczas pielgrzymek do kraju odwiedzał sześciokrotnie - zostało specjalnie udekorowane. Na murach klasztoru zawieszono duży wizerunek Jana Pawła II. Pod nim umieszczono prośbę, którą wyraził 22 października 1978 r.: *“Proszę Was! Bądźcie ze mną! Na Jasnej Górze i wszędzie!”*.

W Wilnie w poniedziałek godzinę śmierci papieża Jana Pawła II uhonorowało 26 uderzeń dzwonu kościoła św. Teresy, przy którym znajduje się Kaplica Matki Boskiej Ostro-bramskiej.

Wieczorem o 21 w Kaplicy Ostrobramskiej odbyła się msza różańcowa, odprowadzana po polsku i litewsku.

Polscy leśnicy dla uczczenia pontyfikatu Jana Pawła II posadzili 517 dębów.

Akcja rozpoczęła się w zeszłym roku i zaangażowane w nią było tysiące wiernych. Żołędzie, z których wyhodowano sadzonki pochodzące z najstarszego dębu w Polsce o nazwie „Chrobry”, który rośnie na terenie rezerwatu przyrody Buczyzna Szprotawska poświęcone zostały w 2004 roku podczas prywatnej audiencji leśników u Ojca Świętego. Sadzonki

dorastały w szkółce kontenerowej w Rudach Raciborskich. Wszystkie drzewa zostały posadzone w miejscach ważnych dla polskiego narodu i kultury chrześcijańskiej.

Dąb Chrobry jest trzecim pod względem wieku drzewem w Europie, jego data narodzin szacowana jest na rok 1265. Jego wysokość wynosi 29 metrów, a obwód 992 centymetrów.

Beatyfikacja Jana Pawła II”

Pomyślne zakończenie procesu beatyfikacyjnego Jana Pawła II wymaga uznania jednego cudu; w tym przypadku chodzi o uzdrowienie, którego medycyna nie jest w stanie wytłumaczyć inaczej, niż jako wynik wstawiennictwa zmarłego papieża. Francuska zakonnica, siostra Marie-Simon-Pierre, której uzdrowienie z choroby Parkinsona jest rozpatrywane jako jeden z cudów Jana Pawła II, oświadczyła, że jej uzdrowienie jest dziełem Boga i nastąpiło za wstawiennictwem Jana Pawła II.

Do Kościoła należy wypowiedzenie się w tej sprawie i uznanie tego za cud - powiedziała siostra Marie, która uczestniczyła w uroczystym zamknięciu pierwszej fazy procesu beatyfikacyjnego zmarłego papieża w bazylice Św. Jana na Lateranie, wraz z delegacją diecezji Aix-en-Provence w południowo-wschodniej Francji. W grę wchodzi cud, który dokonał się już po śmierci Jana Pawła II. Tak właśnie było w przypadku siostry Marie, której uzdrowienie nastąpiło w dwa miesiące po śmierci papieża. Do kanonizacji Jana Pawła II wymagane będzie uznanie jeszcze jednego cudu. Cud uzdrowienia francuskiej zakonnicy został wybrany z dziesiątków rozważanych przypadków. Jak wyjaśnił prefekt watykańskiej kongregacji do spraw świętych, portugalski kardynał Jose Saraiva Martins, w celu zanalizowania cudu “wyłoniona zostanie komisja ekspertów, naukowców i wierzących oraz niewierzących lekarzy, którzy orzekną, czy mamy do czynienia z niewytłumaczalnym uzdrowieniem”.

Krzyż na Giewoncie przystrojony flagami papieskimi

Tatrzańscy przewodnicy przystroili papieskimi flagami krzyż na Giewoncie.

Zrobili to, aby upamiętnić drugą rocznicę śmierci papieża Jana Pawła II, ale też w intencji jego rychłej kanonizacji.

Żółto-białe flagi oraz flagę Zakopanego zawiesili na ramionach piętnastometrowego krzyża trzej przewodnicy tatrzańscy - Paweł Murzyn, Tomasz Wojciechowski i Józef Michalec. Poprzednio wieszaliśmy flagi papieskie z godłem Jana Pawła II, teraz zawiesziliśmy flagi Benedykta XVI. Zrobiliśmy to specjalnie, bo przecież to od Benedykta XVI zależy, jak szybko Jan Paweł II zostanie ogłoszony świętym - powiedział Paweł Murzyn. Giewont poprzez herb Zakopanego jest związany nie tylko z miastem, ale i z osobą Jana Pawła II. W

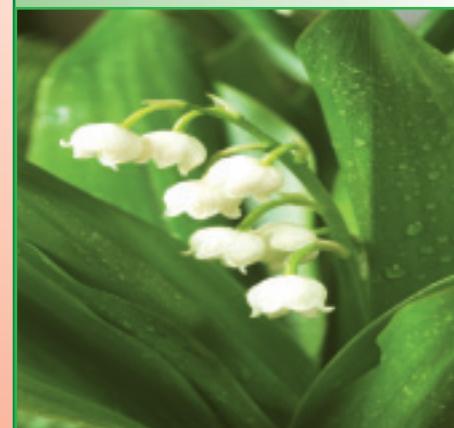
1997 r., w przeddzień wizyty papieża w Zakopanem, radni zmienili herb tego miasta, umieszczając w jego tarczy wizerunek krzyża na Giewoncie nad skrzyżowanymi kluczami św. Piotra z herbu watykańskiego. Grupa góralski z Kościeliska i Zakopanego zaniósł na Giewont sprzęt oświetleniowy. O godz. 21.37 podświetlono piętnastometrowy stalowy krzyż, aby w ciemnościach był on widoczny z Zakopanego. Wieczorem góralscy z Kościeliska wyruszyli z procesją do Sanktuarium Matki Boskiej Fatimskiej na Krzeptówkach w Zakopanem, gdzie odbyła się uroczysta msza w oprawie góralskiej. Tam przy płonącej wiatrce odbył się apel jasnogórski.



WIOSNA w fotografii

Trudno o bardziej malowniczą porę roku. W przyrodzie dosłownie codziennie dzieje się coś nowego. Nie można przepuścić takiej okazji do zrobienia wspaniałych zdjęć.

Choć za oknem dominującym kolorem są różne odcienie szarości, warto już dziś przygotować się do najbardziej kolorowej pory roku. Coraz więcej światła słonecznego z każdym dniem mówi, że wiosna za pasem. Póki czas, dobrze zrobić szybki przegląd naszego sprzętu fotograficznego i przygotować się do nowego sezonu. Czas odkurzyć aparat i sprawdzić, czy czegoś mu nie brak. W końcu wiosna może być też znakomitym pretekstem do zakupów fotograficznych - czemu nie zrobić sobie prezentu?



Niezbędny statyw. Jeśli jeszcze nie mamy statywu, warto bardzo poważnie rozważyć zakup tego dodatku. W

fotografii krajobrazowej bardzo się przyda. W makrofotografii, której na wiosnę też warto spróbować, jest narzędziem niezbędnym. Niestety ze statywem jest jak ze zbyt krótką kołdrą. Powinien być lekki, żeby łatwo go było nosić, ale ciężki, by zapewniał stabilność

aparatu. Powinien być mały, ale wystarczająco wysoki, by wygodnie robić z niego zdjęcia. Powinien być wykonany z porządnych materiałów, ale dobrze by było, gdyby był tani. Wszystkich postulatów nie uda się zrealizować...



Gdy fotografujemy kwiaty, postaramy się uchwycić moment, kiedy pojawia się na nich jakiś owad zapylający rośliny, pszczoła, trzmiel czy motyl. Zdjęcie nabierze wtedy dużo uroku.

Większe kwiaty możemy próbować fotografować na tle nieba. Musimy położyć aparat nisko. Zakup statywu proponujemy rozpocząć od wizyty w dobrym sklepie fotograficznym, czyli takim gdzie oprócz amatorskiego można kupić również sprzęt profesjonalny. Weźmy ze sobą aparat i przymocujmy go do statywu firmy Gitzo, Slik czy Manfrotto. Nie przejmujmy się ceną oscylującą w okolicach połowy ceny aparatu cyfrowego - ćwiczenie ma charakter poglądowy. Rozstawmy statyw i zobaczymy jak sztywno i pewnie trzyma się na nim aparat. Jak łatwo jest zmienić kadr. Gdy już dokładnie obejrzymy, czego potrzebujemy, czas ruszyć na fotograficzne łowy.