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Honorary Members of Polish Women's Alliance

Since its founding in 1898, Polish Women's Alliance has opened its doors and its heart to many people from all walks of life—some of them were famous and many of them were women—writers, poets, artists, scientists, educators, social workers, activists, clergy, members of religious orders, business leaders, journalists, and politicians, from Poland, from the United States, and from all around the world.

Some of these contacts stood out more than others, especially the bonds forged with women, Polish women, who were able to inspire PWA members with their dedication to their work and to their Polish heritage. To honor these special bonds of friendship and commitment to shared values and common causes, the National Board extended Honorary Membership to eight extraordinary women in the last 108 years. The Honorary Members of Polish Women's Alliance are:

Maria Konopnicka
Eliza Orzeszkowa
Helena Modrzejewska
Helena Paderewska
Marie Skłodowska Curie
Maria Rodziewiczówna
Helena Sikorska
Barbara Mikulski

The first Honorary Membership was conferred in 1903 on Polish writer Maria Konopnicka; the last one on U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski—almost one hundred years later. In the next issues of *Głos Polek*, leading up to the 35th National Convention, we will take a look at the lives and accomplishments of our Honorary Members. They are true examples of



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Maria Konopnicka in 1903

courage, integrity, and achievement. And their lives tell the story of the empowerment of Polish women in the 20th century—from a writer who had only the power of her pen to act against the tyranny of an occupier—to a woman one hundred years later elected to the highest levels of democratic government.

Maria Konopnicka (1842 - 1910) was a Polish patriot, poet, novelist, translator, and essayist. She is most beloved for her children's poetry, especially the popular fairy tale "Little Orphan Marysia and the Seven Elves" that every Polish child knows and for the patriotic poem "Rota" or "The Oath." Her poetry was emotional, spontaneous, accessible, and fresh. Poland was not a free nation during her lifetime. It was occupied by the three superpowers of the time, and Konopnicka's works were dedicated to keeping the Polish language and culture real and alive for new generations of Poles who had

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will take place from August 25th - 28th, 2007
at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

See page 3 for details.

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HONORARY MEMBERS

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never known a free Poland. Her words encouraged not only the oppressed people in Poland, but also Polish immigrants far away from the homeland. She became their voice as they struggled for freedom and dignity in their new lives.

Polish Women's Alliance sent wishes to Konopnicka in 1902, on the occasion of her 25th anniversary as a writer. This was the beginning of a warm correspondence between Konopnicka and the PWA that continued until her death. She encouraged the fledgling organization in its work for women and for Poland and inspired them to see their mission as reaching beyond the borders of their lives. At the 4th National Convention of the PWA held in Chicago in 1903, Honorary Membership was bestowed on Maria Konopnicka.

In 1907, the pages of *Głos Polek* printed an emotional appeal from Konopnicka to PWA members, asking for help for Polish political prisoners in Siberia. The men were forced to work long hours in labor camps in chains and they needed

bandages for the wounds on their arms and legs from the chains. PWA members made these by hand and sent the bandages called "podkajdanki" to Siberia for many years, until Poland regained its independence after World War I and the prisoners, those who had survived, were able to return home.

Konopnicka did not live to see Poland's independence restored. She died in 1910 and is buried at the Lyczaków Cemetery in Lwów. The 17th National Convention of the PWA held in 1935 approved funds for a memorial to be erected at the cemetery in her honor. It stands there to this day, a testimonial to the friendship between the great Polish patriot and writer and the generations of women in the United States, whom she had never met, but whom she had inspired with her words and with her courage.

Through the years, PWA has continued to support the legacy of Maria Konopnicka, including the Museum and school in Zarnowiec in Poland that bear her name. *MP*

Rota - The Oath

The words of the "Rota" were written in 1908 by Maria Konopnicka. Music for it was composed two years later by Feliks Nowowiejski. It was a candidate to become the Polish national anthem after Poland regained its independence. "Jeszcze Polska Nie Zginela" won that honor, but this poem became the unofficial anthem of the Polish diaspora throughout the 20th century and continues to hold a special place in the hearts of Poles throughout the world.

Nie rzucim ziemi, skąd nasz ród.	We'll not abandon the land of our folk.
Nie damy pogrześć mowy.	We'll not let our language be buried.
Polski my naród, polski lud,	We're the Polish nation, the Polish people,
Królewski szczep Piastowy.	Royal tribe of the Piasts.
Nie damy, by nas zgębil wróg.	We'll not let the foe hold us down.
Tak nam dopomóż Bóg!	So help us God!
Tak nam dopomóż Bóg!	So help us God!
Do krwi ostatniej kropli z żył	To the last drop of blood in our veins
Bronić będziemy ducha,	We'll defend our spirit
Aż się rozpadnie w proch i w pył	Until into dust
Krzyżacka zawierucha.	Falls the Teutonic storm.
Twierdzą nam będzie każdy próg.	Every doorstep will be our fortress.
Tak nam dopomóż Bóg!	So help us God!
Tak nam dopomóż Bóg!	So help us God!

Second Annual White Sox Polish Night

If you missed the first White Sox Polish Night, at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago last year, you are in luck! The second annual White Sox Polish Night is now confirmed for **Thursday, April 19, 2007**. Tickets are limited—first come, first served. Only lower deck seats will be available at \$18.80 per ticket.

Don't miss the fun and excitement of a live baseball game! Call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 to reserve your tickets today!

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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March issue:	on March 1st	(Deadline Feb 20th)
April issue:	on April 1st	(Deadline March 20th)

35th Convention News and Notices

Registration Forms Are Due by May 31, 2007

The 35th National Convention of Polish Women's Alliance will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from August 25th to August 28th, 2007. Group Mandates with the names of Delegates and Alternates should have been mailed into the Home Office in January.

All Delegates, Alternates, and Guests will be receiving Registration Forms and Emergency Contact Forms in the mail. These must be returned, along with the Registration Fee, no later than May 31st.

Hotel and Travel Expenses will be covered by the Home Office. The Registration Fee of \$225 per Delegate, Alternate and Guest is the responsibility of the Delegate and/or her Group or Council.

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

Send in Your Proposed Amendments to the Constitution to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments

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. All members may submit proposals to amend the Constitution to the Committee.

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 *Głos Polek* in 2004. If you did not save that issue of the *Głos 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

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VISA WAIVER PROGRAM REINTRODUCED IN U.S. SENATE

Washington, D.C.—Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md) and member of PWA Gr. 763 joined Senator George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio) to reintroduce The Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Act in the Senate, which would authorize an expansion of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) by up to five additional countries, including Poland, for a probationary period of three years.

"I have fought for years to expand the VWP so our allies can visit family and conduct business in the United States without standing in line to get a visa," said Senator Mikulski, who introduced several bipartisan proposals in the past to have Poland added to the VWP, citing Poland's importance as a close U.S. ally. Polish troops have been fighting alongside U.S. troops since the start of the war in Iraq, where 17 Polish soldiers have been killed and more than 20 have been injured. Today, nearly 1000 Polish troops are still on the ground in Iraq, and next year Poland will send more than 1000 troops to Afghanistan.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER



Treasurer Barbara Miller

Youth Insurance Policies

Why is it a good idea to buy life insurance for a young person? The answer is that the premium is lower because the young person has a longer life expectancy. For example, a Single Payment life insurance policy for a five-year old girl that is guaranteed to pay \$3,000, regardless of how long or short the lifetime of the girl is, costs only \$254.91. Ten years later, the same policy would cost \$339.69. Twenty years later, the policy would cost \$447.78.

There are a number of other reasons why you should think about insurance for young people.

1. Life insurance does not count toward financial aid eligibility when the child is ready to go to college.
2. Life insurance is owned by the person who buys the policy and not by the person who is the insured. In this way the policy can only be cashed in by the owner of the policy, such as the parent or grandparent. The youth who is insured cannot cash in the policy.
3. Cash values accumulate over the life of the policy without being taxed. When life insurance is paid out, it is not subject to income tax.

4. A loan can be taken against the cash value of the policy, in the event that cash is needed.

5. Currently, in order to qualify for a college scholarship from PWA, the applicant must have at a minimum of \$3,000 in life insurance for five years. PWA is now offering a 35th Convention Special which allows you to increase your child's insurance by \$2,000. See page 5 for details.

6. If a young person dies, the final expenses are the same as for an older person, so it is best to be prepared. The premium is very low and it is worth the peace of mind.

7. PWA continues to offer Education Life Builder Policies that pay the young person the full amount of the policy in cash when the young person reaches 19 years of age. In addition, the life insurance on the life of the young person continues with no extra premiums which means that PWA will pay another \$3,000 at the time of death of the insured person.

8. PWA sponsors Youth Conferences every four years, and only PWA insured young people are eligible. These conferences are fun and educational and teach Polish traditions.

If you know of a young person who does not have life insurance, you may want to talk to the parents or grandparents about the advantages of insuring the young person.

PWA youth policies make great gifts for christenings, confirmations, and graduations. Act now. The policy premium is higher every day you wait.

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their
Future
Now !

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Plan applied for (Write Plan Name):
Face Amount: _____
Premium Mode (Check one):
Ann S-Ann Quar Mo Single
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APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE
With
**POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
OF AMERICA**
6643 N Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Office Use Only
Group No. _____
Certificate No. _____
Plan No. _____
Amount of Insurance _____

1. Name of Proposed Insured

2. Residence Address

3. Sex Male Female
 ☐ ☐

4. Date of Birth
(Mo) (Day) (Yr)

5. Age

City State Zip

6. Height Weight

7. Place of Birth

8. Telephone Number
Home Work

9. Marital Status (Check One)
Single Married Widowed Divorced
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10. If female, and ever married, give maiden name

11. Social Security No.

12. Occupation

13. Name and Address of Employer

14. Beneficiary
Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

15. Contingent Beneficiary
Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DECLARATION OF INSURABILITY

Yes No

1. Within the past 3 years, has the proposed insured used tobacco in any form? ☐ ☐

2. Within the past 3 years has the proposed insured ever had or been treated for:
a. Disease or disorder of heart, kidneys, stomach, liver, lungs, bones or joints? ☐ ☐
b. Epilepsy, convulsion, dizziness, fainting, stroke or mental disorder? ☐ ☐
c. High blood pressure, chest pain, diabetes, cancer or tumor? ☐ ☐
d. Alcoholism, alcohol abuse or drug abuse? ☐ ☐
e. Any other physical disease or deformity or consulted or been examined by any physician for other than a symptom-free check-up, or had an electrocardiogram, x-rays, or blood studies during the past 3 years? ☐ ☐

3. Has any application for life insurance on the proposed insured been declined, withdrawn, postponed, or modified in any way by any insurance company during the past 3 years? ☐ ☐

A. Is the insurance intended to replace or change any insurance now in force? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. What is the total amount of life insurance inforce on the life of the proposed insured? _____

C. What is the total amount of life insurance inforce on the life of the applicant, if other than the proposed insured? _____

D. Is the applicant a member of the Polish Women's Alliance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E. Select dividend option: ☐ left on deposit ☐ cash ☐ purchase paid up additions

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.

Signature of Proposed Insured _____

Signature of Applicant, if other than Proposed Insured _____

Signature of Witness or Agent _____

Full Amount Attached \$ _____ Signed at (City, State) _____ Date _____

Form No. LA-2005/PWA

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- Any person between the ages 16 days and 85 years (nearest birthday) can participate.
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- Each active PWAA member can use one coupon. The \$35 - XXXV Convention Coupon is transferable.

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- Fill in the application on this page.
- Look up the rates in the table on page 5.
- 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 5, you must fill it out and send it along with the completed application and the premium payment to:

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

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☐ Packet of all new rates for PWA Plans
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☐ Change of Beneficiary Form
☐ Change of Address Form
☐ Change of Ownership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth _____

Gender: M _____ F _____ Tobacco User? Yes _____ No _____

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Chicago, IL 60631

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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
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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
42	632.64	597.64	85	1,582.06	1,547.06	42	685.46	650.46	85	1,699.80	1,664.80

* Age to the nearest birthday.

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Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

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You mean for the tax year 2006. Before I give you the contribution limits, please remember about the timing of your contribution. You can contribute to a Traditional or Roth IRA starting January 1, 2006 with the tax-filing deadline (excluding extensions) for 2006, April 15th. For tax year 2006 you could have contributed the full limit starting on January 1, 2006 and you still have time until April 15th, 2007. You can also contribute to a Traditional or Roth IRA for the year 2007, if you like. Basically, you can make two contributions for the 2006 tax year, and a second one for 2007.

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In a **Roth IRA**, you make contributions on an after-tax basis, and any earnings grow free of federal taxes, which means you don't get a tax deduction now, but you won't need to pay taxes on the earnings later.

You should **always** discuss these issues with your tax adviser, who has all the information needed to give you the best advice as to which type of account is right for you as well as the contribution limit.



Tax season is already here! Polish Women's Alliance offers both Traditional and Roth IRA accounts. We pay up to a 5.25% interest rate in the first year. Please contact me for details by phone at 888-522-1898 ext. 228 or by email at padowski@pwaa.org.

1. a) **PROPOSED ANNUITANT, name:** _____ ☐ 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: _____

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or Barbara Miller ext. 206.**

Below are the Annual Limits for 2006 for Contributions to Traditional IRAs (**TIRAs**) and Roth IRAs (**RIRAs**)

TIRA under age 50	\$4,000	RIRA under age 50	\$4,000
TIRA age 50 - 70 1/2	\$5,000	RIRA age 50 and older	\$5,000

There is NO LIMIT on the Regular, Flexible, Premium-Deferred Annuity

Notice to Existing Annuity Owners

The 5.25% interest rate applies only to NEW accounts.
Existing Annuity Owners: Please look in the mail
for Special Offers coming your way!!



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Council 27 meeting at 3 p.m. at the PWA Home Office, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL. All delegates are invited. Contact President Lidia Filus at 773-442-5784.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MARCH 2 AND MARCH 3

PWA Book Sale and Art Event to celebrate Pulaski Day at PWA Home Office, Chicago. Hours are from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Donations of books welcome. See article on page 11 for more details.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Group 341 Krakowianki meeting at the Panera Bread Company, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh. The restaurant is a short walk from St. Hyacinth's Church. The meeting will take place after 9:30 Mass. All members are invited. Contact: Vicki Niemiec 412-422-5754.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

District VI Wisconsin, "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" at Beulah Brinton Recreation Center, 2555 S. Bay St., Milwaukee, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. \$4 adults, \$3 children. All proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Contact: Diane Reeve at 414-643-5427.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Group 786 Lowicz Dancers will hold their Spring Recital at 2:30 p.m. at Berkely High School, 2325 Catalpa, Berkely, Michigan. See box on this page for details or call: Barbara Misiolek Gamble 248-689-7993.

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.

Lowicz Dancers Recital on April 1st



On Sunday, April 1, 2007 the Lowicz Dancers of PWA Gr. 786 will hold their Second Annual Recital at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (south of 12 Mile and east of Coolidge) in Berkley, Michigan. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Contact: Barbara Misiolek Gamble 248-689-7993 or visit the Lowicz Dancers web page at www.pwaa.org/youth.html.

Group 114 "Ewa" Fundraiser

Chicago, IL—Members of Group 114 are raising funds for a liver transplant for six-year old Ewa from Poland. Ewa was born with a defective liver and a transplant is the only hope she has. A liver transplant can cost as much as \$100,000.

If you would like to help, please send donations to PWA Group 114, c/o Teresa Makowski, 4941 W. Cullom Street, Chicago, IL 60641. Make checks payable to: PWA Group 114 "Ewa".

For more information, please call Teresa at 773-202-0605. Ewa, her parents, and members of Group 114 thank you for your help and compassion! Bóg zapłać.

Council 9 Meeting Dates for 2007

Please save these meeting dates and mark your calendars:

April 21st	Meeting
May 12th	Mother and Daughter Luncheon
June 16th	Flag Day Meeting
September 8th	Meeting
November 10th	Election Meeting
December 2nd	Children's Christmas Party

Council 9 Officers for 2007:

President, Regina Solms; Vice President, Alfreda Dombrowski; Recording Secretary, Theresa Fic; and Treasurer, Eleanore Kowynia.

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Your chance to WIN BIG
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POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Win \$4500 in Prize Money
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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*



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Let PWA help you achieve that dream....



PWA is currently working with two national lending institutions to get the best deal for you, our members. If you are looking for a mortgage to finance the purchase of a new home or if you are thinking of refinancing, please give us a call—whether you live in Illinois, Massachusetts or California! We will be happy to explain the program to you. Polish-speaking bankers are available at both institutions.

Call Barbara Miller at 847-384-1206 for details.
Polish Women's Alliance working for you!

Correction: Ordering Information for "Polish Hill Remembered"

Students of Hampton High School in Allison Park, Pennsylvania, have prepared a book which includes memoirs of current and past residents, recipes, photos, and facts about the neighborhood that is known as Polish Hill in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The book will be published in May of 2007.

To reserve your copy of **Polish Hill Remembered** (for \$15 a copy) please call PWA member and moderator of the project, Mary Louise Ellena-Wygonik at **412-492-6387** or write to her at mlew@htsd.k12.pa.us. The phone number printed in the last issue of *Glos Polek* was incorrect.

District XIV State Convention



District XIV Eastern Pennsylvania held its State Convention on October 7, 2006. National President Virginia Sikora and Sales Director Bo Padowski honored the District with their presence and shared their thoughts and expertise with the Delegates. In photo above, from left, are: National President Virginia Sikora, Council 40 President Bernadine Regis, re-elected State President Helen Lopez, Council 44 President Dorothy Talipski, National Director Felicia Perlick, and Sales Director Bo Padowski.

Group 721 Celebrates 70th Anniversary

Portage, PA—PWA Group 721 observed its 70th Anniversary in October 2006 with a luncheon and presentation of gifts to members. All of the founders of the Group have passed on, other than Rose Layo, age 93, who was happy to join us. The Officers for 2007 are: President Kathryn McKovyk, Treasurer Mary Hollaran, and Recording Secretary Vicotria Farren. Group 721 are proud members of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church and our pastor Father Ron Osinski is a paid-up member of Group 721.



From left, Recording Secretary Victoria Farren, Treasurer Mary Hollaran, and President Kathryn McKovyk.

Group 821 Election and Installation Meeting



Chicago, IL—On December 18, 2006, Group 821 Queen Hedwig Society, held its election meeting. The officers remained unchanged: Czeslawa Kolak, President; Grazyna Duda, Vice President; Lidia Filus, Treasurer; Bo Padowski, Financial Secretary; and Helena Danielska, Recording Secretary. National President Virginia Sikora administered the Oath of Office. Plans were made for activities in the coming year, followed by a Christmas celebration, including the sharing of "Oplatek."

Polish American Heritage Dinner PAC Illinois Division

Niles, IL—The Thirty-Seventh Annual Polish Heritage Award Gala of the Polish American Congress Illinois Division was held at the White Eagle Restaurant on Friday, November 10, 2006. The chairman of the event, PWA member, Teresa Buckner added something new to this year's ceremony. Each fraternal was represented by a debutante who also helped to present the awards to the evening's awardees.

PWA was represented by Natalie Widlak, member of Group 743 where Honorary PWA President Helen V. Wojcik is President. Natalie wore a long white gown and tiara as well as a sash embroidered with the words "Polish Women's Alliance."

Camille Kopielski and Les Kuczynski, who are both members of PWA Group 819, were among those who received awards during



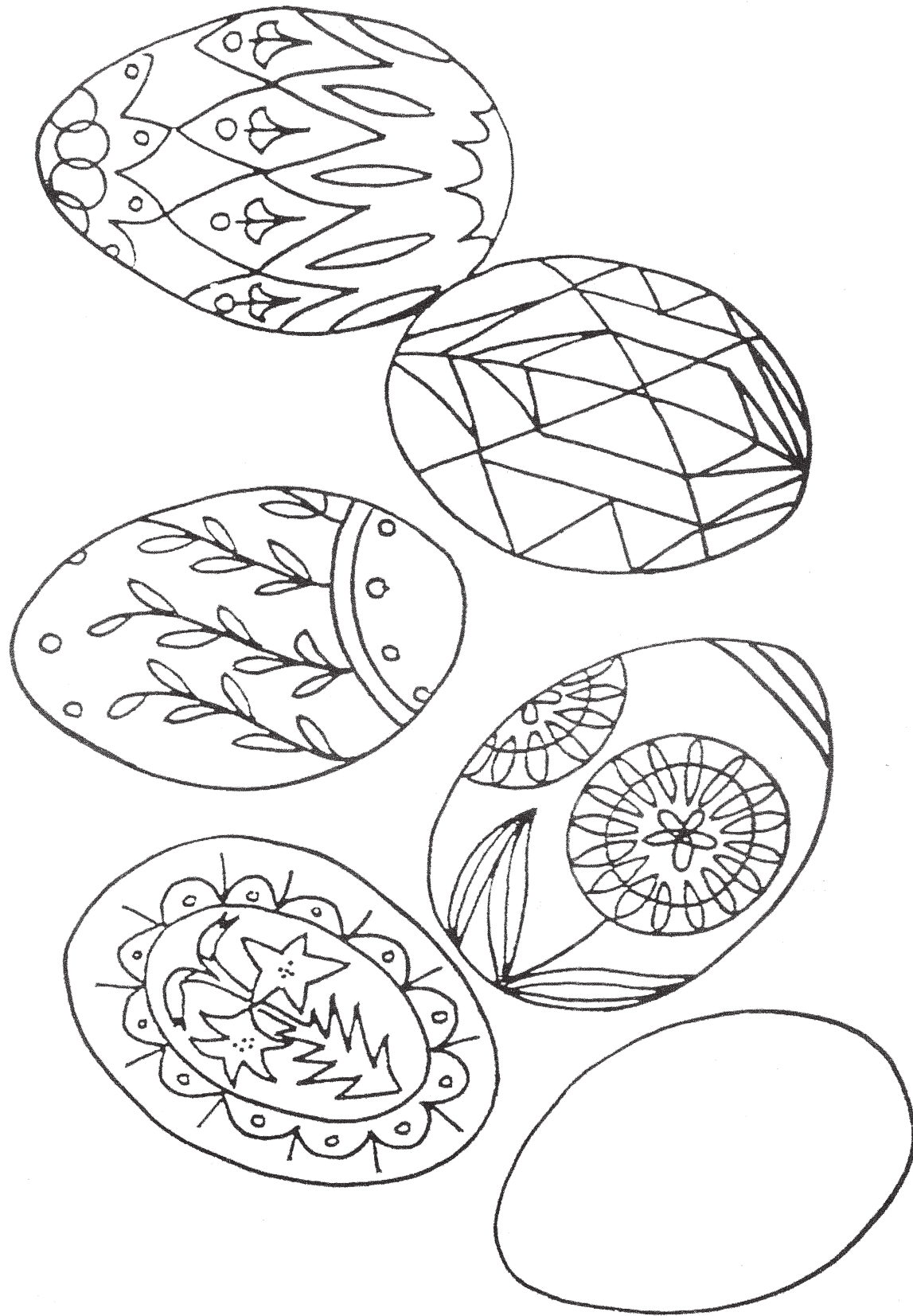
the evening's presentation. Photo above shows Natalie Widlak presenting a bouquet of red roses to Awardee Commander Ralph Price of the Chicago Police Department.

Council 25 Christmas Party

Council 25 District XI held its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2, 2006, at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall in Omaha, Nebraska. Each year, the Christmas Party for children is held on the Saturday closest to the feast of St. Nicholas, December 6th. The children enjoyed treats and a gift bag of goodies, but the highlight of the party was a visit from Santa. Photo at right shows Sydney (8 weeks) and Shayna Vlock. Group photo below.



**Casimir Pulaski Day
Book Sale and Polish Art Event**
March 2nd and March 3rd, 2007. See page 11 for details.

PWA EASTER COLORING CONTEST

Pisanki

“Pisanki” are Polish Easter Eggs.

Happy Easter! Happy Coloring! See Contest Rules on page 11.



Garland Youth Section

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008 APPLICATION PERIOD: DECEMBER 1, 2006 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2007



The Scholarship Requirements for the 2007-2008 Undergraduate College Level School Year, recommended by the Scholarship Committee, and adopted by the National Board, are printed below. Please read these requirements before completing and signing the application and all other required additional forms and information, which must be completed in English.

Application forms and all other pertinent information are available from the P.W.A. of A. Headquarters office or from your District/State President. Forms may also be available on our website www.pwaa.org. At Headquarters, please write to Ms. Sharon Zago, Vice President and Scholarship Chairman, at 6643 N. Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631. If calling, the toll-free number is 888-522-1898, ext. 208, and the direct number is 847-384-1208. For email inquiries, please write to vpres@pwaa.org.

Your District/State President must sign the completed application. (You can find the addresses of all District/State President on page 2 of this issue of the *Głos Polek*.) NOTE: Any applications that are incomplete will be disqualified for this school year (i.e., applications with missing essays, unanswered questions, or incomplete answers). Every question must have an answer—no blanks!

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must be a member of Polish Women's Alliance of America for at least five years, be in good standing, and have at least \$3,000 in insurance coverage with P.W.A. of A. If the applicant has less than the required \$3,000, he or she may apply for more insurance in order to comply with the requirements before the deadline date of February 15, 2007. Term certificates, endowments, annuities, lapsed or suspended certificates, and certificates with any outstanding loans are *excluded* from eligibility.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you understand and agree that you must keep a minimum of \$3,000 insurance coverage in force for ten years from the date you received your most recent scholarship from PWA of A. Such policy shall not be on extended term, have no outstanding loans, or cash withdrawals against such policy, otherwise the amount of *all grants* shall be deemed a loan and a lien, to the extent thereof, on the applicant-member's certificate or certificates.

Applicants may apply for scholarships beginning with the second year of undergraduate study in the fall of 2007. They must attend school on a full-time basis. Students may apply for up to three years of scholarships.

Students attending non-traditional educational programs such as trade schools, union-apprenticeship programs, culinary arts schools, etc., may also apply for a scholarship. Note that these applications will be reviewed and approved on an individual basis. (More information may be requested from applicants in non-traditional programs by the Scholarship Committee.)

An essay is required with the application. It should be double-spaced and typed on a separate sheet of paper, *with the applicant's name and address*. Please staple the essay to your application. The subject of the essay is:

In 150-200 words write an essay on the following:

"Should the United States grant visa-waiver privileges to Polish citizens? Explain."

Each applicant must also attach two wallet size photos along with the completed Media Form to the application.

The applicant must secure the signature of the District/State President on the application form. The completed application, required essay, photos, and any required insurance application must be mailed (postmarked) to the District /State President *no later than February 15, 2007*.

After signature approval by the District/State President, the documents will be forwarded by the District/State President to Vice President. Sharon Zago at headquarters (postmarked) *no later than February 28, 2007*.

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER ANY LATE APPLICATIONS.

Review your application and attachments carefully. Please remember that incomplete, unsigned, or late applications, will not be accepted or returned for corrections. The applicant will forfeit the chance for a scholarship that year! Any false or misleading documents will result in the disqualification of consideration of the applicant. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to review.

Polish Women's Alliance of America cannot be held responsible for any lost applications or related paperwork. Students are encouraged to email Ms. Sharon Zago at vpres@pwaa.org to be sure applications have been received.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Revised 11/17/06

You can download scholarship forms
and requirements from
www.pwaa.org/youth.html

EASTER COLORING CONTEST RULES

1. Cut out or make a photocopy of the picture on page 9 and color it; then send it to:
PWA Coloring Contest
Polish Women's Alliance
6643 N. Northwest Hwy.,
2nd Fl. Chicago, IL, 60631
2. Deadline is **Postmark March 16, 2007.**
3. Please include the following information on a separate piece of paper, attached to the coloring picture: Name, Age, Address, PWA Group No., Telephone Number, Email Address.
4. Contest is for PWA members only. Not a member? Call Bo at 1-847-384-1200, ext. 228.

Contest Prizes:

First Prize \$100 Savings Bond
Second Prize \$ 75 Savings Bond
Third Prize \$ 50 Savings Bond
5 Honorable Mentions \$10 each

Age Categories:

The above Prizes will be awarded in each age category.
3-5 years
6-8 years
9-11 years
12-14 years
15-17 years

Questions?

Call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 208.

Sponsored by Komitet Oswiaty.

PWA Book Club

The first book of the New Year is *Enigma: How the Poles Broke the Nazi Code* by Wladyslaw Kozaczuk. The book is available for purchase through Amazon, ISBN 078180941X. We will discuss it on February 5th and 12th.

The second book we will be reading in 2007 is *Courier from Warsaw* by Jan Nowak, ISBN 0814317251. Discussions of this book will be held on Mondays, February 19th and 26th and March 12th and 19th.

The meetings of the PWA Book Club are held on Mondays, at 6:30 p.m. at the PWA home office. Please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-847-384-1208 for more information. Join us for interesting discussions, moderated by Professor Frank Kujawinski of Loyola University.

Casimir Pulaski Day Book Sale and Polish Art Event Friday March 2nd and Saturday March 3rd, 2007



Polish Women's Alliance is happy to once again offer for sale many gently used books that are waiting to be discovered by book lovers everywhere!

You can help make the Book Sale a success by:

1. Donating books, CDs, tapes, and videos that you no longer need. Children's books are also welcome. (Donations need to be made before Friday, March 2, 2007.)
2. Supporting the book sale by attending, bringing a friend, and making a purchase. Hours are Friday, March 2nd from 1p.m to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 3rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
3. Volunteering to set up and work at the sale. Please call if you would like to help.

Our new headquarters location is at 6643 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL. The sale will be held in the lower hall; elevator and handicap accessible.

For further information or to drop off donations, please call: 1-847-1200 Vice President Sharon Zago, ext. 208 or Treasurer Barbara Miller, ext. 206.

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

From the Desk of Vice President Sharon Zago



Last year Komitet Oswiaty was able to offer several pilot program scholarships to our membership, in addition to our regular annual PWA scholarships. These scholarships were offered to PWA members who met the requirements and who were seeking financial aid in attaining a higher education.

This year Komitet Oswiaty is happy to announce that due to your generous support of the annual PWA Oswiaty Raffle, we will once again be offering these scholarships, as follows:

\$500 High School Senior Sports Scholarship
(One Award)

\$500 High School Senior Academics Scholarship
(One Award)

Application Period:
February 1 - March 15 2007

PWA members who qualify may apply for any one or all scholarships offered. In other words, if you qualify for the High School Senior Sports and High School Senior Academics Scholarships, you may apply for both. The awards are graded on a point system so please answer the questions and prepare the essay to the best of your ability.

There is one \$500 award in the sports category and one \$500 award in the academic category. Please go to our website for forms and more info at www.pwaa.org:

\$1,000 Junior and Senior Year Undergraduate College Academic Scholarships
(Five Awards)

Application Period:
March 1 - May 15, 2007

This undergraduate college scholarship is for students who maintain a cumulative B grade point average and who will be entering their junior or senior year of full-time accredited undergraduate college in the fall semester of 2007. Applicants should carefully check the requirements they need to fulfill to qualify for this scholarship. Full list of requirements and applications will be available on the PWA website www.pwaa.org on March 1, 2007.

2008 Summer Studies Program Scholarship, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
(One Award)

Application Period:
June 1 - July 30, 2007

PWA members 18 years and older, who meet the requirements, should apply for this unique opportunity to experience furthering their education at one of Poland's oldest and most respected centers of European Studies. One full scholarship will be awarded for the 2008 Summer Studies Jagiellonian University Program in Krakow, Poland, plus roundtrip airfare. PWA wishes to give the award applicant one year to prepare for this program. Therefore, members should apply in 2007 but will attend this Summer Studies Program in the summer of 2008. Check the website for an application and more info on June 1, 2007.

BE SURE TO APPLY EARLY!

For further information contact Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 Ext 208 or direct at 1-847-384-1208. **Full requirements for all scholarships as well as application forms are available from the PWA website at www.pwaa.org.**

Correction: In the last issue of the *Glos Polek*, the Group and Council of this Scholarship Recipient should have been listed as follows:

Alexander Kasper
Columbia College Chicago
District I - Council 26 - Group 1

IN MEMORIAM

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

Group	Name	City/State	Group	Name	City/State
0009	Edwina L Levesque	Wethersfield, CT	0221	Florence Headrick	Pittsburgh, PA
0037	Ernestine V Brown	Whiting, IN	0225	Christine Ramel	Sterling Heights, MI
0073	Martha W Sakowski	Chicago, IL	0237	Konstancia Madura	Chicago, IL
0132	Lorraine H Orban	Griffith, IN	0254	Eleanore Grzankowski	Buffalo, NY
0132	Jerome J Michalak	Kane, PA	0254	Irene Filipski	Depew, NY
0141	Wanda B Garbacik	Monson, MA	0264	Regina Hottenstein	Wyoming, PA
0148	Josephine L Nowak	Philadelphia, PA	0269	David Herman	Scranton, PA
0160	Robert J Dwyer	Elk Grove Village, IL	0280	Margaret Faucher	Stafford Springs, CT
0185	Anna C Radziewicz	Middletown, CT	0300	Marianna Wegrzynowicz	Ambridge, PA
0185	Susanne M Hagan	North Haven, CT	0305	Wanda Marosz	South Bend, IN
0196	Julia C Potorski	Easthampton, MA	0341	Otylia Ridosh	Pittsburgh, PA
0203	Helen W Badula	Argyle, WI	0341	Helen T Bojarski	Pittsburgh, PA
0211	Helen M Gallett	Saint John, IN	0379	Zofia Nowak	Kenmore, NY
0211	Ted J Wacyk	Chicago, IL	0381	Franciszka Makuch	Fredonia, NY
0224	Theresa G Legas	Pittsburgh, PA	0418	Zofia Machrowicz	Cypress, TX
0269	Sylvia A Odgers	Tunkhannock, PA	0419	Irene Tomaszewski	Depew, NY
0305	Florence B Bella	South Bend, IN	0427	James Mullen	Avoca, PA
0305	Josephine M Borsodi	South Bend, IN	0432	Anna Kostick	Olyphant, PA
0364	Irene H Wieczorek	Warren, MI	0440	Eleanor Goc	Chicago, IL
0596	Stella R Hricik	Latrobe, PA	0444	Jozefa Zajkowska	Bonita, CA
0409	Cecilia M Hobza	Omaha, NE	0451	Lillian Eagle	Livonia, MI
0418	Helen M Gresco	Beverly Hills, FL	0451	Felicia Gach	Dearborn, MI
0464	Valerie M Skocik	Lemont, IL	0488	Ann Sobieski	Brighton, MI
0481	Jouella Y Zbiciak	Grand Blanc, MI	0535	Marion Gutowski	Scranton, PA
0530	Frank S Rominski	Nanticoke, PA	0552	Lenore Bogacz	Spring Hill, FL
0552	Veronica B Partyka	Meriden, CT	0553	Mary Romanowski	Hartford, CT
0561	Helen D Marrows	Sterling Heights, MI	0559	Jozefa Burgiel	Ware, MA
0585	Beatrice P Lisecki	Murfreesboro, TN	0568	Amelia Romeo	Baltimore, MD
0661	Helen B Gloss	Elmhurst, IL	0583	Mary Gielda	Kancohe, HI
0675	Jessie L Dowling	Philadelphia, PA	0587	Mary Kozak	Beverly Hills, FL
0723	Irene K Przyluski	Chicago, IL	0591	Lucille Gorney	Jersey City, NJ
0782	Sandra E Zwier	Pompton Plains, NJ	0602	Aniela Giemza	Barnegat, NJ
0786	Cynthia A Arnold	Sterling Hts, MI	0607	Zofia Kopko	So. Williamsport, PA
0182	Thelma Yoino	Monroeville, PA	0616	Marya Ciolek	Saginaw, MI
0182	Jane Tabor	Murrysville, PA	0677	Marta Zytko	Jersey City, NJ
0070	Genowefa Stankus	Highland, IN	0680	Jean M Pohl	Erie, PA
0073	Clara Czaplicki	Las Vegas, NV	0047	Leona Kubaszewska	Arlington Hts, IL
0081	Barbara Kaminski	Hobart, IN	0737	Marianna Mackow	Bayonne, NJ
0081	Alfreda Drag	Valparaiso, IN	0743	Florence Zukowski	Oak Park, IL
0141	Bronislawa Czarnecki	Chicopee, MA	0743	Elsie Siwek	Jacksonville, FL
0148	Wanda Malinowski	Philadelphia, PA	0761	Gerald Essick	Peoria, AZ
0149	Regina Ocwieja	Chicago, IL	0769	Jennie Fabbri	Hamtramck, MI
0175	Helen Samolinski	La Salle, IL	0807	Hedwig Gaffke	Eastpointe, MI
0181	Elzbieta Godawa	Park Ridge, IL	0809	Rose Kopczyk	Parma, OH
0051	Helena Bartyzel	Dillonvale, OH	0229	Leocadia Feigenbaum	Wilson, NY
0214	Mary Manners	Eighty-Four, PA	0819	Florence M Krok	Elk Grove Vlg, IL

Condolences from Group 585

Detroit, MI—It is with great sadness that officers and members of Group 585 share the news of the passing of three of their members:

Mary Cienciera
Beatrice Lisiecki
Agnes Jedzrejczyk

Masses were offered and sympathy cards were sent to the families.
May they rest in peace!
Kathryn Modelski, President
Virginia Kuznia, Rec. Secretary

Edna (Owczarczak)
Fekin
Group 807

Sterling Heights, MI—It is with deep sadness that Group 807, formerly 438, mourns the passing on September 9, 2006, of member Edna (Owczarczak) Fekin. Sincere condolences are extended to her friends and family.
May she rest in peace!

Eternal Rest
Grant unto them, O Lord
And let Perpetual Light
Shine upon them, Amen

Wieczny odpoczynek
racz Im dać Panie,
A światłość wiekuista
niechaj Im świeci
Na wieki wieków, Amen

*Serce moje nie kłamie,
lecz bardzo mocno bije.
Ciebie jednego kocham,
dla ciebie tylko żyję.*

*Nie ma w tym wierszu,
piękna i słońca ,
ale jest serce, ,
które cię kocha ,
bez końca.*

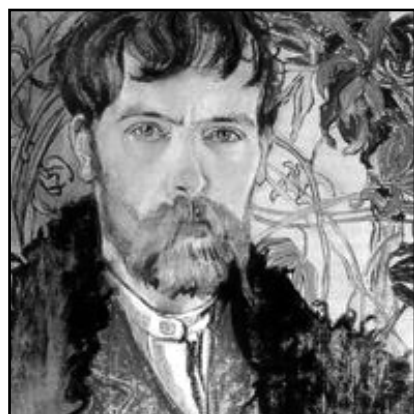
*Miłość jedyna jest
miłość nie zna końca
miłość cierpliwa jest
zawsze ufająca*

*wszystko potrafi znieść
wszystko oddać umie
życiu nadaje sens
każdego zrozumie.*



Rok Wyspiańskiego w Krakowie

Minister kultury i dziedzictwa narodowego, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski ogłosił Kraków jako główne miejsce obchodów Roku Stanisława Wyspiańskiego. W tym roku mija setna śmierci autora "Wesela". Sejm, przekonany o szczególnym znaczeniu jego dorobku artystycznego dla dziedzictwa narodowego i światowego, ogłasza rok 2007 Rokiem Stanisława Wyspiańskiego". Z tej okazji zaplanowano wystawy, spektakle i konferencje naukowe. W obchody włączy się m. in. krakowska Szkoła Teatralna i Muzeum Narodowe, które przygotowuje wielką wystawę przedstawiającą niezrealizowane wizje artystyczne Wyspiańskiego. Otwarcie w listopadzie. Muzeum narodowe przygotowuje też dwie mniejsze ekspozycje: wiosenną zatytułowaną „Zielnik Stanisława Wyspiańskiego” i grudniową poświęconą pogrzebowi artysty.



Stanisław Mateusz Ignacy Wyspiański urodził się w piątek 15 stycznia 1869 roku jako dziecko Franciszka Wyspiańskiego i Marii z Rogowskich w Krakowie. Wyspiańscy zamieszkali wówczas w domu Rogowskich przy ulicy Krupniczej 14 (obecnie 26), gdzie żyli przez 4 lata. W 1873 roku przeprowadzili się do tzw. "Domu Długosza" przy ulicy Kanonicznej 25. Od 1880 roku młody artysta wychowywał się u krewnych. Uczył się w Gimnazjum Św. Anny, gdzie zaprzyjaźnił się z Józefem Mehofferem, Lucjanem Rydlem, Stanisławem Estreichem. W 1887 roku rozpoczął studia malarskie w Szkole Sztuk Pięknych, której dyrektorem był wówczas Jan Matejko. Dowodem jego sympatii do ucznia było powierzenie wyróżniającemu się studentowi współudziału w wykonaniu polichromii odnawianego kościoła Mariackiego. Wyspiański równolegle uczęszczał na Uniwersytet Jagielloński, gdzie słuchał

wykładów z historii sztuki i literatury. W roku 1890 udał się w podróż zagraniczną przez Włochy i Szwajcarię do Francji, następnie do Niemiec i Pragi. W latach 1891-1894 trzykrotnie przebywał w Paryżu, gdzie uczęszczał do Academie Colarossi. Do Krakowa powrócił w 1895 roku. Zaprojektował i częściowo wykonał polichromię w restaurowanym kościele Franciszkanów. Nawiązał współpracę z Teatrem Miejskim i w roku 1897 rozpoczął działania w krakowskim "Życiu" jako ilustrator. W 1902 roku został docentem Akademii Sztuk Pięknych, 3 lata później radnym miasta Krakowa. Projektował wnętrza i meble. W 1905 roku stawiając swoją kandydaturę na stanowisko dyrektora krakowskiego Teatru Miejskiego planował odnowienie i wzbogacenie wielkiego repertuaru teatralnego, niestety jego pomysły nie zostały zrealizowane, ponieważ dyrektorem został Ludwik Solski. Od wielu lat ciężko chory Wyspiański podupadał na zdrowiu, wreszcie unieruchomiony w podkrakowskich Węgrzcach kończył rozpoczęte dzieła, częściowo już tylko dyktując. Zmarł 28 listopada 1907 roku w Krakowie. Jego pogrzeb stanowił manifestację narodową, a ciało pochowane zostało w grobach zasłużonych na Skałce.

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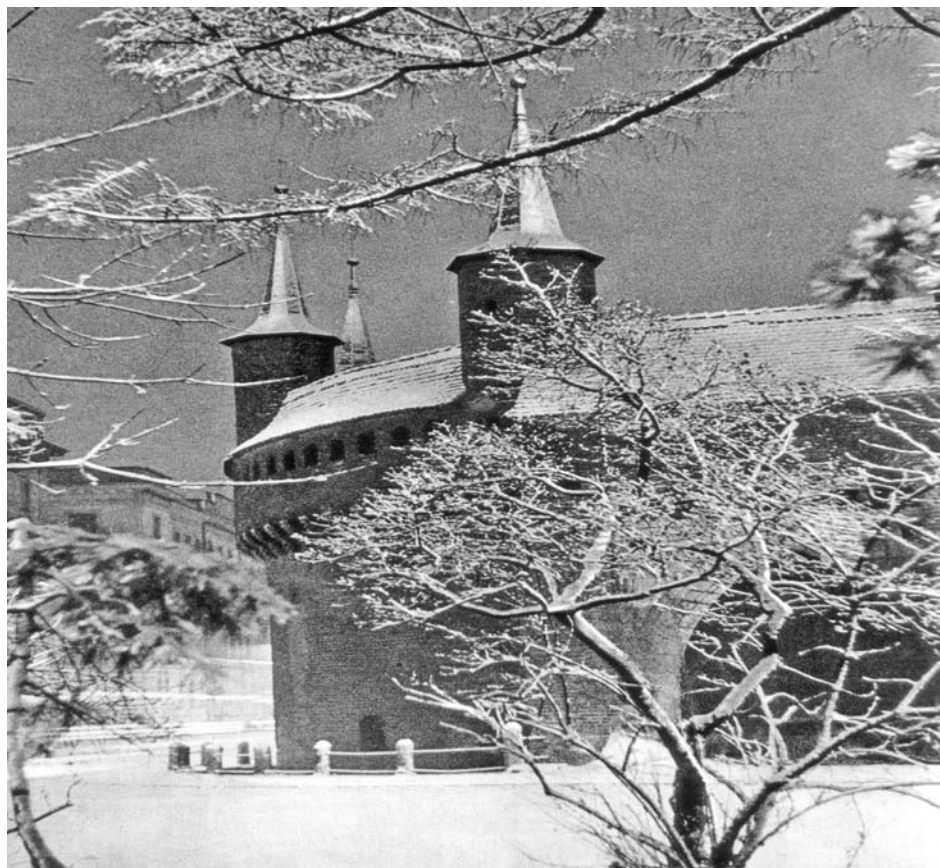
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2 lutego 1339r. król Kazimierz, aktem wydanym w Krakowie zrzekł się swych praw do tych księstw śląskich, które uprzednio złożyły hołd królowi czeskiemu.

4 lutego 1746r. przypada 250 rocznica urodzin Tadeusza Kościuszki, Najwyższego Naczelnika Sił Zbrojnych Narodowych w powstaniu 1794 roku.

9 lutego 1512r. odbył się ślub Zygmunta I Starego z Barbarą oraz jej koronacja.

12 lutego 1386r. przyjechał do Krakowa książę litewski Jagiełło.

14 lutego 1386r. książę litewski Jagiełło przyjął chrzest i imię Władysław.

15 lutego 1773r. do Krakowa i na Kazimierz wkroczyły oddziały austriackie. Do roku 1778 w mieście pozostał jeszcze garnizon rosyjski.

18 lutego 1386r. Władysław Jagiełło poślubił Jadwigę, królową Polski od 1384r.

20 lutego 1966r. Krzysztof Jasiński wraz z grupą studentów PWST w Krakowie założył Teatr "Stu", który w latach 70-tych zrobił światową karierę.

21 lutego 1574r. Henryk Walezy koronował się na Wawelu. 1-szy Elekcyjny król Polski.

22 lutego 1848r. w Brukseli podczas uroczystego obchodu drugiej rocznicy rewolucji krakowskiej wygłosił przemówienie Karol Marks, podkreślając chwalebny przykład walki krakowian dla całej Europy.

W nocy z 22 na 23 lutego 1846r. wybuchła rewolucja krakowska. Utworzono Rząd Narodowy, na czele którego stanął Jan Tyssowski.

26 lutego 1784r. cesarz austriacki Józef II podniósł Podgórze do rangi wolnego miasta. Formalne połączenie z Krakowem nastąpiło dopiero w 1915r.

27 lutego 1846r. zginął w potyczce z oddziałem żołnierzy austriackich Edward Dembowski, jeden z przywódców powstania krakowskiego.

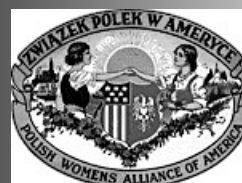
- 95 lat temu, w roku 1901, w Krakowie otwarto wodociągi miejskie, nad których realizacją pracowano przez 30 lat. Twórcą ich był Roman Ingarden.

- Rok 2006 to 135 rocznica urodzin i 70 rocznica śmierci Jana Apolinarego Michalika, właściciela Cukierni Lwowskiej (Jamy Michalika). Żył on w latach 1871-1926.

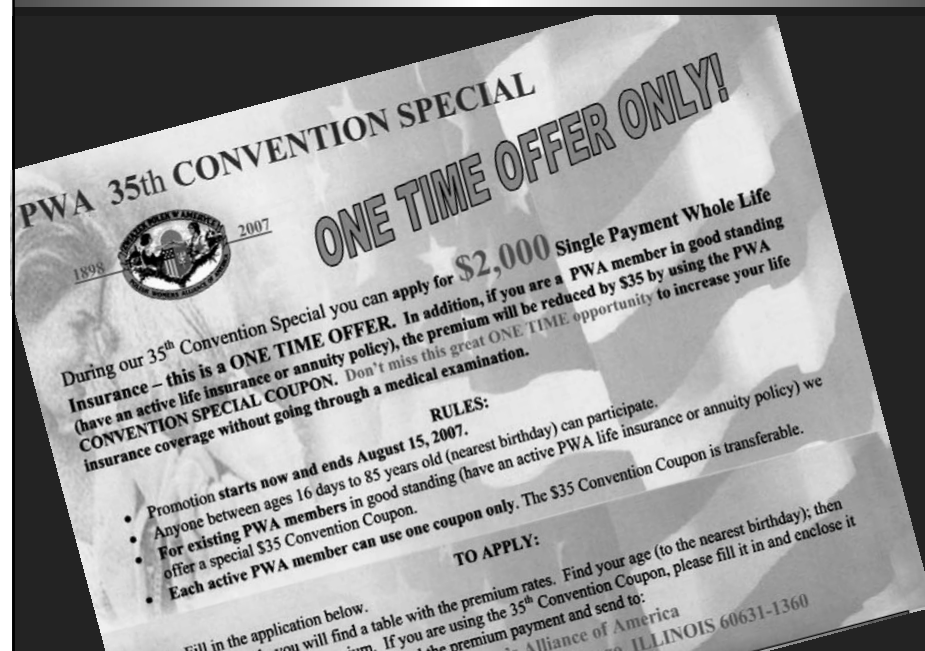
- 460 lat temu, w 1536 roku, zmarł Florian Ungler, drukarz polski pochodzenia bawarskiego. Opublikował on w Krakowie 80 tytułów w założonej przez siebie oficynie wydawniczej. W roku 1521 założył drugi warsztat, w którym wydał 170 tytułów.

- Rok 1410 uważa się według wszelkiego prawdopodobieństwa za datę powstania pierwszej kongregacji kupiectwa na ziemiach polskich - Krakowskiej Kongregacji Kupieckiej.

- W końcu XIV w. (1393r.) muzyka polska zyskała mecenat pary monarszej, Jadwigi i Władysława Jagiełły, dzięki którym powstała kapela królewska i chór psalmistów.



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Jaki jest limit wpłat na konta Traditional i Roth IRA na ten rok? - Beata, MI

Oczywiście mówimy o roku 2006? Zanim podam sumę limitu chciałabym zwrócić uwagę na możliwe daty wpłat. Wpłaty na konta emerytalne typu Tradycyjne lub Roth IRA można dokonywać począwszy od 1 stycznia aż do końcowej daty terminu rozliczania podatków na dany rok, przeważnie do 15-go kwietnia następnego roku kalendarzowego. Na rok 2006 wpłata mogła być dokonana od 1 stycznia 2006 i dalej można ją dokonać do 15 kwietnia 2007.

Limit wpłat uzależniony jest od wieku. Osoby w wieku poniżej 50 lat w roku 2006 i 2007 mogą wpłacić na Tradycyjne czy Roth IRA sumę do \$4,000 albo wartość 100% zarobionej sumy, cokolwiek jest niższe. Suma \$8,000 może być generalnie wpłacona na małżeństwo (\$4,000 na każdego współmałżonka) pod warunkiem, że przynajmniej jedno ze współmałżonków zarobiło sumę przynajmniej tej wysokości. Limit rocznej wpłaty odnosi się do kombinacji wpłat na Tradycyjne i Roth IRA.

Osoby w wieku 50 lat lub więcej mogą dokonać extra \$1,000 wpłatę. Ich limit wpłat na konto Tradycyjne lub Roth IRA w roku 2006 i 2007 jest \$5,000.

Która IRA jest dla mnie najlepsza, mam 40 lat jestem żonaty, a nasz dochód roczny wynosi \$65,000? - Andrew, CT

Do wyboru są dwa typy kont IRA – Tradycyjne lub Roth.

Tradycyjne IRA jest specjalnym planem oszczędnościowym z odroczonym opodatkowaniem zysków i pozwalającym dla kwalifikujących się osób na odliczenie wpłaty na konto z zarobków rocznych przy rozliczeniu podatkowym.

Oznacza to, że nie płacisz podatku od zysków narastających na twoim koncie IRA, aż do czasu kiedy zaczniesz z tego konta wypłacać. Zwykle kiedy przechodzisz na emeryturę jesteś w innej niższej kategorii opodatkowania co może spowodować, że zapłacisz znacznie mniej podatku od zarobionych zysków. O ile wpłaty były odciągnięte od rocznych zarobków na dany rok, przy wypłacie pieniędzy z konta muszą być podane do opodatkowania.

Roth IRA jest planem, w którym wpłaty są robione po podatkach. Oznacza to że nie można odliczyć wpłat od dochodów rocznych rozliczając podatki. Zyski natomiast które narastają na koncie są zwolnione od opodatkowania. Gdy w wieku emerytalnym zaczniemy korzystać z nagromadzonych funduszy nie będziemy musieli zgłaszać tego do IRS celem opodatkowania wypłat.

Są to bardzo podstawowe informacje o tych dwóch kontach. Wszystkim zawsze doradzam aby te sprawy przeyskutować z osobą rozliczającą państwa podatki. Osoba ta posiada odpowiednie informacje aby udzielić właściwej porady.

Sezon podatkowy w pełni, Związek Polek w Ameryce oferuje obydwie plany – Traditional and Roth IRA. W pierwszym roku procent na tych kontach wynosi do 5.25%.

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Polskie zupy



ZUPA Z BAKŁAŻANĄ i PIECZAREK

Składniki: 2 bakłażany ½ lb pieczarek, 2 ziemniaki, 1 marchew, 1 pietruszka, 1 seler, 3 łyżki posiekanego szczypiorku, 2 pomidory, 2 łyżki oliwy z oliwek; przyprawy: pieprz, tymianek, oregano, sól.

Wykonanie: Pokrojone w bardzo drobną kostkę marchew, pietruszkę, seler krótko podsmażyć na patelni z oliwą. Grzyby oczyścić i pokroić, wrzucić na wrzątek i gotować 30 minut. Do rondla włożyć podsmażone warzywa, grzyby, surowe, pokrojone w kostkę ziemniaki dodać wody i gotować około 20 minut. Na koniec posolić i dodać rozgniecione pomidory bez skórki, a następnie zupę zmiksować. Upiec w piekarniku bakłażany na blasze wysmarowanej olejem. Zdjąć z nich skórkę i pokroić na plastry. Dodać do zmiksowanej zupy.

SŁODKA ZUPA Z PAPRYKI

Składniki: 3 czerwone papryki, 1 cebula, 2 ząbki czosnku, 3 pomidory, szklanka wywaru z warzyw, 2 łyżki oleju słonecznikowego tłoczonego na zimno; przyprawy: majeranek, pieprz, sól.

Wykonanie: Oczyścić i upiec papryki w piekarniku przez około 15-20 minut. Ostudzić, obrać ze skórki, a mięso pokroić w drobne kawałki. Obrać i pokroić w drobną

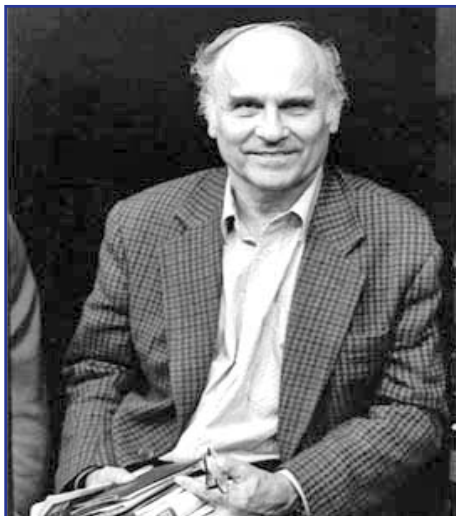
kostkę cebulę, sparzyć, obrać ze skórki i pokroić w ćwiartki pomidory, rozgnieść ząbki czosnku. Na dużej patelni rozgrzać olej, wrzucić pokrojoną cebulę i czosnek. Podsmażyć. Dodawać kolejno pozostałe składniki: upieczoną paprykę, pomidory. Po paru minutach przełożyć z patelni całość do rondelka, dodać bulionu i wody i gotować na średnim ogniu około pół godziny. Przyprawić ziołami i solą. Można podawać z grzankami z razowego chleba.

ZUPA KALAFIOROWA

Składniki: 1 średni kalafior, 1 marchewka, 1 mała pietruszka, kawałek selera, 1 cebula, 4 ziemniaki, 2 ząbki czosnku, 2 łyżki oleju słonecznikowego, 3 łyżki zielonej natki z pietruszki, pieprz, tymianek, sól.

Wykonanie: Na rozgrzany na patelni olej wrzucić posiekaną w drobną kostkę marchewkę, pietruszkę, seler, cebulę i czosnek. Całość podrumienić. Przełożyć do garnka, zalać wodą. Doprowadzić do wrzenia, dodać sól. Na wrzącą wodę wrzucać kalafior podzielony na małe różyczki, ziemniaki pokrojone w drobną kostkę. Gotować na wolnym ogniu około pół godziny. Pod koniec gotowania przyprawić pieprzem i przyprawami. Przed podaniem dodać zieloną natkę pietruszki.

Zmarł Ryszard Kapuściński król reportażu, Polak, podróżnik, świadek 27 rewolucji.



Ryszard Kapuscinski zostawił po sobie reportaże z 27 rewolucji i historii połowy stulecia, powieści, a także tomik poezji.

Był pisarzem między totalitaryzmami. Z jednej strony w latach 1953 - 1981 należał do PZPR i przyjaźnił się z Che Guevarą i Salvadorem Allende, z drugiej w zaś w powieści Imperium podjął się krytyki Związku Radzieckiego. Na jej pierwszych kartach przywołuje słowa Wasilija Grossmana „*Rosja wiele widziała w ciągu tysiąca lat swoich dziejów. Jednego tylko nie widziała Rosja przez tysiąc lat wolności*”. Książki Kapuścińskiego były tłumaczone na dziesiątki języków, *Imperium* nigdy nie doczekało się wydania rosyjskiego.

Nazywany tłumaczem kultur, pisał tylko o tym co widział i przeżył.

A przeżył wiele. Doceniony jeszcze przed maturą przez Sztandar Młodych, podróże zaczął od Pekinu, gdzie został wysłany przez redakcję Sztandaru..., potem Kongo i cała Afryka, wyzwania zaprowadziły go również na Kaukaz i do innych republik byłego ZSRR, Ameryki Południowej, Chile, Brazylii, Meksyk i tysięcy innych miejsc. Gdziekolwiek był zawsze starał się zrozumieć Innego, nie oceniać, a przede wszystkim szanować.

Laureat dziesiątek nagród m.in. nagrody PEN-Clubu, „Polityki”, z którą współpracował, „Odry”, wydawnictwa „Znak” i wielu innych, odznaczony tytułem doktora honoris causa Uniwersytetów Śląskiego, Wrocławskiego, Jagiellońskiego, Gdańskiego, Barcelońskiego, Sofijskiego, wymieniany wśród kandydatów do literackiej nagrody Nobla.

Teraz zostają nam Podróże z Herodotem i wycieczki po Imperium, ślady Afryki w Hebanie Afryki, która jak pisał Kapuściński nie istnieje. Koło życia zabrało światu tłumacza, cesarza reportażu... nie pozwólmy aby przestał istnieć.



18 grudnia 2006 gr. 821 im Sw. Krolowej Jadwigi odbyła zebranie sprawozdawczo wyborcze, zarząd pozostał bez zmian, prezes-Czesława Kolak, wice prezes-Grażyna Duda, Skarbnik-Lidia Filus, Finansowa Sekretarka-Bo Padowski i protokolowa sekretarka-Helena Danielska.

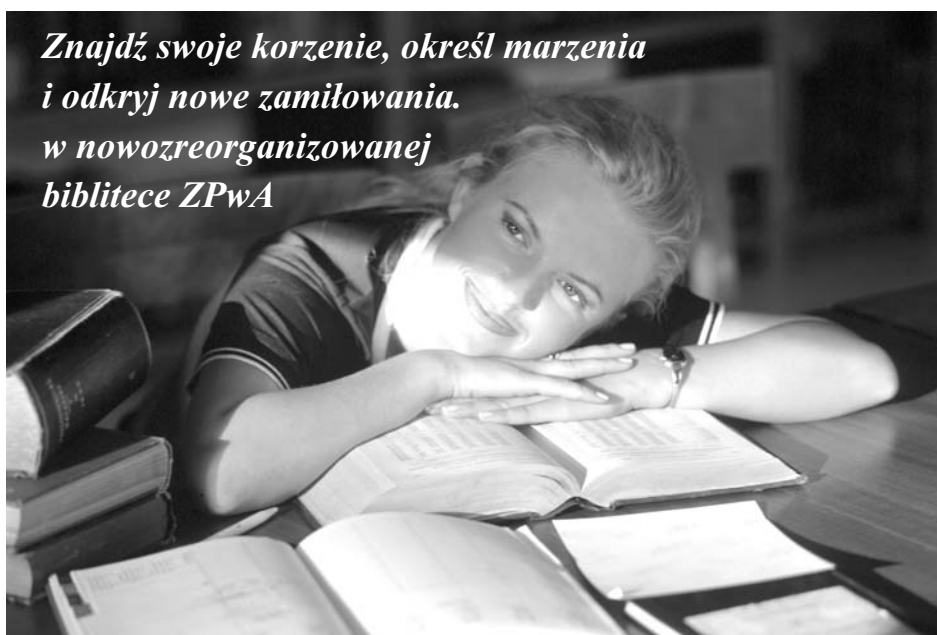


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