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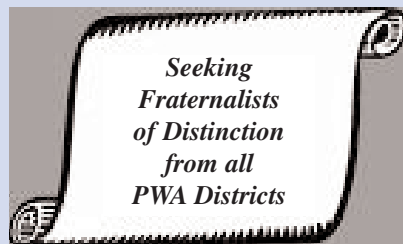


## *Celebrating 110 Years of P.W.A. History*



**1898 — 2008**

**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, June 22, 2008**  
**110th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago**



## ***HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!***

National Headquarters is now calling  
for Nominations for ...

### **PWA “DISTRICT FRATERNALIST OF DISTINCTION” to be recognized during the 110th Anniversary Festivities in 2008**

As we begin this special year, which marks the 110th Anniversary of our founding in 1898, we acknowledge that without the hard work, dedication, and pride of so many of our members across the country, reaching such a milestone would only have been a sweet dream.

The efforts and hard work of the early pioneers of our organization, who took what was a bold idea for the times and turned it into reality, can only be recognized posthumously. However, there are many members who are with us today, who have worked on behalf of the P.W.A. of A. for many years and in many different capacities, with the common goal of attracting new members and strengthening our presence, both in Polonia and in Poland.

They deserve to be recognized publicly by you, their fellow members, in this special year. All members of all 14 Districts are invited to submit their written nominations for P.W.A. of A. “Fraternalist of Distinction” by submitting the following (see page 2):

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## Seeking Nominations for ... "DISTRICT FRATERNALIST OF DISTINCTION"

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To Nominate a Member for this Honor, please submit the following in writing:

1. Name of the Member you are nominating, who must be a current member in good standing
2. Group and District number of the Nominated Member (if known)
3. A brief write-up of no more than 100 words stating why you feel that through her or his actions and deeds, this member has contributed significantly to the growth and success of the Polish Women's Alliance of America.
4. Your Name\* with Group/District numbers (if known)

\* **Note:** more than one member may sign a nominating statement, however, it will only be counted as one nomination.

A "Fraternalist of Distinction" will be selected from every District from which nominations are submitted. The significance of the nominee's achievements and social contributions to the organization, as well as the number of nominations submitted on behalf of the same individual, will be taken into consideration in the final selection. "Fraternalists of Distinction" from the Districts will be recognized at the 110th Anniversary celebration to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 22, 2008.

Deadline for submitting nominations for "P.W.A. Fraternalist of Distinction" is postmark **April 30, 2008.**

Please send submissions to:

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS from the SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE

### Is your Beneficiary/Name info up-to-date?

To avoid problems down the road for your loved ones, please take a moment this month to check if the beneficiaries on ALL of your PWA policies, as well as your name, are up-to-date. You will assist your survivors in avoiding a lot of delays and problems by making sure that your beneficiary and contingent beneficiary information is correct *now*. Also be sure to send in any name changes due to marriage or divorce promptly. Please call the Home Office for Change of Beneficiary/Name forms, if you need them, toll-free at 1-888-522-1898.

### Signatories on Bank Accounts

Please make sure that all District, Council, and Group bank accounts and certificates of deposit have a **minimum of two signatories** on them. This is in the best interest of the membership should something happen to a sole signatory. Reminder: Signatories on accounts must be current officers.

### Group and Council Forms

This is a final reminder that all Groups and Councils must fill out and return the following forms to the Home Office by the end of February:

1. Council/Group Officers Form (names of officers for 2008)
2. Council/Group Activity Form (activities that took place in 2007)
3. Council/Group Bank Information Form

If you did not receive the forms or have questions about filling them out, please call the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer at 1-847-384-1206.

**You can also contact us by e-mail or visit [www.pwaa.org](http://www.pwaa.org)**

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### Next Deadlines for Głos Polek

March/April 2008 issue: Deadline for articles is February 15th  
May 2008 issue: Deadline for articles is April 15th





January, 2008

*Dear Members,*

Dear Members,

This year, we will be celebrating the 110th anniversary of the founding of our beloved PWA. We have so many things to be proud of as PWA members, both here in America and in the land of our ancestors. We can be proud of our history, of our achievements, of the support we have given and continue to give to our members, our youth, our communities, as well as to charitable institutions both in Poland and in the United States.

As we look back on our past, we also need to look ahead. If we are to continue to fulfill the purpose of our organization, membership has to be

As we proudly celebrate our past, we also need to look ahead. If we are to continue our fraternal work and ensure the future of our organization, membership has to be our primary focus. New members are the lifeline of any organization and I encourage all of you to sign up at least one new member in our 110th anniversary year. There is no greater tribute we can pay to our founders and to the hundreds of thousands of members who came before us, than to share the PWA experience and legacy with a new generation of members. The 110th Anniversary Special offered on this page is an excellent opportunity to increase your own insurance and to offer it to your family and friends. Please take a close look at the Special and call the Home Office if you have any questions.

Please join me in making a renewed commitment to this, our anniversary year.

Dear Members, please join me in making a renewed commitment to our beloved PWA in this, our anniversary year. It is up to us, together, to preserve the organization and its ideals well into the future! My motto for the past eight years as your president has been "Forward Together!" I invite you now to join me on that journey.

With best fraternal wishes to you and your families in 2008. Niech nasz Związek Polek żyje!

**Virginia Sikora**  
President

**Virginia Sikora**  
**National President**

# 110th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

During this promotion, if you apply for a MINIMUM OF \$5,000 in Whole Life Insurance, we will add **an additional \$110** to the face amount of your policy **for every \$5,000** that you apply for, **at no cost to you**. For example, if you apply and pay for \$5,000 in whole life insurance, we will issue a \$5,110 whole life insurance policy for you.

In addition, we will allow you to choose how you pay your premiums: you can pay in a Single Premium Payment (SP), **or you can choose to pay in four equal installments payable in one year**, or you can even choose to pay your premium over 10 years. See the table on page 4 for the Single Payment amount and for the first Installment amount on a \$5000 policy. For bigger policies and/or different plans, please call the Home Office to get rates. Please call 1-847-522-1898, ext. 228 with any questions you may have.

You do not have to be a member of Polish Womens Alliance of America to qualify. To take advantage of this promotion, simply fill out the application on this page and mail it with your choice of the ONE-TIME payment or your FIRST INSTALLMENT payable to Polish Women's Alliance to:

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12. Occupation			13. Name and Address of Employer		
14. Beneficiary					
Name _____				Relationship _____	
Address _____				City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
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**DECLARATION OF INSURABILITY**

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1. Within the past 3 years, has the proposed insured used tobacco in any form?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Within the past 3 years has the proposed insured ever had or been treated for:		
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b. Epilepsy, convulsion, dizziness, fainting, stroke or mental disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. High blood pressure, chest pain, diabetes, cancer or tumor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Alcoholism, alcohol abuse or drug abuse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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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Signature of Applicant, if other than Proposed Insured \_\_\_\_\_

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13	493.80	123.45	572.40	143.10	56	1,857.35	464.33	2,072.70	518.17
14	509.75	127.43	591.45	147.86	57	1,908.70	477.17	2,132.15	533.03
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18	578.10	144.52	668.90	167.22	61	2,122.90	530.72	2,363.35	590.83
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22	641.70	160.42	724.50	181.12	65	2,346.65	586.66	2,595.85	648.96
23	662.45	165.61	746.05	186.51	66	2,403.70	600.92	2,657.25	664.31
24	684.00	171.00	769.05	192.26	67	2,462.65	615.66	2,719.05	679.76
25	706.30	176.57	793.20	198.30	68	2,524.05	631.01	2,785.20	696.30
26	729.40	182.35	818.95	204.73	69	2,586.50	646.62	2,844.35	711.08
27	757.30	188.32	846.00	211.50	70	2,649.90	662.47	2,914.25	728.56
28	778.00	194.50	874.15	218.53	71	2,713.90	678.47	2,980.00	745.00
29	803.60	200.90	903.35	225.83	72	2,782.40	695.60	3,028.70	757.17
30	830.05	207.51	933.05	233.26	73	2,848.45	712.11	3,080.50	770.12
31	857.70	214.42	963.25	240.81	74	2,917.75	729.43	3,138.15	784.53
32	886.05	221.51	994.15	248.53	75	2,988.95	747.23	3,217.75	804.43
33	915.65	228.91	1,026.25	256.56	76	3,060.05	765.01	3,296.00	824.00
34	945.90	236.47	1,059.75	264.93	77	3,132.70	783.17	3,365.90	841.47
35	977.40	244.35	1,094.10	273.52	78	3,206.70	801.67	3,447.50	861.87
36	1,010.05	252.51	1,129.80	282.45	79	3,279.80	819.95	3,513.90	878.47
37	1,043.50	260.87	1,166.15	291.53	80	3,355.10	838.77	3,591.55	897.88
38	1,077.90	269.47	1,204.05	301.01	81	3,441.50	860.37	3,668.45	917.11
39	1,113.55	278.38	1,243.15	310.78	82	3,508.25	877.06	3,742.75	935.68
40	1,150.40	287.60	1,283.35	320.83	83	3,584.95	896.23	3,824.30	956.07
41	1,188.35	297.08	1,325.45	331.36	84	3,664.15	916.03	3,905.65	976.41
42	1,227.40	306.85	1,368.45	342.11	85	3,741.85	935.46	3,986.30	996.57

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### ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS of "MY BEST MEMORIES OF THE SUMMER OF 2007" ESSAY CONTEST

<b>1st Place \$100</b>	Jane Kascak	District VII	Council 7	Gr. 060
<b>2nd Place \$75</b>	Ann Miklas	District I	Council 9	Gr. 661
<b>3rd Place \$50</b>	Martha Nowak	District V	Council 20	Gr. 786
<b>Hon. Mention \$25</b>	Alyssa Beck	District II	Council 2	Gr. 475
<b>Hon. Mention \$25</b>	Jordan Fritz	District XIV	Council 44	Gr. 427

Komitet Oswiaty congratulates the winners and thanks all contest participants. The Number 1 Essay is printed below. The other winning essays will be posted online at [www.pwaa.org](http://www.pwaa.org).



#### 1ST PLACE ESSAY

### **Mom's Miracle Rosebush**

**by Jane Kascak**

My Mom had this little rosebush that just never bloomed. Every year it sprouted new shoots; lots of thorns but no buds. She'd tell me to dig it up, "Toss it, it's dead." But I never got around to it. Plus I hated to throw away a flower that might bloom.

In 2004, I had to dig up all of her flowers for foundation work that was being done in front of her house. So I took the little rosebush home and replanted it. Just for kicks, mind you. If it didn't bloom, I would cut it down and throw it out.

Came 2005, and again, it had a lot of leaves and thorns, but no buds. "You're going next spring," I told it in the fall.

So the next year rolled around. It was 2006 and I was busy helping Mom as she wasn't able to get out of the house on her own anymore. I did prune it, and lo and behold, one bud appeared and opened up some time in late May.

Several weeks later, on June 4th, Mom left us. I just didn't have the time, energy, or desire to cut it down and dig it out. Once again, I left it for next year, and once again, it got a reprieve.

It was now 2007 and the rosebush had lots of glossy, green leaves and

big, sharp thorns, but I pruned it anyhow, just in case. A few weeks later, I was walking by and looked at, out of habit, I guess. My gosh! There was a bud, and the more I looked, the more I found. By the time I was done counting, I had found nearly two dozen buds on that stubborn rosebush. I was amazed. How and why had it happened *now*?

I checked each and every day, hoping the buds would open soon. In the final week of May and the first week of June, there they were: six small, dark red roses—with more to come!

I got my camera to record this "heavenly" event, as it surely seemed to be. By Monday, June 4th, the first anniversary of Mom's death, there were almost 20 buds open.

Maybe this would have happened eventually ... but why not earlier, when she had had it? Was this a special sign from her? "Don't give up; you'll get thorns before you get roses. Things will be better now."

Or maybe it was a sign that she was in heaven, although I felt that she already was. I guess, I'll never know for sure.

There you have it! My best memory of the summer of 2007: roses from my Mom's crazy little rosebush that wouldn't, couldn't—but finally did!

#### **KOMITET OSWIATY**

SHARON ZAGO, VICE PRESIDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN  
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## CASIMIR PULASKI DAY MARCH 3, 2008



Sometimes called the “Father of the American Cavalry,” Casimir Pulaski was born March 4th, 1747, in Warka, Poland. He became a national Polish hero in 1771, when he and his army overwhelmingly defeated Russian forces in Czystochowa, Poland.

Banished from Poland, he was living in Paris when he heard of the American Revolutionary War and the colonies’ struggle to break free from England. He wrote Benjamin Franklin, who was in Paris at the time, to ask if he would consider hiring him to fight against the British. After hearing of his reputation as a great patriot, soldier, and leader, Franklin recommended him to General George Washington.

Washington knew that the colonists had no trained cavalry, so he met with Pulaski and introduced him to LaFayette and John Hancock. In September 1777, Washington convinced Congress to give Pulaski temporary command of the small, new cavalry detachment. On the same day Pulaski saved military supplies and pushed back the British at the Battle of Brandywine. The next day he prevented a surprise attack at an area called Warren’s Tavern. Congress acknowledged Pulaski’s leadership and bravery and commissioned him as Brigadier General. He was placed in command of four light cavalry regiments. After the winter at Valley Forge in 1777-78, where the cavalry saw little action, Pulaski asked Washington to allow him to start his own legion. Congress agreed and Pulaski’s Legion, with 68 horses and 200 foot soldiers, became the colonists’ first fully-trained cavalry.

During a battle in Savannah, Georgia, in October of 1779, Casimir was wounded by a cannon. He died from complications of this wound, a true Polish Hero of the American Revolutionary War. We remember his life—and his death—with pride and gratitude on the first Monday of March.

*District I celebrates Pulaski Day and invites all members and friends to view a movie about Kazimierz Pulaski on Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m.. at Northeastern Illinois University, 4th floor Library, Foreign Language Lab, room 451. Introduction by Czesława Kolak, President of Council 27 and Instructor in the Department of Foreign Languages at NEIU. For more information contact Lidia Filus, District I President at 773-442-5784 or send email to L-Filus@neiu.edu.*

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Your chance to  
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**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 15, 2008.

*Entries must be postmarked June 15, 2008, to be eligible.*

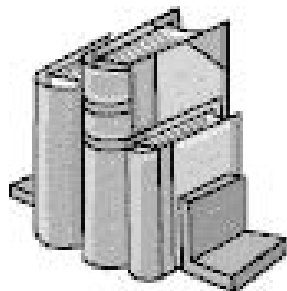
<b>GRAND PRIZE</b>	<b>\$ 2000</b>
<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>
<b>Third Prize</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Fourth Prize</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
<b>Fifth Prize</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>
<b>Sixth thru Tenth Prizes</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>

*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 2008  
National Raffle. You could be one of the lucky winners!

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## GREAT POLISH BOOKS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION and PWA BOOK CLUB SPRING TITLES ANNOUNCED! READ ALONG WITH US!



If you are looking for lively conversation and the sharing of ideas—come join us! Polish Women’s Alliance of America has just launched its spring series on “Great Polish Books,” which this spring will feature the works of **James A. Michener** on Poland. The two books we will be reading are:

- 1) **PILGRIMAGE: A MEMOIR OF POLAND & ROME**
- 2) **POLAND**

The book group promises lively discussions, good conversation, and the sharing of your impressions of the books we will be reading. Both books will be read in English and can be obtained through your local library or purchased either online or in bookstores. There is no fee for the book group and participants do not have to be PWA members.

Roundtable discussions begin on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Polish Women’s Alliance of America Headquarters, 6643 North Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60656. For details, please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 or direct at 1-847-384-1208

Here is the Book Group reading and meeting schedule for spring 2008:

**Pilgrimage: A Memoir of Poland & Rome**

Discussion only on Monday, January 28, 2008.

### Poland

Monday, February 4: Explanation, People of Poland, and Chapter I

Monday, February 11: Chapters II and III

Monday, February 18: Chapters IV and V

Monday, February 25: Chapter VI

Monday, March 3: Chapter VII

Monday, March 10: Chapter VIII

Monday, March 17: Chapter IX

Monday, March 24: Chapter X

Monday, March 31: Final Discussion



**Celebrating the 110th Anniversary  
of PWA of A 1898 – 2008**





## Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Council 27 meeting at 3 p.m. at the PWA Home Office, located at 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor. Plans for 2008 will be made so it is very important that every Group is represented. Contact: Czesława Kolak, President at 773-792-1352.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Group 211 meeting at 1 p.m. at PWA Home Office. See article on this page for more details.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

District I Świeconka, entry at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon at 12:30 p.m., at the House of the White Eagle in Niles, IL. See box on this page for details or contact District I President Lidia Filus at 847-698-0250.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Lowicz Dancers of Group 786 will hold their Third 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 for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Please join us! For information, please contact Barbara Misiolek Gamble at 248-689-7993 or visit our webpage at [www.pwaa.org/lowiczdancers/](http://www.pwaa.org/lowiczdancers/)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Save the date!! PWAA's 110th Anniversary Banquet will be held at Cafe la Cave in Des Plaines, Illinois. Details to follow in the next issues of *Głos Polek*.

### POLISH EASTER CARDS

You can order Polish Easter cards again this year through the Office of the Vice President—twelve cards for \$6.00. Please call Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 to place your order today!

### DISTRICT I



invites all Members and Friends  
to celebrate the  
beautiful Polish tradition  
of

### Świeconka

Saturday, April 5, 2008  
House of the White Eagle  
6839 N Milwaukee Ave Niles, IL 60714

Entry at 11:30 AM Dinner at 12:30 PM  
Adults \$28 Children under 12 \$13

### 50/50 Cash Raffle

Proceeds will benefit District I Youth Activities

**Reservation Deadline: March 29, 2008**

*Contact : Lidia Filus District I President at 847-698-0250  
for reservations and more information.*

### District I "Świeconka" Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets at \$28 each and \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Tickets at \$13 each.

Enclosed is my check for the above tickets in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: PWA District I

Mail to: District I President L. Filus, 325 S. Chester, Park Ridge, IL 60068

## Council 11 Christmas Party

Council 11 of District III Indiana held its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at Allie's Cafe. Twenty-five members were present.

The guests of honor were District III President Delphine Huneycutt and former District III President Evelyn Lisek.

After a short meeting, all members were presented with a gift from

the Council. After lunch, bingo was played, and the afternoon ended with the singing of Polish Christmas carols, koledy, led by Mrs. Lisek and her beautiful voice.

Delegates and officers of Council 11 extend best wishes to all PWA members for a Happy New Year!

*Gertrude Warrell  
Recording Secretary*

## Council 9 Meetings for 2008

Chicago, IL—Delegates to Council 9 should mark these meeting dates for 2008 on their calendars:

April 12 Meeting  
May 10 Mother and Daughter Luncheon  
June 14 Flag Day  
Sep 13 Meeting  
Nov 8 Election Meeting

Dec 6 Children's Christmas Party

The officers of Council 9 for 2008:

President, Regina Solms  
Vice President, Alfreda Dombrowski  
Recording Secretary, Theresa Fic  
Treasurer, Eleanore Kowynia  
Youth Director, Lillian Cook

## News from Council 2

Pittsburgh, PA—Council 2 of District II held two activities in the month of November for delegates and members. A big thank-you to all who participated and by their attendance made both events a success.

On Sunday, November 11, 2007,

we participated in the Polish Fest at the Cathedral of Learning. And on Saturday, November 17, 2007, we held our annual Memorial Mass at St. Mary of Mercy Church, followed by a luncheon at Amici's.

*Dorothy Kolano. Secretary*

## Group 211 Meeting and Luncheon

Chicago, IL—The next meeting of Group 211 will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at the PWA Home Office, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, in Chicago, in the new meeting room on the second floor. The business meeting will commence at 1 p.m., followed by a lunch buffet and social hour. All members are cordially invited to attend. As always, guests are welcome.

For more information, please call Financial Secretary Antoinette Trela Vander Noot at 1-847-394-1206.

## Wanted—Krakowiak Skirts for Lowicz Dancers

The Lowicz Dancers of Group 786 Costume Director, Cindy Piepszak, is looking for flowered Krakowiak skirts for the dance group. Especially needed are green skirts with a medium flower pattern. The skirts should be no shorter than 27" from top to bottom and in wearable condition. Fabric will do also as the group can sew their own skirts if needed. Please send info to Cindy Piepszak at the following: P.O. Box 1781, Troy, Michigan 48098, or call (248)879-3957, or e-mail to [piepszak@att.net](mailto:piepszak@att.net)

## LOOKING FOR PHOTOS FROM THE 35th NATIONAL CONVENTION

We are looking for interesting photographs from the 35th National Convention in Cleveland for an upcoming issue of *Głos Polek* that will take a look back at the Convention and its participants. We are especially interested in the stories and photos of any younger

members who attended as delegates or who took part in other ways.

Please mail your photos, with captions, to Polish Women's Alliance, Attn: Głos Polek Editors, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60631, or send them by email to: [editor@pwaa.org](mailto:editor@pwaa.org)

## Polonian Educator of the Year Dr. Geraldine Balut Coleman



Chicago, IL—At the Polish American Heritage Celebration held on October 26th, 2007, at Northeastern Illinois University a number of PWA members were honored for their service to the Polish American community. (See December issue of *Głos Polek*.) Dr. Geraldine Balut Coleman of Group 821, professor of mathematics at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois, was also honored that evening, as the Educator of the Year by the Council of Educators in Polonia.

Dr. Coleman received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Detroit and her doctorate from Loyola University Chicago. She has taught mathematics at the high school level for over 30 years. At Loyola Academy Dr. Coleman directed the "Parents for Others" program, among many other projects and duties. Dr. Coleman is active in PWA, the Legion of Young Polish Women, the Polish American Historical Society, and the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, in addition to her work with many American charitable and scientific organizations. Our congratulations to Dr. Coleman on this prestigious award!

## News from Group 806 "Our Legacy Cookbook" in Second Printing

Paw Paw, Michigan—2007 was a busy and productive year for Group 806! In August of 2007, two of our members were proud to represent the Group as delegates to PWA's 35th National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The delegates were Elaine Etheridge, our president, and Rose Stanek, secretary. Other activities last year included a traditional Polish Easter dinner, Swieconka, a picnic in July, monthly meetings with desserts and bingo, contributions to St. Mary's School Scholarship Fund, and Rosary Makers. A Christmas dinner-Wigilia was also held in December.

"Our Legacy Cookbook" edited by Angela Frizzle Scotese was a huge success. A second printing of the book is currently under way. If you would like to order a copy of the cookbook, please call Elaine at 269-657-4070 or Carol at 269-657-3812. The cost for the cookbook is \$15 and this includes shipping.

**Photo** below shows, from left, Secretary Rose Stanek, Treasurer Carol Blackburn, President Elaine Etheridge, and the editor of "Our Legacy Cookbook," Angela Frizzle Scotese. Seated in the front is Vice President Emily Bonarski.

*Carol Stanek Secretary*



## Tax Time is Here!

PWA pays up to 5% on new IRA Accounts.

*See insert for details.*

## Group 821 Elects Officers



Chicago, IL—The election of officers and annual Christmas Party of Group 821 were held on December 14, 2007, at PWA Headquarters. The officers for 2008 are as follows: Czeslawa Kolak, President; Grazyna Duda Vice President, Bo Padowski Financial Secretary, Lidia Filus Treasurer, and Helena Danielska Recording Secretary. National President Virginia Sikora, who is also a member of Group 821, administered the oath of office to the newly-elected officers.

## Four Generations in Group 132



Four generations of a PWA family from District III Indiana gathered for the First Communion celebration of twins, Joanna and Kate Bartz held in 2007. Seated in the front is Mrs. Josephine Kras, the proud great-grandmother and Garland Treasurer of Group 132. Behind her are Joanna and Kate with their father Ed Bartz and grandmother Josie Bartz, all members of Group 132.

## PWA Christmas Tree in Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

Simi Valley, CA—Five members of Group 814, District XIII California, volunteered to decorate a Polish-themed tree in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in November. It seemed strange to be decorating a Christmas Tree on what was such a warm and sunny California day! The Christmas Tree display was only one of many at the Library, including one with a lavish collection of former First Lady Nancy Reagan's dresses and gowns! Each of her gowns was one of a kind—but so was our Christmas tree! We decorated it with lights, ribbons, and straw ornaments from Poland.

*Helen Simmons, Director*





## Garland Youth Section

### Lowicz Dancers Coloring Contest Winners



Council 20 held a Christmas Coloring Contest for the members of the Lowicz and Zamek Dance Groups. The winners from Lowicz were as follows: age under 6 - Becky Piepszak; ages 6 to 11 - Krysten Piepszak, Lily Aldinger, and Emily Hogan; ages over 11 - Emily Gamble. Toys-R-Us gift certificates were the prizes which were presented to the winners at

the Lowicz Dancers Christmas Party held on December 11, 2007. Photo, from left, shows Krysten, Becky, Lily, Emily H., and Emily G. standing in front of Council 20 President Angela Tomczyk. Congratulations to all!

### District XI Christmas Party for Children



The Children's Christmas Party of Council 25, District XI Nebraska, was a success, even though an ice storm forced the party to be rescheduled from December 1 to December 8, 2007, at St. Francis of Assisi School Hall in Omaha. The children enjoyed receiving goodies, a gift bag, and a visit from St. Nick (Santa). Vice President Sharon Zago's book "Animals Only Speak at Christmas" was read to the children in English and Polish. A special treat for the children was to receive their own copy of the book to take home.

### Council 9 Christmas Party for Children

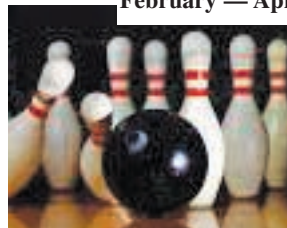
The Council 9 Children's Christmas Party was held on December 1, 2007, at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois. Chairperson Lillian Cook and her group once again organized this successful event. Although the weather outside was "frightful," it didn't stop Santa or the children from celebrating Christmas. Complimentary photos with Santa, crafts, a homecooked Polish-style lunch by Group 525, games, prizes, Christmas songs, a raffle, and a gift for each child made it well worth venturing out despite the weather! A special appearance by Dino-Don Pfister and Lisa Zago Martin (top photo) from Dinosaur Safari's educational program, including a large paleo exhibit, delighted the children and adults alike.



### Komitet Oswiaty Announces

### The 2008 POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

February — April 2008



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 1-888-522-1898 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

1. All Bowlers must be PWA members as of December 31, 2007, and in good standing.
2. 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
3. Individual's age as of December 31, 2007, determines the age classification.
4. All bowlers must bowl in their age division.
5. All participants may participate only once in this tournament. Parent or adult must complete application for each participant.
6. Peewee and Bantam bowlers may use bumpers and scores for two games.
7. Preps, Juniors, and Majors scores are based on three games bowled.
8. Average rules: Use the current league average as of December 31, 2007, 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.
9. Individuals will bowl on one weekend of their choice from **February 1 through April 30.**
10. All scores and printouts from the bowling alley of the scores should be mailed in with the bowling applications.
11. 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!
12. Proper attire must be worn (bowling shoes).
13. Foul lights must be in operation.
14. 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 **April 30, 2008** to be eligible for prizes.

#### Komitet Oswiaty

Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chairman; Committee Members: Antoinette Trela Vander Noot, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors: Dawn Muszynski Nelson, Helen Simmons, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, and Felicia Perlick  
Ex-Officio: Virginia Sikora, National President.

## Garland Youth Section

### POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA OFFERS TWO SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2008 TWO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND TWO SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED APPLICATION PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2008 TO MARCH 15, 2008

#### ACADEMIC AWARDS

##### Two \$500 Awards Will Be Granted in This Category Academic Award for High School Seniors

**Purpose:** To award two \$500 awards to members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, who are high school seniors with a "B" grade point average or higher at the time of application. The Polish Women's Alliance of America recognizes that the student who makes a commitment to dedicate his or herself to a high academic level also benefits society by their service to others, while possessing the best knowledge available in order to make the world a better place.

**Criteria:** The following criteria must be met to be considered:

1. 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 PWA of A. The deadline date will be postmarked March 15, 2008. Term certificates, endowments, annuities, and certificates with any outstanding loans are EXCLUDED from eligibility. If awarded you must keep your insurance in force for ten years from the date you received your scholarship. Parent/Legal Guardian signature required where indicated only if applicant is under age 18.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior of his/her high school in 2008.
3. Applicant must have a "B" average during senior year in high school. (Attach official grade transcript and explanation of grading system.)
4. Applicant must have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement throughout their high school senior year and must obtain two written letters on school letterhead from any of their high school senior year teachers or administrators attesting to this fact. Original signed letters must be attached to application.
5. Applicant must complete media form. Enclose two wallet-sized photos.
6. Applicant must write an essay in English (500-750 words) with his/her NAME AND ADDRESS AT THE TOP on the following topic:

"What sets you apart from other high school seniors?  
And how do you use these qualities to benefit others?"

**Selection:** The scholarship committee will be given all applications and attachments for consideration of judging this award. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to review.

**Deadline:** The deadline for submitting this application to your District State President is postmarked March 15, 2008. The District/State President will then approve the application by signing and forwarding it to the scholarship committee for approval. District/State Presidents will approve and forward to Sharon Zago by postmark March 31, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Sharon Zago, Vice President and Scholarship Chairman at toll free 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208, or you may email her at [vpres@pwaa.org](mailto:vpres@pwaa.org).

Download scholarship forms and requirements from  
[www.pwaa.org/youth.html](http://www.pwaa.org/youth.html)

NEW! Now you can fill out the application and media form online  
before printing for your signature.

#### SPORTS AWARDS

##### Two \$500 Awards Will Be Granted In This Category Sports Award For High School Seniors

**Purpose:** To award two \$500 awards to members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, who are currently high school seniors involved in sports at the time of this application. The Polish Women's Alliance of America recognizes that the student who makes a commitment to use his or her free time to represent their school by participating in sports also benefits society by possessing good sportsmanship and becoming an all-around athlete.

**Criteria:** The following criteria must be met to be considered:

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2. Applicant must be a graduating senior of his/her high school in 2008.
3. Applicant must be an athletic team member during their senior year in high school. Attach certification form signed by the athletic director of the sport involved.
4. Applicant must have demonstrated respect for his/her coaches, officials, and teaching administrators throughout their senior year in high school and must obtain two written letters on school letterhead from any of the above attesting to this fact. Original signed letters must be attached to application.
5. Applicant must complete media form. Enclose two wallet-sized photos.
6. Applicant must write an essay in English (500-750 typed words) with his/her NAME AND ADDRESS at the top on the following topic:

"Looking back on your high school sports career,  
what moment are you most proud of and why?"

**Selection:** The scholarship committee will be given all applications and attachments for consideration of judging this award. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to review.

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PWA EASTER COLORING CONTEST - DEADLINE MARCH 31st



CONTEST RULES:

1. Cut out or make a photocopy of the picture on this page and color it; then send it to:  
PWA Coloring Contest, Polish Women's Alliance 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2 Fl, Chicago, IL, 60631
2. Deadline:  
Postmark March 31, 2008
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, and Email Address.
4. Contest is for PWA members only. Want to become a member? Call Bo at 1-847-384-1200, ext. 228.

CONTEST PRIZES:

First Prize	\$100 Savings Bond	3-5 years
Second Prize	\$ 75 Savings Bond	6-8 years
Third Prize	\$ 50 Savings Bond	9-11 years
5 Honorable Mentions	\$10 each	12-14 years
		15-17 years
<b>Age Categories:</b> The above Prizes will be awarded in each age category:		<b>Questions?</b> Call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 208.

IN LOVING MEMORY  
Ann Widlak  
Group 743

Chicago, IL—Ann Widlak, officer in Group 743, Star of the Sea. served as Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary for over 45 years. Her dedication to the office earned her a Special Recognition Award in 1998. She continued to serve until her passing on January 6, 2008, at age 94.

Preceding her in office was her mother, Eleanore Krajewski. Members of her family, Prudence, Trudy, and Maria Widlak, daughters-in-law, belong to the Group. Four grandchildren are lifelong members and took part in the Debutante Balls of District I and were active in all Garland and Group activities.

Ann Widlak was a member of St. Daniel Church Choir, President of Mothers’ Club at Byrne School, and Den Mother with the Boy Scouts in the Garfield Ridge community for many years. Surviving are her sons Fred, Neil, Alan, and their families, and brother Richard with wife and children.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Anselm Church in Joliet, Illinois, with internment in Lemont, Illinois.

Ann’s journey in life was one of sharing and giving. She will be missed!

May she rest in peace.

*Helen V. Wojcik  
President, Gr. 743*

Bernard Klebek  
Group 61

Chicago, IL—Officers and members of Group 61 are saddened by the loss of their very active member Bernard Klebek. Bernard was Treasurer of St. Irene’s Group 61 and a member of the United States Air Force.

Bernard was introduced to PWA by his mother Stephanie Klebek at an early age. She took him to meetings and he became involved by helping out at PWA banquets and dances. One of Bernard’s favorite duties was to see that the coat check ran smoothly during the era of social dances at the Ashland Avenue building.

In recent years, he was a great help to Council 9 President Regina Klebek Solms, his sister, whenever needed.

Bernard is survived by many PWA members, including his sisters Regina Solms, Eleanore Scott, and Lorraine Klebek, six nieces and six nephews, and six grandnieces and six grandnephews. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in Chicago.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Gr.	Name	City	Gr.	Name	City
0001	Gawron, Ellen N	Westchester, IL	0423	Foster, Elaine L	Reno, NV
0073	Bozych, Helen J	Palos Hills, IL	0423	Elaine L Foster	Reno, NV
0103	Jankowski, Charlotte D	Milwaukee, WI	0425	Elzbietah H Belli	Longs, SC
0105	Perluka, Anna B	Poughkeepsie, NY	0425	Belli, Elzbietah H	Longs, SC
0129	Audenaert, Harriet T	South Bend, IN	0430	Cada, Marie L	Dyer, IN
0141	Tomaszewski, Jennie E	South Hadley, MA	0440	Kubacki, Joasia M	Wauconda, IL
0163	Kiczek, Wanda F	Mayfield Hts, OH	0451	Brook, Kay C	San Jose, CA
0180	Morenz, Dolores M	Tinley Park, IL	0458	Sacco, Josephine M	Shrewsbury, MA
0182	Szurlej, Sophie V	Pittsburgh, PA	0460	Rose Kujawa	Milwaukee, WI
0182	Sandor, Helen T	Braddock, PA	0463	Spero, Anna F	Westfield, MA
0185	Krukulska, Mary A	Middletown, C	0468	Osetkowski, Irene H	North Tonawanda, NY
0211	Bar, Eugenia A	Des Plaines, IL	0469	Staszewski, Margaret A	Erie, PA
0267	Dolores Ruda	Dupont, PA	0469	Kupniewski, Dorothy A	Erie, PA
0275	Cecile Glogowski	Omaha, NE	0469	Cecelia Lis	Erie, PA
0305	Danielle Dulcet	South Bend, IN	0477	Helena Nelson	New Kensington, PA
0305	Joyce A Migas	South Bend, IN	0483	Helen Wegrzynowicz	Catawissa, PA
0305	Migas, Joyce A	South Bend, IN	0485	Stank, Alma T	Ranshaw, PA
0315	Helena Czaja	Tinley Park, IL	0528	Wiercinski, Janet J	Olyphant, PA
0317	O’Brien, Josephine K	Springfield, MA	0536	Muszynski, Joseph A	South Milwaukee, WI
0326	Mieszkowska, Jozefa I	Seminole, FL	0598	Stefanick, Jennie M	Phillipsburg, NJ
0338	Zolkoski, Margaret M	Pittsburgh, PA	0602	Blanche B Wysocki	Newark, NJ
0338	Margaret M Zolkoski	Pittsburgh, PA	0611	Falkowski, Theresa S	Bayonne, NJ
0341	Seman, Annette W	Pittsburgh, PA	0616	Helena Stompor	Westland, MI
0348	Antellocy, Mary	Wilkes Barre, PA	0661	Genowefa Lasiewicz	Chicago, IL
0356	Clara Cieslik	Omaha, NE	0675	Weber, Josephine T	Philadelphia, PA
0359	Sophie Bogoniewski	Buffalo, NY	0680	Chalupczynski, Camille	Erie, PA
0380	Elinore Lewandowski	Peoria, AZ	0680	Helena Miazga	Erie, PA
0380	Oleksiak, Marilyn R	Buffalo, NY	0680	Camille D Chalupczynski	Erie, PA
0386	Virginia Juszczuk	Dearborn, MI	0743	Ryan, Thomas J	Chicago, IL
0386	Genevieve Styryna	West Bloomfield, MI	0776	Stacia A Kulpa	Adams, MA
0398	Elizabeth Daniels	Shenandoah, PA	0776	Helen Koza	Adams, MA
0398	Florence Blewis	Shenandoah, PA	0776	Kulpa, Stacia A	Adams, MA
0408	Shakes, Stella M	East Chicago, IN	0776	Mikuszewski, Geneva	Adams, MA
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Sally Skibinski  
Vice President Group 189

Eulogy delivered by Penny Manke, Group 189, in memory of Sally Skibinski, Vice President of Group 189, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

“Sally Skibinski was a very kind, caring and generous person. She was always concerned about other people and what she could do for them. She would be there in time of need for anyone. Sally was also a great cook and organizer. She inherited her mother’s cooking skills and would run the best bridal and wedding showers with lots of good food and prizes for everyone.

“Sally had a great support system. Her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, children’s spouses, siblings’ spouses, their children, and other family and friends. She had many friends who bowled, played sheephead, and gambled with her. Remember all of the

Christmas parties, bowling banquets, gambling trips, card games, picnics and cookouts? She was very involved with Polish Women’s Alliance, the Humboldt Park 4th of July Association, Girl Scouts, PTA, church activities, and the Wilson Park Senior Center.

“Sally was always involved with her family. She was a super mother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, niece, cousin, neighbor ,and friend. She remembered their birthdays, anniversaries and of course Christmas. All too often we do not tell people how much we love and appreciate them for all that they have done for us.

“Sally, we love you and will miss you dearly. Thank you all for coming today.”



Cecile Glogowski  
Group 275 - Nebraska

The officers and members of Group 275 and Council 25 were saddened by the loss of Cecile Galas Glogowski on June 20, 2007. Her funeral was held on June 23, 2007, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Omaha, Nebraska. Cecile served as Treasurer for Group 275 from 1997 to 2004 and as Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Garland Officer from 2005. She was also a member of Council 25 from 2004. She had a sense of humor and a positive attitude that she communicated to others. Condolences are extended to Cecile’s family and friends. May she rest in peace.

*Bernadette Vlock, District XI President*

Marie K. Beres  
Group 568 - Maryland

We mourn the passing of Marie K. Beres, longtime member of Group 568. She passed away on April 8, 2007, at the age of 98. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her daughter Kathleen Beres and to her family and friends. May she rest in peace!



## Obwód I-szy Związku Polek w Ameryce zaprasza wszystkich członków i ich przyjaciół na uroczystą tradycyjną

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## Polonia amerykańska wspiera Katyń w rywalizacji o Oscara

“Nowy Dziennik” wezwał Polaków, aby poparli “Katyń” w plebiscycie internetowym, organizowanym corocznie przez “New York Timesa”. Podał czytelnikom instrukcje, jak wejść na odpowiednią stronę tej gazety i oddać głos na polski film. O przyznaniu Oscara decydują członkowie Akademii Filmowej, a nie widzowie, ale plebiscyt “New York Timesa” sygnalizuje jurorom, które filmy

cieszą się powodzeniem wśród publiczności, z czym filmowcy się liczą; jest zatem istotną formą nacisku. Akcja już przynosi rezultaty. Jeszcze w środę, gdy “Nowy Dziennik” ogłosił swój apel, “Katyń” znajdował się na ostatnim miejscu w plebiscycie “New York Timesa”. W czwartek, po wpisach około tysiąca Polaków popierających film Wajdy, wysorował się na czoło. Zdobywcy Oscarów zostaną ogłoszeni na tradycyjnej uroczystej gali w Los Angeles 24 lutego. *Tomasz Zalewski (PAP)*,

## Baracka Obamę odkrył Zbigniew Brzeziński

Kandydat na Prezydenta USA Barack Obama wykorzystuje złe nastroje amerykańskiego społeczeństwa do sprawującej władzę GOP (Grand Old Party), narastających konsekwencji kryzysu finansowego a także coraz bardziej widoczny podział Ameryki na bogatych i biednych. Dodamy jeszcze do tego dramat 50 milionów Amerykanów bez ubezpieczenia i kryminalne praktyki firm ubezpieczeniowych oraz farmaceutycznych. Obraz ten i skuteczna, ale treściwa kampania wyborcza Barack Obamy przybliży jego sukces w prezydenckich prawyborach.

Zbigniew Brzeziński odkrył Obamę, jako talent dobrego mówcy i na przyszłość sprawnego polityka we wczesnych latach 80. Brzeziński jest pewny, że Obama skutecznie wprowadzi nowy kierunek i nową definicję amerykańskiej roli na świecie, a „war on terror” jest oszustwem.

Londyński magazyn *Economist* stwierdził, że Brzeziński jest Obamę mózgiem, tak samo jak Karl Rove był dla George W. Bush. Dodając, że nowy mózg Barack Obama, choć 78 letni to pracuje perfekcyjnie. Cała rodzina Brzezińskich pomaga w kampanii prezydenckiej, jak np. jego syn Mark Director of Russian and Eurasian Affairs pracujący w National Security Council za prezydentury William J. Clinton. Czynn timer działający w pomyślnym przeprowadzeniu pomarańczowej rewolucji na Ukrainie. Mika Brzeziński pracująca spikerka dla NBC i MSNBC wraz z propagandzistką Andrea Mitchell (żona Alan Greenspan) wspierają kampanie prezydencką Barack Obama. Do tych wspomagających i znanych można

zaliczyć jeszcze byłego republikańskiego kongresmana Joe Scarborough, Tim Russert, Chris Matthews, Newsweek, George Will, David Broder, Robert Novak; to najlepsi redaktorzy i dziennikarze a także miliardera George Soros Open Society Foundation i US National Endowment for Democracy (tzw. NED).

Zbigniew Brzeziński sprawdzoną swoją metodę „color revolution” na świecie stara się zastosować w kampanii wyborczej Barack Obama. Pamiętacie początek prawyborów w USA, 5 stycznia br. wielką sensacją była wygrana Obamy w stanie Iowa zdobył 38%, Edwards 30% a główny faworyt partii demokratycznej Hillary Clinton tylko 29%. W sztabie wyborczym Hillary Clinton nastąpiło wielkie załamanie, ale i trzęsienie ziemi, a czasu nie było za wiele żeby dokonać radykalnych posunięć i zmian. Kolejna przegrana Hillary praktycznie eliminowała ją z dalszego wyścigu o prezydenturę. Sztab wyborczy Obamy liczył się z tym, że w następnych prawyborach w New Hampshire może ponieść porażkę. Na dzień przed prawyborami w New Hampshire Obama zdecydowanie prowadził w prowadzonych przed-wyborczych badaniach publicznych i tak w USA Today-Gallop był zdecydowanym liderem wygrywał 41% do 28% w stosunku do swojej oponentki. CNN w swoich badaniach podkreślała Obamę przewagę 39% do 30% nad senatorką z New York na dzień przed prawyborami. Fax New-Opinion Dynamics też informował o przewadze 32% do 28% na korzyść Obamy. Marist College podając przedwyborcze informacje na temat kandydatów podkreślał przewagę Obamy 34% do 28% nad Hillary Clinton.

## Rok Josepha Conrada urodzonego jako Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski-Polaka, jednego z nwybitniejszych pisarzy piszących po angielsku przełomu XIX i XX wieku

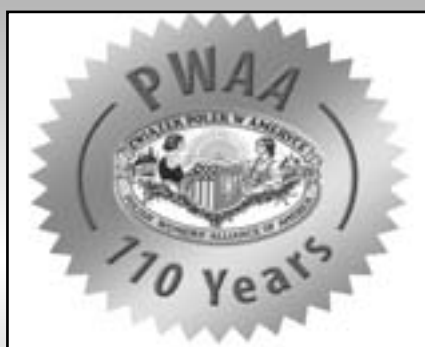
Joseph Conrad, właściwe nazwisko Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski herbu Nałęcz urodził się w 1857 w Berdyczowie jako Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski herbu Nałęcz zmarł 3 sierpnia 1924 w Bishopsbourne koło Canterbury) – angielski pisarz polskiego pochodzenia, publicysta.

Konrad Korzeniowski był synem literata Apolla Korzeniowskiego. Nie ukończywszy gimnazjum wyjechał w 1874 do Francji i zaciągnął się na statek jako prosty marynarz. W 1894 osiadł w Anglii i poświęcił się pracy pisarskiej; zaledwie rok później wydał pierwszą powieść Szaleństwo Almayera. Publikując na obczyźnie używał pseudonimu Joseph Conrad, który utworzył z imion: Józef i Konrad. Wybitna twórczość Korzeniowskiego pozostaje zjawiskiem odosobnionym w literaturze światowej, łącząc w sobie nurt romantyzmu i pozytywizmu z symbolizmem i

impresjonizmem. Większość przekładów na język polski jest dziełem kuzynki pisarza Anieli Zagórskiej. W 1861 rodzice Korzeniowskiego zostali zesłani za działalność przeciwko caratowi w głąb Rosji, do Wołogdy. Jego wuj Stefan Bobrowski był jednym z przywódców powstania styczniowego. Po śmierci Ewy z Bobrowskich - matki pisarza - 11 kwietnia 1865 roku w Czernihowie (okolicie Kijowa) zaopiekował się nim jej brat - Tadeusz Bobrowski. Po powrocie ojca Apolla Korzeniowskiego z wygnania w 1867 zamieszkali w Krakowie. 23 maja 1869 zmarł mu ojciec. Jako siedemnastolatek w 1874 Korzeniowski wyjechał do Marsylii, gdzie pracował jako marynarz. Stąd wyruszył w swoją pierwszą w życiu podróż morską. Wróciwszy, usiłował popełnić samobójstwo z powodu długów, w które popadł, był też zamieszany w przemyt broni dla zwolenników

Carlota, pretendenta do tronu Hiszpanii. W lipcu 1878 wyjechał do Anglii i rozpoczął tam służbę w brytyjskiej marynarce handlowej. W 1886 uzyskał stopień kapitana i otrzymał obywatelstwo brytyjskie. Pływając jako marynarz na wielu statkach zwiedził porty na Dalekim Wschodzie, w Australii i Oceanii, Ameryce Środkowej; był też kapitanem statku parowego kursującego po Kongo (podróż 1890). W 1894 roku zrezygnował ze służby w marynarce i osiadł na stałe pod Londynem. W roku 1889 zaczął pisać swoją pierwszą powieść, Szaleństwo Almayera, która ukazała się drukiem sześć lat później (29 kwietnia 1895). Wszystkie jego książki są oparte na wątkach autobiograficznych, na tym, co Conrad przeżył, usłyszał lub zobaczył podczas swych podróży. Choć jest uznawany za jednego z największych stylistów w całej angielskiej literaturze, to do końca życia mówił po angielsku z silnym

obcym (“polskim”) akcentem. Conrad znał biegle francuski, którego używał stosując ulubiony, marsylijski akcent. Znał też niemiecki. Pod koniec życia nosił się z zamiarem powrotu do Polski, ale zbyt wiele spraw trzymało go w Anglii. Wypowiadał się o sprawach polskich w publicystyce. Na wniosek Ministerstwa Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego, zgłoszony przez Polski Komitet do spraw UNESCO (poparty przez Komitet do spraw UNESCO Wielkiej Brytanii i Irlandii Północnej) 150. rocznica urodzin Josepha Conrada-Korzeniowskiego wpisana została do kalendarza rocznic UNESCO na rok 2007. Honorowy patronat nad obchodami “Roku Conradowskiego” w Polsce objął prezydent Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Lech Kaczyński. Narodowy Bank Polski wyemitował komplet monet z okazji 150. rocznicy urodzin pisarza.



## **SPECIALNA Oferta ubezpieczeniowa z okazji 110 rocznicy od 1 lutego do 30-go czerwca 2008**

*Szczegóły na stronach 3- 4*

### **Wysłannik Ministerstwa do Spraw Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Dr Jacek Puchalski w ZPwA**

10 listopada 2007 ur. Związek Polek w Ameryce miał zaszczyt gościć wysłannika Ministerstwa Kultury i Dziedzictwa Narodowego Dr Jacka Puchalskiego.

Celem wizyty było zapoznanie się ze zbiorami bibliotecznymi i muzealnymi ZPwA. Ministerstwo zdając sobie sprawę z rozsiania często bardzo cennych zbiorów po całym świecie pragnie utrzymywać żywy kontakt z tymi placówkami

kultury polskiej, które przez ponad wiek utrzymywały i wzbogacały często ogromnie cenne zbiory polskiej literatury i sztuki. Ministerstwo pragnie w ten sposób zdeterminować konieczną dla tych placówek pomoc w dalszym utrzymaniu i rozwijaniu tych kolekcji. Dr Puchalskiego z kolekcją ZPwA zaprezentowała Wice Prezeska Sharon Zago.



## **LOTERIA PIENIĘŻNA ZPwA**

Prosimy członków o poparcie dorocznej loterii Komitetu Oświaty. Losy zostały rozesłane do wszystkich członków.

*Szczegóły na stronie 6.*

## **DWA NOWE STYPENDIA DLA MŁODZIEŻY GIMNAZJALNEJ!**

*Szczegóły na stronie 10*

## **OGŁASZAMY KONKURS WIELKANOCNY "EASTER COLORING CONTEST"**

dla młodzieży

*Patrz strona 11*

## **Komisja do Spraw Edukacji Polonii**

założona w 1930 ogłasza

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Rada Nauczycieli Polonijnych (Council of Educators in Polonia - CEP) zaprasza młodzież szkół średnich do udziału w konkursie na najlepsze wypracowanie w języku angielskim lub polskim na temat:

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Rada Nauczycieli Polonijnych zastrzega sobie prawo do opublikowania prac finalistów.



## Mikołaj Komisji 27



cd ze str. 16

Dzieci wykazywały się wspólnymi talentami, a za występy otrzymały polskie bajki filmowe na CD oraz muzyczne CD sponsorowane przez firmę Zbigniewa Miłosza. Nawet pogoda dopisała napadało w ten dzień tyle

śniegu, że Mikołaj nie miał problemu z dojechaniem na czas z prezentami.

Bogumiła Padowska dziękuje jeszcze raz wszystkim którzy w jakikolwiek sposób pomogli w zorganizowaniu imprezy oraz również wszystkim, którzy przyszli na zabawę i pomagali organizatorom i sponsorom Pani Sikorze, Antoinette Trela-Vande Noot, Grace Dubowskiej, Maryli Folmer, Iwonie Puc oraz Grazyńce Zajackowskiej, która robiła zdjęcia.

Dziękuję Bo Padowski za tak miłe przyjęcie Do zobaczenia za rok - Św Mikołaj

### Siostra Zakonu

### Zmartwychwstaniek

**M. Edward Gira, C.R. -**

**Kapelanem Obwodu I**

**Związku Polek w Ameryce**

W czasie tradycyjnej Bożo Narodzeniowej Wigilii Prezydent Obwodu I Profesor Lidia Filus za aprobatą całego zgromadzenia mianowała Siostrę M. Edward Gira, C.R. Kapelanem Obwodu I. Dziękując za funkcję Siostra zapewniła wszystkich o odprawianiu codziennych modlitw o błogosławieństwa Boże dla członków i Zarządu ZpWA Życząc wszystkim Wesołego i Szczęśliwego



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## z Polskiej kuchni Wielentynkowo



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### ZAPIEKANKA KALAFIOROWA

2 lb kalafiora 1lb ziemniaków 0.5 lb pieczarek, 0.5 lb pomidorów, 2 szklanki rosółu, 3 łyżki masła lub margaryny, 2 łyżki oleju, 2 łyżki mąki, 3 oz sera topionego, 1/2 szklanki kwaśnej śmietany, 1-2 łyżki curry, sól, pieprz, tłuszcz do posmarowania formy, natka do dekoracji.

Kalafior oczyścić, umyć, gotować ok. 15 min. w osolonej wodzie. Ziemniaki obrać, umyć, pokroić w cząstki. Pieczarki i pomidory umyć, oczyścić, pokroić w plasterki. Pieczarki podsmażyć na gorącym oleju na złoty kolor (około 4 minut), zdjąć z patelni. Ziemniaki usmażyć na złoty kolor na tym samym tłuszczu (około 8 minut). Masło mocno rozgrzać w rondlu, wsypać mąkę, zasmażyć. Zalać rosółem, zagotować, nie przerywając mieszania. Pozostawić na małym ogniu 5 minut. Dodać śmietanę i ser. Doprawić do smaku solą, pieprzem i curry. Kalafior ułożyć pośrodku nasmarowanej tłuszczem formy do zapiekanek. Ziemniaki, pieczarki i pomidory poukładać wokół, zalać sosem. Zapiekać 15-20 minut w temperaturze 400F. Kalafior oprószyć curry.

Zapiekankę udekorować natką.

### SURÓWKA Z PAPRYKI Z JABŁKIEM

1 lb strąków papryki (najlepiej różnokolorowej), 3 duże jabłka, 2 cebule, 1/2 szklanki śmietany, natka pietruszki, sok z cytryny, sól, pieprz, cukier. Jabłka przekroić na pół, usunąć gniazda nasienne, zetrzeć na tarce o dużych otworach. Cebulę i paprykę oczyścić, opłukać, pokroić w kostkę. połączyć z jabłkami, śmietaną. Posypać posiekaną natką, doprawić solą, pieprzem i cukrem. Odstawić do lodówki na ok 1 godzinę.



Jak co roku Zarząd członkowie i goście Obwodu I Związku Polek w Ameryce zebrali się 8 grudnia na świątecznym przyjęciu wigilijnym zwanym Oplatkiem. Uroczystość odbyła się w salach bankietowych Białego Orła w Niles pod Chicago. Przywitała gości ośpodyni lunchu Prezeska Obwodu I Profesor Lidia Filus. Przyjęcie rozpoczęło przedstawienie jasełkowe w wykonaniu uczniów szkoły ZPwA im. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie. Dzieci i młodzież pięknie przebrane wzruszająco przedstawiły sceny narodzin Chrystusa



spiewając i recytując po polsku. U wielu uczestników można było zobaczyć na twarzach prawdziwe wzruszenie, a może wywołane wspomnienia występów z własnego dzieciństwa. Następnie świąteczne życzenia w imieniu Zarządu ZPwA złożyła wszystkim obecnym i ich rodzinom Prezydent



Virginia Sikora. Na uroczystość przybyło ponad 150 gości, między innymi przedstawiciele Związku Narodowego Polskiego w osobach wiceprezesów Teresy Abick i Paula Odrobiny. W tym roku nasze spotkanie nazwaliśmy bardziej tradycyjnie „Łamanie się oplatkiem”, żeby przypomnieć, że taki właśnie jest sens tego wydarzenia, że nie tylko spotykamy się, jemy wspólnie kolację, ale także składamy sobie nawzajem Życzenia. W tym kraju te spotkania zaczynają się bardzo wcześnie. w swoim świątecznym przesłaniu Prezes Lidia Filus powiedziała: *“Mamy tyle organizacji polonijnych, że gdybyśmy chcieli bywać na wszystkich to nie starczyłoby grudnia i stycznia. Chcieliśmy aby to spotkanie było właśnie tym*

*momentem, kiedy wszyscy zbieramy się, kiedy mamy czas na chwilę refleksji, kiedy powinniśmy puścić w niepamięć wszystkie urazy. Wyciągnąć do siebie rękę. Poprosić o przebaczenie i również go udzielić, bo bez tego nie ma życia we wspólnocie. Mimo, że istnieją pomiędzy nami różnice, że tak jak w rodzinie są jakieś niesnaski, to jest to najlepszy moment, żeby o tym wszystkim zapomnieć, wybaczyć sobie urazy i iść naprzód. Zarówno organizacją, jak i swoim życiem osobistym, a teraz przyszedł czas aby złamać się oplatkiem i złożyć życzenia.”* Ten tak piękny i tak bardzo w polskiej tradycji zakorzeniony moment, w tak dużym gronie trwał ponad godzinę. Wigilijny lunch zakończyła uroczą poprowadzoną przez Panie z komitetu

organizacyjnego świąteczna loteria fantowa. Mamy nadzieję, że to bardzo udane wigilijne przyjęcie w następnym roku cieszyć się będzie jeszcze większą popularnością. G.Z.



Serdeczne specjalne podziękowania należą się Grupie 661 za inicjatywę zorganizowania specjalnej loterii na prezent gwiazdkowy dla szkoły Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie. Prezeska Obwodu I-szego Lidia Filus przekazała na ręce dyrektora szkoły uzyskane z loterii \$335 dyrektorze szkoły podczas szkolnego przedstawienia jasełkowego w dniu 15 grudnia.



W wielu miejscach na świecie tak jak w Polsce obchody dnia św Mikołaja przypadają z 5 na 6 grudnia, w innych z 5 na 6 stycznia np. w Hiszpanii. Pamiętając o tym

specjalnym dla dzieci dniu i starając się przypominać wszystkim o tej pięknej tradycji w Polsce obchodzonej Komisja 27, ZPwA w dniu 1 grudnia, 2007

zorganizaowała dla dzieci przyjęcie na które oczywiście zawitał jak co roku Św Mikołaj. Mikołaja przywitała główna organizatorka imprezy Bogumiła Padowska.

Organizatorzy wysłali wcześniej do wszystkich prezesów i finansowych sekretarzy grup z komisji 27 listy z prośbą o sponsorowanie. Na apel odpowiedziały cztery grupy, 137, 211, 440 oraz 821 które imprezę wsparły finansowo. Grupa 818 pomogła w zorganizowaniu zabawy części artystycznej. Główny organizator Bo Padowski bardzo tym grupom dziękuje. Indywidualnymi sponsorami byli pani Prezes Virginia Sikora, Sekretarka/Kasjerka Antoinette

Trela-Vander Noot, Wice Prezeska Sharon Zago oraz Bogumiła Padowska. To dzięki ich pomocy finansowej zabawa była udana, dzieci otrzymały od Mikołaja Renka Pietrzka wspaniałe zabawki oraz zjadły pyszną pizzę. Impreza rozpoczęła się od dekorowania papierowych choinek. W zabawie uczestniczyło 27 dzieci oraz 30 osób dorosłych. Uczestników przywitała Prezeska Stanowa Obwodu I-Profesor Lidia Filus, następnie życzenia złożyła wszystkim przybyłym Prezydent Virginia Sikora. Następnie dzieci zaproszono do rozmaitych zabaw i konkursów, które aranżowała i świetnie prowadziła nasz nieoceniony choreograf Iwona Puc- Piechocka. cd. na str. 15.