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*Best Wishes
for a
Happy and Blessed
Easter!*



*Radosnych Świąt Wielkanocnych!
Wesołego Alleluja!*

Dear Members and Friends!

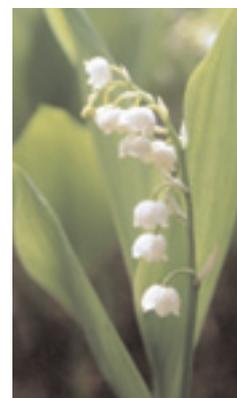
As we celebrate, once again, the Resurrection of Christ and rejoice over this greatest miracle of our Faith, let us also rejoice with our families and friends over the coming of Spring and the rebirth, once again, of Nature's wonders all around us.

My wishes to you are for a healthy, peaceful, and blessed Easter, spent with your family and friends and observed in the age-old Polish way. As you prepare your baskets to be blessed on Holy Saturday and as you attend Mass and share "Święcone" with your loved ones on Easter Sunday, you will be repeating, once again, the cherished traditions of our ancestors and, in so doing, you will be preserving them for future generations by passing them on to your children and grandchildren.

Easter is the perfect time to—once again—renew our devotion to our Faith, to our families, and to our beautiful Polish traditions.

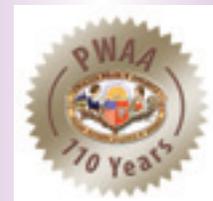
Happy Easter! Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych!

*Virginia Sikora
National President*



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday
June 22, 2008



PWAA 110th
Anniversary Celebration



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0087	Sasula, Bozena	Irene Honc-Jadlos	Lakewood, OH
0132	Grygus, Joshua L	Delphine E Huneycutt	Mokena, IL
0132	Kalbfell, Connor G	Maryann Michalak	Valparaiso, IN
0141	Andrews, Amanda C	35th Conv. Special	Skaneateles, NY
0141	Andrews, Thomas M	35th Conv. Special	Skaneateles, NY
0141	Andrews, Alexander R	35th Conv. Special	Skaneateles, NY
0145	Steidl, Kylie H	35th Conv. Special	Downers Grove, IL
0160	Wawiorko, Valerie L	Home Office	Chicago, IL
0189	Jarecki, Theodore N	Eileen Jarecki	New Berlin, WI
0211	Szumny, Joanna	A. Trela Vander Noot	Darien, IL
0211	Szumny, Jakub	A. Trela Vander Noot	Darien, IL
0214	Kelly, Joseph E	35th Conv. Special	New Kensington, PA
0267	Grella, Kiana	Bertha Kuckla	Dalton, PA
0267	Malec, Mickey	Bertha Kuckla	Lake Ariel, PA
0267	Malec, Max	Bertha Kuckla	Lake Ariel, PA
0267	Goldberg, Hannah	Bertha Kuckla	Scranton, PA
0267	Goldberg, Sarah	Bertha Kuckla	Scranton, PA
0267	Grella, Mason	Bertha Kuckla	Dalton, PA
0267	Barnak, Noelle	Bertha Kuckla	Newark, DE
0267	Barnak, Alyssa	Bertha Kuckla	Newark, DE
0267	Tallini, Ian	Bertha Kuckla	Glenside, PA
0275	Crouse, Helen R	Danuta Zalewski	Baton Rouge, LA
0275	Zalewski, Chloe M	Danuta Zalewski	Gretna, NE
0317	Bielski, Sophie G	Jennie Benton	Chicopee, MA
0351	Manarchuck, Joshua A	Nellie Manarachuk	Hallifax, PA
0351	Connelly, Shawn E	Nellie Manarachuk	Carbondale, PA
0356	DeGeorge, Allison P	Bernyce Wagman	Omaha, NE
0362	Sikora, Rebecca A	Joseph P. Miscioli	Plains, PA
0390	Syracuse, Isabella D	Diana Urbino	Cheektowaga, NY
0408	Brooks, Baylin K	35th Conv. Special	Sommerville, SC
0409	Bednarz, Susan C	Bernadette Vlock	Omaha, NE
0422	Zielinski, Anthony D	Sylvia Morytko	E. Longmeadow, MA
0431	Slavinski, Paige E	Pamela Slavinski	West Woyoming, PA
0431	Moore, Maddox Q	Pamela Slavinski	West Woyoming, PA
0468	Foreman, Arina	Helen Jakubowski	Bronx, NY
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0525	Sexton, Joseph W	Joanne Battaglia	McKinney, TX
0525	Sexton, Madeline M	Joanne Battaglia	McKinney, TX
0525	Collins, John M	Joanne Battaglia	Huntley, IL
0579	Mickelson, Tyler W	Danuta Zalewski	Omaha, NE
0579	Swenson III, Jerry C	Mary Jachym	Omaha, NE
0579	Soria Jr, Joe A	Mary Jachym	Omaha, NE
0579	Boltinghouse, Austin J	Mary Jachym	Bellevue, NE
0579	Boltinghouse, Michael A	Mary Jachym	Bellevue, NE
0611	Murowski, Andrea	Andrea Murkowski	Bayonne, NJ
0637	DeGroff, Kyle J	Stephanie T Marcaccio	Kensington, CT
0642	Plunkett, Sarah F	35th Conv. Special	Redondo Beach, CA
0642	Plunkett, Hewitt P	35th Conv. Special	Redondo Beach, CA
0661	Raciborski-Rieffer, Brandy	Social Member	Elgin, IL
0677	Schweizer, Matthew	M. Mackiewicz Duffy	Scotch Plains, NJ
0677	Schweizer, Danielle	M. Mackiewicz Duffy	Scotch Plains, NJ
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0721	Bednarski, Brooke J	Francis Bednarski	Portage, PA
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Next Deadlines for Głos Polek

May/June 2008 issue: Deadline for articles is April 1st
July/August issue: Deadline for articles is June 1st



110th Anniversary



Celebration

Please join us to observe this milestone in our history!

Sunday, June 22, 2008

Cafe La Cave, Des Plaines, Illinois



Gala Anniversary Banquet and Scholarship Fundraiser

Cocktails at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$110 per person

\$1000 for Table of Ten

For more information on the Banquet and Hotel Accommodations, please call 1-800-522-1898, ext. 206. Formal Invitations will be mailed in April.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!

PWA National Headquarters is now calling
for Nominations for ...

"DISTRICT FRATERNALIST OF DISTINCTION"

to be recognized during the
110th Anniversary Festivities in June, 2008

In 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. 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 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.

One "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 mail nominations to:

Office of the President
Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N. Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Insurance Corner

with **Bo Padowski**



Q: I would like more information on the 110th PWAA Anniversary Special advertised in the last issue of "Glos Polek."
Ursula, PA

A: We are very proud that this year our organization is celebrating the 110th Anniversary of its founding. We realize that without our members it would not have been possible to reach such a milestone. This is why we announced the 110th Anniversary Special as our THANK YOU to all of our members for being there with us through all of these years—for trusting us with your finances and for supporting us in our charitable and fraternal activities.

During this special promotion, we are giving away \$110 of free insurance coverage for every \$5,000 in insurance that you purchase. For example, if you apply for \$10,000, we will add \$220 to the face value; if you apply for \$15,000, we will add \$330 with no cost to you, and so on.

Practically every whole life insurance plan currently offered by Polish Women's Alliance qualifies for this special offer. You can choose to go with a Single Payment, a 10-Year Payment plan, or with a new option designed especially for the Anniversary Special which lets you pay your Single Payment Premium in Four Equal Installments. Included with this issue of *Glos Polek* you will find an insert with the rates for \$5,000 of Single Payment coverage for non-smokers. If you are smoker or if you want to apply for bigger policy, please contact the Home Office.

The four equal payments, which a lot of our members asked for, should be a very popular and easy method of paying your premiums. You will not be paying more if you choose to go with four payments instead.

Q: What are annual contribution limits for IRA for this tax year?
Chris, CT

A: Regardless of the type of IRA (Traditional or Roth) you choose, the federal government determines the limits of the annual contributions you can make. The chart below shows the maximum dollar amount individuals are allowed to deposit into their IRAs for the years 2007 and 2008. After 2008, the contribution limit will rise in increments of \$500, depending upon the level of inflation.

Deposits into your IRA do not have to be made all at the same time. (For example: In the year 2008, a 40-year-old man can deposit \$1,250 every 3 months into his IRA, or \$416.67 each month. At the end of the year, this would add up to the maximum \$5,000.) The contribution for 2007 can be made up to April 15, 2008. For 2008, the contribution can begin on January 1, 2008, and it must be completed no later than April 15, 2009. Due to the tax advantages of investing through an IRA, most IRA owners try to make the maximum **annual** contribution. You cannot contribute more than the total allowable amount during any year.

See page 4 for more information and for an application.

Tax season is here! Polish Women's Alliance offers both Traditional and Roth IRA accounts. We pay up to 5% interest in the first year. Please contact me for more details by phone 888-522-1898 ext. 228 or by email at padowski@pwa.org. Or see page 4 of this issue of G.P.

— IRA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS —

YEAR	AGE 49 & BELOW	AGE 50 & ABOVE
2007	\$4,000	\$5,000
2008	\$5,000	\$6,000

**Polish Chicago
Our History — Our Recipes**

A great gift at Easter, or anytime! Lots of Polish recipes to share and enjoy!



To many, food is nourishment. To Polish Americans, food is a cause for sharing, for celebration, and for honoring tradition. A brand new combination cookbook and history book,

Polish Chicago:

Our History — Our Recipes

turns a spotlight on 36 Polish American restaurants and families who opened up their

kitchens to share time-tested, delectable Polish recipes that go back many generations. You will enjoy reading the personal stories of the chefs and of their families and you will want to prepare the beautifully photographed recipes for your family too! And what better time to try some of the recipes than at Easter?

PWA members will be proud to find the history of Polish Women's Alliance well represented in the pages of this book, both in pictures and in words, along with the stories of other Chicago people and institutions, accompanied by hundreds of photographs. This new and unique book is disappearing quickly off the bookstore shelves and orders are coming in briskly to PWA as well. Send in your order today, while supplies last!

With every copy that you order, a donation will be made to the PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation. Please use the coupon below to place your order and to mark the charitable cause of your choice. With every book you purchase, you will also be contributing to a worthy cause!



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Please send _____ copies of **Polish Chicago** to the above address, at \$37.50 plus \$3.50 per copy for shipping and handling.

I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ (\$41.00 per copy ordered)

Please make your check payable to:
PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation

Please check the charity of your choice:

- Dziecko Polskie (Polish Children's Fund)
- PWA National Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Irena Sendler Fund

Please mail the order form and check to: Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631
Questions? Call 1-888-522-1898, ext 228

DONATIONS RECEIVED

“Bóg Zapłać” to the following Groups and individuals for their donations to Komitet Oświaty and to the District I Scholarship Fund

Group 809: A very generous donation of \$1,000 for the Jr/Sr Academic Scholarship was received by Komitet Oświaty from Our Lady of Czestochowa Group 809 in Parma, Ohio. A quote from the letter from Irene V. Wyderka, President & Financial Secretary, and Dolores M. White, Treasurer, which accompanied the donation, says it all: “It is our prayer that God will continue to bless and guide our young members as they pursue excellence in education and in their personal and professional lives.”

Group 562: Honorary State President District III Evelyn Lisek of Saint Anne’s Group 562 in Merrillville, Indiana, presented a \$100 donation to Komitet Oświaty at the 35th National Convention in Ohio. Komitet Oświaty acknowledges the donation with gratitude. The funds have been deposited and will be used to support our educational programs. Thank-you Group 562!

Ann Widlak Memorial Fund

Ann Widlak of Group 743 Star of the Sea was a dedicated and longtime member of PWA and she continues to support the PWA in spirit, even though she is no longer with us. We acknowledge the following who made donations to the PWA District I Scholarship Fund in Ann’s memory:

PWA Group 743	\$100
Helen Wojcik, Group 743	25
PWA Group 15	25
Dorothy L. Polus, Group 15	10
Estate of Ann Widlak, Group 743	340

Two more donations in the memory of Ann Widlak were made to the PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation: Pamela Hecht - \$75 and Querrey & Harrow Ltd - \$100.

Group 732: Suzanne Hudson - \$10 for Oświaty Academic Scholarship.



Council 9

hosts the 11th Annual

Mother - Daughter Luncheon

Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 1 p.m.

Flannagan Hall, St. John Brebeuf
8307 N. Harlem, Niles, IL 60714

Please join us as we also honor our
Council 9 May Queen Lillian Cook

Adults \$15 Children under 12 \$5

Raffle Prizes will be appreciated.

Reservation Deadline: May 5, 2008.

Use form below to send in your reservation and check.

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

Council 9 Mother-Daughter Luncheon Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Please reserve _____ Adult Tickets at \$15 each and _____ Child’s Tickets at \$5 each.

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

Make check payable to: PWA Council 9

Mail to: Council 9 President R. Solms, 6935 N. Milwaukee, Apt.103, Niles, IL 60714

It’s Here!!

**Your chance to
WIN BIG
with
POLISH WOMEN’S
ALLIANCE!**



**Win \$4500 in Prize Money
in**

PWA’S NATIONAL CASH RAFFLE

**Return your lucky tickets as soon as possible.
The deadline is June 15, 2008.**

Entries must be postmarked June 15, 2008, 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, 2008,
during the State Presidents’ Conference in Illinois.*

**Proceeds to benefit Komitet Oświaty, the PWA Education Committee,
promoting Polish culture and heritage. Please support our 2008
National Raffle. You could be one of the lucky winners!**

KOMITET OSWIATY
SHARON ZAGO, VICE PRESIDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN
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MARCIA MACKIEWICZ DUFFY, AND FELICIA PERLICK

**GREAT POLISH BOOKS ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION and PWA BOOK CLUB**

The PWA Book Club meets Mondays at the PWA Home Office at 6:30 p.m. The current selection is *Poland* by James A. Michener. The readings for the month of March are as follows:

Monday, March 10: Chapter 8	Monday, March 24: Chapter X
Monday, March 17: Chapter 9	Monday, March 31: Final Discussion

Meetings are held at Polish Women’s Alliance of America, 6643 North Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL, 60631. For details, please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208.

PWAA 110th

Anniversary Special

**Get \$110 FREE Insurance for
every \$5000 you purchase.**

See Insert for details!





Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Group 815 Queen of Peace meeting at 1 p.m., Salvatorian Hall in Merrillville, Indiana. Program for the year will be discussed including the Mother's Day Buffet. Contact: Frances Kaminski, President.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Group 211 meeting at 1 p.m. at PWA Home Office, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, 2nd floor. Business meeting followed by luncheon. All members and guests welcome! Contact Fin. Secretary Antoinette Trela Vander Noot at 847-384-1206.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

District I Swieconka, 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 6

Group 341 Krakowianki meeting at 9:30 a.m., Panera Bread Company, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh. Contact: Vicki Niemiec.

SATURDAY APRIL 12

Council 9 Planning Meeting at 1 p.m. St. John Brebeuf, Flanagan Hall, in Niles. Light refreshments welcome. All delegates are invited. Contact: President Regina Solms at 847-337-1855.

SATURDAY APRIL 12



**DISCO!
DISCO!**

Spring DISCO DANCE for teens and pre-teens, ages 11 to 15, PWA Home Office, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For details, see page 9 or call Bo Padowski 1-847-384-1200, ext. 228.

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 Cool-

idge) 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 Misiolok Gamble at 248-689-7993 or visit our webpage at www.pwaa.org/lowiczdancers/

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Group 451 will hold a Luncheon and Card Party at 1 p.m., St. Clement Hall, 5275 Kenilworth in Dearborn, Michigan. Admission is \$10. Please make your reservations by April 9th. Please call Regina 313-581-7921 or Helena at 313-843-6818 or Wanda at 313-581-5405.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Council 27 Mother's Day Celebration at 3 p.m., PWA Home Office, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago. Business meeting will be held at 3 p.m., followed by a buffet reception and entertainment. All delegates, members, and friends are welcome. Please contact: President Czeslawa Kolak at 773-792-1352 or Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Council 9 Mother-Daughter Luncheon at 1 p.m. at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, IL. For reservations see box on page 6 or call Adeline Holda at 1-773-736-5861.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Group 821 will celebrate the 110th Anniversary of PWA with a Mass at 6 p.m. in St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles, followed by a reception and entertainment in the Parish Hall. All members and guests are welcome. Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Reservation deadline: May 10th. For more information please contact: Czeslawa Kolak at 773-792-1352

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 *Glos Polek*.

Council 27 Election and Installation



Council 27 held its election meeting and installation at the House of the White Eagle in Niles, IL, on Saturday, December 9, 2007. National President Virginia Sikora administered the oath of office to the following officers: President Czeslawa Kolak, Vice President Lidia Filus, Secretary Bo Padowski, and Treasurer Barbara Ciepiela. Delegates then attended the District I Oplatek.



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

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 "Swieconka" 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

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!

Polish Easter Traditions



The blessing of baskets, “Swiecone” is one of the oldest Easter traditions in Poland. People prepare the “blessing basket” Saturday morning before Easter, into which they place colored eggs “pisanki,” bread, babka, salt, paper, horseradish, butter, and sausages, and then they go to church to have the food in the basket blessed by a priest. Everything in the basket has a symbolic meaning: The horseradish symbolizes the suffering of Christ, the colored eggs symbolize the risen Christ, the bread and salt are a wish for good health and a successful life. White Easter sausages are a special tradition at this time of year, freshly made, and they express a wish for enough food and fertility during the coming spring. The basket can also contain cheese-cake and marzipan and a lamb made from butter or sugar. The basket is covered with a lace cloth and decorated with ribbons, flowers, pussy willow, and green sprigs.

“Swiecone” is also the name of the Easter Sunday brunch, when the

family partakes of the food that was blessed in church on Holy Saturday. This meal is as important as the Christmas dinner for a Polish family and is imbued with religious meaning and folklore. At the beginning of the Easter meal, each of the participants wishes the others of the family good luck and happiness, sharing a blessed Easter egg with one another, much the same way they do with oplatek at Wigilia. The shells of the blessed eggs are buried in the garden or orchard after the meal to ensure a good growing season.

Another unique Polish tradition connected with Easter, is Smigus Dyngus or Wet Monday. On the day after Easter, Poles splash each other with water, considering this a wish for good health. Even passers-by on the street are not safe from being doused with cold water by strangers on Easter Monday. And young men have a lot of fun lying in wait for young girls and splashing them with water, much to everyone’s delight.

After the long weeks of Lent when no partying was allowed and people fasted, Easter Sunday and Wet Monday are joyous occasions, when families celebrate with delicious food and drink and rejoice in the message of the Resurrection and the arrival of spring!

Polish Easter Eggs “Pisanki”

There are various ways of making pisanki, and they even have different names, based on the technique that was used to make them:

Kraszanki are made by boiling the egg in an extract made from plants or other natural products. The colour of a kraszanka depends on the kind of product used to get the desired color: brown eggs came from being boiled in onion peels; black from the bark of oak or from the nutshell of walnut; gold from the bark of a young apple tree or from marigolds; violet from the petals of the mallow flower; green from the shoots of young rye or from leaves of periwinkle; and pink comes from cooking the eggs in beet juice.

Drapanki or skrobanki are made by scratching a design on the surface of a kraszanka with a sharp tool, to reveal the white of the egg shell.

Pisanki are created by drawing on an egg shell covered with a layer of

molten wax, or alternately drawing designs with wax on a bare egg. The egg is then submerged into a dye. The name comes from the Polish word for writing: “pisanie.”

Naklejanki or nalepianki are decorated with petals, scraps of colourful paper (including wycinanki) or scraps of cloth.

Oklejanki or wyklejanki are decorated with ribbon, string, straw, or yarn.

Women spent the days of Holy Week preparing the eggs to be proudly displayed in her baskets on Holy Saturday. In the past, only women decorated eggs. Men were not even allowed to come inside the house during the process, as it was believed that they could put a spell on the eggs and cause bad luck. The oldest known Polish pisanki date from the 10th century, although it is probable that eggs were decorated by Slavic peoples even earlier.

Easter Flowers



Easter eggs are not the only symbols of Easter. Nature starts to bloom in the spring so we also have the lily, the dogwood, and the pussy willow coming in all their glory. Here are their stories!

The pure white lily has long been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. There is also a legend that when the Virgin Mary’s tomb was visited three days after her burial, it was found empty save for bunches of majestic white lilies. A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the Resurrection and of the greater meaning of Easter.

As legend has it, the cross on which Jesus was crucified was made from a dogwood tree. At the time, the dogwood grew as tall and strong as the mighty oak. After seeing how sad the tree was about the use its strength had been put to, God decreed that never again would it grow large enough to be used to make a cross. Today, the dogwood tree is a small, compact tree that blooms at Eastertime. Its blossoms have four petals which make the shape of a cross. The center of the flower resembles the crown of thorns and the red clustered fruit represents the blood of Christ.



Pussy willow branches or catkins, called “bazie” or “kotki” in Polish, are cut several weeks before Easter and placed in water so they sprout their furry, little buds by Palm Sunday. According to one Polish folk custom, swallowing one of the furry buds was said to ensure health all year. Girls also could expect to have their legs thrashed by boys chasing them with pussy willow branches.

How did the pussy willow get its name? According to an old Polish legend, many springtimes ago, a mother cat was crying at the bank of the river in which her kittens were drowning. The willows at the river’s edge wanted to help her, so they swept their long branches into the waters to rescue the tiny kittens who had fallen into the water while chasing butterflies. The kittens gripped on tightly to the willow branches and were safely brought to shore. Every springtime since, says the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung.



Happy Easter! Smacznego Jajka!
For Polish Easter Recipes go to www.pwaa.org

Garland Youth Section

Special Youth Committee Formed

In accordance with a recommendation that was presented by the Youth Committee at the PWA National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2007 and accepted by the delegates, we are happy to announce that a committee of five PWA members between the ages of 18 and 30 has been officially formed. They have agreed to serve on the Special Youth Committee, working with each other by e-mail. A report of their findings will be presented in person at the 2008 State Presidents' Conference in Chicago. Please pray for guidance on their deliberations.

The five Committee members from across the nation are as follows:

West Coast Rep:	Ryan Thompson	Gr. 814	District XII California
Midwest Rep:	Ann Miklas	Gr. 661	District I Illinois
MidwestRep:	Daniel Sasula	Gr. 49	District VI Wisconsin
East Coast Rep:	Monica Moriarty	Gr. 442	District VIII Massachusetts
East Coast Rep:	Christina Lopez	Gr. 530	District XIV Pennsylvania

All Teens and Pre-teens Ages 11 to 15 are invited to a

SPRING DISCO!



Date: April 12, 2008
Time: 6 pm to 10 pm
Place: PWA Home Office
 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago
Donation: \$6 for PWAA Members and \$8 for Non-Members

PIZZA! POP! FUN! MUSIC! DJ! MEET NEW FRIENDS!

You can also invite your own friends to come with you!

Adult chaperones will be there all evening.

Parents can drop you off at 6 p.m. and pick you up at 10 p.m.

For details and reservations, please call Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220 no later than March 28, 2008, or mail the reservation form below with your check to Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631.

RESERVATION FORM

Child's Name: _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth: _____ PWAA Member: Yes No

Parent Name: _____

Phone Nos: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Child's Name: _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth: _____ PWAA Member: Yes No

Parent Name: _____

Phone Nos: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Child's Name: _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth: _____ PWAA Member: Yes No

Parent Name: _____

Phone Nos: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Child's Name: _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth: _____ PWAA Member: Yes No

Parent Name: _____

Phone Nos: Home: _____ Cell: _____

No. of tickets: _____ PWA members at \$6 and _____ Non-Members at \$8
 Check for a total of \$ _____ enclosed.

District I Trip to Jamestown, Virginia for Youth Members Ages 14 - 18

May 29 - June 2, 2008



Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the first Polish settlers in America

Chicago, IL—District I in cooperation with the Polish Club at Foreman High School and under the guidance of Czeslawa Kolak, President of Council 27, is organizing a bus trip to Jamestown, Virginia, for PWA members between the ages of 14 and 18. The trip will be from May 29 to June 2, 2008. Participants must be in good health.

The theme of the trip is "What Role did the Polish Pioneers in Jamestown play in shaping American history?" Besides visiting Jamestown, tour participants will also visit Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., American Czeslochowa in Doylestown, and Niagara Falls.

The expected cost is \$500 per participant which includes transportation, lodgin, and basic meals. District I will contribute \$200 per each PWA member from District I. Councils and Groups are encouraged to contribute to the cost of the trip for their members too. The number of places is limited and they will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. The deadline for reservations is March 30th. A deposit of \$150 is required by the deadline and the full amount must be paid by April 15th.

Checks payable to PWA District I should be mailed to President Lidia Filus, 325 S. Chester, Park Ridge, IL 60068. For more information, please contact the District President at 847-698-0250 or at L-Filus@neiu.edu.

The First Products "Made in America" Were Manufactured by Poles

Jamestown, located on Jamestown Island in the Virginia Colony, was founded on May 14, 1607. It is commonly regarded as the first permanent English settlement in America.

The task of organizing the settlement, with the goal of producing quality goods for the Virginia Company to send back to England, was given to Captain John Smith.

Captain Smith knew and appreciated Polish craftsmen and artisans, so in 1608 he organized a second expedition to America, bringing Polish workers to the new settlement. The first group also included workers from Holland and Prussia. They arrived in Jamestown on October 1, 1608, aboard the English vessel, the Mary and Margaret. The 400th anniversary of their arrival is what we are so proudly celebrating this year! Poles were among the very first people to live and work in America.

Immediately after reaching Jamestown, the Poles began producing goods needed to develop the settlement, like pitch and soap. Soon they they also started operating the first



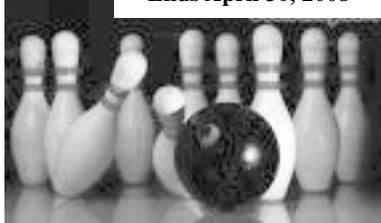
glassworks, which they built one mile outside of Jamestown and which was to become the first official factory in America. Historians confirm that the factory created by Polish craftsmen in 1608 was the first one ever built in America and their glass products were the first goods manufactured in the future United States of America! Polish glass was famous all over Europe and soon the exports from America were being sold there as well.

To this day there is a company in Jamestown called Jamestown Glasshouse which is a successor of the glassworks built by Poles in 1608. Artistic glass products are produced there with the use of the traditional methods and designs which go back 400 years.

Garland Youth Section

Komitet Oswiaty Announces The 2008 POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Ends April 30, 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 Robert Gorny, 2nd Vice President Polish Falcons, 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.

PWA JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

Five Scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded.

Before submitting your application, please read the Scholarship Program Requirements for the School Year 2008-2009 on the PWA website www.pwaa.org. The application period for the Academic Scholarship is from **March 1, 2008 to May 15, 2008.**

This undergraduate college scholarship is for students who maintain a B cumulative average and who will be entering their junior or senior year of full-time accredited undergraduate college in the fall semester of 2008. Full-time students will have a minimum of 24 credit hours per year. An official grade transcript along with a copy of the official grading system used by that school for that transcript must be enclosed with this application reflecting your B cumulative average. Trade school and other school applicants shall be considered on an "individual basis." Attach two letters of recommendation (see requirement No. 8).

The Scholarship Committee will not consider any incomplete, unsigned or late applications. They will be automatically rejected! The required essay should be stapled to the application. At the end of the essay be sure to use your word count feature showing that your essay is 300 words or over. The topic for the essay is: "In 300 words or more, present your thoughts on the history and values of the Polish Women's Alliance of America."

Two wallet size photos must be attached to the signed and completed Media/Photo Release Form. All information should be completed in English. Application, essay, wallet size photos, media /photo release form and any insurance applications (if needed) must be submitted to the District President postmarked no later than May 15, 2008. District Presidents must submit applications to the Vice President's Office post-marked by May 31, 2008. Follow all directions completely.

Applicants who are awarded a scholarship, must keep a minimum of \$3,000 insurance coverage in force for ten years after receiving the last qualifying moneys with no outstanding loans or cash withdrawals against this qualifying policy, otherwise the amount of such grant may be deemed a loan and a lien, to the extent thereof, on the applicant-member's certificate or certificates.

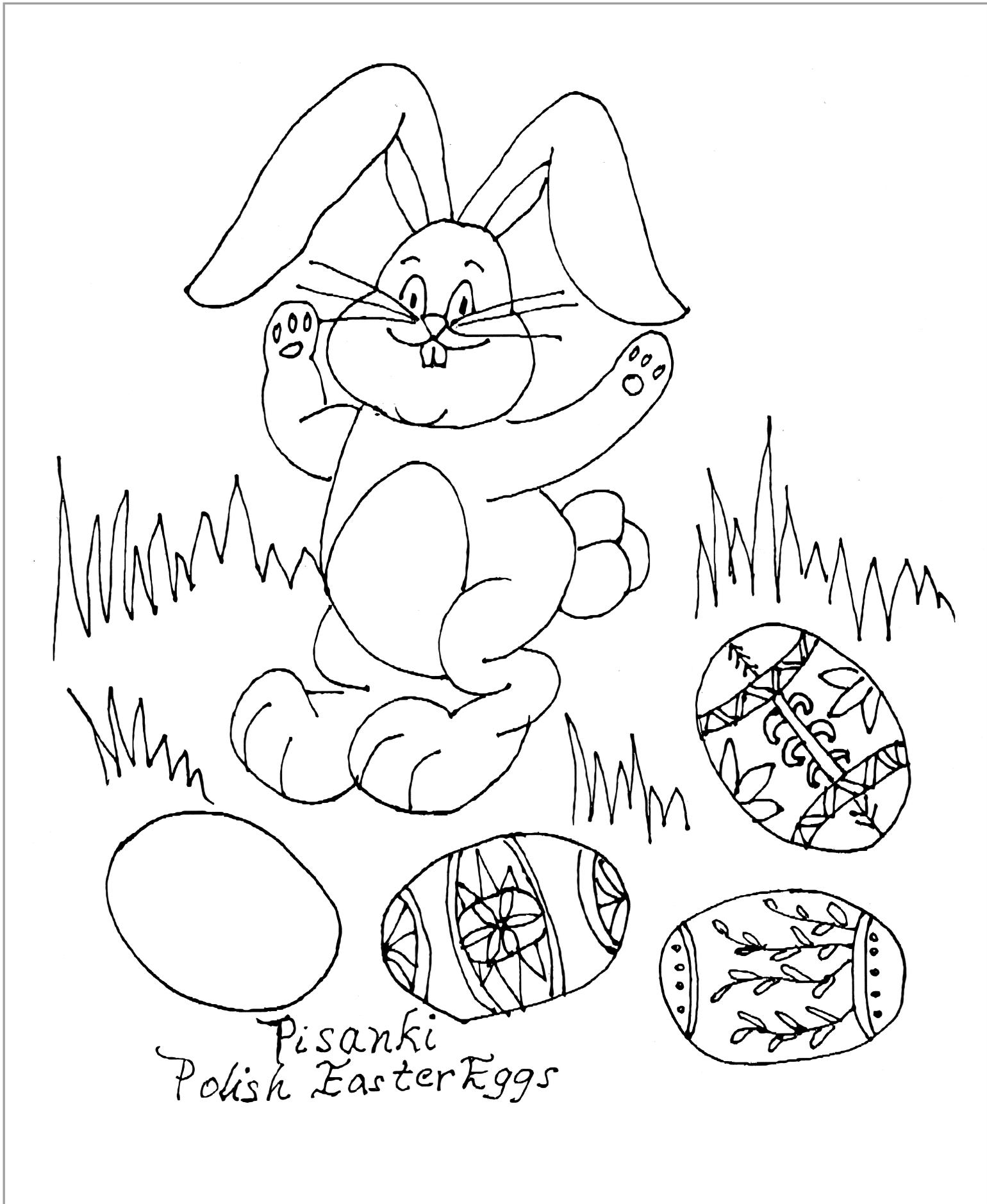
SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS Check the Deadlines!

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

- The regular PWA Scholarship period is now closed. The deadline was **February 15, 2008.**
- The deadline for sending your application to State Presidents is **March 15, 2008**, for these two scholarships:
 - 2008 Academic Award for High School Seniors
 - 2008 Sports Award for High School Seniors
- The period is just starting, from **March 1st to May 15, 2008**, for the Junior and Senior Year (in fall of 2008) Undergraduate College Academic Scholarships.
- Coming **June 1st!**
Polish Studies Program Scholarship in Krakow, Poland

**All scholarship forms are available at www.pwaa.org
All scholarship applications must be mailed to your District President.**

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

Age Categories:
The above Prizes will be awarded in each age category:

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

IN LOVING MEMORY
Annette W. Seman
Group 341

Pittsburgh, PA—Officers and members of Group 341 Krakowianki mourn the passing of officer Anette W. Seman on September 9, 2007, at the age of 65. Annette had been a dedicated officer of the Group for many years as well as a lifetime member. She had served as Wianek Counselor and as Financial Secretary. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Casimir Church in Pittsburgh on September 13, 2007.

As secretary for the diocese of Pittsburgh, Annette came into contact with many priests and dignitaries, many of whom attended the funeral, including Bishop Paul Bradley. Annette is survived by her husband Bill, children Deborah and Bill, as well as grandchildren, a sister and a brother, and many friends in the community and in Polish Women's Alliance. She was a loyal member and she will be missed.

Lillian Belkowski
Group 488

Detroit, MI—It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of one of our most beloved members of many years, Lillian Belkowski, age 90.

Officers and members extend their sympathy to her family, daughter Denise (Alvin) Choma and son David (Diane). Lillian had ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. She was a very special person. May she rest in peace!

Vivian Konwinski
Recording Secretary

Helen Rybarczyk
Group 585

Detroit, MI—Longtime member of Group 585 Helen Rybarczyk passed away recently. Group officers and members will keep her in their prayers and would like to extend their deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

May she rest in peace.

Cześć Jej Pamięci!

Kathryn Modelski, President
Virginia Kuznia, Rec. Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

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

Gr.	Name	City	Gr.	Name	City
0051	Hudson, Hedwig	Wintersville, OH	0751	Sowka, Rita	Stevens Point, WI
0067	Walewski, Bronislawa	Stratford, CT	0751	Nichiporuk, Antonia	Stevens Point, WI
0070	Zega, Viola	Ogden, UT	0752	Wysocki, Maryanna	South Gate, CA
0070	Maxwell, Adeline	Crete, IL	0754	Kovach, Franciszka	Amherst, OH
0138	Wojcik, Elizabeth	Glenview, IL	0776	Koza, Helen	Adams, MA
0138	Harris, Esther	Chicago, IL	0787	Komorowski, Mary	Weehawken, NJ
0170	Czaplicki, Dorothy	Allen Park, MI	0809	Lucas, Helen	Fairport Harbor, OH
0173	Gryko, Stella	Buffalo, NY	0812	Gwozdz, Stella	Hattiesburg, MS
0180	Jimmie, Mary	El Paso, TX	0001	Becker, Henrietta M	Northfield, IL
0181	Pierski, Aniela	Peru, IL	0037	Miklusak, Mary A	Whiting, IN
0185	Dombroski, Josephine	Stratford, CT	0073	Dorigan, Kathryn M	Chicago, IL
0211	Trela, Zoe E	Morton Grove, IL	0077	Werner, Mary A	Conover, NC
0214	Skindzier, Bernadete	Pittsburgh, PA	0112	Przybyla, Eleanor J	Chicago, IL
0224	Krantz, Gertrude	Pittsburgh, PA	0127	Dworakowski, Isabelle L	Dearborn Hts, MI
0225	Wagner, Anna	Harper Woods, MI	0127	Lloyd, Margaret R	Saint Clair Shores, MI
0226	Shopa, Evelyn	Detroit, MI	0132	Gorney, Mary L	Saint John, IN
0227	Zarnowski, Rita	Highland, MI	0138	Szabla, Dorothy A	Palos Hills, IL
0237	Weiss, Harriet	Chicago, IL	0148	Baranowski, Anthony J	Philadelphia, PA
0786	Przybylko, Regina	Detroit, MI	0170	Boak, Frances A	Alpena, MI
0254	Meyers, Cecylia	Buffalo, NY	0181	Szott, Stella E	Peru, IL
0254	Maslowski, Leokadya	Buffalo, NY	0182	Berschig, Patricia J	Hudson, OH
0260	Stryjewska, Teodozja	Nanticoke, PA	0182	Pokrywka, Lawrence G	Pittsburgh, PA
0264	Yamrick, Alice	Kingston, PA	0182	McGuire, Christina M	Saltsburg, PA
0305	Grandys, Zofia	Oak Brook, IL	0225	Choate, Lorraine C	Clawson, MI
0356	Cieslik, Clara	Omaha, NE	0114	Sable, Shirley P	Elk Grove Vlg, IL
0359	Kroll, Helen	West Seneca, NY	0786	Seske, Sylvia K	Grosse Pointe Shores, MI
0362	Kownacki, Marie	Plains, PA	0254	Rusinski, Gertrude S	Feasterville Trevoze, PA
0364	Kujtkowski, Sylvia	Englewood, FL	0280	Little, Sophie M	Vernon Rockville, CT
0398	Grzymkowski, Hattie	Furlong, PA	0280	Pawluc, Angela P	East Hartford, CT
0398	Brennan, Julia	Somerset, NJ	0303	Sarnowski, Irene J	Glenshaw, PA
0418	Nowicki, Wanda	Saint Clair Shores, MI	0304	Harcar, Carolyn	Lakewood, CA
0418	Chudzik, Janina	Shelby Twp, MI	0304	Glaser, Florence L	Mc Kees Rocks, PA
0419	Kosowska, Helena	Buffalo, NY	0311	Kovalchik, Josephine M	Middletown, PA
0419	Kowalkowska, Florence	Tonawanda, NY	0313	Turczyn, Josephine J	Whitesboro, NY
0422	Lawson, Anna	South Hadley, MA	0327	Krispin, Joseph J	Shavetown, PA
0423	Mares, Florence	Wheaton, IL	0362	Susek, Stella J	Plains, PA
0425	Zawisha, Veronica	Belmar, NJ	0379	Dziomba, Carrie B	Cheektowaga, NY
0440	Schulz, Stella	Cream Ridge, NJ	0381	Guziec, Stefania M	Dunkirk, NY
0452	Kniss, Blanche	Lake Ariel, PA	0418	Deguire, Rita E	Dearborn Hts, MI
0463	Reuss, Viola	Westfield, MA	0432	Petritus, Mary A	Olyphant, PA
0475	Zatwarnicki, Dolores	New Kensington, PA	0451	Remkus, Jeannette C	Boynton Beach, FL
0480	Vandenberg, Victoria	Ann Arbor, MI	0469	Prybylo, Bernice M	Morganton, NC
0481	Wallace, Jennie	Warren, MI	0477	Graczyk, Sophia H	Natrona Hts, PA
0488	Grzywinski, Bernice	Livonia, MI	0480	Lachcik, Yolanda V	Mokena, IL
0510	Pykosz, Yolanda	Spencerport, NY	0509	Fallon, Evelyn M	Wilkes Barre, PA
0535	Bosak, Olga	Old Forge, PA	0509	Schappert, Mary A	Wilkes Barre, PA
0535	Golembiewski, Gene	Taylor, PA	0515	Mszanowski, Helen E	Oil City, PA
0536	Sedlak, Frances	Franklin, WI	0530	Stewart, Cecelia T	Vineland, NJ
0561	Koczat, Phyllis	Eastpointe, MI	0561	Dunn, Kathryn A	Rural Hall, NC
0601	Sieracki, Helen	Milford, NJ	0568	Kujawa, Dorothy M	Nottingham, MD
0602	Wysocki, Blanche B	Newark, NJ	0568	Jankowiak, Helen B	Baltimore, MD
0611	Kaczka, Genevieve	Mountainside, NJ	0570	Merchel, Anna V	Dearborn, MI
0661	Augustiniak, Marian	Harwood Hts, IL	0602	Fahy, Ruth H	Old Bridge, NJ
0661	Pawola, Adela	De Kalb, IL	0699	Dolan, Penelope C	Philadelphia, PA
0665	Muszko, Alfreda	Cleveland, OH	0723	Selcke, Mary E	Calumet City, IL
0673	Tarnowski, Nancy	Colchester, CT	0726	Smith, Victoria A	Holbrook, MA
0693	Glogowski, Kay	Niles, IL	0763	Pirog, Ann M	Baltimore, MD
0718	Schreiner, Regina	Clinton, MA	0763	Dominiak, Joseph M	Baltimore, MD
0723	Mark, Angeline	Elmwood Park, IL	0784	Machulak, Lillian M	San Diego, CA
0729	Polakoski, Norma	Spring Lake, NJ	0806	Bonarski, Emily A	Paw Paw, MI
0743	Cihon, Emily	White Bear Lake, MN	0814	Kaplan, Carol L	Chatsworth, CA
0749	Skalba, Helen	Hammond, IN			



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



Obwód 1-szy Związku Polek w Ameryce
zaprasza wszystkich członków i ich przyjaciół
na uroczystą i tradycyjną

Święconkę

Sobota, 5 kwietnia, 2008

w Salach Bankietowych Białego Orła
6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714

Rozpoczęcie o 11:30 AM

Obiad o 12:30 w południe

Dorośli – \$28.00

Dzieci do 12 lat – \$13.00

50/50 Loteria Pieniężna

Cały dochód przeznaczony jest na działalność grup
młodzieżowych ZPWA

Rezerwacje przyjmowane będą do 29 marca, 2008

Kontakt: **Lidia Filus**, Prezesa Stanowa Obwodu 1-szego
1 847 698-0250

Albo proszę wysłać pocztą poniżej przygotowaną rezerwację

Czek prosimy wystawić na:

PWA District I: Lidia Filus, 325 S. Chester
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Proszę o rezerwowanie miejsc na *Święconkę*

Dla _____ dorosłych i _____ dzieci do lat 12

Załączam czek na sumę \$ _____

SPECIALNA OFERTA UBEZPIECZENIOWA z okazji 110 rocznicy ZPWA

od 1 lutego do 30 czerwca 2008

Szczegóły w załączonej ulotce

Nowe stypendia dla młodzieży studiującej!

Szczegóły na stronie 10

LOTERIA PIENIĘŻNA ZPWA

**Prosimy członków o poparcie dorocznej
loterii Komitetu Oświaty.**

Losy zostały rozesłane do wszystkich członków.

Szczegóły na stronie 6

O Rzymskim Tryptyku Jana Pawła II

W trzecią rocznicę śmierci

Kiedy szóstego marca 2003 roku ukazał się tomik zawierający poemat *Rzymski Tryptyk*, było to prawdziwe wydarzenie w świecie kultury i religii katolickiej. Papież zawsze interesował się literaturą; studiował ją na uniwersytecie i jako student, a potem jako ksiądz, pisywał wiersze, poetyckie dramaty i sztuki teatralne. Pisał też wiele jako Papież, ale nie były to utwory literackie; i dopiero pod koniec życia, aby wyrazić swoje najgłębsze przemyślenia na temat człowieka i Boga, wrócił do poezji – sztuki, w której przy pomocy słów można wyrazić się najpiękniej i najpełniej, można stworzyć utwory bogate w coraz to nowe znaczenia ukryte pod warstwą symboli, które będą się poddawać wielu interpretacjom. Taki jest właśnie *Tryptyk*. W swoim ostatnim poemacie Karol Wojtyła przemawia jako poeta, teolog i filozof, a podtytuł tomiku – “Medytacje” – wskazuje na głębokie i powtarzające się przemyślenia, które towarzyszą autorowi w życiu.

Utwór skomponowany jest z trzech części, czym przywodzi na myśl konstrukcję klasycznego ołtarza kościelnego. W pierwszej części, zatytułowanej “Strumień”, pisze Papież o pięknie Natury, o ludzkiej potrzebie zrozumienia tego piękna i odkrycia jego “przyczyny”. Człowiek, chociaż jest częścią Natury i przemija tak jak ona, różni się od niej tym, że posiada świadomość przemijania. Człowiek także ulega zdumieniu, ma w sobie chęć poznawania i potrafi się zachwycić, a te cechy umysłu umożliwiają szukanie prawdy i zastanawianie się nad początkiem, końcem, i wogóle nad sensem życia. Człowiek, pisze Karol Wojtyła, powinien dążyć do odkrycia i zrozumienia “źródła”, które jest początkiem “strumienia” i zarazem “Słowem”, które było na Początku, jak uczy Biblia. Strumień w wierszu to górski strumień, który spada w dół, i żeby dojść do źródła, człowiek musi iść w górę, pod prąd, przedzierać się i pokonywać przeciwności. To usilne szukanie “Prawdy – Początku – Słowa – Źródła” i zmaganie się w wędrówce przez życie, to cecha losu ludzkiego, to nasza ludzka kondycja.

W środkowej części *Tryptyku*, zatytułowanej: “Medytacje nad ‘Księgą Rodzaju’ na progu Kaplicy Sykstyńskiej”, poeta kontempluje freski Michała Anioła na suficie i ścianach Kaplicy. Akt stworzenia opisany w Genesis – to słynne “Na początku było Słowo” – staje się wizją. Geniusz malarza, używając kolorów i kształtów, przekłada “Słowo” w konkretny obraz “Początku”, kiedy Bóg tworzy Człowieka. Papież zwraca się do kardynałów wyrażając nadzieję, że nadzwyczajnie potężna wizja z polichromii Michała Anioła będzie do nich zawsze przemawiała i będą się wspólnie troszczyć “o dziedzictwo kluczy, kluczy Królestwa”.

W trzecim panelu tryptyku zatytułowanym “Wzgórze w Krainie Moria” Abraham i jego syn wchodzą na szczyt góry, gdzie ma być złożona ofiara z Izaaka. Ta część poematu jest medytacją na temat poświęcenia, cierpienia i miłości, tego wszystkiego co czyni nas ludźmi.

(Wiersz z pierwszej części *Tryptyku Rzymskiego* Karola Wojtyły)

2. Źródło

Zatoka lasu zstępuje
w rytmie górskich potoków...
Jeśli chcesz znaleźć źródło,
musisz iść do góry, pod prąd.
Przedzierać się, szukaj, nie ustępuj,
wiesz, że ono musi tu gdzieś być –
Gdzie jesteś, źródło?... Gdzie jesteś, źródło?!
Cisza...

Strumieniu, leśny strumieniu,
odsłoń mi tajemnicę
swego początku!

(Cisza – dlaczego milczysz?)

Jakże starannie ukryłeś tajemnicę twego początku.)

Pozwól mi wargi umoczyć

w źródlanej wodzie

odczuć świeżość, ożywczą świeżość.

Wiosna w poezji polskiej

Maria Konopnicka

Wiosna do poety

Pójdę, pójdę, poeto! Pójdziemy na pole,
Jak skowronkowi, skrzydła ci rozwinę,
Jak rybkę, puszczę na wodną głębinę,
Jak bujnym wiatrom, dam taką ci wolę!

Będziemy słuchać, jak zboża szum rośnie,
W błękit wpatrzeni i w chmurek przeloty,
Jak muszka brzęczy, jak huczy żuk złoty,
Jak dzięcioł puka w gęstwinie na sośnie...

Nad jasną strugą siądziemy na trawie,
Kędy się niebo w wód dwoi przeźroczy;
Ty będziesz patrzył, jak ciągną żurawie,
Ja, jak łyzy jasne padają ci z oczu.

Będziesz mi śpiewał, śpiewał... Wszystkie głosy
Dam fletni twojej, słowiki uciszę,
By gaje drżały srebrzyste od rosy,
Gdy nimi pieśń twa, jak wiatr, zakołysz.

Miesięczną pełnię wyzłocę dla ciebie,
Rankom dam świeżość, a nocom tęsknotę
I takie gwiazdy rozpalę ci złote,
Jakie świeciły na młodym twym niebie.

Brzozom twym srebrne warkocze rozczeszę,
Z ziół wonnych stopom zaścielę kobierce,
Wszystko ożywię, rozbudzę i wskrzeszę...

Pójdę, pójdę, poeto! —

POETA:

A wskrzesisz ty serce?...

Maria Jasnorzewska-Pawlikowska

Ogród

Gdy wiosna zaświta,
jest w ogrodzie raz ciemniej, raz jaśniej.
Wciąż coś zakwita, przekwita.
Wczoraj kwitło moje serce. Dziś jaśmin.

Krokusy

Krokusy wyskakują z ziemi
jak wiolinowe nuty,
a panny się chylą nad niemi
i z nut układają bukiety.



KIERMASZ WIELKANOCNY

Polska Szkoła im. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej będąca pod patronatem Obwodu 1-szego ZPWA, ma zaszczyt zaprosić wszystkich Państwa do udziału w corocznym malowaniu tradycyjnych pisanek wielkanocnych połączonym z Kiermaszem Wielkanocnym. Atrakcją imprezy będą warsztaty zdobienia tradycyjnych pisanek oraz sprzedaż unikalnych jaj wielkanocnych. Dodatkową atrakcją kiermaszu będzie sprzedaż wielkanocnych smakołyków – tradycyjnych wypieków oraz smalczyku.

Nasza młodzież z niecierpliwością czeka na znaną jej z lat ubiegłych zabawę plastyczną – ta forma spotkań z kulturą i tradycją polską cieszy się niesłabnącym powodzeniem także wśród dorosłych. Wykonane przez Państwa lub zakupione pisanki i smakołyki będą na pewno mile widzianym upominkiem świątecznym oraz niezapomnianą dekoracją wielkanocnego stołu.

Kiermasz połączony jest z dniem otwartym szkoły – tego dnia będziemy udzielać Państwu wszelkich informacji związanych z działalnością naszej placówki. Będzie to okazja do bezpośredniego kontaktu z dyrekcją, kadrą pedagogiczną i naszą młodzieżą. Rozmawiając z nami przekonacie się Państwo, że Polska Szkoła im. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej jest szkołą, do której młodzież przychodzi z przyjemnością a każde z rodziców z radością wita sobotni poranek. Zawdzięczamy ten fakt przede wszystkim świetnie przygotowanym do pracy z młodzieżą dwujęzycznym pedagogom, którzy są pasjonatami swego zawodu. Pracujemy w niewielkich zespołach klasowych, co sprzyja formowaniu się przyjaźni między uczniami, buduje atmosferę bliskości i ułatwia nauczycielom wprowadzanie elementów do zajęć lekcyjnych. Rodzice, członkowie Komitetu Rodzicielskiego, dbają o to aby wszelkie decyzje dotyczące szkoły miały na celu dobro naszej młodzieży. Wszystko to gwarantuje sukces naszego przedsięwzięcia, którego dowodem są zwiększające się z roku na rok zapisy do naszej placówki. Mamy nadzieję, że po wizycie w naszej szkole Ci z Państwa, którzy szukają szkoły sobotniej swoich marzeń zaufają nam i powierzą nam swoje pociechy w nowym roku szkolnym.

Serdecznie zapraszamy rodziców i dzieci, gdyż jest to wspaniała okazja do wspólnej zabawy.

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Wielkanoc w staropolskiej kuchni

Opracowano na podstawie książki Marii Lemnis, Henryka Witry: *W staropolskiej kuchni*

Zamieszczony poniżej opis obchodzenia Świąt Wielkanocnych został zaczerpnięty z bardzo ciekawej i cenionej w świecie sztuki kulinarnej i etnografii książki *W staropolskiej kuchni*. Książka ta, oparta na badaniach historycznych i etnograficznych, jest skarbnicą autentycznych przepisów i obyczajów.

Wielkanoc, największe święto chrześcijańskie, przetrzymało się w dawnej Polsce w największe święto kulinarne. Gdy czytamy opisy staropolskich uczt wielkanocnych, nie tylko tych, które urządzali na dworach magnaci, ale i tych skromniejszych w szlacheckich dworach, w domach mieszczańskich i nawet chatach chłopskich – odnosimy wrażenie, iż strona religijna tego święta, „duchowa”, zepchnięta została na dalszy plan, utępując pierwszeństwa jak najbardziej „ziemskim” uciechom podniebienia.

W ciągu Wielkiego Tygodnia największy ruch panował w kuchni, z której dolatywały smakowite zapachy przygotowywanych na święta potraw. Podniecały one apetyty poszczających domowników, oczekujących z utęsknieniem rezurekcji, która oznaczała zakończenie postu i rozpoczęcie „wielkanocnej batalii kulinarnej”.

Tak zwane „święcone” ustawiano na wielkim stole, w jadalni. Składały się na nie szynki, kiełbasy, salcesony, ryby w galarecie, pieczone w całości prosię oraz wielkanocne ciasta: mazurki, torty, przekładaniec i słynne staropolskie „baby”. Nie zapominało oczywiście o wódkach, miodach pitnych, piwie i winie. Nad wszystkim górował wielkanocny baranek uformowany z masła lub cukru. Cały stół, mieniący się bogatą gamą barw i kuszący uwodzicielskimi zapachami, ozdabiano zielonym barwinkiem oraz kolorowymi pisankami.

Wspomniane już baby i mazurki są osobowością i chlubą staropolskiej kuchni, dlatego też z przyjemnością

przytoczę zabawny, a jednocześnie pełen dramatu opis pieczenia tych specyjałów.

Pieczenie bab wielkanocnych było wydarzeniem pełnym emocji i można by je nazwać pewnego rodzaju „misterium”. Kucharka, pani domu i wszystkie „domowe” kobiety zamykały się w kuchni na klucz. Mężczyznom wstęp był wzbroniony. Najlepszą mąkę pszenną przesiewano przez gęste sito, w donicach ucierano setki (!) żółtek z cukrem, rozpuszczano w wodce szafran (który nie tylko pięknie barwił ciasto, ale i użyczał mu korzennego aromatu), mielono migdały, przebierano rodzynki i tłuczono w morderkach wonną wanilię, robiono z drożdży zaczyn. Nałożone do form babowych ciasto nakrywano lnianymi obrusami, gdyż „zziębnięta” baba nie rosła i miała zakalec. Uszczelniano więc, w obawie przed przeciągami, okna i drzwi kuchni. Odpowiednio wyrosnięte baby wsadzano ostrożnie do pieca piekarskiego. Wreszcie gdy na drewnianej łopacie wyjmowano je z gorących czeluści piekarnika, nierzadko w kuchni rozlegały się dramatyczne okrzyki i płacz: zanadto przyrumieniona lub „usiadła” baba była kompromitacją. Wyjęte z pieca baby kładzono najostrożniej na puchowych pierzynach, by stygnąc nie zgniotły się. Rozmawiano szeptem, jako że i hałas mógł delikatnemu ciastu zaszkodzić. Wystudzone baby pięknie i obficie lukrowano. Najstynniejszą i najdelikatniejszą były baby „puchowe” i „muślinowe”.

A oto trochę uproszczony przepis na **Babę muślinową**.

24 żółtka wbijamy do emaliowanego naczynia, dodając 30 dkg cukru. Naczynie z żółtkami wstawiamy do większego naczynia z gorącą wodą i ubijamy sprężyną, aż połączysz się z cukrem, zbieleją i zgęstnieją. Wówczas dodajemy drożdże (6 dkg drożdży należy rozkruszyć w pół

szklanki letniego mleka, dodać łyżkę mąki i łyżeczkę cukru, zamieszać i poczekać, aż zaczyn wyrośnie. Wówczas dodajemy drożdże do ubitych żółtek), ubitą na proszek łyżkę wanilii oraz 25 dkg przesianej i lekko podgrzanej mąki pszennej. Ciasto ubijamy 30 minut, po tym czasie dodajemy 10 dkg roztopionego, letniego masła i znowu ubijamy 30 minut. Gdy ciasto urośnie w dwójnasób (w ciepłym miejscu), przekładamy je do wysmarowanej masłem, lekko ogrzanej formy karbowanej na baby. I dopiero gdy ciasto rosnąc wypełni formę po brzegi, ostrożnie, unikając wszelkich wstrząsów, wstawiamy formę do piekarnika.

Czas pieczenia w średnio gorącym piekarniku wynosi 60–70 minut.

Przepis zarówno kosztowny jak i bardzo czasochłonny, ale baba muślinowa, jeśli udana, jest pieczywem najwyższej rangi.



Obok bab inną staropolską potrawą jest ćwikła bez której nie można sobie wyobrazić wielkanocnego stołu pełnego pachnących wędlin.

Ćwikła, rodzaj pikantnej sałatki z ćwikłowych buraków, od kilku wieków cieszy się w kuchni polskiej niesłabnącym uznaniem. Była ulubionym przysmakiem znakomitego pisarza Mikołaja Reja (1505–1569), pierwszego znakomitego pisarza, który porzuciwszy powszechnie używaną wówczas w literaturze polskiej łacinę, pisał wspaniałą, barwną i dosadną polszczyzną. Rej był wielbicielem kuchni polskiej, nie-

wykluczone również z zamiłowania „kucharzem”, o czym świadczy jego przepis na ćwikłę, liczący sobie z górą 400 lat. Oto zmodernizowana wersja tego przepisu.

Kilka lub kilkanaście buraków ćwikłowych pieczemy, nie obierając ich, na blasze w piekarniku. Można je, również nieobrane ugotować – ale pieczone są znacznie smaczniejsze. Ochłodzone buraki obieramy i kroimy na cienkie plasterki. Pokrajane buraki zalewamy rozcieńczonym do smaku octem winnym, dodajemy łyżkę sparzonych wrzątkiem ziarenek kminku i 4–5 łyżek świeżo utartego chrzanu. Ćwikłę można oczywiście zakwasić wyciśniętym sokiem cytrynowym, dodając nieco (pół szklanki) surowego kwasu z czerwonych buraków oraz kieliszek wytrawnego czerwonego wina. Tak przyrządzona ćwikła będzie bardzo wykwintna.

Ćwikłę ciasno układamy w szklanym słoju lub kamionkowym garnku. Sok powinien pokrywać buraczki „na dwa palce”. Po dwóch dniach „dojrzenia” w chłodnym miejscu ćwikła rozwinie całą swoją urodę smakowo-aromatyczną.

Zgodnie z tradycją pierwszy dzień Wielkanocy spędzamy w domu i niekiedy na „święcone” zapraszamy najbliższych przyjaciół. W drugi dzień albo sami odwiedzamy znajomych (oczywiście gdy nas zaproszono, dawniej wzajemne odwiedzanie się nie wymagało zaproszenia), albo przyjmujemy gości. Wówczas zimne potrawy ze „święconego” lub też bigos podajemy jako przystawkę, a po barszczu – przeważnie pieczeń lub np. indyka z bogatym garniturem. Słodki finał stanowią świąteczne ciasta: mazurki i torty.

**Smacznego!
Wesołego Alleluja!**





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Świąt Wielkanocnych składamy
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