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GŁOS POLEK DEADLINES

**The deadline is
June 1, 2010
for the July issue.**

**The deadline is
October 1, 2010
for the November issue.**

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From the President



Dear Members and Freinds,

Plans for the 36th National Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts, this summer are well underway. Please take a look at the Convention News pages in this issue for the latest updates and announcements and please note the deadlines for sending in your registration forms and fees (pages 6–7). The call for applications for positions in the General Administration is also announced in this issue. The deadline for applications is May 15th. We look forward to a very successful Convention and to seeing many of you in Springfield this August!

As always in the spring, we are happy to announce the winners of the May Queen Contest and congratulate our May Queens and Świta as well as the Groups that are on the Honor Roll for 2010. Thank you all for your membership efforts in the past year! The *Głos Polek* 100th Anniversary Special was a huge success and I encourage you to take advantage of the discounted premium while the Special is still offered, through June 30th. Let's make this Convention year as stellar in new membership as 2010 was!

You will also find the Annual Financial Report in this issue (pages 12-14). I am happy to report that the state of the Alliance is strong. In spite of a difficult economy, our assets and premium income continue to grow, and we also continue to work hard to keep our operating expenses as low as possible. Adding new members is the best way to ensure the viability of the PWA in years to come and we appreciate all you do in your Groups and Councils to attract new members and to keep existing members involved.

In other news, the *Głos Polek* Exhibition has closed its run at The Polish Museum in Chicago and it will travel next to the Polish Center of Wisconsin, where it will open on May 6th. It was very well received and we hope that many of you will still have a chance to view it as it travels to the next venues. And we are happy to once again offer an opportunity to our young members to travel to Poland this summer. We encourage our youth between the ages of 12 and 15 to take advantage of this great program (see page 23).

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the May Queens, Świta, and Groups on the Honor Roll, along with my best wishes to you and your families for a Blessed and Joyful Easter, and my recognition and deepfelt appreciation to all mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day!

Faternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Sikora". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Virginia Sikora
National President

Fundraising Drives



American Heart Association Fundraising Drive *Go Red for Women*



Polish Women's Alliance of America and the American Heart Association are forming a special partnership in 2011 to raise awareness of heart disease, the number one killer of women in the United States. Did you know that heart disease takes the lives of 460,000 women each year, about one every minute? This is more than all types of cancers combined! Heart disease is a silent killer with symptoms that often don't show themselves until it is too late. More research and education are needed. Please go to www.americanheart.org to learn more and please share this information with all the women in your life.

As a women's organization and as a life insurance company, women's health issues continue to be one of our top priorities and we are happy to support the American Heart Association in their campaign to raise funds for education, awareness, and more research into heart disease, a silent killer of women. We all know someone close to us who has been affected—and many more of our friends and loved ones will be touched by this disease in the future—unless we do more to educate all women on how to prevent and treat this illness.

Please use the coupon below to send in your contributions. Donor levels and gifts of appreciation are listed in the coupon. Please be generous. Together, we can make a difference!

Fraternally,

Virginia Sikora – National President



American Heart Association *Go Red for Women Drive*

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Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the *Głos Polek* 100th Anniversary Fundraising Drive last year. Donations received after December 1, 2010, are listed below. Bog zaplac!

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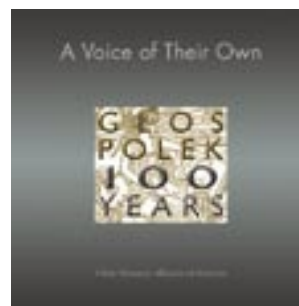
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GŁOS POLEK EXHIBITION CATALOGUE

A Voice of Their Own

Order Your Copy Today!



The Exhibition Catalogue that accompanies the *Głos Polek* Centennial Exhibition "A Voice of Their Own" is now available. Order your copy today! The catalogue is in color and includes descriptions of the exhibition objects, historical essays, and an overview of Polish Women's Alliance history and achievements. The price is \$18, plus handling and postage.

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"Głos Polek" Exhibition

A VOICE OF THEIR OWN AT THE POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA

Chicago, IL—The Great Hall of The Polish Museum of America was the setting for the opening of the *Głos Polek* Centennial Exhibition *A Voice of Their Own* on Friday, January 14, 2011. After more than a year of planning and preparation, the exhibition was ready to be viewed by the



Entrance to the Exhibition

public. Over 100 guests, PWA members, representatives of the press and of many organizations gathered for a reception and to view the exhibits.

Głos Polek editor Mary Piergies opened the program and introduced PWA National President Virginia Sikora who welcomed the guests and thanked them for taking part in this special occasion. The next speakers were President of The Polish Museum of America and PWA member, Maria Ciesla, and Director of the Museum, Jan Loryś, who congratulated the PWA and the *Głos Polek* on the centennial and read a telegram from Maria Loryś, his mother and long-time editor of *Głos Polek*, currently living in Poland and not able to be present at the opening. In her telegram Mrs. Loryś mentioned some of the accomplishments of the PWA and acknowledged the work of *Głos Polek* editors over the last 100 years.

Next to speak was the Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Sebastian Kurek, followed by Polish editor of *Głos Polek* Lidia Rozmus. Stephanie Kunas, PWA member representing the Polish Arts Club, presented a check to President Sikora for the *Głos Polek* Centennial Exhibition Fund from the Polish Arts Club. Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela Vander Noot closed the program, inviting the guests to view the exhibition and thanking everyone involved in bringing it to fruition.

The exhibition objects were displayed on gallery panels arranged along three walls of the Great Hall, with the large and imposing oil painting by Stanisław Batowski of "Pulaski at Savannah" hanging in the front of the hall. The painting was



The Director of The Polish Museum of America Jan Loryś welcomes guests to the opening of the Głos Polek Centennial Exhibition. At left, PWA National President Virginia Sikora. At right Głos Polek editor Mary Piergies and Polish Museum President Maria Ciesla.

donated by Polish Women's Alliance of America to the Polish Museum in 1940 and one of the exhibition displays was devoted to the history of the painting, which was once voted the second-most admired painting in the U.S. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was present at the unveiling of the painting at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1933.

The exhibition consisted of selected front pages and old photographs from the *Głos Polek*, enlarged and framed, hanging on the gallery panels, showing how PWA members reacted to the most significant events of the last 100 years. Additional photographs and articles from the *Głos Polek* were displayed under glass on beautiful old museum tables that had been part of the Polish Pavilion at the World's Fair in New York City in 1939 and donated to the PMA. Also displayed on the tables were letters to PWA members from Maria Konopnicka from 1903 and Marie Skłodowska Curie from 1923. The final section of the exhibition was devoted to the Honorary Members of the PWA. The photographs and biographies of the Honorary Members were displayed on nine large panels.



Guests at the Exhibition Opening

The exhibition will travel to the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin, WI from May 6 to June 26, 2011. Everyone is invited to the opening on Friday, May 6th at 7 p.m.

You can see more photos at [www.http://www.pwaa.org/Polish_Museum2011/SlideShow/slideshow.html](http://www.pwaa.org/Polish_Museum2011/SlideShow/slideshow.html). All photos by Julita Siegel.



CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Application Deadline is May 15th

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, the Committee on Nominations is to be called by the National President for the review of all applications for candidates for office in the General Administration.

Candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and four Directors must request an Application from the National Office for the Office they seek. A completed Application along with a Resume of qualifications with professional references must be filed with the Nominations Committee at least ninety days prior to the National Convention. A Letter of Intent should accompany the completed Application and Resume and will be published in the *Głos Polek* in the issue immediately preceding the National Convention. A current photo should be included and will also be published together with the Letter of Intent.

The Nominations Committee will review all required documents and verify that each candidate meets the requisite qualifications as stated in the Illinois Insurance Laws and Regulations, our Constitution and Bylaws, and has submitted all documentation. Any applicant not meeting all of the required candidate qualifications, State regulatory requirements, and/or fails to submit any of the above documents will be contacted by the Nominations Committee and informed that their Application is rejected.

Per Federal and State insurance regulations, all elected candidates will be fingerprinted and a background check will be performed to verify their eligibility.

Application, Resume, Letter of Intent, together with a recent photo, must be received **no later than midnight, May 15, 2011**, for consideration and should be addressed to:

Nominations Committee: Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N. Northwest Highway, 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60631

National Convention Registration Forms and Fees Are Due in the Home Office by May 31, 2011

Forms: Registration Forms have been sent to the President of each active Group that submitted a Mandate listing their Delegates and Alternates and/or Guests. In addition, Medical Information Emergency Forms were included in the mailing for each listed Delegate and must be fully completed and returned with the Registration Form and Fees. These forms must be returned along with the Registration Fees no later than May 31, 2011. Delegates By Virtue Of Their Office will receive registration documents directly.

Fees: The Registration Fee per Delegate is \$250 and is the responsibility of the Group. This per person fee includes Delegate materials, four nights Lodging, one Banquet and three Breakfast tickets. Alternates and Guests who will also be staying at the hotel are required to pay the full \$250. This fee is based on double occupancy and includes a ticket to the Banquet. If an Alternate and/or Guest will not be staying at the hotel and will only be attending the Banquet, the cost is \$100.

Travel: All travel expenses are the responsibility of the individual regular Delegate. Arrangements must be made by the individual Delegate or in cooperation with your Group or the District President, if she will be coordinating a travel schedule for the District delegation. There will be a Travel Reimbursement in the amount of \$150 per Delegate for all regular Delegates. The reimbursement will be distributed on

the last day of the Convention to all regular Delegates who have been in attendance for all Sessions, unless otherwise excused in advance. For those arriving by plane, in order to properly coordinate transportation between Bradley Airport in Hartford, CT and the Marriott Hotel in Springfield, MA you must advise Ruth Susmarski, Secretary to the President, of your arrival time and departure time. If you will be flying into another airport, ground transportation will not be provided.

Hotel: Accommodations for Delegates are covered under the Registration Fee and are based on double occupancy. Do not contact the hotel directly as the Home Office will make all arrangements for lodging and rooming assignments. If you wish single accommodations (extra charge applicable) or to let us know your roommate preference or special needs, please include a note to that effect when you mail in your Forms and Fees. You may also contact Ruth Susmarski, Secretary to the President, who will be in charge of all lodging.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Secretary/Treasurer by calling 1-800-522-1898, ext. 206.

PWA FOUNDERS DAY
May 22, 1898 – May 22, 2011
Going Strong for 113 Years!

RESULTS OF SPECIAL BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A Special Committee, called by National President Virginia Sikora last year, held a meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the PWA Home Office to count the ballots that had been mailed to the delegates of the 35th National Convention on November 22, 2010. Legal Counsel Chris Nowotarski was also at the meeting. Four proposed amendments to the Constitution were on the ballot.

173 ballots were mailed to all eligible delegates to the 2007 National Convention and 120 ballots were received in the office by the deadline and certified by the Committee to be proper ballots.

All three Committee members approved the results as well as the report that was submitted to the General Administration. The report was then accepted and approved by the General Administration. The results are as follows:

Proposal 1 To amend the Constitution and Bylaws to define a Beneficial Member as an insured member and/or one owning an Annuity Certificate.
Ballots: For – 101 Against – 19 Spoiled – 0

Proposal 2 To amend the Constitution and Bylaws to define an Active Group as one having at least three (3) different people serving as officers of the Group and having at least one meeting a year and at least the following officers – President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and/or Secretary/Treasurer
Ballots: For – 99 Against – 20 Spoiled – 1

Proposal 3 To amend the Constitution and Bylaws to provide that in the event a vacancy occurs more than twelve (12) months prior to the next National Convention in the position of National President, a special election shall be held in accordance with the provision already contained in the Constitution and Bylaws. If the vacancy occurs twelve (12) months or less, then the Vice President shall assume the position of President and complete the remainder of the term.
Ballots: For – 101 Against – 19 Spoiled – 0

Proposal 4 To amend the Constitution and Bylaws to eliminate term limits on all levels.
Ballots: For – 64 Against – 55 Spoiled – 1

Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments
Dawn Muszynski Nelson, Chairperson
Delphine Huneycutt
Diane Reeve

36TH NATIONAL CONVENTION INSURANCE SPECIAL

Głos Polek 100th Anniversary Promotion

See pages 16–18 for details, sample rates, and application.



SUBMIT YOUR ADS TO THE 36TH NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

Deadline for Ads is April 27, 2011

Polish Women's Alliance is 113 years old and thousands of members strong. We are looking forward to the next 113 years and hope to meet head-on the challenges of the 21st century. The 36th National Convention will be setting the agenda for the future. Be a part of the Convention! Be a part of our future! Send in your greetings and photos to appear in the 36th Convention Commemorative Program Book by filling out the Order Form below and sending it in to Alice Maniak, Program Book Chair, by April 27, 2011.

Fraternally,

Jenny Starzyk-Benton

Pre-Convention Committee Chair

AD BOOK ORDER FORM

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IN MEMORIAM

The National Board of Polish Women's Alliance is saddened to announce the death on February 14, 2011, of former State President of District VII Ohio

Mercedes Spotts

Mercedes Helen Spotts (1929-2011) was a lawyer, the first female deputy bailiff at the Cleveland Municipal Court, an appeals court administrator, a civic innovator, and a lifelong member of PWA. She earned her master's and law degrees from Cleveland State University and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Notre Dame. We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mercedes Spotts. She is survived by two sons, David and John, a grandson, and a sister, Judge Judy Karpinski. May she rest in peace.

Group 782 Condolences

Nutley, NJ—Group 782 mourns the passing in January of three of its longtime members: **Ruth Farrel** of Phillipsport, **Josephine Lorenc** of Nutley, and **Valentina Brzezinski** of Bloomfield.

They were active members of Group 782 and we will miss them! Valentina was past President of our Group and Josephine served a long term as Recording Secretary until her health forced her to give up the office. We extend our prayers and condolences to their families and friends. May their souls, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



Helen Scur Group 418

Hamtramck, MI – It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Helen Scur, the President of former Group 418 (now combined with Group 488), on December 11, 2010, at the age of 93. Funeral services were held at St. Ladislaus Church, where she had been a parishioner her entire life.

Helen held the office of President of Group 418 for 20 years, and was a loyal PWA member for 76 years. PWA was a significant part of her life. Her children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews are also members of PWA. She was an active member of the Council of Catholic Women, Association for Retarded Citizens, and St. Ladislaus Rainbow Seniors. In addition, she enjoyed many years of quilting at St. Florian Parish, where the ladies prepared and completed a quilt to be raffled at the annual Strawberry Festival.

Helen was a loving and caring person who was extremely proud of her family and her Polish Catholic heritage. Her children are proud and inspired by the traditions and customs their mother continued and shared throughout her life. Traditional Polish cooking is a very special part of the family's unity. Helen will be missed by the many lives she touched.

May she rest in peace.

DISTRICT I – OPŁATEK



The 2011 Jagiellonian Scholarship winner, Jacquelyn M. Boratyn, student at Marquette University and a member of Group 723, Council 9, District I, was presented with her scholarship at the District I Opłatek held at the House of the White Eagle, Niles, Illinois, on December 15, 2010. The announcement came as a complete surprise to the winner.

In the photo above, from left: *District I President Lidia Filus, Jacquelyn Boratyn, Vice President Sharon Zago, Secretary Treasurer Antoinette Trela Vander Noot, and National Director Dawn Muszynski Nelson.*



President of Group 819 Sylvia Kania and her husband Fred Kania celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the District I Opłatek. Photo above shows members of the Kania family at the event. Congratulations and Sto Lat to Mr. and Mrs. Kania!

Iraqi Freedom Veteran Publishes Book *The Lion Shares*

Wyoming, PA—Charles A. Mazzarella of Group 350, grandson of the late Mary E. Obaza, former Financial Secretary of Group 428 (now 350), and son of Marilyn Mazzarella, Recording Secretary of Council 40, has published a book, *The Lion Shares*, a collection of short stories, poems, and plays. Inspiration for the words came from dreams, observations of life, and a glimpse into what might yet happen. The author sends thanks to God, the Creator, for the inspiration and help in creating the work. As a youth, Charles participated in Council 40's Bal Polonaise as a page and later as an escort. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and composed a lot of his work during his tour in Iraq.

The book is available at www.amazon.com, www.borders.com, and www.xlibris.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 9

Council 20 All-For-Fun Bowling for children ages 3 to 17, at 1 p.m. at 5 Star Lanes, 2666 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Rd), Sterling Heights, MI. Cost of bowling, shoes, pop, and pizza is free for children 3 to 17, \$15 for parents and non-members. Join us for an afternoon of fun in this Four Fraternal (PWA, PNA, PRCUA, and Falcons) event.

Sunday, April 10

Council 1 District 6 Wisconsin's Scholarship Fundraiser "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Beulah Brinton Community Center, 2555 S. Bay Street, Milwaukee. Tickets sold at the door: Adults \$4.50, Children \$3, Children 2 and under are free. Contact: Penny for more information at 414-304-5039.

Sunday, April 17

District III Indiana Swieconka "Blessed Food" at the Carmelite Banquet Hall, 1628 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN. Entry at noon. Dinner at 1 p.m. Cost \$27. Reservation deadline: April 12th. Make checks payable to: PWA District 3. Mail to: Delphine Huneycutt, 4909 Baring Avenue, East Chicago, IN, 46312. Tel: 219-398-9069.

Sunday, April 17

Lowicz Dancers of PWA Gr. 786 Sixth Annual Recital at 2:30 pm in the auditorium of Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (south of 12 Mile and east of Coolidge) in Berkley, Michigan. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Contact: Barbara Misiolek Gamble at 248-689-7993.

Saturday, April 30

District I Swieconka at the House of the White Eagle, Niles, IL. Entry at 11:30 a.m., luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Adults \$29. Children \$14. A raffle will be held. All proceeds to benefit District I Scholarships. Contact President Lidia Filus for at 847-698-0250 or l-filus@neiu.edu.

Friday, May 6

Opening of *Głos Polek* Centennial Exhibition A VOICE OF THEIR OWN at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S. 68th Street, Franklin, Wisconsin. Opening reception at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! Exhibition will be on view at the Polish Center until June 26th.

Saturday, May 7

Council 9 celebrates 14th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon at Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL. All are welcome. Contact Laura Pawlowski, Council 9 President, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or 708-945-7489.

Thursday, May 12

Komitet Oswiaty hosts a showing of the film *Peasants (Chłopi)*, directed by Jan Rybkowski, Poland, 1973, at 3:15 p.m. at the PWA Home Office. In Polish with English subtitles. Short introduction by Professor Ireneusz Raciborski. The PWA Book and Film Club continues to meet

on Thursdays at 3:15 p.m. at PWA. Call Sharon Zago at 847-384-1208 for an updated reading schedule.

Saturday, May 14

Council 27 celebrates Mother's Day and observes the Beatification of Pope John Paul II. Please reserve this very special day! Council 27 also announces an Essay Contest for students ages 10-18. Please send essays up to 500 words in the Polish language on the topic "Why My Mother Is So Important in My Life" by April 30th to: Anna Holmberg, 5135 W. Estes Ave, Skokie IL 60077-3437 For further information please check the PWA website or call Anna Holmberg at 847-677-5441.

Tuesday, May 17

Group 211 invites all members and friends to a Bobby Vinton Concert and Luncheon at the Drury Lane Oakbrook in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., concert at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60. RSVP by April 20th. Reservation coupon available online at www.pwaa.org. Questions? Contact President Camille Kopielski at 847-394-2520 or Fin, Sec. Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot at 847-384-1206.

August 13 – August 16

36th National Convention of Polish Women's Alliance, Marriott Hotel, Springfield, Massachusetts. Please see pages 6–7 for more details or call the Office of the Secretary Treasurer at 888-522-1898 ext 206.

Friday, August 26

Council 13 hosts District I Patron's Day Celebration at St. Joseph Church in Summit, IL, with a Mass at 11 a.m. followed by luncheon. Contact Council 13 President Helen Wojcik at 773-586-9234.

Sunday, August 28

SAVE THE DATE! PWA Day at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Details to follow in next *Głos Polek*. Contact: Vice President Sharon Zago 1-888-522-1898 ext 208.

FOUR FRATERNAL EVENTS FOR 2011

- ◆ Chicago White Sox Game – Tuesday, July 26th, at US Cellular Field, Chicago
- ◆ Polish American Day at Six Flags Great America – Date to be announced

For more information on these events, please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208.

Polish Easter Cards and Pisanki Available from Home Office

Polish Easter Cards are \$9.99 plus postage for 8 cards.

Wooden "Pisanki" Easter Eggs are \$3 each
or 2 for \$5 plus postage.

Contact Sharon Zago 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208

Council 27 Christmas Party for Children



Chicago, IL—Council 27 hosted its annual Christmas Party for Children at the PWA Home Office on Saturday, December 4, 2011. Group photo above shows Council 27 children with Santa Claus and Santa's helpers.

Jaselka in Marie Sklodowska Curie Polish Language School



Chicago, IL—At the Christmas Pageant (Jaselka) of the Marie Curie Sklodowska Polish Language School, Council 27 President Czeslawa Kolak (at right) and District I President Lidia Filus present a check to principal Agnieszka Trzupek (at left). The donation was in memory of Zofia Frackowiak, former Council 27 President, who was instrumental in the founding of the school more than 10 years ago. The donation to the school is made every year on the anniversary of the death of Mrs. Frackowiak.

Group 83 Member Celebrates 90th Birthday

Chicago, IL—Florence Korpalski, longtime PWA member, former President of Group 83 and past Council 9 May Queen, celebrated her 90th birthday in January. Florence requested that in lieu of presents donations be given. Since many members of her family are involved in the PWA, donations were made to Polish Women's Alliance and the Helen Wojcik Scholarship Fund. Happy 90th Birthday Florence! Sto Lat!

PWA NATIONAL CASH RAFFLE

This is your chance to WIN BIG
with POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE!

Win \$4500 in Prize Money in
Return your lucky tickets as soon as possible.

*The deadline is June 15, 2010.
Entries must be postmarked June 15, 2010,
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 30, 2010
in Chicago.

Proceeds to benefit Komitet Oswiaty, the PWA
Education Committee, promoting Polish culture
and heritage and supporting our youth.

THANK YOU FROM KASIA KAMUDA

District VII President Irena Honc-Jadlos received a thank you letter from Kasia Kamuda, the young woman from Elblag, Poland, who had lost three limbs in an high-voltage accident two years ago. District VII started a fundraising campaign for Kasia and PWA members from all Districts contributed generously through the PWA Educational & Charitable Foundation. President Virginia Sikora presented Kasia with a check for over \$20,000 for her rehabilitation efforts during a trip to Poland in summer of 2010.

In her letter, Kasia thanks all PWA members for their help and writes that the funds will be used for her family to move into a new apartment that will be designed to help her do things more independently. She says that is the biggest challenge she faces – going back to doing the things she was able to do for herself before the accident.

Kasia writes that education is very important to her, but she was not able to go back to her old school because the building was not handicapped-accessible. She has recently learned to write using her lips and she is also grateful for the new technology that is helping her make progress. She says that the support of PWA members helped her emotionally to face the future, for which she has many plans. And she thanks President Sikora and Bo Padowski for visiting her last summer.

For the full-text of Kasia's letter in Polish and in English, please go to www.pwaa.org.

Fraternal News

Welcome to our New Members!

**A warm welcome is extended to these new members.
For December, January, and February**

Gr.	Name	Introduced by	City/State
0043	Veronica A Doughty	Grace Dubowski	Elmhurst, IL
0061	Sofia Bzowski	Sylvia A Kania	Willowbrook, IL
0105	Abigal T Coufalik	Felicia Perlick	Nanticoke, PA
0105	Elyse M Wong	Felicia Perlick	Redcliffe, Queensland
0105	Lori L Bason-Ferdock	Home Office	Douglassville, PA
0126	Anthony A Hernandez	Theresa Fic	Chicago, IL
0128	Joseph A Talty Jr	Andrea J Torok	Cliffside Park, NJ
0132	Matias G Szekely-Krasevac	Esther Krasevac	Timonium, MD
0132	Greyson J Kammer	Mary Ann Michalak	St John, IN
0181	Logan J Anderson	Home Office	Richmond, VA
0181	Kaelyn G Anderson	Home Office	Richmond, VA
0181	Emma G Anderson	Home Office	Richmond, VA
0181	Genevieve S Gunderson	Home Office	Midlothian, VA
0182	Kathy J Havey	Home Office	Cranberry Twp, PA
0189	Laurayn S Rollins	Penelope Manke	Hales Corners, WI
0189	Hayley N Rollins	Penelope Manke	Hales Corners, WI
0211	Anna P Krolikowska	Home Office	Chicago, IL
0280	Reeva G Kopacz	Mary Palka	Goffstown, NH
0280	Emily K Kopacz	Mary Palka	Windsor, CT
0305	Teagen M Day	Lucille Kopczynski	Ardmore, PA
0305	Olivia A Flora	Lucille Kopczynski	South Bend, IN
0348	Colin Gildea	Jean Slupski	Sugar Notch, PA
0388	Janina Piotrowski	Home Office	Chicago, IL
0409	Easton G Merwald	Joan Wawrzynkiewicz	La Vista, NE
0488	Calob J Le	Rita Marek	Grand Rapids, MI
0598	Julie A Wasowski	Marion Listwan	Medina, OH
0616	Henry A Luttschyn	Irene Kay	Chicago, IL
0616	Kendall R Talbot	Shaina Geml	Sterling Hts, MI
0616	Madison Rakus	Shaina Geml	St Clair Shores, MI
0616	Chayse Lempert	Shaina Geml	Royal Oak, MI
0616	Morgan J Baranski	Shaina Geml	Warren, MI
0642	Shawn Connolly	Nellie Manarchuck	Carbondale, PA
0642	Matthew R Hollenbeck	Nellie Manarchuck	Carbondale, PA
0642	Chana Manarchuck	Nellie Manarchuck	Carbondale, PA
0658	Anthony P Carey	Dorothy Talipski	Old Forge, PA
0723	Nicole Stemplewski	Helen Damsz-Wojcik	Des Plaines, IL
0737	William Nugent	Home Office	Middletown, NJ
0737	Emily Nugent	Home Office	Middletown, NJ
0752	Katherine M Kennedy-Kinczel	Home Office	Los Gatos, CA
0752	Benjamin M Kennedy-Kinczel	Home Office	Los Gatos, CA
0752	Isabel C Campos	Home Office	Sun Valley, CA
0779	Clare E Piper	Kristen M Jasket	Pine Brook, NJ
0819	Alexander Stec	Home Office	Chicago, IL

Annual Report

Annual Statement of the Polish Women's Alliance of America for the year ended December 31, 2010

ASSETS:

BONDS	\$48,129,951.00
PREFERRED STOCKS	\$656,016.00
COMMON STOCKS	\$35,000.00
MORTGAGE LOANS	\$3,805,804.00
CERTIFICATE LOANS	\$267,541.00
CASH	\$629,284.00
ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$1,965.00
UNCOLLECTED PREMIUMS	\$3,952.00
INVESTMENT INCOME - DUE AND ACCRUED	\$653,683.00
OTHER THAN INVESTED ASSETS	\$1,245,516.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$55,428,712.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS:

AGGREGATE RESERVE	
FOR LIFE CERTIFICATES & CONTRACTS	\$52,211,251.00
LIABILITY FOR DEPOSIT-TYPE CONTRACTS	\$28,748.00
CERTIFICATE & CONTRACT CLAIMS, LIFE	\$495,251.00
PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	\$4,395.00
INTEREST MAINTENANCE RESERVE (IMR)	\$228,908.00
GENERAL EXPENSES - DUE OR ACCRUED	\$11,132.00
ASSET VALUATION RESERVE	\$275,097.00
MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES	\$1,388,403.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$54,643,185.00
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$785,527.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$55,428,712.00

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

PREMIUM & ANNUITY CONSIDERATIONS	\$2,347,687.00
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$2,861,157.00
AMORTIZATION OF INTEREST MAINTENANCE RESERVE	\$17,444.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$32,960.00
TOTAL	\$5,259,248.00

DEDUCT:

DEATH BENEFITS	\$1,001,338.00
MATURED ENDOWMENTS	\$104,097.00
ANNUITY BENEFITS/OLD AGE BENEFITS	\$974,794.00
SURRENDER BENEFITS & WITHDRAWALS	
FOR LIFE CONTRACTS	\$243,437.00
INTEREST AND ADJUSTMENTS ON CONTRACTS	\$2,237.00
INCREASE IN AGGREGATE RESERVE	
FOR LIFE CERTIFICATES	\$1,695,929.00
COMMISSION ON PREMIUMS, ANNUITY CONSIDERATION (DIRECT BUSINESS ONLY)	\$13,597.00
GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENSES	
AND FRATERNAL EXPENSES	\$1,180,220.00
INSURANCE TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES	\$73,324.00
TOTAL	\$5,288,973.00

NET GAIN (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS	\$(29,725.00)
NET REALIZED GAINS OR LOSSES	\$119,386.00
NET GAIN (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$89,661.00



From the Office of the Secretary/Treasurer Annual Financial Report for 2010

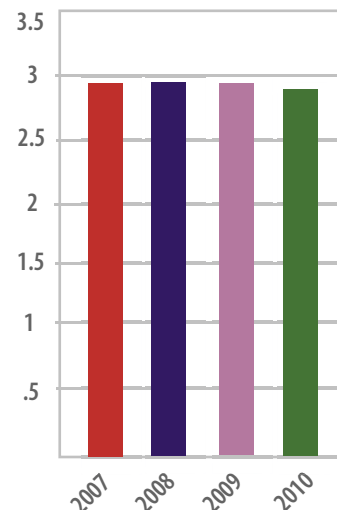
As required by the PWA Constitution and Bylaws, the 2010 Annual Financial Statement of the Alliance is published in this issue of *Głos Polek*.

Highlights of 2010 versus 2009

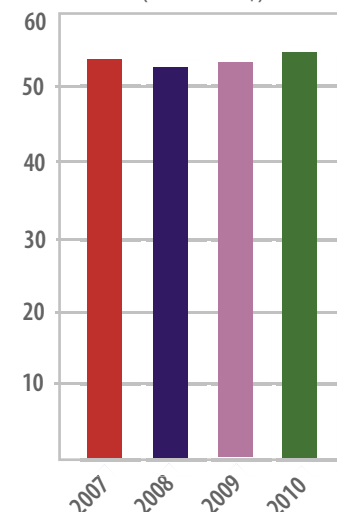
- ◆ The Alliance implemented a successful life insurance and annuity writing campaign during the year, including the *Głos Polek* 100th Anniversary Insurance Special.
- ◆ Annual life insurance premiums and annuity considerations increased \$887,000 from 2009, or 67%, to \$2.3 million.
- ◆ Asset book value increased \$1.9 million from 2009, or 3.6%, to \$55.4 million at December 31, 2010.
- ◆ The Alliance made successful progress in its investment portfolio performance.
- ◆ Asset market value at December 31, 2010 was \$1.7 million higher than the recorded book value, reflecting the quality of our investments in a declining interest rate environment. While insurance regulations prohibit the counting of this excess market value as surplus, it represents an additional cushion available to support our members' policies beyond the surplus.
- ◆ Investment income was approximately \$2.9 million, unchanged from 2009. This performance was achieved in spite of a lowering interest rate environment resulting from the Federal Reserve Board's quantitative easing program.
- ◆ The portfolio of the Alliance continues to be balanced between U.S. Agency Bonds, highly rated Corporate Bonds, and general obligation Municipals, including Build America Bonds. It earned an average rate of return of 5.6% in 2010.
- ◆ The Mortgage Portfolio of the Alliance continued to be a safe and steady source of monthly income, providing an average rate of return of 6.64% in 2010.
- ◆ The financial state of the Alliance as measured by the sum of surplus plus asset valuation reserves improved in 2010.
- ◆ The surplus declined \$90,000, or 11% to \$785,000 during the year, reflecting the insurance industry practice of deferring gains on investment portfolios to reserves rather than recording them as additions to surplus.
- ◆ The Alliance was able to increase its asset valuation reserve by \$213,000, or 244%, to \$275,000 at December 31, 2010, as a result of recovering the value of bonds previously written down during the financial crisis of 2008. This reserve also represents an additional cushion available to support our members' policies beyond the surplus.
- ◆ This financial strength allows the Alliance to continue offering some of the highest guaranteed interest rates in the industry for its Annuity contracts. The Alliance currently has \$17.4 million in deposits paying between 3% and 4.75%.

In conclusion, Management is confident that through continued proactive and diligent adherence to the policies that have been put into place, positive strides will again be realized in 2011. These include increased Premium/Annuity Income through creative and innovative marketing, further reduction in General

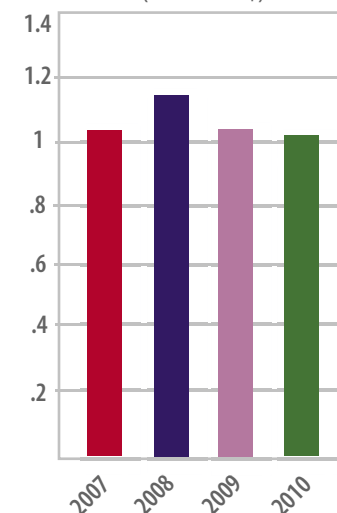
Net Investment Income
(in millions \$)



Assets of PWAA
(in millions \$)

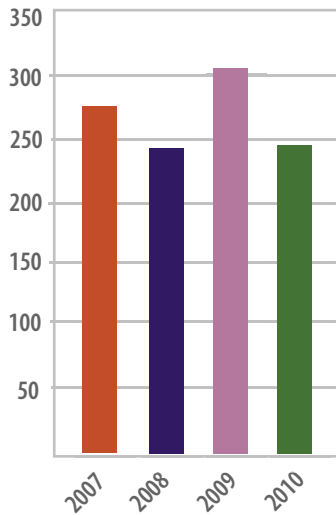


Deaths Paid
(in millions \$)



Annual Report

Cash Withdrawals
(in thousands \$)

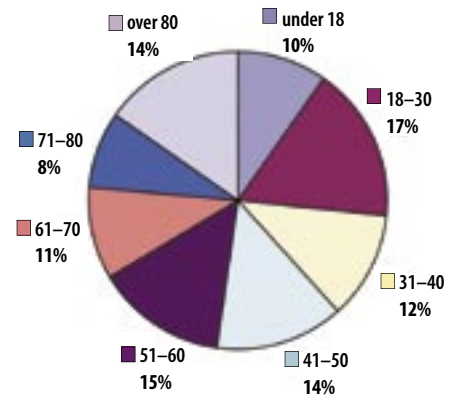


Operating Expenses where possible, and confidence that the governing agencies will provide more stringent oversight and monitoring of companies that offer investment opportunities to corporations such as ours and to the general public at large. As stewards of an Organization that is in its 113th year, Management takes its responsibilities to ensure the protection of assets and the financial well-being of the entire membership as our foremost obligation.

Let's continue to build upon something Great!

Respectfully submitted,
Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot
Secretary/Treasurer

Distribution of PWAA
Policyholders According to Age



HONOR ROLL OF GROUPS FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP

Through the joint effort of our Groups and the Home Office, we are pleased to announce the following PWA Groups that signed up at least five New Certificates in 2010:

Group	District	Council	No. of New Certificates	Group	District	Council	No. of New Certificates
105	14	40	30	277	5	3	6
43	1	27	20	306	2	32	6
132	3	21	16	317	8	28	6
128	3	21	15	409	11	25	6
616	5	20	14	422	8	28	6
821	1	27	14	423	1	9	6
305	3	11	12	468	4	16	6
743	1	13	12	737	10	15	6
114	1	27	11	814	13	35	6
211	1	27	11	819	1	9	6
267	14	44	11	70	1	19	5
488	5	20	11	214	2	2	5
721	2	37	11	280	9	8	5
579	11	25	10	348	14	40	5
658	14	44	9	585	5	20	5
806	5	3	9	589	10	15	5
254	4	5	8	598	10	15	5
275	11	25	8	642	14	44	5
221	2	2	7	702	12	34	5
427	14	44	7	752	13	35	5
680	4	23	7	754	7	7	5
786	5	20	7	763	12	34	5
45	1	26	6				

A special acknowledgement is in order to all of our hard-working Groups, Councils, and Districts for encouraging new membership. Last year, for 2009, we had sixteen Groups listed in our Honor Roll for having signed between 5 and 12 new members into their respective Groups. This year, for 2010, we have forty-five Groups listed in this Honor Roll for signing between 5 to 30 new members. What a difference a year makes!

We ask for your continued support in membership development, especially in this year of our 36th Quadrennial National Convention. As announced previously, any Group officer or member who sells six or more applications as a witness, through June 30, 2011, will be recognized in the Convention Program Book and will receive a special gift. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Fraternally,
Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot
Secretary/Treasurer

May Queens

Congratulations to Our May Queens for 2010!

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2010 May Queen and Swita Contest



FIRST PLACE MAY QUEEN

Felicia S. Perlick

Gr. 105 - Plymouth, PA
Council 40 - District XIV
23 life insurance policies
(\$32,900)



SECOND PLACE MAY QUEEN

Mary Ann Michalak

Gr. 132 - Munster, IN
Council 21 - District III
13 life insurance policies
(\$21,000)



THIRD PLACE MAY QUEEN

Theresa Fic

Gr. 126 - Niles, IL
Council 9 - District I
11 policies (\$12,000)
+ 2 annuities



FOURTH PLACE MAY QUEEN

Lucille B. Kopczynski

Gr. 305 - South Bend, IN
Council 11 - District III
12 life insurance policies
(\$14,000)



FIFTH PLACE MAY QUEEN

Bernadette M. Vlock

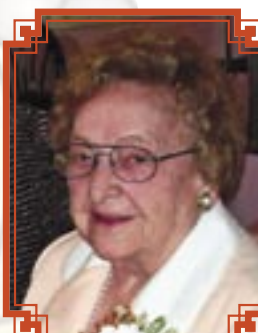
Gr. 409 - Omaha, NE
Council 25 - District XI
11 life insurance policies
(\$33,000)



SIXTH PLACE MAY QUEEN

Teresa Makowski

Gr. 114 - Chicago, IL
Council 27 - District I
11 life insurance policies
(\$19,000)



SEVENTH PLACE MAY QUEEN

Bertha A. Kuckla

Gr. 267 - Dupont, PA
Council 44 - District XIV
11 life insurance policies
(\$11,000)



EIGHTH PLACE MAY QUEEN

Katheryn Mackovyak

Gr. 721 - Portage, PA
Council 37 - District II
7 policies (\$39,000)
+ 3 annuities



FIRST PLACE SWITA

Czeslawa Kolak

Gr. 821 - Park Ridge, IL
Council 27 - District I
7 policies (\$11,000)
+ 3 annuities



SECOND PLACE SWITA

Anthylene Blasic

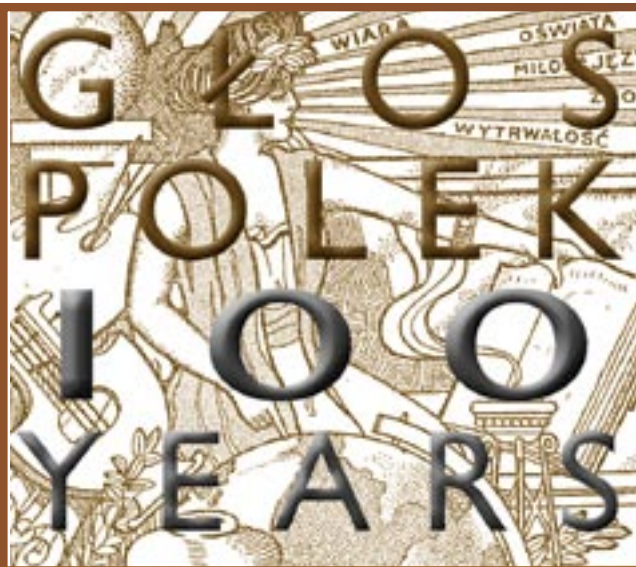
Gr. 501 - Conemaugh, PA
Council 37 - District II
10 life insurance policies
(\$10,000)



SECOND PLACE SWITA

Dorothy T. Talipski

Gr. 658 - Moosic, PA
Council 44 - District XIV
10 life insurance policies
(\$10,000)



100th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Ends
June 30, 2011

To celebrate the Centennial of our publication, *Głos Polek*, PWAA presents this Super Special Offer to all of our members and their families and friends. We are happy to offer you a **\$100** discount on the premium with our new

Mix'n'Match Offer.

To qualify, you must apply for two \$1,000 Single Payment Whole Life Policies. The two policies can be taken out for one person or for any two people—from newborn to age 85 (nearest birthday).

With Our *GŁOS POLEK* 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL We Offer Special Prizes to PWA Groups

With each policy issued to a Group, a Bonus of **\$5** will be offered to that Group. In addition, each Group will be awarded special cash prizes as follows.

- ✓ **\$100** for 10 to 20 policies issued to the Group
- ✓ **\$250** for 22 to 40 policies issued and
- ✓ **\$500** for 42 and more

All Group awards will be announced and checks for winning Groups will be presented to the Group Presidents at the PWA 36th National Convention in Springfield, MA in August 2011.

Any Group officer or member who sells six or more applications as witness, will be recognized in the 36th National Convention Program Book and will receive a special gift.

No commission payments or introducer fees will be paid with this promotion; but it **will count** for the May Queen Contest.

See sample discounted rates on page 17.



Logo from the first issue of *Głos Polek* – November 3, 1910

To take advantage of this **Mix'n'Match** promotion, simply complete two applications, include the discounted applicable premium payable to PWA and mail to:

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631-1360

www.pwaa.org

An application is available on page 12 in this issue of *Głos Polek* or on our website www.pwaa.org (click on FORMS, go to Life Insurance applications, choose the state where you live, and print) or you can request applications from the Home Office by calling toll-free

1-888-522-1898 ext 228

or send an email request to
padowski@pwaa.org

SAMPLE RATES FOR GLOS POLEK 100TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

SINGLE PAYMENT WHOLE LIFE – \$1000 FACE VALUE
Ages 0 to 20 (nearest birthday)

Age	Male Regular	You Pay	Female Regular	You Pay
0*	\$125.63	\$75.63	\$114.98	\$64.98
1	\$127.01	\$77.01	\$116.64	\$66.64
2	\$129.03	\$79.03	\$118.50	\$68.50
3	\$131.32	\$81.32	\$120.51	\$70.51
4	\$133.90	\$83.90	\$122.71	\$72.71
5	\$136.60	\$86.60	\$124.97	\$74.97
6	\$139.40	\$89.40	\$127.37	\$77.37
7	\$142.32	\$92.32	\$129.85	\$79.85
8	\$145.35	\$95.35	\$132.40	\$82.40
9	\$148.52	\$98.52	\$135.06	\$85.06
10	\$151.83	\$101.83	\$137.81	\$87.81
11	\$155.24	\$105.24	\$140.69	\$90.69
12	\$158.80	\$108.80	\$143.67	\$93.67
13	\$162.48	\$112.48	\$146.76	\$96.76
14	\$166.29	\$116.29	\$149.95	\$99.95
15	\$170.18	\$120.18	\$153.23	\$103.23
16	\$174.15	\$124.15	\$156.58	\$106.58
17	\$178.00	\$128.00	\$160.06	\$110.06
18	\$181.78	\$131.78	\$163.62	\$113.62
19	\$185.52	\$135.52	\$167.35	\$117.35
20	\$189.34	\$139.34	\$171.18	\$121.18

* up to 6 mos

Premium is calculated to the nearest birthday

**For rates for ages 21 and older or for different face amounts,
please call 1-888-522-1898 ext 228, send email to
padowski@pwaa.org, or visit our website at pwaa.org**

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**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT RATE ON
ANNUITIES OFFERED BY PWAA
OPEN A TRADITIONAL OR ROTH IRA OR
REGULAR ANNUITY WITH PWAA TODAY!**

The higher your initial premium, the higher your first-year interest
rate on a NEWLY-OPENED Annuity up to 3.75%.

The current rates are:

Under \$5000	3.00%
\$5,000 to \$49,999	3.25%
\$50,000 to \$99,000	3.50%
\$100,000 and over	3.75%

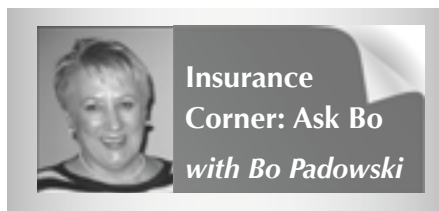
Don't wait! Let your hard-earned money start working for you now!

The minimum initial deposit to open any PWAA Annuity
contract is \$250. Call 888-522-1898 ext. 228 or 226
for more information and an application.

Or send email to padowski@pwaa.org.

*All rates are subject to change.

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Q. I want to find the perfect gift for my grandson for his First Holy Communion. What would you recommend? – Barbara, Michigan

A: Life insurance is the perfect solution. Life insurance will not only give your grandchild a smart financial start, it will also give him the chance to become a member of one of the finest fraternal organizations in the country with full membership benefits. PWAA offers a wide array of whole life, term, and whole life with annuity rider insurance plans.

Which should you choose?

That depends on how much money you wish to spend and what your priorities are. Choose the EDUCATION LIFE BUILDER or SILVER EQUITY PLAN if the most important consideration for you is to provide a financial head start for your children or grandchildren as they grow into adulthood, rather than to give them lifelong protection. These are the most expensive plans since they combine both savings and life insurance protection in one plan; available from \$1,000 to \$50,000 in benefits. The savings portion of these plans matures at the child's age 19, if you purchase the Education Life Builder, and at age 25, if you choose the Silver Equity Plan. These are the most popular plans purchased by grandparents and parents as gifts for children from newborn to age 15.

Choose a WHOLE LIFE policy if you want to provide lifelong protection and a financial head start for your child. A Whole Life policy never expires, as long as the premium is paid, and builds cash value over time, which can be accessed later if needed. You can choose either the Single Payment or 10-Year Payment Whole Life plan. These policies can be issued in face amounts from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$50,000. Look at our *Glos Polek* 100th Anniversary Special on pages 16–18 for details of additional savings on the premium on \$1,000 policies through June 30, 2011.

Choose TERM INSURANCE TO AGE 25 if you want to ensure that your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews are protected now, up to age 25, and you will provide them with guaranteed insurability later, as they grow into adulthood. Only one premium payment provides coverage to age 25. This is the least expensive plan per \$1,000 of protection. Available in \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$25,000 face amount policies.

Tel: 888-522-1898, ext 220

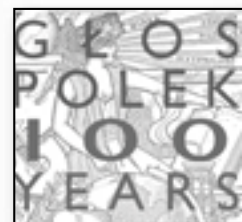
Email: padowski@pwaa.org

LAST CHANCE!!

Głos Polek 100th Anniversary Special ends June 30, 2011

To celebrate the Centennial of our publication, *Głos Polek*, we offer you a **\$100 discount** on the premium on our new **Mix'n'Match Offer**.

To qualify, you must apply for two \$1,000 Single Payment Whole Life Policies. The policies can be taken out for one person or for any two people – from newborn to age 85 (nearest birthday).



To Apply:

Fill out TWO applications. You will find one on this page (and you can make an additional copy) and mail them in with the applicable premium to:

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

*See sample discounted rates on
page 17.*

Call 888-522-1898 ext 228 for more information or to request additional applications.

Or you can send an email to padowski@pwaa.org.

Plan applied for (Write Plan Name): Face Amount: _____ Premium Mode (Check one): Ann <input type="checkbox"/> S-Ann <input type="checkbox"/> Quar <input type="checkbox"/> Mo <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/>		APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE With POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA 6643 N Northwest Highway, 2 nd Floor Chicago, IL 60631		Office Use Only Group No. _____ Certificate No. _____ Plan No. _____ Amount of Insurance _____	
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1. Name of Proposed Insured			2. Residence Address		
3. Sex Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Date of Birth (Mo) (Day) (Yr)	5. Age	City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
6. Height _____ Weight _____	7. Place of Birth _____		8. Telephone Number Home _____ Work _____		
9. Marital Status (Check One) Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		10. If female, and ever married, give maiden name _____		11. Social Security No. _____	
12. Occupation _____		13. Name and Address of Employer _____			
14. Beneficiary Name _____ Relationship _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____					
15. Contingent Beneficiary Name _____ Relationship _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____					

DECLARATION OF INSURABILITY		Yes	No
1. Within the past 3 years, has the proposed insured used tobacco in any form?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Within the past 3 years has the proposed insured ever had or been treated for:			
a. Disease or disorder of heart, kidneys, stomach, liver, lungs, bones or joints?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
3. Has any application for life insurance on the proposed insured been declined, withdrawn, postponed, or modified in any way by any insurance company during the past 3 years?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Proposed Insured _____

Signature of Applicant, if other than Proposed Insured _____

Signature of Witness or Agent _____

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

Form No. LA-2005/PWA

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Please charge a one-time premium of \$ _____

to my _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD or _____ DISCOVER card.

Name on Credit Card _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Billing Address _____

Zip Code _____

In Memoriam



*We note with sadness the passing of the following PWA members.
For December, January, and February*



Gr. No.	Member	City/State	Gr. No.	Member	City/State
0009	Barbara J Bielecki	Norwich, CT	0189	Alice R Fons	Milwaukee, WI
0022	Veronica Benbenek	Hazelhurst, WI	0189	Phyllis Beitzel	Montello, WI
0031	Helen E Koch	Lansing, IL	0221	Adele Hylarzewski	Pittsburgh, PA
0031	Louise C Shannon	Oak Forest, IL	0221	Stella Ban	Pittsburgh, PA
0035	Lucja Galinska	Las Vegas, NV	0224	Mary L Wojtowicz	Pittsburgh, PA
0035	Anna Urzedowska	Carbondale, IL	0224	MaryAnn Mamula	Pittsburgh, PA
0037	Mary L Dziadon	Hammond, IN	0227	Rose Wieckowski	Largo, FL
0037	Virginia Troksa	Schamburg, IL	0248	Emily Matta	Donora, PA
0037	Louise Miller	Griffith, IN	0271	Marya Sokolowski	Trafford, PA
0044	Sophia L Frackowiak	Palatine, IL	0275	Marie K Yeshnowski	Omaha, NE
0044	Florence Weyland	Chicago, IL	0275	Joseph Bacon	Omaha, NE
0049	Mary A Kowalik	Wheeling, WV	0280	Mary G Wolanin	Plantsville, CT
0055	Florence E Tomkalski	Wickliffe, OH	0288	Cheryl J Jarocki	Derby, CT
0060	Irene Rooks	Cleveland, OH	0288	Dolores F Demas	Coal Twp, PA
0061	Gertrude Podgorski	Wheeling, IL	0301	Laura A Yeager	Feasterville Trevose, PA
0070	Josephine E Arvaj	Rockford, IL	0304	Aniela T Sabol	Mc Kees Rocks, PA
0073	Victoria Ledwon	Chicago, IL	0304	Genevieve D Speicher	McKees Rocks, PA
0077	Jeffrey A Kalina	Hammond, IN	0305	Christine H Bartosiak	South Bend, IN
0078	Dona M Wilber	Burlington, WI	0305	Joan C Pluta	South Bend, IN
0081	Rose Czajka	Orland Park, IL	0305	Helen E Dybala	South Bend, IN
0105	Wanda Chesney	Mount Carmel, PA	0306	Elizabeth J Nitowski	Natrona Hts, PA
0105	Sandra Paul-Herold	Downingtown, PA	0306	Florence W Markwell	Pittsburgh, PA
0105	Clara Polacek	Astoria, NY	0306	Virginia Moats	Bel Air, MD
0112	Camille Stryck	Wheaton, IL	0313	Jeanette I Kelley	Utica, NY
0114	Clara L Wilson	Oakland, MI	0313	Julia Jagelski	Utica, NY
0116	Alice H Sanford	Milwaukee, WI	0314	Teresa K Zuk	Wyomissing, PA
0128	Marilyn M Dietrich	Lake Station, IN	0314	Mary M Garczewski	New Castle, PA
0128	Stanley Pawlowicz	Dyer, IN	0317	Marya L Marszalek	Chicopee, MA
0129	Lorraine Wiltrout	South Bend, IN	0317	Sophie Radwanski	Chicopee, MA
0130	Florence Szafranec	Arlington Hts, IL	0317	Julie Swiderski	Chicopee, MA
0132	Lottie J Melloch	Highland, IN	0341	Mary Dybowski	Pittsburgh, PA
0132	Janina M Quasney	East Chicago, IN	0348	Edward W Drevitch	Wilkes Barre, PA
0132	David A Martinez	East Chicago, IN	0352	Mary Susanin	Pittsburgh, PA
0137	Jozefa Zasada	Hampshire, IL	0356	Alice M Baker	Glenwood, IA
0141	Jozefa Cisek	Westfield, MA	0362	Eleanore Moleskie	Wharton, NJ
0145	Tecla K Kwak	La Grange, IL	0364	Emilia Motyl	New London, NH
0145	Tecla Kwak-Kania	La Grange, IL	0366	Lillian V Barcinski	Merrillville, IN
0149	Mary T Lunk	Tucson, AZ	0379	Mary Kalisiak	North Tonawanda, NY
0149	John J Loftus	Worth, IL	0379	Stephanie Folga	Gulf Breeze, FL
0170	Josephine May	Detroit, MI	0381	Florentyna Lasecki	Dunkirk, NY
0177	Helen Patryas	West Homestead, PA	0386	Michael R Bettley	Redford, MI
0181	Agnieszka Soldati	Mukwonago, WI	0408	Lottie Rajchel	East Chicago, IN
0181	Helena Poldek	Streator, IL	0409	Mary L Krayneski	Omaha, NE
0182	Edward J Ludwicki	Irwin, PA	0411	Genevieve V Kolanowski	Woodstock, IL
0182	Leonora Misura	West Mifflin, PA	0419	Charlotte K Koperska	Hamburg, NY
0185	Bernice A Rosano	Middletown, CT	0419	Jean Marcickiewicz	Sun Prairie, WI
0185	Celia M Hazzard	Wallingford, CT	0419	Helen Stengel	Derby, NY
0185	Judith A Hazzard	Wallingford, CT	0422	Barbara M Orluk	Wilbraham, MA
0185	Mary W Bobrowski	Burke, VA	0422	Jean Martikke	Agawam, MA
0188	Estelle B Wroblewski	Evanston, IL	0422	Maria Baczynski	Springfield, MA

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For December, January, and February (cont'd)***



Gr. No.	Member	City/State
0427	Grace D Gammauta	Falls, PA
0427	Leocadia Falkowski	Clarks Summit, PA
0427	Cecylia Kolback	Dunmore, PA
0427	John Lech	Emmaus, PA
0439	Jane Krzywonos	Riverview, MI
0440	Irene Gumowski	Hoffman Ests, IL
0444	Dorothy C Smelko	Merrillville, IN
0451	Gertrude Srednicki	Sarasota, FL
0468	Sandra Tuzinska	Niagara Falls, NY
0469	Helena Bogacka	Erie, PA
0469	Cecelia Dylewski	Erie, PA
0470	Sophie E Miller	Buffalo, NY
0472	Sophie Smialek	Summerfield, FL
0474	Martha A Vetowich	Savannah, GA
0475	Edna M Szajna	New Kensington, PA
0475	Judith Leonardi	Pittsburgh, PA
0480	Robert Walker	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
0481	Winifred F Kubisz	Clay, MI
0481	Wanda C Cavalier	Tampa, FL
0481	Lucy Szymczyk	Warren, MI
0488	Eleonor N Gusas	Warren, MI
0488	Regina J Pawlowski	Warren, MI
0488	Gregory A Schultz	Eastpointe, MI
0488	Bernice Dziewit	Macomb, MI
0488	Bernice Stodulski	Clinton Twp, MI
0488	Helen Scur	Hamtramck, MI
0499	Victoria A Zabko	Turners Falls, MA
0501	Mathew S Jaroneski	Canton, OH
0509	Dolores Kishel	Dupont, PA
0525	Laureen Thornton	Forest Park, IL
0530	Vincent Stryjewski	Shavertown, PA
0530	Dolores Kaminski	Bonita SPGS, FL
0530	Dorothy Scott	Nanticoke, PA
0568	Dorothy S Gietka	Raising Sun, MD
0568	Mary Kozubski	Middle River, MD
0568	Elizabeth Kreller	Lakewood, CO
0579	Susan K Olson	Omaha, NE
0579	Michalina P Lough	Omaha, NE
0579	Eunice Nykiel	Papillion, NE
0587	Genevieve J Dabrosky	Ocean Gate, NJ
0591	Josephine F Kwiatkowska	Pompton Plains, NJ
0594	Janina Mamula	Aliquippa, PA
0598	Beatrice Wroczynski	North Arlington, NJ
0611	Lorraine Klimowicz	Allenhurst, NJ
0611	Amelia Nowicki	Port Saint Lucie, FL
0616	Jennie Gawel	Warren, MI
0632	Mary E Masick	Palm Beach Garden, FL
0637	Marja Zujko	Liberal, KS
0637	Stanislawa Hybel	Plainville, CT
0642	Cynthia Maciejewski	Honesdale, PA
0642	Mike Langol	Simpson, PA

Gr. No.	Member	City/State
0661	Lorraine Wawrzaszek	Chicago, IL
0665	Julia Olejarski	Independence, OH
0665	Stella Anderson	Brookpark, OH
0677	Irena Astrella	Ormond Bch., FL
0702	Matilda L Blazucki	Baltimore, MD
0721	Hedwig T Bryja	Portage, PA
0721	Marya Ingoldsby	Pittsburgh, PA
0723	Helen T Nowokunski	Buffalo Grove, IL
0743	Celia M Daniszewski	Valparaiso, IN
0743	Edward Zych	Chicago, IL
0743	Zofia Kujawa	Oak Forest, IL
0743	Genevieve Napora	Chicago, IL
0758	Teresa Benicewicz	Dundalk, MD
0763	Cecelia R Multa	Baltimore, MD
0763	Elizabeth M Luberecki	Baltimore, MD
0763	Theresa Costello	Baltimore, MD
0769	Wanda H Skalski	Issaquah, WA
0776	Daisy Rogowski	Adams, MA
0778	Christine A Lemanski	Hobart, IN
0782	Jennie M Mianeki	Phoenix, AZ
0782	Ruth A Farrell	Phillipsport, NY
0782	Josephine Lorenc	Nutley, NJ
0807	Marian T Kulwicki	Southgate, MI
0814	Ann M Gallegos	Cocoa Beach, FL
0814	Helen M Podhaskie	San Diego, CA

Josephine M. Lorenc Group 782

Nutley, NJ--Josephine M. Lorenc was born in Blizianka, Poland, on August 17, 1922, and passed away on January 15, 2011. At age 14, Josephine immigrated to the United States aboard Poland's first ocean liner, the MS Pilsudski. One of Josephine's fondest memories dated back to 1992 when she traveled to Italy with the Kosciuszko Foundation and was able to meet Pope John Paul II. She had her picture taken with the Pope and they were holding hands. She often reflected that Pope John Paul II said he was pleased to be able to speak with her in their shared native tongue.

Josephine was the Recording Secretary of Group 782 for over 30 years and a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Nutley, NJ. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph in 1985. She was the mother of Cynthia M. Zubeck, who passed away in 2007, and Joseph N. Lorenc. "My mother loved her family and she was loved by her family. She will be greatly missed," said her son Joseph.



REMINDER College Scholarship Application Deadlines

PWA is now accepting applications for the **Junior and Senior Year Undergraduate College Academic Scholarships for 2011-2012**. Deadline is postmark **April 30, 2011**.

The deadline for the **Remkus-Sochacki Scholarship** offered by the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation is postmark **May 15, 2011**.

Please download the requirements and applications from our website at www.pwaa.org/scholarships.htm.

NEW MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST

Category: **Values of Polish Women's Alliance**

Match each Polish word with the correct English translation and submit your answers postmarked no later than May 31, 2011.

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Heritage | A. Oświata |
| 2. Vision | B. Siła |
| 3. Culture | C. Bezpieczeństwo |
| 4. Traditions | D. Dziedzictwo |
| 5. Strength | E. Przyjaźń |
| 6. Security | F. Wiza |
| 7. Friendship | G. Członkostwo |
| 8. Service | H. Tradycje |
| 9. Education | I. Kultura |
| 10. Membership | J. Czyn |

Only one entry per PWA member. Correct entries will be placed in a lottery and three \$25 prizes will be awarded for the first three correct entries drawn. Contest is open to PWA members of all ages. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email address, and PWA Group number with your entry.

Submit your entry by email to:
vpres@pwaa.org or by regular mail to:
Polish Women's Alliance of America/Contests,
6643 N. Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor,
Chicago, IL 60631.

Questions? 1-888-522-1898, ext 208

REMINDER – YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Youth Bowling Tournament applications, score sheets, and print-outs need to be returned to PWA postmarked no later than June 30th.

Please visit www.pwaa.org/youth.html#bowling_2010 for more information or call 847-384-1208 with questions.

EASTER COLORING CONTEST RULES

1. Cut out or copy the picture on page 22, or download it from our website at pwaa.org/Contests.htm, 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 May 15, 2011**
3. Please include the following information on a separate sheet 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.
5. Contest Prizes:
First Prize \$100 Savings Bond
Second Prize \$75 Savings Bond
Third Prize \$50 Savings Bond
Honorable Mentions 5 prizes of \$10 each each
6. Age Categories:
The above Prizes will be awarded in each age category:
3 - 4 years; 5 - 6 years; 7 - 8 years; 9 - 11 years;
12 - 14 years; and 15 - 17 years.

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

Council 27 Mother's Day Essay Contest

Council 27 announces an Essay Contest for youth members in Council 27 Groups who are between the ages of 10 and 18. The topic is "Why My Mother Is Important in My Life." The essays should be submitted in Polish and should be no longer than 500 words. Monetary awards will be presented to the winners at the Mother's Day celebration of Council 27 on Saturday, May 14th, 2011. Please send your essays by April 30th to: Anna Holmberg, 5135 W. Estes Ave, Skokie IL 60077-3437. For further information please call Anna Holmberg at 847-677-5441.

Easter Coloring Contest



TRAVEL TO POLAND THIS SUMMER!

A Cultural Program for PWA Members Ages from 12 to 15

The Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation (PACCF), in cooperation with Wspolnota Polska, is offering a great opportunity for PWA members to explore the country of their heritage this coming summer. You'll join other young Polish Americans on a trip that will offer unforgettable experiences, great memories, and lasting friendships. Have fun as you travel through Poland, visiting her beautiful cities and historic sites and meeting her friendly people.

The Cultural Program encompasses a two-week period and the cost per participant is being equally underwritten by the PACCF and the PWA, with the balance of \$550 being the responsibility of the participant's family. In addition, Wspolnota Polska has generously agreed to underwrite the land portion of the Program. Included is round-trip airfare from Chicago, lodging, all meals, travel in Poland, as well as tours and admissions. Participants should bring their own spending money for souvenirs and miscellaneous purchases not included in the above. Adult chaperones will accompany the students while traveling to and from Poland and during their entire stay in Poland. The dates of the Program are:

June 19 to July 2, 2011

Space is limited and the participants will be chosen by a random drawing, so please fill out and return the registration form below as soon as possible, along with a deposit of \$100. The registration deadline is postmark April 29, 2011. The deposit will be refunded if your name is not chosen in the drawing that will be held on May 9, 2011, at the PWA Home Office. (The deposit is non-refundable if your name is chosen and you decline to participate.) Selected participants will be notified by mail and their names will be printed in the next issue of *Glos Polek* (July 2011). PWA members who took part in the 2010 Cultural Program are not eligible for the 2011 Program.



REGISTRATION FORM for 2011 SUMMER CULTURAL PROGRAM IN POLAND

For PWA Members—Ages 12 to 15

Child's Name _____ M____ F____

Date of Birth _____ PWA Group No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

DEPOSIT: Please include a \$100 deposit with your registration.

The deposit will be refunded if the child's name is not selected in the drawing to be held on May 9, 2011. Please make the check payable to Polish Women's Alliance and mail it postmarked no later than April 29, 2011 to:

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

Questions? 1-888-522-1898, ext 228.

The Flowers of Easter

Easter always comes in spring, the time when nature is awakening from its winter sleep and flowers and trees start to bloom. This rebirth of nature symbolizes the Resurrection of Christ, the life that comes after death. Easter is a moveable feast, celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21, the first day of spring. During this time, churches are decorated with traditional Easter flowers to celebrate the Resurrection and they are full of symbolism, reflecting the meaning of Easter.

Easter Lily

Easter lilies are the traditional Easter flower in the United States. Lilies are believed to have been found in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's death and are sometimes called "White-Robed Apostles of Hope." The fragrant trumpet-shaped white flowers are known for their holiness and purity. The lily is also mentioned numerous times in the Bible.

Pussy Willow

Pussy willows are the traditional Easter flower in Poland, Russia, and the United Kingdom. They are soft and fluffy with yellow or silver catkins that appear on the branches before leaves in the spring. In Poland, where palms are hard to obtain, pussy willows (called *bazie* or *kotki*) are substituted for palms during Palm Sunday and brought to church to be blessed. On Ash Wednesday, pussy willow branches are cut and placed indoors in water, so they will sprout the catkins and leaves in time for Palm Sunday.

Daffodil

Bright yellow, trumpet-shaped daffodils are a symbol of Jesus's resurrection from death, as new flowers miraculously sprout from dormant bulbs. In Germany, daffodils are called "Osterglocken" or "Easter bells." In England, daffodils are nicknamed "Lenten lilies."

Narcissus

Narcissus was the original Easter flower in Italy and Greece. Ancient Greeks thought of narcissus flowers as a representation of spring and rebirth. It is still the traditional Easter flower in Northern Italy and Southern France.

Red Tulip

In Germany, the red tulip is the traditional Easter flower. It symbolizes the blood that was shed by Jesus during his crucifixion.

Hyacinth

In many countries, the hyacinth, with its sweet pungent smell, is also a traditional Easter flower.

SMIGUS DYNGUS – WET MONDAY

Easter Monday is a holiday in Poland called "Smigus Dyngus" or "Lany Poniedziałek," which means Wet Monday. It's a day of fun for young and old alike. This ancient Polish custom is celebrated with great enthusiasm as people sprinkle each other with water. The young especially have a lot of fun this day, with young boys laying in wait to sprinkle (or douse) young girls with water. It is believed that being splashed with water on Easter Monday will bring you good luck throughout the year.

Smigus Dyngus dates back to the Middle Ages in Poland, and while purification by water is a custom practiced in many cultures, the tradition in Poland goes back to the baptism of King Mieszko I on Easter Monday in 966. He was the king who brought Christianity to Poland over a thousand years ago.

Easter/Wielkanoc

A beautiful baked Easter ham is the centerpiece of every Swieconka table. The recipe below calls for cooking the ham in dark beer, spices, and honey – a winning combination your family and friends are sure to love!

Ham with Dark Beer, Spices, and Honey

Ingredients:

Uncooked ham, about 2 1/2 to 3 lbs, 2 bottles of dark beer, 3 heaping tablespoons of honey, 5 cloves, 5 allspice berries, 2 bay leaves, 1 tablespoon salt, 10 peppercorns, 5 juniper berries

Separately prepare:

2 garlic cloves, 3 tablespoons marjoram, 2 tablespoons coriander, 1 tablespoon caraway, ground pepper, 1 bay leaf, 4 allspice berries, 6 juniper berries, 1 onion, roughly chopped, 1 piece of celery root, chopped, 1 carrot, chopped, salt to taste

Preparation:

Place the ham in a large saucepan and cover with a mixture of dark beer, honey, cloves, allspice berries, bay leaves, salt, peppercorns, and juniper berries. Place in refrigerator for 6–12 hours.

Place the pot with the ham and marinade on the stove and bring slowly to a boil. Add garlic, marjoram, coriander, caraway, ground pepper, bay leaf, allspice berries, juniper berries, onion, celery root, and carrot. Cook the ham slowly, turning frequently. Cooking time is approximately one and a half hours (30 minutes per pound). The liquid should cover the ham halfway. The ham should float in the sauce, not drown it.

Ćwikła – Beet and Horseradish Relish

Ingredients:

1 teaspoon white vinegar, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 cup fresh grated or prepared horseradish, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 pound beets, cooked, peeled, cooled, and grated or 1 (14-ounce) can prepared beets, drained and grated

Preparation:

In a large bowl, mix together vinegar, brown sugar, horseradish, and salt until well combined. Add grated beets and mix thoroughly. Chill before serving.

Smakowita świąteczna szynka jest ozdobą każdego wielkanocnego stołu. Podany poniżej przepis zaleca gotowanie szynki w miodzie, ciemnym piwie i przyprawach. Tak przygotowana szynka powinna smakować wszystkim biesiadnikom – rodzinie i przyjaciołom.

Szynka gotowana w piwie, przyprawach i z dodatkiem miodu

Składniki:

Szynka surowa około 1,20 kg, 2 butelki ciemnego piwa, 3 czubate łyżki miodu, 5 ziaren goździków, 5 ziaren ziela angielskiego, 2 liście laurowe, łyżka soli, 10 ziaren pieprzu czarnego, 5 ziaren jałowca

Ponadto:

2 ząbki czosnku, 3 łyżki majeranku, 2 łyżki kolendry, łyżka kminku, pieprzu mielonego, liść laurowy, 4 kulki ziela angielskiego, 6 kulek jałowca, 1 cebula, kawałek selera (korzeń) i kawałek marchwi, sól do smaku

Sposób wykonania:

Do garnka włożyć szynkę i zalać ciemnym piwem, dodać miód, po 5 ziaren goździków i ziela angielskiego, liście laurowe, sól, 10 ziaren czarnego pieprzu, 5 ziaren jałowca – odstawić na 6–12 godzin do lodówki.

Po czasie garnek przełożyć na gaz i doprowadzić do wrzenia na małym ogniu. Następnie dodać czosnek, majeranek, kolendrę, kminek, pieprz mielony, liść laurowy, ziele angielskie, 6 kulek jałowca, cebulę, seler i marchew. Gotować

szynkę na wolnym ogniu często obracając. Należy liczyć po 1 godz. gotowania na każdy kg szynki. Szynka powinna być zalana płynem do połowy, powinna pływać, a nie topić się.

Ćwikła – buraczki z chrzanem

Składniki:

Łyżka białego octu, łyżeczka brązowego cukru, jedna szklanka (cup) świeżo startego, lub kupnego, już spreparowanego chrzanu, 1/4 łyżeczki soli, funt buraków ugotowanych, obranych, oziębionych i utartych, lub słoik (puszkę) gotowych, odcędzonych, które należy tylko utrzeć.

Przygotowanie:

W dużej misce dobrze wymieszać ocet, cukier, sól i chrzan. Dodać buraczki i znowu dokładnie wymieszać. Chłodzić przed podaniem.



Happy Easter!



Wesołego Alleluja!



BON TON

Życie nie jest tak krótkie, by nie było w nim czasu na uprzejmość.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

“Aperitif time” (łac. “aperire” – “otwierać”) to ważny, a równocześnie wesoły i towarzyski czas powitania gości, przedstawiania gości, oczekiwania na schodzących się i na zaproszenie do stołu. Aperitif to także ogólna

nazwa na lekkie napoje alkoholowe, i nie tylko, podawane na tę okazję, które powinny pobudzać apetyt, będąc trochę gorzkie, albo słodkie i konieczne lekkie. Najszlachetniejszym aperitifem jest oczywiście szampan, ale vermouth, gin z tonikiem, campari, koktajle z soków owocowych są prawdopodobnie najpopularniejsze. Jedynym mocniejszym trunkiem może być whisky z wodą lub lodem. Napojom zwykle towarzyszy kilka lekkich przekąsek (appetizers).

Dzień Matki

Matka

Świtam, gdy oczy otwieram,
Matka nade mną jak słońce.
Tyle w niej światła i ciepła,
tyle miłości gorącej.
Tyle uśmiechu i ciszy,
tyle spokoju, dobroci.
Kogo się dotknie – ukoji,
czego się dotknie – ozłoci.
Pod dłońią jej na kominie
śpiewa szczerzoty ogień.
Uśmiecha się błękit, kiedy
woła do nas: „Dzieci drogie!”
Nocą, gdy oczy zamykam,
gdy już mi niczego nie brak,
matka przechodzi przez pokój
cicho, jak księżyc ze srebra.

Tadeusz Kubiak

*Życzymy Wam, byście przez długie lata
cieszyły się dobrym zdrowiem.*

*Życzymy, abyście miały jak najmniej
trosk i zmartwień.*

*Życzymy, by w Waszym życiu było jak
najwięcej słonecznych dni.*

*Życzymy również, by spełniły się
Wasze marzenia.*

“MOJA WIERNA MOWO”



Porady językowe według Jana Miodka i innych
polskich językoznawców

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“Bez dania racji” czy **“bez zdania racji”**? Poprawna forma brzmi “bez dania racji”. Wątpliwości rozwiewają się, gdy przywołamy znaczenie tego wyrażenia - zrobić coś bez dania racji, to zrobić coś bez powodu, a przynajmniej bez jego podania.

“W cudzysłowie” czy **“w cudzysłowiu”**? Poprawna forma miejscownika rzeczownika “cudzysłów”, to “w cudzysłowie”. Rzeczownik ten odmieniamy tak jak “rów”, a więc: rowu/cudzysłowu, rowowi/cudzysłowowi, rowem/cudzysłowem, w rowie/ w cudzysłowie.

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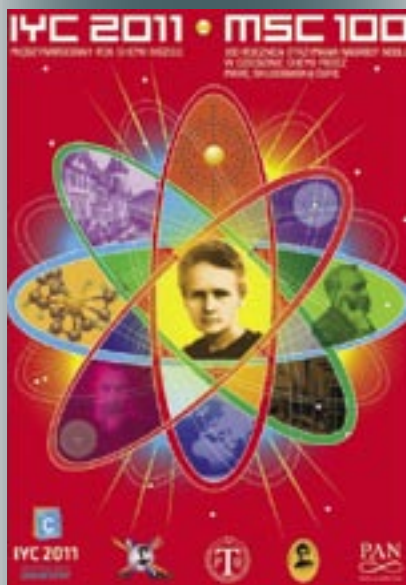
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Pogrzeb żuru i śledzia

Pogrzeb żuru i śledzia to dawny ludowy zwyczaj wielkanocny. Ponieważ pożywienie wielkopostne najczęściej ograniczało się do żuru i śledzi, kiedy więc Wielki Post dobiegał końca, tradycją w Wielki Piątek wieczorem lub w Wielką Sobotę rano był tzw. pogrzeb żuru i śledzia. Wynoszeniu z domu śledzia i żuru towarzyszyły żartobliwe przyśpiewki i okrzyki. Śledzia, wyciętego z drewna lub tektury, wiązano na grubym powrozie i na wierzbie wieszano nad drogą. Była to symboliczna kara dla powieszzonego za sześciotygodniowy post. Natomiast garnek z żurem zakopywano poza wsią. W krakowskim dodatkowo zakopywano garnek z popiołem, co oznaczało koniec pokuty.





*“Człowiek nigdy
nie ogląda się na to,
co zrobione, ale na to
patrzy, co ma przed
sobą do zrobienia.”*

M. Skłodowska-Curie



*“Nauka leży
u podstaw każdego
postępu, który ułatwia
życie ludzkie i zmniejsza
jego cierpienia”.*

M. Skłodowska-Curie

Międzynarodowy Rok Chemii i Rok Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie

Rok 2011, decyzją Organizacji Narodów Zjednoczonych, na wniosek UNESCO, proklamowano Międzynarodowym Rokiem Chemii. W tym roku przypada również setna rocznica przyznania Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie Nagrody Nobla w dziedzinie chemii za odkrycie nowych pierwiastków – polonu i radu. Z tej okazji, oddając hold jednemu z najwybitniejszych naukowców naszych czasów, którego przełomowe odkrycia przyczyniły się do światowego rozwoju nauki, Sejm Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej ustanowił rok 2011 Rokiem Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie.

Maria Skłodowska-Curie (ur. 7 listopada 1867 r. w Warszawie, zm. 4 lipca 1934 r. w Paryżu) – fizyk i chemik narodowości polskiej, żona Pierre’a Curie, matka Eve Curie i Irène Joliot-Curie.

Większość życia spędziła we Francji, tam też rozwinęła swoją karierę naukową. Stała się prekursorem nowej gałęzi chemii – radiochemii, a do jej największych dokonań należą: opracowanie teorii promieniotwórczości, opracowanie technik rozdzielania izotopów promieniotwórczych oraz odkrycie dwóch nowych pierwiastków – radu i polonu. Pod jej osobistym kierunkiem prowadzono też pierwsze w świecie badania nad leczeniem raka za pomocą promieniotwórczości. Za swoją pracę i osiągnięcia zyskała sławę jednego z największych naukowców XX wieku

Najślawniejsza ze wszystkich kobiet-naukowców, Maria Skłodowska-Curie była pierwszą w wielu dziedzinach i osiągnięciach naukowych.

- ◆ Była pierwszą kobietą w Europie, która otrzymała doktorat w dziedzinie nauki.
- ◆ W 1903 roku była pierwszą kobietą odznaczoną nagrodą Nobla w dziedzinie fizyki (Nagrodę otrzymała wraz z mężem Piotrem Curie and francuskim fizykiem Henri Becquerel za odkrycie radioaktywności).
- ◆ W roku 1906 została pierwszą kobietą-profesorem na Sorbonie.
- ◆ Była pierwszą kobietą, która brała udział w konferencjach Solvayowskich – dorocznych spotkaniach najwybitniejszych uczonych.
- ◆ Kiedy w 1911 roku dostała Nagrodę Nobla w dziedzinie chemii, stała się pierwszym naukowcem, który otrzymał dwie nagrody Nobla.
- ◆ Do dziś pozostaje jedyną kobietą, która tę nagrodę otrzymała dwukrotnie, a także jedynym uczonym w historii uhonorowanym nagrodą Nobla w dwóch różnych dziedzinach nauk przyrodniczych.
- ◆ Była pierwszą matką-laureatką Nobla córki, która także była laureatką Nobla; Irène Joliot-Curie otrzymała Nobla w dziedzinie chemii w 1935 r.
- ◆ Była pierwszą kobietą, która, tylko za swoje zasługi, została pochowana w Pantheonie (Paryż), miejscu spoczynku najślawniejszych Francuzów.
- ◆ Była pierwszą kobietą-naukowcem, która zdobyła światową sławę.

Po Jej śmierci Albert Einstein w pięknym eseju napisał, że była jedynym niezaprzeczalnym przez sławę człowiekiem spośród tych, których przyszło mu poznać.



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(...) Słońce wyniosło się zarno od wschodu i zagrało w stawach a rosach, i płynęło po bladym, wysokim niebie, jakby śpiewając wszemu światu ciepłem a światłością: Alleluja! Niesło się ogromne i płomienne wskroś mgieł przyziemnych; wskroś sadów i chałup, i pól, że ptaki zaśpiewały radośnie, wody dzwoniły weselnym bełkotem, bory zaszumiały, wiatr powiał, zatrząsły się młode liście, a ziemia zadrgała, że gęste runie zbóż zakolebały się cichusko i rosy kiej lży posypały się na ziemię. Hej! wesół dzień nastał! Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Alleluja! (...) I oto w ten czas wiosniany, w tę porę rodną unosi się nad ziemią, w tym słońcu przenajświętszym utajony, i rozwiewa wokół wesele (...) Alleluja! Alleluja! Alleluja!...

Władysław Reymont "Chłopi" tom III, Wiosna

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