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Happy Easter!

*Please note: The deadline for the
next issue of "Głos Polek" has been
moved up by two weeks because of
our Anniversary Events in May 2013.
Please send in articles and photos for
the Spring Issue by MARCH 15th.*

NEXT DEADLINES FOR GŁOS POLEK

Spring 2013 Issue
Deadline moved up by two weeks to
March 15

Summer 2013 issue
Deadline for articles is July 1

HOLIDAY HOURS

PWA Offices will be closed
on the following days:

March 29 – Good Friday
April 1 – Easter Monday

You can also contact us by email or visit www.pwaa.org

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depicts two women,
one in America and
one in Poland, extending
hands to one another
in a gesture of
friendship and
solidarity*

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*"The ideals of a woman
are the strength of
a nation"*

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serving the Polish
American community
since 1898*

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Dear Members and Friends,

As we go to press with this issue of *Głos Polek*, it is still cold and snowy outside and the New Year is only a few weeks old. But already we are looking ahead – with excitement as we make plans for 2013 and with anticipation at the rebirth of nature that happens every spring, and at the coming of Easter.

This year will mark the 115th Anniversary of Polish Women's Alliance of America and we will be celebrating this milestone all year long. Please check out the **115th Anniversary Insurance Special** (on pages 12–13) that we have prepared for you and please join us at the **115th Anniversary Luncheon** which will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013, at Cafe La Cave in Des Plaines, Illinois. At the Luncheon, we will once again present our **Fraternalist of Distinction Awards**. Please go to page 15 for details on how to nominate candidates from each District. We are also happy to announce our **115th Anniversary Membership Contest** that runs all year. See page 14 to learn how your District can earn cash rewards for signing up new members to PWA.

If you cannot join us in Chicago for the Gala Luncheon, be sure to attend anniversary events that will be organized in your own Districts, Councils, and Groups. It is as important to observe and celebrate important milestones in the life of our organization as it is to mark and celebrate important milestones in our own lives and in our own families. We should be very proud that the ideals of PWA still resonate with members today, and that our organization has served the Polish American community so well for so long.

Thank you to all members who sent in their annual dues for 2013 before the end of the year. This program of **Voluntary Membership Dues**, assessed at only \$1 per household per month, is a way for members to support our important fraternal and charitable work, and we appreciate your generous response to our appeal. We encourage all who can afford to do so, to still send in their dues for 2013.

Congratulations to our **Special Scholarship Recipients** listed in this issue of *Głos Polek*. These are the winners of the College Academic Awards, the High School Academic and Sports Awards, the Remkus-Sochacki Scholarship Awards, as well as two Jagiellonian University Summer Program Awards. Please see pages 8 and 9 to learn more about our scholars, our Scholarship Programs for 2013-2014, or to make a donation to the **Dollars for Scholars** Program. And for our members who are between the ages of 13 and 15, we are happy to once again offer the **Summer Cultural Program in Poland**. See page 18 for more information.

*With best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter
to all members and friends of PWA and to their families*

Fraternally,

Delphine Huneycutt
National President

AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE WORLD WAR II SURVIVORS SHARE THEIR STORIES



From left, Bo Padowski, Council 27 President; Helena Nowicka, Group 211; Constantine Trela; Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela; Krystyna Nowobilski; Vice President Sharon Zago; National President Delphine Huneycutt; and Teresa Makowski, Group 114 President.

On Friday, November 2, 2012, Council 27 and Group 114 presented a very special evening called "Preserving Their Memories: Survivors of WW II Tell Their Stories." Three Christian survivors of World War II, shared their dramatic stories with PWA members and guests at the PWA Home Office Social Hall.

The three survivors scheduled to speak were Barbara Ciepiela of Group 114, Helena Nowicka of Group 211, and Constantine Trela. Unfortunately, Barbara Ciepiela was hospitalized a few days before the event, so Krystyna Nowobilski was invited to take her place at the last minute; she was kind enough to share with the audience her story of banishment and exile as a WW II survivor on very short notice.

Council 27 President Bo Padowski welcomed the guests and turned the microphone over to Teresa Makowski, President of Group 114 and one of the main organizers of the evening. Mrs. Makowski gave a brief overview of Poland's long history of persecution by its neighbors – Russia from the east and Germany from the west. The two foes of Poland united in the early days of World War II to invade Poland and both countries, Nazi Germany under Hitler and the Soviet Union under Stalin, began their systematic purges of the Polish population in what amounted to a genocide of the Polish people.

The three survivors' stories brought that history to life. Moderator Janusz Kopec interviewed them, asking questions about their lives and the events of the years from 1939 to 1945, when the war finally ended and all three of them found themselves in safety and freedom once again. The interviews were conducted in Polish, and *Głos Polek* editor Mary Piergies (Group 693) acted as interpreter, summarizing in English the questions and answers for those members of the audience who did not understand Polish. Maria Pawlik of Group 114 contributed her acting skills to the solemn atmosphere of the evening by reading poems and documents from the time. Ryszard Makowski provided the musical background, which included songs and hymns that Polish refugees and POWs composed during the many years of exile from their homeland.

Helena Nowicka was 14 when Soviet soldiers came to her home in Eastern Poland in the middle of the night and deported the entire family to Siberia, where they lived and worked in labor camps in subhuman conditions. The family's long journey then took them to Iran, India, Australia, New Zealand, and Mexico before Helena finally came to the United States where she

married, started a family, and became a very active member of PWA.

Krystyna Nowobilski's story was similar. Her father was an officer in the Polish Army and it was only luck that saved him from being captured and executed in Katyn. Krystyna (age 7), her mother, and her two older sisters were also deported to Siberia and their journey subsequently took them to Iran, Africa, and England, before she and her husband emigrated to the United States in 1950, where she started a family and became an artist. Her love of Africa, where she first attended school, continues to resonate through her life and her art.

Constantine Trela, father of Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela, was a young soldier in the Polish Army when World War II broke out, and he took part in some of the very first battles of the war, before becoming a German POW. After his release, he joined the Polish underground, was captured again, and sent to Nazi concentration camps before being liberated by the Allied Forces and finally able to start a new life as an immigrant in the United States. Mr. Trela's son-in-law, John Schoen, read a summary of his wartime experiences, and then Mr. Trela answered questions posed by the moderator.



From left, Helena Nowicka, Group 211; Constantine Trela; and Krystyna Nowobilski

The stories made us cry and they made us laugh as the survivors recalled some of the touching moments in their journeys and some of the ways they and their families were able to keep their humanity and their hope alive in spite of the hardships they had to endure.

It was a memorable evening and sincere thanks are expressed to Council 27, Group 114, and all of the organizers of the event for such an emotional and unforgettable experience. Organizers included Bo Padowski, Teresa Makowski, Halina Wisniewski, and Ania Holmberg. We express our gratitude to Mrs. Nowicka, Mrs. Nowobilski, and Mr. Trela for their courage and for their generosity in sharing their stories with us ... and for bringing this forgotten chapter of Poland's history to life. We wish Mrs. Ciepiela a speedy recovery and a return to full health, and we hope that she will be able to share with us her story of Siberian exile and long journey to the United States another time in the near future.

National President Delphine Huneycutt and Honorary President Virginia Sikora made a few remarks at the end of the evening. Vice President Sharon Zago and Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela were also in attendance.

PWA at Polish Cultural Council Deb Ball



PWA officers, members, and former debutantes, both from the National Office and from District II Groups 177, 182, and 306, attended the recent Polish Cultural Council Debutante Ball in Pittsburgh, PA. In the front row, from left, Betty Koland, National President Delphine Huneycutt, Dorothy Kolano, Irene Addams, Dorothy Beavers, Marysia Zioncheck, and Rick Pierchalski, PWA Financial Advisor. In the second row, National Vice President Sharon Zago, Evanne Addams who served as co-chair of the Ball, Christian Wawrzonek, Addam Wawrzonek, Tiffany Senkow, Jacob Held, and Mary Louise Allena. Addam and Tiffany are former PWA Jagiellonian Scholarship recipients. See a photo of more debs and escorts on our website at pwaa.org.

Group 562 Member at the London Olympics



Kathryn Lisek, lifelong member of Group 562 of Gary, Indiana, attended the 2012 Olympics in London this past summer and worked as producer of the wrestling matches with Olympic Broadcast Services (OBS), whose team members represented 18 countries covering more than 5,600 hours of mat competition. Kathryn, who has a degree in Communications from

Indiana University, gained early experience working with ethnic television in Chicago. Later credits include the Jenny Jones Show, Oprah Winfrey, and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. A 17-year veteran with NBC, Kathryn currently lives in Chicago and produces Big Ten Wrestling. She is the daughter of District III President Evelyn Lisek. The photo above show Kathryn in London (at right), with Emmy-winning director Doug Brooker at left.

Group 763 Outing to Urbana, Maryland



Members of PWA Group 763 repeated their successful bus trip to Urbana, MD, again on November 3, 2012. Like last year, the trip included a tour of historic Urbana sights, a luncheon -- and lots of fun, especially on the bus, coming and going. Special thanks to Catherine Buleza from Group 763 for sharing with us her photos and news of the outing.

District X Conference and Luncheon

District X New Jersey recently held a luncheon to introduce National President Delphine Huneycutt (center in photo) to District X members. State President Josephine Kuklasinski (at right) acted as host and emcee. Also in attendance was PWA Sales Director Bo Padowski from the Home Office. At the luncheon, a certificate was presented to Catherine Truskolawski (at left) of Group 598, a recipient of the \$1000 PWA Academic College Scholarship award. Congratulations, Catherine!



Council 27 and Group 822 Health Fair for Women



On Saturday, December 1, 2012, Council 27 and Group 822 sponsored a Health Fair for Women, held at the PWA Social Hall in Chicago. The afternoon included lectures on Heart Health and Breast Cancer by Prof. Dr. Ferdynand Leya of Loyola University Medical Center, and Dr. Dorothy Pathak of Michigan State University, respectively. Also included was free screening for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and BMI, and information was also available about Medicare, family counseling, and weight loss. It was an informative and interesting afternoon and thanks are extended to the organizers in Council 27 and Group 822 who prepared this one-of-a-kind program: Grace Nawakowski (at left in photo) and Marta Pereyra (at right), and Bo Padowski, Council President; also to the presenters and to the medical professionals who donated their time to help women become more aware of everyday health issues.

District I Celebrates Oplatek

The annual District I "Oplatek" was held the House of the White Eagle in Niles, Illinois, on Saturday, December 8, 2013. District I President Lidia Filus welcomed the many guests who attend the event with their families each year to celebrate the most beautiful Polish Christmas tradition of all - the breaking of the Christmas Wafer. A raffle was held and all proceeds will go to support District I scholarships. National President Delphine Huneycutt, Vice President Sharon Zago, Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela, National Director Mary Derwinski, and Honorary President Helen V. Wojcik were in attendance. (Photo by Jim Kolak.)



Council 9 Christmas Party for Children



The Council 9 Children's Christmas Party was held on December 15, 2012, at St. John Brebeuf Social Hall in Niles, Illinois. Complimentary photos with Santa, crafts, a home-cooked Polish-style lunch, games, prizes, Christmas songs, a raffle, along with a gift for each child and Happy Birthday to Jesus made it special for everyone who attended. Thank you to all the guests, young and old, along with the committee and everyone who contributed to make it successful. Photo of children singing Happy Birthday to Jesus was submitted by Laura Pawlowski, Council President.

Council 27 Christmas Party for Children



The Council 27 Christmas Party for Children was held on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at the PWA Social Hall in Chicago. The children enjoyed playing and dancing, a performance by Marsh-Mallo Entertainment, a visit from Santa, and a pizza lunch. Parents and grandparents enjoyed the fun as well at this popular annual event for the children of the many Groups in Council 27. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to help organize or fund the party. Submitted by Bo Padowski, Council President.

Council 40 Christmas Party for Children



Council 40 of Wilkes-Barre, PA held its Christmas Party for Children at Happy Pizza Restaurant in Plymouth. Prior to the party, the children worked on Christmas crafts under the direction of Cheryl Hillard,

District XIV President. The children enjoyed pizza, ice cream and soda, and they sang carols while waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa came and listened to each child's list of Christmas wishes, then he handed out bags of candy and cookies and a gift to each child. Submitted by Felicia Perlick, National Director.

Presentation of Remkus-Sochacki Award



On November 5, 2012, Mr. Thomas C. Sochacki presented the 2012 Remkus-Sochacki Scholarship award to Alexandra Rogalski, PWA member of Group 211, at St. Mary's College in Maryland during a special reception for her family and friends held on campus. Alexandra is one of four Remkus-Sochacki Scholarship recipients since the program's inception in 2011.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 27

Council 27 planning meeting at 6 p.m. at the PWA Home Office. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your ideas for 2013. Everyone is invited. Contact: Bo Padowski, Council President, at 847-384-1220 or 847-299-9309 (after 4 p.m.).

Wednesday, March 6

CASINO TRIP to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan, sponsored by PWA, PNA, and PRCUA. Tickets are \$27 per person. This includes transportation and a \$10 food credit and a \$15 slot credit. Reservations deadline is February 18th. Contact Vice President Sharon Zago for more information at 847-384-1208.

Tuesday, March 19

Council 3 meeting at 12 noon at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, East Entrance (Senior Center entrance) 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn, MI. For more information, please call Judy Szelc, President, at 313-843-6775.

Saturday, April 6

District I "Swieconka" Traditional Polish Easter Brunch, at the House of the White Eagle, Niles, IL. Entry at 11:30 a.m. Meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. Donations are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Raffle prizes welcome. To make a reservation, please contact District I President Lidia Filus at 847-698-0250 or by email at L-Filus@neiu.edu.

Friday – Saturday, April 12-13

The Four Fraternals are happy to once again sponsor the DOZIN' WITH DINOS overnight event at the Field Museum, Chicago. Arrival on Friday evening between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please join us for this fun family outing. Contact Vice President Sharon Zago at 847-384-1208 for more information or to make a reservation.

Saturday, May 11

Council 9 will celebrate its 16th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon at Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL. All are welcome. Additional information will be mailed or contact Laura Pawlowski, Council 9 President, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or 708-945-7489 to make a reservation or for additional information.

Sunday, June 2

Council 9 Third Annual PWA Founders Day. Join us to present flowers at the gravesides of past PWA National Presidents and Council 9 Members at St Adalbert's Cemetery. Lunch will be held at the Red Apple afterwards. All are welcome. Additional information to follow or please contact Laura Pawlowski, Council 9 President, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or 708-945-7489.

Tuesday, June 11

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Save The Date!



PWA 115th Anniversary Luncheon

Sunday, May 19, 2013

Cocktails at 12 PM • Luncheon at 1 PM

Cafe La Cave • 2777 Mannheim Rd • Des Plaines, IL

Music by Carl Linden Quartet

**Contact Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela
for more information at 847-384-1206.**

2012 PWA NATIONAL RAFFLE

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

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

*The deadline is May 15, 2013.
Entries must be postmarked May 15, 2013, to be eligible.*

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Fifth Prize \$ 250 • Sixth thru Tenth Prizes \$ 100**

Drawing will be held on **May 18, 2013**, in Chicago,
during the State Presidents' Conference.

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

*Watch for your tickets in the mail.
You could be one of the lucky winners!*

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER

Polish Women's Alliance of America is seeking a licensed physician to fill the position of Medical Examiner. This is a part-time telecommuting position; responsibilities include reviewing life insurance applications and approving death claims; applicant must be a member of PWA. Please send letters of interest and resumes to Polish Women's Alliance of America, Attention: Office of the President, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy., 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631. For more information, please contact National President Delphine Huneycutt at 847-384-1200.



PWA BOOK & FILM CLUB



Winter Session 2013

The first discussion meeting of 2013 of the PWA Book & Film Club will be held at the PWA Home Office on Thursday, February 7th, at 3:15 p.m. We will be reading 7 books and viewing 3 films in this session, as listed below. If you cannot join our discussion groups, please feel free to read along with us. Most of the titles should be available from your local library, or for purchase from Amazon.com. Professor Irenuesz Raciborski is our moderator.

To learn more, please download the Syllabus from pwaa.org or call Vice President Sharon Zago at 847-384-1208. The Syllabus includes a short selected bibliography with additional book titles that will provide a historical background to the books we are reading. It also lists three additional films that will enhance your reading enjoyment.

Remember that many of the films are available from the PWA DVD Lending Library. Please check the list of DVDs you can borrow from PWA at www.pwaa.org.

Books

1. *Did the children cry? Hitler's war against Jewish and Polish children, 1939-1945.* Richard C. Lukas
2. *Ghetto diary.* Janusz Korczak
3. *Maximilian Kolbe Saint of Auschwitz.* Elaine Murray Stone
4. *Your Life is Worth Mine: How Polish Nuns Saved Hundreds of Jewish Children in German-Occupied Poland, 1939-1945.* Kurek Ewa
5. *The Birch Grove and Other Stories* (Central European Classics). Jaroslaw Iwaszkiewicz
6. *I Saw Poland Betrayed.* Arthur Bliss Lane
7. *Framing the Polish Home: Postwar cultural constructions of hearth, nation, and self.* Edited by Bożena Shallcross

Films



1. *Young Girls of Wilko* (Panny z Wilka), Andrzej Wajda, Poland, 1979
2. *Schindler's List*, Steven Spielberg, USA, 1997
3. *Defiance*, Edward Zwick, USA, 2008



PWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS for 2013 – 2014

Please note that there are different application periods for the different scholarships offered by Polish Women's Alliance of America and the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation.

Please watch our website at www.pwaa.org for Applications and Requirements for the 2013–2014 Scholarship Programs. The forms will be posted for download on the dates that the Application Periods open for each type of scholarship.

- **Regular College Undergraduate Scholarships**
Application Period closed January 15
- **Remkus-Sochacki Academic Achievement Scholarships**
February 1 to March 15
- **High School Academic and High School Sports Awards**
February 1 to March 15
- **Academic College Undergraduate Scholarships**
April 1 to May 15
- **Jagiellonian University Summer Program Scholarships**
July 1 to August 15

Please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 847-384-1208 with any questions or send email to vpres@pwaa.org.

\$\$\$ DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS \$\$\$

Please support our Scholarship Programs by donating to Dollars for Scholars! Let's all join together to help our young members fulfill their dreams and achieve their goals. Now, more than ever, a good education is essential to a successful and meaningful life. Now, more than ever, a college education is out of financial reach for many families without the help of scholarships and loans.

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PACCF MAJER & LAKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline March 15, 2013

The Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation (PACCF) announces that it is now accepting applications for the Majer & Lakowski Families Memorial Scholarships, which are granted to full-time undergraduate or graduate students majoring in either engineering or business administration at a public state university or college. Preference will be given to juniors, seniors, and graduate students. The amount of the scholarship will be equal to the total annual tuition charge, not including fees, for a student classified by the institution involved as a state resident. That amount will also be awarded to a student classified as a state non-resident.

Applications can be obtained at www.pacccf.org or by written request to PACCF, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL, or by sending an email to pacchgo2@pac1944.org or by calling 773-763-9944. **The deadline is March 15, 2013.**

Congratulations to Our 2012-2013 Special Scholarship Recipients

Academic College Undergraduate Awards



Katarina Odrobina
Elmhurst College
Dist 5 Cl 3 Gr 451



Stephanie Duperre
Quinnipac University
Dist 8 Cl 28 Gr 422



Ann Marie Zielinski
So. Connecticut Univ.
Dist 9 Cl 8 Gr 185



Adrianna Chorzepa
Univ. of St. Joseph
Dist 9 Cl 8 Gr 500



Catherine Truskolowski
New Jersey City Univ.
Dist 10 Cl 15 Fr 598

High School Academic Awards



Jessica E. Stec
Lane Tech HS
Dist 1 Cl 9 Gr 819



Isabella Kopij
Mentor HS
Dist 7 Cl 7 Gr 544

&



James Palasz
Waubonsie HS
Dist 3 Cl 21 Gr 749



Sarah Jurek
Bellevue West HS
Dist 11 Cl 25 Gr 579

2013 Jagiellonian University Summer Program Scholarship Awards



Kasia Ann Schemanski
Dist 5 Cl 20 Gr 786



Helen Lopez
Dist 14 Cl 40 Gr 530

Remkus-Sochacki Scholarship Awards



Benjamin Chiancola
Northeastern University



Isabella Kopij
New York University



Alexandra Rogalski
St. Mary's College of Maryland



Tiffany Senkow
Pennsylvania State University



Welcome to Our New Members!

A warm welcome is extended to these new members (October – December, 2012).

We are so glad you have joined us!

Gr. No.	Name	Introduced by	City/State
0043	Jacob Marszalek	Home Office	Schaumburg, IL
0043	Kamila Cruz	Cecilia Hanchar	Arlington Hts, IL
0060	Bryanna Wall	Home Office	Roanoke, VA
0105	Elise G Parise	Home Office	Vandling, PA
0105	Autumn R Coufalik	Felicia S Perlick	Manticoke, PA
0114	Olivia F Gut	Teresa Makowski	Norridge, IL
0132	Casimir J Rutkowski	Home Office	Hammond, IN
0132	Emma Gajdos	Home Office	Dyer, IN
0132	John F O'Keefe	Home Office	Homer Glen, IL
0141	Lily Ann Langford	Stasia J Krok	Lake-Wales, FL
0155	Benjamin O Shearer	Barbara C Shearer	Arvada, CO
0155	John P Quirin	Barbara C Shearer	Englewood, CO
0155	Jennifer L Quirin	Barbara C Shearer	Englewood, CO
0160	Stephanie Best	Home Office	Chicago, IL
0177	Maria Zioncheck	Home Office	Pittsburgh, PA
0177	Jillian Addams	Irene L Addams	Cranberry, PA
0182	Benjamin C Padezan	Mary A Watterson	N Huntingdon, PA
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0267	Emilia R Fina	Dorothy Wisneski	Pittston Twp, PA
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0499	Hadley F Pelech	Alvira C Balut	Portsmouth, NH
0509	Olivia Trzcinski	Dorothy Wisneski	Haddonfield, NJ
0598	Toni A Valorani	Marion Listwan	Towaco, NJ
0642	Brady A Warnek	Dorothy T Talipski	Avoca, PA
0642	Chloe Kapalski	Nellie C Manarchuck	Carbondale, PA
0642	Morgan Decker	Nellie C Manarchuck	Scranton, PA
0661	Nicholas F Partyka	Marilyn W Gibson	Chicago, IL
0661	Michael G Mucha	Social Member	Chicago, IL
0669	Hannah M Bachak	Home Office	Mayfield, PA
0680	Lloyd H Binkley	Home Office	Grantville, PA
0680	Evan J Vieira	Charlotte B Prez	Erie, PA
0721	Hunter Maul	Kathryn L Mackovyak	Portage, PA
0763	Dylan J Buleza	Home Office	Baltimore, MD
0763	Gabriel M Ponce	Home Office	Wesley Chapel, FL
0769	Ronald H Suwinski	Home Office	Sterling Hts, MI
0769	Brayden M Wegner	Cynthia A Piepszak	Clarkston, MI
0769	Luca A Wegner	Cynthia A Piepszak	Clarkston, MI
0769	Nathan M Shipway	Cynthia A Piepszak	Troy, MI

Welcome to Our New Members! (Cont.)

Gr. No.	Name	Introduced by	City/State
0786	Nina Jones	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Troy, MI
0786	Angela M Hejka	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Royal Oak, MI
0786	Michael Matyszewski	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Roseville, MI
0786	Emily J Mandziuk	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Sterling Hts, MI
0786	Sabina A Sawicki	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Warren, MI
0786	Maya Pelshaw	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Sterling Hts, MI
0786	Anya Pelshaw	Barbara Misiolek-Gamble	Sterling Hts, MI
0806	Hunter B Hamay	Janet L Hamay	Jackson, MI
0819	Michael K Flynn	Home Office	Chicago, IL

Council 13 Raises Funds for St. Stanislaus Kostka Church



Chicago, IL- On Sunday, November 18, 2012, Council 13 invited PWA members and friends to attend Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Chicago, followed by breakfast and a tour of the Polish Museum of America which is nearby. St. Stan's celebrated its 135th anniversary last year and is in the middle of a major Restoration Drive. Over \$500 was collected at the event and donated to District I towards the purchase of a memorial pew. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed and to Council President Barbara Miller for organizing the event. The tour of the Polish Museum included the Paderewski Exhibit and the viewing of documents dating to the time of King Augustus which were recently acquired by the PMA. Special guests included National President Delphine Huneycutt, other National and District Officers, and Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago Paulina Kapuscinska and her husband.

PWA 115th Anniversary Insurance Promotion

**See pages 12 and 13
for Application and Rates**

Donations to District I Appeal for the Restoration of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

District I gratefully acknowledges the following contributors:

New donations

Council 9, \$150 • Group 525, \$50 • Casimira Bilinski, \$50
Delphine Huneycutt, \$25 • Helen Wojcik, \$25
Sharon Zago, \$25

Donations at the Council 13 event after Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on November 18, 2012

Barbara Miller, \$200 • Maryann Myszkowski, \$100
Laura Pawlowski, \$100 • Dorothy Polus, \$100
Nancy Workman, \$20 • Josephine Haibeck, \$10
Sharon Zago, \$10 • Delphine Huneycutt, \$5

Special donation from contributions made during the District I Oplatek on December 8, 2012: \$260

So far, we have collected \$2,645 in donations since the start of the Appeal. In order to reach our goal of \$3,600, we still need to raise \$955. There is still time to contribute! Please send checks, payable to PWA District I, to District President Lidia Filus, 325 Chester Street, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

Lidia Filus, District I President

Pierogi-making Tradition in Group 132



John Huneycutt of Group 132, District III Indiana, son of National President Delphine Huneycutt, has started a tradition of making pierogi together with his family and friends on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This is a labor of love with everyone pitching in to help—and to taste the pierogi when they are done. In the photo, from left, Jordan Kammer, also a member of Group 132 and grandson of President Huneycutt, John's friend KP, John, and Julie, KP's wife.

Membership/Insurance

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	5. Age		
		(Mo) (Day) (Yr)		City	State Zip
6. Height	Weight	7. Place of Birth	8. Telephone Number		
			Home Work		
9. Marital Status (Check One)		10. If female, and ever married, give maiden name		11. Social Security No.	
Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>					
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 _____
 Billing Address _____
 Zip Code _____ Signature _____

To celebrate our 115th Anniversary PWA is happy to present the 115th ANNIVERSARY FOUNDERS DAY PLAN

**From February 1, 2013 to
June 1, 2013**

This is a 10-Year Whole Life Insurance Plan with a \$3,000 face amount and a premium payable for 10 years. The unique feature of this plan is that the first-year premium has been reduced by 50%, but not to exceed \$115.

Plan Features

Issue Ages

16 days to 85 years of age

Face Amount

\$3,000

Premium Payment Mode

First year: annual premium.

In years 2 through 10:
the premium can be paid annually,
semi-annually, or quarterly.

**This is a Whole Life Policy
which provides a guaranteed
death benefit and cash value,
when all premiums are
paid as required.**

To Apply

Fill out the application on this page
and mail it with your applicable
first-year premium payment to

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF
AMERICA

6643 N NORTHWEST HWY, 2 FL
CHICAGO, IL 60631

no later than May 31, 2013!

For more information, please call
1-888-522-1898, ext 228, send email
to padowski@pwaa.org or visit
www.pwaa.org

115TH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDERS DAY PLAN

MALE NON Smoker	First Year Premium for	Next Year Annual Premium	MALE Smoker	First Year Premium for	Next Year Annual Premium	FEMALE NON Smoker	First Year Premium for	Next Year Annual Premium	FEMALE Smoker	First Year Premium for	Next Year Annual Premium
AGE	MALE NON SMOKER	Payable for Next 3 years	AGE	MALE SMOKER	Payable for Next 3 years	AGE	FEMALE NON SMOKER	Payable for Next 3 years	AGE	FEMALE SMOKER	Payable for Next 3 years
0	\$27.89	\$55.77	0			0	\$25.85	\$51.69	0		
1	28.29	56.58	1			1	26.21	52.41	1		
2	28.74	57.48	2			2	26.61	53.33	2		
3	29.24	58.47	3			3	27.03	54.06	3		
4	29.76	59.52	4			4	27.48	54.96	4		
5	30.32	60.63	5			5	27.95	55.89	5		
6	30.90	61.80	6			6	28.43	56.85	6		
7	31.49	62.87	7			7	28.94	57.87	7		
8	32.12	64.23	8			8	29.45	58.89	8		
9	32.76	65.52	9			9	29.99	59.97	9		
10	33.44	66.87	10			10	30.56	61.11	10		
11	34.13	68.25	11			11	31.13	62.25	11		
12	34.85	69.69	12			12	31.73	63.45	12		
13	35.58	71.16	13			13	32.34	64.68	13		
14	36.32	72.63	14			14	32.99	65.97	14		
15	37.07	74.13	15			15	33.63	67.26	15		
16	37.83	75.66	16			16	34.31	68.61	16		
17	38.60	77.19	17			17	35.01	70.02	17		
18	39.38	78.75	18			18	35.73	71.46	18		
19	40.17	80.34	19			19	36.48	72.96	19		
20	41.01	82.02	20			20	37.26	74.52	20		
21	41.87	83.83	21	\$47.37	\$94.74	21	37.48	74.97	21	\$43.34	\$86.67
22	41.84	83.87	22	48.44	96.87	22	38.31	76.82	22	44.37	88.74
23	42.75	85.50	23	49.53	99.06	23	39.17	78.33	23	45.44	90.87
24	43.70	87.29	24	50.67	101.34	24	40.04	80.07	24	46.55	93.09
25	44.67	89.34	25	51.83	103.65	25	40.95	81.90	25	47.69	95.37
26	45.69	91.38	26	53.03	106.05	26	41.91	83.82	26	48.86	97.71
27	46.73	93.45	27	54.26	108.51	27	42.89	85.77	27	50.09	100.17
28	47.82	95.64	28	55.55	111.09	28	43.91	87.81	28	51.35	102.69
29	48.96	97.92	29	56.88	113.76	29	44.97	89.94	29	52.65	105.30
30	50.16	100.32	30	58.28	116.55	30	46.07	92.13	30	54.00	108.00
31	51.41	102.81	31	59.75	119.49	31	47.19	94.38	31	55.41	110.82
32	52.70	105.39	32	61.26	122.52	32	48.38	96.75	32	56.85	113.70
33	54.05	108.09	33	62.85	125.70	33	49.69	99.18	33	58.35	116.70
34	55.46	110.91	34	64.50	129.00	34	50.95	101.70	34	59.89	119.76
35	56.91	113.82	35	66.23	132.45	35	52.14	104.28	35	61.47	122.94
36	58.43	116.85	36	68.00	135.99	36	53.49	106.98	36	63.11	126.21
37	60.00	120.00	37	69.86	139.71	37	54.87	109.74	37	64.79	129.57
38	61.62	123.24	38	71.76	143.52	38	56.31	112.62	38	66.54	133.08
39	63.32	126.63	39	73.74	147.48	39	57.81	115.62	39	68.34	136.68
40	65.09	130.11	40	75.80	151.59	40	59.39	118.71	40	70.23	140.46
41	66.87	133.74	41	77.90	155.79	41	60.96	121.82	41	72.18	144.36
42	68.73	137.46	42	80.07	160.14	42	62.63	125.25	42	74.19	148.38
43	70.67	141.33	43	82.29	164.58	43	64.35	128.70	43	76.29	152.58
44	72.63	145.26	44	84.56	169.11	44	66.14	132.27	44	78.45	156.90
45	74.67	149.34	45	86.87	173.73	45	67.98	135.96	45	80.70	161.40
46	76.77	153.54	46	89.24	178.47	46	69.89	139.77	46	83.08	166.02
47	78.93	157.86	47	91.68	183.36	47	71.85	143.70	47	85.41	170.82
48	81.19	162.36	48	94.23	188.46	48	73.88	147.75	48	87.87	175.74
49	83.52	167.04	49	96.90	193.80	49	75.98	151.95	49	90.38	180.75
50	85.97	171.93	50	99.69	199.38	50	78.12	156.24	50	92.96	185.91
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52	91.13	182.25	52	105.60	211.20	52	82.64	165.21	52	98.29	196.56
53	93.84	187.68	53	108.69	217.38	53	84.95	169.89	53	101.04	202.08
54	96.65	193.29	54	111.87	223.74	54	87.35	174.69	54	103.85	207.69
55	99.55	199.05	55	115.22	230.22	55	89.81	179.61	55	106.73	213.45
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57	105.57	211.14	57	128.69	243.69	57	94.92	189.84	57	112.65	225.38
58	108.77	217.53	58	135.89	250.69	58	97.58	195.15	58	116.45	231.45
59	112.10	224.19	59	143.42	258.42	59	100.32	200.64	59	120.26	237.78
60	116.65	231.65	60	151.70	266.29	60	103.14	206.28	60	124.26	244.26
61	121.35	239.35	61	159.30	274.38	61	106.05	212.10	61	128.38	250.98
62	126.19	247.79	62	167.63	282.63	62	109.05	218.10	62	132.59	257.91
63	131.41	256.41	63	176.03	291.03	63	112.17	224.34	63	136.91	265.11
64	146.30	261.30	64	184.55	299.55	64	115.82	230.82	64	157.61	272.61
65	154.46	269.46	65	193.34	308.34	65	122.57	237.57	65	155.47	280.47
66	163.08	278.01	66	202.52	317.52	66	129.59	244.59	66	173.72	288.72
67	172.04	287.04	67	212.24	327.24	67	136.94	251.94	67	182.36	297.36
68	181.61	296.61	68	222.50	337.50	68	144.59	259.59	68	191.48	306.48
69	191.80	306.80	69	233.84	348.84	69	152.63	267.63	69	201.08	316.08
70	202.91	317.91	70	245.96	360.96	70	161.06	276.06	70	211.22	326.22
71	214.70	329.76	71	259.16	374.16	71	169.94	284.94	71	221.84	336.84
72	227.33	342.33	72	273.20	388.20	72	179.24	294.24	72	233.00	348.00
73	240.83	355.83	73	288.29	403.29	73	189.11	304.11	73	244.76	359.76
74	255.41	370.41	74	304.82	419.82	74	199.59	314.59	74	257.27	372.27
75	271.34	386.34	75	322.82	437.82	75	210.74	325.74	75	270.65	385.65
76	288.80	403.80	76	342.59	457.59	76	222.74	337.74	76	285.05	400.05
77	307.87	422.87	77	364.29	479.29	77	235.70	350.70	77	300.82	415.82
78	328.91	443.91	78	387.89	502.89	78	249.74	364.74	78	317.57	432.57
79	351.74	468.74	79	413.45	528.45	79	265.13	380.13	79	336.08	451.08
80	376.97	491.67	80	441.20	556.20	80	282.08	397.08	80	356.45	471.45
81	403.76	518.76	81	471.94	589.14	81	300.29	415.29	81	377.90	482.90
82	433.46	548.46	82	503.84	618.84	82	319.76	434.76	82	400.13	515.13
83	466.13	581.13	83	539.81	654.81	83	340.79	455.79	83	423.38	538.38
84	502.95	618.95	84	579.55	694.44	84	363.50	478.50	84	447.50	562.50
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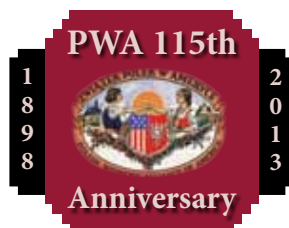
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**RATES FOR
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Celebrating Our 115th Anniversary

Polish Women's Alliance of America Announces an Anniversary Year Membership Contest for ALL PWA DISTRICTS

Starts January 1, 2013 – Ends December 31, 2013

In 2013 Polish Women's Alliance of America marks 115 years since the founding of the national organization. We are proud to carry out our work in this century with the same passion and commitment shown by our founders. Our credibility and teamwork are the foundation of our organization. We continue to have significant success in our efforts to protect our members' financial future while inspiring members of all ages to preserve their Polish heritage by encouraging the study and use of Polish language and by cultivating knowledge of Polish history and literature in our youth.

The TOP three PWA Districts with the most submitted applications will be awarded as follows:

One District First Place Award – \$1000 for a minimum of 100 submitted life insurance applications, with a minimum total of \$300,000 face amounts;

One District Second Place Award – \$750 for a minimum of 70 life insurance applications with a minimum total of \$210,000 face amounts;

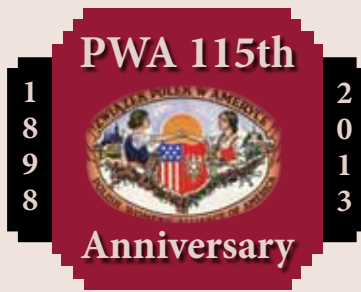
One District Third Place Award – \$500 for a minimum 50 life insurance applications with a minimum total of \$150,000 face amounts.

\$250 Awards will be presented to all other Districts submitting at least 30 life insurance applications with a minimum total of \$90,000 in face amounts.

General Terms of Contest

- Only whole life insurance policies qualify (annuities do not count).
- Minimum Face Amount of each certificate is \$3,000.
- Issue Ages – newborn to age 85 (nearest birthday).
- Each submitted application has to be approved and a certificate must be issued and accepted.
- Applications sent directly to the Home Office will be added to each District's total production. If the Group Number is unknown, the address of the insured will be used to determine the Group Number and District Number.
- If there is a witness signature, he/she will receive credit for the May Queen and Swita Contest.
- In the event of a tie, the District obtaining the higher total face value of new applications will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a tie in both the number of applications and face amounts, the District with the higher premium amount will be declared the winner.
- In the unlikely event of a tie in all three categories (number of applications, face amounts, and premiums) the winning District will be chosen in a drawing. The non-victorious District can qualify for the next-level-down award.
- A District can be awarded only once.
- Awarded funds to be used for the District's Youth Activities and/or Scholarship Fund.
- Winners will be announced in the first issue of *Głos Polek* in 2014.

For additional sets of Rates, Applications and/or more Details, call the Home Office at 1-888-522-1898 ext 228 or send an e-mail to: Padowski@pwaa.org



NOMINATIONS FOR THE 115TH ANNIVERSARY DISTRICT FRATERNALISTS OF DISTINCTION ARE NOW OPEN!

As we begin this special year, which marks the 115th 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, this milestone would never have been reached.

Many of those to whom a debt of gratitude is owed are, of course, no longer with us. They were the true pioneers who took what was, for the times, a bold idea and, through hard work, determination, and foresight, laid the strong foundation on which future generations have continued to build for over a century. There are many members with us today who have worked on behalf of the PWA for many years and in a variety of capacities. They have attracted new insured members and annuitants in their local areas. They have organized and participated in numerous events both within the PWA and on a broader scale, in their local Polonia, which serves to strengthen our presence both here and in Poland.

We believe that these individuals deserve to be publicly recognized. All members of our 14 Districts are invited to submit written nominations for their

PWA District Fraternalist of Distinction

Here is what to do. To nominate a PWA Member for this Honor, please submit the following in writing:

1. Name of the individual you are nominating. Both you and the nominee must be current members of the PWA in good standing
2. The Group and District number of the Nominee (if known)
3. A brief write-up (100 words or less) stating why you feel that this member has contributed significantly to the growth and success of the PWA.
4. Your Name with Group and District numbers (if known).
5. Note: More than one member may sign a nominating statement but it will only be counted as one nomination. Duplicate (identical copies) nominating statements will not be considered.
6. A "Fraternalist of Distinction" will be selected for every District from which nominations are submitted. The significance of the Nominee's achievements and social contributions to the PWA as well as the number of nominations submitted on behalf of the same individual will be taken into consideration in the final selection.
7. The selected "Fraternalists of Distinction" will be recognized at the 115th Anniversary Celebration Banquet to be held in Chicago, IL on Sunday, May 19, 2013.

The Deadline for submitting nominations is **March 31, 2013**. Please send submissions to:

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

POLISH EASTER TRADITIONS

Polish Easter traditions are as old and beautiful as Polish Christmas traditions and they require just as much elaborate preparation. These traditions celebrate not only the central mystery of the Catholic faith, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, they also celebrate the coming of spring and the long-awaited rebirth and renewal of nature after the long, dark months of winter. The Polish name for Easter is Wielkanoc, which means Great Night – the night from Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday – when the miracle of the Resurrection took place.



Lent or *Wielki Post* is the six-week period of religious preparation for Easter. Before the fasting that is a part of Lent, everyone enjoys one last week of merrymaking and good food. This is called Fat Week or *Tłusty Tydzień*. It starts on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, when costume parties are held and millions of the famous jelly doughnuts called *pączki* are baked and consumed. In the United States, *pączki* are eaten on Fat Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras, but in Poland these delicacies are a part of weeklong celebration that leads up to Ash Wednesday.



On Ash Wednesday people go to church for ashes and they also cut pussy willow branches, called *bazie* or *kotki* and place them in water, in the hope that they will bloom by Palm Sunday. The six weeks of Lent, leading to Easter Sunday, are a time of fasting and prayer. Stations of the Cross and *Gorzkie Żale* are two religious traditions observed during Lent. *Gorzkie Żale*, which means Bitter Sorrows, are beautiful hymns or lamentations that are sung on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons in Lent. These are ancient chants, retracing the Passion and Crucifixion, and their soulful notes ring out of all churches in cities and villages in Poland during Lent.



Palm Sunday, *Niedziela Palmowa*, begins Holy Week when preparations for Easter can start in earnest. Since palms do not grow in Poland, people take pussywillow branches to church to be blessed by the priest on Palm Sunday, or sprigs of colored straw. The branches and sprigs are then hung in houses, usually tucked behind a holy picture, to bring health and prosperity to the household during the coming year.



Holy Week, *Wielki Tydzień*, includes spiritual and other preparations for Easter. Homes are cleaned, curtains washed, and the baking and cooking begins. In olden times, ham and sausages were made and smoked at home, and bread and other pastries were baked from scratch. The baking tradition continues today and tall airy *babki*, flat colorful shortbread cakes called *mazurek*, and rich creamy cheesecakes or *serniki* are lovingly prepared. Each housewife wants to have a large selection of homemade pastries to place on her Easter table. Easter eggs, called *pisanki*, are also made during Holy Week.



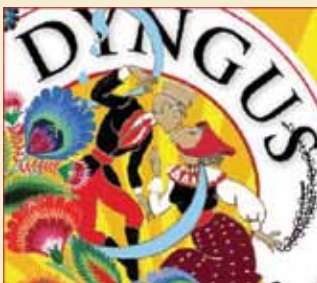
On Holy Thursday, people go to church for a service that commemorates the Last Supper. The priest washes the feet of twelve parishioners and repeats the actions and words of Jesus Christ, starting the celebration of the Passion that will take place over the next three days. On Holy Friday, after 3 p.m., which is the time that Jesus died on the cross, each church sets up a tomb where the Holy Eucharist is placed as well as a statue of Jesus taken down from the cross. Parishioners stand guard at the tomb all night as people come and pray. Many people go from village to village and, in the city, from church to church to pray at the tombs, called *grobny*. No baking is allowed on Holy Friday, but people spend time coloring Easter eggs and preparing baskets to be blessed in church on Holy Saturday.



The most colorful additions to Polish Easter baskets are the Easter eggs, called *pisanki*. There are many different names for Easter eggs in Poland, depending on the method that is used to make them. In addition to the eggs, a Polish Easter basket includes sausage or ham, bread, butter, salt, and horseradish. The eggs symbolize life, spring, and the Resurrection. Bread represents Christ, the bread of life. The sausage or ham represent abundance and God's generosity. The horseradish represents the passion of Christ and salt symbolizes prosperity. Butter represents good will and the decorations of green sprigs, pussy willows, or daffodils represent joy. People all over Poland walk with their Easter baskets in hand to church on Holy Saturday, where a priest blesses them with holy water, and then they go straight home to try some of the blessed food, which tastes all the more delicious after weeks of fasting during Lent.



On Sunday morning, a beautifully laid table is prepared and covered with *pisanki*, ham, sausage, cold meats, salads and relishes, including *ćwikła*, made with grated beets and horseradish, bread, *babki*, *mazurki*, and other pastries, and, in the center, a lamb made of butter or sugar, commemorating the resurrected Christ. No smoke was permitted on Easter Sunday so no warm food was served, other than *żur*, the traditional sour soup that is a must on the Easter menu. Easter Brunch is called *Święconka*, which means blessed food, since many of the items served on Easter Sunday had been blessed in church on Holy Saturday. The Easter Brunch starts with the sharing of a blessed egg; everyone takes a piece of the egg from the head of the household as they exchange best wishes with one another.



On Easter Monday the water consumption in Poland shoots way up and this is due to an ancient custom that is still observed today, in villages and cities alike. It is called *Śmigus Dyngus* or Wet Monday when people sprinkle each other with water on the day after Easter, or, in the case of young people, they don't sprinkle but douse each other with buckets of water. Boys lie in wait to surprise young girls to see who can get whom wet first! In extreme cases, you might even be thrown into a stream of cold water with all your clothes on! The custom of pouring water is an ancient spring rite of cleansing, purification, and fertility that is practiced all over the world, from Europe to China. In Poland it takes on a religious meaning since, according to legend, Prince Mieszko I, the first king of Poland, was married and baptized on Easter Monday in the year 966 AD. He had the entire nation of Poland christened on his wedding day as well, and Poland has been a deeply religious country ever since, for over one thousand years.



TRAVEL TO POLAND THIS SUMMER!

Announcing a Cultural Program for PWA Members

Ages from 13 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 a 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 July 14 to July 28, 2013.

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 May 1, 2013. The deposit will be refunded if your name is not chosen in the drawing that will be held on May 7, 2013, 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 Summer Issue of *Głos Polek*.

REGISTRATION FORM for 2013 SUMMER CULTURAL PROGRAM IN POLAND

For PWA Members—Ages 13 to 15

Child's Name _____ M _____ F _____

Date of Birth _____ PWAGroup 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 7, 2013. Please make the check payable to Polish Women's Alliance and mail it postmarked no later than May 1, 2013 to:

Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL 60631.
Questions? 1-888-522-1898, ext 206.



Grandma reads, Grandma teaches ... Babcia czyta, babcia uczy ...

Grandmothers are very special people in our lives. They tell us stories, give us hugs and cookies, they read to us, and teach us how to pray and laugh and be kind. And they are the ones who keep the history of our families and of our heritage alive for future generations. Below, a popular song about the Wisla River that flows through the heart of Poland, and a lighthearted poem by beloved children's poet, Jan Brzechwa, that many of us learned from our Grandmas, our Busias, our Babcias ...

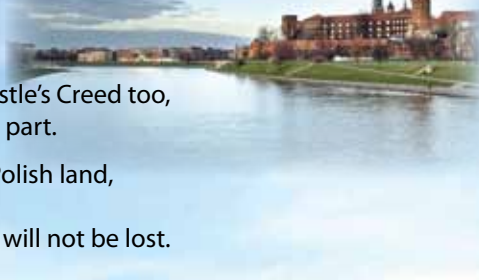
The Wisła, Our Wisła

The Wisła, our Wisła, flows across the Polish land,
Flows across the Polish land.
And as long as the Wisła flows, Poland will not be lost.

The Wisła, our Wisła, flows across the Polish land.
She saw Krakow one day and could not pass it by.
She saw Krakow one day and she fell in love,
And so she surrounded it with a ribbon of love.

My Mother leaned over my cradle,
And she taught me to pray in Polish.
Our Father and Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed too,
So I would love Poland till death do us part.

The Wisła, our Wisła, flows across the Polish land,
Flows across the Polish land.
And as long as the Wisła flows, Poland will not be lost.



Płynie Wisła, płynie

Płynie Wisła płynie, po polskiej krainie,
Po polskiej krainie.
A dopóki płynie, Polska nie zaginie.

Płynie Wisła płynie, po polskiej krainie,
Zobaczyła Kraków, pewnie go nie minie.
Zobaczyła Kraków, wnet go pokochała,
A w dowód miłości wstęgą opasała.

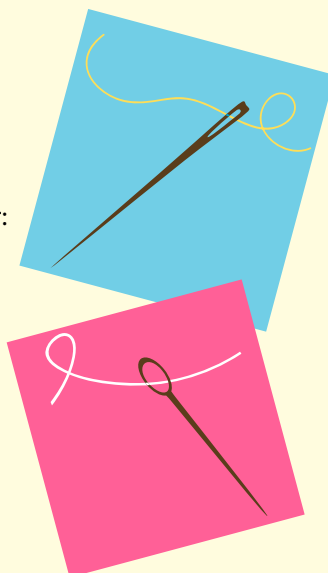
Nad moją kolebką, Matka się schylała,
I po polsku pacierz mówić nauczała.
Ojciec nasz i Zdrowaś i Skład Apostolski,
Bym do samej śmierci kochał Naród polski.

Płynie Wisła płynie, po polskiej krainie,
Po polskiej krainie.
A dopóki płynie, Polska nie zaginie.

A NEEDLE DANCED WITH A THREAD

A needle danced with a thread,
The needle – very lovely; the thread – rather ugly.
The needle, thin and fast and bright,
The thread, all in a muddle.
The needle moves forward – the thread runs after:
"Oh, how lovely it is to dance with you!"
The needle makes tiny stitches,
And the thread keeps running after her.
The needle on top, the thread on the side,
The needle glances with one eye,
She slides nimbly, cleverly, quickly.
The thread whispers: "What a needle!"
And so they danced, happily, together,
Until they finished sewing a beautiful apron.

Translated by Ilona Spiewak



TAŃCOWAŁA IGŁA Z NITKĄ

Tańczyła igła z nitką,
Igła - pięknie, nitka - brzydko.
Igła cała jak z igiełki,
Nitce płaczą się supelki.
Igła naprzód - nitka za nią:
"Ach, jak cudnie tańczyć z panią!"
Igła biegnie drobnym ściegiem,
A za igłą - nitka biegiem.
Igła górą, nitka bokiem,
Igła zerka jednym okiem,
Sunie zwinna, zręczna, śmigła.
Nitka szepce: "Co za igła!"
Tak ze sobą tańczyły,
Aż uszyły fartuch cały.

Jan Brzechwa



Polish Women's Alliance Gift Card Program



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The Gift Card Program includes popular retailers such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, and many other stores where we know that our members and supporters shop every day.

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



(Deaths between October and December, 2012)

Gr. No.	Member	City/State	Gr. No.	Member	City/State
0000	Michael Hamma	Niles, IL	0348	Marya Hoffman	Hallandale, FL
0000	Olga Kaszewicz	Schaumburg, IL	0362	Cindy A Stetz	Kingston, PA
0001	Constance Riha	Berwyn, IL	0362	Theresa Price	Plains, PA
0006	Virginia Kuras	Chicago, IL	0362	Catherine Micka	Jackson Hts, NY
0031	Dorothy M Healy	Calumet City, IL	0366	Rita Orzel	Shell Lake, WI
0031	Michael J Skrundz	Munster, IN	0379	Victoria J Schwarz	Getzville, NY
0031	Gertrude Gloza	Hebron, IN	0386	Regina M Kubik	Canton, MI
0037	Marya Gawlikowska	Munster, IN	0419	Mary A Malayny	Buffalo, NY
0043	Theresa A Stevenson	Wheaton, IL	0422	Lillian F Bill	Alexandria, VA
0044	Eileen Meyers	Des Plaines, IL	0423	Wanda Wachowicz	Knox, IN
0047	Dorothy C Ruch	Franklin Park, IL	0426	Rozalia Schultz	Eugene, OR
0047	Jeanette Witzkowski	Anacortes, WA	0427	Anne C Granko	Taylor, PA
0047	Anna Baszkowski	Chicago, IL	0427	Kazmiera Ostrowski	Taylor, PA
0065	Eva Zatarga	Granger, IN	0429	Helen M Lukawski	Hammond, IN
0073	Mary J Berndt	Justice, IL	0430	John F Biedakiewicz	Wellsville, NY
0077	Louise Dillon	Pensacola, FL	0434	Mary S Richards	Reading, PA
0077	Joan Kurasz	Plantation, FL	0450	Thomas J McNeil	Exeter, PA
0078	Irene Zaporski	Milwaukee, WI	0451	Virginia Stec	Allen Park, MI
0105	Evelyn Robinson	Wyoming, PA	0463	Ida H Buynowski	Westfield, MA
0105	Catherine Zardeski	Kingston, PA	0470	Mary A Ziombek	El Cajon, CA
0116	Louis R Janusz	Milwaukee, WI	0477	Cecelia M Skurko	Brackenridge, PA
0116	Lillian Mazurkiewicz	Saint Francis, WI	0488	Patricia A Maladecki	Saint Clair Shrs, MI
0116	Richard Gawelko	Oak Creek, WI	0488	Wanda M Wolf	Center Line, MI
0128	Shirley A Mudy	Cedar Lake, IN	0501	Helena Belena	Connellsville, PA
0128	Michael J Krug	Monon, IN	0509	Ann D Chmielewski	Dupont, PA
0128	Helen F Charlet	Munster, IN	0525	Maryann Mnikaicik	Stanley, WI
0130	Celeste M Garstka	Oak Lawn, IL	0553	MaryLou Lysik	East Hartford, CT
0132	Genevieve M Niemiec	Crescent Spgs, KY	0562	Genowefa Balakir	Valparaiso, IN
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0132	Jean Olszewski	Schererville, IN	0579	Loretta C Krejci	Omaha, NE
0137	Theresa M Stypula	Summit, IL	0595	Julia Wargacki	Piscataway, NJ
0141	Stasia A Kozuch	Holyoke, MA	0598	Mary A Nugent	North Arlington, NJ
0148	Eugenia Jarosz	Chester Spgs, PA	0602	Sophie Dombroski	Newark, NJ
0173	Phyllis Brzezicka	Buffalo, NY	0616	Lucy Schtokal	Myrtle Beach, SC
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0348	Catherine Koonrad	Ashley, PA	0819	Michalina Gorzkowska	Chicago, IL

IN MEMORIAM

The National Board of Directors and the State Presidents are saddened by the recent loss of two District Presidents



Anthelyne (Toni) Blasic

State President of District II

Western Pennsylvania, Group 501, Council 37

and



Therese Violanti

State President of District XII

Maryland and Washington D.C., Group 568, Council 34

We express our sincere condolences to the members of District II and District XII and to the families and friends of Anthelyne and Therese. They were dedicated officers, longtime members, and true supporters and promoters of Polish Women's Alliance and of Polish American causes. They will be missed.

*May the Lord grant them Eternal Rest.
Wieczny odpoczynek racz Im dać, Panie.*



Olga Kaszewicz



Former National Treasurer

It is with great sadness that the National Board shares with our membership the news of the death of former National Director, former National Treasurer, and longtime PWA member Olga Kaszewicz. She passed away on October 20, 2012, at age 85.

Mrs. Kaszewicz first served as a National Director of PWA for three terms, from 1979 to 1991, and was elected National Treasurer at the 31st Convention in 1991, an office she also held for three terms. She was an active member in Group 137 and Council 27, and a strong presence at all PWA functions, even after she retired. She was predeceased by her husband Edward and is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews, whom she adored.

We extend sincere condolences to her friends and family. A funeral mass was held on October 25th at St. Hubert Church in Hoffmann Estates, IL. Mrs. Kaszewicz is buried at St. Adalbert's Cemetery. *May she rest in peace.*

Victoria Drabek Group 499



Hadley, MA – A longtime member of Group 499, Victoria Drabek, passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2012, at the age of 105. She was past Treasurer of the Group and was very active in the PWA on the local, state, and national level. She lived alone until her sight failed her and she was compelled to move into a nursing home. She was Hadley's Gold Cane holder since October, 2006. *May she rest in peace.*



Maria Wieczorek-Krawczyk, MD

Former Medical Examiner



Chicago, IL – Dr. Maria Wieczorek-Krawczyk served as Medical Examiner of Polish Women's Alliance for nearly 30 years. She died on November 28, 2012 at the age of 91.

She earned her medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1948 and started her career as an obstetrician. From 1981 to 1995, she served as Medical Director of the Chicago Board of Education, a job she held at the same time that she served as PWA's Medical Examiner. She loved children and she loved her Polish heritage, two passions she was able to combine in her work. A longtime member of Group 211, she passed on her love of all things Polish to her children and grandchildren, all members of PWA.

Dr. Wieczorek, as she was known at PWA, was predeceased by her husband Ted Krawczyk, and is survived by three children, son Ted Krawczyk; daughters Barbara Demos and Mary Smith; sister Wladyslawa Jocher; and three grandchildren. Please remember Dr. Wieczorek in your prayers. *May she rest in peace.*



Mary Joan Bednarz, Group 211

Chicago, IL – Mary Bednarz, former Home Office employee and dedicated Group 211 member and former officer, passed away on December 21, 2012. She was 86 years old. A funeral mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church

and burial was at St. Adalbert's Cemetery. Mrs. Bednarz was a longtime PWA staff member and she will be remembered for her cheerful disposition and can-do attitude. After she retired, she remained active in Group 211 and attended many PWA functions and events. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends. *May she rest in peace.*



John G. Kurtz & Loretta Kurtz Krejci Group 579



John G. Kurtz of Omaha, NE, born March 20, 1927, passed peacefully November 29, 2012. He is survived by Mary, wife of 54 years, and daughters, Anna Kurtz Steffl and Jane Kurtz, six grandchildren, and many nephews and

nieces to whom he was a beloved uncle. John took enduring enjoyment in polka music, physical fitness, and the wonderful cooking of his wife. Possessing a keen memory, he was a storehouse of weather data and balanced his checkbook in his head. But it is his patient, courageous, encouraging spirit that meant so much to his friends and family. As a final act of generosity, John long ago committed to be a donor to UNMC. Per his wishes, no funeral or memorial service will be held.

Approximately 48 hours later, his older sister, Loretta (Kurtz) Krejci, passed away. She was also a longtime member of Group 579 and the mother of the Group's Treasurer. Sincere condolences to the Kurtz family on this double loss. *May they rest in peace.*

Group 805 Christmas Party



Baltimore, MD – The annual Christmas Party of Group 805 was held at Lactus Willie's Restaurant on December 20, 2012. There were 40 people in attendance, many participating for the first time in the Polish tradition of the breaking of the Oplatek. After the custom was explained, everyone was eager to start exchanging wishes and sharing the wafer. A bountiful buffet followed and, after dinner, all joined in singing koledy and in the raffle. The guest of honor was Mrs. Irene Spatafore, who is Baltimore County's Woman of the Year for 2012. She told us about one of her many projects, Angels Supporting Your Troops, and Shirley Kalinowski, President of Council 34 of District XII presented Mrs. Spatafore with a check for this charity. The donation will be used to defray the cost of sending packages overseas to our troops. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this party so special, especially to the officers and members of Group 805, who donated many prizes to the raffle. Photo above shows the check presentation with Council members looking on. From left, Maryann Kisielewski, Irene Spatafore, Shirley Kalinowski, Dolores Pummery, and Joanna Peizik.

Group 821 Celebrates Polish American Heritage Month



Chicago, IL – On October 13, 2012, Group 821 Millennium, hosted a Polish American Heritage Month event dedicated to Pope John Paul II. Our special guest was Dr. Jan Jaworski, author of a recent book about the Pope titled *The Foundations of the Patriotism of John Paul II*; in Polish "Podstawy patriotyzmu Jana Pawla II." The book has a foreword contributed by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. The Heritage event took place on a special day: the one-year anniversary of Dr. Jaworski's defense of his doctoral dissertation; the book is based on the research he did for his dissertation. Dr. Jaworski brought a relic of Pope John Paul to the event, which is most unusual for a lay person to have in his possession, but it should be noted that Dr. Jaworski has been honored with many awards by the Church, including the Order of St. Sylvester, granted to him by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. You can see Dr. Jaworski with the medal and holding his book in the photo above. *Photo by Jim Kolak.*

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When you applied for life insurance or an annuity, you provided us with employment and medical information and authorized us to obtain further information concerning your health history, mode of living, and other personal characteristics. Based on this authorization, only the minimum amount of information necessary to underwrite your application has been collected.

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MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 13 In a Restaurant – W restauracji

Match each English word with the correct Polish translation and submit your answers no later than **March 31, 2013**.

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Menu | A. Rachunek |
| 2. Waiter | B. Napiwek |
| 3. Chef | C. Pierwsze danie |
| 4. Meal | D. Kelner |
| 5. Course | E. Danie |
| 6. Appetizer | F. Deser |
| 7. Entree | G. Danie główne |
| 8. Dessert | H. Kucharz |
| 9. Bill | I. Jadłospis |
| 10. Tip | J. Posiłek |

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 (postmark March 31, 2013) to:

Polish Women's Alliance - Contests,
6643 N. Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631

Good Luck!

WINNERS OF MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 11

Congratulations to the three lucky winners of the **"Olympics – Olimpiada"** Contest!

David Gibson	District I, IL - Council 9, Group 723
Maryann Czarnecki	District 14, PA - Council 44, Group 267
Julia Ann Truskolawski	District 10 NJ - Council 15, Group 598

Correct Answers: A. Gold - J. Złoty; 2. Silver - H. Srebrny; 3. Bronze - D. Brązowy; 4. Sports events - I. Igrzyska; 5. Competition - A. Zawody; Competitor - G. Zawodnik; 7. Team - B. Drużyna; 8. Captain - C. Kapitan; 9. Coach - E. Trener; 10. Points - F. Punkty.

ANNUAL POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT January 1 - June 30, 2013

The Four Fraternals are happy to once again sponsor the Annual Polonia Youth Bowling Tournament this year. PWA members ages 3 to 18 are eligible.

Please download the Tournament Rules and Application forms from our website at pwaa.org/youth.html

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE "BEST MEMORIES OF SUMMER 2012" ESSAY CONTEST

PRIZES - ADULT CATEGORY

First \$100	Angelina Dabrowski	Dist 9 CL 8 Gr 280
Second \$75	Stephanie Cashman	Dist I CL 9 Gr 819
Third \$50	Kevin Tomaszewski	Dist 14 CL 40 Gr 267
Hon. Men. \$25	Helen Lopez	Dist 14 CL 40 Gr 530
Hon. Men. \$25	Carol Blackburn	Dist 5 CL 3 Gr 806

PRIZES - YOUTH CATEGORY

First \$100	Taylor Zrepskey	Dist 5 CL 20 Gr 488
Second \$75	Olivia Bloomhuff	Dist 5 CL 20 Gr 488
Third \$50	Nicolas William Sell	Dist I CL 9 Gr 89
Hon Men. \$25	Rocco Quillici	Dist 10 CL 38 Gr 591
Hon Men. \$25	Jared Stross	Dist 5 CL 20 Gr 769

Komitet Oświaty extends its sincere thank you to PWA members who shared their memories of the summer of 2012. You made us laugh, you made us smile, you held us in suspense, and you let us be there with you through the magic of your expressive writing. We applaud you. We invite PWA members of all ages to enter the next contest to be announced in the *Głos Polek* in the Summer Issue.

Deadline is October 31, 2013.

We'll be waiting for your entry!

EASTER COLORING CONTEST RULES

1. Cut out or copy the picture on page 26, or download it from our website at pwaa.org/Contests.htm, color it, then send it to: **PWA Coloring Contest, Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2 Fl, Chicago, IL, 60631**

2. Deadline: **Postmark April 15, 2013**

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 847-384-1200, ext. 228.

5. Cash Prizes:

First Prize	\$50
Second Prize	\$30
Third Prize	\$20
Honorable Mentions	5 prizes of \$10 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 888-522-1898, ext. 208.

Easter Recipes

The Polish Easter table features not only a ham as its centerpiece, but a wide variety of other meats as well – roasts, pates, and sausage – and sometimes a roasted goose or duck makes an appearance for an added festive touch. The recipe below is for a duck roasted with apples. The second recipe is for Polish Easter ham salad.

Roast Duck with Apples

Ingredients:

1 duck, about 4 to 4 1/2 lbs, 1 tablespoon tarragon, 1 tablespoon marjoram, salt and pepper, 2-3 tablespoons olive oil, 2 Granny Smith apples unpeeled

Directions:

A frozen duck should be defrosted in the refrigerator for 24 hours. After it thaws, take out the bag with giblets and neck from the inside of the duck (they will not be used in this recipe). Rinse the duck, pat dry, and rub inside and out with olive oil, salt, pepper, tarragon, and marjoram. Stuff the cavity with cored, quartered, and unpeeled Granny Smith apples. Close the cavity with toothpicks or sew it together with kitchen twine.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Place duck on a steel rack in an uncovered roasting pan or large ovenproof casserole, add 1 cup of water, place in preheated oven, and bake for 30 minutes. Cover the roasting pan or casserole, reduce heat to 325 degrees F, and bake the duck for another 2 hours. Take duck out of the oven when the juices run clear when the skin is pierced. Cut off legs, wings, and breasts and serve on a warmed platter with roasting juices and apples from the pan. Serve immediately. Extra duck fat can be saved and used for roasting potatoes or to make a spread. Serves 4.

Easter Ham Salad

Ingredients:

6 tablespoons mayonnaise, 5 hard-boiled eggs, 6 dill pickles, 1 1/4 lb of ham, cubed, 2 tablespoons chives, chopped, horseradish, salt and pepper

Directions:

Chop eggs, pickles, and ham into large cubes and place in a bowl. Add mayonnaise and chives and mix well. Add horseradish and salt and pepper to taste. Toss and serve.



Wielkanocne przepisy

Nie tylko szynka bywa głównym przysmakiem na polskim stole wielkanocnym, ale także inne mięsa – pieczeń, pasztet, kielbasa, a często gęś pieczona albo kaczką są podawane jako to najważniejsze i celebrowane świąteczne danie. Poniżej podany przepis to kaczką pieczoną z jabłkami. Następny przepis to polska sałatka z dodatkiem wielkanocnej szynki.

Kaczka z jabłkami

Składniki:

1 kaczką, o wadze około 2 kg, 1 łyżka suszonego estragonu, 1 łyżka suszonego majeranku, sól i pieprz, 2-3 łyżki oliwy z oliwek, 2 kwaśne jabłka ze skórą

Wykonanie:



Mrożoną kaczkę najlepiej rozmrozić wkładając ją do lodówki na 24 godziny. Po rozmrożeniu wyjąć z wnętrza kaczki woreczek z podrobami (podroby w tym przepisie nie będą wykorzystane). Kaczkę wysmarować oliwą z oliwek, natrzeć solą, pieprzem, majerankiem i estragonem. Do środka kaczki włożyć 2 jabłka pokrojonego na ćwiartki z wykrojonymi gniazdami nasiennymi. Otwór spiąć wykałaczkami lub zaszyć nicią kuchenną.

Piekarnik nagrzać do 230 stopni. Do żaroodpornego garnka lub naczynia włożyć metalową kratkę, na której ułożyć kaczkę. Dodać szklankę wody i wstawić do nagrzanego piekarnika (nawet bez pokrywy) i piec przez 1/2 godziny. Następnie zamknąć garnek pokrywą, zmniejszyć temperaturę do 180 stopni i piec przez 2 godziny. Wyjąć kaczkę z garnka, odkroić udka, skrzydełka i piersi, ułożyć je na podgrzanych talerzach, można polać wytopionym tłuszczem. Tłuszcz z kaczki można zachować i użyć np. do podsmażania ziemniaków lub sporządzenia smarowidła z pieczonego mięsa.

Sałatka wielkanocna

Składniki:

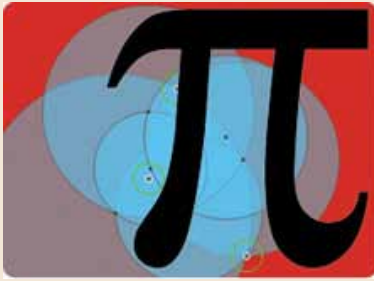
6 łyżek majonezu, 5 jajek ugotowanych na twardo, 6 ogórków konserwowych, 300 g szynki konserwowej, 2 łyżki posiekanego szczypiorku, chrzan, sól, pieprz

Wykonanie:

Jajka na twardo, ogórki i szynkę konserwową pokrój w grubą kostkę. Dodaj majonez i szczypiorek. Wymieszaj wszystkie składniki. Dopraw chrzanem, solą i pieprzem do smaku.

Enjoy!

Smacznego!



POZNAJcie LUDOLFINĘ, NAJSŁYNNIEJSZĄ LICZBĘ ŚWIATA

("Pi razy oko" albo "Pi razy drzwi"*
czyli

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14 marca entuzjaści nauk ścisłych, matematycy, studenci i uczniowie w wielu krajach świata celebrują liczbę Pi. Datę tych obchodów wybrano nieprzypadkowo; w Stanach Zjednoczonych zapisuje się ją jako 3.14, co właśnie stanowi przybliżoną wartość owej ważnej i tajemniczej liczby. Na uroczystości składają się wykłady, różnego rodzaju konkursy, gry i zabawy logiczne, prezentacje symulacji komputerowych, pokazy eksperymentów fizycznych, których celem jest upowszechnianie wiedzy o naukach ścisłych, no i oczywiście dobra rozrywka. Po raz pierwszy dzień liczby Pi obchodzono w 1988 r. w muzeum nauki Exploratorium w San Francisco.

Liczba Pi jest liczbą niewymierną, to znaczy taką, której rozwinięcie dziesiętne jest nieskończone. Jest także tzw. stałą matematyczną, tzn. symbolem, któremu przyporządkowana jest określona, zdefiniowana wartość. W wypadku Pi jest to stosunek długości okręgu do długości jego średnicy, i wynosi on 3,141592... i "biegnie" w nieskończoność. Liczba Pi jest wykorzystywana prawie w każdej sytuacji, w której musimy dokonać pomiarów przy pomocy sfer, koła czy okręgu i pojawia się w wielu dziedzinach matematyki i fizyki. O tym jak bardzo ważną rolę odgrywa ta liczba w określeniu naszej "ziemskiej i kosmicznej rzeczywistości" może świadczyć fakt, że uczeni, szukając kontaktu z cywilizacjami pozaziemskimi, wysłali w kosmos drogą radiową informację o wartości liczby Pi, wierząc, że inteligentne istoty spoza Ziemi znają tę liczbę także i rozpoznają nasz komunikat.

Ta najsłynniejsza w matematyce stała od czasów starożytnych fascynuje kolejne pokolenia badaczy. Już w starożytności zauważono, że wszystkie koła mają ze sobą coś wspólnego, a mianowicie że ich średnica i obwód pozostają wobec siebie zawsze w takim samym stosunku, i że wartość liczbową wyrażającą tę zależność jest bliska 3. Najstarsze próby oszacowania wartości liczby Pi pochodzą z Babilonu. Na tablicy datowanej na lata 1900-1700 p.n.e. pojawia się jej przybliżona wartość jako 3,125. W Chinach około 1200 p.n.e. początkowo przyjmowano, że $\pi = 3$, a potem przybliżano ją jako kwadratowy pierwiastek z 10. Warto również odnotować fakt, że w piramidzie Cheopsa stosunek sumy dwóch boków podstawy do wysokości wynosi 3,1416. W Grecji zajmowali się tą liczbą Archimedes i Euklides. W 1610 roku, holenderski matematyk Ludolf van Ceulen obliczył wartość liczby Pi z dokładnością do 35 cyfr po przecinku, co w tamtych czasach było ogromnym wyczynem; to właśnie na jego cześć nazwano Pi "ludolfiną". Z biegiem lat uzyskiwano coraz lepsze przybliżenia wartości π sięgające kilkuset miejsc po przecinku.

Od 1949, kiedy to przy pomocy komputera ENIAC obliczono 2037 miejsc po przecinku, dokładniejsze aproksymacje liczby π uzyskiwano już tylko przy użyciu komputerów. 31 grudnia 2009 r. Fabrice Bellard ogłosił, że udało mu się obliczyć π z dokładnością do 2 699 999 990 000 miejsc po przecinku. Gdybyśmy każdej sekundy recytowali jedną cyfrę, dokładne przeczytanie znanej teraz liczby Pi zajęłoby nam aż 85 tys. lat! W roku 2010 obliczono cyfrę będącą 2 000 000 000 000 cyfrą liczby Pi i wynosi ona zero. Notowane są też rekordy w zapamiętywaniu cyfr liczby Pi. Japończyk, Hideaki Tomoyori, zapamiętał 40 000 cyfr i wymieniał je (oczywiście w prawidłowej kolejności) przez 17 godzin. Inny Japończyk, Akira Haraguchi, wyrecytował 100 000 cyfr w ciągu 16 godzin. Zapamiętanie nawet

* wyrażenia potoczne w języku polskim; znaczenie: mniej więcej, niedokładnie, w przybliżeniu, około

kilkunastu początkowych cyfr po przecinku nie jest sprawą łatwą. Umiarkowanym entuzjastom takiego hobby może przyjść z pomocą poezja; bowiem zdarza się, że poeci lub po prostu pasjonaci układają wiersze, w których słowach ilość liter wyraża następujące po sobie cyfry. Oto jeden z przykładów:

Kuć i orać (3 1 4)
w dzień zawzięcie (1 5 9)
bo plonów niema* bez trudu (2 6 5 3 5)
Złocisty szczęścia okręcie (8 9 7)
Kołyszysz... (9)
Kuć. (3)
My nie czekajmy cudu. (2 3 8 4)
Robota (6)
to potęga ludu. (2 6 4)
($\pi = 3,14159265358979323846264$)

Autor: Kazimierz Cwojdzinski (1930r.)

* dawniej "nie ma" pisało się razem

Natomiast inny wiersz, który jest już tylko poetycką refleksją na temat Pi, wyraża niezwykłość i tajemniczość liczby, która wydaje się "wiązać" świat w możliwą do pojęcia całość:

"Korowód cyfr składających się na liczbę Pi
nie zatrzymuje się na brzegu kartki,
potrafi ciągnąć się po stole, przez powietrze,
przez mur, liść, gniazdo ptasie, chmury,
prosto w niebo,
przez całą nieba wzdętość i bezdenność."

Autor: Wisława Szymborska, "Liczba Pi"
(fragment)



Popularny wypiek, ciasto (eng. pie 'Pi') na
święto liczby Pi

Imr

Wesołego Alleluja!



150. Rocznica Powstania Styczniowego (1863 – 1864)



"O podnieśmy w górę czoła,
serca wzniesmy nasze.
A gdy na nas kraj zawoła,
podnieśmy pałasze."

(z pieśni powstańców 1863 r.)

Powstanie Styczniowe – najdłużej trwające z polskich powstań narodowych – było zbrojnym wystąpieniem przeciwko Rosji. Za jego początek przyjmuje się datę 22 stycznia 1863 roku. Objęło ono swym zasięgiem Królestwo Polskie, Litwę, Białoruś oraz część Ukrainy.

Przyczyną Powstania Styczniowego był nasilający się rosyjski ucisk narodu polskiego. Już od 1856 r. na terenach Polski wcielonych do Rosji ("Ziemiach Zabrzanych"), a także w Królestwie Polskim zaczęły powstawać organizacje spiskowe, w których trwały przygotowania do walki zbrojnej.

W latach 1861-1862 Polacy coraz bardziej domagali się reform agrarnych, społecznych oraz niepodległości.



"Branka", Aleksander Sochaczewski (1843–1923)

11 czerwca 1860 r. pogrzeb wdowy po gen. Józefie Sowińskim (obrońcy Woli z 1831 roku) wywołał demonstrację patriotyczną z udziałem kilkunastu tysięcy osób. W rocznicę wybuchu Powstania Listopadowego, 29 listopada 1860 roku, zorganizowano następną wielką manifestację. 25 lutego 1861 tłumy demonstrowały z okazji trzydziestej rocznicy bitwy pod Olszynką Grochowską. Większość manifestacji była krwawo tłumiona przez władze rosyjskie. W tych latach też uformowały się dwa przeciwstawne obozy polityczne w Królestwie: "czerwonych" – dążących do wybuchu powstania – oraz "białych" – przeciwników jakichkolwiek zrywów zbrojnych.

Władze rosyjskie zdawały sobie sprawę z tego, że naród polski przygotowuje się do walki. Naczelnik rządu Królestwa Polskiego – Aleksander Wielopolski, by pokrzyżować plany organizacjom spiskowym, zarządził przeprowadzenie "branki", czyli poboru Polaków do wojska rosyjskiego. Termin „branki” wyznaczył na połowę stycznia 1863 r. Przyspieszyło to decyzję o wybuchu



"Rok 1863 Polonia", Jan Matejko (1838–1893)

powstania. "Branka" została zbojkotowana, a Centralny Komitet Narodowy "czerwonych" przeobraził się w Tymczasowy Rząd Narodowy i 22 stycznia 1863 proklamował powstanie. W marcu 1863 do powstania przystąpili "biali".

Powstanie ze względu na znaczną dysproporcję sił walczących przybrało formę wojny partyzanckiej. Stoczono ponad tysiąc dwieście potyczek i mniejszych bitew, m.in. pod Miechowem, Małogoszczą, Chrobrem, Grochowiskami, Żyrzynom, Opatowem, ale unikano walnej bitwy. Dyktatorami powstania byli kolejno: L. Mierosławski, M. Langiewicz i R. Traugutt. W wojskach powstańczych służyło ok. 200 tys. Polaków. Walki powstańcze trwały do wiosny 1864 roku. 5 sierpnia 1864 Rosjanie dokonali egzekucji dowódcy powstania Romualda Traugutta i czterech członków Rządu Narodowego.

Powstanie Styczniowe okazało się wielką klęską dla narodu polskiego. Odzyskanie niepodległości stało się czymś niemożliwym i przestano myśleć o kolejnych zrywach narodowowyzwoleńczych.

Szacuje się, że w powstaniu styczniowym zginęły dziesiątki tysięcy osób. Około 400 osób stracono z wyroków sądów, 700 wcielono do armii carskiej, kilkanaście tysięcy zesłano na Syberię, a dziesiątki tysięcy drobnej szlachty z pogranicza polsko-ukraińskiego przesiedlono. Klęska Powstania Styczniowego spowodowała także ogromne straty materialne. Następstwem insurekcji była też likwidacja odrębności i autonomii Królestwa Polskiego, zmiana nazwy kraju na "Przywiślański Kraj" i (szczególnie w latach 1864-1876) bezwzględna rusyfikacja. Zakazano działalności oświatowej i kulturalnej w języku polskim, do szkół i urzędów wprowadzono język rosyjski jako język oficjalny. Ostre represje dotknęły również Kościół katolicki i unicki. Dokonano kasacji wszystkich klasztorów w Królestwie, a miastom, które podczas Powstania Styczniowego czynnie pomagały powstańcom, odebrano prawa miejskie.

Następne 50 lat, które dzieliły Polaków od niepodległości, to czas, kiedy społeczeństwo coraz częściej zwracało się ku ideałom pozytywizmu – pracy u podstaw i pracy organicznej. Ważną cechą polskiego ruchu narodowego w tym okresie stało się dążenie do harmonijnej współpracy przedstawicieli wszystkich warstw społecznych, wspieranie materialne różnych inicjatyw narodowych i przygotowywanie się do odzyskania wolności.

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„WIECZÓR WSPOMNIENI” poświęcony „OCALONYM OD ZAGŁADY”

„...Matce swej Ojczyźnie, dług życia spłacić ofiarną i uczciwą pracą dla jej dobra i wielkości, rodakom zawsze miłość bratnią świadczyć, narodom, z którymi los, wojna i wspólne niedole nas złączyły, przyjaźni wiernie dochować, Bogu nie samą modlitwą ale cnotą wdzięczność okazać...”

Słowa te zawarte są w „Dokumencie Ocalenia” wręczonym 14-letniej Helenie Ostojskiej Nowickiej w Teheranie w 1942 roku po jej powrocie z Syberii. Dla tych, którzy znają panią Helenę jest oczywiste, że słowa te stały się mottem jej życia, jest ona osobą, która może służyć jako przykład wzorowej obywatelki obu krajów: Polski i Stanów Zjednoczonych.



Od lewej: Helena Nowicka, Konstancy Trela i Krystyna Nowobilska

2-go Listopada 2012 r. odbyło się spotkanie z paniami, które jako dzieci były wywiezione na Sybir i panem, który przeżył obóz koncentracyjny w Oświęcimiu. Inicjatorką zorganizowania spotkania z „żywą historią” była Teresa Makowska, prezeska Grupy #114 Związku Polek w Ameryce. Pani Makowska organizowała już wiele akcji i spotkań, które były wspaniałymi sukcesami. „Wieczór Wspomnień” odbył się pod patronatem Komisji 27 Związku Polek, a Grupa #114 była gospodarzem. Program prowadzony był w większości w języku polskim a Mary Piergies, redaktorka *Głosu Polek*, tłumaczyła na bieżąco na język angielski.

Antoinette Trela, Sekretarka-Skarbniczka Związku Polek w Ameryce powitała wszystkich obecnych, po czym głos zabrała prezeska Komisji 27 ZPwA, Bogumiła Padowski. Program prowadziła Teresa Makowska, która opracowała i przedstawiła zwięzłą historię Polski ostatnich 200-tu lat, dzięki temu na tle dramatu Narodu Polskiego łatwiej można było zrozumieć dramatyczne losy poszczególnych bohaterów wieczoru. Po tym wykładzie z historii Maria Pawlik z emocjonalnym wyczuciem przeczytała wiersz p.t. „Syberia”, wiersz p.t. „Szli” Feliksa Konarskiego o drodze zesłańców do Armii Polskiej oraz „Dokument Ocalenia” wydany w Teheranie na polecenie Prezydenta Rządu Polskiego Władysława Raczkiewicza i Generała Sikorskiego, wręczony tym, którzy zdołali wyrwać się z „niehumanitarnej ziemi”.

Pani Makowska zreczonnie wkomponowała informacje historyczne w całość programu przypominając realia tamtych czasów. Zanim poprosiła bohaterów wieczoru na scenę, powiedziała: „To



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z Teheranu zaczęły się wędrówki matek z dziećmi lub samych sierot (bo i tak było) do wielu krajów świata, m.in. do Indii, Nowej Zelandii, Meksyku, na kontynent afrykański itd., by ostatecznie – po latach – znaleźć swoją nową Ojczyznę. Bowiem tylko nielicznym udało się powrócić do swojej Starej Ojczyzny – Polski. Z wielką uwagą będziemy się więc wsłuchiwać w świadectwa pań: Heleny Nowickiej i Krystyny Nowobilskiej, a pana Janusza Kopcia, poetę, literata i malarza prosimy o przeprowadzenie z nimi rozmów. Później poprosimy pana Konstantego Trelę o opowiedzenie swojej historii, historii ocierania się o śmierć po stronie okupanta niemieckiego”.

Pani Helena Nowicka i pani Krystyna Nowobilska były bardzo wzruszone, dawne przeżycia obudziły się na nowo. Obie stwierdziły, że ogromna wiara w Boga pozwoliła im przetrwać te najcięższe w ich życiu czasy. Przeżycia pana Trela, przeczytane przez jego zięcia John’a Schoen oraz przekazane osobiście są dowodem, że wiara w Boga, ciężka, uczciwa praca i przy tym trochę przysłowiowego szczęścia pomogły mu w życiu.

Ten wzruszający wieczór był świetną lekcją żywej historii. Po zakończeniu programu Prezeska Związku Polek pani Delphine Huneycutt podziękowała Teresie Makowskiej za ogromne zaangażowanie i pięknie przygotowany program. Uznanie wyraziła Honorowa Prezeska ZPwA Virginia Sikora. Słowa podziękowania wyraziła również Wiceprezeska Sharon Zago. Po zrobieniu pamiątkowych zdjęć był czas na indywidualne rozmowy z bohaterami wieczoru przy lampce wina i wyśmienitym poczęstunku sponsorowanym przez państwa Halinę i Stanisława Urbaniak, właścicieli sklepów Montrose oraz Cicero Deli. Każdy miał okazję podziwiać wspaniałe, nastrojowe dekoracje przygotowane przez Halinę Wiśniewską oraz wystawę przygotowaną przez Anię Holmberg.

Nastrój wieczoru podkreśliły utwory Chopina wybrane przez Ryszarda Makowskiego, który, podobnie jak żona, włożył wiele czasu i serca w przygotowanie programu. Na tym spotkaniu opowiedziały swoje historie ocalenia tylko trzy osoby, (pani Barbara Ciepiela, która miała również podzielić się swoimi wspomnieniami nie mogła uczestniczyć) ale była to reprezentacja setek tysięcy ludzi, którzy znaleźli się na „niehumanitarnej ziemi”. Naszym obowiązkiem jest pamiętać i mówić, by historia taka nigdy się nie powtórzyła.

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Jerzy Żuławski (1874-1915)

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i jasne słońce do czeluści wpadło,
powstał i wyszedł z kamiennego żłobu
w chustach śmiertelnych i z twarzą pobladłą.

I na świat patrzył jeszcze na wpół senny,
i taki smutny szedł w blask słońca złoty,
jak kiedy w cierniach i krzyżem brzemienny
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