

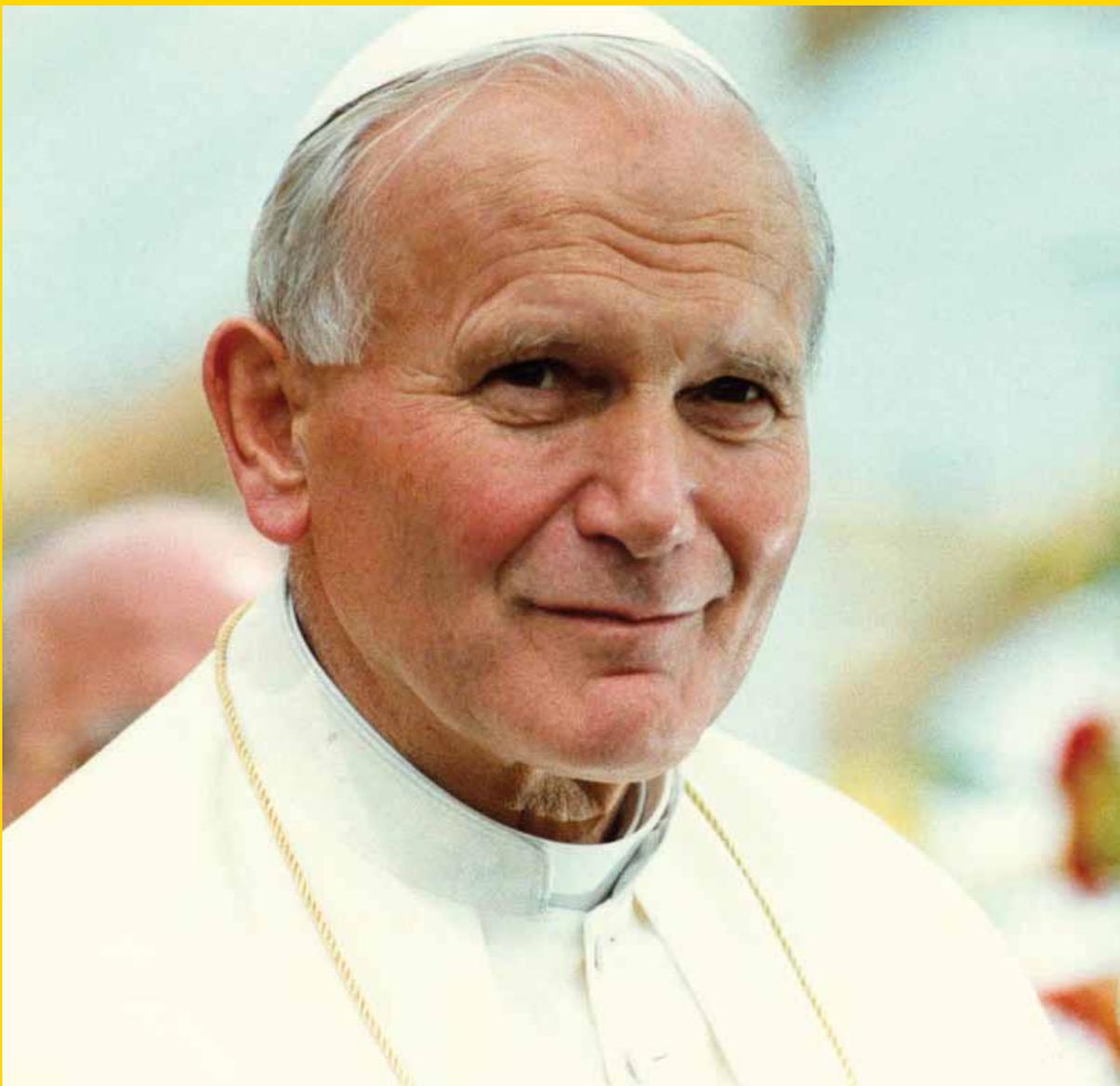
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Summer 2014 issue:
Deadline for articles is July 1

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Deadline for articles is October 1

HOLIDAY HOURS

PWA Offices will be closed
on the following days:

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day
Friday, July 4 - Independence Day

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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*

PWA Motto

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

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A fraternal benefit society
serving the Polish
American community
since 1898*

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Dear Members and Friends,

Even as spring has finally arrived and with Easter just around the corner, we have to keep looking and planning even further ahead ... it is time to start thinking about the next National Convention, which is only a little more than a year away. **The 37th National Convention of Polish Women's Alliance of America** will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from August 13 to 17, 2015. You will find the official announcement and the calling of the Pre-Convention Committee and the Constitutional Amendments Committee on page 5 of this issue. We look forward to working closely with District VI President Diane Reeve on the preparations and arrangements for the Convention. More information will be printed in future issues of *Głos Polek* and also posted on our website.

The **37th National Convention Insurance Promotion** is announced in this issue. See pages 13 and 14 for details, and please make a concerted effort to sign up new members in the months leading up to the National Convention. In order to ensure a vibrant future for our organization, we all have to do our part in bringing new members to PWA. Please take a look at the attractive rates offered in the Convention Promotion and please contact Sales Director Bo Padowski with any questions (888-522-1898, ext 220). She will be more than happy to assist you.

This summer, we are holding our quadrennial **PWA Youth Conference** in Philadelphia, PA. Please see details on pages 18 and 19, and please encourage members between the ages of 12 and 14 in your Groups and Councils to take part. We pride ourselves on our youth outreach through the many scholarships, conferences, dance groups, Polish language schools, and other youth activities that we offer. We realize how important our youth is to our future. Taking part in the Youth Conference will be an unforgettable experience for our teenage members and will make their membership in PWA that much more meaningful to them. We'd love to see a large number of participants!

At the end of April, we bear witness to the **Canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII**— the first time that two Popes will be raised to sainthood on the same day. Both Popes were beloved by Catholics and non-Catholics alike around the globe, and both made a huge difference in the quest for peace and equality in the world. Of course, we take special pride in the canonization of our own countryman, Karol Wojtyla, and the honor that is being conferred on him. We pray to him for peace and understanding among all the nations and peoples on earth. I feel both privileged and proud to be representing the PWA at the Canonization in Rome.

The **Annual Report** of PWA for the financial year ended December 31, 2013, is printed on pages 21-23. And last but not least, congratulations to our **May Queens** and to the **Groups on the Honor Roll** for 2013 (see page 20). Your membership efforts on behalf of PWA are greatly appreciated. Also, congratulations to our **Special Scholarship Recipients** for 2013-2014 (see page 31). You do us proud!

And **Happy Mother's Day** to all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, and other significant women in our lives!

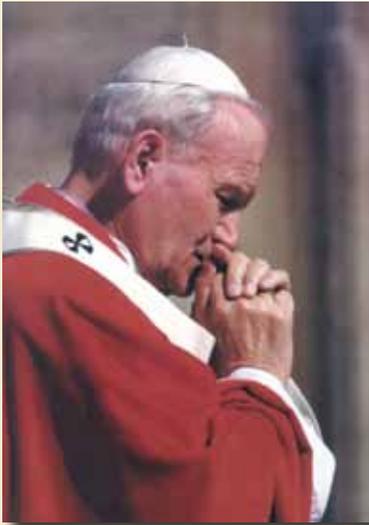
Fraternally,

Delphine Huneycutt
National President

Canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII

For the first time in the history of the Catholic Church, two Popes will be elevated to sainthood on the same day in a dual canonization to be held at the Vatican on April 27, 2014, Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII, two of the most influential and beloved Popes of the twentieth century, will be declared saints on that day. Another first for the Catholic Church will be the presence of two living Pontiffs at the ceremony — Pope Francis who will be officiating and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Pope John Paul II



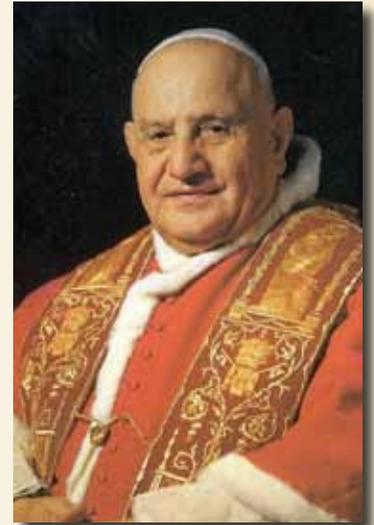
Pope John Paul II was born Karol Józef Wojtyła on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. As a young man, he experienced the brutality of the Nazis during World War II and participated in the Polish resistance. He enrolled in an underground seminary in 1942 and was ordained a priest in 1946. He then went to Rome to continue his education. He returned to Poland and was elevated to Bishop of Kraków in 1958. From 1962 to 1965, he participated in the Second Vatican

Council, working closely with Pope John XXIII on reforms to the liturgy and outreach to other religions. He was made a Cardinal in 1967 and elected Pope on October 16, 1978, becoming the first non-Italian pontiff in over 400 years. He took the name of John Paul II to honor his predecessor, John Paul I, who had died only after one month in office.

His elevation to the papacy changed the geopolitical balance in the world, adding moral support to the efforts of the Solidarity trade union in Poland to stand up to the communist regime that led to the ultimate fall of the Soviet Union in 1989. He appealed to all nations to recognize the inherent dignity of man to practice the freedoms of self-determination, self-expression, and religious practice.

John Paul II used the Chair of Peter to preach the gospel to all nations around the world. His reign was the third-longest of all the popes, lasting 26 years. He traveled over 750,000 miles during his papacy, reaching out to millions of people from all walks of life. In his audiences he received over 17 million people and met with millions more during liturgical celebrations held in Rome and all around the world. He initiated World Youth Day and celebrated 19 of them in many countries during his reign, touching the lives of millions of young people and bringing them closer to the Church. His legacy is one of peace and conciliation, and he remains one of the most beloved and popular pontiffs of all times. He died on April 2, 2005 and was beatified on May 1, 2011. He will always be remembered as the People's Pope, who made a huge impact on the world, both politically and spiritually, preaching love, peace, and respect for life, and touching millions and millions of people.

Pope John XXIII



Pope John XXIII, known as the Good Pope, served as head of the Roman Catholic Church from 1958 to 1963—a short but memorable reign that resulted in many changes to the liturgy, outreach to other religions, and calls for solidarity among nations and for world peace. When on October 20, 1958, the cardinals assembled in conclave and elected Angelo Roncalli as pope, many regarded him, because of his age, as a transitional pope, little realizing that the pontificate

of this man of 76 years would mark a turning point in history and initiate a new age for the Church. He took the name of John in honor of the precursor and the beloved disciple of Christ—but also because it was the name of a long line of popes whose pontificates had been short. He did only serve as pope for five years, but his pontificate changed the face of the Church and its role and image in the world.

In his first public address Pope John XXIII expressed his concern for reunion with separated Christians and for world peace. Less than three months after his election, he announced that he would hold a diocesan synod for Rome, convoke an ecumenical council for the universal Church, and revise the Code of Canon Law. The synod, the first in the history of Rome, was held in 1960; Vatican Council II was convoked in 1962; and the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code was appointed in 1963.

Unlike previous councils, Vatican Council II was unique as it did not issue any new dogmas, nor settle any grave heresies prevailing at that time. Instead, the council became known for its renewal of Catholic doctrine in modern times. Several institutional changes resulted from the council, such as ecumenical efforts towards dialogue with other religions. The most palpable change which followed the council included the widespread use of vernacular language in Holy Mass instead of Latin, which is practiced through today, bringing the liturgy and sacraments closer to the faithful, and making them more accessible and meaningful. Pope John's efforts to bring the Church into modern times and to make it more tolerant and inclusive are among his greatest achievements.

37th PWAA National Convention

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 13–17, 2015**

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Polish Women's Alliance of America, these two Committees have been called, at least one year before the Convention.

Constitutional Amendments Committee

Chairperson: Barbara Miller, Attorney

Co-Chair: Steve Kinion, Attorney

Members:

Sylvia Kania, Gloria Waber, and Jean Wypychowski

Pre-Convention Committee

Chairperson: Diane Reeve, District VI President

Co-Chair: Penny Manke

Members:

Dave Chilinski, John Manke, Aaron Reeve, James Reeve, Larry Reeve, Matthew Reeve, Paul Reeve, and Tillie Salaty

More details about the 37th National Convention of PWAA will be published in future issues of *Głos Polek*.

Fraternally,



Delphine Huneycutt
National President

PWA is excited to be going to Milwaukee, WI, for our 37th National Convention. This is the second time that a National Convention will be hosted by District VI. The Tenth National Convention of PWA was held at Kosciuszko Armory Hall in Milwaukee in September 1910.

Milwaukee is a great American city with a rich history. Located on the western shore of Lake Michigan, about 90 miles north of Chicago, it boasted thriving manufacturing, timber, and brewery industries in the past, and was home to many Polish, German, Italian, and Irish immigrants. Today, Milwaukee is a modern city with a world-class art museum, an exciting restaurant and music scene, and many institutions of higher learning, including the Jesuit Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with the oldest Department of Polish Studies in the U.S. The Polish Fest, held annually in June for 33 years, vibrantly celebrates Polish culture.

There are still many Polish Americans living in Milwaukee—and many Polish American sites of interest, including 17 Polish churches; the Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz's sculpture "Birds of Knowledge of Good and Evil" in front of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin; the recently restored Kosciuszko Monument in Kosciuszko Park; and the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin, among others. We hope delegates will find time to visit these sites and to explore the city in August 2015. More to follow.

Photo: Milwaukee Art Museum



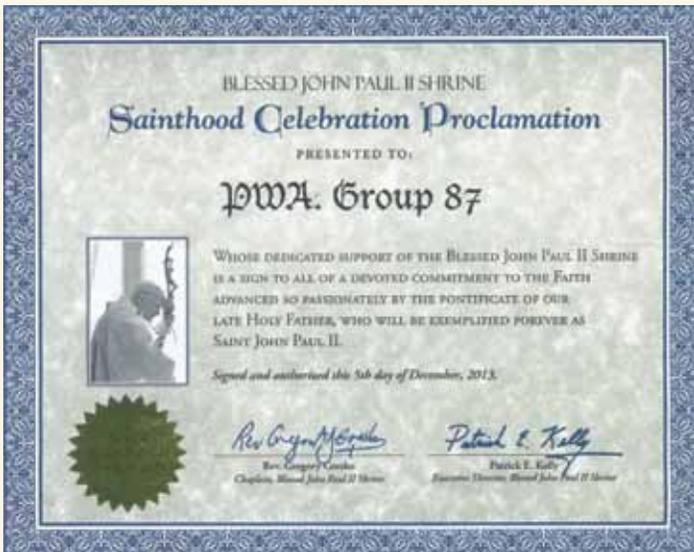
Polish Mass and Concert Celebrate the Canonization of John Paul II



A concelebrated Polish Mass, followed by a concert of Polish music, took place on Saturday, April 5, 2014, in the Madonna Della Strada Chapel at Loyola University, Chicago Lake Shore Campus, in celebration of the upcoming canonization of Pope John Paul II. The concert of Polish music was performed by the Lira Singers Quartet of the Lira Ensemble and was narrated by Lucyna Migala, Artistic Director and General Manager of the Ensemble. Members of the Lira Ensemble are also members of PWA Group 816 Lira; Lucyna Migala is the Group's President. In the photo, from left, Robert Rusiecki, Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago; Czeslawa Kolak, PWA National Director; Andrzej Wypych, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago; Lucyna Migala; and District I President Lidia Filus.

Photo: J. Kolak

Group 87 Signs Pope John Paul's Sainthood Book



Cleveland's Group 87 is proud to be taking part in the canonization of Blessed Pope John Paul II, even though over the miles. Our Group is included in the Sainthood Celebration Registry, a book of names from around the world that will be taken to St. Peter's Basilica on April 27, 2014. The Proclamation we received and will always cherish is reproduced above.

DOZIN' WITH DINOS



On Friday, April 4, 2014, I participated in a memorable night in the Dozin' with Dinosaurs program at Chicago's Field Museum with my two granddaughters, Amelia and Isabella Oskorep, and my two daughter-in-laws, Lisa and Stephanie. We got to stay overnight with the Dinosaurs! Over 900 children and adults were present. This is an annual event organized by the Four Polish Fraternal. Our group leader was Sharon Zago, Vice President of the PWA. The evening began with a workshop based on the Field Museum dinosaur exhibition, followed by a movie about Sue, their most famous dinosaur, a Tyrannosaurus Rex. After the movie we met with Lisa Zago-Martin of Dinosauria (in photo above), who let the children hold bones of dinosaurs that she had dug up; the children asked Lisa many questions. The children also had an opportunity to hold a live tarantula, and took photos with it. After exploring many more exhibits, a snack was provided by the Museum. We all enjoyed the late-night activities and wandering through the Museum's many wondrous displays and exhibitions, including *Inside Ancient Egypt*, which we explored by flashlight. Lights-out was at 1:30 a.m. and rise-and-shine was at 7 a.m., with breakfast served to all soon after. Then, it was time to leave the Museum at 9 a.m., but before that, some of us took a group picture with Sue. Happy goodbyes were said and everyone expressed the hope that they would see each other again next year. A good time was had by young and old alike.

Joan Oskorep



\$\$\$ 2014 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 June 10, 2014 (postmark).
Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!*

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 20, 2014, in Chicago, Illinois.**
Proceeds to benefit Komitet Oswiaty, the PWA Education Committee,
promoting Polish culture and heritage and supporting our youth.

Walk-in tickets accepted at the PWA Home Office during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).



**Last chance
to send in
your tickets!**

Zamek Dancers Recital



PWA Zamek Dancers of Group 769 held their 66th annual recital this past April in Warren, Michigan. Family, friends, and distinguished guests from Polish Women's Alliance were in attendance for this lovely display of Polish heritage through dance and song. Great fun was had by all as the audience watched the children perform tap, jazz, and traditional Polish dance numbers. During the recital, the Zamek Dancers honored Trevor Rakus with their distinguished Merit Award in honor of the many years of dance and heart he gave to the troupe. Zamek would like to once again welcome the new families who have joined them this year, and they look forward to the many years they will have as part of the "Zamek Family." Additionally, they extend their thanks to the many parents who volunteered during the year, helping with practices, parties, fundraisers, and performances. The Zamek Dancers welcomes everyone from ages 2 1/2 to 99, and would love for you to join them! If you are interested in joining the troupe or having them perform at an event in the Southeastern Michigan area, please contact Doreen Geml at 586-776-6807 for more information.

Easter Fair at the Marie Sklodowska Curie Polish School in District I

Chicago, IL – The Easter Fair (Kiermasz wielkanocny) of the Marie Sklodowska Curie Polish School was held recently; students, teachers, and parents alike enjoyed Easter fun and games, and the making of their own pisanki. The school is supported by District I. In photo, with students and teachers, are District I President Lidia Filus, National Director Czeslawa Kolak, and Director Agnieszka Trzupak.



**Happy Mother's Day!
May 11, 2014**

PWA Members on Humanitarian Trip to Santa Clara, Cuba



Members of Group 821 visited Santa Clara, Cuba, on January 26, 2014. The photo shows the monument of Pope John Paul II at the entrance to the city. It was erected to commemorate the Pontiff's visit to the island and the spot where he celebrated his first Mass on Cuban soil on January 22, 1998. The monument was inaugurated in 2008 by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican Secretary of State, to mark the 10th anniversary of John Paul II's apostolic trip to Cuba. In photo, from left, PWA National Director Czeslawa Kolak; Father Tadeusz Dzieszko, Pastor of St. Constance Parish in Chicago; President of District I Lidia Filus; Jerzy Filus; and Krzysztof Filus. This was a humanitarian trip to Cuba during which the participants visited and delivered religious and medical supplies as well as monetary donations to churches, seminaries, and nursing homes. This was the first such trip to Cuba sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Group 305 Welcomes New Members



Twins Sadie (left) and Sydnie (right) Karasiak of Royal Oak, Michigan, are the newest members of Group 305 in District III. The twins' dad, Bryce Karasiak, was a PWA scholarship recipient in 1999 – 2000. Congratulations to the proud parents of Sadie and Sydnie, and to the entire family, which includes PWA members, grandmother Charlotte and uncle Kalen.

Kazimiera Bober Named Woman of the Year



On March 8, 2014, Kazimiera Bober, owner and founder of Kasia's Deli in Chicago, celebrated the 40th anniversary of her arrival in the United States. Mrs. Bober is known not only for her nationally acclaimed pierogi, but also for her charitable work in the Chicago area. Group 821 named her Woman of the Year and Group President Jim Kolak presented Mrs. Bober with a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of her anniversary. In the photo above, Mrs. Bober with her daughter Barbara, Group 821 officers, and customer Andrzej Golota. Photo was taken by Alcija Otap of the *Dziennik Zwiqzkowy*.

Zamek Dancers Bowling



On March 9, 2014, PWA Zamek Dancers of Group PWA 769, Michigan, and their friends and family members got together for an afternoon of fun. For the fifth year in a row, the dance troupe participated in the 2014 Polonia Youth Bowling Tournament. Everyone had a lot of fun bowling and spending time together. A pizza lunch was served and each of the participants won a special prize.

BECOME A PWA MENTOR

If you would like to join our PWA Mentor Program, please send your name, address, phone number, and email address, along with your profession and your areas of interest and expertise to pwaa@pwaa.org. A directory will be made available online for high school and college students seeking mentors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 10

• Council 9 celebrates 17th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Crowning of May Queen Lorraine Zoremba, at Lone Tree Manor, Niles, IL. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; lunch at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$10 for children 12 and under. Raffle prizes welcome. Information will be mailed or contact Council President Laura Pawlowski at 708-945-7489.

• Council 27 Mother's Day celebration at 1 p.m. at the PWA Home Office Social Hall. A hot buffet luncheon will be served and entertainment will be provided by tenor, Jacek Spsychalski. We will also honor our Council 27 May Queen, Janina Piotrowski. Donations are \$18 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Raffle prizes welcome. Please call Council 27 President Bo Padowski for more information or to make a reservation: 847-384-1220 during the day, or 847-420-4070 after 5 p.m.

• Group 132 Mother's Day Luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall (across from the Indiana South Shore Station), at 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive, East Chicago, IN. Entry at 12 noon; dinner at 1 p.m. Donation is \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children to age 12. The Luncheon is open to all. Prizes accepted for our Scholarship Raffle. Make check payable to "PWA D3" and mail to Delphine Huneycutt, 4909 Baring Ave., East Chicago, IN 46312.

Sunday, June 1

Council 9 celebrates PWA Founders Day. Meet us at the St. Adalbert's Cemetery parking lot at 1 p.m. to present flowers at the gravesites of PWA founders and members, followed by luncheon at the Lone Tree Manor, Niles, IL. Tickets are \$20. Contact Council President Laura Pawlowski at 708-945-7489 or laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net by May 30th.

Tuesday, June 10

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.

Tuesday, July 1

Polish American Night at White Sox Park - Cellular Field - in Chicago, Illinois, sponsored by the Four Polish Fraternal. Enjoy Polish entertainment at the gates and then watch an exciting game of White Sox baseball. Game time is at 7:10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (regular price \$40). Parade passes available to the first 700 ticket holders, so order early to take part in a parade on the field (starting at 6:15 p.m.) Deadline is June 16th. Please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898, ext 208, or send email to vpres@pwaa.org for tickets or more information.

Council 9 Spring Fundraiser

At Clover's Garden Centers, 8845 W. 87th Street, Hickory Hills, IL, and 4411 N. Cumberland Avenue, Norridge, IL, on May 16 - 18 and May 30 - June 1. Buy your annuals and perennials at Clover's and raise funds for PWA! Contact Council President Laura Pawlowski at 708-945-7489.

Council 27 Events for 2014 - Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 10th - Mother's Day Celebration at PWA Social Hall. Details in Calendar at left.

Saturday, August 2nd - Treasure Swap in Bo's Garden, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Saturday, September 13th - Book signing and Pope John Paul II observance at PWA Social Hall. *See page 28.*

Saturday and Sunday, November 8th and 9th - Group 822 ArtPo Art Exhibit, PWA Social Hall.

Sunday, December 7 - Christmas Party for Children, PWA Social Hall.

Details to follow. For more information, please contact Council 27 President Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220 during the day, or 847-420-4070 after 5 p.m.

Polish American Days at Six Flags Great America, Gurnee, Illinois

**Saturday - Sunday
June 21st - 22nd and June 28th - 29th**

Sponsored by the Four Polish Fraternal: PWA, PNA, PRCUA, and the Polish Falcons. Tickets are \$31. Order yours today by calling Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898, ext. 208, or by sending email to vpres@pwaa.org. You can also purchase tickets online for \$33 by going to www.sixflags.com/greatamerica and entering the promo code POLISH. This is a savings of more than \$32 from the price of a ticket purchased at the gate. Children under 2 are free. Join us for a day of family fun!

PWA Well-Wishers Club!

We have created a Well-Wishers page for PWA members on our website, where you can send in birthday wishes, anniversary wishes, get-well wishes, or greetings for graduations, communions, confirmations, retirements, etc. Please send in your wishes via email to pwaa@pwaa.org or by regular mail to:

**Polish Women's Alliance of America
Well-Wishers Club
6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60631**

Please include a photo and a donation of \$5.00 or more (payable to Polish Women's Alliance) by the 25th of each month for events to be celebrated in the following month. If you send in your wishes via email, please let us know that the check is following in the mail. The wishes will be posted on the web page, along with photo, if you send one in, and will stay up for the entire month. This is a great way to honor family and friends and to have everyone share in the special moments of our members' lives.

PWA CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Donations to the Nathan Kras Fund



The donations to the Nathan Kras Fund to date (through April 9, 2014) now total almost \$7,000. Thank you to all for your contributions! You can continue to send your donations to the PWA Home Office address (see page 2). Please make checks payable to the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation, and please add "Nathan's Fund" to the memo line.

Contributions received after April 10, 2014, will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Głos Polek*.

We are happy to report that Nathan continues to recover; he sends his appreciation and thanks to all who have made donations or expressed support. God bless you and Bóg zapłać for your generosity.

**Donations to Nathan's Fund
January 9, 2014 to April 9, 2014**

PWA CL 34 Maryland	\$100
PWA CL 40 Pennsylvania	100
PWA Gr 752 California	100
PWA Gr 809 Ohio	75
PWA Gr 544 Ohio	25
Diane Kozlowski	100
- Kozlowski & Associates	
Carol Rosieck	50
Mary Jachim	25
Jeanette Hays	25
Wanda Karen Carr	25
Denise Cline	20
Joan Trinceri	20
Estelle Baginski	10

Corrections

We are printing two corrections to our list of donations published in the *Głos Polek* Winter 2014 issue. Our apologies to the donors below:

Dorothy Koteski \$75

--Was incorrectly listed as Frances Koteski

Michaeline Omilianowski and Diane Svitko \$50

--Was incorrectly listed as Michaeline Omilianowski

Donations to the Polish Women's Alliance Charitable & Educational Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. You can designate your donation to one of your favorite charities: Dziecko Polskie, National Scholarship Endowment Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, General Fund – and of course Nathan's Fund. Make checks payable to the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation, add your charity of choice to the memo line of the check, and mail to the PWA Home Office.

HEALTHY LIVING



HOW TO NIP SPRINGTIME ALLERGIES IN THE BUD



Everyone is excited that winter is over and that spring is finally here. Flowers are blooming and trees will soon start budding — and producing pollen. For too many people spring means that their allergies are back. Symptoms of seasonal allergies, commonly referred to as hay fever, include itchy eyes, nose and throat; sneezing; stuffy or runny nose; tearing up; and dark circles under the eyes.

For allergy sufferers, identifying the allergens is the first step to treatment. The test consists of dozens small pricks on your skin. 42 allergens are tested against the skin, including grasses, trees, and weeds, as well as molds, cats, dogs, even horses and cattle. Then, the ones that flag are tested for cross-reaction with foods.

Once the allergens have been identified, some people may need allergy shots once a week for three to six months to build up the allergic response to their specific allergies. Not everyone needs shots though. Antihistamines that are available over the counter can be taken daily, or a nasal spray, help most sufferers. Also, a simple nasal saline wash can rinse the pollen from your nasal cavity. But if all of that gives too little relief, do see a doctor. There are also prescription drugs that may help some sufferers.

In addition to medications, lifestyle changes can help relieve hay fever symptoms. These measures include:

- ✿ Limiting outdoor activities when pollen counts are high.
- ✿ Leaving windows closed at home or in the car to keep pollen out.
- ✿ Installing and using your air conditioner early, to filter the outside air that comes into your home.
- ✿ Washing your hair after being outside.
- ✿ Avoiding mowing lawns or raking leaves, both of which stir up pollen and mold.
- ✿ Not hanging sheets or clothes outside to dry.

To learn more about seasonal and other allergies and how to prevent and treat them, go to the Mayo Clinic Health website at www.mayoclinic.com/health/allergies/DS01118

**May 22, 2014
PWA Founders Day**

**Celebrating 116 years of service to our members,
Poland, and the Polish American community**



Welcome to Our New Members!

A warm welcome is extended to these new members (January – March 2014).

We are so glad you have joined us!

Gr. No.	Name	Introduced by	City/State
0061	Dixon, Michael R	Andrew O McBride	Alsip, IL
0070	Nowocin, Miller M	Judith A Nowocin	Cornelius, NC
0128	Ziemba, Cooper A	Andrea D Ziemba	Indianapolis, IN
0182	Hagerman, Kyle W	Florence Painter	Buena Park, CA
0182	Slonceski, Andrew C	Florence Painter	Greensburg, PA
0211	Urbikas, Danuta	Social Member	Chicago, IL
0221	Jones VI, David H	Mary A Watterson	Pittsburgh, PA
0221	Sterbinsky III, William F	Mary A Watterson	Leesburg, VA
0305	Karasiak, Sydnie S	Valerie F Malecki	Royal Oak, MI
0305	Karasiak, Sadie A	Valerie F Malecki	Royal Oak, MI
0305	Jakubowicz, Connor J	Joseph B Jakubowicz	South Bend, IN
0309	Zader-Baumann, Elliot R	Bernadine M Baumann	Lansing, MI
0362	Murphy, Merryn H	Helen L Georgetti	Minnetonka, MN
0499	Rytuba, James	Social Member	Menlo Park, CA
0509	Yakabouski, Alana E	Home Office	Avoca, PA
0509	Yakabouski, Kathryn M	Home Office	Avoca, PA
0568	Nilges, Sophie	Home Office	Frederick, MD
0568	Nilges, Owen	Home Office	Frederick, MD
0642	Janik, Mary J	Social Member	Chester Springs, PA
0658	Mawn, Molly M	Alyce Schmidt	Old Forge, PA
0661	Cymerman, Lacey A	Laura Pawlowski	Volo, IL
0677	Goodwin, Reese J	Laura M Jordan	Mountainside, NJ
0680	Turner, Caroline J	Charlotte B Prez	Rock Hill, SC
0814	Sitter, Audrey E	Home Office	San Jose, CA

**Help Save Some Trees!
Register to get your *Głos Polek*
delivered by email**

To save on printing and mailing costs, to use less paper, and to get the newspaper to you more quickly, we would be happy to send the *Głos Polek* directly to your email inbox the day after it goes to the printer (in PDF format). Please let us know if you would like us to stop delivery of the paper version to your home address by writing to us at pwaa@pwaa.org. Please add "I'd like to save some trees" to the subject line. And please remember that many issues of *Głos Polek* are now available on our website, in PDF, so you can read both the current and back issues at any time.

**Mother's Day SPRING SPECIAL
*Mother of \$183 Million Winner***

Read this inspirational book written by one of our own members, Catherine Gietka, Group 702, Baltimore, MD. It tells the story of a Polish American family, and how it responded to the good luck of having won a lottery jackpot. Order the book for \$10, plus shipping, by sending email to pwaa@pwaa.org, by calling 888-522-1898, or by sending a letter by regular mail to Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL. 60631.

Membership/Insurance

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR APPLICATION

To request a quote and/or application
please call the Home Office at
888-522-1898, send email to padowski@pwaa.org
or fill in the coupon below and mail to:

Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N Northwest Hwy, 2nd Fl
Chicago, IL 60631-1360
or send by fax to 847-384-1494

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

PWA Group No. _____

Email Address: _____

REQUEST FOR A QUOTE

INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED INSURED:

Date of Birth: _____

Sex: Male Female

Smoker: Yes No

PLAN/S YOU ARE INTERESTED IN (please mark):

◆ LIFE INSURANCE

Requested Face Amount: \$ _____

- Single Payment Whole Life
- 10 Year Payment Whole Life
- Ordinary Life
- Youth Investment Combo Plan
- Term Life to Age 25

◆ ANNUITY

- Flexible Premium Deferred
- Traditional IRA
- Roth IRA

REQUEST FOR AN APPLICATION

Life Insurance application How many? _____

Annuity application How many? _____



CONVENTION DISCOUNT COUPON

Can be used with the 37th Convention Plan only; cannot be redeemed for cash. One coupon per PWA member.

Information about You:

NAME: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

MEMBER OF PWA GROUP # _____

If used for someone else, please write below the name of the person you wish to redeem this coupon:

NAME: _____

Your Signature

City, Date

FOR HOME OFFICE USE ONLY:

Number of New Policy: _____

Issue Date: _____ Gr. No: _____

Insured's Name: _____



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New Agents?

We can help you get started quickly!

Experienced Agents?

We have unique plans to make you
successful!

Call 888-522-1898 toll-free
and ask for Bo
or send email to
padowski@pwaa.org

37th PWAA National Convention SPECIAL



During our 37th PWAA NATIONAL CONVENTION SPECIAL you can apply for the NEW

37th National Convention Plan

This plan will be offered from June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 ONLY.

It is Whole Life insurance with a Single Premium payment.

The Single Premium in this plan is **reduced by \$37** by using the **37th PWAA National CONVENTION COUPON**.

Each active PWAA member can use one coupon only, either for yourself or to pass along to a friend or family member.

Minimum Face Amounts are

\$3,000	newborn to age 20
\$2,000	age 21 to 55
\$1,000	age 56 to 85 (nearest birthday)

(See premium chart, with the \$37 discount already included, on page 14.)

Issue ages

16 days to 85 years of age

TO APPLY

- Simply fill out a life insurance application – form # PWAA LA-0900 2013
- For applications and the 37th PWAA National Convention COUPON, contact our Home Office toll-free at **888-522-1898**, send an email to padowski@pwaa.org or visit our website at www.pwaa.org (click on FORMS.) Or you can use the COUPON on page 12.
- Your application, together with the 37th PWAA National Convention COUPON and applicable premium payment, must be returned to: **Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N Northwest Hwy 2nd FL, Chicago, IL 60631** no later than **June 30, 2015**.

SPECIAL AWARDS

PWAA Groups will be awarded cash prizes as follows:

- **\$100** for 10 to 14 policies sold by group members
- **\$250** for 15 to 24 policies sold by group members
- **\$500** for 25 to 34 policies sold by group members
- **\$1000** for 35 or more policies sold by group members

All group awards will be announced and checks for the winning Groups will be presented to the Group Presidents at the PWA 37th National Convention in August 2015.

Any individual group member selling five or more policies will be recognized in the 37th National Convention Program Book.

37th NATIONAL CONVENTION PLAN RATES (Already REDUCED)

AGE	FEMALE		AGE	FEMALE		MALE		AGE	FEMALE		MALE	
	3,000	3,000		Nontobacco	Tobacco	Nontobacco	Tobacco		Nontobacco	Tobacco	Nontobacco	Tobacco
	2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000		
0	245.54	283.34	21	303.02	368.78	339.76	407.44	56	416.77	477.26	458.64	515.76
1	251.39	287.75	22	312.00	378.84	348.58	416.64	57	426.82	486.97	470.21	527.75
2	257.99	294.68	23	321.16	388.98	357.90	426.62	58	437.00	496.81	481.60	539.33
3	265.10	302.57	24	330.64	399.38	367.84	437.12	59	447.36	506.84	492.80	550.75
4	272.93	311.54	25	340.42	410.00	378.26	448.18	60	457.80	516.77	503.79	561.86
5	280.94	320.87	26	350.50	421.90	389.36	460.88	61	468.26	526.69	514.38	572.54
6	289.43	330.53	27	360.88	434.22	401.00	474.30	62	478.87	536.52	524.74	583.08
7	298.13	340.55	28	371.56	446.82	413.06	488.20	63	489.40	546.11	535.47	594.13
8	307.07	350.90	29	382.58	459.88	425.52	502.50	64	500.18	556.03	546.49	605.51
9	316.34	361.70	30	393.92	473.22	438.10	516.76	65	510.63	565.36	557.66	616.99
10	325.88	372.92	31	405.72	487.14	450.82	531.10	66	521.41	574.19	569.25	627.68
11	335.84	384.44	32	417.76	501.52	463.76	545.44	67	532.53	583.15	580.85	638.32
12	346.07	396.38	33	430.30	516.32	477.16	560.52	68	544.10	592.45	593.30	649.81
13	356.66	408.71	34	443.02	531.50	491.10	576.26	69	555.82	601.69	604.22	659.23
14	367.55	421.37	35	456.22	547.20	505.30	592.38	70	567.66	610.93	617.32	670.61
15	378.65	434.24	36	469.94	563.10	520.12	608.88	71	579.56	620.26	629.48	680.92
16	389.21	446.87	37	483.90	579.30	535.12	625.62	72	592.32	630.50	638.04	688.39
17	400.10	458.87	38	498.20	595.56	550.72	643.20	73	604.49	639.49	647.19	696.60
18	411.14	470.48	39	512.94	612.32	566.74	661.16	74	617.25	649.04	657.50	706.39
19	422.63	481.82	40	528.12	629.44	583.12	679.56	75	630.33	658.61	672.25	719.16
20	434.33	493.28	41	543.68	647.02	600.24	698.64	76	643.45	670.73	686.69	731.65
			42	559.60	665.08	617.62	717.98	77	656.81	683.40	699.34	743.78
			43	576.04	683.60	634.66	736.52	78	670.37	696.34	714.30	755.97
			44	592.72	702.54	651.90	755.22	79	683.67	709.15	726.09	768.66
			45	609.72	721.76	669.66	774.68	80	697.34	722.17	740.09	781.26
			46	627.34	741.38	688.42	794.52	81	711.15	735.59	753.87	793.31
			47	645.08	761.04	707.66	814.88	82	724.95	749.00	767.04	805.44
			48	662.98	780.56	727.14	835.30	83	738.66	761.87	781.59	817.44
			49	680.80	799.58	746.86	855.88	84	752.79	775.23	796.02	830.26
			50	698.68	818.30	766.94	876.68	85	766.53	788.40	810.23	842.90
			51	716.78	837.16	787.36	897.94					
			52	734.94	855.72	807.98	919.58					
			53	753.20	874.22	829.08	941.60					
			54	771.66	893.00	850.56	963.92					
			55	790.58	912.30	872.12	985.94					

**Limited
Time
Offer!**

You can get RATES for higher face amounts by calling PWAA at

1-888-522-1898

* Age to the nearest birthday; Age 0 from 16 days old to 6 months.

Don't wait, apply today! Rates are based on the nearest birthday; the younger you are, the less you pay!

IF YOU APPLY BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2014, WE WILL SEND YOU A BONUS – a beautiful set of seven booklets from the PWAA Polish Heritage Series.

For higher face amounts, the 37th PWAA National Convention Coupon, and applications, please call the Home Office **at 888-522-1898 ext 228**; send an email to padowski@pwa.org; or visit our website at www.pwa.org.

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

**Last chance
to apply!
Deadline is
June 30th!**



**This offer ends
SOON!**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
The 115th ANNIVERSARY MAXIMIZER OFFER
IS EXTENDED FOR ONE MORE MONTH!

If you missed the opportunity to take advantage of this unique offer, please let us know, as we can recalculate and send you a new offer before this program closes on

JUNE 30, 2014

To receive a new recalculated offer, please contact the Home Office at **888-522-1898** or send your request by email to

secretarytreasurer@pwaa.org or ***padowski@pwaa.org***

by fax to 847-384-1494 or by regular mail to

PWAA, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631

Beginning in the month of April 2013, members between the ages of 1 and 75 who have PAID-UP Insurance Certificates were offered the opportunity to INCREASE THEIR CURRENT FACE VALUE, WITH NO MEDICAL EXAM or lengthy application required.

They could choose between the four premium options:

OPTION A \$115 • OPTION B \$230

OPTION C \$345 • OPTION D \$460

THIS IS A ONE-TIME PAYMENT

The premium of \$115, \$230, \$345, or \$460 will be applied as a net single premium to purchase additional paid-up insurance. The new Face Amount for each option will be shown in your letter.

**THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO EASILY AND QUICKLY INCREASE
YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH PWA.**

WHY CAN AN ANNUITY BE SO MUCH BETTER THAN A CD?

Most retirees and baby boomers are looking for fixed-rate guarantees with principal protection. For years, Certificates of Deposit (CDs) have been known as a secure investment, but there are other products that now offer far better returns – Flexible Payment Deferred ANNUITIES. There are just a few differences between CDs and ANNUITIES you should know:

CDs

LOW RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Average from 0.35% for a 1-year CD to 1.09% for a 5-year CD.*

* average on 03/20/2014 from www.bestcashcow.com

TAXED EARNINGS IN INTEREST

You have to pay taxes annually on the interest earned on a CD, even if you do not withdraw any funds.

PENALTIES FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL

Can range from \$50 plus 1% of amount withdrawn to 90 days' interest.

INSURED BY FDIC

Up to the maximum allowed by law.

ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS

Generally NO additional deposits are allowed.

PWA Flexible Payment Deferred ANNUITIES

Both CDs and Annuities offer a guaranteed annual interest rate growth for a specified period.

HIGHER RETURNS

1.75% for all PWA Annuities in the year 2014. Will never be lower than 1%.

TAX-DEFERRED EARNINGS & GROWTH

Taxes paid only when interest is withdrawn.

10% OF ACCOUNT VALUE PENALTY-FREE

In the first 5 years you may withdraw up to 10% of your account value each year starting in the second year with NO EARLY withdrawal penalty. After 5 years you can maintain your account and you can withdraw the full balance penalty-free.

GUARANTEED THROUGH MANDATORY RESERVES

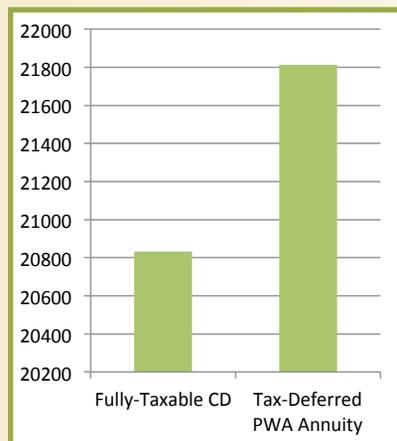
and regulated by the Insurance Department in each State where the PWA operates.

REQUIRED \$500 MINIMUM INITIAL DEPOSITS – NO MAXIMUM

Additional deposits of \$100 to \$5,000 allowed in any year.

Comparing a Taxable CD at a 1.09% annual interest rate and Tax-Deferred PWA Annuity at a 1.75% interest rate, \$20,000 initial deposit, after 5 years of investment, 25% tax bracket

	Fully-Taxable CD	Tax-Deferred PWA Annuity
Initial Deposit	\$20,000	\$20,000
Year 1	\$20,164	\$20,350
Year 2	\$20,328	\$20,706
Year 3	\$20,495	\$21,068
Year 4	\$20,662	\$21,437
Year 5	\$20,831	\$21,812



Let your hard-earned money start working for you today!
Open a PWA Flexible Payment Deferred Annuity NOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PLEASE CALL:
1-888 522-1898, SEND EMAIL to padowski@pwa.org or VISIT www.pwa.org

The information in this advertisement is not intended as legal or tax advice. Consult your tax and/or legal advisers regarding all federal and state laws before making any financial decisions. Interest rate subject to change.

We've got mail!



We wanted to share with you some of the emails and letters that our youth members have sent to us recently—telling us how PWA has touched their lives. Please consider their experiences and comments, excerpted below, as you look to sign up other young Polish Americans to our organization. Membership in PWA will not only bring them closer to their Polish heritage—it will make a lasting impact on their lives in so many different and beneficial ways!

One of the best experiences that will stay with me for my whole life was the first time I traveled to Poland with a group of students from various Polish organizations in 2009. The trip was organized by the PACCF, in cooperation with the PWA. I found the country, history, culture, and people to be so fascinating that, since that first visit, I have gone back on my own or with my family two other times to date. In the coming few years, I would like to go back again and participate in a project like Habitat for Humanity that helps make a real difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Thank you, PWA, for having made this possible and for the financial sponsorship!

*A.V., Group 211, District I Illinois
Age 18, PWA member since I was a baby*



The scholarship I received from PWA will aid me in achieving my dream of becoming a teacher. My opportunity to obtain a college degree will not only help my future career, but also the lives of the students that I will one day teach. This scholarship has impacted my financial needs. As a first-generation college student in my family, I can fully appreciate the potential that a college degree holds. However, this great achievement comes at a great price. I quickly learned that the cost of college would put a heavy burden on my family, so I made a personal choice to take responsibility for paying for the majority of my education. I feel that this choice will teach me the value of education throughout my life. ... The time I have spent thus far in college has been the most exciting, rewarding, and adventurous learning experience that I have ever had. I am very thankful for the assistance that PWA has given me and many other students in the area.

L.A., Group 468, District IV, New York, Age 19

One of the most valuable and worthwhile things that my parents have done for me was to sign me up as a little girl to the PWA. This organization has provided me with a closer connection to the I.J. Paderewski Polish Language School, and, later on, as a young woman, it has supported me in my academic endeavors by granting me several scholarships and a leadership position as Recording Secretary of District VII, Council 7. The PWA provides one with a sense of belonging, acting as an open door to a larger community and an answer to self-identity, a concept that many individuals spend their entire youth searching for.

I. K., Group 544, District VII Ohio, Age 20



I want to thank PWA for the many opportunities I have received and participated in, most recently the Polonaise Deb Ball, that was organized by Council 28. From what my Mother tells me, I have been a member of Group 422 since the day I was born, thanks to my Babci. Thank you for your generosity over the years. I am proud to be a part of the PWA organization.

B.C., Group 422, District VIII, Massachusetts, Age 19



I wanted to thank you for awarding me the \$500 scholarship. It truly helped me to pay for my books.

C.L., Group 450, District XIV, Pennsylvania, Age 21



PWA YOUTH CONFERENCE

For PWA Members 14-16 years of age

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 14 – 18, 2014

We are excited about our upcoming Youth Conference in Philadelphia and hope to have many PWA members join us for a fun-filled five days. You will meet other PWA members from across the nation, explore a historic city, learn about your Polish heritage, and make lots of new friends and memories.

The itinerary and information on how to register follow.

Monday, July 14

- Arrive in Philadelphia and check into hotel
- Ride the Ducks – a water sightseeing tour of the city
- Dinner at Hard Rock Café
- Cobwebs & Cobblestones – a fun evening tour of Philadelphia's Old City with its strange and macabre past

Tuesday, July 15

- Walking tour of Philadelphia's historic area, including Independence Hall, Congress Hall, and the Liberty Bell
- Visit the Polish American Cultural Center, including a talk about Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish patriot, military commander, and an American Revolutionary War hero. A visit to Kosciuszko House may be arranged.
- Philly cheese steak lunch
- Visit to the National Constitution Center, Carpenters Hall, Franklin Court, Christ Church Burial Ground, and the Betsy Ross House
- Dinner at City Tavern
- After Hours experience at Independence Hall, observing a debate between some of the Founding Fathers about declaring independence from England
- Liberty 360 3D Show



Wednesday, July 16

- Visit St. Adalbert's Cathedral in Polish neighborhood of Philadelphia
- Travel to site of the Battle of Brandywine in Chadds Ford
- Tour of the Battle of Brandywine site where Casimir Pulaski's support was so important. Pulaski was one of the Polish volunteers in the American Revolutionary War receiving the rank of Brigadier General and participating in several battles, including Brandywine and Germantown in the Philadelphia area. A statue honoring him is located near the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
- Visit the American Helicopter Museum to explore the influence of another Pole, Frank Piasecki, who invented and built the first practical tandem-rotor helicopter that led to a new industry with strong roots in the Philadelphia area. His original factory is now known as the Vertol Division of Boeing Corporation. (Vertol is an abbreviation for Vertical Take-off and Landing.)
- Visit Valley Forge, the site of the third winter encampment of the American Revolution during the winter of 1777-78. Pulaski served here as well, but left in March when his plans to create a unit of lancers were not accepted. He later met with Major General Horatio Gates and did eventually develop a cavalry and light infantry unit.
- Dinner at King of Prussia Mall before returning to Philadelphia

Thursday, July 17

- Visit the Franklin Institute and explore special exhibits: *Circus! Science Under the Big Top* and *101 Inventions that Changed the World* – OR –
- Independence Seaport Museum located on the Delaware River. Would include a talk on immigration to the city of Philadelphia, with information about Polish immigrants in this area, and about the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, built by another prominent Pole, Ralph Modjeski. *
- Visit the Polish Triangle (Sister City connection and Kosciuszko Statue) located in downtown Philadelphia. One of Philadelphia's sister cities is Torun, Poland.
- Drive to Bucks County to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Tour of Shrine and Mass.
- Traditional Polish dinner at Krakus Market, located in the heart of the Polish neighborhood, just north of downtown Philadelphia.

Friday, July 18

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart for home

** We will try to include a walk across the Ben Franklin Bridge. Opened in 1926, it was the longest suspension bridge at the time with the distinctive towers that set a new style in American suspension bridges. The engineer who planned and executed this structure was Ralph Modjeski, son of actress Helena Modrzejewska. The grand opening was attended by President Calvin Coolidge.*

Itinerary is subject to change.

The cost of the Youth Conference is \$700. You may pay the entire amount of \$700 in full or use our payment plan:
\$200 Deposit non-refundable and due immediately
\$250 due on June 1, 2014
\$250 due on July 1, 2014

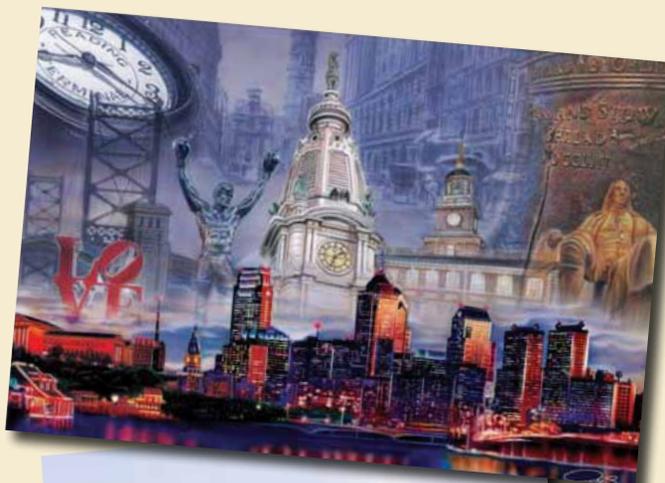
Mail your check and the name of the PWA youth member participant, along with your name and contact information, address, phone number, and email address to us as soon as possible and we will send you the trip forms and information.

Mail to:

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

Questions:

**vpres@pwa.org or
1-888-522-1898 Ext 208**



Congratulations to Our May Queens for 2013



FIRST PLACE MAY QUEEN
Mary Ann Michalak
 Munster, Indiana
 Group 132 – Council 21 – District III
 Signed up 12 New Members
 12 Life Insurance Policies
 Face Value: \$36,000



THIRD PLACE MAY QUEEN
Mary Ann Watterson
 Allison Park, Pennsylvania
 Group 221 – Council 2 – District II
 Signed up 10 New Members
 10 Life Insurance Policies
 Face Value: \$70,564



SECOND PLACE MAY QUEEN
Lorraine Zoremba
 Chicago, Illinois
 Group 525 – Council 9 – District I
 Signed up 11 New Members
 5 Insurance Policies & 6 Annuities
 Face Value: \$16,855



FOURTH PLACE MAY QUEEN
Sophie Marshall
 Wallingford, Connecticut
 Group 185 – Council 8 – District IX
 Signed up 10 New Members
 10 Life Insurance Policies
 Face Value: \$51,000



FIFTH PLACE MAY QUEEN
Grazyna Buczek
 Independence, Ohio
 Group 754 – Council 7 – District VII
 Signed up 10 New Members
 8 Insurance Policies & 2 Annuities
 Face Value: \$25,000



SIXTH PLACE MAY QUEEN
Janina Piotrowski
 Chicago, Illinois
 Group 388 – Council 27 – District I
 Signed up 10 New Members
 6 Insurance Policies & 4 Annuities
 Face Value: \$20,000



2013 Honor Roll of Groups

Groups with 5 or More New Certificates Issued by Face Value of Insurance Sold

Group	District	Council	No. of of Certificates	Face Value of Insurance	Group	District	Council	No. of of Certificates	Face Value of Insurance
221	2	2	9	\$82,556	737	10	15	5	\$23,000
211	1	27	8	\$57,000	661	1	9	6	\$21,355
185	9	8	8	\$45,000	427	14	44	5	\$19,000
43	1	27	8	\$37,119	821	1	27	6	\$17,500
132	3	21	11	\$34,000	642	14	44	5	\$15,000
754	7	7	7	\$25,000	189	6	1	6	\$13,000

A special acknowledgment is in order of all of our hard-working Members, Groups, Councils, and Districts for encouraging new membership in the PWA. We are happy to announce in this issue six May Queens for 2013 and an Honor Roll with 12 Groups, that signed up more than 5 new members during 2013. Sincere congratulations to all our Honorees—and sincere thanks to everyone who brought in new members last year, even if you do not appear on this list. Every new certificate counts!

We ask for your continued support in membership development, and we will continue to offer you products and promotions that are affordable and attractive to prospective members of all ages. Thank you for all you do to keep PWA strong!

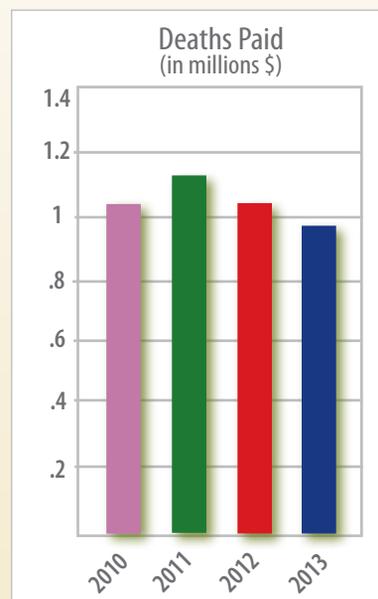
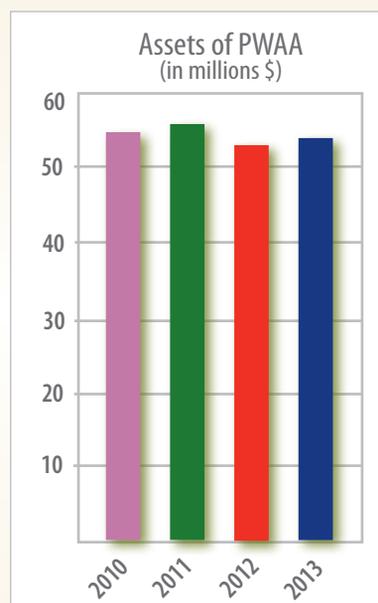
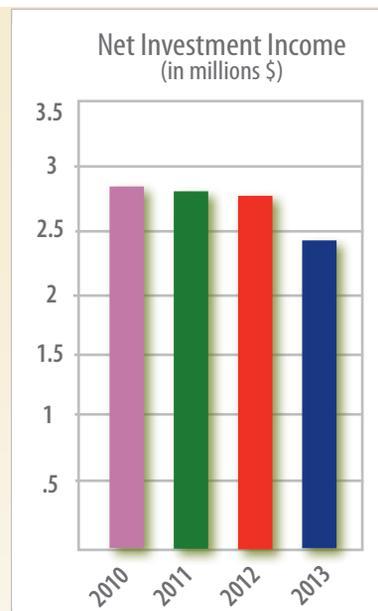
Fraternally, Antoinette L. Trela, Secretary-Treasurer



From the Office of the Secretary/Treasurer

As required by the PWA Constitution and Bylaws, the 2013 Annual Financial Statement of the Alliance is being published in this issue of *Glos Polek*.

- ◆ During the year, the Alliance implemented several life insurance writing campaigns, which included the PWA Back to School Special, a Membership Contest Among Districts, the 115th Anniversary Maximizer Special, and a Holiday Special. Total insurance premium income generated in 2013 was \$413,000. Also, two new Insurance Plans and one new Annuity were introduced. The Youth Investment Combo Plan, introduced in July 2013, is a combination of Single-Payment Whole Life Insurance with an Annuity Rider. The Annuity Rider matures at the insured's Age 18 and is offered for ages 0 - 10. The Annuity matures at just the right time to be used towards the cost of higher education and other post-secondary school expenses. The Peewee and Junior Varsity Plan, also introduced in mid-2013, is a combination of permanent Whole Life Insurance with a Term Insurance Rider that matures at Age 25. This Plan is offered for Ages 0-15 and coverage is available from \$18,000 (\$3000 SPWL + \$15,000 Term) up to \$ 30,000 (\$5000 SPWL + \$25,000 Term). Our new Annuity Contract is available as a Traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or Deferred account. The minimum interest guarantee is 1% and the annual crediting rate (effective rate) is determined at the beginning of each year and is in effect for the full calendar year. The current crediting rate for 2014 is 1.75%. Included in this issue of *Glos Polek* is a comparison between this Annuity product and a 5-Year Certificate of Deposit (see page 16). This type of investment account is something to consider when you do the next review of your personal financial plan.
- ◆ Income from our National Household Membership Dues Program that began in November 2012 was strong in 2013, generating just over \$52,000, which reflects approximately a 25% PWA-household participation. Management is very grateful for such a positive response and we hope that more of our households will participate in the future. As I mentioned last year, many members might not recall that in the past, when premiums were being collected through the Groups, rather than being billed directly from Headquarters, there were membership dues added to the insurance premiums for each member. Part of the dues stayed with the Group and a portion was sent to Headquarters. When we went to direct billing of members, Management, at the time, decided to eliminate the Group dues. Membership dues were always intended to offset certain fraternal expenditures. While many fraternal organizations have instituted a membership dues program, ours is unique in the fact that we ask for only \$1.00 per household per month (billed annually), regardless of how many members reside in the household, whereas, many other fraternal organizations require that each member remit individual dues. We structured our Program by taking into consideration that many families continue to face financial challenges due to the downturn in our economy
- ◆ Fair Market Value of Invested Assets exceeded Book Value by \$1.1 million at 12/31/13, due to the high overall quality of our investment portfolio. Although this excess Market Value cannot be counted as Surplus, it represents an additional cushion available to support our members' insurance policies and annuity accounts. 98% of invested assets are of the highest and high quality (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) designations, those being NAIC 1 and NAIC 2.
- ◆ Asset book value increased by \$400k from 2012, or .75%, from \$56.1 million to \$56.5 million as of December 31, 2013.



- ◆ Net Investment income was approximately \$2.5 million, down from \$2.7 million in 2012. The average rate of return on the invested assets was approximately 4.61%, down from 5.17% in 2012. Numerous bonds with high interest yields were called prior to maturity, thus the overall decrease in yield. The portfolio of the Alliance continues to be balanced between U.S. Agency Bonds, highly rated Corporate Bonds, and General Obligation Municipals. Regular analysis of the portfolio is conducted to ensure that the Alliance does not have too much exposure in any one industry sector, individual State (municipals), or Corporation, regardless of how high the current quality rating. Management has contracted with an investment advisor to conduct a complete analysis of the portfolio and related factors to ascertain if further diversification will increase the average rate of return without compromising the overall quality of the portfolio.
- ◆ The Mortgage portfolio of the Alliance continued to be a steady source of monthly income, providing an average rate of return of 5.25% in 2013. All ten mortgages are performing loans with zero delinquencies. Total interest received in 2013 was \$163,435.
- ◆ Liabilities increased by \$413k (under 1%) for the year to \$ 56.1 million, commensurate with the percentage increase in Assets. The required reserves for annuity contracts increased slightly from \$17.6 million to \$17.8 million
- ◆ The Adjusted Surplus (sum of the Surplus plus the Asset Valuation Reserve) declined by \$40,000 during the year to \$652,400. Additionally, due to NAIC mandates, which require the use of Statutory Accounting Principles, \$304,900 of capital gains were deferred to Reserves, rather than being recorded as additions to Surplus in 2013. Going forward, the release of these gains over the required number of years, will have a positive effect on the Surplus, especially over the next five years.

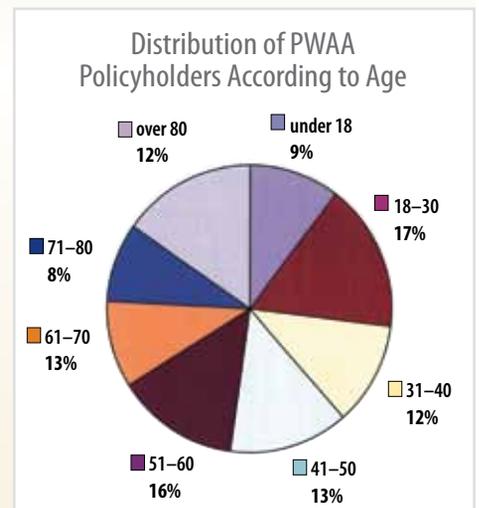
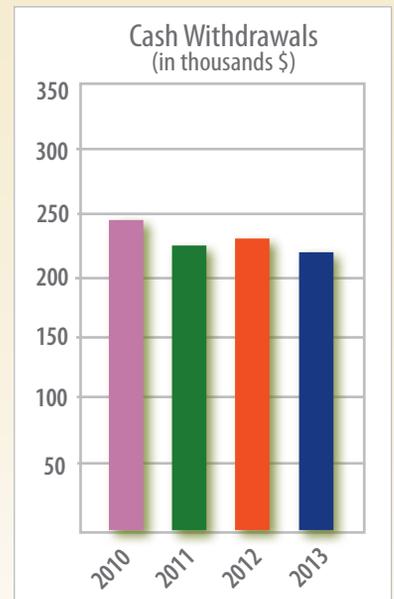
In conclusion, Management continues to strive to increase Surplus levels and continues to work closely with the Budget Committee to identify additional expense areas that can be reduced, without having a negative impact on day-to-day operations or the level of service provided to our members, their families, and potential new members. Expenses were significantly reduced in 2013, but there is more work to be done by your General Administration. Some of the most difficult decisions oftentimes bring about the greatest amount of positive change for the entire membership.

On behalf of the National Officers, I want to take this opportunity to say a sincere Thank You to all of our District, Council, and Group Officers for all of their hard work, cooperation, and true loyalty to our P.W.A. of A. And to all of our members—we all have choices to make in life and we are grateful and proud that you have chosen to be part of our Organization.

Let's continue to build upon something Great!

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette L. Trela
Secretary/Treasurer



*Happy Mother's Day to all our Members!
Sunday, May 11, 2014*

*"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while,
but they hold their hearts forever."*

--Author Unknown

**Annual
Statement
of the Polish
Women's
Alliance
of America
for the
year ended
December 31,
2013**

ASSETS:

BONDS	\$ 49,559,662.00
PREFERRED STOCKS	\$804,982.00
COMMON STOCKS	\$ -
MORTGAGE LOANS	\$3,136,019.00
CERTIFICATE LOANS	\$263,451.00
CASH	\$810,322.00
ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$794.00
UNCOLLECTED PREMIUMS	\$2,759.00
INVESTMENT INCOME - DUE AND ACCRUED OTHER THAN INVESTED ASSETS	\$556,186.00
	\$1,323,106.00

TOTAL ASSETS**\$56,457,281.00****LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS:**

AGGREGATE RESERVE FOR LIFE CERTIFICATES & CONTRACTS	\$52,933,658.00
LIABILITY FOR DEPOSIT-TYPE CONTRACTS	\$21,265.00
CERTIFICATE & CONTRACT CLAIMS, LIFE	\$521,439.00
PREMIUMS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	\$2,890.00
INTEREST MAINTENANCE RESERVE (IMR)	\$933,552.00
GENERAL EXPENSES - DUE OR ACCRUED	\$13,715.00
ASSET VALUATION RESERVE	\$263,275.00
MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES	\$1,378,318.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES**\$56,068,112.00****TOTAL SURPLUS****\$389,169.00****TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS****\$56,457,281.00****SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:**

PREMIUM & ANNUITY CONSIDERATIONS	\$960,753.00
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$2,474,921.00
AMORTIZATION OF INTEREST MAINTENANCE RESERVE	\$184,957.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$102,906.00

TOTAL**\$3,723,537.00****DEDUCT:**

DEATH BENEFITS	\$976,214.00
MATURED ENDOWMENTS/PAYMENT AT AGE 96	\$90,706.00
ANNUITY BENEFITS/OLD AGE BENEFITS	\$1,003,558.00
SURRENDER BENEFITS & WITHDRAWALS FOR LIFE CONTRACTS	\$217,468.00
INTEREST AND ADJUSTMENTS ON CONTRACTS	\$1,976.00
INCREASE IN AGGREGATE RESERVE FOR LIFE CERTIFICATES	\$315,288.00
COMMISSION ON PREMIUMS, ANNUITY CONSIDERATION (DIRECT BUSINESS ONLY)	\$4,373.00
GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENSES AND FRATERNAL EXPENSES	\$1,111,287.00
INSURANCE TAXES, LICENSES AND FEES	\$70,774.00

TOTAL**\$3,791,644.00**

NET GAIN (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS \$(68,107.00)

NET REALIZED GAINS OR LOSSES \$22,471.00

NET GAIN(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS**\$(45,636.00)**



Polish Women's Alliance Gift Card Program



Use PWA Gift Cards to Help Raise Funds for PWA!



Spring has finally arrived—so please consider using PWA Gift Cards for all your shopping needs and for your gift-giving for communions, confirmations, graduations, and Mother's Day, which are all coming soon. Gift Cards make the perfect gift and everyone knows that the best gifts come in small packages! And you will support PWA's fraternal and charitable activities with every Gift Card that you purchase.



You can order your Gift Cards either by using the Order Form on page 25 and mailing it to PWA with your check, or you can order online. Many additional Retailer Gift Cards and denominations are available for purchase through PWA. For a complete list or to order online, go to our website, click on the Gift Card Program link on the Home Page, and order your Gift Cards online.



Be sure to use PWA's enrollment code 4ABBLL873219L.



Website: www.pwaa.org

Questions: Call 888-522-1898 ext 206



ORDERING INFORMATION

PWA Account # 4ABBLL873219L

Number of Gift Cards ordered _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Polish Women's Alliance of America

Mail check and order form to:

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

Gift Cards will be mailed once a month on or around the 22nd of each month. Allow 5 business days for your order and check to arrive at PWA on or before the 15th of each month. You can also go to www.pwaa.org to order Gift Cards or to download more Order Forms.

MAILING INFORMATION

Please send my Gift Cards to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____

E-mail _____

Return this coupon with the Order Form on page 25

Fundraiser/Gift Card Program

FAMILY ORDER FORM POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

Use PWA Account # 4ABBLL873219L

Thank you for ordering your Gift Cards through our PWA fundraising account.
Your purchase assists with the funding of many of our fraternal programs and activities for all ages.
Your Order Coordinator is Antoinette L. Trela.

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	QTY	Total	Product	QTY	Total	Product	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00		\$	Home Depot \$100.00		\$	Randalls \$100.00		\$
Albertsons \$25.00		\$	Home Depot \$25.00		\$	Randalls \$25.00		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00		\$	iTunes® \$15.00		\$	Regal Entertainment Group \$25.00		\$
Applebee's \$25.00		\$	J. Crew \$25.00		\$	Rocky Mountain \$10.00		\$
Babies-R-U's \$20.00		\$	J. Jill \$25.00		\$	Ross Dress for Less \$25.00		\$
Bahama Breeze \$25.00		\$	JCPenney \$25.00		\$	Ruby Tuesday \$25.00		\$
Baja Fresh \$25.00		\$	Jewel-Osco \$100.00		\$	Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50.00		\$
B. Republic \$ 25.00		\$	Jewel-Osco \$25.00		\$	Safeway \$100.00		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00		\$	Safeway \$25.00		\$
B B & Beyond \$25.00		\$	Jo-Ann Fabrics \$25.00		\$	Sally Beauty Supply \$25.00		\$
Bergner's \$25.00		\$	Kmart \$25.00		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00		\$
Best Buy \$25.00		\$	Kohl's \$25.00		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00		\$
Bloomingdale's \$25.00		\$	Landry's Seafood \$25.00		\$	Sephora \$20.00		\$
Boston Store \$25.00		\$	Lands' End \$25.00		\$	Shaw's Crab House \$25.00		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00		\$	Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants \$25.00		\$	Sports Authority \$100.00		\$
Cabela's \$25.00		\$	Limited \$25.00		\$	Sports Authority \$25.00		\$
Carson's \$ 25.00		\$	Loews Cineplex \$25.00		\$	Staples \$25.00		\$
Children's Place \$25.00		\$	Lord & Taylor \$25.00		\$	Starbucks \$10.00		\$
Chili's Grill \$25.00		\$	Lou Malnati's Pizzeria \$10.00		\$	Starbucks \$25.00		\$
Chipotle \$10.00		\$	Lowe's \$100.00		\$	Subway \$10.00		\$
Claim Jumper \$25.00		\$	Macaroni Grill \$25.00		\$	T.J. Maxx \$100.00		\$
Claire's \$10.00		\$	Macy's \$100.00		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00		\$
Container Store \$25.00		\$	Macy's \$25.00		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00		\$
Crate and Barrel \$25.00		\$	Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00		\$	Talbots \$25.00		\$
Cub Foods \$25.00		\$	Marathon \$25.00		\$	Target \$25.00		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25.00		\$	Meijer (not AK and HI) \$100.00		\$	TGI Friday's \$25.00		\$
Darden Group \$25.00		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00		\$	Toys-R-Us \$20.00		\$
Dave & Buster's \$25.00		\$	Menards \$100.00		\$	ULTA \$25.00		\$
Dick's Sporting \$25.00		\$	Menards \$25.00		\$	Vons \$25.00		\$
Dillard's \$25.00		\$	Michaels \$25.00		\$	Walgreens \$25.00		\$
Disney \$ 15.00		\$	Neiman Marcus \$50.00		\$	Walmart \$25.00		\$
Disney \$ 25.00		\$	Office Depot \$25.00		\$	Whole Foods Market \$100.00		\$
Domino's Pizza \$10.00		\$	Office Max \$25.00		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00		\$
Dressbarn \$25.00		\$	Old Country Buffet \$25.00		\$	Wildfire \$25.00		\$
DSW \$25.00		\$	Old Navy \$25.00		\$	Williams-Sonoma \$100.00		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00		\$	Olga's Kitchen \$20.00		\$	Williams-Sonoma \$25.00		\$
EB Games \$25.00		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00		\$	Yard House Restaurants \$25.00		\$
Express \$25.00		\$	Omaha Steaks \$25.00		\$	Zappos.com \$25.00		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00		\$	P.F. Chang's China Bistro \$25.00		\$			
GameStop \$25.00		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00		\$			
Gander Mountain\$25.00		\$	PetSmart \$25.00		\$			
Gap \$25.00		\$	Pottery Barn \$100.00		\$			
GFS Market \$25.00		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00		\$			
Hard Rock Cafe \$25.00		\$	Rainforest Cafe \$25.00		\$			

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



(Deaths between January and March, 2014)

Gr. No.	Member	City/State	Gr. No.	Member	City/State
0006	Pietrzak, Estelle R	Roscoe, IL	0170	Pastula, Delphine H	Redford, MI
0009	Mikula, Phyllis	Norwich, CT	0170	Hinerman, Raymond	Allen Park, MI
0031	Bojan, Irena	Westmont, IL	0173	Sitarek, Bertha	Sloan, NY
0047	Jodlowska, Eugenia	Chicago, IL	0173	Kaminski, Mary A	E Amherst, NY
0047	Bachuzewski, Helena	Florissant, MO	0175	Blanco, Theresa	Peru, IL
0049	Michael, Vicki L	Ypsilanti, MI	0182	Colagrande, Sylvia	McKeesport, PA
0060	Stazyk, Edna D	Brookpark, OH	0185	Augustine, Gladys R	Wallingford, CT
0070	Jachim, Bernice A	Harvey, IL	0188	Rogodzinski, Jean	Glenview, IL
0077	Duracz, Angeline G	Hammond, IN	0189	Pierce, Bernadine M	Brookfield, WI
0078	Neuman, Melvin	Schofield, WI	0203	Aniolowski, Debra	Carol Stream, IL
0078	Boyajian, Geraldine	South Milwaukee, WI	0224	Kowalski, Helena	Pittsburgh, PA
0081	Leggitt, Malgorzata	Gary, IN	0224	Jaros, Frances G	Pittsburgh, PA
0081	Gomolka, Irena	Valparaiso, IN	0226	Wieczorek, Rosanne	Dearborn, MI
0081	Hoebet, Carrie A	Auburn, AL	0226	Chwalek, Frances A	Detroit, MI
0081	Slubowski, Irma	Gary, IN	0226	Wysocki, Genowefa	Holly, MI
0084	Rzeczynska, Lottie	Coon Rapids, MN	0248	Koszykowski, Genevieve	Belle Vernon, PA
0105	Kort, Dorota	Mount Carmel, PA	0267	Jones, Rita A	Pittston Twp, PA
0105	Sheldon, Helena	Carlisle, PA	0267	Orloski, Irene T	Dupont, PA
0105	Hertely, Emilie A	Wilkes Barre, PA	0267	Budzelek, Loretta M	Larksville, PA
0105	Muzyka, Harriet	Mountain Top, PA	0271	Krasuski, Jessie	Dravosburg, PA
0105	Noss, Gladys L	Benton, PA	0275	Nichols, Dolores A	Bainbridge, GA
0112	Kludzinski, Loretta	Hammond, IN	0277	Cwik, Dolores V	Dearborn, MI
0112	Bolde, Daisy	Lynwood, IL	0277	Czepirska, Irena	Detroit, MI
0114	Mack, Eleonora	Des Plaines, IL	0300	Domaracky, Jane L	Beaver Falls, PA
0114	Sherman, Emilia	Chicago, IL	0303	Zalewski, Helen	Pittsburgh, PA
0116	Rupich, Sylvia	Hartland, WI	0303	Snelsire, Dorothy	Pittsburgh, PA
0116	Janonis, Irena	Greenfield, WI	0305	Kolber, Elizabeth F	South Bend, IN
0126	Lewicki, Catherine A	Des Plaines, IL	0305	Rickert, Irene M	Granger, IN
0126	Wolek, Betty J	Longwood, FL	0305	Kozlowski, Dorothy B	La Porte, IN
0128	Iskrzycki, Genevieve B	El Paso, IL	0305	Janiszewski, Anna	South Bend, IN
0128	Dabrowski, Stella H	Lansing, IL	0309	Drabek, Stefania	Allen Park, MI
0132	Brand, Teresa	Santa Barbara, CA	0309	Lopata, Bronislawa	Livonia, MI
0132	Camp, Jonathan R	Gary, IN	0314	Klamut, Clara	New Castle, PA
0137	Ligocki, Cecile	Kalamazoo, MI	0317	Cherchel, Joan	Chicopee, MA
0137	Janusz, Rita H	Chicago, IL	0317	Bielski, Jane B	Chicopee, MA
0141	Roy, Mary	Holyoke, MA	0326	Mack, Kathryn R	Clearwater, FL
0147	Peron, Mary Ann	New Britain, CT	0326	Jankowska, Wladyslawa	Luzerne, PA
0149	McCarthy, Mary	Chicago, IL	0339	Sendobry, Mary	Florissant, MO
0149	Domagala, Marya	Chicago, IL	0348	Wallace, Theresa M	Ashley, PA
0156	Hopfgartner, Stella M	Meridian, ID	0352	Moeller, Marion	Pittsburgh, PA
0156	Szewczyk, Stefania	Lansing, IL	0379	Kozek, Alicya	Grand Isl, NY
0165	Maslankowska, Emilia	Chicago, IL	0409	Zbylut, Margaret	Omaha, NE



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0409	Zakrzewski, Barbara	Bellevue, NE	0568	Freedenburg, Helen	Parkville, MD
0411	Halick, Delphine	Chicago, IL	0568	Sadowski, Martha	Baltimore, MD
0419	Burzynski, Adeline E	Cheektowaga, NY	0570	Walaszek, Dorothy	Westland, MI
0419	Ziolo, Emilie	Angola, NY	0570	Golen, John S	Troy, MI
0419	Balonek, Walter A	LeRoy, NY	0579	Toth, Angela	Flint, TX
0427	Maopolski, Paul D	Plains, PA	0579	Corcoran, Loretta M	Papillion, NE
0427	Moleski, Victoria	Pocahontas, AR	0591	Dammann, Susan	Easton, PA
0427	Rafalko, Teresa	Elmhurst Twp, PA	0594	Hojdila, Wallyanna	Monaca, PA
0427	Callis, Marie V	Clarks Summit, PA	0596	Lee, Loretta E	Belleville, MI
0429	Drees, Christina	Hammond, IN	0598	Lotkowski, Pauline A	Philadelphia, PA
0429	Landin, Alice	Monee, IL	0601	Sobiech, Janina	Stroudsburg, PA
0430	Germek, Geoffrey	Tucson, AZ	0601	Dimetros, Bernice	Brick, NJ
0434	Ross, Cecylia	Glen Lyon, PA	0604	Michalowski, Clementine	Clinton, NJ
0440	Blachura, William J	Round Lake Beach, IL	0612	Stronsky, Helena	Lorain, OH
0440	Czaplewski, Pauline	Arlington Hts, IL	0616	Weber, Theodora D	Corona, CA
0444	Nikoloff, Ewelina	Gary, IN	0616	Szklarski, Regina	Indian Lake Est, FL
0450	Troiani, Eleanor	Hughestown, PA	0616	Mathamel, Lila	Dearborn Hts, MI
0464	Johnson, Zofia	Atlanta, GA	0637	Andrychowski, Sophia S	Windham, CT
0469	Sorge, Virginia	Erie, PA	0642	Dovin, Leona	Carbondale, PA
0469	Morgenstern, Olga	Hermitage, PA	0642	Joyce, Dolores M	Scranton, PA
0469	Merski, Theresa	Erie, PA	0658	Berardis, Dorothy	Westlake Vlg, CA
0469	Sokolowski, Eleanor H	Erie, PA	0658	Agostinelli, Pauline	Coconut Creek, FL
0470	Gidos, Mary	Williamsville, NY	0661	Kaluza, Stella	Schaumburg, IL
0470	Jachimowicz, Theresa	Hamburg, NY	0677	Gendek, Agnes H	Jersey City, NJ
0475	Shearon, Thomas W	New Kensington, PA	0728	Baiata, Robert N	Baltimore, MD
0480	Yettaw, Geraldine	Clearwater, FL	0728	Mone, Dorothy	Sparrows Point, MD
0480	Piech, Adele S	Orland Park, IL	0728	Kulbicki, Florence	Baltimore, MD
0480	Wierzbicki, Marie	Huntley, IL	0737	Matusiak, Zofia	Maidens, VA
0488	Kulesza, Shirley	Warren, MI	0743	Haibeck, Josephine J	Palos Park, IL
0488	Wawrowicz, Irene	Warren, MI	0743	Stanek, Lillian	Sun City West, AZ
0488	Gralewski, Genevieve	Fredericksburg, VA	0743	Nieminski, Clara V	Homer Glen, IL
0499	Kwiecienski, Mary J	Easthampton, MA	0763	Bandoch, Veronica M	Essex, MD
0501	Tulley, Savina	Wynnewood, PA	0769	Andary, Geraldine B	Clarkston, MI
0509	Wasilewski, Mary	Plymouth, PA	0769	Hyso, Stella M	Saint Clair Shrs, MI
0514	Zabinski, Mary T	Saint Charles, IL	0776	Shea, Florence	Adams, MA
0525	Cieslak, Harriett J	Matteson, IL	0776	Kopec, Helen S	Roswell, GA
0530	Iracki, Julia	Nanticoke, PA	0793	Zagorski, Frances E	Berkeley Hts, NJ
0555	Garbacz, Wanda M	Portage, MI	0805	Gietka, Charmiel	Sparrows Point, MD
0555	Walkowski, Genevieve	Franklin, PA	0814	Sentowski-Wallace, Bernadine S	Spokane, WA
0559	Maliszewski, Charles R	Lowell, MA	0815	Ciesla, Harriet	Michigan City, IN
0568	Sobus, Matilda	Baltimore, MD	0821	Depa, Sylvia G	Barrington, IL
0568	Alex, Martha	Baltimore, MD			



**Theresa R. Janiczek
Group 488**



Officers and members of Group 488 mourn the recent passing of Theresa R. Janiczek, age 86, of Warren, MI. She was the beloved wife of the late Alfred; cherished mother of James (Carol), Susan (Gary) VanGenderen, Kenneth (Donna), and Nancy (Mark) Dolphin; loving grandmother of Candice (Aaron), Randy (Kristen), Kristin (Arif), Pamela (Andy), Kevin, Jillian, and Jeremy; and dearest great-grandmother of AJ and Luca, Samuel and Eve, and baby Biehl. She is also survived by many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews. She passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her devoted family. Theresa will be remembered for her generosity, her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her exceptional home cooking. She was proud of her Polish heritage, serving as officer in PWA Group 488 for many years, and being honored as "Mother of the Year" in 1980. Theresa lived her life setting an example of the importance of family. May she rest in peace.



**Geraldine Andary
Group 769**



Geraldine B. Andary, aka as the Cake Lady for the incredible creations she brought to her friends and so many PWA events, passed away on February 21, 2014, at the age of 72, at her residence in Clarkston, MI. She was the beloved wife of Francis; loving mother of Kathryn (Tony) Nordman, Michael MacDormott, Jamie (Beth) MacDormott, Daniel (Lisa) MacDormott, Kevin MacDormott, Francis Jr. (Joyce) Andary, John (Lisa) Andary, Peter (Kelly) Andary, Joseph (Joanne) Andary, Robert (Bosie) Andary, and Mary Maude (David) Collar; and the dearest grandmother of 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She will be truly missed by all who knew her! We extend our sympathy to her family and friends and pray that the Lord grant her eternal rest.



**Diana Maria Migala
Group 816**



Diana Migala died on February 20, 2014, in Chicago, IL. She was born in Krakow, Poland, in 1946 and emigrated to the United States in 1947 with her family. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in speech and theater. As a teenager Diana was active in Polish American community theater, a Polish Girl Scout, later a Brownie troop leader for the Polish Scouting Organization; she remained very active in the Polish American community of Chicago throughout her life. She was a longtime member of PWA Group 816 and one of the original Lira Singers – which later grew into the Lira Ensemble – symphony orchestra, singers, and dancers specializing in Polish music, song, and dance. She sang as an alto with Lira for 15 years and was the first assistant manager of the troupe. She worked for many years in a number of family businesses as manager, and hosted radio programs on WCEV/1450 AM, a family-owned radio station. She is survived by her mother, Slawa, her sisters Barbara Holtzinger, Lucyna (Frank A. Cizon, PhD), and Krista Dinges, and her brother George (Grazyna), as well as a niece, three nephews, one grandniece, and five grandnephews, many of them members of PWA. May her soul find eternal peace.

**New Book Release
A Collection of
Pope John Paul II's
Reflections on Christmas**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Each day I walk in your shoes.
Each day you are in my prayers.

—John Paul II

The above words were spoken by the Pontiff during a meeting with Polish pilgrims in Rome on Christmas Eve in 1988. His words were received by all present with great joy and hope, and they added to a feeling of spiritual connection with the first Pole in the Seat of St. Peter in Rome. The Pope's words brought encouragement to all on the difficult paths we tread each day of our lives. If he walked in our shoes, if he kept us in his prayers, how much more did he do so now that he was seated in the House of the Father?

Pope John Paul II wanted his words, especially those spoken to his compatriots each Christmas Eve, the holiest of nights for Poles, to reach one and all. The fulfillment of his wishes is the book just recently published and entitled, *Bóg się rodzi, moc truchleje. (God Is Born, All Power Trembles)*.

The Pope's words, reflections, and wishes, expressed on the occasion of several Christmas Eves between the years of 1978 and 2004, have been lovingly collected and edited by PWA member Teresa Makowska, President of Group 114. The book was first promoted at the District I Wigilia in December 2013, and a special book signing will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the PWA Social Hall, sponsored by Council 27. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. More details about this event will appear in the next issue of *Głos Polek*.

The book was published (in Polish) with the collaboration of the Center of Documentation and Study of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome. For more information on the book signing, or to order a copy of the book, please call Council 27 President Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220 during the day, or at 847-420-4070 after 5 p.m., or Group 114 President Teresa Makowska at 773-202-0605.

Centennial of the Birth of Jan Karski Humanity's Hero

Nations around the world celebrate the centennial of Jan Karski's birth on April 24, 2014, honoring the legacy of the famous emissary from the Polish Underground during World War II, who was among the first to provide eyewitness testimony to Allied leaders, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt, about the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied Poland.

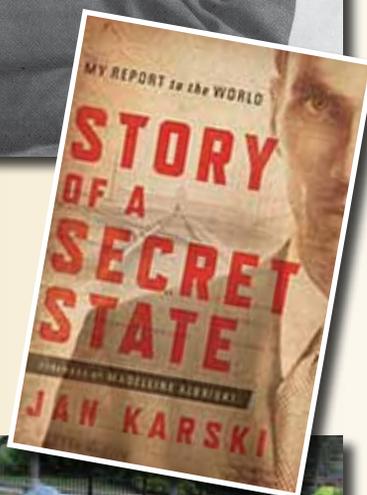
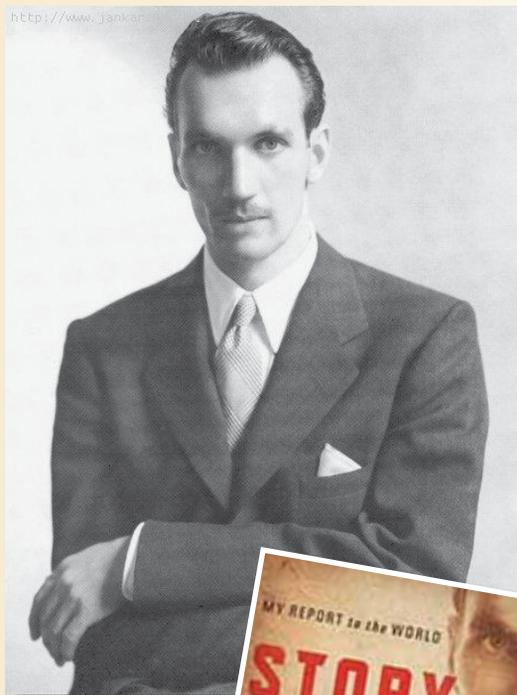
Jan Karski was born in Lodz, Poland, on April 24, 1914, the youngest of eight children in a Roman Catholic family. He was a reserve officer and a brilliant young diplomat when war broke out in 1939 with Hitler's invasion of Poland. He became a member of the Polish Underground, the most significant resistance movement in occupied Europe, acting as a liaison and courier between the Underground and the Polish government-in-exile in London. He was twice smuggled into the Warsaw Ghetto, and entered the Nazi's Izbica transit camp disguised as a guard, witnessing first-hand the horrors of the Holocaust.

Written in 1944, Karski's inspiring memoir, *Story of a Secret State*, has been reissued in 2014 with a foreword by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, a biographical essay by Yale professor Timothy Snyder, and an afterword by statesman Zbigniew Brzezinski that give context to Karski's memoir, 70 years after it was first published. It is one of the most important books on World War II. The story jumps off the pages like a spy thriller documenting Karski's experiences in the Polish Underground, and as one of the first accounts of the slaughter of Jews by Nazi Germany. Karski's incontestable heroism reminds us that the Allies knew about the Holocaust but were reluctant to act.

After the war, Karski became a naturalized American citizen and a professor of political science at Georgetown University. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968. In 1994, he was made an honorary citizen of Israel. He died in Washington DC in 2002 at age 86. President Barack Obama decorated Karski with a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom on May 29, 2012. The Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors. The US Senate passed a resolution in March of this year declaring April 24, 2014, as Jan Karski Day, and the Polish Parliament decreed 2014 as the Year of Jan Karski.

Wanda Urbanska, President of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation (www.jankarski.net) states that she cannot think of a hero who better represents Polish and American values. "Jan Karski stands for courage, tolerance, and respect of all religions and cultures—a diversity that has been part of the history of both nations," she says. "I am pleased and proud that Americans and Poles can claim him as their own—and both are right!"

The World Knew: Jan Karski's Mission for Humanity, a documentary exhibition about the life and legacy of Jan Karski, will open at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, Illinois. September 17, 2014 - January 24, 2015.



MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 18 Canonization – Kanonizacja

Match each English word with the correct Polish translation and submit your answers no later than **June 30, 2014**.

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| 1. Pope | A. Cud |
| 2. Cardinal | B. Wierni |
| 3. Bishop | C. Błogosławiony |
| 4. Martyr | D. Papież |
| 5. Blessed | E. Procesja |
| 6. Saint | F. Męczennik |
| 7. Procession | G. Msza |
| 8. Mass | H. Biskup |
| 9. Miracle | I. Święty |
| 10. Faithful | J. Kardynał |

Only one entry per PWA member. Correct entries will be placed in a lottery and three \$25 gift cards 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 June 30, 2014) to:

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

Good Luck!

WINNERS OF MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 16

Congratulations to the three lucky winners of the *"In Church - W kościele"* Contest!

Dorothy Iglinski	Dist VI	CL 1	Gr. 78
Lorraine Kieras	Dist VIII	CL 28	Gr. 499
Geraldine Pawlowski	Dist I	CL 19	Gr. 112

Correct Answers: 1. priest – H. ksiądz; 2. altar – E. ołtarz; 3. altar boy – J. ministrant; 4. prayer – G. modlitwa; 5. hymn – I. pieśń; 6. gospel – C. ewangelia; 7. sermon – B. kazanie; 8. blessing – D. błogosławieństwo; 9. choir – A. chór; 10. incense – F. kadzidło

ANNUAL POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014

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, or send email to vpres@pwaa.org

PWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS for 2014 – 2015

Requirements and Applications for scholarships which are available to PWA members are posted on our website at www.pwaa.org no later than the first day of the application period listed below. Right now, we are still accepting applications for the Academic Awards available to college students entering their junior and senior year in 2014 (deadline is **May 15th**). The Jagiellonian University Summer Program 2015 applications will be posted on our website on or before **July 1, 2014**.

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

For more information, please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898, ext. 208, or send email to vpres@pwaa.org.

BEST MEMORIES OF SUMMER 2013 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the "Best Memories of Summer 2013" Essay Contest. We were very impressed with the literary talent displayed by our members! Watch for this year's contest, to be announced in the next issue of *Głos Polek*.

Youth Category

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| 1. Nicole Bencie | District III Council 21 Gr. 366 |
| 2. Daniel Zakrzewski | District IX Council 8 Gr. 185 |
| 3. Lukasz Wendt | District V Council 3 Gr. 451 |
| 4. Charles Sell | District I Council 9 Gr. 89 |
| 5. Daniel Doherty | District IX Council 8 Gr. 185 |

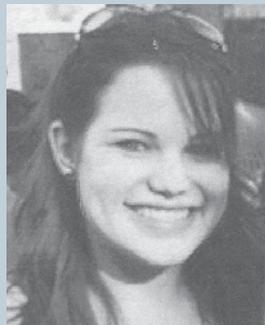
Adult Category

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| 1. Mary Jeczalik | District I Council 9 Gr. 83 |
| 2. Mary Kowal | District I Council 9 Gr. 661 |
| 3. Helen Lopez | District XIV Council 40 Gr. 530 |
| 4. Elizabeth Kent | District VI Council 1 Gr. 189 |
| 5. Kevin Tomaszewski | District XIV Council 44 Gr. 267 |

We thank everyone who took the time to participate. Winning essays will be posted on our website for all to enjoy!

**Congratulations to PWA Special Scholarship Winners
2013 – 2014**

Academic College Undergraduate Awards



Stephanie Cashman
University of Denver
Gr. 819, Council 9, District I



Katelyn Szmurlo
Hope College
Gr. 440, Council 27, District I



Katrina Odrobina
Elmhurst College
Gr. 451, Council 3, District V

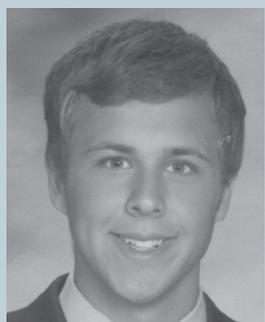


Jaime Constanzer
Delaware Valley College
Gr. 267, Council 44, District XIV



Kevin Tomaszewski
Kings College
Gr. 267, Council 44, District XIV

2013 High School Academic Awards



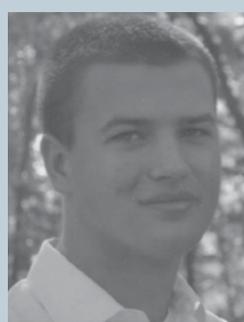
Michael Taglienti
Gr. 132, Council 21,
District III



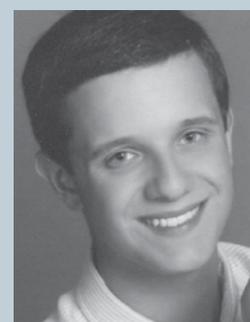
Marissa Durako
Gr. 362, Council 40,
District XIV



2013 High School Sports Awards



Chris Chorzepa
Gr. 500, Council 8,
District IX

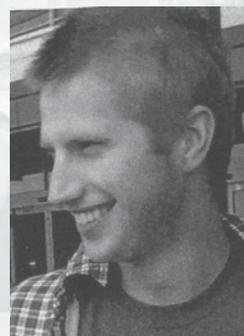


Thomas Rominski
Gr. 530, Council 40,
District XIV

2014 Jagiellonian University Summer Program Scholarship Winners



Katrina Odrobina
Elmhurst College
Gr. 451, Council 3, District V



David Uffner
Grand Valley State University
Gr. 530, Council 40, District XIV

SPRING SALADS / SAŁATKI WIOSENNE

Spring is the perfect time to introduce more greens and crunchy, fresh vegetables to our menus! These salads taste like spring and add essential vitamins and minerals to our diet—all the more needed after the long winter months ...

Fantazyjne, chrupiące sałatki z młodych warzyw to najlepszy sposób na wiosenne porządki w jadłospisie. Pora uzupełnić menu o świeże, wiosenne smaki oraz witaminy i składniki mineralne—tak bardzo potrzebne nam po długiej zimie ...

Creamy Spring Salad

Ingredients:

4 hard-boiled eggs; 1 seedless cucumber; 3 medium-sized tomatoes; 1 bunch radishes, thinly sliced; 1 cup fresh chives or green onions, chopped; 3-4 Tbs mayonnaise; 4 Tbs sour cream, 1 cup plain yoghurt or kefir; 2 Tbs fresh lemon juice; 6 Tbs arugula, chopped; salt, pepper, sugar to taste.

Preparation:

Mix mayonnaise, yoghurt, lemon juice and spices in small bowl; set aside and chill. Roughly chop cucumber and tomatoes; slice eggs. In a bowl, layer the vegetables and eggs and cover with dressing and chives. Toss gently. Top with arugula and radish slices.

Celery and Mushroom Salad

Ingredients:

1/2 pound portabella mushrooms, wiped clean and thinly sliced, 6 fresh celery stalks, from the heart of the celery, thinly sliced, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, 2 tablespoons minced chives, salt and freshly ground pepper, 1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice, 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, 1/2 cup shaved Parmesan cheese.

Preparation:

Toss together the mushrooms, celery, parsley, and chives in a large bowl, and season with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, mix together the lemon juice and olive oil, then add to the vegetables and toss. Just before serving, place salad on a flat serving platter and top with cheese shavings.

Asparagus, Tomato and Feta Salad

Ingredients:

1 lb asparagus; 3 large tomatoes; 1 large sweet onion; 4 oz fresh goat cheese or Greek feta, crumbled; salt and pepper; 1/4 cup olive oil; 4 Tbs balsamic vinegar

Preparation:

Peel asparagus and cut off thick ends; cook in salted boiling water for 10-12 minutes; drain and cool; chop into 1-inch pieces. Chop tomatoes into large cubes; chop onion into small cubes; combine vegetables in large bowl. Mix olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper in small bowl, pour dressing over vegetables; add crumbled goat or feta cheese on top and serve.



Sałatka wiosenna

Składniki:

4 jajka ugotowane na twardo, 1 ogórek angielski, 3 średnie pomidory, po łyżeczce rzodkiewek i szczypiorku (lub zielonej cebulki); 3-4 łyżki majonezu, 4 łyżki kwaśnej śmietany, szklanka jogurtu lub kefiru, 2 łyżki soku z cytryny; 6 łyżek posiekanej rzeżuchy; cukier, sól, pieprz.

Przygotowanie:

Wymieszać jogurt z majonezem, sokiem z cytryny, solą, pieprzem i szczyptą cukru, lekko schłodzić. Ogórek i pomidory pokroić w kostkę, szczypiorek posiekać, rzodkiewki pokroić w plasterki; jajka pokroić w plasterki. W salaterce układać warstwami jajka i jarzyny, przesypując szczypiorkiem. Polać sosem i delikatnie wymieszać. Posypać rzeżuchą i plasterkami rzodkiewek.

Sałatka z grzybów i selera

Składniki:

1/2 funta świeżych grzybów portabella; 6 łodyg młodego selera; 2 łyżki posiekanej pietruszki; 2 łyżki posiekanego szczypiorku; sól i pieprz do smaku; 1 1/2 łyżki świeżego soku z cytryny; 1/4 szklanki oleju z oliwek; 1/2 szklanki sera parmezan w płatkach.

Przygotowanie:

Grzyby wytrzeć wilgotną ściereczką, pokroić w cienkie plasterki; seler pokroić w cienkie plasterki. W salaterce wymieszać grzyby, seler, pietruszkę, szczypiorek, sól i pieprz. W osobnej misce wymieszać sok z cytryny z oliwką i poleć po jarzynach w salaterce. Przed podaniem posypać płatkami sera parmezan.

Sałatka ze szparagów i pomidorów z fetą

Składniki:

1 funt szparagów; 3 duże pomidory; 1 duża słodka cebula; 4 uncje greckiej fety lub świeżego sera koziego; sól i pieprz do smaku; 1/4 szklanki oliwy z oliwek; 4 łyżki octu balsamowego

Przygotowanie:

Szparagi obrać, obciąć grube końcówki, i zagotować w słonej wodzie przez 10-12 minut. Odcedzić, ostudzić i pokroić na grube kawałki. Pomidory pokroić w grubą kostkę; cebulę posiekać w drobną kostkę. Oliwkę, ocet, sól i pieprz zmieszać osobno. Jarzyny ułożyć na półmisku. Podać sosem i pomieszać delikatnie; ser posypać po jarzynach i podać.

Bon Appetit!

Smacznego!

Kolorowy koszycek wydarzeń z Cleveland, Ohio

Nie ma to jak wejście w Nowy Rok tanecznym, zgranym krokiem! Zasadę taką wyznaje Szkoła Języka Polskiego im. I. J. Paderewskiego wraz ze Związkiem Polek w Cleveland. Ten udany duet 18. stycznia zorganizował w Polsko - Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury im. Jana Pawła II uroczysty bankiet. Dochód przeznaczono na działalność Szkoły, konsekwentnie wspieraną tu od ponad 10. lat przez Związek Polek w Ameryce. Goście byli witani przez Panią Dyrektorkę Szkoły i zarazem prezeską stanową na Ohio - Grażynę Buczek oraz przez Panią prezeską Komisji 7 w Cleveland - Elżbietę Mrozińską. Podczas powitań głos zabrała także Pani sekretarka narodowa Związku Polek w Ameryce - Antoinette Trela, która przygotowała wzruszającą mowę po polsku o swoich zmaganiach z tym trudnym językiem! Deszcz braw długo nie ustawał.

Zawsze nieodłącznym atutem i wizytówką tych szkolnych bankietów jest artystycznie udekorowany i smaczny poczęstunek. Dużym sukcesem stała się także loteria fantowa, ufundowana przez rodziców uczniów Szkoły oraz jej sympatyków. Na koniec bankietu każdy dał się porwać w wir karnawałowego tańca. A przygrywał znany i lubiany zespół Vertigo.

Niedługo po tej imprezie w Szkole im. I.J. Paderewskiego uczniowie z nauczycielami i rodzicami obchodzili walentynki. Nie zabrakło poczęstunku, ciepłych serduszek i zdjęć!

Później Szkoła rzuciła odważne wyzwanie upartej ziemi i 8. marca opuściła klasy w budynku szkolnym, aby udać się na edukacyjną wycieczkę do Muzeum Sztuki w Cleveland! Czekająca tu na wszystkich pomysłowo przygotowana przez panią przewodnik wycieczka po galeriach malarstwa i to z uwzględnieniem śladów polskości. Na zakończenie wyprawy młodzi uczniowie mogli rozwinąć skrzydła wyobraźni i namalować własny rysunek zainspirowany tym, co oglądali.

Kto wie, czy kiedyś któreś z tych rysunków nie zawisną w galerii jakiegoś muzeum? Faktem jest bowiem, że absolwenci naszej Szkoły odnoszą mnóstwo sukcesów na polu nauki i nie tylko. Grono polonijnej młodzieży, która już ukończyła Szkołę im. I.J. Paderewskiego, przoduje wśród rówieśników, zdobywając wyróżnienia, nagrody i stypendia na wszystkich szczeblach edukacji. Co więcej, ci młodzi chłopcy i dziewczęta nie zrywają kontaktów z Polską Szkołą ani ze Związkiem Polek i chętnie ofiarowują im swój czas oraz talent, pomagając w czasie imprez i uroczystości. To napawa dumą i wiarą, że działalność Szkoły zasiewa liczne owoce sukcesu nie tylko na dziś, ale przede wszystkim na jutro.

Dodatkowe informacje i zdjęcia o naszej Szkole można znaleźć na stronie internetowej: paderewskischool.org, na Facebook lub na portalu: DobraPolskaSzkoła.com.

Małgorzata Oleksy



Wycieczka szkolna do Muzeum Sztuki w Cleveland



Walentynki w Szkole im. I.J. Paderewskiego



Na Bankiecie Szkolnym, od lewej: G. Buczek, A.Trela, B. Zuber i E. Stolarczyk

Vivat Academia, Vivant Profesores! (12 maja 2014 - 650 lat Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego)



"Niechże tam będzie nauk przemożnych perła, aby wydawała mężę dojrzałością rady znakomite, ozdobą cnót świetne i w różnych umiejętnościach biegle. (...) Do tego miasta Krakowa niechaj zjeżdżają się swobodnie i bezpiecznie wszyscy mieszkańcy, nie tylko królestwa naszego i krajów przyległych, ale i inni, z różnych części świata, którzy

pragną nabyć tę przesławną perłę wiedzy." - są to słowa wypisane w dyplomie aktu fundacyjnego Akademii Krakowskiej, z dnia 12 maja 1364 roku. W roku 1364 król Kazimierz Wielki uzyskał po latach starań zgodę papieża na założenie uniwersytetu w Krakowie, stolicy królestwa. Był to drugi, po powstałym w 1348 r. w Pradze, uniwersytet w środkowej Europie.



Studium Generale - taka była oficjalna nazwa uczelni w Krakowie - rozpoczęło działalność faktycznie nie wcześniej niż w 1367 r., i składało się z trzech tylko wydziałów: sztuk wyzwolonych, medycyny i prawa. Na utworzenie czwartego, najbardziej prestiżowego - teologii, papież Urban V nie wyraził zgody. Siedziba uniwersytetu najprawdopodobniej znajdowała się na zamku królewskim na Wawelu, pod okiem samego króla. Przedwczesna śmierć króla Kazimierza (w 1370 r.) i brak

jakiegokolwiek zainteresowania uniwersytetem u jego następcy, Ludwika Węgierskiego, spowodowały, że wkrótce wszechznana krakowska przestała wykazywać jakąkolwiek aktywność.



Dopiero zabiegi królowej Jadwigi na dworze papieskim, a potem zapis w testamencie jej majątku osobistego na rzecz uniwersytetu sprawiły, że wznowił on działalność w roku 1400, w rok po śmierci donatorki. Mąż królowej, Władysław Jagiełło, zreformował uczelnię na wzór uniwersytetów francuskich i objął nad nią osobisty patronat. Uzyskał także zgodę papieża na otwarcie wydziału teologicznego, co znacznie podniosło rangę uczelni. W XV wieku Akademia Krakowska stała się znakomitym ośrodkiem

naukowym i kulturalnym. Pierwszy rektor tego uniwersytetu, Stanisław ze Skarbimierza (zm. 1431), zaliczany jest dziś do grona twórców prawa międzynarodowego.

W drugiej połowie XV wieku kwitła krakowska szkoła matematyczna i astrologiczna. W tym okresie, w latach 1491-1495, studiował w Krakowie sztuki wyzwolone Mikołaj Kopernik.



O ówczesnej pozycji uniwersytetu świadczy to, że w latach 1433-1510 liczba studentów zagranicznych wynosiła aż 44% ogółu w nim studiujących.

W pierwszej połowie XVI wieku Akademia Krakowska odrzuciła reformację, a cenzura prowadzona przez rektora uniwersytetu skutecznie eliminowała druki innowiercze z Krakowa. Nieliczni profesorowie opowiadający się za reformacją opuścili miasto, a uczelnia pogrążyła się w metodzie scholastycznej i w rezultacie traciła coraz więcej studentów. Zainteresowani nauką wybierali przede wszystkim uniwersytety zagraniczne, zwłaszcza w Bolonii i Padwie. I chociaż w Akademii Krakowskiej wykładali jeszcze uczeni o ustalonej renomie, a wychowankami z tego okresu byli: Jan Kochanowski, Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski, Marcin Kromer, Mikołaj Rej - to jednak uczelnia przeżywała zmierzch swojej świetności.

Wiekie XVII i XVIII pogłębiały tylko kryzys uczelni. Akademia uwikłała się w konflikt z jezuitami, popieranymi przez króla, którzy opierali się nowoczesnym prądom naukowym. Dopiero za sprawą Komisji Edukacji Narodowej a szczególnie Hugona Kołłątaja, doszło do gruntownej reformy uniwersytetu. Stworzona została nowa struktura organizacyjna. Powstały: obserwatorium astronomiczne, ogród botaniczny, kliniki, pierwsze laboratoria; język polski ostatecznie zapanował jako wykładowy; profesorami zostali uczeni wykształceni za granicą w duchu filozofii Oświecenia. Społeczność uniwersytecka wzięła czynny udział w insurekcji kościuszkowskiej (1794), a władze uniwersytetu przekazały na cele powstania prawie wszystkie kosztowności uczelni.

W czasie rozbiorów, pełnej germanizacji uczelni zapobiegło włączenie Krakowa w 1809 do Księstwa Warszawskiego, a następnie utworzenie Rzeczypospolitej Krakowskiej (1815-1846). Niemniej jednak po kolejnym wcieleniu Krakowa do Austrii, (w 1846 r.) nadeszły lata germanizacji. Dopiero przyznanie autonomii Galicji w ramach monarchii austro-węgierskiej przyniosło poprawę sytuacji uczelni. Przywrócono język polski jako wykładowy oraz prawo do samorządności. Uniwersytet

Jagielloński (tak nazywała się uczelnia od 1817 roku) po blisko 400 latach przeżywał znowu "złoty okres" w swoich dziejach. Uniwersytet ponownie stał się jedną z najbardziej liczących się szkół wyższych w świecie nauki. W roku 1883 chemik Karol Olszewski (1846-1915) i fizyk Zygmunt Wróblewski (1845-1888) skroplili po raz pierwszy tlen i azot z powietrza; fizjolog Napoleon Cybulski (1854-1919) określił funkcję adrenaliny; Tadeusz Browicz (1847-1928) odkrył zarazek duru brzuszego; fizyk Marian Smoluchowski (1872-1917) zasłynął z prac nad kinetyczną teorią materii, zaś chemik Leon Marchlewski (1869-1946) z badań nad chlorofilem.

W okresie międzywojennym Uniwersytet Jagielloński wraz z Uniwersytetem Jana Kazimierza we Lwowie był kuźnią kadr dla innych uniwersytetów polskich. Okres II wojny światowej to dramatyczny czas dla uczelni. 6 listopada 1939 roku hitlerowcy zaarrestowali i zesłali do obozów koncentracyjnych 183 naukowców krakowskich. W czasie wojny Uniwersytet był zamknięty, a jego wyposażenie wywiezione do Niemiec, lub zniszczone. Jednak krakowskie środowisko naukowe nie poddało się. Podobnie jak w całej Polsce, w Krakowie zorganizowano tajne nauczanie. Na tajnym Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim studiowało około 900 studentów.

W miesiąc po wyzwoleniu Krakowa w lutym 1945 r. Uniwersytet rozpoczął swoją działalność. Na pierwszy powojenny rok akademicki wpisało się aż ponad 5000 studentów. Na uczelni krakowskiej znaleźli warsztat naukowy m.in. uczeni, którzy musieli opuścić Lwów i Wilno oraz ci, którzy nie mogli wrócić do zrujnowanej Warszawy.

Lata 1948-1956 to najtrudniejszy okres w powojennej historii uniwersytetu. Z uczelni usunięto niektórych profesorów, m.in. Romana Ingardena (1893-1970), światowej sławy filozofa, historyka Władysława Konopczyńskiego i ekonomistę Adama Krzyżanowskiego. Władze partyjne przejęły kontrolę nad wszystkimi dziedzinami życia uczelni. Zamknięto drukarnię uniwersytecką i w dużym stopniu zahamowane zostały badania naukowe. Po roku 1956 powrócili na uniwersytet profesorowie usunięci z niego w poprzednich latach, a władze zezwoliły na przywrócenie samorządności uniwersyteckiej.

Obecnie w skład UJ wchodzi 12 wydziałów, 46 kierunków oraz 127 specjalności. Ogólna liczba studentów wynosi 44,214 i pracuje ponad 540 profesorów, 730 doktorów habilitowanych i 2,6 tys. wykładowców. Uniwersytet Jagielloński użytkuje ponad 100 budynków na terenie całego miasta. Prowadzi także 7 muzeów, które prezentują zbiory dotyczące historii uniwersytetu. Jako jedyna uczelnia w kraju, Uniwersytet Jagielloński jest członkiem wielu stowarzyszeń zrzeszających najbardziej prestiżowe uniwersytety świata, m.in. Grupy Coimbra czy Europaeum.

Uniwersytet Jagielloński kontynuuje swoje wielowiekowe dziedzictwo w służbie nauki i nauczania przez prowadzenie badań naukowych, poszukiwanie prawdy i jej głoszenie w poczuciu odpowiedzialności moralnej wobec Narodu i Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. W swojej działalności Uniwersytet kieruje się zasadą „PLUS RATIO QUAM VIS”*

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W 2002 roku Jan Paweł II powraca do swojej wielkiej miłości - poezji. Drukiem wydany zostaje "Tryptyk rzymski", uznawany za najbardziej osobiste i dojrzałe z jego dzieł. Poemat ten to zaduma nad ludzkim życiem, losem i przemijaniem. Religijno-filozoficzne myśli autora sięgają głębi ludzkich serc i rozumu, skłaniając do refleksji nad relacjami między Bogiem a człowiekiem. "Tryptyk Rzymski" to artystyczne przesłanie na trzecie tysiąclecie, pozwalające odkryć sens miłości, cierpienia i życia wiecznego.

Jan Paweł II jest pierwszym Papieżem w dziejach Kościoła, który swoje książki udostępniał szerokiej rzeszy czytelników. Dochody z ich publikacji zawsze przeznaczał na cele dobroczynne. Za pieniądze z praw autorskich zostały między innymi odbudowane kościoły zniszczone przez wojnę w Bośni, Hercegowinie czy Chorwacji, odnowiono również świątynie prawosławne. Jan Paweł II sfinansował także budowę wioski dla dzieci w Rwandzie.

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Poezja, dramat i teatr interesowały Karola Wojtyłę od młodych lat, a zamiłowanie to sprawiło, że wybrał studia polonistyczne na Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim. Jako literat preferował dwie formy: poezję oraz dramat. Pisać zaczął wcześniej. Z młodzieńczego okresu jego twórczości pochodzą utwory zebrane w zbiorze “Renesansowy Psalterz. Księga słowiańska” (1939). Tomik ten zawiera, między innymi, cykl siedemnastu sonetów, poematy “Mousike”, “Harfiarz” i “Ballada wawelskich arkad”, hymn “Magnificat”, rapsod “Słowo – logos” i chyba najlepiej znany wiersz, poświęcony pamięci matki poety, “Emilii, matce mojej”.

Po wojnie, w 1946 r. Wojtyła debiutuje na łamach Głosu Karmelu publikacją “Pieśni o Bogu ukrytym”, a od lat 1950. drukuje swoją poezję na łamach *Tygodnika Powszechnego*. Na prośbę samego autora, ukazują się one pod pseudonimami: Andrzej Jawień, Stanisław Andrzej Gruda i Piotr Jasień.

Do najważniejszych publikacji na przestrzeni lat należą: cykle poetyckie “Pieśń o blasku wody” (1950), “Matka” (1950), “Kamieniołom” (1956), “Profile Cyrenejczyka” (1957), poemat “Wigilia Wielkanocna” (1966), “Myśląc Ojczyzna” (1974), “Rozważania o śmierci” (1975) i ostatni utwór, stworzony przez Wojtyłę tuż przed wyborem na stolicę Piotrową, poemat “Stanisław” (1978).

Równoległe z pasją poetycką rozwija się zamiłowanie do teatru i dramatu. W latach gimnazjalnych Wojtyła debiutuje na scenie Międzyszkolnego Koła Dramatycznego, a w 1939 r. zaczyna brać udział w tajnych spotkaniach, na których czyta się literaturę polską z podziałem na role. W 1941 r. powstaje konspiracyjny Teatr Nasz, później nazwany krakowskim Teatrem Rapsodycznym. Wojtyła gra m.in. w „Królu - Duchu” i „Beniowskim” Słowackiego, „Hymnach” Kasprowicza, i “Panu Tadeuszu” Mickiewicza. W tym czasie Karol Wojtyła

zaczyna także pisać dramaty. W roku 1940 powstają: „Hiob”, „Jeremiasz” i misterium “Promieniowanie ojcostwa”. W czasie okupacji rodzi się także pierwsza wersja sztuki “Brat naszego Boga”; utwór ten ukazuje się drukiem dopiero w 1979 r. Bohaterem tego dramatu jest Adam Chmielowski (1845-1916) – malarz, który porzuca sztukę, by pomagać ubogim. W roku 1983 Jan Paweł II beatyfikuje “swojego bohatera” – brata Alberta (Adama Chmielowskiego), a w roku 1989 kanonizuje go. W 1960 roku Karol Wojtyła

pisze swoją najbardziej znaną i często wystawianą sztukę - “Przed sklepem jubilera”. Wykorzystuje w niej liczne doświadczenia własne: kapłańskie, pedagogiczne, psychologiczne. “Przed sklepem jubilera” to utwór poświęcony problemom miłości małżeńskiej.

Z chwilą wyboru na papieża, Karol Wojtyła zaprzestaje tworzenia dzieł literackich. W tym czasie Jan Paweł II wypowiada się w artykułach, esejach filozoficznych, wywiadach, i na dorobek z tego okresu składają się encykliki (14), adhortacje (15), konstytucje i listy apostolskie. W tych latach powstają też dwie autobiograficzne książki:

“Dar i Tajemnica” z 1996 r., o powołaniu kapłańskim, i “Wstańcie, chodźmy!” – opisująca posługę biskupią Karola Wojtyły od 1958 r. Jedną z bardzo ważnych książek, której “współautorem” jest Jan Paweł II, to zapis rozmów z papieżem, przeprowadzonych przez Andre Frossarda, pt. “Nie lękajcie się. Rozmowy z Janem Pawłem II”. Charakter wywiadu ma też publikacja “Przekroczyć próg nadziei”, w której Jan Paweł II odpowiada na pytania zadawane mu przez włoskiego dziennikarza, Vittorio Messori. W 2005 roku we Włoszech ukazuje się ostatnia książka Jana Pawła II – “Pamięć i tożsamość”. Jest to blisko 200-stronicowa dyskusja, która powstała na podstawie nagranej w roku 1993 rozmowy papieża z dwoma filozofami – świeckim, profesorem Krzysztofem Michalskim i duchownym –

