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On the Cover

Painting by Piotr Stachewicz (1858-1938), known for his historical and religious works, and for his portraits of women in Polish folk costumes. He also illustrated *Quo Vadis?* by Henryk Sienkiewicz as well as poems by Adam Mickiewicz and Maria Konopnicka.

NEXT DEADLINES FOR GŁOS POLEK

Spring 2014 issue:
Deadline for articles is April 1

Summer 2014 issue:
Deadline for articles is July 1

HOLIDAY HOURS

PWA Offices will be closed
on the following days:

April 17 - Holy Thursday - from noon
April 18 - Good Friday
April 21 - Easter Monday

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

If you have access to the Internet you can contact Polish Women's Alliance of America at the following
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The PWA emblem 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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Dear Members and Friends,



Another New Year is upon us, and, as always, your National Officers and Home Office staff are looking ahead with excitement to make this another memorable year for Polish Women’s Alliance of America. We are continuing to send out Maximizer letters to paid-up members with the opportunity to increase their insurance coverage with PWA, offering a new Springtime Insurance Promotion (pages 16-17), and looking at other ways to increase membership and participation in our organization in the coming months. We are counting on your help and support in 2014!

Every four years, PWA holds a Youth Conference for members between the ages of 12 and 14. This is a unique opportunity for our young members to learn more about our organization, to make friendships with PWA members from across the nation, to learn about their Polish heritage, to have fun, and to make some great memories! This year’s Youth Conference will be held in July in Philadelphia, a city that is rich in American history as well as in Polish-American places of interest. Details will be published in the next issue of *Głos Polek* and posted on our website, as soon as the Youth Committee has finalized them.

Youth Conferences serve to bond members to the PWA at an early age. Our Scholarship Programs also serve to make a difference in our young members’ lives, both by helping them defray the cost of a college education, and by demonstrating to them the goals of our fraternal organization and our commitment to our members throughout their lives. In this issue, we present to you our Regular College Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients for the 2013-2014 academic year. We are very proud of them and wish them well in their academic pursuits.

If you care about ensuring the future of our organization and our ability to continue to offer such fraternal benefits as scholarships, youth activities, and charitable donations in support of worthy causes, there are many ways you can contribute. Please respond to your Annual Dues letters, and please support our National Raffle and our Gift Card Program. Then there is the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation that supports many institutions and individuals, and our Dollars for Scholars Program. And you can also remember PWA as you think about your estate. Please see our Estate Planning article on page 19, which lists some of the ways you can make bequests to PWA to leave a meaningful legacy and to help us continue our fraternal work for years to come.

Thank you to all who sent in donations to the Nathan Kras Fund. We acknowledge with gratitude all contributions received on page 10. I am happy to report that Nathan continues to recover from his injuries and that he and his family are both grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support and solidarity that they have received from our membership. That is what fraternalism is all about – helping each other in times of need. Bóg zapłać to all!

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2014 and for a Joyous and Blessed Easter!

Fraternally,

Delphine Huneycutt
National President

KOSCIUSZKO MONUMENT IN MILWAUKEE RESTORED



The unveiling and rededication of the newly restored General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Monument took place on Monday, November 11, 2013, at Kosciuszko Park in Milwaukee, WI. Kosciuszko was a war hero in Poland and in the U.S., where he served under George Washington during the American Revolutionary War. The rededication included a performance by the Syrena Polish Dancers and remarks by Mayor Tom Barrett, County Executive Chris Abele, and local historian John Gurda. Representatives of the Polish Consulate and other Polish American organizations were also present. PWA was represented by National Director Czeslawa Kolak, and her husband Jim Kolak, President of Group 821. The bronze statue, created by sculptor Gaetano Trentanove, was originally dedicated in 1905. The conservation and restoration work cost \$300,000 which was mostly raised from donations, including one from PWA, whose name is listed on a plaque with other donors. *Photo by Jim Kolak.*

PWA HONORED ON 115th ANNIVERSARY



Polish Women's Alliance observed its 115th Anniversary in 2013, and we received many letters of congratulations and well wishes from across the nation and from around the world, in recognition of well over a century of service to Poland and the Polish American community. In photo, National President Delphine Huneycutt with an award presented to PWA by the Polish American

Congress Wisconsin Division, and a Letter of Recognition received from the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, Paulina Kapuscinska.

FSNEPA INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania (FSNEPA) recently installed officers for the coming year. FSNEPA unites local leaders of fraternal benefit societies domiciled or doing business in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The FSNEPA membership consists of seven fraternal societies: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, National Slovak Society, Polish National Union of America, Polish Union of the U.S. of N.A., Polish Women's Alliance of America, Slovene National Benefit Society and CPS Actuaries.

At the installation were the following officers: Bernard Kolodziej, outgoing president and president of Polish Union of NA; John Andrzejewski, secretary/treasurer and CFO of Polish National Union; Ann Dougher, 2nd VP, and Magdalen Iskra, 1st VP, both of FCSLA; Felicia Perlick, PWA national director and incoming president; and Cheryl Hillard, PWA District XIV president who was the installing officer.

Congratulations to Felicia on this honor and we wish her much success during her term as president of FSNEPA.

DANUTA WALESA IN CHICAGO

Former First Lady of Poland, Mrs. Danuta Walesa, met with the media and local community representatives on Friday, November 22, 2013, at the Polish Consulate in Chicago. Mrs. Walesa was in the Windy City at the invitation of the 25th Polish Film Festival in America. She accepted the Wings Award on behalf of Polish film director Andrzej Wajda who was honored at the Festival for his special contributions to Polish cinematography abroad. In photo, from left, National Director Czeslawa Kolak, Mrs. Danuta Walesa, District I President Lidia Filus, and Consul General Paulina Kapuscinska.



TAX TIME!

Income Tax Filing Deadline is April 15th

Open a PWA IRA Account Now!

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DISTRICT III INDIANA WIGILIA Check Presentation to Nathan Kras



The annual District III Wigilia at the Knights of Columbus Hall in East Chicago, Indiana, is always a special occasion, one that members and their families and friends look forward to every year. But this year, it was even more festive and emotional, since we had a very special guest of honor joining us, Nathan Kras of Group 132. Nathan is the chef at the KofC Hall and in the past he has gone out of his way to prepare a delicious and traditional Polish meal for PWA members. This year, Nathan is recovering from wounds sustained in a shooting during a robbery attempt three months ago, so we were very happy to see him and that he was doing well enough to join us.

PWA members responded to the tragic event with an outpouring of support and donations to Nathan's Fund, and at the Wigilia Nathan was presented with a check for \$4,500 from the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation, which will go towards his medical expenses. Nathan expresses his appreciation and sends a sincere *Bóg zapłać* to his many new fraternal friends all across the U.S. In the photo, Nathan accepts the check and a packet full of notes, cards and well-wishes from National Vice President Sharon Zago, as District III President Evelyn Lisek and National President and Group 132 President Delphine Huneycutt look on. We wish Nathan all the best on his road to a full recovery. Donations to Nathan's Fund are acknowledged on page 10.

FOUR GENERATIONS IN GROUP 160

Chicago, IL — A new member of Group 160, District I, Charlie Olson, 10 months old in photo, is held by his great-grandmother and Financial Secretary of Group 160 Evelyn Mocadlo; at left mother Jennifer Olson is holding big brother Henry; and grandmother and President of Group 160 Joanne Perrault is at right.



COUNCIL 40 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Council 40 of Wilkes-Barre, PA, held its annual Children's Christmas Party at Happy Pizza, Plymouth, PA. Shown above are the participants with Santa Claus who presented each attendee with a Christmas gift. Children also received bags of cookies and candy. Prior to Santa's visit, each child made a Christmas ornament under the direction of Cheryl Hillard, District President, and they, along with their families, enjoyed a pizza party.

FOUR GENERATIONS IN GROUP 348



Ashely, PA — Four generations of Group 348 attended the Council 40 Christmas Party. Shown above with Santa Claus is the youngest member Bruce Knowles, along with his mother Lora Knowles; grandmother Cheryl Hillard, District XIV President; and great-grandmother Jean Scupski.

DISTRICT I DONATIONS TO MARYVILLE CRISIS NURSERY



Chicago, IL – On December 20, 2013, District I President Lidia Filus and National Director Czeslawa Kolak delivered toys and other supplies collected from District I members in response to a pre-Christmas appeal in support of the Maryville Crisis Intervention Nursery and its important work on behalf of children in the Chicago area. Sincere thanks to all who participated in this Drive! Photo by Jim Kolak.

JASELKA AT MARIE SKŁODOWSKA CURIE POLISH SCHOOL



Chicago, IL — The annual Christmas Pageant “Jaselka” of the Marie Skłodowska Curie Polish School, was held on Saturday, December 21, 2013. The children and their teachers prepared a beautiful event that parents and guests alike enjoyed. The Polish School receives support from District I, and at the Jaselka Group 821 presented a donation to director Agnieszka Trzupak as well. We are proud of the students and the work that the teachers and parents put into making the school such a success. In the center of the photo with the children and teachers are National Director Czeslawa Kolak, District I President Lidia Filus, and Group 693 President Grazyna Migala.

**New Year's Kick-Off Insurance Special
for ages 0 to 15 years old**

See pages 16 and 17

GROUP 805 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Another festive Christmas Party was hosted by Group 805, Sacred Heart of Mary, of Baltimore, Maryland. Everyone participated in the Polish tradition of the breaking of oplatek and the singing of koledy. Our new District XII President Kathy Buleza was one of the many guests who enjoyed the food and festivities of the day. Another guest of honor, Irene Spatafore, received donations from Group 805 and Council 34 in support of her organization Angels Supporting Your Troops. The donations will help defray the cost of postage to send packages to our troops serving overseas. Very special thanks to the officers and members who helped to make our raffle a huge success. The proceeds from the raffle enable our Group to make donations to other charitable organizations during the year. May God bless you all for your kindness and generosity.



In photo, seated from left: Group 805 officers Dolores Pummery and Lucille Scrivani, and District XII President Kathy Buleza. Standing: Irene Spatafore of Angels Supporting Your Troops, and Council 34 President and Group 805 Treasurer Shirley Kalinowski.

COUNCIL 27 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN



The Council 27 Christmas Party for Children was held on Sunday, December 8, 2013, at the PWA Social Hall in Chicago. The children and their parents and grandparents enjoyed playing and singing carols, a visit from Santa, gifts, treats, and a pizza lunch. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to help organize or fund this annual event.

District I Oplatek



The annual District I Oplatek celebration was held at the House of the White Eagle in Niles, IL, on Saturday, December 14, 2011. District I President Lidia Filus welcomed the guests, and before the meal everyone exchanged oplatek and wishes for a Merry Christmas. Afterwards, Christmas carols were sung and favorite Christmas memories were shared. The annual event is popular with many members and their families and guests, and the raffle which is held every year helps support the District I Scholarship Fund and other worthy causes. In photo above, a group of guests at the Oplatek. *Photo by Jim Kolak.*

Group 821 Elections



The annual election of Group 821 officers was held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, just before the District I Oplatek, at the House of the White Eagle in Niles, IL. National President Delphine Huneycutt administered the oath of office to Lidia Filus, Secretary-Treasurer; Czeslawa Kolak, Vice President; and Jim Kolak, President.

Group 822 ArtPo Exhibit

Chicago, IL — The artists who are members of PWA Group 822, ArtPo, held their annual art exhibition at the PWA Social Hall on Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10, 2013. The event was cosponsored by Council 27. Many members and guests came to view the art, meet the artists, and take part in programs and performances. In photo, National Director Czeslawa Kolak and District I President Lidia Filus with the Bajena family artists. *Photo by Bozena Jankowska.*



Christmas Party in District VI Wisconsin

The Children's Christmas Party in District VI was held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the Humboldt Park Pavilion in Milwaukee, WI. Groups 78, 116, and 189, and Council 1 were the sponsors of this annual event; the PWA home office also donated funding. A raffle was held, good food was served, gifts and prizes were distributed, and a visit from Santa Claus was enjoyed. As always, children were able to have their photos taken with Santa. Thanks to all who donated their time and energy to help make this event a great success. And a special thank you to Diane and Larry Reeve, David and Andrew Chilinski, LuRae Brower, Penny Manke, and the Reeve boys.

District III Indiana Polish Christmas Tree



On November 4, 2013, PWA members from District III met at the South Shore Convention and Visitors' Center in Hammond to decorate the Polish Christmas Tree. Clockwise from left, National President Delphine Huneycutt, Group 132 members Lucy Petkowski and Virginia Michalik, Council 21 President Diane Svitko, and District III President Evelyn Lisek.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

I'd like to begin by wishing each of you a New Year filled with good health, peace of mind, and a dollop of prosperity ... in that order!

As we reflect on all of the events in our lives and those of our loved ones that occurred in the past year, some happy and, perhaps, some tinged with sadness or hardship, this may be the perfect time to do an Annual Review of your Life Insurance Coverage/Annuity Investments.

Your needs and those of your family are ever-changing. We gain new family members through the miracle of birth and by way of marriage and, unfortunately, we lose family members through age and health-related issues, and sometimes through a divorce. On a personal note, we welcomed the newest member of the Trela/Schoen family this past September with the birth of a grandson. Perhaps you can guess what his Christmas gift was from grandpa and grandma? A PWA Youth Investment Combo Plan, as it is never too early to start thinking about the cost of a college education, and the premiums are most affordable the younger the child.

When we lose a close family member through death, be that of a spouse, parent, or most tragically a child, often, coupled with the natural period of mourning, comes the real need to deal with the immediate expenses associated with our loss and the altered financial situation that the remaining family members may be thrown into. This is where an annual financial review can help to take this additional burden off our loved ones. A full review should include a review of your current life insurance to make sure that your coverage and benefits are still adequate for your situation and to cover ever-rising costs. By preparing in advance, both for life's eventualities and the worst-case scenarios that can befall any family without notice, we help to ensure that our loved ones can take their time to grieve without having to face the burden of financial hardship, worry, and mounds of unfamiliar paperwork. On this same note, a review of your named beneficiary(ies) should also be performed periodically and changes should be made when warranted to avoid additional documents being necessary before the payment of life benefits can be released, and also to guarantee that the current beneficiary is still the person(s) that you desire to receive/disburse the proceeds.

Finally, those of us who are employed outside of the home should also keep in mind that many company-sponsored benefits, which may include life insurance, retirement savings plans, etc., will end when our employment stops due to retirement and/or job loss. A sound financial plan also includes having enough life insurance coverage and savings to replace those employer-sponsored benefits that may be lost. Again, sooner rather than later is always a good rule of thumb, as the premiums will only increase with age and certain health-related conditions that come up may make some insurance coverage unavailable or unaffordable.

As we embark on providing 116 years of sound financial protection and fraternal benefits, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal membership within our PWA family.

Fraternally,

Antoinette L. Trela, Secretary/Treasurer
888 522-1898 (ext. 206), secretarytreasurer@pwaa.org

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

Group 579 Member Honored with National Book Award



Kansas City, MO — Author, lifelong member, and President of Group 579, Jane Kurtz, writing as J.K. O'Hanlon, won the contemporary single title category of the 2013 Golden Heart awards for her manuscript of *Objection Overruled*. Winners were announced on July 20, 2013, at an awards ceremony held at the Romance Writers of America's 33rd annual national conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

A former Kansas City corporate attorney, Jane traded law for a publishing career in 2012. Utilizing her background in law, she created heroine litigator Jackie North in *Objection Overruled*. Set in Baltimore, North's most important case of her career is taking down the financial scammer who has defrauded seniors of their savings. Her financial security is tied to this case, but so is her romantic future as she struggles with a love affair with a witness from the opposing side.

Jane is working on a series of ebooks in the genre of contemporary romantic fiction; *Objection Overruled* is just the first. Under her own publishing imprint, evenSo Press, Jane has published two cocktail books under her brand "Thirsty Jane." The books are *3 Ingredient Cocktails* (published in early 2013) and *12 Happy Hours* (released in November, 2013). Both books can be bought through Amazon or wherever books are sold.



Jane has an active blog on both the www.thirstyjane.com website where she shares cocktail recipes, and the www.jkohanlon.com website where she talks about romance novels. She also has a Thirsty Jane Facebook page and a J.K. O'Hanlon Facebook page.

Congratulations on the award, Jane, and good luck in your writing career!

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

Tuesday, March 18

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.

Sunday, March 23

Lowicz Dancers of PWA Group 786 Ninth Annual Recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Van Dyke Community Auditorium of Lincoln High School, 22100 Federal, (just south of Nine Mile and east of Van Dyke) in Warren, Michigan. Tickets will be available at the door. Contact: Barbara Misiolok Gamble (248) 689-7993. Please join us!

Sunday, March 30

PWA Zamek Dancers Annual Recital at the Van Dyke Community Auditorium, 22900 Federal, Warren, MI. (Next to Lincoln High School, south of 9 Mile and one traffic light east of Van Dyke). Tickets are \$10 (sold at door). Please call 248-393-7773 for more information.

Friday, April 4

Dozin' with Dinos at Chicago's Field Museum. Call Vice President Sharon Zago for more information or to make reservations at 888-522-1898, ext 208, or send email to vpres@pwaa.org.

Saturday, April 12

District III Indiana Pre-Easter Luncheon at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Drive, East Chicago, Indiana (across from South Shore Station). Entry at 12 noon, Lunch at 1 p.m. Cost is \$35. Children half-price to age 12. Reservation deadline is April 7, 2014. Make checks payable to: PWA D3 and mail reservations to Delphine Huneycutt, 4909 Baring Avenue, East Chicago, IN 46312.

Sunday, April 27

Save the date! District I "Swieconka," the traditional Polish Easter Brunch, will be held. Details will be mailed to all members and also posted on our website. Raffle prizes welcome. For more information, please contact District I President Lidia Filus at 847-698-0250 or by email at l-filus@neiu.edu.

Saturday, May 10

Council 9 hosts 17th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon at the Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL. All are welcome. Please save the date! Additional information will be mailed or you can contact Council President Laura Pawlowski, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or 708-945-7489 to make a reservation or for more information.

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.

2014 PWA NATIONAL RAFFLE

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

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Entries must be postmarked June 15, 2014,
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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.

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

*Please support our 2014 National Raffle.
Watch for your tickets in the mail.
You could be one of the lucky winners!*

Recommended by ...

Professor Ireneusz Raciborski

Moderator of the PWA Polish Book & Film Club

Karol - A Man Who Became Pope

In honor of the upcoming canonization of the Pope John Paul II in April, I recommend this outstanding historical film about events in Poland during and after World War II; about two totalitarian systems, Nazism and communism; the nation's struggle against them; and the dramatic life of Karol Wojtyla against this backdrop.

This historical film by director Giacomo Battiato (Italy/Poland 2005) faithfully portrays the life of student, intellectual, and priest, Karol Wojtyla, before his election to the papacy as John Paul II. The film shows in a panoramic and authentic way the difficult history of Poland during much of Wojtyla's life, and presents the political and philosophical struggle between good and evil.

This film and 13 other acclaimed Polish films (such as *Ogniem i Mieczem*, *Noce i Dnie*, *Pianista*, *Człowiek z Marmuru*) can be loaned from the PWA DVD Library. Please contact Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898 ext 208, or by email at vpres@pwaa.org, or visit our website for more details.

PWA CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Donations to the Nathan Kras Fund



The donations to the Nathan Kras Fund to date (through January 9, 2014) now total a little over \$6,000. Thank you to all for your contributions! A check for \$4,500 was presented to Nathan at the District 3 Indiana Wigilia Christmas Eve Dinner on Saturday, December 21, 2013 (see photo on page 5). Nathan was there to accept the check in person and he sends his heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all PWA members and friends who have reached out to him and supported him in his time of need.

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 January 9, 2014, will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Głos Polek*.

God bless you and Bóg zapłać for your compassion and generosity.

Donations to Nathan's Fund October 10, 2013 – January 9, 2014

Danuta Zalewski	\$ 50.00	John Ochab	\$100.00	Mary Ellen Mastej	\$ 20.00
Kathryn Nordman	5.00	Anonymous	50.00	Evelyn & Carolyn Lisek	100.00
Eleanore Kallas	20.00	Irene Holub	100.00	Regina Jablonski	25.00
Sara Sinder	10.00	Gerald Janowiak	100.00	Eleanore Kopp	25.00
Jane Curosz	200.00	Lucy Petkowski	50.00	Christine Jolicoeur	100.00
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Marianne Potter	25.00	Robert Popiela	50.00	PNA Lodge 3134	100.00
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Anna May	25.00	Mary Wojtaszek	50.00	PWA Group 585	40.00
Therese Strauss	25.00	Joyce Zadzilka	50.00	PWA Group 763	50.00
Anita Bernier	30.00	Frances Koteski	75.00	PWA Group 769	50.00
Mrvan	75.00	Alice Gurniewicz	20.00	PWA Group 815	50.00
Lorraine Gospodarek	100.00	Virginia & J. Michalik	40.00		

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.

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. – Mother Teresa



Welcome to Our New Members!

A warm welcome is extended to these new members (October 1 – December 31, 2013).

We are so glad you have joined us!

Gr. No.	Name	Introduced by	City/State
0031	Harper F Black	Eileen J Black	Charlotte, NC
0070	Carter A Starnes	Lois J Bider	Harrisburg, NC
0128	Alexander W Bajorek	Patricia Bajorek	Bloomington, MN
0132	Allison G High	MaryAnn Michalak	Attica, IN
0132	Hudson C High	MaryAnn Michalak	Attica, IN
0137	Ryne J Grossnickle	Barbara A Gajewski	Rock Springs, WY
0137	Andrew J Grossnickle	Barbara A Gajewski	Rock Springs, WY
0148	Reese E Wheatley	Home Office	Perkasie, PA
0185	Stanley J Bialecki	Sophie M Marshall	Wallingford, CT
0189	Mason J Serrano	Harriet I Schultz	Milwaukee, WI
0211	John W Schoen V	Home Office	Mt Prospect, IL
0211	Ramona Shableau	Social Member	Chicago, IL
0211	Zofia M Garbat	Home Office	Chicago, IL
0221	Parker J Tempalski	Mary A Watterson	Cranberry Twp, PA
0221	Connor J Boak	Mary A Watterson	Cheswick, PA
0221	Kirsten Vickinovac	Mary A Watterson	Pittsburg, PA
0271	Mark R Despotakis	Carolyn M Despotakis	Jefferson Hills, PA
0305	Stephanie M Jankowski	Home Office	South Bend, IN
0356	Cambree Andrew	Margurite A Thiltges	Rock Port, MO
0362	Owen P Mercincavage	Debra Mercincavage	Collegeville, PA
0362	Zachary M Mercincavage	Home Office	Collegeville, PA
0409	Jaxston P Merwald	Joan R Wawrzynkiewicz	La Vista, NE
0409	Emma R Setran	Joan R Wawrzynkiewicz	Papillion, NE
0417	Madison A Olkowski	Charles Olkowski	Baltimore, MD
0417	Michael J Bellocchio	Gail Flynn	Swedesboro, NJ
0509	George L Holseberg	Joan K Posly	Goose Creek, SC
0509	Brody M Spindler	Joan K Posly	Pittston Twsp, PA
0544	Bozena Rozycka	Grazyna Buczek	Concord, OH
0642	Nicholas Grande	Nellie C Manarchuck	Dunmore, PA
0721	Emma R Solarczyk	Kathryn L Mackovyak	Woodbridge, VA
0723	Nicholas R Onik	Lorraine Zorembo	Frankfort, IL
0737	Nina M Hojnacki	Home Office	Bayonne, NJ
0737	Joseph C Hojnacki	Home Office	Bayonne, NJ
0752	Julianna K Kaymark	Irene H Kaymark	Anaheim, CA
0754	William Mackiewicz	Grazyna Buczek	Wadsworth, OH
0754	Sophia Mackiewicz	Grazyna Buczek	Wadsworth, OH
0763	Riley P Germain	Kathleen M Buleza	Baltimore, MD
0821	Jozef T Suturski	Lidia Z Filus	Wheaton, IL

PWA EASTER COLORING CONTEST
For PWA members ages 3 to 17. See pages 24-25.

SEEKING NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES? BECOME A PWA SALES REP!

- ◆ Are you ready to make a difference in your life and that of others, control your time and earnings, and be your own boss?
- ◆ Are you currently available to work, a stay-at-home mom with extra time, or retired but looking to supplement your current income?
- ◆ Are you a licensed insurance agent looking to close more sales?

NEW AGENTS?

We can help you get started quickly!

EXPERIENCED AGENTS?

We have unique plans to make you successful!

Polish Women's Alliance of America is looking for self-motivated sales representatives in the states of CA, CT, D.C., FL, IL, IN, MD, MA, MI, NE, NJ, OH, PA, and WI.

We are looking for independent licensed agents or individuals who are interested in becoming licensed agents in the states in which they live. Contact us today to begin selling the right products at the right time!

Call toll-free at **888-522-1898** ext 228 and ask for Bo, or send email to **padowski@pwaa.org** or return the coupon below to receive your information packet.



Please send me information on becoming a PWA sales rep.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Return to:

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

*If you are a licensed agent,
please include a copy of your latest license.*

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? _____

\$20,00 is good ... \$36,610 is better!!

Would you like to build up your estate, increase the legacy you leave to your children or grandchildren, and provide an inheritance to your loved ones that is currently income-tax-free?

Do you have money sitting in a CD, Annuity, or Savings Account that will mature soon? If so, on the maturity date, consider using this money to fund a PWA Single Premium Whole Life Insurance Policy to get a much better return.

Here is an example:

70 year-old Sophie (a non-smoker) has \$20,000 sitting in a CD. She plans to leave it to her granddaughter, Barbara. If Sophie used this money to purchase a Single Payment Whole Life Insurance Policy from PWA, it would immediately have a life benefit value of \$36,610. By converting the CD to a Whole Life Insurance Policy, Barbara would receive \$16,610 more from her dear Babcia Sophie – all currently tax-free!

**The interest rate on Sophie's CD is 1.5%.
It would take her almost 40 years
to earn \$16,610!**

Call Sales Director Bo Padowski at
888-522-1898, ext 220,
for more information on how to increase the return
on your savings and to increase your legacy,
or to request an application;
or send an email to **padowski@pwaa.org**

The face value of a Single Premium Whole Life Insurance Policy will be based on your age, gender, and tobacco use status. Approval will be based on the completed life insurance application and is subject to PWA Underwriting Guidelines.



TAX TIME IS AROUND THE CORNER!

OPEN A TRADITIONAL OR ROTH IRA WITH PWA

And don't forget your spouse. Keep in mind that you can contribute not only for yourself, but also for your husband or wife—even if your spouse doesn't have any earned income. *(Be sure to always consult your tax advisor regarding any financial decisions.)*

Individual Retirement Account Contribution Limits For Traditional and Roth IRAs

\$5,500 is the 2013 annual contribution limit to an IRA. Some individuals are allowed a tax deduction for a traditional IRA contribution, even those who also have workplace retirement plans, based on the level of adjusted gross income (those limits are being raised, so please check with your tax preparer for more details).

\$1,000 is the catch-up amount allowed for individuals over age 50.

Highlights

Interest rates will be adjusted annually on January 1st and will be based on current market conditions. The current annual interest rate is 1.75% and will be in effect until December 31, 2014.

The **minimum guaranteed interest rate** will never be less than 1%.

To open a PWA Annuity, a **minimum** initial deposit of **\$500** is required. Additional deposits of \$100 or more may be made at any time, however total additional deposits in any certificate year may not exceed \$5,000, excluding the opening deposit, for which there is no maximum limit.

Early withdrawal charges will be a percentage of the amount withdrawn as follows: in year one – 7%, year two – 6%, year three – 5%, year four 4%, year five – 3%, and no withdrawal charges thereafter.

You may withdraw up to 10% of your account value each year starting in the second year with no early withdrawal charges.

Available UP TO AGE 80.

Amounts withdrawn before age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% federal early withdrawal tax penalty.

To open a Traditional IRA and/or Roth IRA you have to meet certain **requirements**. There is no requirement for the Flexible Premium Tax-Deferred annuity.

The information above is not intended as a legal or tax advice. Consult your tax and/or legal advisors regarding all federal and state laws before making any financial decisions. Interest rates are subject to change.

Don't wait!
Open a Traditional or Roth IRA or
Flexible Premium Tax-Deferred Annuity now!

Let your hard-earned money start working for you today!

TAX FILING DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH!





115TH ANNIVERSARY MAXIMIZER OFFER

**Watch for your
Maximizer letters coming in the mail!**

**This is a chance to easily and quickly increase
your insurance coverage with PWA.**

Beginning in the month of April 2013, and ending in April 2014, 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. Paid-up members who receive this Special Offer approximately 60 days prior to the original date of issue (anniversary date) of their certificates will have a limited time in which to respond.

You can choose from these four options:

OPTION A \$115 • OPTION B \$230 • OPTION C \$345 • OPTION D \$460

THIS IS A ONE-TIME PAYMENT

The additional 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.

If you would like more details or need assistance, either before or after receiving your Maximizer Offer letter, please call or email the Secretary-Treasurer at

1-888-522-1898 ext. 206 or at

secretarytreasurer@pwaa.org or contact

Bo Padowski at ext. 228 or send mail to **padowski@pwaa.org**

**Don't miss this unique opportunity!
ACT QUICKLY since you will have a limited time
in which to respond.**

Please contact the Home Office at 888-522-1898 if you have misplaced your original letter.

PWAA NEW YEAR'S KICK-OFF SPECIAL

The beginning of a New Year has always been a time to reflect on the past, and more importantly to look forward to the coming year. It's a time to consider the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. It is time to make New Year's Resolutions.

Does one of your New Year's resolutions include

Providing a Solid Financial Start for your child?

If YES –this promotion is for you!!!

Polish Women's Alliance of America is proud to introduce the new

PWAA PEEWEE & JUNIOR VARSITY Single Payment Policy

Ages 16 days old to 15 years

This policy will make your New Year's resolution a reality and give you peace of mind.

PWAA PEEWEE & JUNIOR VARSITY POLICY

is the combination of Permanent Whole Life Insurance with a Term Life Insurance to age 25 Rider and can be issued in \$18,000, \$20,000, \$28,000 or \$30,000 face values.

- **One time payment only**
- **Issue ages from newborn to age 15**
- **Automatic membership in Polish Women's Alliance**

As one of the many benefits of membership, Polish Women's Alliance of America offers numerous Scholarship Programs.

PWAA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

High School Academic & Sports

College Undergraduate

Remkus-Sochacki Academic Achievement

Jagiellonian University Summer Program

*The current rules for most of our scholarship programs require that the applicant be a member of PWAA for at least five years and have a minimum \$3,000 of whole life insurance coverage with our Organization. Scholarships are not guaranteed and are subject to changes authorized by the PWA Scholarship Committee.

TO APPLY

Simply fill out the application and mail it with the applicable premium payment to:

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

TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION

Call our Home Office at 1-888-522-1898; send an email to padowski@pwaa.org; download from our website at www.pwaa.org (click on FORMS, go to life Insurance Applications then choose the state in which you live); or use the Request Form on page 12.

If you apply before May 30, 2014, as a SPECIAL BONUS, your child will receive a beautiful set of seven booklets from the PWA Polish Heritage Series.





RATES FOR PWAA PEEWEE & JUNIOR VARSITY SINGLE PAYMENT POLICY



FEMALE SINGLE PAYMENT \$5,000 Whole Life Policy with Term to Age 25 Rider			FEMALE SINGLE PAYMENT \$3,000 Whole Life Policy with Term to Age 25 Rider		
Face Value	\$30,000	\$20,000	Face Value	\$28,000	\$18,000
	\$5,000 SPWL + \$25,000 Term	\$5,000 SPWL + \$15,000 Term		\$3,000 SPWL + \$25,000 Term	\$3,000 SPWL + \$15,000 Term
AGE			AGE		
0	\$916.90	\$864.90	0	\$768.54	\$716.54
1	\$910.65	\$861.65	1	\$758.39	\$709.39
2	\$909.65	\$861.65	2	\$752.99	\$704.99
3	\$910.50	\$863.50	3	\$749.10	\$702.10
4	\$913.55	\$867.55	4	\$746.93	\$700.93
5	\$916.90	\$870.90	5	\$744.94	\$698.94
6	\$921.05	\$875.05	6	\$743.43	\$697.43
7	\$925.55	\$879.55	7	\$742.13	\$696.13
8	\$928.45	\$883.45	8	\$739.07	\$694.07
9	\$931.90	\$886.90	9	\$736.34	\$691.34
10	\$935.80	\$890.80	10	\$733.88	\$688.88
11	\$938.40	\$894.40	11	\$729.84	\$685.84
12	\$941.45	\$898.45	12	\$726.07	\$683.07
13	\$943.10	\$901.10	13	\$720.66	\$678.66
14	\$944.25	\$904.25	14	\$714.55	\$674.55
15	\$944.75	\$905.75	15	\$707.65	\$668.65

MALE SINGLE PAYMENT \$5,000 Whole Life Policy with Term to Age 25 Rider			MALE SINGLE PAYMENT \$3,000 Whole Life Policy with Term to Age 25 Rider		
Face Value	\$30,000	\$20,000	Face Value	\$28,000	\$18,000
	\$5,000 SPWL + \$25,000 Term	\$5,000 SPWL + \$15,000 Term		\$3,000 SPWL + \$25,000 Term	\$3,000 SPWL + \$15,000 Term
AGE			AGE		
0	\$1,064.90	\$978.90	0	\$891.34	\$805.34
1	\$1,047.25	\$968.25	1	\$870.75	\$791.75
2	\$1,043.80	\$966.80	2	\$862.68	\$785.68
3	\$1,045.95	\$969.95	3	\$859.57	\$783.57
4	\$1,051.90	\$975.90	4	\$859.54	\$783.54
5	\$1,060.45	\$983.45	5	\$861.87	\$784.87
6	\$1,068.55	\$990.55	6	\$863.53	\$785.53
7	\$1,077.25	\$998.25	7	\$865.55	\$786.55
8	\$1,085.50	\$1,006.50	8	\$866.90	\$787.90
9	\$1,094.50	\$1,014.50	9	\$868.70	\$788.70
10	\$1,104.20	\$1,023.20	10	\$870.92	\$789.92
11	\$1,113.40	\$1,031.40	11	\$872.44	\$790.44
12	\$1,121.30	\$1,039.30	12	\$872.38	\$790.38
13	\$1,128.85	\$1,046.85	13	\$871.71	\$789.71
14	\$1,133.95	\$1,053.95	14	\$868.37	\$788.37
15	\$1,137.40	\$1,058.40	15	\$863.24	\$784.24

* Age 0 from 16 days after birth to 6 months
Premium is calculated to the nearest birthday

**YOU CAN CHOOSE \$5,000 or \$3,000
WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE WITH A \$25,000 or \$15,000 TERM LIFE INSURANCE TO AGE 25 RIDER.**

FACE AMOUNTS

\$18,000

(\$3,000 Whole Life and \$15,000 Term to age 25)

\$28,000

(\$3,000 Whole Life and \$25,000 Term to age 25)

\$20,000

(\$5,000 Whole Life and \$15,000 Term to age 25) or

\$30,000

(\$5,000 Whole Life and \$25,000 Term to age 25)

WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE

is a good choice for long-range goals.

It provides a **guaranteed life insurance benefit** payout and protection for an entire lifetime.

Whole life policies also provide for the accumulation of **cash value** on a tax-deferred basis that can be used in a difficult financial situation, in the form of a loan.

TERM LIFE INSURANCE TO AGE 25 RIDER

Is a single premium term policy with a \$15,000 or \$25,000 face value which expires on the certificate anniversary date at the insured age 25.

On the certificate anniversary at the insured age 25, the rider can be converted to whole life insurance and the amount of insurance **can be increased up to two times** the face amount of the rider without evidence of insurability. If the Term Insurance Rider is not converted it will expire on the certificate anniversary at the insured age 25, however the whole life insurance portion of \$3,000 or \$5,000 remains and will be in effect for entire life of the insured.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1-888-522-1898 OR EMAIL padowski@pwaa.org





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- Accepted at 54,000 Pharmacies – all major chains
- No enrollment or activation
- Card is active and never expires

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2. Call our Customer Service Line 1-800-808-1213 and have them find the lowest price at the pharmacy
3. Present your card at the pharmacy with your prescription

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Helpdesk: 1-800-808-1213			www.rxcut.com/PWA Start saving immediately by submitting this card to the pharmacy with your prescription. This program can help those with or without insurance save on prescription medications. Let us help you save even more by finding the lowest priced pharmacy for you! • Visit the web site above and use the pharmacy price search to find the lowest priced option for your medications; or • Call our help desk at 1-800-808-1213 anytime for over the phone assistance finding the lowest priced option; or • Visit your local supermarket pharmacy and present this card with your prescription. This card is reusable and never expires. Cardholders have saved as much as 75% with this program. BE SURE TO SHARE THESE VALUABLE SAVINGS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY! For more information, pharmacies, price quotes, FREE cards, or pet medications visit our website above or call 1-800-808-1213. THIS IS NOT INSURANCE-VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW The program administrator may obtain fees from pharmacies based on your purchases in order to support this program. If you are a Texas resident please visit the above website, before using this card, to review the legal disclaimers.		

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Estate Planning? Remember PWA!

The best legacy we can leave is to touch the lives of others ...

Estate planning is not just about the disposition of funds and the settlement of final obligations. It is also about leaving a legacy, a way to touch lives and support your favorite causes. There are many options, as you consider the various bequests from your estate, to ensure a legacy that will be both meaningful to you and beneficial to others.

As you discuss with your family and financial advisor the plans for your estate, please remember the Polish Women's Alliance of America. Our organization is deeply committed to the promotion of the Polish heritage that our parents and grandparents handed down to us — the language, traditions, and culture that they so cherished. This continues to be an important and integral part of the mission of PWA — to preserve our heritage for many more generations of members to come.

Your estate planner will help you identify some of the many choices you have to make such a bequest. Planned Giving, Wills, Trusts, Annuities, and Life Insurance are just some of the options for making a contribution to PWA from your estate, before or after your death. For example, you can designate PWA as the beneficiary, or partial beneficiary, of your life insurance policy or annuity. Or you can simply name the PWA in your will or trust. There are also gifting options before your death, like the dividends on your stocks and bonds, or gift annuities, which, if implemented now, could result in tax advantages to your estate. As always, we encourage you to consult with your legal advisor before making any important financial decisions.

We would be grateful for being remembered in this way, so we can carry on our fraternal and charitable work for many more years — and touch many more lives. These gifts and bequests will honor the memory of our donors and will become an enduring part of their legacy — as well as an important part of our history.

Make bequests/gifts to:
Polish Women's Alliance of America

Please mail to:
Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N. Northwest Highway 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Questions?
Call toll-free: 888-522-1898



Gift Card Program

GIFT CARD ORDER FORM – POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

Use PWA Account # 4ABBLL873219L

Thank you for ordering your Gift Cards through our PWA fundraising program. Your purchase assists with the funding of many of our fraternal programs and activities for all age groups. 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 Chocolate Factory \$10.00		\$
Babies-R-Us \$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		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00		\$	Jewel-Osco \$25.00		\$	Safeway \$100.00		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00		\$	Safeway \$25.00		\$
Bed Bath & 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 Pirie Scott \$25.00		\$	Loews Cineplex \$25.00		\$	Staples \$25.00		\$
Children's Place \$25.00		\$	Lord & Taylor \$25.00		\$	Starbucks \$10.00		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00		\$	Lou Malnati's Pizzeria \$10.00		\$	Starbucks \$25.00		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$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 (Not OH) \$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 Restaurants \$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 Goods \$25.00		\$	Menards \$25.00		\$	Vons \$25.00		\$
Dillard's \$25.00		\$	Michaels \$25.00		\$	Walgreens \$25.00		\$
Dominick's \$100.00		\$	Neiman Marcus \$50.00		\$	Walmart \$25.00		\$
Dominick's \$25.00		\$	Office Depot \$25.00		\$	Whole Foods Market \$100.00		\$
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PWA BOOK & FILM CLUB



Spring 2014

The list of books we will be reading and films we will be viewing in the Spring Session of 2014 is printed below. Please join us for weekly discussion groups at the PWA Home Office, on Thursdays at 3:15 p.m., starting on February, 6, 2014.

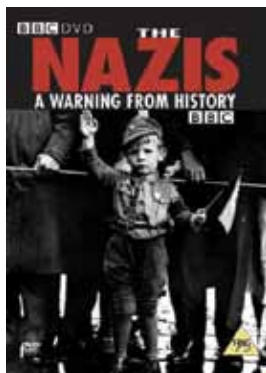
The books we will be reading this session are:

1. *When God Looked the Other Way: An Odyssey of War, Exile, and Redemption*, Wesley Adamczyk
2. *Solidarity's Secrets: The Women Who Defeated Communism in Poland*, Shana Pan
3. *Warsaw 1944: Hitler, Himmler, and the Warsaw Uprising*, Alexandra Richie
4. *The Eagle Unbowed: Poland and the Poles in the Second World War*, Halik Kochanski
5. *Wojtek the Bear: Polish War Hero*, Aileen Orr
Selection recommended by Alvira Balut, President of District VIII Massachussetts
6. *The Night Sky: A Journey from Dachau to Denver and Back*, Maria Sutton
7. *The Nazis: A Warning from History*, Laurence Rees

The films we will be viewing this session are:

1. *Strajk (Strike)*, Volker Schlöndorff Germany, 2006
2. *Bitwa o Warszawę (Battle for Warsaw '44)*, Wanda Koscia, Poland, 2005
3. *The Nazis: A Warning from History*, Laurence Rees, BBC Video, 1997

For more information and additional titles and reference books, please download the Syllabus from www.pwaa.org/events.html; call Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898, ext 208; or send email to her at vpres@pwaa.org. The moderator of the PWA Book & Film Club is Professor Ireneusz Raciborski. If you cannot join us for our weekly discussion meetings, you can still read along and let us know how you are enjoying the selections by sending email to vpres@pwaa.org.



ORDER YOUR COPY OF WEST OF GOOSE ISLAND

We recently met Richard S. Post at a book signing held at PWA. He is the author of this coming-of-age memoir set in a Polish-American neighborhood of Chicago in the 40s and 50s, *West of Goose Island: A Chicago Story*. The book is part nostalgia, part history lesson, and part a journey back to simpler times. You are sure to enjoy it! The price is \$15.95, including postage and handling.

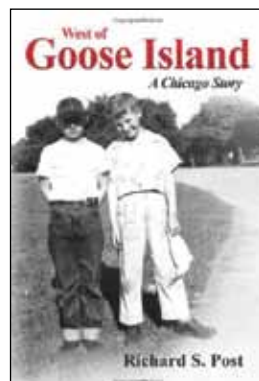
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The Exhibition Catalogue that accompanied the *Głos Polek* Centennial Exhibition "A Voice of Their Own" was published in 2010, and it makes a great keepsake or gift. It includes an overview of PWA and its activities over the last 100 years, illustrated with pages taken from past issues of the *Głos Polek*. Every PWA member should own one! Order your copy today! The price is \$15, plus handling and postage. (Please send \$17 for each copy ordered.)

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FOUR FRATERNALS INTERPOLONIA 2013 BOWLING TOURNAMENT TOP SCORERS

PWA TIES FOR FIRST PLACE WITH PNA

In the last issue of *Głos Polek*, we printed the names and scores of all PWA members who participated in the 2013 Youth Bowling Tournament. In this issue, we are printing the names of the three top scorers in each age group/category from all of the Four Fraternals: Polish Women's Alliance (PWA); Polish National Alliance (PNA); Polish Roman Catholic Union (PRCUA); and Polish Falcons (PFA). We were very proud, for the first time, to have tied for First Place with PNA.

Congratulations to all the winners!



PLACE NAME SCORE SOCIETY

Preps Boys

1st	Preston Chyba	298	PWA Group 786
2nd	Charles Komosa	287	PNA Lodge 2993
3rd	Turner Anselim	286	PNA Lodge 1052

Preps Girls

1st	Natalia Smielinski	278	PNA Lodge 2993
2nd	Izabella Sedlacek	276	PNA Lodge 101
T-3rd	Catrina Soltys	264	PNA Lodge 3241
T-3rd	Ava Seychel	264	PWA Group 386

Juniors Boys

T-1st	Joseph Kokoszka	367	PNA Lodge 2927
T-1st	Gabe Bettley	367	PWA Group 386
3rd	John Piekut	307	PNA Lodge 750

Juniors Girls

1st	Alexandria Smigiel	506	PRCUA Society 1593
2nd	Lauren Andrychowski	386	PFA Nest 123
3rd	Ashley Eley	324	PNA Lodge 976

Majors Boys

1st	Gabe South	554	PWA Group 806
2nd	Tanner South	534	PWA Group 806
3rd	Landon South	470	PWA Group 806

Majors Girls

1st	Melissa Paterni	336	PFA Nest 8
2nd	Kaitlyn Johns	330	PFA Nest 86
3rd	Roxanne Bazinski	322	PRCUA Society 261

2014 YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

To learn more about the 2014 Youth Bowling Tournament, please go to page 24 or visit www.pwaa.org/youth.htm to download application forms and rules. **Deadline is June 30, 2014**

PLACE NAME SCORE SOCIETY

Pee-Wee Boys

1st	Tyler Hoke	171	PFA Nest 45
2nd	Devin Yanick	164	PFA Nest 45
3rd	Michael Matla	158	PNA Lodge 750

Pee-Wee Girls

1st	Ava Stevens	162	PFA Nest 45
2nd	Emily Thacker	159	PRCUA Society 1593
T-3rd	Bailey Sayle-Smith	156	PRCUA Society 1618
T-3rd	Kerrigan Kava	156	PWA Group 356

Bantams Boys

1st	Jadyn Chyba	278	PWA Group 786
2nd	Alexander Szyndar	269	PWA Group 786
3rd	Jack Nauer	201	PNA-Lodge Q016

Bantams Girls

1st	Natalie Vernon	255	PWA Group 786
2nd	Emily Mandziuk	235	PWA Group 786
T-3rd	Riley Kulaga	195	PFA Nest 907
T-3rd	Gabriela Czerwosz	195	PNA Lodge 1824

DOZIN' WITH DINOS AT CHICAGO'S FIELD MUSEUM

Save the date! Annual sleepover at the Field Museum, sponsored by the Four Fraternals, is Friday, April 4, 2014. For more info or to make a reservation, please contact Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898, ext. 208, or via email to vpres@pwaa.org



PWA YOUTH CONFERENCE For PWA Members Ages 12 -14

Plan on joining us in July 2014 in historic Philadelphia, PA for a fun-filled and memorable four days with PWA members from across the nation.

More information will be printed in the next issue of *Głos Polek*. Contact Vice President Sharon Zago at vpres@pwaa.org or at 888-522-1898, ext 208.

MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 17

At Home – W domu

Match each English word with the correct Polish translation and submit your answers no later than **March 31, 2014**.

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Doorbell | A. Kuchnia |
| 2. Foyer/Hall | B. Kominek |
| 3. Room | C. Ogród |
| 4. Living room | D. Łazienka |
| 5. Dining room | E. Salon |
| 6. Bedroom | F. Dzwonek |
| 7. Bathroom | G. Jadalnia |
| 8. Kitchen | H. Pokój |
| 9. Fireplace | I. Przedpokój |
| 10. Garden | J. Sypialnia |

Only one entry per PWA member. Correct entries will be placed in a lottery and three \$25 prizes will be awarded for the first three correct entries drawn. Contest is open to PWA members of all ages. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email address, and PWA Group number with your entry. Submit your entry by email to: vpres@pwaa.org or by regular mail (postmark March 31, 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. 15

Congratulations to the three lucky winners of the "In the Forest - W lesie" Contest

Charles Sell	District 1	Council 9	Group 89
Gloria Kozlowski	District 3	Council 21	Group 132
Noreen Mavromatis	District 4	Council 5	Group 419

Correct answers: A. Tree – D. Drzewo; 2. Leaf – E. Liść; 3. Branch – G. Gałąź; 4. Fern – H. Paproć; 5. Pine Cone – I. Szyszka; 6. Pine Needles – A. Igły; 7. Mushroom – B. Grzyb; 8. Bird – F. Ptak; 9. Owl – J. Sowa; 10. Squirrel – C. Wiewiórka

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

EASTER COLORING CONTEST RULES

1. Cut out or copy the picture on page 25, or download it from our website at pwaa.org/Contests.htm, color it, then send it to:
PWA Coloring Contest, Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2 Fl, Chicago, IL, 60631

2. Deadline: Postmark **April 15, 2014**

3. Please include the following information on a separate sheet of paper, attached to the coloring picture: Name, Age, Address, PWA Group No., Telephone Number, and Email Address.

4. Contest is for PWA members only. Want to become a member? Call Bo at 847-384-1200, ext. 228.

5. Contest Prizes:

First Prize	\$100 Gift Card
Second Prize	\$75 Gift Card
Third Prize	\$50 Gift Card
Honorable Mentions	5 Gift Cards of \$10 each

6. Age Categories:

The above Prizes will be awarded in each age category:
3 - 4 years; 5 - 6 years; 7 - 8 years; 9 - 11 years; 12 - 14 years; and 15 - 17 years.

Questions? Call Vice President Sharon Zago at 888-522-1898, ext. 208, or send email to vpres@pwaa.org

Easter Baskets

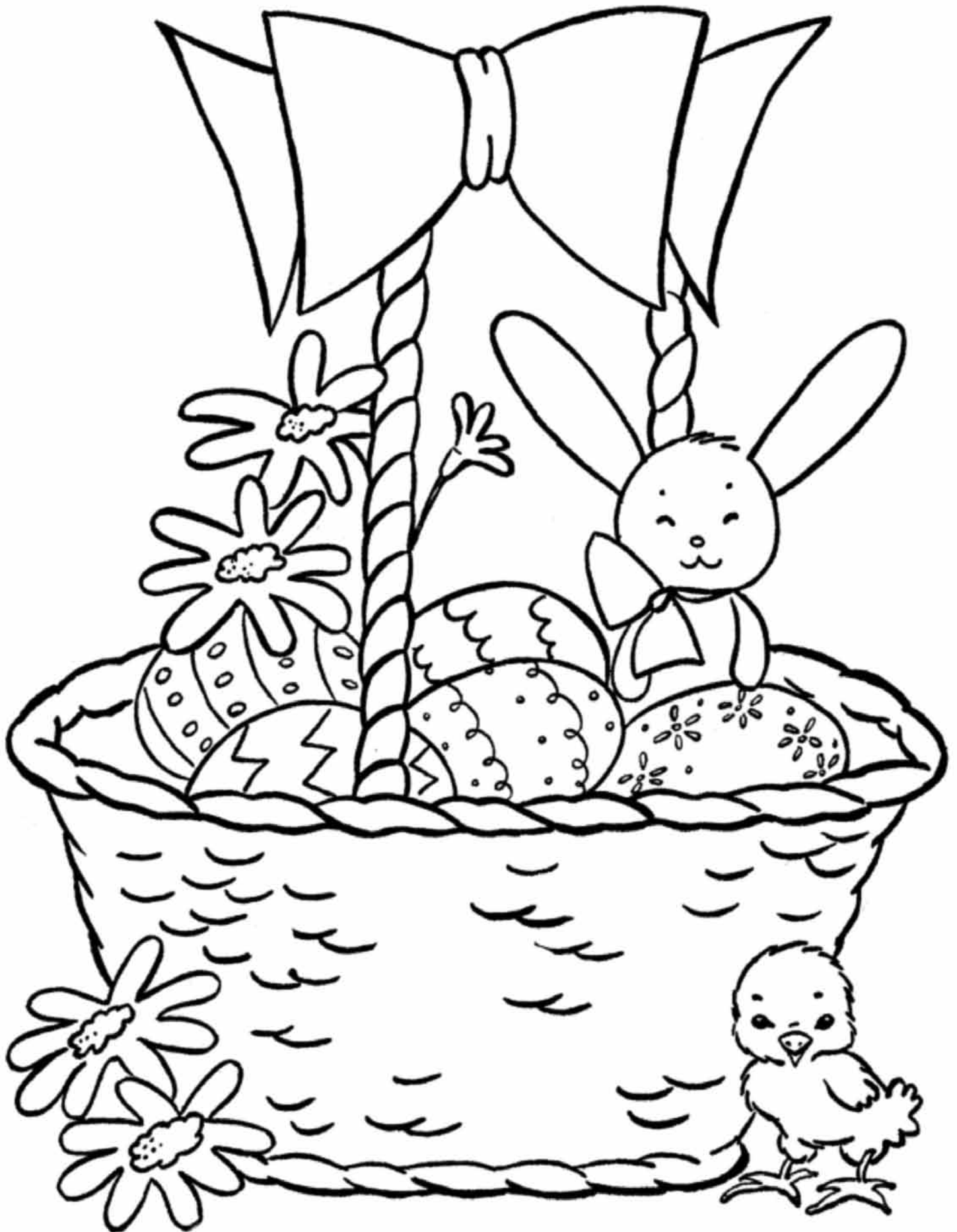
This year's Easter Coloring Contest picture portrays a basket, with an Easter Bunny and chick — all symbols of Easter. Where do these symbols come from and how are they related to Easter?

The Easter Bunny is a symbol of fertility, and eggs and chicks are symbols of new life — and both are related to spring — when nature is reborn and new life reappears after the long, cold months of winter. Easter also celebrates new life — the resurrection of Christ after his death on the cross.

The Easter basket is related to Lent — a time of fasting. Lent ends with the celebration of Easter, a time when all foods were again permitted, and people would fill baskets with food and take them to church to be blessed before consuming them on Easter Sunday. In Poland, this tradition continues today. People take baskets filled with food to church on the Saturday before Easter to be blessed by a priest. The baskets hold Easter eggs, ham, sausage, butter, salt, horseradish, and bread.

So the Easter basket symbolizes the end of fasting and the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The Easter Bunny symbolizes fertility. And eggs and chicks symbolize new life. Enjoy coloring this year's picture and have a very Happy Easter!





Polish Women's Alliance of America Congratulates its 2013 – 2014 Regular College Scholarship Recipients

District I

Illinois & Florida



Clarissa Knorr
Cottey College
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 6



Savannah Krafft
Illinois State University
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 188



Kristin Skowron
Univ. of Notre Dame
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 188



Jacob Delcours
University of St Louis MO
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 661



Jacqueline Bortayn
Marquette University
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 723



Stephanie Cashman
University of Denver
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 819



Monica Rzcudlo
Northeastern Ill. Univ
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 819



Hannah Sowinski
Univ. of South Florida
Dist 1 Cl 9 Gr 819



Sarah Sowinski
Univ. of Central Florida
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 819



Jessica Stec
DePaul University
Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 819



Katelyn Szmurlo
Hope College
Dist. 1 Cl 27 Gr 440

District II Western Pennsylvania



Daniel Condren
Edinboro Univ
Dist. 2 Cl 2 Gr 221

District III Indiana



Jess Bunchek
Purdue University
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 37



Alice Duhon
Columbia Coll. Chicago
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 37



Brianna Scivinsky
St. Mary's Coll., Notre Dame
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 37



Adam Serwacki
Tribeca Flashpoint
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 37



Michael Kurzydym
St. Louis University
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 128



Abigail Veitch
University of Illinois
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 128



Curtis Vacendak
Valparaiso University
Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 132

District IV New York & Erie, PA



Jennifer Reil
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Dist. 4 Cl 5 Gr 380/419



Lindsey Ardu
SUNY at Brockport
Dist. 4 Cl 16 Gr 468



Taylor DeWilde
Oakland University
Dist. 5 Cl 20 Gr 418



Katrina Odrobina
Elmhurst College
Dist. 5 Cl 3 Gr 451



Paul Odrobina
Columbia College Chicago
Dist. 5 Cl 20 Gr 451



Casey O'Higgins
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Dist. 5 Cl 20 Gr 769



Emily Guirey
Rochester College
Dist. 5 Cl 20 Gr 786



Erika Guirey
Wayne State Univ.
Dist. 5 Cl 20 Gr 786

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Wisconsin



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Stevens Point
Dist. 6 Cl 1 Gr 116



Elizabeth Kent
Alverno College
Dist. 6 Cl 1 Gr 189

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Massachusetts



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Central Connecticut
State
Dist. 8 Cl 28 Gr 225



Kristen Pisano
Springfield College
Dist. 8 Cl 28 Gr 422



Stephanie Duperre
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Dist. 8 Cl 28 Gr 422



Aaron Mentos
Colgate University
Dist. 8 Cl 28 Gr 422

Scholarship Recipients

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Eugene Lang, The New School
Dist. 8 Cl 8 Gr 185



Alexander Zakrzewski
Fordham University
Dist. 8 Cl 8 Gr 185



Kristen Zakrzewski
Lasell College
Dist. 8 Cl 8 Gr 185



Emily Czerniewski
University of Alabama
Dist. 8 Cl 8 Gr 185



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



Sarah Nadeau
Central Connecticut State
Dist. 8 Cl 8 Gr 280



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Stephanie Sawicz
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Dist. 10 Cl 15 Gr 598



Kim Szkudlarek
The College of Saint Rose
Dist. 10 Cl 15 Gr 598



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Dist. 11 Cl 25 Gr 579



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Dist. 14 Cl 40 Gr 431



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Institute
Dist. 14 Cl 40 Gr 450



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West Chester Univ.
Dist. 14 Cl 40 Gr 530



Jaime Constanzer
Delaware Valley College
Dist. 14 Cl 44 Gr 267



Kevin Tomaszewski
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Dist. 14 Cl 44 Gr 267



Taylor Robertson
Misericordia University
Dist. 14 Cl 44 Gr 642



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”



– Nelson Mandela

Names of SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS will be published in the next issue of *Głos Polek*.

PACCF MAJER & LAKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline March 15, 2014

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

Applications for 2014-2015 can be obtained at www.paccf.org or by written request to PACCF, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL, 60646 or by sending an email to pacchg2@pac1944.org or by calling 773-763-9944. The deadline is March 15, 2014.

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, First Post-Communist Prime Minister of Poland, Dies at Age 86



Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who went from editing small Roman Catholic publications to becoming prime minister of Poland — and the first non-Communist to head an Eastern bloc nation since the late 1940s — died in Warsaw on October 28, 2013. He was 86.

Mazowiecki, a journalist by profession, was a pro-democracy activist and writer, who served as an advisor to Lech Walesa, the leader of the Solidarity freedom movement, and who was imprisoned for his political activities. He worked quietly for years to ease restrictions on individual rights and helped form Solidarity, which gained the leadership of Poland's national legislature in August 1989. By the end of that year, the Berlin Wall had fallen, communist governments in Moscow's other satellite states had collapsed, and the Cold War division of Europe was over. He was appointed prime minister in August 1989 and oversaw the political and economic transition of Poland to a democratic and free-market country.

Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski described him as "one of the fathers of Polish liberty and independence." Flags in Poland were flown at half-mast after news of Mazowiecki's death was announced. A state funeral was held on November 3, 2013, in Warsaw, attended by thousands of people, including many Polish and European leaders.

PWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR 2014 – 2015

Requirements and Applications for all scholarships available to PWA members will be posted on our website on the dates specified below. Please check www.pwaa.org on those dates and click on the scholarships link on the Home Page.

Below is a list of all scholarships and awards offered by the PWA and the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation, along with the application period for each.

- **Regular College Undergraduate Scholarships**
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- 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

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



(Deaths between October 1 and December 31, 2013)

Gr. No.	Member	City/State	Gr. No.	Member	City/State
0009	Mary T Mull	Wethersfield, CT	0423	Dolores Baranowski	River Forest, IL
0009	Clara Dubaldo	Manchester, CT	0427	Dorothy Janik	Moosic, PA
0037	Evelyn Wojas	Highland, IN	0427	Mary A Polizzi	Dunmore, PA
0070	Helen Walczak	Livermore, CA	0427	Marion Gardocki	Taylor, PA
0070	Lillian Podbielski	Orland Park, IL	0427	Michael Boyko	Taylor, PA
0070	Marya Galderio	Chicago Hts, IL	0429	Patricia J Mrvan	East Chicago, IN
0084	Alyce Kiel	Henderson, NV	0430	Alice Germek	Aurora, IL
0105	Karolina Bugay	Wilkes Barre, PA	0450	Harriet Baut	Kingston, PA
0112	Henrietta D Kolodziejczak	Chicago, IL	0451	Klara S Marcyan	Dearborn Hts, MI
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0116	Fay C Charron	Zephyrhills, FL	0474	Stella Schloss	Lansing, IL
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0126	Jane I Perry	Glenview, IL	0480	Frances B Johnson	Bradley, IL
0128	Stella Kulik	Hammond, IN	0481	Maryanna Marzonie	Burton, MI
0132	Roberta Bradtke	Crown Point, IN	0481	Wanda Bukowiecki	Warren, MI
0137	Elizabeth Wysocki	Aurora, IL	0488	Sally Kuzniar	Warren, MI
0141	Phyllis C Kaczinski	Holyoke, MA	0530	Loretta T Feeley	Shenandoah, PA
0173	Aurelia Malach	Buffalo, NY	0530	Jennie H Chiglinski	Lemoyne, PA
0182	Stefania Kurczaba	Cheektowaga, NY	0544	Alice A Gutkowski	Cleveland, OH
0182	Franciszka L Raffaele	Monroeville, PA	0545	Betty Tarnowski	Grosse Ile, MI
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0379	Mary Borkowski	Sparks, NV	0637	Maria Pelc	New Britain, CT
0384	Hedwig Kluft	Hamtramck, MI	0661	Helen Bugajski	Bloomington, IL
0408	Maria Penkala	East Chicago, IN	0663	Patricia J Drejza	New Hartford, NY
0413	John J Wasniewski	West Chester, PA	0665	Gladys Lipiec	Cleveland, OH
0419	Sophie T Wanat	Buffalo, NY	0677	Sophie Krupka	Metuchen, NJ
0419	Maria Rarog	Melbourne, FL	0693	Amelia Schmutz	Chicago, IL
0419	Margaret C Samol	Buffalo, NY	0699	Helen Andrychowska	Philadelphia, PA



We note with sadness the passing of the following PWA members (continued)



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0737	Thomas Tanksley	Bayonne, NJ
0752	Margaret M Schram	El Cajon, CA
0754	Cecilia Prazer	Canton, OH
0754	Lillian Rak	North Ridgeville, OH
0763	Frances Sullivan	Baltimore, MD
0765	Caroline Lesniak	Avenel, NJ
0765	Helen P Markowich	Cranford, NJ
0769	Virginia V Kamyszek	Warren, MI
0769	Diane V Krywy	Warren, MI
0786	Virginia M Yanachik	Dearborn Hts, MI
0815	Genevieve E Price	Crown Point, IN
0815	Mary Bajgrowicz	Canyon Country, CA
0819	Mary L Steinert	Niles, IL
0819	Pauline A Kowalski	Cedar Rapids, IA

Michaeline Omilianowski Group 132



It is with great sadness that we share with our membership the news of the death of Michaeline Omilianowski, who passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2013. Michaeline had celebrated her 100th birthday on November 14, 2013. The photo below was taken at the surprise birthday party held for her on Sunday, November 17, 2013, at St. Stanislaus Parish in East Chicago, Indiana, organized by her granddaughter Angela Vanderburg. Vice President Sharon Zago attended the celebration and read a congratulatory letter from National President Delphine Huneycutt and presented Michaeline with a Certificate of Congratulations from the Home Office, along with a silk PWA scarf and a sterling silver Polish Eagle pendant, a symbol of our Polish heritage.

Michaeline was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Group 132, Council 21, in East Chicago, Indiana, for 84 years — her mother signed her up when she was 16 years old — and served as Group Secretary for a number of terms. She still attended Group meetings, weather permitting, and she continued to crochet and knit and donate her handmade treasures to PWA Christmas and Easter fundraisers. She was named Fraternalist of the Year from District III Indiana in 2013. She will be greatly missed.

May God grant her eternal rest.



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Easter Traditions and Symbols

Christians celebrate Easter to commemorate the resurrection of Christ.

Some Easter celebrations, however, pre-date Christianity, and some of the symbols are attached to myths and traditions that come to us from ancient times and cultures.

Celebrating Spring and the Rebirth of Nature

According to historians, Easter derives its name from Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. A month corresponding to April had been named "Eostremonat," or Eostre's month, leading to "Easter" becoming applied to the Christian holiday that usually fell within that month. Before this name was widely accepted in the English-speaking world, the holiday had been called Pasch (Passover), which remains its name in many non-English languages. In Polish, Easter is called "Wielkanoc," which means "Great Night" and refers to the holy night of Christ's resurrection. It seems probable that around the second century A.D., Christian missionaries seeking to convert the tribes of northern Europe noticed that the Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Christ coincided with many ancient springtime celebrations, which emphasized the triumph of life over death. Christian Easter gradually absorbed the traditional symbols of life resurrected—in nature and in religious observance.

Easter Eggs

In Medieval Europe, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, along with meat. Eggs collected during that time were often boiled or otherwise preserved to be consumed on Easter Sunday. Eggs thus became a highlight of Easter meals, and a prized Easter gift for children and servants. In addition, eggs have been viewed as symbols of new life and fertility through the ages. It is believed that for this reason many ancient cultures used eggs during their spring festivals. Many traditions and practices have formed around Easter eggs. The coloring of eggs is an established art worldwide, and eggs are often dyed, painted, and otherwise decorated. Eggs were also used in various holiday games: parents would hide eggs for children to find, and children would roll eggs down hills. These practices live on in Easter egg hunts and egg rolls. The most famous egg roll takes place on the White House lawn every year. Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian Easter eggs are among the most colorful and beautiful in the world. Decorating Easter eggs in Eastern European countries is truly an art form, and the craft has been passed down from generation to generation through the centuries. In Polish Easter eggs are called "pisanki" although there are many other names for them as well, depending on the method used for decoration. They are the centerpiece of the Easter table, having been blessed in church on Easter Saturday, then shared at the start of the Easter meal, much like oplatak is shared with family members on Christmas Eve.

The Easter Bunny

Hares and rabbits have long been symbols of fertility. The inclusion of the hare into Easter customs appears to have originated in Germany, where tales were told of an "Easter hare" who laid eggs for children to find. German immigrants to America brought the tradition with them and spread it to a wider public. They also baked cakes for Easter in the shape of hares, and may have pioneered the practice of making chocolate bunnies and eggs.

The Easter Lily

For many, the beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope, and life—the spiritual essence of Easter. History, mythology, literature, poetry, and the world of art are filled with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of these elegant white flowers. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where Christ's tears fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow. Churches continue this tradition at Eastertime by decorating altars with masses of Easter lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Christ and the hope for life everlasting.

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter!
Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych!

Recipes from Grandma's Kitchen ...



Many PWA members carry on the culinary traditions and recreate family recipes passed down from their mothers and grandmothers. Here are two such recipes, from two beloved *babcias*.

Marta Mirecki of Group 693, District I, was recently interviewed on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* program, about pierogi, and how she makes them from a recipe passed down from her grandmother, Stanislaw Mirecki, longtime member and officer of Group 693, who passed away in 2004. Marta, a graduate of Northwestern University and a former US Navy officer, is a personal chef (www.TinyHouseChef.com), as well as a wife and mother of two young children, living in

Washington D.C. She also teaches cooking classes, and her pierogi class is one of the most popular at Hills Kitchen in D.C.

Stuffed dumplings are featured in the cuisines of many nations, but the Polish version is among the most delicious. The secret is in the dough, which needs to be thin and light, but strong enough to hold hearty fillings like potatoes, cabbage, mushrooms, or ground meat. Marta remembers how her grandmother never measured the ingredients—she used her eyes and hands to know when the dough was just right and if it needed more flour or water. Her daughters and granddaughters would watch her place the ingredients on the counter, and then scoop them back into a measuring cup to see how much of each ingredient *Babcia* had used; her pierogi dough recipe follows. Marta says that pierogi taste best when stuffed with memories—the secret ingredient! Recipes for fillings, more tips on making pierogi, and a link to Marta's NPR interview are at www.pwaa.org/What_New2.htm.

Babcia Mirecka's Pierogi Dough

Ingredients: 2 cups sifted flour, plus extra for dusting and kneading; 1 egg; 1/2 to 2/3 cup lukewarm water; 1 tsp salt

Directions: Combine flour and salt in a large bowl. Beat egg lightly and mix into flour with a spatula. Add water, starting with 1/2 cup, adding more drops as needed. Once the dough comes together, turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently for a few turns; add flour as needed. Form the dough into a ball. Smush the ball down with your palm pushing away from you, then reform the ball and continue smushing down on it. Add flour a little at a time as needed, and use your dough scraper to loosen the dough from the work surface if it starts to stick. If at any time the dough gets too springy, cover it with a cloth and let it rest for about 10 minutes. Continue kneading until the dough is even and smooth. Roll the dough as thinly as you like with a rolling pin. Flour the rolling pin, dough, and work surface just enough to keep everything from sticking. Cut the dough into rounds using a cookie cutter or drinking glass. Stuff with filling and seal well. Cover pierogi with a cloth to prevent them from drying out before cooking.



Sharon Milewski of Group 267, District XIV, was recently featured on the front page of the *Scranton Times* Lifestyles section. She had won the weekly "Local Flavors" contest with an updated version of her grandmother's zucchini bread recipe. Sharon was lecturer in the Science Department at the University of Tennessee for many years, until she decided to move back to Pennsylvania where she bought a farm in Susquehanna County. She raises chickens, sheep, and goats (all of which have names), so the recipe features goat milk as well as goat cheese. Of course, the zucchini is also grown and harvested on Sharon's farm. Sharon is an environmental toxicologist and she continues to teach science at Luzerne County Community College, but her sustainable farm and growing healthy, organic food are now her passions.

Sharon found the original recipe in her mother's recipe book many years ago. It came from her grandmother, Rose Chmielewski, who died when Sharon was 4. Sharon knows that her grandparents raised goats, so she thinks that her grandmother may well have used goat milk and goat cheese in the recipe. Sharon substituted molasses for brown sugar in her version of the recipe below. Photo shows Sharon with her goat, Sitka. You will find a link to the entire article at www.pwaa.org/What_New2.htm.

Sharon's Molasses Zucchini Bread

Ingredients: 1/2 cup goat milk, 1 teaspoon chèvre goat cheese, 2 cups grated zucchini, 1 1/2 cups unbleached white flour, 1/2 cup whole wheat flour, 1 teaspoon wheat germ, 2 teaspoons baking powder (aluminum-free), 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, pinch of nutmeg, pinch of allspice, 4 tablespoons melted butter, 2/3 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup molasses, 2 eggs

Directions: Combine milk, cheese, and zucchini. In another bowl, combine dry ingredients. Melt butter, then add molasses when butter is warm. Add the eggs and sugar to butter mixture, then combine zucchini mixture and butter mixture. Add dry ingredients to the zucchini-butter mixture, stirring by hand only to combine ingredients—do not overstir. Pour batter into a buttered loaf pan and bake at 375 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes.

Jesienno – zimowe nowinki z Cleveland, Ohio

W Szkole Języka Polskiego im. I.J. Paderewskiego w Cleveland, OH nigdy nie zabraknie czasu i energii na obchodzenie ważnych rocznic i świąt. Taką godną upamiętnienia rocznicą jest niewątpliwie Dzień Niepodległości Polski. Uczniowie wraz z nauczycielami i rodzicami w minionym roku uczcili to wydarzenie krótkim apelem. Po uroczystym wprowadzeniu na salę biało-czerwonej flagi wszyscy odśpiewali Hymn Narodowy. Uczniowie zaprezentowali kilka patriotycznych piosenek i wierszy. Panie nauczycielki przypomniały historię polskiej drogi do niepodległości i nawiązały do dzisiejszego pojęcia patriotyzmu. Apel ten uwieńczyła pięknie wyuczona przez najmłodszą grupę piosenka o jesieni, wprowadzając wszystkich z powrotem w złotą, jesienną aurę za oknem.

Nie upłynęło wiele czasu, a tu za oknami Polskiej Szkoły zatańczył śnieg i zaprosił wszystkich do wspólnego kołędowania przy choince. Świąteczne spotkanie odbyło się 7 grudnia w Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury im. Jana Pawła II. Warto tu nadmienić, że Szkoła Języka Polskiego im. I.J. Paderewskiego zadzierzgnęła z tą organizacją serdeczne nici współpracy. Takie coroczne spotkania są niezmiennie przepełnione rodzinnym ciepłem. Sprzyjają umacnianiu przyjaźni, przyciągają również byłych uczniów Szkoły do aktywnego uczestniczenia w nich, a przybyłym na nie Amerykanom przybliżają tradycje znad Wisły. Oprócz polskich smakołyków, nad których kunsztem i doбором czuwała Pani Dyrektor Szkoły, nie obyło się bez duchowej uczty w postaci występu dzieci, nie zabrakło także zdjęć przy choince oraz wspólnego śpiewania kołęd. Każdy mógł też spróbować swojego szczęścia w loterii fantowej. Nowością było jedynie to, że nasz wyjątkowo w tym roku zapracowany św. Mikołaj nie zdążył osobiście wręczyć dzieciom prezentów i zostawił je w saniach, a swoją zaszczytną rolę przekazał nauczycielkom. Dzieci zarażone pokojową aurą nadchodzącego Bożego Narodzenia wspaniałomyślnie mu to wybaczyły.

Nie można pominąć jeszcze jednego bardzo ważnego wydarzenia, które tym razem odbyło się w szeregach Obwodu VII Komisji 7 Związku Polek w Ameryce. 19 października, korzystając z uroczej aury amerykańskiego Sweetest Day, członkinie Związku Polek zorganizowały pod dachem gościnnego, wspomnianego już Centrum Kultury im. Jana Pawła II coroczny sejmik. Swą obecnością zaszczyliła go Pani prezes Delphine Huneycutt oraz krajowa sekretarka Antoinette Trela. Szeroko omówiono ważne sprawy organizacyjne, zapoznano się z nowościami dotyczącymi ubezpieczeń i dalszego rozwoju Związku Polek. Atmosferę biesiadnej słodyczy i poczucia sukcesu wzbogaciło parę chlubnych faktów, którymi mogły się pochwalić działaczki z Cleveland. Najbardziej godnym uwagi wydarzeniem było uhonorowanie przez Polonia Foundation Pani Grażyny Buczek, która piastuje funkcję Dyrektora Polskiej Szkoły im. I.J. Paderewskiego oraz Prezeski Związku Polek w Ohio, wyróżnieniem Polish Heritage Award za działalność na rzecz Polonii. Obie Panie z Chicago nie szczędziły słów uznania dla osiągnięć Pani Grażyny Buczek, jak i dla wszystkich członkiń z Cleveland za ich aktywność i oddanie.

Małgorzata Oleksy



Spotkanie przedświąteczne Polskiej Szkoły im. I.J. Paderewskiego.



Prezes Obwodu VII Grażyna Buczek została uhonorowana przez Polonia Foundation nagrodą Polish Heritage Award.



Sejmik/State Seminar Obwodu VII, z gośćmi honorowymi z siedziby głównej w Chicago – prezes Związku Polek Delphine Huneycutt, i sekretarz-skarbnik Antoinette Trela.

27 marca Międzynarodowy Dzień Teatru Jerzy Grotowski i Teatr Laboratorium (13 Rzędów)



Kiedy pod koniec XIX wieku teatr europejski wszedł w okres tzw. Wielkiej Reformy Teatru (1890–1940), polscy dramatopisarze i reżyserzy włączyli się w nurt przemian dążących do stworzenia teatru jako sztuki autonomicznej, która nie musi odtwarzać świata realnego, przedstawiać życiorysy bohaterów i odbywać się w budynku teatralnym, tak jak to było przez wieki. Do wybitnych reformatorów teatru polskiego tego okresu zalicza się S. Wyspiańskiego, S. Witkacego, L. Schillera i J. Osterwę. Druga Reforma Teatru rozpoczęła się w latach 50. XX w. i trwa do dzisiaj. Najśawniejszym twórcą i eksperymentatorem tego okresu był Jerzy Grotowski, który uważany jest za jednego z najwybitniejszych teoretyków teatru XX wieku, i którego koncepcje wpłynęły na twórczość dramaturgów i reżyserów amerykańskich, francuskich i włoskich.



Jerzy Grotowski urodził się w Rzeszowie 11 sierpnia 1933 roku. Podczas wojny mieszkał we wsi Nienadówka położonej 20 km od Rzeszowa. W latach 1951–1955 studiował aktorstwo w Państwowej Wyższej Szkole Teatralnej w Krakowie. Po jej ukończeniu, w latach 1955–1956 podjął studia reżyserskie w Moskwie, gdzie poznał metodę pracy z aktorem Konstantego Stanisławskiego, oraz techniki

teatralne Wachtangowa i Meyerholda – wielkich reformatorów rosyjskiego teatru XX wieku. Po powrocie do Polski kontynuował studia reżyserskie w krakowskiej PWST, i debiutował reżyserując „Krzesła” Eugene Ionesco w krakowskim Starym Teatrze. W 1959 r. objął kierownictwo artystyczne „Teatru 13 Rzędów” w Opolu i wystawił na jego scenie m.in.: „Orfeusza” Jeana Cocteau, „Dziady” Adama Mickiewicza, „Kordiana” Juliusza Słowackiego i „Akropolis” Stanisława Wyspiańskiego. Eksperymentalny teatr Grotowskiego, który zdobywał coraz większą sławę w kraju, zmienił nazwę na „Teatr Laboratorium 13 rzędów” i w 1965 r. przeniósł się do Wrocławia. Głównym współpracownikiem Grotowskiego w Teatrze Laboratorium był Ludwik Flaszen, krytyk teatralny i eseista.

Grotowski był propagatorem teatru ubogiego, rezygnującego w pewnym sensie z teatralnej iluzji, czyli takiego, w którym istnieje minimum dekoracji oraz kostiumów, a na scenie rządzi tylko słowo i aktorzy, którzy to słowo przekazują widowni i tworzą z nią więź. Widz stawał się często uczestnikiem przedstawienia. I tak np. w „Kordianie” wg Juliusza Słowackiego widzowie siedzieli na łózkach razem z „pacjentami” zakładu psychiatrycznego, a w „Dziadach” wg Adama Mickiewicza angażowali się jak uczestnicy

obrzeźdu. Grotowski aranżował także takie sytuacje, w których widz stawał się aktywnym kreatorem działań.

Najsłynniejszym spektaklem, wystawionym przez Teatr Laboratorium była „Apocalypsis cum figuris” z 1969 r., „dramat” przedstawiający powrót Chrystusa między ludzi, którzy to odrzucają Zbawiciela. Inspirując się tekstami Simone Weil, Thomasa Sterna Eliota, Ernesta Renana i Fiodora Dostojewskiego Grotowski tworzy coś na kształt nowej mszy.



„Polski Thanatos” 1981 Teatr Laboratorium

W latach 60. i 70. Teatr Laboratorium odbył kilkanaście wielkich tournée zagranicznych i brał udział we wszystkich liczących się festiwalach teatralnych. W październiku 1969 r. Grotowski odniósł wielki sukces w Nowym Jorku. W ciągu dwóch miesięcy teatr dał 48 przedstawień i 4 publiczne spotkania. Większość amerykańskich krytyków uznała zaprezentowane przedstawienia za najbardziej doniosłe wydarzenie kulturalne roku, a „Time” wybrał „Apokalypsis cum figuris” jako najważniejsze przedstawienie dziesięciolecia. Następnym sukcesem były występy we Francji i Australii.

Gdy w Polsce ogłoszono stan wojenny, Grotowski przebywał we Włoszech. Wkrótce wyemigrował do Stanów Zjednoczonych, gdzie prowadził zajęcia na nowojorskim Columbia University oraz Uniwersytecie Kalifornijskim w Irvine. W 1986 r. ponownie przeniósł się do Włoch, gdzie założył Centro di Lavoro di Jerzy Grotowski. Ostatnią fazę swojej kariery twórczej reżyser poświęcił badaniu sztuk rytualnych, takich jak haitański taniec janvalou i pieśni karaibskie.

Ostatnie lata życia Grotowski poświęcił na wykładaniu swojej teorii sztuki i teatru. Otrzymał m.in. tytuły doctora honoris causa Uniwersytetu w Chicago, Uniwersytetu w Pittsburgu i Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego. W 1997 r. jako drugi Polak po Adamie Mickiewiczu, został profesorem paryskiej College de France, gdzie stworzono specjalnie dla niego katedrę Antropologii Teatru. Jerzy Grotowski zmarł w 14 stycznia 1999 r. w swoim domu w Pondera, koło Florencji.

Dziesiątą rocznicę śmierci, rok 2009, UNESCO ustanowiło rokiem Jerzego Grotowskiego.

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Muzyka klasyczna na Wielkanoc



Od pierwszych wieków chrześcijaństwa muzyka uświetniała ceremonię kościelną, nadawała uroczystą oprawę tekstom religijnym, potęgowała ich oddziaływanie i wywierała głębokie wrażenie na wiernych. Św. Augustyn (354 r.- 430 r.) – filozof, teolog, organizator życia kościelnego uważał muzykę za dar boży, źródło dobra, piękna i prawdy. Także inni filozofowie przyznawali muzyce największą rangę wśród sztuk, uznając ją za odbicie wspaniałości bożego dzieła. Historia muzyki kościelnej opisuje jej rozwój od pierwszych chorałów gregoriańskich do rozbudowanych wielogłosowych i instrumentalnych form. Do tych wielkich dzieł muzycznych tworzonych dla liturgii, a z czasem wykonywanych w salach koncertowych, należą: *msza*, *requiem*, *oratorium*, *pasja*, *kantata* i *Stabat Mater*.

W roku liturgicznym najbardziej bogatym w popularną muzykę religijną jest Boże Narodzenie. Natomiast w wybitne dzieła artystyczne obfituje Wielki Tydzień. Jednym z najsławniejszych utworów muzycznych celebrujących Wielkanoc jest *oratorium* Handela „Mesjasz”, którego premiera odbyła się 3 kwietnia 1742 r. w Dublinie, i kiedy to okrzyknięte zostało najpiękniejszym napisanym dotąd utworem muzycznym. I chociaż może się ono kojarzyć z Bożym Narodzeniem, bowiem wtedy najczęściej jest wykonywane, to najbardziej znany i przejmujący fragment *oratorium* – chór Hallelujah – oddaje zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa i wstąpienie do Królestwa Niebieskiego. *Oratorium* to wielka wokально-instrumentalna forma muzyczna, w której biorą udział śpiewacy – soliści, chór i orkiestra. *Oratorium* podobne jest

do opery, ale bez akcji scenicznej i kostiumów, a tematyka jest najczęściej religijna. „Mesjasz” Handela jest zbudowany z trzech części. W części pierwszej zapowiadane jest przyjście Mesjasza, część druga opowiada o życiu, śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu Mesjasza, część trzecia mówi o zbawieniu ludzkości. Muzyka ilustruje nastroje opowieści śpiewaków i chóru – od skupienia i melancholii po dramatyczność *pasji*, po wypogodzenie się i poczucie triumfu.

Jednym z najczęściej wykonywanych w kościołach, a także w salach koncertowych, utworów wielkanocnych jest *pasja*. Tekst zaczerpnięty jest zwykle z Ewangelii i opowiada dzieje męki i śmierć Jezusa Chrystusa. Do siedemnastego wieku *pasja* była częścią chorału gregoriańskiego, a w okresie baroku rozwinęła się w samodzielną, wokально-instrumentalną formę, na którą składają się muzyczne deklamacje (recytatywy), arie, duety, tercety oraz chóry. Twórcą dwóch najsławniejszych i najpiękniejszych *pasji* – „Pasja według św. Jana” i „Pasja według św. Mateusza” – był Jan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). „Pasja według św. Jana” jest dziełem dramatycznym i surowym w wyrazie. Ewangelia (osoba dramatu) recytuje historię z życia Chrystusa od momentu pojmania do złożenia w grobie. Wypowiedzi Chrystusa, św. Piotra, Piłata i św. Marii Magdaleny są ariami. Chóry arcykapłanów, apostołów, Żydów i żołnierzy wyrażają postawy i uczucia tych grup i ich stosunek do rozgrywającego się dramatu. Prawykonanie „Pasji” odbyło się w Wielki Piątek 1723 r. w Lipsku. „Pasja według św. Mateusza” (Wielki Piątek 1729) nacechowana jest epickim spokojem i kontemplacyjnością. Na całość kompozycji składają się trzy wielkie obrazy: Ostatnia Wieczerza, Chrystus na Górze Oliwnej i pojmanie, śmierć i złożenie do grobu. Najsłynniejszą *pasją* skomponowaną w XX wieku jest „Pasja według św. Łukasza” Krzysztofa Pendereckiego. Nawiązuje ona do tradycji gatunku, ale równocześnie wykorzystuje współczesny język dźwiękowy i jest utworem w stylu awangardowym lat 60. Skomponowana na zamówienie niemieckiego radia miała uświetnić obchody siedemsetlecia katedry w Munster, i tam też odbyło się 30 marca 1966 r. jej prawykonanie. Kompozytor miał także na uwadze przypadającą wówczas rocznicę tysiąclecia chrztu Polski.

W okresie Wielkanocnym wykonuje się też tradycyjnie „Stabat Mater”. Obraz Matki Boskiej Bolesnej poruszał nie tylko malarzy i rzeźbiarzy, ale także kompozytorów. W średniowieczu powstała pieśń zaczynająca się od słów „Stabat Mater dolorosa” (Stała Matka Bolesciwa), do której w następnych wiekach nawiązywało bardzo wielu kompozytorów, między innymi: Scarlatti, Rossini, Vivaldi, Dworzak, Verdi, Haydn i Szymanowski. Jedną z najsławniejszych jest *Stabat Mater* Józefa Haydn’a, także jedną z jego najlepiej znanych i lubianych kompozycji o charakterze religijnym. Natomiast *Stabat Mater* Szymanowskiego uznana została przez wielu krytyków za najwybitniejsze dzieło tego wielkiego kompozytora.

W okresie Wielkanocy wiele z tych utworów będzie rozbrzmiewać w kościołach i salach koncertowych świata.



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W polskiej tradycji ludowej, sięgającej średniowiecza, nadejścia wiosny oczekiwano już od połowy marca. Św. Grzegorz (12 marca) - miał zwiastować rychłe odejście zimy, i z tamtych czasów przetrwał do dziś zwyczaj topnienia słomianej kukły - Marzanny, która, będąc symbolem zimy, utożsamiana była ze złem, chorobami i smutkiem. Natomiast dzień św. Józefa (19 marca) związany był z wszelkiego rodzaju obrządkami ku czci przyjścia wiosny i wiążącymi się z nią pracami na roli. Święto to było niezwykle istotne na wsi, ponieważ miało wpływ na wyznaczanie terminu wiosennych siewów, którą to czynność można zilustrować ludowym przysłowiem: „Na świętego Józefa przez pole bruzda”, co oznaczało, że należy zacząć orać. W dzień poprzedzający to święto zwyczaj kazał wysiewać koniczynę. Wysiewano także zgodnie z powiedzeniem groch: „Uważajcie gospodarze, święty Józef groch siać każe”. Tradycje te różniły się często w zależności od rejonu kraju; tak więc przetrwały przysłowia mówiące np. że żadnych prac polowych nie wolno zaczynać przed dniem św. Józefa: „Przed Józefem

siew – Pana Boga gniew, ale już od Józefa z owsa może być pociecha”. Tradycyjnie w całej Polsce w wigilię św. Józefa naprawiano bocianie gniazda, w oczekiwaniu na powrót tych powszechnie szanowanych ptaków, które przynosiły szczęście.

Dla tych z nas, którzy nie orzą i nie sieją, budząca się do życia w marcu przyroda dostarcza wielu oznak wskazujących na to, że ta piękna i wyczekiwana pora roku już nadeszła. Do najbardziej charakterystycznych zwiastunów wiosny należą pierwsze kwiaty, pierwsze kwitnące krzewy i pierwsze ptaki przylatujące z dalekich zimowisk. Z kwiatów jedno z najwcześniejszych to przebiśniegi i, jak sama nazwa wskazuje, pierwiosnki. Inne zwiastuny wiosny to krokusy, przylaszczki, zawilce i sasanki. Pierwsze kwitnące krzewy to leszczyny, a także forsycje, których jaskrawo żółte kwiaty często jeszcze bywają przysypane śniegiem. Wśród ptaków, symbolem wiosny są skowronki i szpaki, które przylatują, kiedy jeszcze jest bardzo zimno, często jeszcze w lutym. Później, kiedy wiosna jest już w rozkwicie, przylatują bociany i jaskółki, bo tak jak przysłowie głosi, „Bocian na ogonie jaskółkę przynosi”. Ale jeśli się zdarzy, że wcześniej bociany przylecą, to na tę okazję mądrość ludowa ma także prognozę - „Gdy na Józefa bociek siedzie, zimy więcej już nie będzie”.

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