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NEXT DEADLINES FOR "GŁOS POLEK"

Spring 2015 issue:
Deadline for articles is April 1

Summer 2015 issue:
Deadline for articles is July 1

HOLIDAY HOURS

PWA Offices will be closed
on the following days:

Good Friday – April 3, 2015
Easter Monday – April 6, 2015

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
email addresses or call our toll-free number at **888-522-1898**.

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Polish Women's
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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"*

*Polish Women's Alliance
of America*

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

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Dear Members and Friends,

Another New Year begins — and this new beginning brings with it a look at our hopes, dreams, and resolutions for the next 12 months — in both our personal and professional lives. For PWA, 2015 is the year of our 37th National Convention, to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in August. A National Convention is the time when we assess where we are, and set goals and objectives for where we want to go over the next four years. I am hoping that many Groups and Councils will be able to send delegates to Milwaukee so we can have a well-attended and productive gathering. Please see updates and deadlines on pages 4 and 5 and please be sure to send in your forms and fees on time.

There are only a few weeks left to submit your Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. The deadline is February 28th (postmark). Constitutional Amendments Committee Chair Barbara Miller is looking forward to your proposals and suggestions, and she and her Committee will be reviewing submissions from members over the next two months. The Proposed Amendments accepted by the Committee for a vote at the Convention will be published in the next issue of *Głos Polek*.

Fundraising has always been an important part of what we do at PWA. In the past, members have supported Poland during two World Wars and in its decades-long struggle for independence. We have also supported parishes, schools, museums, hospitals, and charities, as well as children, orphans, and other individuals in need, both in Poland and in the U.S. And for the last fifty years, we have raised funds to provide scholarships to PWA members seeking higher education.

In that spirit, we ask you to support our ongoing charitable giving and our scholarship programs by continuing to donate to the PWA Educational & Charitable Foundation; also by supporting our PWA Gift Card Program (pages 15-16) and ordering our PWA Heritage Booklets (page 14). Both of these programs are excellent and easy ways to raise funds for PWA and to support our fraternal and charitable mission. Please also respond generously to the National Cash Raffle letters that will be sent out in March to all member households. Deadline for returning your Raffle tickets is August 1, 2015 (postmark). The drawing will take place at the National Convention in Milwaukee on August 18th.

As we prepare for Easter, which celebrates the central mystery of our faith, the Resurrection, I encourage you to remember our Polish traditions for Lent and for Easter, and to celebrate them in your Districts, Councils, and Groups, as well as in your families. These age-old traditions connect us to our ancestors and our heritage, and preserving them for future generations adds meaning and continuity to our lives, both in our families and in our organization.

*I wish you and your families and loved ones a very Blessed and Joyful Easter and a
Happy and Healthy Spring!*

Faternally,

Delphine Huneycutt
National President

Thank you to all of our PWA families who responded to the voluntary donation request that was mailed in December. We acknowledge your generosity with sincere appreciation. If you have not yet responded, it is never too late to do so, as your support is used for charitable and educational purposes.

37th PWAA National Convention



Saturday, August 15, 2015 to
Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

HOTEL, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, AND FEES

The venue for the 37th National Convention is the

RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL

6331 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee, WI

Tel: 414-764-1500

DELEGATE/ALTERNATE/GUEST REGISTRATION FEE

A fee of \$125 per Delegate is applicable to ALL Delegates, including "Delegates by Virtue of Her or His Office," those being National Officers and Directors, District and Council Presidents, and Members of the Amendments Committee.

Registration Fee includes:

- Three nights lodging – double occupancy (additional fee if requesting single occupancy)
- Continental breakfast on Sunday and Monday
- Installation Breakfast on Tuesday
- Memorial Mass and Luncheon on Sunday – compliments of District VI

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All travel expenses are the responsibility of the individual Delegates, including "Delegates by Virtue of Her or His Office." Arrangements must be made by the individual Delegate, or in cooperation with the Group or District President, if she/he will be the one coordinating a travel schedule for the Group/District delegation. **There will be no travel reimbursement or stipend, nor a per diem, from PWA Headquarters.**

Please make plans to arrive at the hotel by noon on Saturday, if possible. Registration of Delegates and Guests at the Convention venue will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Please let us know of any late arrivals.)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES

Registration packets will be mailed out in the month of March to all Delegates who have remitted their 37th National Convention Mandates. Please adhere to the deadline of **February 28th** for submitting Mandates. The deadline for the return of Registration Forms and Fees is **April 15th**.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All hotel lodging reservations and rooming assignments will be made by PWA Headquarters. Do NOT contact the hotel directly. If you desire single accommodations (extra fee applies) and/or want to let us know your roommate preference or special needs (i.e., handicapped-accessible room), please include a note when you mail in your Registration Forms and Fees.

If you have any questions, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela
at **888 522-1898 ext. 206** toll-free, or **847 384-1206** direct line.



CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**Deadline for Applications:
May 15, 2015**

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

Candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and four National Directors, must request an Application from the National Office. A completed Application along with a Resume of qualifications with professional references must be filed with the Nominations Committee at least ninety days prior to the National Convention. A Letter of Intent (500 words or less) should accompany the completed Application and Resume, and will be published in the *Głos Polek* Spring issue. A current photo should be included and will also be published.

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

Application, Resume, Letter of Intent, and References, together with a recent photo, must be received **no later than 4 p.m. on May 15, 2015**, for consideration and should be addressed to:

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

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

February 28th	<i>Proposed Amendments to the Constitution</i>
February 28th	<i>Delegate Mandates</i>
April 15th	<i>Delegate Registration Forms and Fees</i>
May 15th	<i>Candidate Applications, Resumes, and Letters of Intent for Office in the General Administration</i>



WIGILIA CELEBRATION IN DISTRICT I



The annual celebration of Wigilia in District I was held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at the House of the White Eagle in Niles, Illinois. District I President Lidia Filus welcomed the guests and explained some of our beautiful Polish Christmas traditions. After the luncheon, donors to District I fundraising projects were acknowledged, and a raffle was held to support District I Scholarship Funds. Photo 1 shows donors, from left: Secretary Treasurer Antoinette Trela, Ania Holmberg of Group 114, Barbara Kopala of Group 525, Carol Partyka of Group 661, Casimira Bilinski of Group 31, and District I President Lidia Filus. Photo 2 shows the two members who conducted the Raffle, Michelle Brennan of Group 819 (left) and Stephanie Cashman of Group 819.

COUNCIL 8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS



Council 8, District IX Connecticut, held its election of officers in December 2014. In photo, standing: Council Vice President Stephanie Marcaccio. Seated from left: Secretary Teresa Dabrowski, President Wieslawa Rozynski, District IX President Sophie Marshall, and Treasurer Mary Palka.

PAC DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD IN CHICAGO



Chicago, IL—The annual Polish American Congress (PAC) Directors' Meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, in October 2014. In photo, from left: President of Stowarzyszenie Wspolnota Polska Longin Komolowski, National Director Czeslawa Kolak, District I President Lidia Filus, and National President of PAC Frank Spula, who was re-elected at the Meeting.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES OF NEPA DONATE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER



As part of their Make-A-Difference Day Project, the Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania (FSNEPA) presented a donation to the Domestic Violence Service Center (DVSC) at the October meeting held at the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Home Office in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The donations were an assortment of items including household items, bed linens, towels, baby products, clothing, and health and hygiene products. All of the items will be used by the residents of DVSC's emergency shelter and transitional housing unit. FSNEPA is a not-for-profit trade association that unites local leaders of fraternal benefit societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Members include: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Greek Catholic Union of the USA, 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. Photo taken at the donation presentation shows, from left: Charlotte L. Androckitis; Bernie Regis; Ann Dougher; Martha Iskra; Felicia Perlick; Bernard Kolodziej; Tammy Rodgers, Outreach Supervisor, Domestic Violence Service Center, Maureen Grohowski; Magdalen Iskra; Mary Jo Savidge; and Theresa Kluchinski.

COUNCIL 27 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN



The Council 27 Christmas Party for Children was held on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the PWA Social Hall in Chicago. The children and their parents and grandparents enjoyed playing games 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.

COUNCIL 40 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN



Polish Women's Alliance of America, Council 40, Wilkes-Barre, PA, recently held its annual Children's Christmas Party at Happy Pizza in Plymouth, PA. Photos shows the participants with Santa Claus, who presented each attendee with a Christmas present. The 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 XIV President, and they enjoyed a pizza party along with their families. In back row from left: Elizabeth Wojciechowski holding Riley Wojciechowski, Marissa Durako, Rebecca Prociak, Nicholas Prociak, Matthew Prociak, and Derek Answini. In front row, Christian Howard, Matthew and Christopher Maciejczyk, Santa Claus, Caitlin Trainor, and Dylan Cassetori. Absent when picture was taken were Alyson Manley and Camryn Cassetori.

MEETING WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF POLAND HANNA SUCHOCKA



Hanna Suchocka was the first woman Prime Minister of Poland in the administration of President Lech Walesa, and only the fourteenth woman in the world to be appointed or elected to serve as President or Prime Minister. She was later appointed Poland's ambassador to the Holy See. Photo above was taken at a reception held recently at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. From left, District I President Lidia Filus, Hanna Suchocka, National Director Czeslawa Kolak, and Deputy Consul General Robert Rusiecki.

COUNCIL 40 DONATES TO MCAULEY HOUSE



Members of the Polish Women's Alliance Council 40 presented a donation to the McAuley House in Plymouth, PA. The McAuley House provides temporary residence to women and their children who are in crisis. The check was presented to Sister Catherine McGroarty, Director of McAuley House, at the annual Children's Christmas party held in December at Happy Pizza in Plymouth. The gift was made possible through donations from PWA members made at their annual Christmas Party held at the Shawnee Room in Plymouth. In photo, from left in front row: Bernardine Borinski, Council Treasurer; Sister Catherine McGroarty; Bernardine Regis, Council President; and Marilyn Mazzarella, Council Secretary. Back row: Felicia Perlick, PWA National Director; Santa Claus; Cheryl Hillard, District XIV President; and Jean Scupski, Council Vice President.

COUNCIL 9 CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN



The Council 9 Children's Christmas Party was held on December 6, 2014, at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois. Complimentary photos with Santa, crafts, a home-cooked Polish-style lunch, games, prizes, Christmas songs, a raffle, along with a gift for each child, and singing Happy Birthday to Jesus made it special for everyone who attended. Thank you to all the guests, young and old alike, to Santa and his Elves, and to everyone who helped or donated and made this event a success. In photo, children sing to Baby Jesus.

GROUP 805 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Another festive Christmas Party hosted by Group 805, Sacred Heart of Mary, Baltimore, Maryland, was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Edgemere, Maryland, on December 14, 2014. A delicious buffet, which included dessert and sodas, was served. There were 67 members and guests in attendance, among them several children. Father Tom Morris and Mrs. Irene Spatafore of Angels Supporting Your Troops were the guests of honor. Guests received either a bracelet or pen as a gift upon entry and everyone participated in the Polish traditions of the breaking of oplatek and singing of koledy. Father Tom said the blessing before our meal and we were honored to have him join us. Due to the generosity of our members, we were again able to present a donation to Mrs. Spatafore. A raffle was also held and it was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this annual event—we can't wait to see you next year! In photo, officers of Group 805 present a check and certificate to Mrs. Spatafore. From left, Secretary Lucille Scrivani, Irene Spatafore, President Dolores Pummery, and Treasurer Helen Potrzuski.

GROUP 821 INSTALLATION



Chicago, IL—The election meeting and Installation of Officers in Group 821 was held on January 10, 2015. In photo, from left: Secretary-Treasurer Lidia Filus, Vice President Czeslawa Kolak, President Jim Kolak, and Group 821 Chaplain Sister Stephanie Blaszczyński.

DISTRICT I WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2014



Chicago, IL – Kasia Bober, owner and CEO of Kasia's Deli and Kasia's Pierogi recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of her arrival in the US and the start soon after of her successful company. Group 821 members celebrated Kasia's anniversary with her last year, and nominated her for the Woman of the Year Award for 2014 in District I. In photo above, District I President Lidia Filus presents the Award to Mrs. Bober, as other family members and District I members look on. Congratulations!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations received in loving memory of Florence Adeline Dyrda, Group 585, District V Michigan. Bóg zapłać!

\$100 from Renee & Mitchell Logan

\$ 50 from Sally & Ray Logan

\$ 25 from Debra Spencer

\$ 25 from Mr. & Mrs. Barry Lake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 27

Council 27 Planning Meeting for 2015 to be held at 6 p.m. at the PWA Home Office, Chicago, IL. Please call Bo Padowski, Council President, at 847-420-4070 after 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

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 Szalc, President, at (313) 843-6775.

Sunday, March 29

PWA Zamek Dancers will hold their 67th Annual Dance Recital and Coronation of the 2015 Queen, Erica Geml, a member of Group 769 who has danced with Zamek for 14 years. This year the Recital will be held at a new location, the auditorium in Warren Woods Middle School, at 13400 E. Twelve Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088. Tickets are \$10 each and the Recital begins at 2 p.m. We invite everyone to come and enjoy the show. For more information, please call Doreen Geml at 586-776-6807.

Saturday, April 11

Save the date! District I "Swieconka," the traditional Polish Easter Brunch, will be held at the House of the White Eagle, Niles, IL. Details will be mailed to all members and also posted on our website. Raffle prizes welcome. Contact: District I President Lidia Filus at 847-698-0250 or by email at l-filus@neiu.edu.

Saturday, April 18

Council 9 meeting. Information will be mailed, or please contact Laura Pawlowski, Council 9 President, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or 708-945-7489.

Saturday, April 18

Group 132 Swieconka at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Dr., East Chicago, IN. Entry at noon. Cost \$35; children to age 12 half-price. Make reservations by April 13th, sending checks payable to Group 132 to Delphine Huneycutt, 2371 Deerpath Dr., #308, Schererville, IN 46375. Raffle prizes welcome. Call 219-218-4420 for more info.

Saturday, May 9

Council 9 will celebrate its 18th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon at the Lone Tree Manor in Niles, IL. All are welcome. Contact Laura Pawlowski, Council 9 President, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or 708-945-7489 to make a reservation or for additional information.

Sunday, May 31

Council 9 celebrates its 5th Annual PWA Day. Join us to present flowers to past National Presidents and Council 9 members at St Adalbert's Cemetery. Luncheon and meeting will be held afterwards. Contact Laura Pawlowski, Council 9 President, at laurapawlowski@sbcglobal.net or call 708-945-7489.

2015 NATIONAL CASH RAFFLE PWA CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- This is your chance to WIN BIG with PWA!
- Total of \$3200 in Prize Money in Cash.
- Return your lucky tickets as soon as possible.
- The deadline is August 1st. Entries must be postmarked August 1, 2015, to be eligible.

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GRAND PRIZE \$ 1000

Second Prize \$ 750

Third Prize \$ 500

Fourth Prize \$ 250

Fifth Prize \$ 200

Sixth thru Tenth Prizes \$ 100 each

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Drawing will be held on August 18, 2015 during the Installation Breakfast at the National Convention in Milwaukee.

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Proceeds to benefit the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation and its fraternal, charitable, and educational activities.

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Please support our 2015 National Raffle.

Watch for your tickets coming in March.

You could be one of the lucky winners!

41ST ANNUAL BAL BOLONAISE SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

Councils 40 and 44 will hold the 41st Annual Bal Polonaise on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Any young woman interested in participating as a Debutante should contact Cheryl Hillard at 570-574-9896 by March 1st. Sponsors are welcome and reservations can be made by calling Bernardine Regis at 570-693-2293 or any committee member. Proceeds will benefit the Councils' Scholarship Fund. All are cordially invited!

Easter Egg Hunt



MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 21 On a Plane – W samolocie

Match each English word with the correct Polish translation and submit your answers no later than **March 31, 2015**.

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Airport | A. Start |
| 2. Jet plane | B. Rejestracja |
| 3. Take-off | C. Bilet |
| 4. Landing | D. Bagaż |
| 5. Runway | E. Dyżurny lotu |
| 6. Luggage | F. Lotnisko |
| 7. Ticket | G. Lot |
| 8. Check-in | H. Odrzutowiec |
| 9. Flight | I. Lądowanie |
| 10. Flight attendant | J. Pas startowy |

Only one entry per PWA member. Correct entries will be placed in a lottery and three \$25 Gift Cards will be awarded for the first three correct entries drawn. Contest is open to PWA members of all ages. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email address, and PWA Group number with your entry. Submit your entry by email to: vpres@pwaa.org or by regular mail (postmark March 31, 2015) to:

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

WINNERS OF MIX 'N' MATCH CONTEST NO. 19

Congratulations to the three winners of the
"Uprising – Powstanie" Contest.

Janice Fox	D1	C19	Group 112
Christie Brown	D4	C23	Group 555
Nicolas Sell	D1	C9	Group 89

Correct Answers: 1. Resistance - H. Ruch oporu; 2. Home Army - I. Armia Krajowa; 3. Battle - F. Walka; 4. Underground - G. Podziemie; 5. War - A. Wojna; 6. Weapons - J. Broń; 7. Surrender - D. Poddanie; 8. Bombing - C. Bombowanie; 9. Soldier - B. Żołnierz; 10. Leader - E. Wódz.



POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

**January 1st to
June 30th, 2015**

Go to the Youth Page
at www.pwaa.org to download
Score Cards and Tournament Rules.

Congratulations to the Winners of "The Best Memories of Summer 2014" Essay Contest

PRIZES - ADULT CATEGORY

1st Place – Nicole Bencie – Dist. 3 – Coun. 21 – Gr. 366 – Age 17
2nd Place – Marissa Durako – Dist. 14 – Coun. 40 – Gr. 362 – Age 19
3rd Place – Joyce Zielinski – Dist. 5 – Coun. 20 – Gr. 488 – Age 70
Hon. Men. – Taylor DeWilde – Dist. 5 – Coun. 20 – Gr. 488 – Age 21

PRIZES - YOUTH CATEGORY

1st Place – Maggie Salko – Dist. 14 – Coun. 44 – Gr. 642 – Age 14
2nd Place – Lukasz Wendt – Dist. 5 – Coun. 3 – Gr. 451 – Age 7
3rd Place – Joseph Ontl – Dist. 14 – Coun. 44 – Gr. 642 – Age 11
Hon. Men. – Lukasz Ricci – Dist. 14 – Coun. 44 – Gr. 509 – Age 11
Hon. Men. – Meredith Bayus – Dist. 5 – Coun. 20 – Gr. 769 – Age 8

Komitet Oświaty extends its sincere thank you to all PWA members who shared their memories of the summer of 2014. Gift Cards have been mailed to our lucky winners. You can read the winning essays on our website at pwaa.org/Contests.htm

We invite PWA members of all ages to enter the next contest to be announced in the *Głos Polek* Summer Issue. Deadline will be October 31, 2015. We'll be waiting for your entry!

PWA 2015 EASTER COLORING CONTEST RULES

1. Cut out or copy the picture on page 10, 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 30, 2015**
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.
5. Contest Prizes:

First Prize	\$50 Gift Card
Second Prize	\$25 Gift Card
Third Prize	\$10 Gift Card
Honorable Mentions – 5 Participation Certificates	
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 the Home Office at 888-522-1898
or send email to vpres@pwaa.org**



Polish Film "Ida" Nominated for Best Foreign Film Oscar

Instead of recommending a book for this quarter, we suggest that you view the Polish film "Ida," which has been nominated for an Oscar in the Best Foreign Language Film category. An Oscar nomination is a big deal -- and big business -- for any movie. But the global exposure it lends to foreign films like "Ida" is a special treat for small-budget productions far out of Hollywood's normal orbit. That reaction is a common one in this category, where under-the-radar gems are often discovered. "It's great for our country," said Polish-British filmmaker Pawel Pawlikowski, director of the film. "It's great for Polish cinema."

In this year's foreign language Oscar race, "Ida," the story of an 18-year-old novice nun in 1960s Poland who learns she is a Jewish orphan, is up against the Russian tragedy "Leviathan," Argentina's "Wild Tales," and war dramas "Tangerines" from Estonia and "Timbuktu" from Mauritania.

For Pawlikowski, there may be even more to savor from these Oscars. Also earning nominations were his cinematographers, Lukasz Zal and Ryszard Lenczewski, the only crossovers to another category among the foreign films. "It's like a fairytale, which happens just once in a lifetime," he said. Watch for "Ida" when the Foreign Film Oscars and the Cinematography Oscars are announced. And try to see the film in a movie house near you or order it On Demand or from Netflix.

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PWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR 2015-2016

Scholarships offered by PWA or by the PWA Charitable & Educational Foundation are listed below, along with the Application Periods for each. Please go to www.pwaa.org to download Applications and Requirements.. They will be posted on the first day of each Application Period, as stated below.

- Regular College Undergraduate Scholarships –
December 1 to January 15 - Now closed
- High School Academic and High School Sports Awards –
February 1 to March 15
- Remkus-Sochacki Academic College Scholarships –
February 1 to March 15
- Jagiellonian Summer Program Scholarship –
July 1 to August 15

Questions? Please call the Home Office at 1-888-522-1898, or send email to vpres@pwaa.org.

PACCF MAJER & LAKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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 2015-2016 can be obtained at www.pacccf.org or by written request to PACCF, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL, 60646, or by sending an email to pacchgo2@pac1944.org, or by calling 773-763-9944. The deadline is March 15, 2015.

PACCF RICHARD GORECKI SCHOLARSHIPS

The Application Period is now open for the PACCF Richard Gorecki Scholarships for 2015-2016. Applications will be accepted from January 15 through April 15, 2015. The amount of scholarships will be between \$500 and \$1,000 as determined by the Scholarship Committee. To be eligible the applicant must be a citizen of the US and of Polish ancestry. Applicant must be a full-time student entering sophomore, junior, or senior year, or post-graduate study in the Fall of 2015 in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. Applicant must be a member of their local PAC Division or, if none in their area, then a member through the National PAC. Applications for 2015-2016 can be obtained at www.pacccf.org or by written request to PACCF, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL, 60646, or by sending an email to pacchgo2@pac1944.org, or by calling 773-763-9944. The deadline is April 15, 2015.

PACCF 2015 Youth Trip to Poland

The Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation is again sponsoring a Cultural Program for American teenagers of Polish descent in the summer of 2015. This has been made possible due to the success of several previous summer programs.

This time we will be sending one group of 25 participants ages 13 to 15. Participation is open to members of the four Polish Fraternals, and the Polish American Congress on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to allow as many students as possible the experience of such a trip, previous participants will not be eligible. The group will depart from Chicago on Sunday, July 5, 2015, and will return on Friday, July 17, 2015. Participants will be chaperoned during their travel to and from Poland and for the duration of their stay in Poland.

The trip is being organized by the experienced travel group "Exciting Poland." They will provide professional English-speaking guides and a daily one-hour Polish language class to help make the trip a truly educational and cultural experience. The itinerary includes the major cities of Warsaw, Torun, Czestochowa, and Krakow. Some of the interesting experiences along the way are visits to the Warsaw Uprising Museum; a skansen, one of the oldest settlements in Poland; Auschwitz-Birkenau; the Wieliczka Salt Mine; and a raft trip along the Dunajec in the Pieniny Mountains.

The cost for the trip is \$2,600 per person. This includes round-trip airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, luxury coach transport, and entry fees to venues. (The cost of lunches is not included.) Of this cost, participants will pay **\$900** and the PACCF will pay the balance of \$1,700 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$450 is due no later than March 15th, and the balance is due by June 1st. Deposits should be sent with the form below. (Deposit will be returned only if your child is not selected.)

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Alina Slomiany at 773-763-9942.

PAC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION – DEPOSIT FORM

Enclosed is a check for \$450, representing a non-refundable deposit payment for the following PWA Member to be accepted in the YOUTH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE IN POLAND – SUMMER 2015.

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Which Polish fraternal and/or PAC Division is the above named child a member of?

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA GROUP NO _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN _____ (Print Name)

_____ (Signature)

Please make check payable to the PAC Charitable Foundation and mail it to
PAC Charitable Foundation, Attn: Alina Slomiany,
5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60646-6294,
to arrive no later than March 15, 2015.





SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP IN PWA

The mission of the Polish Women's Alliance of America for over 116 years has been to preserve and promote the high ideals of the Polish people, to develop cultural and educational excellence among our youth, to foster good government and a patriotic American spirit, and to offer fraternal benefits to our members.

Who can become a Social Member?

PWA welcomes everyone—both adult and juvenile—and those of Polish descent or those who support the mission of the PWA

Social Member Benefits

- Free quarterly publication, *Głos Polek*
- Participation in seminars, courses, programs, and other events organized by PWA for its members
- Special discounts on selected activities sponsored by PWA
- The satisfaction of knowing your dues help support the mission of PWA

Polish Women's Alliance of America Social Membership Application

Social membership fee for one year - \$30 Individual and \$50 Family

The Family Membership Fee is for 2 Adults (spouses) and all children under 18 years old.

The Annual Fee is to be paid when submitting this application form.

Print clearly

First Name:			
Last Name:			
Date of Birth:	Gender:	M	F
Smoker:		Yes	No
Address:			
Home Phone:		Business Phone:	
Email:			
Spouse's First Name:			
Spouse's Last Name:			
Spouse Date of Birth:		Smoker: Yes No	
Child under 18			
Name	Birthday	Gender: M F	
Child under 18			
Name	Birthday	Gender: M F	
Child under 18			
Name	Birthday	Gender: M F	

I wish to join Polish Women's Alliance of America as a Social Member and agree to make this application subject to the terms, rules, and by-laws of the organization. I understand that this application does not entitle me to insurance benefits or voting rights or any of the rights associated with insured membership.

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Signature of Social Member	Signature of Spouse
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Signature of Introducer	Introducer's Group #	Date	City, State
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Make check payable to: Polish Women's Alliance of America

And mail to: Polish Women's Alliance, 6643 N Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631-1360

Tel: 1-888-522-1898, Email: pwaa@pwaa.org, Website: www.pwaa.org

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- Poland's Nobel Prize Laureates
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- Polish Composers

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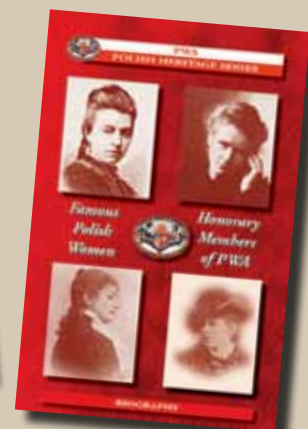
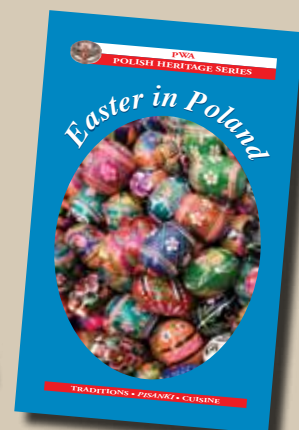
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You can order your Gift Cards either by using the Order Form on page 17 and mailing it to PWA with your check, or you can order online. Many additional retailer Gift Cards and denominations are available for purchase through PWA. For a complete list or to order online, go to our website, click on the Gift Card Program link on the Home Page, and order your Gift Cards online.



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Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

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Albertsons \$25.00		\$	Home Depot \$25.00		\$	Randalls \$25.00		\$
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(Deaths between October and December, 2014)

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Judy Baar Topinka Former Treasurer of the State of Illinois Group 821

Judy Baar Topinka, who served three terms as the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, died of a stroke on December 10, 2014, at age 70. Originally a journalist, she later served as State Representative and as State Senator (from 1981 to 1995), before being elected State Treasurer. She was the first woman to become State Treasurer of Illinois and the first to be elected to three consecutive terms. She ran for the office of Governor in 2006 unsuccessfully, and in 2010 was elected to the office of Illinois Comptroller, re-elected in 2014, and she held this office until the time of her death. She was a trailblazer in Illinois politics, a huge supporter of Polish causes and women's issues, and a good friend of PWA. She spoke English, Polish, Czech, and Spanish, and was admired by the many ethnic groups in Illinois whose issues she understood and supported. President Barack Obama and Governor of Illinois Pat Quinn both issued statements lauding Judy Baar Topinka and noting her accomplishments and influence in Illinois politics and government. She will be missed! The Board of Directors of PWA and the entire membership extend their sincere condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



Jean Palen Group 589

Jean Matlosz Palen was very proud of her Polish roots and of her membership in PWA. Her parents had emigrated to the US from Poland at the beginning of the 20th century and she was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1917. She joined the PWA at an early age and was an active member of Group 589. Her husband Martin Palen (originally Pucylowski) died in 1990, and she is survived by her children Elena Januszewski and John Palen. Elena lives in Italy and the only time Jean left the US was to visit her daughter when she was 78 years old. This trip included a Mass at the Vatican officiated by Pope John Paul II, during which members of the Swiss Guard came to exchange the handshake of peace with her. This was the highlight of Jean's trip to Italy, overshadowing all the glories of Venice or Florence or Rome! We extend our condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

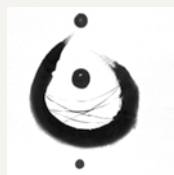
May they rest in peace



Exhibition at The Polish Museum of America *Views from Mole Hill* by Lidia Rozmus March 20–29, 2015



The opening of a retrospective, multimedia exhibition of artworks by Lidia Rozmus will be held from 6 p.m. to 10. p.m. on **Friday, March 20, 2015**, at the Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.



The exhibition, entitled *Views from Mole Hill*, includes 20 oil paintings, 20 sumi-e paintings (ink on rice paper), 20 haiga paintings (ink on rice paper with haiku poetry), approximately 100 photographs showing the beauty of the Republic of Mole Hill, and the promotion of an anthology of haiku poetry by 18 American and Japanese poets entitled *Climbing Mole Hill*. Also planned is a performance by the trio led by Mieczyslaw Wolny who composed musical pieces for Mole Hill.



Other Events:



Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 2 p.m.

A lecture by Lee Gurga, "What is Haiku?" and a meeting with haiku poets. (Lecture in English.)

Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

A lecture by Lidia Rozmus about Japanese art forms, including sumi-e, haiga, and haiku. (Lecture in Polish.)



Lidia Rozmus is a PWA member, the Polish editor and graphic designer of the *Głos Polek*, and one of the founders of PWA Group 822 ArtPo. She has been painting sumi-e and haiga, and composing haiku for the last 30 years. Please join us at the opening of her exhibition to show our support for Lidia, and to learn more about the Japanese art forms of sumi-e, haiga, and haiku. For more information, please call Lidia at 847-549-9205 or send email to lidiarzomus@att.net.



WHITE & RED BALL Legion of Young Polish Women

The seventy-sixth annual White & Red Ball, "Bal Amarantowy," will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue. The receiving line starts at 6:45; dinner at 8 p.m. The Legion of Young Polish Women was founded in 1939 in response to the needs of the Polish people in the wake of World War II, and the organization continues to support charitable activities in Poland to this day. The White & Red Ball is the main fundraiser of the Legion and all proceeds go to support Poland. For more information about the Legion and about the Ball, please go to <http://lypw.org>.



Stanislaw Baranczak, Polish Underground Poet and Translator, Dies at 68

Newton, MA—Stanislaw Baranczak, a Polish poet and essayist who defied state censors to write about living under communist oppression and who later emigrated to the US, where he taught at Harvard,

wrote in English about living in exile, and translated Polish masters into English, and English masters into Polish, died on December 26, 2014, at his home in Newton. Baranczak lost his university teaching job in Poland after helping to found the Workers Defense Committee in support of laborers who had been injured during or persecuted after the June 1976 riots in Warsaw, set off when the government raised the prices on many food staples. In 1982, shortly after he arrived in the US, he discussed the dissident label in pointed fashion in a speech in Boston, describing a science fiction story by the Polish writer Stanislaw Lem about a society in which everyone lived under water. The Lem story provides the title for his best-known prose collection, *Breathing Under Water and Other East European Essays* (1990). Baranczak also wrote a book-length study of the Polish poet Zbigniew Herbert, and he translated the work of Polish writers into English, including, with Seamus Heaney, the 16th-century poet Jan Kochanowski, and, with Clare Cavanagh, the 1996 Nobel laureate Wislawa Szymborska.



Tadeusz Konwicki, Leading Polish Novelist and Filmmaker, Dies at 88

Warsaw, Poland—Tadeusz Konwicki, whose alternately grim, surreal, and acidly ironic novels and films made him one of Poland's most important cultural figures, died on January 7, 2015, at his home in central Warsaw. Konwicki's most acclaimed

novel, *A Minor Apocalypse*, is widely considered among the most important works of post-World War II Eastern European literature and remains required reading for all Polish high school students. Konwicki's frequently self-referential work journeyed from Stalinist-era social realism through disillusionment with communism, ostracism from the party, and an increasingly bitter and gloomy worldview. Often experimental in structure, mixing diary entries with intensely lyrical passages, Konwicki's work was not always political, though his anti-Soviet novels, published underground, are among his most esteemed works. "Konwicki's books and films reflect the history of Poland, a history full of defeat, despair, and betrayal," said Janusz Glowacki, a prominent Polish screenwriter and novelist who was a close friend of Konwicki's. "He wrote about the most crucial topics in a manner far from moralization. Ironically, his pessimism inspired a sentiment of community and hope."



The Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec, Poland

Founded almost 1000 years ago, the Benedictine monastery in Tyniec is one of the oldest in Poland. Beautifully located on a high limestone cliff overlooking the Wisla River, seven miles from Kraków, it is now a popular destination for tourism, scholarship, and religious retreats.

The first Benedictine monasteries were founded in Italy by St. Benedict of Nursia (ca. 480 - 543 AD). Through the centuries, more communities following the Rule of St. Benedict were established outside of Italy and were instrumental in spreading early Christianity to other European countries like England, France, Germany, and Poland. Each Benedictine congregation has its own autonomy and its own superior, so the Benedictines are not a religious order in the true sense of the word, subject to only one common superior. The "black monks," as they are called because of the color of their habits, follow the Rule of St. Benedict and take a "promise of stability" to remain in the same community and to follow the rules of monastic life. There are numerous Benedictine congregations throughout the world today, both for monks and for nuns.

The monastery in Tyniec is said to have been founded by King Casimir the Restorer in 1044, shortly after Kraków became the capital of the newly Christianized nation. The Abbey received powerful fortifications in the first half of the 13th century, and from that time on frequently played the role of a fortress defending access to Kraków. It survived centuries of foreign invasions and domination, as well as the relocation of Poland's capital to Warsaw from Kraków, but the era of Poland's partitions (1795-1918) was particularly daunting, and featured time periods when the monastic order was forced to abandon its location. The Benedictines reclaimed the Abbey in the years following Poland's independence in 1918, and major restoration work started in 1939. The Abbey emerged relatively unscathed from World War II and the order continued to thrive, even under more than 40 years of a communist regime that was clearly in opposition to the Catholic Church.

Work on the restoration and reconstruction of the site continues to this day. The former library, which houses the Benedictine Institute of Culture, was completed in 2008. Historic fragments of Romanesque and Gothic stonework and sections of the original cloisters are displayed on the premises. Walking into the Abbey, you pass through the "castle," as the 15th-century residence of the Abbot in which the gate was placed, is called. You enter a spacious courtyard that used to be the public area of the Abbey, where guests were officially welcomed. The Benedictine Church of St. Peter and St. Paul consists of a single nave, whose furnishing is mostly baroque. The musical choir over the entrance and the boat-shaped pulpit from the second half of the 18th century are worthy of note. The oldest visible part of the church is its chancel, dating back to the late 15th and early 16th centuries.

You can visit the church, museum, cafe, and restaurant (where traditional Polish dishes are served), and you can also stay overnight at the guest house. The historic Abbey in Tyniec is well worth a visit the next time you are in Kraków.

Easter in Tyniec The Art of Liturgical Ikebana

Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement—the word means “living flowers.” In ikebana all aspects of the plant, including stems and leaves, are as important as the blooms. Focus is on shape, line, form, color, and meaning. The structure of the arrangement is usually a triangle, delineated by three main points thought to symbolize heaven, man, and earth. Other aspects are minimalism and spirituality, meant to demonstrate the beauty of simple things in nature, and to bring together mind, body, and soul. So it is not surprising that there is an art of liturgical ikebana that creates arrangements which are meant to enhance the liturgies and observances of religious holidays.

On the cover of this issue of *Głos Polek*, you can see examples of liturgical ikebana arrangements prepared for Holy Week services at St. Peter and St. Paul Church at the Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec, near Kraków, Poland. Father Hieronim Kreis is the creator of the compositions, and he says that flowers should not compete with the liturgy, but rather complement other aspects of a sacred space. They should enhance the meaning of the liturgy, and help bring us closer to the presence of the Living God.

Descriptions of Father Hieronim’s liturgical ikebana arrangements on the cover follow. The compositions were prepared for Easter 2014.

First row left - *Holy Thursday*

This arrangement of hazel branches arranged in a circle, with hazel blossoms in the form of a cross in the center, symbolizes the pastoral words of Jesus to his disciples during the Last Supper and the immutability of the sacred connection between the Eucharist and the Mystery of the Cross.

First row center - *Good Friday*

The dimmed sun and the red flowers symbolize the Passion and Agony of Christ on Good Friday.

First row right - *Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday*

The Easter or Paschal Vigil is the central moment of Holy Week. The Vigil starts after sundown on Holy Saturday and culminates with sunrise on Easter Sunday. The arrangement at top right features the sun in the center and the light of the Resurrection around it; it was placed on the main altar on Easter Sunday.

Second row - *The Main Altar*

This panoramic view of the main altar shows the placement in the center of the arrangement with the sun and, to the left, the arrangement with the Paschal candle, which was carried in the procession at dawn on Easter Sunday and then added to the altar.

Third row left - *The Paschal Candle*

The apple blossom arrangement in the background symbolizes the rays of light emanating from the Paschal candle.

Third row center - *The Holy Cross*

This arrangement represents the Cross as the Tree of Life. On Easter Sunday, the red stoles were added.

Third row right - *The Passion*

The cascading white blossoms and red lilies represent the water and blood that poured from Christ’s body after it was pierced during the Crucifixion. They symbolize the life-giving streams of Grace.

Father Hieronim Kreis



Father Hieronim Kreis OSB is a Benedictine monk and expert ikebana practitioner. Born in Krosno, he studied in Kraków, became a monk at the Tyniec monastery in 1983, and was ordained a priest in 1989. Since 1990 he has been composing liturgical ikebana, and also writing haiku poetry. He has published books on the topic of ikebana and given many lectures and workshops, and for years his arrangements have added beauty and meaning to the liturgies held at the Tyniec Abbey. He says that his compositions try to enhance the words of the liturgy, and to represent the relationship between God and his Covenant or Church, and the world as it seeks redemption and truth. Flowers should lead us to reflection, he says, and closer to God.

“Tynike” is the term coined by Father Hieronim for the liturgical ikebana created and practiced in Tyniec.



Easter Recipes/Wielkanocne Przepisy

The Polish Easter Breakfast, *Świeconka*, traditionally starts with a warm Easter soup – either *zurek* cooked on a rye base, or *white barszcz* prepared on a whole wheat base. The soup contains ingredients that are part of the Easter basket that was taken to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Below, an easy recipe for *biały barszcz* (which uses vinegar to add sourness); and the symbolism of the Easter basket ingredients used in the soup.

White Borscht

Ingredients:

10 cups water; 3 pounds Polish sausage, white or smoked; 2 cloves garlic, whole; 3 tablespoons butter; 2 leeks, sliced; 1 yellow onion, diced; 3 cloves garlic, minced; 2 bay leaves; 1 1/2 cups sour cream; 1/4 cup all-purpose flour, or more as needed; 1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped; 2 tablespoons white vinegar, or more to taste; 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish; salt and ground black pepper to taste; 4 hard-cooked eggs, sliced; more chopped dill for garnish, if desired

Preparation:

Bring water, white or smoked kielbasa, and 2 whole cloves of garlic to boil in a large pot; reduce heat to medium and simmer for 30 minutes. Remove sausage to a platter and pour liquid into a separate bowl. Cut sausage into slices. Melt butter over medium heat in the pot used to boil sausage; add leeks, onion, and minced garlic and cook, stirring, until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Transfer vegetables to a blender; add 1/2 cup of the reserved sausage water and blend until smooth, adding more water as needed. Pour vegetable puree and remaining sausage water back into the original pot. Add bay leaves and bring borscht to a simmer over medium heat; remove and discard bay leaves. Whisk sour cream and flour in a small bowl until smooth; gradually whisk into borscht until thickened. Stir dill, vinegar, and horseradish into soup and season with salt and black pepper to taste. Divide sausage and egg slices into serving bowls; reheat borscht and ladle over sausage and egg slices. Garnish with more chopped dill before serving.

Easter Basket Ingredients

- Bacon – a symbol of the abundance of God's mercy
- Bread – symbolizes Christ, the Bread of Life
- Butter – celebrates the end of Lent and the richness of salvation
- Cheese – reminds Christians of moderation
- Eggs – signs of hope in new life
- Ham – the celebration of the Resurrection
- Sausage links – represent the chains of death that were broken by the Resurrection
- Horseradish – a reminder of the bitterness of the Passion
- Salt – preserves us from corruption



Śniadanie wielkanocne (Święconka) typowo zaczyna się ciepłą zupą – albo żurkiem na zakwasie razowym albo białym barszczem na zakwasie pszennym. Zupa tradycyjnie przygotowana jest ze składników z koszyczka wielkanocnego, który został poświęcony w kościele w Wielką Sobotę. Podajemy poniżej łatwy przepis na biały barszcz (który używa octu zamiast kwasu); również symbolizm składników koszyczka wielkanocnego.

Biały barszcz

Składniki:

10 szklanek wody; 3 funty kielbasy, białej albo wędzonej; 2 ząbki czosnku; 3 łyżki masła; 2 pory, posiekane w plasterki; 1 cebula, posiekana; 3 ząbki czosnku, posiekanego; 2 liście bobkowe; 1 1/2 szklanki kwaśnej śmietany; 1/4 szklanki mąki, więcej według potrzeby; 1/4 szklanki świeżego koperku, posiekanego; 2 łyżki białego octu, więcej do smaku; 1 łyżka chrzanu; sól i pieprz do

smaku; 4 jajka ugotowane na twardo i pokrajane w plasterki; koperek posiekany do podania

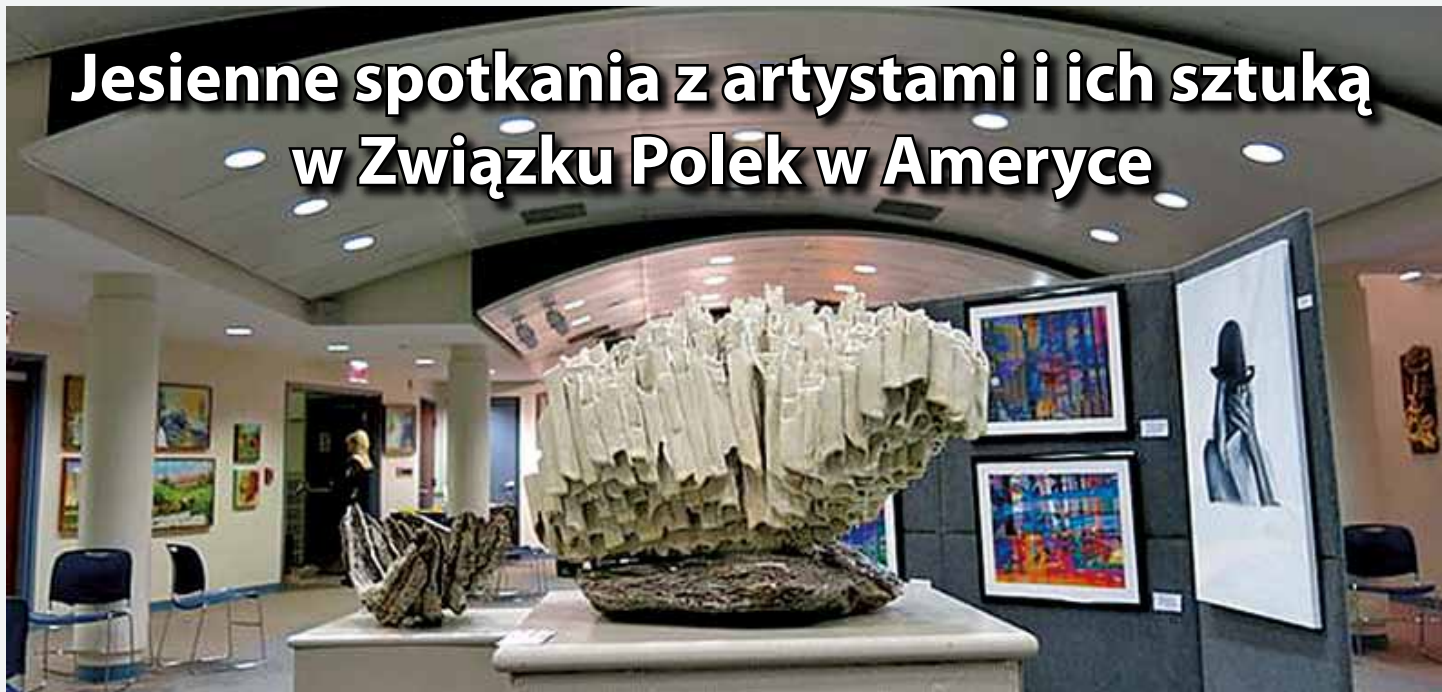
Przygotowanie:

Zagotować wodę z kielbasą i dwoma ząbkami czosnku w dużym garnku do zupy; zmniejszyć ogień i gotować wolno przez 30 minut. Wyjąć kielbasę i odłożyć na półmisek; posiekać kielbasę na plasterki. Wywar z kielbasy wlać do osobnej miski. Następnie roztopić masło w dużym garnku do zupy; dodać pory, cebulę i 3 ząbki posiekanego czosnku i gotować aż zmiękną, około 5 minut. Wyjąć jarzyny; dodać do blendera razem z 1/2 szklanki wywaru z kielbasy; blendować aż jarzyny i rosół są jednolite, dodając więcej wody, według potrzeby. Jarzyny z blendera i pozostały rosół wlać spowrotem do dużego garnka do zupy. Dodać liście bobkowe i zagotować barszcz; po zagotowaniu wyjąć liście bobkowe. Kwaśną śmietanę i mękę zamieszać w małej miseczce; wlać mękę ze śmietaną powoli do barszczu aż zgęstnieje. Dodać koperek, ocet i chrzan do barszczu; zaprawić solą i pieprzem do smaku. Plasterki kielbasy i jajek na twardo podzielić w miskach do zupy; zalać podgrzanym barszczem i podać. Barszcz można posypać posiekany koperekiem przed podaniem.

Składniki koszyczka wielkanocnego

- Boczek – symbolizuje obfitość i łaskę Bożą
- Chleb – symbolizuje Chrystusa, Chleb Życia
- Masło – symbolizuje koniec Postu i zbawienie
- Ser – symbolizuje wstrzemięźliwość
- Jajka – symbolizują nadzieję nowego życia
- Szynka – symbolizuje Zmartwychstanie
- Kielbasa- symbolizuje łańcuchy śmierci, które zostały przerwane przez Zmartwychstanie
- Chrzan – symbolizuje Mękę Pańską
- Sól – wstrzymuje nas od grzechu

Jesienne spotkania z artystami i ich sztuką w Związku Polek w Ameryce



Listopad, to miesiąc pełen interesujących polonijnych wydarzeń kulturalnych. Wśród nich znalazły się „Jesienne spotkania z artystami i ich sztuką”.

Impreza ta została zorganizowana z artystami ArtPo oraz z Grupą 822 przy Związku Polek w Ameryce już po raz szósty. Przesłaniem przedsięwzięcia było nawiązywanie bezpośrednich kontaktów pomiędzy artystami i widzami, zachęcenie do rozmów i wymiany myśli, jak również, popularyzacja twórczości naszych rodaków. Wystawa wypadła znakomicie.

Ekspozycja obejmowała prace 26 polonijnych artystów. Reprezentowane były różne techniki i style tworzenia, ale łączyło je jedno – wysoki poziom. Prace zamieniły obszerne pomieszczenie konferencyjne Związku Polek w sanktuarium sztuki, sprawiły, że można było oderwać się od szarości dnia codziennego.

W wystawie wzięli udział: Leszek Bajena, malarstwo; Irena Czajkowska, Teresa Gierwielaniec-Rozanacki, Jadwiga Kapturska, Stanisław Kielar, Ewa Kostyrko, Katarzyna Krzywonos, Urszula Leleń, Iwona Mosiolek, Hanna Niedoba, Marta Niziołek, Ryszard Niziołek, Maria Mili-Purymaska, Elżbieta Parker, Jan Radomyski, malarstwo, rysunek; Jan Radzikowski, Lidia Rozmus, Irena Siwek, Bogumiła Szałaj, Kasia Szczesniewska, Joanna Szymańska, Jan Śliwiński, Jan Wakuliński, Anna Wińska-Bajena, Anna Mycek-Wodecki, Alina Ziemirska.

W konkursie na nagrodę publiczności wygrała praca „W stronę słońca” Kasi Szczesniewskiej. Drugie miejsce zajęły: fotografia „Kobieta” Urszuli Leleń oraz obraz olejny „Krucza Polana” Teresy Gierwielaniec-Rozanacki, na trzecim miejscu uplasował się obraz olejny „Kurki” Ireny Czajkowskiej.

Kasia Szczesniewska



Z okazji Roku Jana Długosza (1415–1480)



Jan Długosz (łac. Ioannes Dlugossius) herbu Wieniawa – wybitny polski historyk, dyplomata i duchowny urodził się w roku 1415 w Niedzielsku koło Brzeżnicy, w ziemi sieradzkiej. Pochodził ze średniozamożnej rodziny szlacheckiej. Ojciec, Jan Długosz z Niedzielska, odznaczył się pod Grunwaldem, za co otrzymał starostwo brzeżnickie.

Jan początkowo uczył się w szkole parafialnej w Nowym Korczynie, a następnie przez trzy lata studiował na Akademii Krakowskiej. Opuścił uczelnię nie uzyskując żadnego stopnia naukowego i jako notariusz publiczny trafił na dwór biskupa krakowskiego, Zbigniewa Oleśnickiego i w latach 1433–1455 był jego zaufanym współpracownikiem, sekretarzem i kanclerzem. W 1437 został kanonikiem krakowskim. Po śmierci Oleśnickiego służył królowi Kazimierzowi Jagiellończykowi, a od 1467 był wychowawcą synów królewskich. Jako osoba z bliskiego otoczenia króla, słynący z mądrości i roztropności Jan Długosz uczestniczył w licznych poselstwach dyplomatycznych (między innymi do Rzymu, Czech i na Węgry) dając się poznać na innych dworach europejskich. Może właśnie dlatego ofiarowano mu zaszczytne Arcybiskupstwo Praskie, którego nie przyjął, oraz Arcybiskupstwo Lwowskie, które przyjął, ale objąć osobiście nie zdołał, gdyż przeszkodziła mu w tym śmierć.

Jan Długosz był najwybitniejszym dziejopisem naszego średniowiecza, autorem monumentalnych, łańskich *Roczników* czyli *Kronik sławnego Królestwa Polskiego*, obejmujących dzieje Polski od czasów bajecznych do roku 1480. W swej pracy oparł się na dokonaniach poprzedników, starannie przestudiowanych dokumentach i przekazach ustnych. *Roczniki* mają układ kronikarski; przedstawiają kolejne wydarzenia według dat rocznych, wiążąc je wzajemnie w łańcuch przyczynowo-skutkowy. Talent literacki autora przejawia się głównie w barwnych opisach postaci i zdarzeń. Jego inne dzieła to: *Sztandary wojsk krzyżackich z Prus* (1448) – opis chorągwi krzyżackich zdobytych pod Grunwaldem; *Znaki albo godła Królestwa Polski* (po 1462) – opisy i wizerunki herbów polskich; katalogi biskupów polskich, czyli: krakowskich, płockich, wrocławskich, wrocławskich, poznańskich a także arcybiskupów gnieźnieńskich. Jako autor pierwszego polskiego herbarza, Długosz uważany jest także za ojca polskiej heraldyki.

Historię uważał Długosz za mistrzynię życia, która naucza cnoty i drogę do nich wskazuje. Mówiąc o swoim dziele życia przepowiadał, „że to oto dzieło może posłużyć królom, książętom i innym bohaterskim mężom za przykład i zwierciadło, które by ich zapalało i podniecało do sławnych czynów”.

Gniezno – Miasto Królów (ciąg dalszy)

Moraw, Włoch, Flandrii i Anglii, a także kupcy z Hamburga, Norymbergii i Frankfurtu. Handel wpływał na rozwój miejscowego rzemiosła. Na początku XVI w. Gniezno stało się jednym z najznaczących miast Polski.

W połowie XIV wieku z inicjatywy arcybiskupa Jarosława Bogorii Skotnickiego rozpoczęto budowę nowej, gotyckiej katedry. Najslawniejszym zabytkiem w katedrze są tzw. „Drzwi Gnieźnieńskie” z 1180 roku, wykonane z brązu, w stylu romanskim. W 18 kwaterach, na które drzwi są podzielone, za pomocą płaskorzeźb pokazana jest droga życia i nauczania św. Wojciecha: od narodzin do jego męczeńskiej śmierci i złożenia ciała do grobu. W katedrze także znajdują się relikwie świętego. Za rządów Władysława Jagiełły Gród Piastów umocnił swą

pozycję jako „stolica chrześcijaństwa”, gdyż gnieźnieńskim arcybiskupom został przyznany od 1419 r. tytuł Prymasa Polski. Mimo wielu pożarów (1503-1512, 1537 i 1548), które nawiedzały miasto, Gniezno utrzymało swą silną pozycję jeszcze w wieku XVII. Klęski nawiedzały Gniezno jeszcze wielokrotnie: zaraza w 1608 r., dwa pożary w 1613 i 1670 r. Wyniszczające kraj wojny XVII-XVIII stulecia (najeźdy Szwedów) i przemarsze wojsk niszczyły miasto i handel, który decydował o rozwoju Gniezna. W połowie XVIII w. zaczęła się powolna odbudowa miasta, które w 1768 r. stało się stolicą województwa. Gniezno było drugim po Krakowie ośrodkiem sztuki, szczególnie muzycznej.

W czerwcu 1997 roku uroczystie obchodzono milenium śmierci św. Wojciecha. Do grobu Świętego pielgrzymował papież Jan Paweł II oraz prezydenci siedmiu państw Europy Środkowowschodniej. W uroczystościach uczestniczyło około 280 tysięcy pielgrzymów z Polski i Świata.

Gniezno – Miasto Królów

W bieżącym roku przypada rocznica wydarzeń, które zaważyły w sposób szczególny na historii Polski i określiły pozycję młodego Państwa Piastów na mapie Europy: 990. rocznica koronacji Bolesława Chrobrego oraz jego syna Mieszka II na królów Polski. Rocznicą tą to znakomita okazja do przypomnienia Polakom o roli Gniezna jako miejsca nierozzerwalnie związanego z tymi wydarzeniami.

Powstanie Gniezna wiąże się z legendą, a głosi ona, że w pradawnych czasach trzech bracia Lech, Czech i Rus rozstali się i każdy z nich ruszył w swoją stronę. Lech ze swoją drużyną przedzierał się przez nieprzebyte knieje, aż dotarł do polany w lesie nad jeziorem. Na środku polany rósł stary dąb. Wydawało się, że swymi konarami sięga nieba, był tak rozłożysty, że w jego cieniu mogła odpocząć cała drużyna. Kiedy rozbito tam obozowisko i rozpalono ogniska, dał się słyszeć łopot skrzydeł i w górę wzbił się wielki srebrnopióry orzeł. Dopiero wtedy dostrzeżono między konarami drzewa potężne gniazdo z młodymi orlętami. Wobec tak oczywistego znaku Lech postanowił właśnie tu założyć swój gród. Rozkazał wyciąć rosnące w okolicy drzewa i zbudować z nich książęcy pałac, chaty dla drużyny i wał obronny, który chroniłby mieszkańców grodu. Osadę nazwano Gniezdno, a białego orła Lech obrał jako swoje książęce godło.

Z historii natomiast dowiadujemy się, że Gniezno, zanim stało się główną rezydencją monarchy i stolicą kraju, było małą osadą, której początki sięgają przełomu VI i VII w. Tutaj, jak poświadczają badania archeologiczne, pod koniec VIII w. powstał gród z siedzibą książęcą i podgrodzie, otoczone wałami. Przypuszcza się, że Wzgórze Lecha było plemiennym ośrodkiem kultu pogańskiego, na co wskazywałyby odkryte w podziemiach obecnej katedry palenisko kultowe z ok. VII-VIII w. i nasyp kamienny pod kościołem św. Jerzego. Badania archeologiczne wskazują na to, że pierwsza kamienna świątynia chrześcijańska powstała już w IX w. za panowania Lestka. Natomiast za panowania Mieszka I, który przyjął, prawdopodobnie w Gnieźnie, chrzest (966r.) - gród ten stał się stolicą państwa Piastów.

Około 970 r., na miejscu pierwszej świątyni Mieszko I wybudował nowy kościół, w którym złożono zwłoki jego żony – Dąbrówki. Doniosłe wydarzenia miały miejsce w Gnieźnie również za panowania Bolesława Chrobrego, między innymi utworzenie arcybiskupstwa, związane z powstaniem nowego kościoła w 999 r. A gdy cesarz Otton III przybył do grobu św. Wojciecha, którego ciało Chrobry złożył w nowej bazylice, odbył się z tej okazji w 1000 r. doniosły w skutkach zjazd polityczny, a kościół podniesiono do godności archikatedry.

Gród gnieźnieński był świadkiem koronacji Bolesława Chrobrego i jego syna Mieszka II (1025), Bolesława Śmiałego (1076), Przemysła II (1295) i Wacława II Czeskiego (1300). Utrata funkcji stołecznej Gniezna zbiegła się w czasie z najazdem czeskim; w 1038 r. wtargnął do grodu Brzetysław, pozostawiając po sobie spalone podgrodzia i zniszczoną, ograbioną katedrę. Tego roku Kazimierz Odnowiciel przeniósł stolicę do Krakowa, zamykając tym samym doniosły rozdział w dziejach miasta i państwa. Gniezno na długo pozostało jednak centralnym ośrodkiem kultowym Polski.

Za czasów Odonica (1239-1243 r.) Gniezno otrzymało prawa miejskie. Rozwój gospodarczy miasta, jak i jego odbudowa, nastąpiły za panowania Kazimierza Wielkiego. Gniezno rozwijało się dzięki handlowi krajowemu i międzynarodowemu. Każdego roku odbywały się w Gnieźnie jarmarki na które przybywali kupcy wileńscy, mohylewscy, mińscy i brzescy, ze Śląska,



Rycina przedstawiająca św. Wojciecha.



Grób św. Wojciecha w katedrze Gnieźnieńskiej.



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