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Dear Members,

I hope your winter holiday season was filled with joy, health, and family!

The New Year at the Polish National Alliance started with a sad note. Our National Secretary, Mr. Charles Komosa, passed away suddenly at the age of 50. This was a shock for all of us at the Alliance and most of all to his wife, Agatha, two sons Charles and Alexander, as well as his sisters Kathy and Marilyn. He is missed by his family as well as the many people he touched as an officer and activist within the community. We will keep him in our prayers and thoughts.

During January, the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Związkowy) reached another milestone by celebrating its 110th anniversary as a daily ethnic publication. Over the years, it has reached millions of readers throughout the country as well as Europe.

On another note, February marked the 138th year of existence for the Polish National Alliance. Over this period more than two million members have passed through the annals of the organization, which provides us the opportunity in being proud of our existence and helping individuals and families in a multitude of ways.

I am pleased to share with you, our members, that 2017 was a year bringing positive results. Our surplus increased by 1.7 million dollars from the previous year. Annuity premiums increased more than 10%. We continue to monitor our expenses. The net income for the year was 1.63 million dollars. We look forward with optimism that 2018 will be a year of growth and accomplishment as well.

2018 is a historic year for Poland and is worthwhile to mention. It’s the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence. Celebrations will be ongoing the entire year in Poland as well as in many other parts of the world, including the United States.

April 15th is right around the corner; an excellent time to think of one’s future, by saving and at the same time taking advantage of possible deductions on one’s income tax return. Currently, the Polish National Alliance is paying interest of 2% on all new annuity accounts. Since the introduction of annuities, thousands of members have taken advantage of this program and benefited from the deductions on their returns, experienced growth of value and peace of mind. For information or to open an IRA, Roth or Tax Deferred Annuity, please visit our website at www.pna-znp.org, or call Mr. John Wantuch at 1-800-621-3723.

In addition to saving for your future, I suggest you review your existing life insurance with the Polish National Alliance as well as other companies or organizations. The protection you purchased might not be enough to provide the benefits it was intended for due to inflation, a change in income, and other needs. Secondly, it’s also an excellent time to review the beneficiaries you have named on your certificates to prevent confusion or unnecessary costs. For information concerning life insurance, please contact Ms. Jolanta Walaszek at 1-800-621-3723, ext. 330, jolanta.walaszek@pna-znp.org.

As a fraternal organization, our focus has always been to get our members involved in fraternal activities. With the passing of time, programs have been changed or added. We are proud to continue our various fraternal programs, which include scholarships to college students. Each year we provide about $200,000 to undergrad students and $50,000 to graduate students. For many years, we have been subsidizing or supporting the promotion of cultural activities such as Polish language schools, dance groups, etc. This coming June, we will be sponsoring another 2K Walk & Run from our Home Office. The proceeds will be donated to children’s causes. Last year, the donation was made to Shriners Hospital.

I congratulate the individuals of lodges and councils who promote fraternal activities within their communities and urge our members to get involved in community events by reaching out and helping others. For information on various programs that can be held in your community, please email Ms. Mary Srodon at mary.srodon@pna-anp.org or call 1-800-621-3723, ext. 312.

I would like to extend my best wishes for a blessed and Happy Easter!

Frank J. Spula, FLMI
President
Polish Easter Traditions

Palm Sunday
A week before Easter celebrations, people gather for a church procession with palms. Since there are no real palms growing in Poland, they are usually made from branches of native trees, mainly willow, nicely decorated with flowers and ribbons.

Blessing of the Easter baskets
On Holy Saturday, small amounts of the most significant foods like eggs, bread, ham, sausage, cake (babka), horseradish, butter, and salt are put inside the decorated basket and taken to church for a blessing.

Holy Sunday
Easter begins with participation in the Mass of the Resurrection, and sharing of the blessed food at breakfast. After that, the Easter celebration continues with family gatherings and lots, and lots of delicious, preferably home-made, specialties.

Wet Monday
There are two days of Easter in Poland! While celebrations continue, watch out for youngsters with water. It’s Śmigus Dyngus Day, celebrated by sprinkling each other with water. Being splashed with water on Easter Monday should bring good luck throughout the year.

Easter Eggs
In Poland, eggs are not only used as food on the table, but are an essential part of the Easter tradition. There are various designs and techniques for decorating Easter eggs, depending on the region. They are beautiful part of the Polish culture.

Happy Easter!

Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych życzą:
Alicja Kuklińska & Ewa Wiśniewska

From the Editor

March 2018

Dear Members,

It’s hard to believe we’re well into 2018, with Easter just around the corner. Please, make sure your family continues Polish traditions, and know, there is nothing wrong with making some changes so they will fit your present lifestyle.

Last year ended on a sad note at the Polish National Alliance. We had to say farewell to the National Secretary Charles A. Komosa. We miss Charley, and our hearts go out to his family.

2018 is the year of a significant anniversary. On November 11, 1918, Poland regained its independence after 123 years of partitions and reclaimed its rightful spot on the map of Europe. The Polish National Alliance, and other fraternal organizations, significantly contributed to financial and military efforts by Poles during World War I, and we can be very proud of it.

Thank you to all who submitted their articles and photos for publishing in the Zgoda. In fact, I have some materials left for the summer issue. Please, keep reporting the happenings in your area, and make sure the photos you’re submitting are of good quality. What we publish in the Zgoda becomes part of the Polonia history.

The photo above of myself holding the very first issue of the “Zgoda” 1881 was taken last January by one the Directors of the Polish Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), Dr. Piotr Kardela. I felt a tremendous sense of pride, displaying the publication on behalf of the Organization and all those who contributed to its 138 years of existence.

Wishing you a happy and healthy Easter. May your spring be filled with sunshine and joy.

Wesołego Alleluja!

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Wishing You an Easter Filled with Love, Peace, and Joys of Spring!
Wesołego Alleluja!
I have been listening to WPNA 103.1 FM from the first day they went on the air. I adore the morning show with Mateusz and Magda. They have such great chemistry together, it makes the show one of the kind. The way they incorporate Polish and English so smoothly makes it even more interesting to listen to. If you haven’t tuned in yet, that should be the next thing on your to do list. Set 103.1 as present in your car and enjoy!!

Great radio station! Interesting topics and good music! Yes, you can actually listen to music on a radio station and not only commercials!! Keep on doing a great job! Magda, we love you!

Super radio, super muzyka. Z Wami jest zawsze wesoło i ciekawie.

Listening to 103.1 every day, I can simply say, it brightens up my everyday life just listening to you guys! Keep killing it!

Absolutely #1 Polish-American radio station in Chicago!!!!! Tak trzymać!!

I'm loving our new Polish radio!! Something new for younger and older generation!! Woohoo!

Radio WPNA ma teraz dwie częstotliwości
Official Announcement

Notice of Vacancy for PNA National Secretary

Notice is hereby given for vacancy for the position of National Secretary of the Polish National Alliance of the U.S. of N. A. The position for National Secretary is vacant caused by the passing of Mr. Charles Komosa on December 29, 2017. Individuals interested in seeking election for the position, must meet the below qualifications.

Notice of Vacancy for Business Board Director

Notice is hereby given for vacancy for the position of Business Director of the Polish National Alliance of the U.S. of N. A. Individuals interested in seeking election for the position, must meet the below qualifications.

Qualification for the above positions

By this announcement the vacancies are officially declared. Pursuant to the provisions as stated in section 91(15) of the By-Laws of the Alliance, the filling of the vacancy in the elective office of National Secretary and Business Director shall be by the means of an election by the Business Board of Directors. In order for an individual to be elected he or she must receive a majority vote of the members of the Business Board of the Alliance who are present and voting. Such vacancy shall be filled NOT LATER THAN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE of this publication in the Zgoda.

In order to qualify a candidate for the elective office of National Secretary or Business Director must satisfy the all requirements as set forth in Section 71:

Section 71 - Qualifications of and other Provisions Relating to Candidates for either Elective or Appointive Officers of the Alliance.

A. Elective Officers

A candidate for an elective office specified in Section 69 of the Bylaws, must possess the following qualifications:

1. At the time of application the candidate must be a Beneficial Premium Paying Member of the Alliance in good standing, uninterruptedly, for at least five (5) years, immediately preceding election to office.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Unless an incumbent Officer, the candidate must have, since the last Convention, served for at least three (3) years as a Lodge Officer or as a council delegate.
4. Such candidate must have knowledge of the membership products of the Alliance.
5. A candidate for the position of Business Board of Director must be either the incumbent for the position or demonstrate knowledge of insurance by passing the FMLI certification issued by LOMA or be a certified public accountant, a chartered financial planner, hold a master's in business administration or public administration or be a chartered underwriter. Additionally, an individual can be eligible if such individual has passed at least the first two (2) LOMA exams concerning insurance products and insurance operations and agrees to pass at least one additional exam each quarter after his or her election. In the event such a candidate is elected and fails to pass the additional exams as specified herein, the Business Board of Directors shall declare a vacancy in the position to which such candidate was elected at its meeting immediately following such failure.
6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, Candidates shall not be eligible if they have been convicted of a felony, been discharged in bankruptcy or if any federal or state statute, regulation or rule prevents such individual from holding such office.

Any qualified member of the Alliance must submit an application to the Secretary of the Alliance in the form prescribed by the Business Board of Directors within thirty (30) days after the announcement of the vacancy in the official publication of the Alliance — “ZGODA” signed by at least twenty five (25) Beneficial Premium Paying Members of the Alliance.

Applications post marked later than Monday, April 9, 2018 will NOT be considered.

For information or questions please call Acting National Secretary Steve Biesiada at 1-800-621-3723

A request for an application must be made in writing or electronically to: steve.biesiada@pna-znp.org

Polish National Alliance
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ATTN: Acting National Secretary Steve Biesiada
Dear Members,

Whether you can still count the days since you started your first job, or like me, you are in the middle of your working years, or maybe you are nearing the end of your career, saving for your retirement nest’s egg should be a priority.

The Polish National Alliance Ready for Spring Annuity Plan can help you reach your retirement goal with a special rate of return of 2%. With this promotion, you can start, continue, or complete your retirement savings process. This promotion ends on April 15th, 2018.

Since there is no one-size-fits-all strategy for retirement savings, PNA can offer you the Traditional IRA, Roth IRA or Non-Qualified Deferred Annuity Plans.

Traditional IRA, allows an income tax deduction for amounts contributed. Please note for the tax year 2017, if you are under the age of 50, your maximum contributions are limited to $5,500. If you are 50 or over, you are allowed to contribute a total amount of $6,500.

Roth IRA, your money grows tax-free. The contributions limits are the same as Traditional IRA, but they are based on your modified adjusted gross income.

Non-Qualified Deferred Annuity, a tax-favored plan allowing you to save money for the future at the special rate of return with the advantage of tax-deferred earnings. It shelters your earnings until your retirement.

Do not delay. Consult your accounting professional, and start saving today.

If you have any questions in respect to the annuity plans or have life insurance needs, please call 1-800-621-3723 ext. 330 or email jolanta.walaszek@pna-znp.org.

Just remember, it’s tax season, so be ready for it with the PNA promotion.

Fraternally Yours,

Jolanta Walaszek
Manager of Sales

From the Manager of Sales

In Your 20’s
Retirement years seem a long way off, but this is the best time to get started, because time is on your side.

In Your 30’s
Stay committed to your retirement goal, or if you have not started saving yet, now is the time. The clock is ticking!

In Your 40’s
Craft a balanced retirement portfolio to ensure you are on track for your retirement.

In Your 50’s
Maximize your retirement contribution and rebalance your portfolio to align your savings with your goals.

59% years old
You can start withdrawing money without penalties, but you do typically owe income tax on withdrawals.

In Your 60’s
Your retirement time horizon is beginning to narrow, continue trying to contribute to and adjust your portfolio for potential market corrections.

In Your 70’s
Enjoy your retirement. You worked very hard to be where you are now.

70% years old
You are required to start removing funds from your retirement account to avoid IRS penalty.

Retirement Savings Timeline
READY FOR SPRING
ANNUITY PLANS PROMOTION

Open a new ANNUITY PLAN offered by the Polish National Alliance and get an amazing Initial Guaranteed First Year Interest Rate* of 2%.

Traditional IRA
Tax-deferred investment growth and possible tax deduction for contributions.

Roth IRA
The money you contribute will grow tax-free. Tax-free qualified withdrawals.

Tax Deferred Annuity
Invest as much as you want. Defer paying taxes on the interest until you will start withdrawing the money.

Call: 1-800-621-3723 Ext. 365 - John Ext. 330 - Jolanta

* "Ready for Spring" Annuity Promotion on new accounts starts February 1st through April 15th, 2018 with a 2% guaranteed interest rate for one year. This rate may be adjusted by the Polish National Alliance at any time after the first certificate year. The rate will never decrease below 1.00%. This rate will apply to the Traditional IRA, Roth IRA and Non-Qualified Annuity contracts with an 8 year surrender charge. The initial deposit must be $500 or more. During the 8 year period, you may withdraw one-time up to 10% of accumulation value without a surrender charge. IRS penalty may apply if under age 59 ½ at the time of withdrawal. Neither PNA nor its agents provide tax, legal, or accounting advice. Consult a legal or accounting professional with your specific situation. Annuity plans are not available in all states. Additional restrictions may apply.
CHARLES A. KOMOSA (1967-2017)

Charles A. Komosa, National Secretary of the Polish National Alliance, died unexpectedly on December 29, 2017, at the age of 50 while at his home.

Mr. Komosa was born on March 10, 1967, to Edward and Marilyn Komosa. He was the grandson of the late President of the PNA, and PAC Karol and Wanda Rozmarek. He was a member of PNA Lodge 2993 since 1967 and served as Vice-President from 1996 to 1998, and President from 2005 to 2008. He was a PNA National Director from 1995 to 2003, and served as PNA National Secretary since 2008.

Charles Komosa was a graduate of the University of Illinois and took Polish language courses at the Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski in Poland. He worked for the Illinois Supreme Court, and Office of the Illinois Treasurer until elected to the National Secretary of the PNA in 2008.

Charles A. Komosa was an active member of the Polish American Community, serving on the boards of many organizations, including Polish American Congress (National Director) and the Chicago Society of the PNA, of which he was especially proud and active.

He was a family man, continuing the legacy of his grandfather. He was a loving husband, proud brother, caring father to his two young boys, and a good friend to many.

Charles is survived by his wife, Agata, his children, Charles Alexander II and Alexander Anthony; his sisters Catherine Komosa, Marilyn Komosa (Chris Sayan); niece and goddaughter, Alexandra Rogalski, nephew Andrew Rogalski, and cousins Wendy, Michelle, and Jonathan.

He will be missed by the fraternal family of the Polish National Alliance.

Farewell Charley, Rest in Peace.

A resolution

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Alderman Margaret Lautino on January 17, 2018

Whereas, it is with great sadness that the members of this Chamber learned of the death of Charles Komosa on December 29, 2017, at the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Margaret Lautino, Alderman of the 36th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 10, 1967, Charles was the beloved son of Edward and Marilyn Komosa; cherished husband of Agata; adored father of Charles Alexander II, Alexander Anthony, Catherine and Marilyn (Chris); proud grandfather to his nephews, Andrew Rogalski and Alexandra Rogalski; loving uncle to Andrew Rogalski; and treasured friend to all who knew and loved him; Charles leaves a legacy of faith, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Charles touched the lives of all who knew him through his kindness, generosity and infectious spirit. He will be deeply missed but the memory of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of January, 2018, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Charles Komosa and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the family of Charles Komosa as a sign of our heartfelt condolences to the family of Charles Komosa.

Rahm Emanuel
Mayor

Andrea M. Walleck
City Clerk

“Death is the last chapter in time, but the first chapter in Eternity”
On January 22, 2018, Mr. Steve H. Tokarski was sworn in as Treasurer of the Polish National Alliance by President Frank Spula. He was recently elected to this office by the Business Board of the Directors, according to the PNA By-Laws.

Mr. Steve Tokarski has been a PNA Business Board Director, a former Director for the Indiana/Michigan region, a member of the Board of Directors, Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee, and a member of the Education Committee, the Financial Control Committee, and the Membership Committee. He also served as Parliamentarian, First Vice-Chairperson, for various PNA National Conventions. Additionally, Steve has served as President of PNA Council Number 127 and of PNA Lodge Number 2365—Silver Bell Club. Mr. Tokarski also served two years as Publisher of the Polish Daily News in Chicago, a PNA subsidiary.

In addition to his efforts with the PNA, Steve has also been extremely active in the Polish American Congress (PAC), currently serving as the President for its Indiana division, a position he has maintained since 1977. Mr. Tokarski has also served as the National Director and the Parliamentarian for the Council of National Directors of the PAC and as Chairperson of the By-Laws and Grievance Committees. He has also served as Vice President of the PAC Charitable Foundation since 1995.

After earning a B.A. from Purdue University and a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law and has practiced law in Northwest, Indiana.

Steve’s community involvement does not end with his service to these two outstanding organizations. He is also an active member of several Purdue University alumni associations, as well as the Purdue President’s Council. He has held positions as Secretary-Treasurer and State Vice President of the National Advocates Society since 1984.

When not engaged within the community, Steve spends his spare time with his loving wife, Marsha. Steve and Marsha, a stained glass artist and former science teacher, have two sons: David, a lawyer, and Christopher, a social studies/economics teacher.
Greetings from Region “H”

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and successful 2018 from Region “H.” Once again, we would like to thank all those who sent in donations for those who were devastated by Hurricane Harvey. We have successfully distributed all the funds. The recipients were very grateful.

Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden, Fraternal Director Region “H”

ANNUAL PACT EVENT SPONSORED BY THE PNA

November 18, 2017, Bremond, Texas.
Bringing together of the various Polish Organizations and Polish Community in one of the oldest Polish towns in Texas – Bremond. Fantastic representation of the Polish groups in Texas featuring a traditional mass, parade and festivities honoring our beloved PNA member Brian Marshall, and friends who received the Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement award for his tireless promotion of our unique Polish Texan heritage. The PNA Region “H” was one of the event sponsors that was organized by the Polish American Council of Texas headed up by PNA members Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz.

Congratulations Brian Marshall!

Brian Marshall receiving the Texan Lifetime Achievement Award

Folk dancers of Houston – Wawel and Dallas Jagoda getting together in Bremond

Meeting with Commissioner Wanda Koch and Director Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden

In every Polish event there is a little Krakowiak. Here we have the Kubiaks!

One of the oldest and still used Polish Homes in the US in Bremond, Texas. This was the backdrop for the November 18th meeting. Director Jolanta Mazewski Dryden, and Genny Krause from PNA San Antonio

The Wawel Dancers of Houston were on hand to ensure there was real Polish dancing. Featured are PNA members, Erica Dryden and Mike Kurtin.
Dance group Wawel on the stage at the Houston International Communities Event. Congratulation Wawel – we are incredibly proud of all of you, and your devotion to the preservation and promotion of our Polish Culture.

**Sister Cities of Houston’s Fall Concert**
**November 18, 2017.** The Houston Dance Group Wawel had the honor of being one of five acts to be included in the diversification of Houston and were recognized by the Mayor of Houston, Sylvester Turner in connection with Houston’s International Communities “One Dance at a Time”!

Richard Z. Mazewski, New Texas Sales Rep. We wish you much success!

**Thanksgiving Day Parade**
**November 27, 2017.** The Polonia in Houston is not shy. They represented our community at the recent Thanksgiving Day Parade! Dance group Wawel and friends got up early to be staged and be part of this wonderful parade that is a staple in the Houston events calendar!

Wawel Dancers “spreading the culture” in the fair city of Houston

Wawel Dancers with philanthropist and all around fantastic man – Mattress Mack - Jim McIngvale

**Children’s Christmas Party at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church & Mikolaj Kopernik Polish School, Houston, Texas**
**On December 10, 2017.** The Polish School in Houston started Christmas celebrations early with a grand event for the children of the school, their friends, and family. The PNA sponsored gifts for the children and teachers. PNA recognizes the teachers, children, family and friends. Thank you, Director Hania Tomaszkiewicz, and all the teachers for organizing another fantastic event.

**PNA Council 182 Christmas Party**

December 10th, Polish Home annual meeting in Houston with Kosciuszko Lodge 165, Progressive Lodge 2336 and Polonia Lodge 2306 with a visit from Santa and gifts for all.
Polish Kolędy and Mikołaj
The tradition of the Polish Kolędy lives on strong in Bremond, Texas. Thank you, Brian Marshall Lodge 165, for continuing the tradition on December 16th.

Majeranki in Texas
December 29, 2017. PNA member Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Lodge 165, and friends, hosted the Majeranki Group from Poland for an extensive tour of the Polish Communities and our state. This wonderful group of talented singers and dancers from southern Poland shared tradition and culture throughout the state. The group is from the Gora Mountains of Poland. It is a musical high school group from near the Zakopane region with 11 fiddlers, 1 bas, 1 accordion player, and 1 bagpipe.

Kolędy - Chappell Hill, Texas
December 30, 2017, Kolędy – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz once again organized the Majeranki Group along with over 100 people to participate in the traditional Kolędy at the Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum, one of the oldest Polish communities in Texas.
Nativity Play – Jasełka
January 14th, 2018. The Polish School children of Houston once again put on a spectacular performance after mass showing the true meaning of Christmas. Congratulations to all and the teachers.

Children in the procession - Our Lady of Częstochowa Church

Progressive Lodge 2336:
Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden, President & Financial Secretary
Krzysztof Cupial, Age 26, Vice President, Recent Masters Graduate, Received PNA Scholarship
Erica Dryden, Age 26, Recording Secretary, Indiana Purdue Graduate, Last year of Law School
Katie Kubiak, Age 28, Treasurer, Texas A & M Graduate
Alexander Cupial - Age 23, Door Marshall/Sargent at Arms, Recent University Graduate, Received PNA Scholarship

Mr. and Mr. Brzeski being presented with a gift from Roza Ekimov to decorate their home after their losses from Hurricane Harvey.

Recent college graduates with undergraduates from Lodge 165: Krzysztof Cupial - Vice President; Alexander Cupial - Door Marshall/Sargent at Arms, Łukasz Cupial - studied at Texas A & M University, the upcoming youth in Progressive Lodge 2336.

Christmas lives on in the Polish Community of Houston
January 21, 2018, Polish parishioners enjoyed extended Christmas Carols Concert organized by Edward Winiarski and his guests. The Polish Sing-along continues.

Annette Odolski, Lodge 2336, with one of the Houston Polish School children

Kris Krozel and friend entertaining all

Kris Krozel and friend entertaining all

Annual Meeting of Kosciuszko Lodge 165, Progressive Lodge 2336 and Polonia Lodge 2306
January 28, 2018, Polish Home, Houston, TX. Great meeting and get-together to discuss the future of the PNA community and forthcoming projects.
2018 Directors for the Polish Home – Houston which supports the PNA Lodges in Houston, Richards Mazewski, Krzysztof Cupiał, Matt Maciejewski, Al Snider, Brian Marshall, Brian Bartkowiak and Jimmy Kubeczka

Thank You Rose Stzielecke and Lilian Worchesik for serving the many terms as directors, you are great assets to the organization.

Livestock - Judging
January 28, 2018 - Jackson, Mississippi

Kosciuszko Lodge 165 member is active in the community and beyond - Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz talking to one of the beef cattle exhibitors while judging the Dixie National Livestock Show in Jackson, Mississippi. Over 1000 head of breeding beef and market steers were evaluated over three days by Dr. Jim - congrats on an amazing accomplishment.

Carnival Time – Knights of Sparta New Orleans Masque Ball – the Polish in Louisiana
January 27, 2018
PNA members Jan and Maryann Zawada Ciaston, family and PNA guests take over Louisiana during the Knights of Sparta Masque Ball. Congratulation on the coronation of your daughters Grace Ciaston- Queen 2018 and Gabby Ciaston - Queen 2017. PNA members Katie Kubiak and Erica Dryden were on hand to support the Polish takeover of Sparta!

The Polish School in Houston has once again started the Carnival season for the community with the Awesome 80’s Party. The event was fun, colorful and brought back the style of the 80’s not to mention the hair styles. PNA supported this wonderful event and special thanks to Director Hania Tomaszewska, teachers and friends for the organization of the event we are all talking about! The parties continue right up to Fat Tuesday or... is it Fat Thursday! The Polish prefer to call it “Tusty Czwartek” or “Pączki Day”.

Carnival – 80’s Style
February 11, 2018

2018 Officers of Lodge 2093
Lodge 2093 of New Britain, Connecticut elected the following members as Lodge Officers for 2018. Barbara Zakrzewska President, Cheser Klymczuk Treasurer, Henry Perucki Secretary, Jack Fahey Director and Stanley Wojciak House Committee. All the Officers were unanimously elected, and congratulated by the President. After the swearing in ceremony, everyone retired to the lodge canteen for refreshments.
Region “A”, District I

Region “A” is comprised of Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Vermont is noted for the Ben & Jerry ice cream, New Hampshire for Orchard Beach, Maine for LL Bean, Rhode Island for its gilded age in Newport and Massachusetts, the only Polish Museum, Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, and Polish Alliance Youth Camp, “Camp Stanica” located in central Massachusetts. The museum artifacts have Poland’s regional folk costumes, a replica of a Polish cottage, and many other themed products such as crystal, amber, books and many other objects relating to the Polish culture. Many of these items are donated as a way of preserving our heritage. Each year, the Krakus Festival event is held to benefit the museum. PNA’s National Secretary, Charles Komosa attended the Krakus Festival held in Springfield on November 17, 2017. Camp Stanica has a session for boys and girls ages 6-15 starting in July. Central Massachusetts has a very vibrant Polish Community with the Polish American Congress, Miss Polonia Pageant, and supporting other Polish themed events and Lodge events. District 1 holds a Debutante Ball every four years.

District 1 Convention held in September had the privilege of having combined Convention & Sales Seminar for the first time. Jolanta Walaszek, Manager of Sales, presented a program for the Sales Representatives in presentation, promotion, and closing of the selling of our insurance products.

The District Convention awarded for the first time the Man and Women of the year to a husband and wife, Eugene and Cindy Kirejczyk. We are proud of our region in the establishment and continuum of many Polish Clubs and Lodges such as Lodge 2876 celebrating 80 years. Stasia Holubecki from Lodge 2400 is one of the many treasures that the PNA has, for all the years that she contributed and promoted the PNA.

Commissioner Milecki has the privilege of working with Walter Tokarz, District 1 Fraternal Director and Teresa Struziak Sherman, PNA Business Board of Directors, and the Home Office.

Submitted by Wanda Milecki, Commissioner District I, Region “A”
imowy bal Studia Tańca i Stowarzyszenia Dobroczynności ZNP

W sobotę 25 listopada, 2017 w sali bankietowej Lone Tree Manor w Niles, 2017 odbył się, zorganizowany przez działające przy Związku Narodowym Polskim studio tańca przy współpracy ze Stowarzyszeniem Dobroczynności ZNP, wielki bal, z którego dochód został przeznaczony dla znajdujących się w trudnej sytuacji członków ZNP.


Uroczystość rozpoczęto prezencją tańców standardowych w wykonaniu członków studia. Uczestnicy imprezy mogli podziwiać różnorodne popisy taneczne, od rumby, przez waltę, do gorącej brażylijskiej samby. Nie obyło się bez bisów, których gromkimi oklaskami domagały się goście bał, wyrażając w ten sposób swoje uznanie dla kunsztu tancerzy.

W programie artystycznym wystąpił zaprzyjaźniony Teatr Pieśni i Tańca „Wić”, prezentując kunsztowne wykonanie tańców spiskich i popisowego poloneza, za którego kilka tygodni temu podczas przedstawienia opery „Straszny dwór” zespół został nagrodzony owacjami na stojąco przez ponad tysięczną publiczność.

Podczas chwili wytchnienia od pląsów na parkiecie obdarowano kwiatami Marię Środoń – za współpracę i działalność w Stowarzyszeniu Dobroczynności
ZNP, Magdalenę Solarz – za pieczę artystyczną nad zespołem Wici, Ninę Pikulską – za zaangażowanie w studiu tanecznym. Wanda Juda wręczyła dyplom uznania Elżbiecie Stolarczuk za jej zasługi dla działalności w PNA. Po tej miłej uroczystości dyrektor artystyczna Teatru Pieśni i Tańca „Wici” zaprosiła całą salę do poloneza.

Ponieważ bal wypadł w czasie andrzejek, przygotowano czekolady z dobrymi wróżbami i piękne kwiaty, ze sprzedaży których dochód przeznaczony będzie dla najbardziej potrzebujących aktywistów organizacji.


Instruktor tańca Wojciech Kozłowski dodał: – Dziesiąty rok był szalony, jedenasty jest jeszcze lepszy, a dwunasty zapowiada się fenomenalnie. Ćwiczymy dwa, trzy razy w tygodniu wszelkie tańce: belgiiki, tanga, samby. Chciałbym jeszcze dodać, że osoby, jakie poznajemy, zostają naszymi znajomymi, przyjaźńmi.

W działającym od jedenastu lat studiu tańca setki osób nabyło tanecznej sprawności. Miła rodzina atmosfera przyciąga nowych adeptów walca, tanga czy rumby. Jak wielokrotnie zapewniano podczas balu, drzwi studia są otwarte dla wszystkich, bez względu na wiek i umiejętności.

Tekst i zdjęcia: Artur Partyka
Artykuł w całości: dziennikzwiązkowy.com

2017 Charity Ball of the PNA Studio Dance and PNA Welfare Association was a great success. It was well attended by the PNA members as well as those feeling passionate about ballroom dancing.

There were plenty of great performances by the PNA Dance Studio, and by the Wici Song and Dance Theatre. All proceeds from this event went to the PNA Welfare Association Fund.
Combined Christmas Party of Lodge 1474 and Council 41 PNA

On Sunday, December 10, 2017, Lodge 1474 PNA and Council 41 PNA held their combined Christmas Party. It was a lovely day out, and around 50 people partook in this endeavor. A raffle was held for prizes and then a cash raffle - where Peter Biernat President of Council 75 drew the lucky tickets. Luncheon was served, and Santa came to see all (young and old) and distribute gifts to the waiting children. Christmas carols were sung by all. We even had one of our young members, Joseph Setser, play the saxophone for us. He did a great job!

Guests in attendance included National Business Director Irene Hercik, Fraternal Director Wanda Penar, Commissioner District 13 Wanda Juda, and guests representing Councils and Lodges of District 13 PNA, namely: Council 75, 91, 120 and Lodge 877. We thank all those who came and spent the Sunday afternoon with us.

As is tradition, Council 41 gave out scholarship (funds which are received from our Annual Night at the Races) to 4 deserving students. Lodge 1474 also gave out scholarships – proceeds from our Annual Social Party – to 8 deserving students. Although the students could not be in person with us, their parents and grandparents were in attendance to receive the scholarships on behalf of the students.

A picture was taken of the saxophone player, children with Santa, and those who accepted scholarships on behalf of the students.

Reported by President of Lodge 1474
Anna Wierzbicki and Council 41-President
Agnes O. Kaminski

You are never too old to see Santa!

Agnieszka Kaminski & Peter Biernat

(l-r) Adam Wierzbicki, Hubert Derkowicz, Agnieszka Kaminski, Irena Klatka, Anna Wierzbicki, Stella Wierzbicki, Lisa Klatka

Joseph Setser
Z DZIAŁALNOŚCI OKRĘGU XIII ZNP

PRZYJĘCIE BOŻONARODZENIOWE

7 grudnia, jak co roku, odbyło się przyjęcie bożonarodzeniowe Wydziału Kobiet i Dobroczynności Okręgu XIII. W sali Chopina na dole budynku ZNP zebrała się duża grupa delegatek i zaproszonych gości, których przywitała serdecznie komisarz Okręgu XIII ZNP Wanda Juda.


W podzięce za przybycie i uprzyjemnienie wieczoru dzieci otrzymały prezenty od św. Mikołaja, które doręczyła im osobiście komisarz Wanda Juda.

Rozlosowano loterię fantową, z której dochód, jak zawsze, przeznaczony jest na pokrycie kosztów poczetstunku, a reszta przeznaczana na potrzeby Gmin 41 i 120 oraz Wydziału Kobiety i Dobroczynności Okręgu XIII. W przyjęciu uczestniczyły również dyrektor Irena Hercik i Wanda Penar oraz komisarz Okręgu XII Agata Mścis, które złożyły wszystkim zebrałym życzenia świąteczno-noworoczne. Na zakończenie wieczoru Wanda Penar, Irena Hercik i Wanda Juda obdarowały zebrałych prezencikami.

ZEBRANIE KOMITETU STYPENDIALNEGO
OKRĘGU XIII ZWIĄZKU NARODOWEGO POLSKIEGO

W środę 10 stycznia komitet stypendialny Okręgu XIII ZNP spotkał się, aby ocenić zgłoszenia i rozdysponować stypendia dla swoich studiujących członków na łączną kwotę 3 tys. dolarów. Młodzież napisała wypracowania poświęcone Tadeuszowi Kościuszkowi, jego osiągnięciom i ich znaczeniu zarówno dla Polski jak i Stanów Zjednoczonych.
Wisła and Mała Wisła

Wisła and Mała Wisła has been performing at Divine Mercy Polish Church in Lombard, IL for almost 15 years in support of the Parish. The picnics raise money to pay the church’s mortgage, and Wisła’s performances are highly popular. The group practices there every Monday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM year-round. The other group practices at Medinah Park District in Medinah, IL. Classes are free to PNA members!

The dance group was started by Mrs. Irene Jarocinski 25 years ago with the help of Sikorski Polish School in Addison, IL, which was launched over 40 years ago. Wisła often performs at this school making schools events even more colorful and lively.

Dancers of Wisła and Mała Wisła attend various Polish schools in the western suburbs of Chicago such as Sikorski Polish School in Addison, Czesław Miłosz School in Schaumburg, and Św. Faustyna Kowalska Polish School in Lombard, Illinois.

These three schools have a total of 1800 students!

Both groups regularly perform at the local events, promoting Polish culture and heritage. Mrs. Jarocinski is known for arranging beautiful displays of Polish folk art at the Wood Dale Library, and other available places.

Photos by Mrs. Irene Jarocinski
110 lat „Dziennika Związkowego”

15 stycznia 2018, wydawany przez Związek Narodowy Polski, „Dziennik Związkowy” obchodził swoje 110 urodziny. Z tej okazji, w budynku ZNP odbyło się przyjęcie z udziałem zespołu redakcyjnego, obecnych i emerytowanych pracowników gazety, korespondentów, jak również pracowników ZNP oraz radia WPNA 103.1 FM. W tej mającej rodzinny charakter uroczystości, wzięli również udział były redaktor naczelny gazety, 98-letni Jan Krawiec oraz dwie byłej zarządzające menadżer Emily Leszczyńska i Magdalena Pantelis. Wydawca gazety, prezes Frank Spula oraz redaktor naczelna Małgorzata Błaszczuk nie kryli wzruszenia i dumy z faktu prowadzenia najstarszej i jedynej polskojęzycznej gazety codziennej ukazującej się poza granicami Polski.

Od 15 stycznia 1908 roku, „Dziennik Związkowy” jest rzetelnym źródłem informacji wiernie służącym swoim czytelnikom.
The tradition of Wigilia started 40 years ago in Council 171 of Bethlehem, PA.
Mr. Michael Pierzga, Director of District VI at the time, and his wife Arleen brought the members of the council together to break oplatek, share a traditional meatless meal, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy each other’s company for the first Wigilia.

These traditions live on and are enjoyed by all. Last December, Lodge 2286 sponsored the 2017 Children’s Christmas party. Children told Saint Nicholas their Christmas wishes and enjoyed dinner. To top it off, a magician amazed the children with his show and balloon sculptures.

Submitted by Christine Thompson
The PNA Harvey Funds have been distributed. The following are the people our efforts have helped: the Kubiak Family, Ryszard Kielbinski, The Kwiatkowski Families, Mike Wisnowski, Marysia Czuprynowska, Irena Krzaczelewski, The Aponiuk family, the Brzeski family, The Szczegolski family, Bogdan Tomaszewski, the Gorszewski family, the Szopa Family, the Mucha family, the Krakowiak family, and the Atwood family from Rockport, Texas. Thank you to the committee - Brian Marshall, Mike Kurtin and Marylin Edwards. Special thanks to Ula Szul and Hania Tomaszewicz.

Houston, Texas
Dear PNA,

My family and I send our warmest thank you for the financial support for our post-Harvey recovery. We are so grateful for the generosity of the PNA. The money will be so helpful in the rebuilding of our home. Many thanks.

Jacek, Christina, and Chase Mucha

To the Polish National Alliance of the U.S. of N.A.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude for the donation which we received in December last year from your organization. Your generous gift will have a significant impact on helping us in this challenging time, to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. On behalf of my husband Michael Szczegolski, and myself Margaret Nowakowska, I want to thank you for your support and help. Your support encourages to pay forward to others.

Sincerely,
Margaret Nowakowska

Submitted by Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden, Fraternal Director Region “H”
Zaczerowany świat bajek w Centrum Polsko-Słowiańskim


21 stycznia 2018 roku audytorium znajdujące się przy 176 Java St. na Greenpointie zmieniło się w piękną, bajkową salę zabaw, na której oprócz roześmianych i zadowolonych dzieci, pojawiły się wycieczkowane przez wszystkich postacie z popularnych bajek. Tegoroczna zabawa karneawałowa została dedykowana babciom i dziadkom, którzy w Polsce w styczniu obchodzą swoje święto. Karnawałowe szaleństwo, podczas którego bawiło się ponad 200 osób, zostało zorganizowane we współpracy z Polską Szkołą im. Marii Konopnickiej na Greenpointie.

Karnawałowe szaleństwo na Greenpointie

Życzenia na Dzień Babci i Dziadka
Uczniowie z Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Konopnickiej na Greenpointie, dzięki zaangażowaniu dyrekcji tejże szkoły oraz nauczycielski grupy 1903 ZNP, porządzali piękny występ artystyczny z myślą o swoich babciach i dziadkach z okazji ich święta. Jak zawsze bardzo dużą popularnością cieszył się pokaz magika oraz różne konkursy, które świet-
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Continuing on a long tradition of special Christmas gatherings for its seniors, on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the Fraternal Department of the Polish National Alliance led by Ms. Mary Srodon, organized an excursion to downtown Chicago.

PNA seniors, Fraternal Director Wanda Penar, District XIII Commissioner Wanda Juda, and former PNA Director Anna Wierzbicki enjoyed a Holiday Tea Party at the Palmer’s House Hilton Hotel followed by a stop at the charming Christkindlmarket Chicago.

Chicago’s Palmer’s House is America’s longest continually operating, most established hotel. It first opened its doors in 1871 and has remained the place to “see and be seen” in downtown Chicago. Palmer’s House is known for its impressive entryway - Grand Lobby featuring ceiling frescos of 21 Greek mythological panels rivaling those of the Sistine Chapel.

Nutcracker Holiday Tea Party at Palmer’s was a charming event. Participants had an opportunity to mingle, sip delicious tea, and enjoy savory sandwiches and sweets amongst glittering holiday décor and in view of the spectacular hotel’s murals.

Then, the party was transferred comfortably to Daley Plaza, turned into a winter wonderland thanks to Christkindlmarket. PNA seniors had an opportunity to walk through an enchanting holiday village, buy European Christmas ornaments, specialty treats or have a cup of hot, spiced wine, in Poland known as “grzaniec.”
Although Holiday Lights at the Lincoln Park Zoo were off that night due to strong winds, PNA seniors had a lovely time, and went home with a small present, as could be expected on the Eve of St. Nicholas Day!

For a full photo gallery from the 2017 Seniors Christmas Outing visit: www.pna-znp.org (Helpful Links/Photo Gallery)

Photos by Alicja Kuklińska

PNA Council 21 Paint Night

On November 18th, 2017 Council 21 held its 2nd Annual Paint Night, which turned out to be another successful family event for members and community.

Submitted by Malgorzata Bondyra
15 lutego 2018 roku, nadawany przez 85 lat program „Polska w muzyce, pieśni i słowie” po raz ostatni zabrzmiał na falach WCEV 1450 AM. Prowadziła go pani Maria Grzegorzewska, która przejęła audycję po śmierci swego męża Adama Grzegorzewskiego, założyciela i prowadzącego programu, dziennikarza, społecznika i patriotę.

– Ciężko mi i smutno, bo czuję, że kończąc ten program usuwam się ze świata, staję się niepotrzebna. Ale codziennie dziękuję Bogu za każdy dzień. I za mojego Adasia. Także za to, że program był emitowany przez 85 lat. Ja nigdy nie tytułowałam się redaktorem ani producentem. Ja tylko kontynuowałam prowadzenie programu, który założył i prowadził mój mąż, redaktor Adam Grzegorzewski – mówi wzruszona pani Maria, która właśnie ukończyła 94 lata.


Adam znalazł pracę i kontynuował naukę na uniwersytecie Loyoli, gdzie studiował prawo. Przerwał jednak studia, ozenił się i założył rodzinę. Imał się wielu zajęć, między innymi był inspektorem lotniczym. Ponownie podjął studia, tym razem dziennikarskie. Okazało się, że wybór kierunku był strzałem w dziesiątkę.

14 lutego 1933 roku zadebiutował w radiu WSBC w programie „Quo Vadis”, a następnie na stacji WGES prowadził program dla młodzieży „Gaudeamus Igitur”. Swoj sztandarowy program „Polska w muzyce, pieśni i słowie” prowadził nieprzerwanie od 1955 r. aż do swojej śmierci w 2004 roku. Redaktor Grzegorzewski był także felietonistą „Dziennika Związkowego”.

Na jego programach nadawanych na falach 1490 AM wychowywały się kolejne pokolenia Polaków mieszkających w Chicago i sąsiednich stanach. Maria Grzegorzewska wspomina, że pewnego dnia Adam dowiedział się, że grupa dzieci zbiera się podczas jego programu przed radiodbiornikiem, żeby uczyć się polskiego, Grzegorzewski, jako patriota, człowiek czoyny i wielki orędownik polskości postanowił, żeby uczyć się polskiego, Grzegorzewski, jako patriota, człowiek czoyny i wielki orędownik polskości postanowił, że będzie nieodpłatnie udzielać im lekcji polskiego. Pod koniec roku szkolnego uczniowie Grzegorzewskiego pomyślnie zdali szkolny egzamin z języka polskiego.

Przez lata swojej pracy Grzegorzewski prowadził wiele akcji charytatywnych i zbiórek, m.in. na odbudowę Zamku Królewskiego w Warszawie, na Centrum Zdrowia Dziecka, dla Biblioteki Jagiellońskiej, na sierociniec w Tarchominie czy pierwsze elektronowe organy dla kościoła Mariackiego w Gdańsku. Był aktywnym członkiem Związku Narodowego Polskiego (Grupa 127), a w 1998 roku został odznaczony Krzyżem Kawalerskim Orderu Zasługi RP.

Kilka lat temu pani Maria otrzymała list z biura Księgi rekordów Guinnessa, a w nim propozycję zgłoszenia męża do tytułu „radiowca o najdłuższym stażu prowadzenia własnego programu”. Nie zgłosiła jednak rekordu, a list zaginął, prawdopodobnie podczas przeprowadzki. „Dziennik Związkowy” postanowił pomóc i 15 lutego oficjalnie zgłosił kandydaturę red. Adama Grzegorzewskiego do Księgi rekordów Guinnessa.

Z informacji dostępnych na stronie internetowej Księgi rekordów Guinnessa wynika, że rekord najdłuższego prowadzenia jednego programu radiowego należy do Oscara Branda, który audycję w kanadyjskim radiu WNYC prowadził przez 70 lat i 291 dni. Adama

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Maria Grzegorzewska

Adam Grzegorzewski
A Christmas party for the members and friends of Lodge 1540 was held at the Venango Valley Inn and Golf Course in Venango, Pennsylvania.

Six members, who have served as officers and who kept our Lodge going when there was little to no interest were recognized; they are Helen Archacki, Josephine Haluch, Mary Pankul, Wanda Pilarczyk, Stanley Styborski and Frances Taylor. Altogether they have been members for over 311 years!

There were 35 people in attendance ranging in age from 12-96. Lodge membership was updated in the past year and new officers elected. We discussed ideas for fundraising, and we would like to work on having a Polka dance soon, to celebrate our heritage. We also reminded members and non-members that life insurance certificates and tax-deferred annuities are available. Please contact Stacy Mott for more information.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was so nice to see such a great turnout. Our next meeting is March 21, 2018, at Venango Valley Inn and Golf Course.

Stacy Mott, Financial Secretary of Lodge 1540

Submitted by Jeff Twardy, Fraternal Director Region “B”
Sniadanie ze św. Mikołajem

W niedzielny poranek 3 grudnia, w świątecznie udekorowanej sali Związku Narodowego Polskiego, odbyło się doroczne śniadanie ze św. Mikołajem. Organizatorem przyjęcia dla około pięćdziesięcioro dzieci i ich rodziców był Okręg XIII ZNP, pod kierownictwem komisarz Wandy Judy, która przywitała gości i życzyła wszystkim udanej zabawy.

Dzieci bawiły się doskonale, szczególnie, że zabawę poprowadziła para profesjonalnych artystów z dużym doświadczeniem w dziedzinie przyjęć dla dzieci. Były gry, konkursy z nagrodami oraz pożywny śniadanko, które dostarczyło najmłodszym dodatkowej energii.

Św. Mikołaj przybył w towarzystwie dwóch elfów, młodych wolontariuszek z Okręgu XIII: Reese Kalinsky i Niny Turk, które wręczały dziejom prezenty. Mikołajowy worek, a raczej wózek, był bardzo duży, co świadczy o tym, że dzieci były w ubiegłym roku wyjątkowo grzeczne. Dzięki sponsorom, a w szczególności firme Lowell z Chicago, świąteczne paczki były wypełnione wieloma dobrymi smakołykami.

Miejmy nadzieję, że dzieci i w tym roku będą równie grzeczne, jako św. Mikołaj zaanonsował powrót w grudniu 2018, a komisarz Wanda Juda zapowiedziała, że Okręg XIII będzie kontynuował rozpoczęta przed szesnaastoma laty tradycję.


Zdjęcia: Alicja Kuklińska
2017 District XIII Breakfast with Santa was a great success. Approximately 50 children, their parents, and grandparents gathered to enjoy a delicious breakfast, participate in many exciting games and challenges, and meet with Santa Claus, who stopped by at the PNA to deliver well-deserved presents and take photos with kids. District XIII Commissioner Wanda Juda promised to continue this tradition and invited those who are not PNA members to join the organization that genuinely cares about its members.
Chicago Society Foundation Issues Grant to Polish Center in Chicopee, MA

Chicopee, MA. The Chicago Society Foundation approved a generous grant in 2017 for the building of four special order display cases for four Szopki donated to the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, Chicopee, MA, from the extensive and impressive collection of Polish folk art from the estate of Mr. Bernard Pajewski of New Britain, CT. Included in the collection was the acquisition of four extraordinary, heavily ornamented szopki krakowskie measuring 77 inches high, 61 inches high, 53 inches high and 38 inches high. Two of the szopki are from the 1930’s, while the other two are from the late 1960’s or early 1970’s. The age and delicate nature of these items necessitated special care—tempered glass cases to appropriately house, protect and exhibit them to the public. A grant for the building of four specially made glass display cases was submitted by the Polish Center’s Founder and Executive Director, Stas Radosz, to the Chicago Society Foundation in March 2017. The grant was approved, and the cases were built by Thomas Dziok and his local craftsmen. The szopki cases were ready, and the lighted szopki were on display prior to the jubilant Christmas holiday season of 2017.

The mission of the Foundation is to improve the well-being of the Polish-America and Polish communities by supporting cultural, historical and educational projects of qualified individuals and organizations. The similar mission of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning is, above all, a museum and educational resource center. It strives to become a „living monument” safeguarding historical objects representative of the material culture of the Polish people in America. The Polish Center strives to rescue and properly safeguard large numbers of archival materials from loss. The Polish Center fulfills research and educational need rarely addressed in this country. The Polish Center galleries, programs, and research materials underscore the value of history and the importance of education to the successful integration of Polish immigrants into the social and business fabric of the United States.

The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning is forever grateful to the Chicago Society Foundation for its generous donation to the building of the four tempered glass lit cases. Donations of any kind, material or financial, may be made to the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, 33 South Street, Chicopee, MA 01013, or call: 413-592-0001, or E-mail: Polishcenter@elms.edu.

ADMING THE DISPLAY OF THE SZOPKI

Chicopee, MA. Admiring the four newly built display cases for the Pajewski szopki exhibit are Teresa Struziak Sherman, PNA National Business Board Director and Charles Komosa, PNA National Secretary. In the picture is the largest of the four szopki standing at 6 feet, 5 inches. The display cases were built with a grant given by the Chicago Society Foundation, Chicago, IL.

At the opening of the exhibit on November 17, 2017, the Polish Center was indeed honored to have in attendance our PNA National Secretary, Charles Komosa from Chicago, who also served on the Chicago Society Foundation Board of Directors. He was very helpful in guiding the Polish Center through the grant process. Following his attendance at the Polish Center opening exhibit, Secretary Komosa was then escorted by PNA National Business Board Director, Teresa Struziak Sherman, to the annual major Polish Center fundraising event, the Krakus Festival at the Sheraton Hotel, in downtown Springfield, MA. Secretary Komosa has since passed away, and we all feel honored to have enjoyed his company in November 2017. Our thoughts and prayers are being offered to his entire family.
ATTENDEES AT THE 12TH ANNUAL KRAKUS FESTIVAL

Springfield, MA. The twelfth annual Polish Center of Discovery and Learning Krakus Festival was held at the Sheraton Monarch Hotel downtown Springfield, MA on November 17, 2017. Past President of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, Joseph M. Topor, Jr. was honored for his many years of service and dedication to the Polish Center and the community as well. The gala event was attended by more than 170 guests. The meal and music made the evening magnificent and one to remember.

Among the guests present were back row left to right: Jeannie Zapala, former PNA District 1 Commissioner; Teresa Struziak Sherman, National PNA Business Board Director; Peter Milicki, President PNA Council 111, Worcester, MA; Joseph M. Topor, Jr. Community Award recipient, and Charles Komosa, PNA National Secretary, Chicago, IL.

Front row left to right: Gilbert J. Sherman, President PNA Council 62, Chicopee, MA; Wanda Milicki, Commissioner PNA District 1; Grazyna Vincunas, and Frank Wolanin, President PNA Council 82, Holyoke, MA.

Submitted by Teresa Struziak Sherman, PNA Business Board Director

COUNCIL 62 PNA INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR 2018

Chicopee, MA. Council 62 Polish National Alliance delegates of Chicopee, MA held their 2018 annual meeting and elections at the Collegian Court Restaurant, Chicopee, MA. Election Chairperson and Installing Officer, Helena Jalbert, PNA Lodge 2279, administered the oath of office to elected delegates and officers.

Among the guests present were back row left to right: Richard Knurek, 2nd Vice President and President of the Polish Alliance Youth Camp, Camp Stanica in Bondsville, MA; Gilbert J. Sherman, President; Teresa Struziak Sherman, PNA National Business Board Director, and Council 62 Financial and Recording Secretary, and Brian Gendron, Treasurer. Missing from the photo is Jeannie Zapala, former Commissioner PNA District 1, and Council 62 1st Vice President.

The Council is planning an Easter Egg Hunt on March 24 at the Chicopee Falls Polish Home, Chicopee, MA which will begin at noon. Registration is at 11:30 A.M. Refreshments will be served free of charge. The Easter bunny will join us for the Easter celebration. A donation will be appreciated to help defray the Egg Hunt costs. The first 60 children will receive a bag of Easter surprises.

Camp Stanica is planning a 5K Cross Country Trail Run/Walk at Camp Stanica on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at 10 A.M. The event will benefit Camp Scholarships, Programs, and the Maintenance Building Fund. The PNA Council 62 co-educational overnight camping season will open for children ages 6-14 at Camp Stanica, the Polish Alliance Youth Camp in Bondsville, MA.

Council 62’s challenge is to increase PNA membership and has organized a membership contest for all its delegates for the year 2018. Our goal is to have every delegate enroll or refer at least one new member for 2018.

Submitted by Teresa Struziak Sherman, PNA Business Board Director

Send all articles, pictures, and correspondence to: zgoda@pna-znp.org
December, 2017, 
Blanco, Texas. Congratulations to PNA Lodge 165 member Brian Marshall, also known as the Polish Fiddler, for being the winner of the 2017 Texas Master Fiddler Award. This award is given to those who have carried on and lovingly preserved their genres of Texas traditional fiddling. Brian Marshall of Tomball, won the award for his mastery of Texas Polish Fiddling, one of the unique styles featured every year at the Festival - presented by the Texas Folklife and the Festival of Texas Fiddling.

Submitted by Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden, Fraternal Director Region „H”

Mark B. Grzymala
SUPER LAWYER

Mark B. Grzymala, member of PNA Council 91, the founder and principal of Grzymala Law Offices, P.C., has been selected to the 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers list for Construction Litigation. This is an exclusive list, recognizing no more than five percent of attorneys in the state. Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters, is a research-driven, peer influenced rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The Super Lawyers List, published nationwide, is a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys to be used as a resource for both referring attorneys and consumers seeking legal counsel.

Congratulations Mr. Grzymala!

Karolina Jasko
MISS ILLINOIS 2018

Karolina Jasko is a member of PNA Lodge 3241 of Franklin Park, IL. She is a second year student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, studying psychology and criminal justice in hopes of becoming a clinical psychologist specializing in family and marital issues. In the year of 2017, she held the title of Miss Polonia Illinois USA.

“After a rough year of being diagnosed with an early stage of melanoma, I didn’t believe in myself as much as I should have and never thought I would take part in and win a pageant like this so I am thankful for the chance I had to represent the Polish community in Illinois while working on myself. Winning the Miss Illinois USA pageant has always been a big dream of mine and now that it has become a reality I can’t wait to get started and really make it my year. I hope to call awareness to the issue of domestic violence, and human trafficking. I also cannot wait to promote and fundraise for the Warriors for Ross and The Ross Foundation which helps children and families battling pediatric cancer. I cannot wait to represent Illinois the best way that I can, not only in the Miss USA pageant, but throughout the whole year.”

Congratulations Karolina!

Submitted by Sales Representative Sophie Pernak, who enrolled Karolina to the PNA.

Jacob Walsh
POLICE OFFICER

Jacob Walsh, a member of the PNA Lodge 3176, recently graduated the Memphis Tennessee Police Academy. Pictured below with his uncle, Louis Sitnik, Jacob is a grandson of Mary Sitnik, President of Lodge 3176 in Connecticut. Congratulations Jacob!

Submitted by Joan Walsh

We are proud of

Brian Marshall
MASTER FIDDLER

Mark B. Grzymala
SUPER LAWYER

Louis Sitnik and Jacob Walsh

Karolina Jasko
MISS ILLINOIS 2018
Małgorzata Bondyra
PLAV AUXILIARY MEMBER

Baltimore, MD – Małgorzata Bondyra was sworn in as an Auxiliary Member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans – Department of Maryland, by Commander Steve “Wojo” Wojciechowski, on December 21, 2017, during PLAV’s monthly membership meeting at the Polish National Alliance Lounge, with Judge Advocate Richard Poremski overseeing the ceremony.

Małgorzata Bondyra, 42, has a very interesting personal history. Hailing from Toruń situated on the Vistula River in northern Poland, she arrived here in 1995. While living in Toruń, she graduated from Zespół Szkół Ekonomicznych – a highly specialized business-focused high school, and studied economics at the Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika. Growing up at home, she joined the regional folk group ZPiT Toruniacy at age 14 as a member of its kapela. Years later, during 1995, she toured the eastern U.S. with the group. She also studied Visual and Performing Arts – Violin Performance at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Campus, and is an accomplished violinist and vocalist.

Małgosia has become a dynamic force in the local Polonia. Two years ago, after a long association with the Ojczyzna Polish Dancers, Inc., she became the Managing Director. In 2017, she became Ojczyzna’s Artistic Director and Choreographer after attending an intense summer program with certification at the prestigious Polonijne Studium Choreograficzne at the University of Rzeszow in Poland. Gosia is also very involved with the Polish National Alliance and holds elected officer positions in both Council 21 and Lodge 238. She is a leading PNA Sales Representative and a Notary Public for good measure.

Professionally, Gosia is employed as a Polish-English translator and interpreter. She is married, the mother of three children (a 100% PNA family), and currently resides in Perry Hall, a suburb of Baltimore.

Submitted by Richard P. Poremski

The Bober Family
PNA DYNASTY

In 1929, Stanley and Emilia Bober purchased their newborn son, Edward Bober, a PNA Life Insurance certificate. Born and raised in McKee Rock, Pennsylvania, Ed went on to the University of Pittsburgh and earned an Engineering degree. 63 years ago, he married his wife Mary Ann and purchased her PNA life insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Bober moved to Churchill, where Ed had a successful career at Westinghouse. During the last 63 years, Ed and Mary purchased PNA life insurance certificates for their 5 children, 15 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

They have passed along their love for the PNA and Polish traditions to their family. Every Christmas, the family celebrates Wigilia with home-made pierogi, sauerkraut, and fish as part of the tradition Stanley and Emilia brought with them from Poland. They start with breaking an oplatek, while Ed tells his family about his parents coming from Poland with nothing and his father becoming a very successful businessman, owning Stanley’s Garage in McKee’s Rock.

All of the Bober’s great grandchildren were enrolled by the PNA Sales Representative Robert DeWitt.

Submitted by Irene Jasionowski-Nickel, Secretary of Lodge 615, McKee’s Rock, PA.

In July 2017, the entire Bober family gathered for a wedding in Pittsburgh. This photo features Ed and Mary Ann Bober, their five children, and their grandchildren.

Submitted by Irene Jasionowski-Nickel, Secretary of Lodge 615, McKee’s Rock, PA.
Welcome to our PNA Family

Grace Hedy Carrier,
born December 19, 2016, daughter of Nicole and Herschel Carrier of Oak Creek, WI and great-granddaughter of Mitch and the late Hedy Rabiega, is a new member of PNA Lodge 3100 in Milwaukee, WI. The PNA membership was a gift from her loving grandparents Teresa and Jeffrey Jankowski.
Submitted by Teresa Jankowski, fraternal Director Region “I”.

Giddeon Mazewski,
born August 26, 2016, is a new member of Lodge 2336, and is a 4th generation PNA member, following his father, Richard A. Mazewski, grandfather Richard Z. Mazewski, and his late great grandfather Adam Z. Mazewski.
Submitted by Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden, Fraternal Director Region “H”.

Michael David Hercik,
born January 7th, 2016, son of Joseph and Maria Hercik of Peoria, Illinois, joins his brother Joseph and sisters Grace and Katherine as the newest member of PNA Lodge 694. Michael’s certificate was a gift from his loving grandparents Joseph and Irene Hercik. The Herciks are a 100% PNA family!

Damien Catlett,
born August 25, 2010, is the newest member of Lodge 827 in Youngstown, Ohio. He is the son of William and Agatha Catlett of Poland, Ohio. The PNA certificate was a gift from his loving grandparents, Frank and Maria Tofilski. Damien was enrolled by Joseph M. Magielski, Fraternal Director Region “D”.

Ariana Grace Camuso, born February 24, 2015, and her brother Giovanni Michael Camuso, born August 6, 2016, are children of John and Mary Camuso of Youngstown, Ohio. The PNA membership is a gift from Marihelen and Mike Kopper.

Charlotte Rae Hedland, born October 7, 2016, is a new member of Lodge 411. The PNA membership is a gift from her loving grandparents Philip and Deborah Lasky of New Castle, Pennsylvania.
Ava Grace Bowen, born May 18, 2017, daughter of Shane and Kayla Bowen of Orlando, Florida, is a new member of Lodge 3216. Her PNA certificate was a gift from her loving great grandmother Bernice Johnson.

Stockton T. Zan, born August 2, 2011, and Clancy J. Zan, born July 19, 2016, are children of Casey and Sterling Zan and new members of Lodge 128 in Bremond, Texas. They were signed up by their loving great grandmother Marie Zan.

Gage Allen Ritter, born July 16, 2017, son of Matthew and Ashley, joined his two brothers and sister as a member of PNA Lodge 128 in Bremond, Texas. He was signed up by his loving great grandmother Marie Zan.

Submitted by Wanda Kotch-Ray, Commissioner of PNA District XI.

Isabelle Rayne Howansky, born April 3, 2017, joined her sister Adalyn as a new member of Lodge 1684. She was signed up by her loving grandparents Daniel and Anna Howansky of Cohoes, NY. The Sales Representative was Mary Sala.

Ava Grace Bowen

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• Merit and need are taken into consideration.
• Candidates not selected can reapply annually.
• Preference will be given to applicants who will be juniors, seniors, or graduate students in the fall term.

To obtain an application, send a request by mail to PACCF (address above) or an application can be printed from PACCF website at www.paccf.org

Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2018

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JUBILEUSZOWE JASEŁKA W SZKOLE PUŁASKIEGO

Pierwsza wigilia w polskiej szkole im. gen. Kazimierza Pułaskiego w Harwood Heights odbyła się 30 lat temu. Od 15 lat towarzyszą jej szkolne jasełka, a podczas świątecznego spotkania ogłaszane są wyniki konkursu na najładniejszą ozdobę choinkową i szopkę bożonarodzeniową.


Szkolną wigilię rozpoczął wspólną modlitwą ksiądz Marcin Mikułski OSPPE. Po przełamaniu się opłatkiem uczniowie częstowali się ulubionymi tradycyjnymi potrawami, których listę sami ustalili.


Po emocjach związanych z ogłoszeniem wyników świątecznego konkursu uczniowie wystąpili w jasełkach. Teksty od kilkunastu lat opracowuje Zofia Biernadska, która również reżyseruje spektakl. W tegorocznym przedstawieniu w rolach głównych wystąpili licealistki Christophera Dobrzyckiego, jako Maryja i Konrad Lukasiewicz, uczniowie klasy 7, w roli św. Elżbieta Górnikiewicz i Zofia Biernadska.

Józefa. Postać Heroda brawurowo wykreował Brajan Hendzel.

W końcowym akcie, w stajence, podczas adoracji nowonarodzonego Jezusa pastorz Bartosz, którego zagrał Robert Guz z klasy 6, prosi Dzieciątko o błogosławieństwo: „Czas nam wracać do domu. A więc się śniemi i pięknie prosimy o błogosławieństwo dla Polski i naszej rodziny”. Wigilijną przedstawienie zakończyło wspólnie zaśpiewanie kołedy „Podnieś rękę, Boże Dzieciąć”. Doskonale przygotowanie młodych aktorów widzowie po każdym akcie nagradzali gromkimi brawami. Jednak nie był to koniec atrakcji. W przerwach pomiędzy aktami odbył się minikoncert polskich kolęd i szkolny konkurs na najładniejszą ozdobę choinkową.

Narodziny Dzieciątka doń wenecki arcybiskup wojewoda cesarski – Kajetan z prawdopodobnych powodów w czasie świątecznym nie był w stanie wziąć udziału w obchodach. W związku z tym, że obowiązki biskupów i arcybiskupów nie uznawane były przez władze celne na podporządkowanie, w niektórych miejscach jak Polska, Austria, Łotwa, Litwa, bardzo obowiązujące były akty świąteczne przedstawiane przez dzieci z szkół.

Jola Plesiewicz, wychowawczyni klasy VII

Zdjęcia: Dariusz Piłka
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CAMPS INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED ON THE PNA WEBSITE AT WWW.PNA-ZNP.ORG.

A 5K RUN/WALK IS BEING PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2018, AT
CAMP STANICA AT 10:00 A. M. REGISTRATION. THE FEE IS $20 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST AND $25.00
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SUBMITTED BY TERESA STRUZIAK SHERMAN, PNA BUSINESS BOARD DIRECTOR
Representatives of 10 fraternal benefit societies doing business in the New England States gathered in Berlin, CT on Saturday, November 4th, 2017. The New England Fraternal Alliance (NEFA) represents more than 300,000 fraternalists in the six New England States. This year’s meeting was hosted in the Baltic Restaurant in Berlin. Irene Grabowy, President of the NEFA warmly welcomed fraternalists. The meeting began with the rising of the Stars and Stripes in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day observance. Next, the opening prayers were offered, followed by the Memorial Remembrance service led by Dan Tanzone, who serves as Chaplin of the NEFA. Reports from the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and various committees followed. During the luncheon, two scholarships of $1,000 were presented to the student recipients. One of the recipients was Natalia Kreciglowa, a member of Polish National Alliance (PNA) Lodge 441. The afternoon session included a presentation by the St. Vincent DePaul Mission, the recipient of the 2017 Care & Share project. Marek Czarnecki, an Iconographer and member of PNA Lodge 441, followed with a presentation on the “History of the Icon of the Black Madonna.”

During the banquet, Marianna Koziol-Dube was nominated as Fraternalist of the Year. Marianna is currently serving her 2nd term as PNA Commissioner of District 2, Financial Secretary of Lodge 2612, President of Council 58, and Representative of the PNA National Convention. The other organizations that she is involved with include the Polish Scouting Organization, Polonaise Club, League of Women Voters, and Polish American Fraternal News

Irene Grabowy introduces Fraternalist of the Year Marianna Koziol-Dube.

Congress (PAC). She has previously served as the president of the Polish Language School in New Britain. Marianna has worked tirelessly and selflessly to serve the local Polish community and the Polish National Alliance in particular.

A highlight of the event was keynote speaker Frank Spula, who serves as the National President of the PNA and PAC. In addition to his speech, he took the oaths from the newly elected Officers in the NEFA.

The 93rd New England Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting concluded with closing remarks by Irene Grabowy. Overall, it was a successful event and excellent weekend.

Irene Grabowy
Vice Censor of the PNA and President of the NEFA
There will be three winners selected, and three $100 checks awarded. Winner’s names will be published in the Zgoda and on the PNA website. You can download the coloring page at www.pna-znp.org.

**Rules:**
- Child must be a PNA member.
- One entry per child.
- Each entry must have the child’s full name, age & address attached with the completed coloring page.

**Please mail entry to:**
PNA Coloring Contest
6100 N. Cicero Ave.
Chicago, IL 60646

February 1st – May 31st, 2018
Postcard from Poland

Original Art Contest for PNA Members Ages 8 to 15

February 1st – May 31st, 2018

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence.

In recognition of this historical jubilee, and as a tribute to Poland, a beautiful country of our origin, the Polish National Alliance would like to encourage its young members to exhibit their artistic talents and create a postcard/image visualizing what comes to mind while thinking of Poland. Whether it will be a serene Polish landscape, a cityscape, a portrait of a Polish hero, or a traditional folk motive, it is up to the young artist to express their vision of Poland.

Rules:

- All artwork must be original, a hand done creation. Photographs and computer generated artwork will not be accepted.
- Artwork must be at least 8.5 x 11 and no larger than 18 x 24 inches and cannot be thicker than 1/4 inch.
- The child must be a PNA member. Only one entry per child is acceptable.
- 3 age groups: 8 – 10, 11 - 13, 14 – 15
- The artwork should not have the artist's signature, initials or name on the front. Write only the title in the back of the artwork.
- Send your artwork along with the completed Art Contest Entry Form to:
  Polish National Alliance
  Fraternal Activities Department
  6100 N. Cicero Ave.
  Chicago, Il  60646
- Postmark no later than May 31, 2018

Winners will be awarded respectively: $300 (1st place), $200 (2nd place), and $100 (3rd place) in each age group, and asked to provide a photo and a short bio for publicity. All entries become the property of the Polish National Alliance and will not be returned.

2018 Art Contest Entry Form

Title of the artwork:

Name: .................................................................
Age: .................  D.O.B: ............................
Address: ...........................................................
City: .................................................................
State: .................  Zip: .....................
Phone No.: ...........................................................
email: ..............................................................
Lodge No.: ..........................................................
Parent Signature: ..................................................

February 1st – May 31st, 2018
The Opening Reception of the Polish Consulate in Houston

December 16, 2017. The Polish Consulate General in Houston has been officially opened. Minister of Foreign Affairs Witold Waszczykowski, Polonia from Texas and a representative of the American Congress took part in the ceremony of the inauguration of the institution. The official opening of the

Minister of Foreign Affairs Witold Waszczykowski attended the inauguration of the institution (photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Consulate General was made in the presence of Minister Waszczykowski representing the Houston district of Sheila Jackson Lee from the Democratic Party. In her speech, she stressed that thanks to immigrants from our country, Polish culture became a part of the United States. The Polish Community was out in full force to welcome the Polish Consulate to Houston.

February 10, 2018, Miami, Florida. Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, PNA Lodge 165 member, attended the Polish American Leadership Summit. Topics of the summit included Transatlantic Investments, Central Europe Security, Energy, and the Economy, in Miami, Florida. There were 300 people in attendance with over 170 high level representatives from Poland discussing issues of the fastest growing economy in Europe - Poland.

POLISH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT “POLAND INVESTMENT ZONE

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz from PACT and PNA Houston representing the region

Submitted by Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden, Fraternal Director, Region „H“
Rozpoczęcie balu studniówkowego 2018 zaplanowane było na szóstą wieczorem 27 stycznia, pod budynkiem Drury Lane Theater zaczęły podjeżdżać kolejne limuzyny, z których wychodzili piękni młodzi ludzie w oświetlających, wieczorowych kreacjach. Scenę tę można było tylko porównać do Dolby Theater w Hollywood w czasie gali rozdania Oscarów. To już 25 polonijna studniówka, w tym roku zorganizowana przez szkołę im. św. Małgorzaty Marii w Algonquin pod egidą Zrzeszenia Nauczycieli Polskich. Wzięło w niej udział 530 maturzystów z 35 szkół działających w metropolii Chicago.


Po eleganckiej kolacji nastąpił fascynujący moment losowania stypendiów na łączną kwotę 5000 dolarów, oraz biletu do Polski ufundowanego przez Polskie Linie Lotnicze LOT.

Po zakończeniu części oficjalnej rozpoczął się zainicjowany tradycyjnym polonezem taneczny szaleńcze, a żeby polskiej tradycji stało się zadość, wszyscy uczniowie przeszli przez setki, co powinno im gwarantować sukces na egzaminie maturalnym. Wszyscy uczestnicy balutrzymali na pamiątkę czerwoną czapkę bejsbolową z napisem “Studniówka 2018”.

Niedługo tegoroczni maturzyści przystąpią do matury i opuszcza mury polskich szkół i miemy nadzieję, że wykorzystają wszystkie możliwości i spełnią swoje marzenia.

Życzmy im sukcesów!

Agnieszka Kostrzewa, Polska Szkoła im. św. Małgorzaty Marii w Algonquin

Photos by
Victor Studio & Andrzej Baraniak
The Polish National Alliance is happy to offer to its members new prescription drugs benefit: **Rx Help Centers** is a drug advocacy program dedicated to helping customers get the price on all medications. The expert team will help you receive the lowest prices for all your name brand drugs.

This service will complement any existing coverage that you already have.

**Studniówka (Polish Prom)** is a magical moment in the life of every Polish high school student. This annual prom marked its 25th anniversary, in which 530 students from 35 Chicagoland Polish language schools participated. A beautifully decorated banquet hall, music, memorable pictures and an unforgettable atmosphere encouraged students to take part in the traditional Polonez dance, which traditionally makes an appearance at every Polish prom.

Everybody looked very elegant, and had a great night, forgetting for a moment about their Polish language skills test awaiting them in 100 days. This year, the Studniówka was organized by the St. Margaret Mary Polish School in Algonquin, IL under auspices of the Polish Teacher Association in America.

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B arbara Chałko
Człowiek Roku „Dziennika Związkowego”

18 lutego goście zaproszeni na uroczystość wręczenia wyróżnienia Człowiek Roku „Dziennika Związkowego” druwnie Barbarze Chałko, wchodząc do sali konferencyjnej Związku Narodowego Polskiego przerciiali oczy ze zdumienia. Specjalnie na tę wyjątkową okazję sala zamieniła się w leśną polanę.


Były solista Opery Śląskiej w Bytomiu i Teatru Narodowego w Warszawie Józef Homik, brawurowo zaśpiewał najsłynniejszą polską piosenkę żołnierską „Czerwone maki na Monte Cassino”, a po laudacjach i występach nadszedł czas na element, bez którego prawdziwa harcerska zbiórka odbyć się nie może, czyli rozkaz. Przeczytały go Kasia Chałko i redaktor naczelna „Dziennika Związkowego” Małgorzata Błaszczuk. „Za ogrom pracy na rzecz Polonii w Chicago i harcerstwa, za poświęcenie czasu i sił, za wychowanie kilku pokoleń polskiej młodzieży na obczoźnie, za wpajanie jej dumy z naszej wspólnej polskości, za demonstrowanie postawą życiową i społeczną oraz własnym przykładem, jak służyć Polsce i bliźnim, mianuję druwnę Barbarę Chałko Człowiekiem Roku „Dziennika Związkowego”. Rozkaz podpisali – redaktor naczelna i wydawca „Dziennika Związkowego”.

Wyróżnienie i nagrodę wręczyli prezes Frank Spula i red. Małgorzata Błaszczuk. Następnie głos zabrała wzruszona laureatka: – Przyjęłam to zaszczytne wyróżnienie w imieniu całego polskiego harcerstwa w Chicago. To wyróżnienie nie jest zasługą tylko jednej osoby, a całego grona instruktorskiego, które od ponad 70 lat działa w Chicago i wychowuje młodzież. Harcerstwo to organizacja wyjątkowa, która nie tylko tworzy przyjaźń i umożliwia przeżycie niezapomnianych przygód, ale też wychowuje i kształtuje – powiedziała druwna Barbara Chałko.


Grzegorz Dziedzic
Zdjęcie: Dariusz Piłka

Artykuł w całości oraz galeria zdjęć: www.dziennikzwiązkowy.com
On January 18, 2018, the ceremony of establishing the History Point of the Institute of National Remembrance and signing the cooperation agreement with its partner, the Polish Teachers Association, took place at the Polish Consulate in Chicago. The IPN educators visited selected polish schools, educating their students on Polish national symbols, the heroic story of Captain Witold Pilecki, Poles saving Jews during World War II, the Polish pilots in the Battle of Britain, etc.

During their stay in Chicago, the members of the IPN delegation, headed by its President, Dr. Jarosław Szarek, met with many representatives of major Polish organizations, including the Polish American Congress, Polish National Alliance, and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America.

The IPN delegation visited the Polish Daily News - the oldest and the only Polish-language daily newspaper in the USA and the world, published uninterruptedly since January 15, 1908. The IPN President, Dr. Jarosław Szarek, congratulated the editorial board on the 110th anniversary of the newspaper and reminded the audience that the young Polish man whose parents came to Chicago at the turn of the XXth century, were able to return to their homeland, and fight for Poland’s freedom. In the year of the 100 anniversary of Poland regaining independence, the IPN would like to emphasize the efforts and sacrifices of Polish immigrants, who came from the United States to fight for Poland’s freedom. The IPN delegation took an opportunity to explore the archives of the Polish Daily News, and offer their professional assistance in securing and digitizing valuable, and the historically significant oldest issues of the „Dziennik Związkowy.”

All through their stay in Chicago, the IPN representatives visited numerous places related to the history of Poland and Polonia in Chicago.
Nowy polski paszport

W jubileuszowym dla Polski roku 100 rocznicy odzyskania niepodległości, Polska Wytwórnia Papierów Wartościowych uruchomi produkcję nowego polskiego paszportu. Na jego projekt graficzny mieli wpływ Polacy w kraju i za granicą, którzy wzięli udział w głosowaniu na 9 z 13 proponowanych tematów historycznych.

Nowy polski paszport nawiązuje do przypadającej w 2018 roku setnej rocznicy odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości i jest kontynuacją polityki historycznej państwa polskiego. Oprócz znaczącej historycznie, atrakcyjnej formy graficznej wykorzystuje również najnowocześniejsze rozwiązania technologiczne w dziedzinie zabezpieczeń dokumentów oraz nowe, patentowe rozwiązania. Dokument składa się poliwęglanowej strony personalizowanej, wewnętrznych okładek drukowanych różnymi technikami oraz stron wizowych zabezpieczonych wielotonowym znakiem wodnym z filigranem i nitką zabezpieczającą z mikrotekstem. W okładce umieszczony jest inlet i chip z zapisem biometrycznych danych osobowych.

Delegacje MSWiA oraz Polskiej Wytwórni Papierów Wartościowych rozpoczęły również w Stanach Zjednoczonych promocję paszportu „100 ROCZNICA ODZYSKANIA NIEPODLEGŁOŚCI”, jako że wydaje się tutaj około 30 tyś nowych paszportów rocznie. Nowy polski paszport będzie, najprawdopodobniej, dostępny w połowie roku 2018.

The new Polish passport will be available to citizens later this year. It is released on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence. President of the PWPW, Jakub Skiba, stressed that the passport would be fitted with many advanced security features. “It will be one of the best-secured documents”, he added.

The most considerable change, as compared to current passports, pertains to the personalized page, which will be entirely made of polycarbonate, a very sturdy and durable material allowing to implement new security features of which the most important and most noticeable include an electronic layer in the form of a chip with biometric data. The new Polish passport also has a new, attractive, and historically significant graphic design.

Mazurek - Polish Easter Cake

Mazurek is an unquestionably classic Polish Easter cake. It is speculated that it was inspired by sweet Turkish desserts that came to Poland in the early 17th century, but its origin is uncertain. It is a flat cake made with yeast or non-yeast doughs and topped with any combination of almond paste, preserves, dried fruits, nuts, meringues, poppy seed paste, chocolate, and sometimes left plain. The varieties are seemingly endless and vary from region to region and family to family. Please, try the recipe below, and enjoy your Easter.

Royal Mazurek
Mazurek królewski

**Ingredients:**
- 6 ounces butter (room temperature)
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 ounces almonds (ground blanched, 6 tablespoons)
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest (grated)
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 large egg yolks (hard-cooked, sieved)
- 1 large egg yolk (raw)
- Pinch salt
- Pinch cinnamon
- 6 ounces apricot preserves
- 6 ounces raspberry preserves (or cherry preserves)
- Confectioners’ sugar (for dusting)

**Directions:**
Cream together butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. By hand, stir in almonds, zest, flour making sure to measure it correctly and hard-cooked egg yolks. Add raw egg yolk, salt, and cinnamon, and mix into a smooth dough. This entire process, from step 1, can be done in a food processor, if you prefer. Place dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cut off 1/3 dough and return, wrapped, to the refrigerator. Roll out 2/3 dough and place on an 8-inch-by-11-inch tart pan with a removable bottom or a small sheet pan. Pierce or “dock” the dough with the tines of a fork. Using a pastry brush, egg wash (1 beaten egg with 1 teaspoon water) dough. Roll remaining 1/3 dough and cut into 1/4-inch strips. Arrange strips lattice-style over dough. Brush lattice strips with egg wash. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes, or until light golden brown and crisp. Allow to cool completely. Place pastry on a serving plate, and spoon fruit preserve alternately into the open spaces of the lattice work. Sprinkle lightly with confectioners’ sugar. This can be a difficult dough to work with for some, but it is a traditional recipe. This pastry dough is not meant to be like pie dough. It is delicate and takes a little coaxing, but the flavor is definitely worth it.

Smacznego!
Small Life Changes Can Make a Slimmer You

It is that time of the year again when we are all reminded of the need to look slim and trim for the upcoming summer season. We will need to shed our winter outfits for the more body revealing, light weight clothing for the summer weather. The media is famous for causing us to rethink investing in various weight loss diets and programs which can be costly and short lived. People are rushing to buy gym memberships and emptying their food cabinets, confident that this will be the year for losing the weight they have carried for months, even years. Reaching a desired, realistic goal does not require a complete lifestyle change. There are simple, small life changes that do not require high financial stakes, yet can produce your desired results. As you read this article, think about how you can easily incorporate some of the suggestions offered here into your daily living schedule. You do not need to follow all of the ideas at once. Take small steps to avoid becoming overwhelmed or discouraged. Please know that if you have been overweight for years, it will take longer to lose the unwanted pounds, but it will happen if you persist with the life changes. After all, it is those current habits that got you in the overweight predicament in the first place. If you are not overweight, some ideas mentioned in this article may help you lead a healthier life and maintain your ideal weight. So, read on…

**What is healthy weight loss?** Most individuals joining a weight loss program want it over and done with quickly, almost overnight. I recently saw a commercial on television assuring if you took a certain pill, it would burn off pounds as you slept, even up to 20 pounds. I know of no one who has had such an experience. In fact, scientific evidence shows that people who lose weight gradually (1-2 pounds per week) are more successful in keeping the weight off. This gradual weight loss plan allows your body to adjust to the loss and not cause you to regain back the lost weight, plus even more weight, once you stop the plan. Healthy weight loss is not about diets or programs, it is about actually changing lifestyle habits that are long term and pertinent to daily eating and exercise routines. To be successful in weight loss, you must use up more calories than you take in. If you are of a normal weight, you need to balance the calories. One pound equals 3,500 calories. You need to take in 500 – 1,000 calories per day to lose 1-2 pounds per week. Once you have achieved your desired healthy weight and keep watching your calorie intake, you are more likely to keep the weight off over the long term. Losing weight is not easy. It takes patience and commitment. Even modest weight loss (5-10 %) is beneficial for your body. For example, if you weigh 200 pounds, a 5% weight loss would be 10 pounds to a weight of 190 pounds. It will not only produce health benefits, such as improve your blood pressure, blood cholesterol, and blood sugar, but it will also improve your self esteem and confidence that you can lose even more. Studies have also shown that individuals who had lost a significant amount of weight had improved physical health, higher energy levels, increased mobility, and a happier mood.

**Effects of Overweight and Obesity on Health.** The Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) defines overweight as a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or higher. Obesity is defined as a BMI of 30 or higher. The BMI measures your body fat. To calculate your BMI, go on line to the U.S. Government site: Calculate Your BMI-Standard BMI Calculator. Just put in your height and weight, click on the calculator, and you will know
Plan Small Changes For a Slimmer You. And the solution is...Don’t overwhelm yourself with trying to lose weight. Start small.

1. No matter what your weight loss goal is, consider what 5% of that goal is, and strive for that in the first month. For a 180 pound person that is 9 pounds. If you do this, you will begin to see positive health benefits and feel better.

2. Strive for a negative calorie balance. You need to take in fewer calories than you use in your activities of daily living. Low calorie diets don’t work in the long run because the body goes into “starvation mode”. The body thinks there is no food, and it will protect itself by storing anything you eat. Once you stop the dramatic decrease in food, the body will keep storing excess food in case you cut out the food again. This causes you to gain possibly even more weight than you started with. That is why losing weight gradually will prevent this from happening, and your weight loss will be more permanent.

3. Organize the food on your meal plate to be colorful and varied. Use a smaller plate. Half of your plate should be vegetables, one quarter should be protein (meat, fish, beans) and one forth carbohydrate or a starch. If you are still hungry, fill up the same manner, and not select double only on the mac n’ cheese. For the morning meal select fruit instead of vegetables.

4. Pay special attention to difficult times. Think about the time of day that you seem to have the most difficulty with food. Is it dinner time when you don’t feel like cooking, don’t have much time, so you go to the drive-up fast food restaurant and end up with much too much food that is high in fat, sugars/carbohydrates, and salt? Is the difficult time at the end of the day when you want to enjoy that glass (or more) of wine and late night snack? You do not want to think about the number of calories you are eating, or think about self denial at these difficult times. Therefore, plan for these times. Have healthy snacks ready. Have ingredients at home ready for a quick, healthy meal. Do not rely on fast-food.

5. Include protein in every meal. Protein helps to keep your blood sugar stable after meals and prevents it from spiking and crashing. Protein also prevents you from feeling hungry soon after eating, because it takes longer to digest than carbohydrates/sugars. Include protein in your breakfast for a better day. Eat eggs, cheese, yogurt, nut butter on whole grain toast, or skim milk, for example.

6. Track the food you eat. It may not be what you enjoy doing, but it will provide you with valuable information as to how and when you need to make changes. You may be surprised as to the amount of food you consume each day, and when. A food diary can be kept in a notebook or by using one of many phone apps available, such as myfitnesspal, fitday, and seehowyoueat. Tracking your food intake can show you the good times and the bad times. Sometimes just knowing that you will record what you ate, will discourage you from eating it. It can become a learning tool for you.

7. Don’t drink your calories. Dietary experts agree that people often get empty calories from soda and juice. If you like a glass of wine or beer with your meal, replace a starch/sugar from your dinner plate.
with the beverage. Each adult beverage replaces a serving of a starch from your dinner plate.

8. Planning Rewards. Rewards set you up for success. Whether the reward is for walking a mile or tracking your food intake for a week, reward yourself. Buy that book you always wanted to read, or buy a new piece of clothing. Avoid food as a reward.

How to Prevent Weight Gain. If you are at a healthy weight now, staying at that weight involves planning. If you are overweight now, preventing further weight gain is important. As we age, the proportion of our muscle decreases and the proportion of fat increases. This shift slows our metabolism, making weight gain easier. Also, as we age, some people become less physically active which causes weight gain. Weight gain can be prevented by choosing a lifestyle that includes good eating habits and daily physical activity. Normal weight and preventing weight gain will help you avoid higher risks of many chronic diseases mentioned earlier. One of the frequently mentioned healthy eating plans is the Mediterranean Diet which is filled with vegetables, fruits, whole grains and nuts. Physical activity is a vital part for keeping a strong and healthy body. Weigh yourself on a regular basis. If you see some extra pounds creeping on, check into your lifestyle, make changes, and get back on track. Once you have lost weight, it is important to keep it off and prevent weight gain. It could save your life!

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Foods That Help You to Lose Weight and Satisfy Your Stomach

Some foods made for weight loss can leave you starving. These great foods will help you lose weight and keep you full.

Beans are high in fiber and very filling. They stimulate the production of the gut hormone cholecystokinin (CCK), which is a natural appetite suppressant.

Salmon is an excellent source of protein. Protein-rich foods are filling foods because protein is metabolized slower than fats or carbohydrates. Salmon is also an excellent source of heart-healthy fats known as omega-3.

Eggs are protein-rich foods. It requires more energy to break down a protein than it does a starch, which many other breakfast foods (bagels, cereals, and muffins) are made of. If you’re worried about high cholesterol, eat more egg whites than yolks.

Popcorn is also a good source of fiber. Your stomach lags behind your brain, and it takes about 15 minutes for digestive hormones to send the signal to your brain that you’re filling up. It takes a long time to eat popcorn. The slower you eat, the more likely you are to start feeling full.

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The mass migration of Poles to the United States started in the 19th century, and reached a peak in the first years of the 20th century. Polish immigrants came from their homeland, dismembered by neighboring countries. Poland was no longer on the map of Europe, but very much alive in the hearts of its people. Polish immigrants carried the flame of patriotism and the dream of independence with them to the United States.

In 1914, the Polish community in North America began to organize in hopes of forming a military organization with a goal of fighting for Poland’s independence. Polish-Americans were eager to fight on the side of the Allies, but at that time, the United States was not a participant in the World War I. Since Canada, then a British possession, was a World War I participant, in 1917, the Poles persuaded Canadians to train Polish officers, and a cadet school was set up in Cambridge Springs. Canadians granted permission to create the Polish army-in-exile, and set up a Polish Army Camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake, called “Camp Tadeusz Kosciuszko.” Over 20,000 men trained in Canada, and were-equipped and paid by France.

In April, 1917, the United States declared war on the Central Powers. Earlier that year, Ignacy Jan Paderewski submitted a proposal in the U.S. House of Representatives to accept Polish-American volunteers for service on

“Poland’s Wedding to the Sea” by Wojciech Kossak, 1930 – Polish Army Museum, Warsaw
the Western Front in the name of Poland's independence. Thanks to various diplomatic efforts by Polish organizations, and the friendship between Paderewski and Woodrow Wilson, progress was made. The American President, in his address to Congress, declared among the objectives of the war: “An independent Polish state should be erected... which should be assured a free and secure access to the sea…”

Afterward at the Congress of the Polish Falcons in the United States, Paderewski proposed that the Polish community would offer the Wilson administration a 100,000 strong Polish volunteer army, called the Kosciuszko Army. Polish-Americans were eager to fight for freedom and the American-style democracy; however, the Defense Department rejected the offer, fearing that it would lead to a fragmentation of the United States Army.

In June 1917, France sanctioned the formation of a Polish Army on French soil. A Polish military mission sailed from France to the U.S. to recruit volunteers and asked the U.S. authorities for permission to do so. It was granted, provided that no one eligible for recruitment into the United States Army, that is no U.S. citizen between the ages of 20 and 30, would be inducted.

The recruits, mostly Polish-Americans, were directed for training in Niagara-on-the-Lake, but, as the number of volunteers increased and the capacity of Niagara-on-the-Lake was exceeded, the U.S. Government agreed to have the Poles also train at the New Fort Niagara Army base. They were provided blue French uniforms, and subsequently got to be known as the “Blue Army.” Eventually, some 24,000 recruits were trained in the two facilities, and sent to France to join General Józef Haller.

The Blue Army, led by General Haller grew 100,000 strong and was considered by the countries of the Entente, the only Polish, independent army unit fighting side by side with the allies.

After fighting on the Western Front during the World War I, the Blue Army was transferred to Poland, and joined other Polish formations in fight for Poland’s independence. The Blue Army played a critical role in ensuring victory in the Polish-Ukrainian War and defeating Bolsheviks in the Polish-Soviet War.

In 1920-21, the majority of the Blue Army’s Polish-American volunteers returned to the United States. Unfortunately, they were not recognized as veterans by either the American or Polish governments.
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Dlaczego potrzebujesz ubezpieczenia na życie?

Ubezpieczenie na życie w Związku Narodowym Polskim to o wiele więcej niż polisa ubezpieczeniowa. To również dostęp do wielu dodatkowych programów.

STYPENDIA
Każego roku ZNP przyznaje stypendia o wartości ponad $250,000

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Mam mnóstwo wydatków, problemów, długów. Nie mam czasu, ani pieniędzy na ubezpieczenie na życie.

RODZINA
Zabezpieczasz przyszłość swoich najbliższych

KREDYTY
Twoi bliscy będą mogli spłacić kredyty zaciągnięte na kupno domu lub rozwój firmy

BIZNES
Firma, którą stworzyłeś, przetrwa, a twoi bliscy będą mogli pokierować nią dalej

Teraz, kiedy założyłeś rodzinę, masz dzieci, kupiłeś dom, jesteś odpowiedzialny za przyszłość wielu osób. Ubezpieczenie na życie jest ci potrzebne bardziej niż kiedykolwiek wcześniej!

Czas odpocząć! Dzieci się usamodzielniły, spłaciłem dom, czas zacząć korzystać z dorobku życia, a nie kupować ubezpieczenie.

Osiągnąłeś już bardzo dużo, ale masz przed sobą jeszcze wiele lat. Ubezpieczenie na życie kupione właśnie teraz będzie kiedyś ogromną pomocą dla twoich najbliższych.

Czas na zmiany? w przyszłości będziesz mógł zmienić rodzaj i wartość Twojego ubezpieczenia bez badań lekarskich

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