

**Richard Klimek
Selected 2007 Person of the Year**



From left to right are: Joseph Gorka, Edward McCloskey, Richard Klimek, and Richard Malinowski

On Saturday, February 10, 2007, the Polish Police Association of Philadelphia held its 31st Annual Founders Day Banquet at King's Caterers II in Bristol, PA. Over 500 people gathered to celebrate the occasion with an evening of good food, friendship and Polish American entertainment.

Each year the organization chooses a Person of the Year. This year the Polish Police Association was pleased to honor Richard Klimek as its Person of the Year. Mr. Klimek has earned a B.S. in History and Political Science at Drexel University and a Master's degree in Social Work from Temple University. He is currently Program Supervisor of Polish American Social Services and serves on the Board of Directors. An active member of Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, he is currently the Recording Secretary. He also serves on the Board of the Polish American Cultural Center and volunteers his time for the Museum. Richard is also a member of the Associated Polish Home, Polish Intercollegiate Club, P.K.M., Polish Folk Dance Group, Kosciuszko Foundation, Polish American Association, and Polish National Alliance. For the past twenty-one years, Richard has portrayed General Thaddeus Kosciuszko at special events.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and Polonia extend congratulations to Richard Klimek and wish him Sto Lat!

**Lauren Jablonowski Awarded the
Frances E. Wyszynski Memorial Scholarship**

In 1998 a Memorial Scholarship was established by Ray Wyszynski in memory of his mother, Frances E. Wyszynski. The scholarship is presented to a student in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement and service to the community. The eighth recipient of the Frances E. Wyszynski Memorial Scholarship was Lauren Jablonowski, who received the Scholarship Award at the Polish Police Association of Philadelphia Founders Day Banquet on Saturday, February 10, 2007.



Congratulations to Lauren Jablonowski from Ray Wyszynski and family, the Polish Police Association of Philadelphia, Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and Polonia. Sto Lat!

**Kosciuszko Conference and Observance
at West Point, NY on April 20th and 21st**

The American Association of the Friends of Kosciuszko at West Point, Inc. in concert with the Kosciuszko Squadron of West Point and the Polish American Congress Divisions of Northeastern U.S. extend an invitation to everyone to commemorate the 261st Anniversary of Kosciuszko's birth and the 179th Memorial Observance of this Revolutionary War Hero at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.

The observance will begin with the Fourth Annual National Tadeusz Kosciuszko Conference of the American Association of the Friends of Kosciuszko at West Point, Inc. on Friday, April 20, at the Thayer Hotel, U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, the Tadeusz Kosciuszko Observance will continue, beginning with Mass in the Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at 9:45 a.m.

Following the Mass there will be a Cadet Review on The Plain, annual observance at the Kosciuszko Monument, and the annual Kosciuszko luncheon at the Thayer Hotel.

For more information, call George Katucki at 845-623-5435, Frances Gates at 718-346-6108, or Anthony Bajdek at 508-429-1305, or visit: www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org

From the Desk of
Michael Blichasz, President
Polish American Cultural Center
and
Polish American Congress
Eastern Pennsylvania District



Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

Now that Spring is here, you will be getting out to enjoy the warm weather and doing special things with family and friends. During the spring and summer, consider a visit to Historic Philadelphia. Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the National Constitution Center, the Visitors Center, the Betsy Ross House, the Kosciuszko House and the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street are all located within walking distance from one another. To see more of the Historic District, you can also take a trolley tour or "Ride the Ducks" which includes a narrated tour of Historic Philadelphia and a ride on the Delaware River. If you would like to receive a free map for your visit to Historic Philadelphia, call the Museum at: (215) 922-1700, and one will be mailed to you. You can also find complete details about a visit to Historic Philadelphia on the Museum's Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.org

I also ask that after reading this newspaper, you share the information with others. The newspaper is filled with information about community events and other interesting articles. Encourage friends and family to take advantage of modern technology and read this newspaper and even print out a copy from the Internet at: PolishAmericanNews.com

I am pleased to report that the Museum's Internet Historic Reflections project is moving forward. Within the next few months, the Historic Reflections will be highlighted on a link on the Museum's Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. The Historic Reflections continue to be a great hit on the Saturday English language Radio Broadcast and enjoyed by Internet listeners. This is a growing way to share past and present accomplishments of individuals of Polish heritage with the general public. Historic Reflections are also presented six days a week in the Polish language, during the daily Polish American Radio Program. You can listen to rebroadcasts 24 hours-a-day at: PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com.

With all the negativity taking place in the world today, it is great to see that so many people are working hard to maintain positive social and cultural events. I encourage you to support the events listed in this newspaper and welcome others to do the same. If you need additional information, contact the event organizers directly, or call the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at: (215) 922-1700.

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