

Patricia Koproski and Jerzy Karwowski Honored at New York Consulate

The Consulate of the Republic of Poland in New York City held a celebration of Polish Constitution Day at the Polish Consulate on May 2, 2006. Two Polonians were honored at the event with awards presented by Consul General Krzysztof Kasprzyk.

Patricia Velliquette Koproski was honored for her many contributions to Polonia over the last 40 years. She is a founder of the American Center of Polish Culture in Washington, D.C., and serves as its Treasurer. She is also Financial Secretary of the Polish American Cultural Society of Stamford, CT, and is a parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Church. She resides in Stamford, CT.

The second honoree, Jerzy Karwowski, was born in Poland and came to the United States 30 years ago. He has been active in Polonia and founded the Olympia Soccer Team, which is now semi-professional. He is active in many Polish American organizations and was instrumental in the dedication of a statue of Pope John Paul II at the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Stamford, CT. He lives in Norwalk, CT.

Congratulations are extended to Patricia Koproski and Jerzy Karwowski from the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District. Sto Lat!



Ellis Island Medal of Honor Presented to MSNBC Anchor Rita Cosby

MSNBC Anchor Rita Cosby received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor which acknowledges the many ancestral groups who, through struggle, sacrifice and success, helped build this great nation.

Rita Cosby's father, Richard Cosby (Kosobudzki), was a resistance fighter in Warsaw during the Warsaw Uprising.

"For me this is such a special award," said Cosby, whose parents came to the United States in 1955.

As a teen, Richard Kosobudzki joined the Polish resistance to fight against the Nazis in World War II. He escaped death many times by traveling in the sewer system.

"My father and so many other Poles were soon taken prisoners, stripped naked and taken to a POW camp near Dresden, Stalag IV-B, where, weighing only 90 pounds, he helped lead a massive escape," said Cosby.

"As I grew up, I came to appreciate the love of my parents. And the incredible struggle they endured in their homeland, all to ultimately find the American dream."

100th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, November 26, 2006 - 100 Years Legacy of St. Ladislaus Church. Mass at St. Helena Church, Yost Road & Rt. 202, Blue Bell, PA 19422, 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at Normandy Farm, Blue Bell. For reservations call Irene Koziol 215-464-0563.

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At this time we are asking you to help support these efforts by placing your Heritage Month Salute in the October edition of the Polish American News.

As you know, the majority of the events sponsored by the Polish American Congress are not fundraisers. They are held to commemorate important events, celebrate our heritage, work with our youth and keep our people united. All of these events, however, cost a tremendous amount of money, and to help make them a reality, we need your financial support at this time.

Your salute in our newsletter will help us not only sponsor our October Newsletter, but will also help us with other events throughout the month.

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Best Wishes to our supporter, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, its National President Wallace Ozog, the Executive Board, and Delegates and Members, for a successful 59th Quadrennial Convention, which will take place from August 13th to August 16th in Buffalo, New York. From:



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