



Polish American Cultural Center Member  
**Charles J. Barreras, Esq.**  
**Receives "Super Lawyer" Award**

The Polish American Cultural Center is proud to announce that one of its members, Charles J. Barreras, was recently featured in the June edition of the Philadelphia Magazine as a "Super Lawyer." The Super Lawyer section of the magazine features lawyers who are recognized by their peers as top up-and-coming attorneys. His creative approach to representing his clients stems, in part, from his experience working as a multi-lines claims adjuster while in law school. He also serves as a faculty member and course planner for several educational programs sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and frequently provides seminars to Pennsylvania businesses.

Mr. Barreras has been involved with the Cultural Center since 1985 when he was still an undergraduate student at Drexel University. He graduated from Temple Law School cum laude and is a founding member of The Chartwell Law Offices, one of the fastest growing law firms in Pennsylvania since 2002.

Chuck proudly celebrates Wigilia and other Polish customs and traditions every year with family and friends, a practice instilled by his mother and Babci (grandmom). The Polish American Cultural Center congratulates Chuck Barreras and wishes him and his firm continued success and Sto Lat!

From the Desk of

**Larry Farnese**  
**Candidate for State Senate**  
**First PA District**



Dear Friends,

As the Democratic nominee for the First Senatorial District of Pennsylvania, I am extremely grateful for the electorate's vote of confidence, and I'm looking forward to representing the district's many communities.

Over the years, my active involvement with various local civic organizations has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of people's concerns, both in the Philadelphia area and across the state. I am deeply committed to addressing the ever-changing needs of our district in Harrisburg and to working with our state's elected officials on both sides of the aisle so that our communities can achieve their goals through close mutual cooperation.

The First Senatorial District, which includes South Philadelphia, Center City, the Historic District, and a sizable portion of Philadelphia's waterfront, is comprised of numerous cultural, racial, and ethnic groups, each with a rich historical heritage.

I am grateful to have this opportunity to recognize Polish Americans for their on-going community involvement and their contributions to Philadelphia's cultural and political life, especially on this occasion of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish settlers in America at Jamestown, Virginia.

I welcome everyone to visit my Internet site: [LarryFarnese.com](http://LarryFarnese.com)

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Founded in 1935, the Polish Museum of America is one of the country's first and largest ethnic museums. Polish and Polish-American history is promoted through music, artworks, and historical and cultural displays.

**White Eagle "Bialy Orzel" Newspaper**

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From the Desk of

**Senator Michael Stack**  
**5th Senatorial District, Pennsylvania**



Dear constituents and friends:

Soaring energy prices place an enormous financial burden on our budgets today, far greater than any time in this nation's history. Energy costs now consume nearly one-fifth of the after-tax income of low and middle-class income families - double that of just 10 years ago. We cannot continue to wait any longer for our federal government to implement a national policy for energy independence. We as individuals and as a state must find ways to become energy independent on our own. For our economic, national and environmental security, we must become energy independent.

Recently, bills that invest in alternative energy and energy conservation for the state of Pennsylvania were signed into law.

The Alternative Energy Investment Act (Special Session House Bill 1) will provide \$655 million in grants, loans, rebates and tax credits to homeowners, small business owners and operators of energy businesses, from coal-fired power plants to makers of solar panels and wind turbines. The United States has the greatest wind reserves in the world. The Department of Energy issued a study this year that stated that the U.S. has the capacity to generate 20% of its electricity supply from wind by 2030.

The Alternative Energy Investment Act is a great starting point to make us a more energy independent state. This energy legislation will also create jobs at a time when the nation's economy is in a nosedive. In Pennsylvania, we spend approximately \$30 billion a year to purchase liquid fuels from beyond our border. Special Session Senate Bill 22 will help Pennsylvania develop our own biofuels made from natural materials. One of these fuels, biodiesel, is a cleaner-burning diesel fuel made from natural, renewable sources. Under the law, Pennsylvania's biodiesel manufacturers will benefit by receiving a combined \$5.3 million a year and a 75 cents-per-gallon subsidy. This will make Pennsylvania more competitive in the biodiesel market. Biodiesel reduces greenhouse gas emissions by about 50 percent, while cellulosic ethanol could reduce greenhouse-gas emissions up to 86 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Pennsylvania must focus on alternative energy as we begin to feel the effects of the expiration of electric rate caps. PECO, the largest supplier of electricity in Pennsylvania, is due for rate cap expiration on December 31, 2010. As the legislature fights to ease the financial impact of the cap expirations, trimming home energy consumption should be near the top of every consumer's list of priorities.

Climate control has a large impact on the average homeowner's energy use. Running your air conditioning a few degrees warmer or your heating system a few degrees cooler will make a big difference over time. Heating and cooling system maintenance is also very important. Replace filters about once a month and check your systems every year to keep them running efficiently. When the days are cooler, turn off your air conditioning and run fans instead. Energy-saving light bulbs and basic conservation, like turning off lights and other items when not in use, are simple ways to save energy. Look into weatherization and smart meters to help lower your bills as well.

I will continue to work for a cleaner and greener Pennsylvania. Energy security will not happen overnight, but now is the time to make changes to reduce our consumption. All Americans are paying a heavy price today because leaders failed to act in the past. I believe that we can usher in a new era where we control our own destiny.

The Board of the Polish American Congress  
 welcomes all proud Polish Americans to join the PAC

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