

Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 4

September 2, 1969 - Chris Kuzneski (Born)



Chris Kuzneski is a New York Times bestselling American author. Born in Indiana, PA, he currently lives in Tampa, FL. Kuzneski played football at the University of Pittsburgh where he received his undergraduate degree in writing and his master's degree in teaching. So far, his books have been translated into more than 15 languages.

September 3, 1951 - Edward Krzyzowski (Died)

Captain Edward Krzyzowski of the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Regiment was killed in action on this date in 1951 during the Korean War. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for providing cover that allowed his unit to escape Communist encirclement.



September 4, 1809 - Juliusz Slowacki (Born)



Juliusz Slowacki was a poet and playwright who wrote "The Trilogy of Polish History." Pope John Paul II quoted Juliusz Slowacki's works on more than one occasion. Slowacki had an influence over other great Polish poets such as Krasinski, Norwid, and Ujejski. His ashes were laid to rest in the Royal Crypt in Wawel Castle.

September 5, 1936 - Bill Mazerowski (Born)

Bill Mazerowski played with the Pittsburgh Pirates and was an outstanding defensive second baseman. He won the Gold Glove Award eight times. His lead-off homer in the bottom of the 9th inning of the 7th game of the World Series in 1960 ranks as one of baseball's greatest moments. Mazerowski's homer gave the Pirates a 10-9 win over the Yankees for the World Series Championship.



September 6, 1908 - Korczak Ziolkowski (Born)



Korczak Ziolkowski's master work of a monument to Chief Crazy Horse is continued by his family after his death in the Black Hills of South Dakota. When completed, Ziolkowski's monument to Chief Crazy Horse will be 563 feet high by 641 feet long, making it the largest sculpture in the world.

September 7, 1939 - Brave Soldiers (Surrendered)

The brave Polish soldiers under Major Sucharski were forced to surrender at the Polish Naval Depot in Westerplatte after seven days of desperate defense and inflicting heavy casualties on the invading Nazi German army. Poland continued to fight its invaders throughout World War II.



September 8, 1230 - Erazmus Vitello (Born)



Erazmus Ciolek Vitello was a Polish Friar, theologian and scientist. Vitello is known for his work in psychology and especially optics. The Vitello Crater on the earth's moon is named after this early scientist.

September 9, 2004 - Rose Gacioch (Died)

Rose Gacioch was a pioneer in women's professional baseball and one of the inspirations for 'A League of Their Own,' the all American professional women's baseball league started during World War II.



September 10, 1957 - Pawel Huelle (Born)



Pawel Huelle, of Gdansk, Poland, is a famous prose writer. He graduated from Gdansk University. He worked for the press service of the Solidarity trade union, was a teacher of philosophy and history, and served as director of Polish Television in Gdansk from 1994 to 1999. Pawel Huelle's famous work is Weiser Dawidek which was made into a film.

September 11, 1975 - Markus Klepaski (Born)

Markus James Klepaski is the bass guitar player for Breaking Benjamin. He is also the founder of the clothing line Ke'Kuhn. He currently lives in Pennsylvania with his wife and two children.



September 12, 1925 - Stan Lopata (Born)



Stan Lopata was a professional baseball player who was on the Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Braves teams. He was a catcher and two-time all star player.

Polish American Cultural Center & Museum in Philadelphia



The Polish American Cultural Center was founded in February, 1981 at 24th & Brown Streets in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia. As time passed, it became evident that a larger, more central facility would be necessary to meet the long-range mission and goals of the Cultural Center.

In 1987, the Polish American Cultural Center moved to 308 Walnut Street in the heart of historic Philadelphia. In August, 1988, the Museum Exhibit Hall opened to the public. Since that time the Exhibit Hall has been open, admission free, to the general public 300 days each year and is a focal point of highlighting Polish heritage to tourists from across America and around the world.

The mission of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum is to capture and memorialize the spirit of an ethnic culture and to promote public awareness and appreciation of Polish history and cultural heritage to the broadest audience possible. The objective of the Museum Exhibit Hall, a major project of the Cultural Center, is to provide programs and exhibits open to the general public featuring the contributions of Poles and Polish Americans to U.S. and world history and culture in such areas as scientific, artistic, musical, political, religious and military achievement.

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