

Understanding the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze

- The Senior Citizen Tax Freeze program enables eligible senior citizens to prevent increases in their real estate taxes, whether from changes in assessments or tax rates.
- Applications for the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze are due October 15, 2013.
- To qualify:
 - You or your spouse must be 65 or older, or you must be over 50 and your deceased spouse was at least 65 at the time of death.
 - Your total income must be \$23,500 or less for a single person, or \$31,500 or less for a married couple.
- The application is available at the office of Polish American Social Services(PASS)/United Social Services. Please give us a call at 215-923-1900
 - You must send a copy of proof of age with your application, such as: social security award letter, driver's license, or birth certificate.
 - You are not required to send documentation for proof of income with your application, but the Philadelphia Department of Revenue may request it. The Department of Revenue is also authorized to verify your income with the Internal Revenue Service and Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.
 - You only have to enroll in the program once! Once you participate in the program, you are automatically enrolled every year.

Congratulations Fr. Tadeusz Gorka



Congratulations are extended to Fr. Tadeusz Gorka as he celebrates his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood.

Fr. Gorka was ordained in Poland. When he arrived in the United States, he served as Assistant Pastor of St. Adalbert Church in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia and presently is the Administrator of Sacred Heart Church in Swedesburg, PA.

He has given 25 years of service to God and people with humility, sincerity and deep devotion and has a great affection and love for his Polish culture and heritage.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, Polish American Cultural Center & Museum, along with his friends, parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish, St. Adalbert Parish, all the organizations and the entire Polonia extend congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Tadeusz Gorka on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood. Sto Lat!

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Voter Registration Campaign Continues



The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Voter Registration Volunteers have distributed thousands of mail-in voter registration forms in Southeastern Pennsylvania. It's important that Polish Americans continue to voice their opinions about key issues and remain active participants in the political process. As the sixth-largest ethnic group in America, Polish Americans have a strong voice, and that voice must be heard during every election. If you live in Pennsylvania and need a mail-in Voter Registration Form, call the Polish American Congress office in Philadelphia, Monday through Friday, at (215) 739-3408, and an application will be sent to you. **This mail-in Voter Registration Form is good for all Pennsylvania Counties.**

October 7, 2013 is the last day for Pennsylvania voters to register for the General Election that will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 5



September 13, 1964 - Rafal Ziemkiewicz (Born)

Rafal Ziemkiewicz is known as a social science fiction author whose works deal with future governments and the political climate in Europe. He is also currently writing for the Polish edition of Newsweek.

September 14, 1561 - Jan Tarnowski (Died)

Jan Amor Tarnowski (1488–1561) was a Polish-Lithuanian aristocrat. He was Grand Crown Hetman from 1527 and was the founder of the city of Ternopil, where he built the Ternopil Castle and the Ternopil Lake.

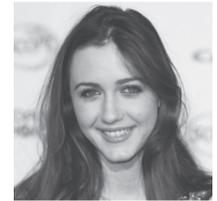


September 15, 1941 - Miroslaw Hermaszewski (Born)

Miroslaw Hermaszewski is Poland's first cosmonaut. In 1978, Hermaszewski spent eight days in the Salyut space station and won an award for his participation in the mission. He eventually made it to the rank of General in the Polish Air Force. Miroslaw Hermaszewski is currently retired.

September 16, 1985 - Madeline Zima (Born)

Madeline Rose Zima is an American actress, known for her six years as Grace Sheffield on the TV Series The Nanny or as Mia Cross on the Showtime dramedy Californication.



September 17, 1968 - Jerzy Dabrowski (Died)

Jerzy Dabrowski was an aeronautical engineer and designer of the famed PZL.37 Los medium bomber. Jerzy Dabrowski's airplanes were used during World War II and were of superb flying quality. At the end of his career, he worked for Boeing Aircraft Corporation in Washington State.

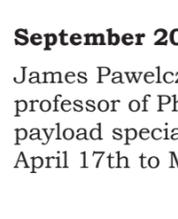
September 18, 1944 - Walter Shimshock (Shot Down and died in the Aircraft "I'll be Seeing You")

Walter Shimshock was a 19 year old tail gunner on a B-17 Bomber that had been airlifting supplies to the people of Warsaw. During this mission, the "I'll Be Seeing You" was hit by German flak and crashed. Two of the ten crew members on board survived and were captured by the Germans and sent to a Nazi POW camp.



September 19, 1905 - Leon Jaworski (Born)

Leon Jaworski was the famous Polish American lawyer and prosecutor in the Watergate Case. Leon Jaworski also served as a WWII war crimes prosecutor.



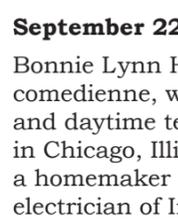
September 20, 1960 - James Pawelczyk (Born)

James Pawelczyk is a NASA astronaut and associate professor of Physiology. Dr. Pawelczyk served as a payload specialist in Space Shuttle Columbia from April 17th to May 3rd, 1998.



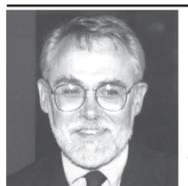
September 21, 1869 - Henryk Melcer-Szczawinski (Born)

Henryk Melcer-Szczawinski was a Polish composer, pianist, conductor, and teacher. His works include two piano concertos, one in E minor (1892-1894) and one in C minor (1898); a violin sonata (1907), and a piano trio in G minor (probably written 1892-1894).



September 22, 1964 - Bonnie Hunt (Born)

Bonnie Lynn Hunt is an American actress, comedienne, writer, director, television producer and daytime television host. Hunt, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, is the daughter of Alice Hunt, a homemaker of Polish descent, and Bob Hunt, an electrician of Irish descent.



September 23, 2001 - Dr. Stanislaw Blejwas (Died)

Dr. Stanislaw Blejwas was a history professor and the chairman of Polish studies at Connecticut University and the President of the Polish American Historical Association. Dr. Blejwas was a respected expert in the field of Polish American Studies.