



# POLISH AMERICAN News

## December 2006



### Polish American Cultural Center

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From the Desk of Richard Klimek

Dear Fellow Members & Friends,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and its Pulaski Day Parade Committee for selecting me as the 2006 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal. It was a proud day for me and my family as we marched in the parade and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Every division in the parade was spectacular and made for a great television event and Polish American community celebration on Philadelphia's beautiful parkway. The publicity from this event is priceless, and it is a wonderful way to kick-off Polish American Heritage Month as well as to demonstrate pride in our cultural heritage to millions of people in the Delaware Valley and beyond.

I also thank everyone for their good-wishes. Your outpouring of congratulations was heart-warming and very much appreciated.

It has always been a pleasure for me to be involved with the efforts of Polonia, and I'm looking forward to all of us working together in the future.



Dziekuje and Sto Lat!

From the Desk of  
**Michael Blichasz, President**  
Polish American Cultural Center  
and  
**Polish American Congress**  
Eastern Pennsylvania District  
[PolishAmericanCenter.org](http://PolishAmericanCenter.org)



Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters,

As we come near the end of the year and look forward to the new year, I want to thank you for supporting the Polish American community, its organizations, churches, schools and businesses. I want everyone involved to know how much your participation is appreciated and I encourage you to promote Polonia's efforts in every way possible.

During October, as we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Polish American Heritage Month, many organizations helped promote Polish and Polish American pride to the general public. Congratulations and thanks to all who took the opportunity to highlight Polish heritage. In 2007, we will mark the 399th Anniversary of the first Polish settlers in America. Our theme in 2007 will be tracking and documenting your Polish roots. There is a "Tracing Your Polish Roots" form on the Museum's Internet on the Polish American Heritage Month link. On October 1, 2008, Polish Americans will mark the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers to America at Jamestown, VA, and will highlight the ongoing cultural ties between Polish Americans and Poland. During the 400th Anniversary we will highlight Polish American communities across the United States. Look for updates on the Museum's Internet at:

**PolishAmericanCenter.com**

The Polish American News highlights the activities sponsored in Southeastern Pennsylvania in cooperation with our Tri-State Polonia members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. You can view the Polish American News on the Internet at: **PolishAmericanNews.com**. Spread the word about their efforts and share the information listed in the newspaper and support upcoming activities. The Museum's Internet site has many links. Check them out and place your email address in the **EMAIL Guest Book**.

During this special time of year, I join with the Board and Directors of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum and the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes also from all of us in the Blichasz family, **Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku!**

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