

## Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Families, Friends and Polonia

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## Maria Koleda 2008 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal



I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Polish American Congress for bestowing upon me the honor of being the Grand Marshal of the 2008 Pulaski Day Parade. And what a "grand" job it was! I enjoyed every single moment of that perfect day. Dziekuje bardzo!

The incredible and enthusiastic participants and attendees of the parade made me so proud to be a Polish American. I would like to share a short essay authored by my son, Mark, regarding our Polish American pride. Life is wonderful!

"Off the Boat" is one of multiple ways one could describe my parents, but it is also the most telling. As the son of Polish immigrants, both American and Polish cultures grow and live within me. While each culture has unique qualities that come with it, they share one important quality: pride. The Polish are a proud people with a long history of fighting for love of their country and love for one another, even when the country did not exist on a map. The American part of me longs for its freedoms, freedoms that I would not have if it were not for brave soldiers that still fight today. I am proud to be both 100 percent Polish and 100 percent American because I have learned to stand up for myself and for what I believe, to never take no for an answer, to work twice as hard for what I deserve, and to never quit pursuing my dreams. My parents are the most important thing in my life because their history has placed me on my path in life and their endurance has taught me to live the life they have given me with self-respect, confidence, and pride. The journey my parents endured, giving me these two cultures, and the lessons they taught me make me the proud man I am today."

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**New Year** be filled  
with happiness and health  
**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jankowski**



Christmas Greetings  
to Polonia

**Stephen R. Wojdak & Family**

