

Bulletin Board

The Polish American Congress Encourages All to Support the Activities of Our Member Organizations!

Sunday, January 29 - Polka Dance, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 2 to 6 p.m. Music by Music Box Band. Info call 215-624-9954.

Saturday, February 4 - Polish American Congress Annual General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Tribute Ceremony, 12 noon, Kosciuszko House, 3rd & Pine Streets, Historic Philadelphia. Everyone invited. A luncheon will follow the ceremony. Info call Polish American Congress 215-739-3408. More info in this newsletter.

Saturday, February 11 - Polish Police Association of Philadelphia 30th Annual Founder's Day Banquet, King's Caterers II, 4010 New Falls Road, Bristol, PA, 6 p.m. to midnight. Continuous music by Plus Five Orchestra and The Chuck Pendrak Orchestra. Cocktail hour, surf and turf sit down dinner and a 6 hour open bar. Info call Edward McCloskey 215-425-4783.

Sunday, February 12 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Jean Sosnowska-Lepak, Professor, Health Service Program Manager. Topic: "Why Are Youth And Older Generations Living In Different Worlds?". Info call, 610-532-2422 or 215-624-9954. All are invited to attend. Free.

Sunday, February 12 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Naturalistix Band, 3 to 7 p.m. Free parking. Info call 610-828-9352.

Saturday, February 18 - Show of Shows, Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, NJ, 2 Shows - 12:00 noon and 5:00 p.m. Info/ Tickets call Ticketmaster 1-800-736-1420.

Sunday, February 26 - Polka Party, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 2 to 6 p.m. Music by Tempos Band. Info call 215-624-9954.

Saturday, March 4 - Sacred Heart Church, Swedesburg, "Elvis in Concert", featuring Jeff Krick as Elvis & dancing to the oldies, Camelot Hall, Bridgeport, PA, 7 to 10 p.m. Ticket price includes snacks, beverages, draft beer - cash bar available. No BYOB. No tickets sold at door. Info call 610-992-0464 or 610-277-7066.

Sunday, March 5 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Music Box Band, 3 to 7 p.m. Free parking. Info call 610-828-9352.

Sunday, March 12 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Inz. Artur Kowalski. Topic: "Mlodziuz Polonijna I Jej Aspiracje Na Przykladzie Metropolii Nowojorskiej". Info call 610-532-2422 or 215-624-9954. All are invited to attend. Free.

Sunday, March 19 - St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dance, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 2 to 6 p.m. Music. Free cake for all Pat & Joe namesakes. Info call 215-624-9954.

Sunday, March 26 - National Migration Week Mass, Cardinal Dougherty High School, 6301 N. Second Street, Olney section of Philadelphia, 2 p.m. Info call 215-587-3540.

Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29 - Pisanki (Coloring Easter Eggs) Demonstration, Polish American Cultural Center, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, 10:30 a.m. Refreshments. Free. Info call 215-922-1700.

Sunday, April 2 - Memorial Tribute Mass, First Anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul The Great, St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street and Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m. Info call Polish American Congress 215-739-3408.

Sunday, April 9 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 p.m. Speaker: Mgr Elzbieta Baumgartner, Doradca finansowy, publicysta. Topic "Finansowe Zabezpieczenie Na Starosc" (Sprawy Rent, Emerytur, Testamentow). Info call 610-532-2422 or 215-624-9954. All are invited to attend. Free.

Sunday, April 9 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Shoreliners Band, 3 to 7 p.m. Free parking. Info call 610-828-9352.

Sunday, April 30 - Polonia Solidarity Association, Reading, PA, Polka Dance, featuring Dyna Brass, Goodwill Beneficial Banquet Hall, 100 Madison Avenue, Hyde Park, Reading, PA, 2 to 6 p.m. No BYOB or BYOF. Info/tickets call Dorothy Filippini 610-374-5446.

For information about local events and weekly Historic Reflections, tune in to a re-broadcast of the Saturday Radio Program at: PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com.

The Polish American Cultural Center

Congratulates Young Americans Poetry Contest Winners

Isabella Fidanza

Age 12 - Grade 6 - Philadelphia, PA
"World Peace" Category

When one thinks of world peace, one sighs, because a goal of human civilization is justice, but we are not there yet.

Blood shed, tears cried, flesh decayed, all because of hatred and disagreements.

Please, return! Knock once more on the door, and fill the room with your presence!

Though peace should dwell among all men, there are barriers, barriers we need to break down.

So, cease fire! Put down the guns! Stop! Stop hating! Stop bombing! Stop grieving! Embrace one another, for each is brother and sister. Pray for love, and talk out the differences.

Throw away anger and sadness! No more hurting! Trash the weapons! Hold each other and sing praises. Let a new love flow within your veins! Choose comforting words to speak, and rejoice on the day of whole world peace!

**Visit the
 Polish American
 Cultural Center
 on the Internet at:
PolishAmericanCenter.org**

Morgan Ann Leitold

Age 12 - Grade 7 - Trappe PA
"My Heritage" Category

The first thing she saw when she came to this land, was the colossal iron lady with a torch in her hand.

The torch was a light for Great Grandmom to see. Lady Liberty said, "Bring your tired and poor here to me."

Great Grandmom thought for a moment of what she left behind. With a tear in her eye, she knew who she had to find.

More important than shelter, she held hope in her heart. She found a new country to make a new start.

Unbound from oppression, her chains they were broken. Feeling free as a bird, no words needed to be spoken.

Her husband arrived the winter before. She found him and hugged him, a new allegiance they swore.

They both had a yearning for Poland, the country they left behind. But now they were grateful for a new piece of mind.

They respected the colors of red, white, and blue. A family was started with sons and daughters too.

Hard work was instilled in all of their offspring. Their abode was in the city where a cracked bell did ring.

I thank God Great Grandpop and Great Grandmom yearned to be free. If they wouldn't have done so I wouldn't be me.

Aleksander Smolij

Age 12 - Grade 7 - Philadelphia, PA
"My Country" Category

Oh, America!
 Freedom and peace reign in this great land
 From the peaks of mountains down to the sand.

Oh, America!
 Your heroes are like a beacon of light
 Guiding us through the unsafe night.

Oh, America!
 Your land is a mixing pot
 All different nationalities in one spot.

Oh, America!
 This land, full of peace and love
 That comes from heaven up above.

"The Soul of Poland"
 55 Minutes of
 Beautifully Presented
 Music by
101 Strings
 Available on
 CD and Cassette
 at the
**Polish American
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215-922-1700