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The following public activities took place in cooperation with the Polish American Congress, its officers, regional representatives, and member organizations:

(1) January 27, 2008 - Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Annual Meeting and the election of officers - Polish Beneficial Association Hall, Bridesburg section, Philadelphia, PA.

(2) February 2, 2008 - General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Annual Tribute Ceremony marking the 32nd Anniversary of the opening of the Kosciuszko House at 3rd & Pine Streets, & Luncheon, Holiday Inn Hotel Ballroom, 4th & Arch Streets, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(3) February through April - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored a voter registration drive through its radio, newspaper and organizational contacts. Voter registration forms are available from the Polish American Congress throughout the year.

(4) March 5, 2008 - USS Pulaski Submarine Commemoration Ceremony, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA. Presented to the museum was a plaque bearing a piece of the pressure hull from the USS Casimir Pulaski Submarine.

(5) March 11 and March 12, 2008 - Pisanki (Coloring Easter Eggs) demonstration for school students and the public, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(6) April 2, 2008 - Third Anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul the Great community-wide Memorial Tribute Mass, St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, PA.

(7) April and May - Polish arts and crafts colorful displays presented to area schools and various groups by Polish American Congress & Polish American Cultural Center Museum volunteers.

(8) May 3, 2008 - May 3rd Constitution Commemoration Program, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(9) May 4, 2008 - Third of May Polish Constitution Day Mass, Luncheon, & Youth Program, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA.

(10) May through October - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored a voter registration drive through its radio, newspaper, and organizational affiliates.

(11) June 13 and June 14, 2008 - Polish American Cultural Center Museum and PAC representatives welcomed PIASA (The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America) during their 66th Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn, 4th & Arch Streets, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(12) June 13, 2008 - PIASA Reception, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(13) June 28 through July 6th, 2008 - PAC and Polish American Cultural Center representatives participated in the 16th Annual Sunoco Welcome America Festival in Philadelphia, PA.

(14) July - Polish American Cultural Center Museum, in conjunction with the National Constitution Center, both in historic Philadelphia, PA, participated as community partners featuring an exhibit with paintings and literature portraying the signing of the first two democratic constitutions: U.S. Constitution and Poland's Constitution.

(15) August 9, 2008 - 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(16) September 10th through September 22, 2008 - Pulaski Day Observance Committee Annual Coloring Contest in Philadelphia, PA. 19,000 entries were reviewed from area schools.

(17) October 1, 2008 - Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month Proclamation Ceremony & Reception, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA. Coloring contest winners received awards.

(18) October 1, 2008 - 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America Commemoration and Reception, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA.

(19) October 4, 2008 - Annual Pulaski Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, Northeast Philadelphia, PA.

(20) October 5, 2008 - Pulaski Observance Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, PA.

(21) October 5, 2008 - Pulaski Tribute Program at the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA, followed by a reception.

(22) October 5, 2008 - 75th Annual Pulaski Day Parade, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA. Parade televised live from 12:30 to 2 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6.

(23) October 19, 2008 - "Dozynki" Polish Harvest Mass & Festival, sponsored by the Polish American Congress and Polish American Cultural Center Museum. Mass, St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, PA, followed with a "Dozynki" Harvest Festival, St. Adalbert Auditorium.

(24) October - Polish American Congress sponsored various events to highlight "Polish American Heritage Month" throughout the month of October.

(25) December 13, 2008 - Polish Christmas Customs Celebration, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA. Christmas Open House with Sw. Mikolaj, Polish language groups and refreshments.

Throughout the year the Polish American Congress conducts various meetings to organize public events and address the needs and concerns of its member organizations and the community at large.

Additionally, it also maintains contact with the national office of the PAC with reference to Polish American affairs as well as programs and activities involving the needs and concerns of the people of Poland. We are grateful to all who helped and supported the efforts of the Polish American Congress. "In Unity There is Strength"!

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Polish Arts Club of Trenton, NJ 2009 Officers

On the first Monday of every month the Polish Arts Club of Trenton, NJ, hold their meetings at the Richard Druch studio, 920 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton.

At their meeting the officers for 2009 were elected.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new officers. For more information about the Polish Arts Club, call H.C. Talarsky at 609-587-7311. New members are welcome.



Left to right: S Paul Bosse, Financial Secretary; Donna Chmara, Corresponding Secretary; William Muszynski, President; Linda Everett, Recording Secretary; Karol Nawarynski, Vice President; John Bogdan, Treasurer.

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