

St. Hedwig School All Class Reunion Celebration

On Saturday, October 10, 2009 the alumni of St. Hedwig School in Chester, PA, will be celebrating an **All Class Reunion**.

The event will begin with a Mass at 3:00 P.M. in St. Hedwig Church, 4th and Hayes Street, Chester, PA, followed by a banquet at 4:30 P.M. in the Phoenix Ballroom at the Reliance Fire Company, 1661 Mill Road in Boothwyn, PA.

All former students are asked to spread the word about the All Class Reunion celebration. For more information and tickets, call Mickey Jarusinski Schad at 302-798-2842.

The Show of Shows

You can, once again, enjoy New Year's Day, Polish American String Band and all the String Bands that participated in the 2009 Mummies Parade, by attending the Show of Shows.

The Show of Shows will take place on **Saturday, February 28 at the Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey**. There will be two performances, at 12 noon and at 5 P.M.

For tickets or more information, call Ticketmaster at **1-800-736-1420**, or visit them on the Internet at: **Ticketmaster.com**.

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Sunnybrook Foundation Presents

Polka Gala

Sunnybrook Ballroom
E. High St. & Sunnybrook Road,
Pottstown, PA 19464



Sunday, May 3, 2009 • 12 Noon - 8 P.M.

Dance to the music of

Rhythm & Music-Janet & John O'Such
12 Noon to 2 P.M.

Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push and Polka Family
2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Cash Bar - Food Available - No BYOB - No BYOF

For tickets call Janet O'Such 610-326-2915
or Dolores Taras 610-779-4329

Dance Classes at Sunnybrook Ballroom

Polka dance classes for adults will be held at Sunnybrook Ballroom, E. High Street, Pottstown, PA. It is a six week course beginning on Thursday, March 26, 2009, and will continue every Thursday through April 30, from 7 to 9 P.M. Dances such as the Polka, oberek and waltz will be taught by Steve and Ruth Burry. Everyone is invited to participate.

For more information/registration, call Steve or Ruth at 610-539-5153 or Janet O'Such at 610-326-2915.

Kosciuszko Foundation Elects New President & Executive Director

At the November 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Kosciuszko Foundation Chairman Witold Sulimirski announced the election of Alex Storozynski as President and Executive Director of the Foundation. Mr. Storozynski fills the post that was held by Joseph Gore, Esq. who retired after serving as the Foundation's president for 23 years.

Alex Storozynski is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, former member of the New York Daily News editorial board, and former city editor of the New York Sun. He has also been published in the European edition of The Wall Street Journal, The Chicago Tribune, The New York Post, Newsday and other publications. His biography of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, *The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Era of Revolution*, will be published in April, 2009.

Storozynski has also served as chairman and vice chairman of the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union, the largest ethnic credit union in the United States.

From 1985-87, Storozynski was a post-graduate fellow at the University of Warsaw, during which time he worked as a researcher for the Philadelphia Inquirer and Boston Globe. He has a Master's degree in journalism from Columbia University and Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

He has received numerous awards including Man of the Year, Gold Cross of Service and Distinguished Achievement in the Field of Journalism.

From the Desk of
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Dear Members and Friends:

At a celebration welcoming in the New Year, the Berks County Polish American Heritage Association installed the following officers for 2009: Mary Ann Zerkowski, President; Dolores Milaneck, Vice President; Marilyn Wlzewski, Secretary; and Nancy Hoy and Mary Ann Zerkowski, Co-treasurers. To learn more about the Berks County Polish American Heritage Association, visit our website www.pabe-berks.org, or visit the Polish American Cultural Center located in the Goggle Works, Center for the Arts, 201 Washington Street, Reading, PA. The center is open every Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Scholarship Dinner

On Sunday, April 19, 2009, during the Scholarship Banquet at the Reading Country Club, Exeter Township, the Berks County Polish American Board of Education will be awarding \$25,000 in scholarships to Berks County high school seniors of Polish American descent. Scholarship application forms and guidelines are available in the office of the Guidance Counselor in all Berks County High Schools and also can be downloaded from our website at www.pabe-berks.org. Application forms are due no later than Monday, March 16, 2009. For additional information contact the Scholarship Secretary Ron Savitski. For information regarding the banquet, contact Helen Nowotarski at 610-777-4598.

Dance Classes at Sacred Heart

Dance Classes for adults will begin on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, and will continue every Tuesday through April 28, from 7 to 9 P.M. in Sacred Heart School Hall, 4th and Jefferson Streets in Swedesburg, PA. Dances taught will include the Polka, waltz, oberek, line, circle, and country-western dances. Everyone is invited to participate.

For more information call Steve or Ruth at (610) 539-5153.



Pawlowski Appointed Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police

by Ed Dybicz

(As seen in the January Edition of the Post Eagle)

Col. Frank E. Pawlowski was appointed Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police by Governor Edward Rendell and confirmed by the State Senate, as was announced by the Governor's Press Office and State Police Headquarters.

A 30-year veteran, Col. Pawlowski had previously served as the Deputy

Commissioner of Operations for the PSP since February of 2007. In that capacity, he commanded the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Patrol Emergency and Special Operations, and Liquor Control Enforcement.

Additionally, he oversaw the Executive Service Section, the Gaming Enforcement Office, five area Commands, and 16 Troops located throughout the Commonwealth.

Col. Pawlowski is a graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School, Upper Darby, West Chester State College, where he received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 1976, and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Col. Pawlowski enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police on June 22, 1978. Upon his graduation from the State Police Academy at Hershey, he was presented with the American Legend Award which is given to the outstanding member of the class.

Throughout his career, Col. Pawlowski served in various assignments in patrol and criminal investigation functions in Southeastern Pennsylvania including Lancaster, Ephrata, Avondale, Embreesville, and also Harrisburg, Reading and Philadelphia.

He also held command positions at the troop level, in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards. He also had temporary assignments with the Pennsylvania Attorney General Office of Special Counsel, and the State Police Task Force. He was selected and served as one of the original members of the State Police Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) as a hostage negotiator and since 1992 as unit leader.

Col. Pawlowski is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Chester County Chiefs of Police Association.

Col. Pawlowski's late father, Frank Pawlowski, was also a distinguished State Police officer who served as superintendent of the Haverford Township Police Department from 1968 to May 1975.

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