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From the Desk of
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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

Each year we celebrate special events and anniversaries to mark key moments in our lives as individuals, families and communities. This fall, Polish Americans in the Philadelphia area will celebrate the 25th anniversary of a special event that began in Philadelphia in 1981, a celebration called Polish American Heritage Month. In its first few years, the commemoration took place in August with city and state proclamations and community events. In 1986, the celebration was moved to October so that youth and school groups could be more easily involved. Each year the Polish American Heritage Month celebration spread to more and more states. By 1986, it was declared a national celebration of Polish history and culture and welcomed the Polish American Congress and its 3,000 affiliate organizations to join the celebration. This October, we will once again join national and state level officials with Polonia as we reflect on the contributions of Polish Americans to the great mosaic of America and the achievements of Poles in world history.

As the founder of this effort, I am very grateful to all who worked with me in support of the Polish American Heritage Month Committee. This effort has provided America's Polonia an opportunity to bring public attention to the history and culture that makes Poles proud of their thousand-year cultural tradition. In the Philadelphia area, the kick-off for this 25-year tradition takes place during the annual Pulaski Day Observance beginning the first weekend of October. You will hear more about this year's efforts in the next few months. For more information, including a list of "Things to Do" during Heritage Month, visit the Polish American Heritage Month link on the Center's Internet site at PolishAmericanCenter.org. If you would like a "Things To Do" flyer sent to you, call (215) 922-1700 or write to PAHM Committee, 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Now that the summer season is here, remember that you are invited to visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Historic Philadelphia where Polish heritage is always on display. You can also visit the Museum on the Internet at:
PolishAmericanCenter.org

Tour Groups Always Welcome at the Museum



John Paul II Polish Language School from New Britain, Connecticut, visits the Polish American Cultural Center Museum.



Sayreville War Memorial High School History Club Students, Sayreville, New Jersey, visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum.



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When You're in Philadelphia's Historic District Visit The
Polish American Cultural Center Museum Exhibit Hall
308 Walnut Street
Featuring Polish History and Culture
Open 10 AM to 4 PM
FREE ADMISSION

January through April
Monday to Friday

May through December
Monday to Saturday

Gift Shop is Open During
Regular Exhibit Hall Hours

Closed on Holidays

Visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum on the Internet at: www.PolishAmericanCenter.org
Featured on the web site are brief outlines of Great Men and Women of Polish Heritage, information about Polish customs and traditions, and information about organizations and activities in the Polish American Community.

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