

Polish American Legal Clinic

The Second Annual Polish American Legal Clinic Another Great Success



Pictured left to right are: Michael A. Cibik, Esq., Wojciech Lukasiewicz, Consul of the Republic of Poland, Yolanda Konopacka DeSipio, Esq., Emilia Golanska, Esq., Harry R. Levin, Esq., Marian Kornilowicz, Esq., George Szymanski, Jr., Esq., and Anna Paciorek, Esq.

The Second Annual Polish American Legal Clinic organized by the Jagiellonian Law Society and Philadelphia Legal Assistance was held on Sunday, April 30, 2006. The event was sponsored by Philadelphia VIP Volunteer Legal Services and Polish American Social Services, "PASS". PASS was also available to meet with those in need of social services assistance. This year's honorary guest was Consul Wojciech Lukasiewicz of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York.

The legal clinic took place at the Polish Eagles Sports Club, 3157 East Thompson Street in Philadelphia's Port Richmond section where Polish immigrants gathered for free legal consultations in the Polish language in the areas of immigration law, employment law, real estate and business transactions, family law, bankruptcy and personal injury.

The Attorneys participating included: Anna Paciorek, Esq., Nationalities Service Center, George R. Szymanski, Esq., Law Offices of George Szymanski, Yolanda K. Konopacka DeSipio, Esq., Curtin & Heefner, LLP, Harry Levin, Esq., Law Offices of Harry Levin, Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq., Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, PC, Michael Cibik, Esq., Cibik & Cataldo, P.C. and Emilia Golanska, Esq. Equal Justice Works Fellow, Philadelphia Legal Assistance. The participants' commitment to assist the Polish American community, willingness to volunteer their time and desire to help this great cause is commendable and sincerely appreciated.

The organizers want to thank the wonderful non-legal volunteers who selflessly devoted their Sunday to assist the community. They were: Anna Broz, Janina Golanska, Izabela Marszalek, Monika Aneta Karbowska, Kasia Karbowska, Alicja Plonska, Ania Scroger, Joanna Urbaniak and Kasia Padykula.

Furthermore, the organizers extend their deepest gratitude to the President of the Polish Eagles Sports Club, Janusz Grabowski for offering the hall free of charge for the second year in a row. We sincerely thank Barbara Ilnicka from the Polish American Radio Program for promoting the legal clinic on the daily radio program and Marzena Grinberg from Super Express News and Walentyna Adamczyk from Radio Zblizenia for advertising the event as well. We also thank Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and Polish American Social Services, for promoting this event on the radio and on the Internet. Richard Klimek represented Polish American Social Services.

All participants and attendees enjoyed a unique blend of authentic Polish pastries and coffee, courtesy of: Krakus Market, Piast International Delicatessen, Yolanda K. Konopacka DeSipio, Esq., Curtin & Heefner, LLP, Polish American Travel Service, Polka Deli and Super Delicatessen.

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Polonia Bids Farewell to Stanislaw Lem



Stanislaw Lem, born on September 12, 1921, in Lwow in the newly independent Poland, a noted Polish science fiction writer, died March 27, 2006, in Krakow. He was 84.

Lem's work was translated from Polish into more than 40 other languages. Among his most notable was the novel "Solaris" which was made into a movie starring George Clooney. Lem's books have sold 27 million copies.

Other works include "The Invincible," "The Cyberiad," "His Master's Voice," "The Star Diaries," "The Futurological

Congress" and "Tales of Prix the Pilot."

"Hospital of the Transfiguration," Lem's first important novel, was censored by communist authorities for eight years before its release in 1956 amid a thaw following the death of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

Renowned Polish film director, Andrzej Wajda, told the country's PAP news agency, "A great artist has died, a man with the hallmarks of a genius."

Lem is survived by his wife and son.