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During October We Salute Our
Members, Friends and Supporters Celebrating
Polish American Heritage Month
A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride in Cooperation with the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America

On October 1, 2007, we mark the 399th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers to America at Jamestown, VA in 1608.

From the Desk of
Michael Blichasz, President
Polish American Cultural Center
and
Polish American Congress
Eastern Pennsylvania District
PolishAmericanCenter.org

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters,

The officers of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum and the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, join with me in extending warm greetings to our members, friends and supporters. We want you to know how much your participation in the Polish American community is appreciated. We ask that you review all of the information in this newspaper, participate at the events announced and share it with family and friends. As we mark the 399th Anniversary of the Polish Settlers to America in 1608, it is a good time to celebrate our past accomplishments and work closely with our Polish American organizations so that we can celebrate future successes with continued pride.

In this newspaper there are many Polish American Heritage Month greetings from friends and supporters. When you see those who offered greetings, let them know that you appreciated seeing their best wishes in the October edition of the Polish American News.

For additional information visit our Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. You can also read and email this newspaper to others from PolishAmericanNews.com.

Polish Americans Mark 399th Anniversary

On Monday, October 1, 2007, Polish Americans will mark the 399th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish settlers to America at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608. October is also the beginning of National Polish American Heritage Month. To celebrate the occasions, there will be a reception at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia from 5 to 8 P.M. The event is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to stop by to mark these occasions and have a good time. For more information call the Museum at (215) 922-1700.

As we plan for the 400th Anniversary in 2008, you can find more information about the First Polish Settlers to America and their many accomplishments at Jamestown, Virginia, on the Polish American Cultural Center Museum's Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. Click on the Museum link, and then the First Polish Settlers link.

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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October / November, 2007
Come Out and Enjoy the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade

The Parade Salutes Two Proud Sons of Polish Heritage

General Casimir Pulaski and Pope John Paul The Great

Sunday, October 14th • 19th and the Parkway in Center City Philadelphia

Theresa B. Romanowski
Pulaski Parade Coordinator

I am honored, once again, to be the coordinator of the 2007 Pulaski Parade in center city Philadelphia. As the date of the parade, October 14, rapidly approaches, I would first like to thank the Pulaski Observance Committee for the excellent job they are performing. Much work is required to make the parade a success, and the committee certainly deserves great thanks for their dedication and hard work in striving to make the 2007 Pulaski Parade a success.

This year, as announced previously, we are honoring Jack and Dorothy Dempsey, the first husband and wife to be selected as Grand Marshals. I had the opportunity of working with Jack and Dorothy in the past, and they are devoted, dedicated people. Working with them is a pleasure.

We are also pleased to salute our Military Marshal, NASA astronaut Captain Christopher Ferguson, United States Navy, a native of Philadelphia, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle Atlantis in 2006.

Kindly review the articles about our honorees and the Pulaski Parade schedule listed in this newspaper. The Pulaski Parade Committee and I invite you, your family and friends to come to view the Pulaski Parade on Sunday, October 14th. I wish all of you an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month!

74th Annual Pulaski Day Observance Update

Polish American Heritage Month & Pulaski Day Parade Proclamation Ceremony, Thursday, October 4, 2007, 12 Noon at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. Winners of the Coloring Contest will receive awards, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

Pulaski Dinner Dance, Saturday, October 13, 2007, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M. During the Dinner Dance, we will sash this year’s Grand Marshals, Jack and Dorothy Dempsey. For information or reservations contact me, Jean McCloskey, at (215) 425-4783, or you can call the Polish American Congress office at (215) 739-3408.

Tune in to the Weekly Mass at 5:30 A.M. Sunday, October 14, 2007 - WPVI-TV 6

Rev. J ohn V. Oulds, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Coatesville, PA, will celebrate this Mass as the St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Choir sings Polish hymns to mark Polish American Heritage Month. St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, in Coatesville is marking its 100th Anniversary this year. You can see a rebroadcast of the Mass at 10:00 A.M. on LaSalle University’s Channel 56.


Sunday, October 14, 2007, Pulaski Tribute Program 10:30 A.M., at the Kopenik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral 18th & the Parkway.

Sunday, October 14, 2007, Parade Formation begins at 11:30 A.M., from 20th & the Parkway.

Sunday, October 14, 2007, Pulaski Parade steps off at 12:30 P.M., from 19th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. It will march down the Parkway to 18th Street, u-turn at 18th Street and march west on the Parkway, around Logan Circle and end at 22nd Street. Free seating and viewing areas located on Logan Circle.

Sunday, October 14, 2007, Live Television Coverage on WPVI-TV 6, 1 to 3 P.M. You are encouraged to set your VCR and come out and enjoy the parade live on the Parkway in Center City Philadelphia. Kindly invite your family and friends to view the parade!

2007 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshals

Jack and Dorothy Dempsey, the first husband and wife to be selected as Grand Marshals, were chosen in recognition of their 40 years of leadership and service to the Polish American community in the Philadelphia area.

Jack, born in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, attended All Saints Parochial School and graduated from Northeast Catholic High School for Boys in 1946. He was employed by Sears Roebuck & Company and served in the U.S. Marines.


In 1952 Jack and Dorothy were married in St. Adalbert Church, in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia. Together they managed the Bilkiewicz’s Grocery Store in Port Richmond, which they eventually owned. They also opened a toy store next door called “The Arc”. In 1981, they closed their business and became employed by the City of Philadelphia. Jack as benefits manager for the Philadelphia Parking Authority for 22 years and Dorothy as Director of Personnel for the Philadelphia Municipal Court for 21 years.

While living in Port Richmond, both were active. Jack was Social Director of Parents Guild, Chairman of the Port Richmond Committee for Community Improvements, a Democratic Committeeman for 30 years and Ward Chairman of the 45th Democratic Ward. Dorothy was Prefect of the Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima in St. Adalbert Church and active with her husband in all community activities.

Jack and Dorothy are both members of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Pulaski Parade Committee, with Jack and Dorothy serving on the Formation Committee for 30 years, and Polish American Cultural Center and Museum. Jack is also a member of the Joseph Pilsudski Fraternal Association and Dorothy is a member of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Group 2022.

Both Jack and Dorothy are retired, reside in the Chestnut Hill area and are members of Our Mother of Consolation Parish. Married for 55 years, they are the proud parents of three children, J ack, Denise, and Kevin, and proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, its Pulaski Parade Committee, and the Polonia of our area extend congratulations and Sto Lat to Jack and Dorothy Dempsey - the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshals!
A detailed biography is listed below:

Christopher J. Ferguson (Captain, USN) - NASA Astronaut

PERSONAL DATA: Born September 1, 1961 in Philadelphia, PA. Married to the former Sandra A. Cabot. They have three children. Recreational interests include golf, woodworking, and drumming for Max Q, a rock and roll band. His mother, Mary Ann Pietras, and stepfather, Norman Pietras, reside in Langhorne, PA. Sandra's mother, Trudy, resides in Norristown, PA.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia, PA, 1979; received a bachelor of science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University, 1984 and a master of science in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, 1991.

ORGANIZATIONS: Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

AWARDS: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Strike Fighter Light Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal, and various other service awards/citations.

EXPERIENCE: Captain Ferguson was commissioned from the Navy ROTC program at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his Navy Wings in Kingsville, TX in 1996 and was ordered to the F-14 Tomcat training squadron in Virginia Beach, VA. After a brief period of instruction, he joined the ‘Red Rippers’ of VF-11 deploying to the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Indian Ocean on board the USS Forrestal (CV-59). While with VF-11 he also attended the Navy Fighter Weapon School (TOPGUN).

He was selected for the Naval Postgraduate/Test Pilot School program in 1989 and graduated in 1992. Through June 1994 he was assigned to the Weapons Branch of the Strike Aircraft Test Directorate at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD where he served as the project officer for the F-14D weapon separation program, becoming the first pilot to release several types of air-to-ground weapons from the Tomcat. He served one year as an instructor at the Naval Test Pilot School before joining the ‘Checkmates’ of VF-211 in 1995 and completing a deployment to the Western Pacific/Persian Gulf in defense of the Iraqi no-fly zone on board the USS Nimitz (CVN-68). He briefly served as an F-14 logistics officer for the Atlantic Fleet prior to his selection to the space program.

NASA EXPERIENCE: Ferguson reported to the Johnson Space Center in August 1998. Following the completion of two years of training and evaluation, he was assigned technical duties in the Astronaut Office Spacecraft Systems Branch involving the Shuttle Main Engine, External Tank, Solid Rocket Boosters and Software. Ferguson served as Pilot on STS-115 and has logged over 12 days in space.

Ferguson is currently serving as a Capsule Communicator (CAPCOM) and performed as the Lead CAPCOM for STS-118 in August 2007. Captain Ferguson will command STS-126 in September, 2008.

SPACE FLIGHT EXPERIENCE: STS-115 Atlantis (September 9-21, 2006) successfully reassembled the International Space Station. During the 12-day mission the crew delivered and installed the massive P3/P4 truss segment and two sets of solar arrays providing one quarter of the station’s power. The crew also performed over 30 hours of robotic work using the Shuttle’s robotic arm as well as three spacewalks to complete the truss installation.

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WPVI TV 6 Will Televiser Philadelphia’s Pulaski Day Parade

The PAC encourages you to inform your family and friends that they can view the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 14, 2007, 1 to 3 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6 serving the Philadelphia and Tri-State area.

Anita Brikman and Michael Blichasz will be co-hosting. Tune in and enjoy this annual display of Polish history, culture and pride.

To all our Members and Friends

Best Wishes to Everyone During
Polish American Heritage Month

Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School
Copernicus Society of America
Council of United Polish Societies
Chester, Pennsylvania

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
Eastern Pennsylvania District

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Polish Women’s Alliance of America

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St. Adalbert Polish Language School
Second Street Polish Society

The Society of Our Mother of Consolation
Wilmerding, PA

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With your host Michael Blichasz

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We wish all our Parishioners, Friends and the entire Polonia a Happy Polish American Heritage Month

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St. Adalbert Parish, Schenectady, NY
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Rev. Francis Gwiazda, Pastor
St. Mary Parish, CONshohocken, PA
Rev. Msgr. Robert Grudowski, Pastor
St. Mary Parish, Reading, PA.
Rev. Leon Stajkowski, Pastor
St. Michael The Archangel, Lansford, PA
Rev. Lawrence Bukaty, Pastor
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Pauline Fathers and Brothers
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wyandotte, MI
Rev. Walter Ptak, Pastor
Sacred Heart Parish, Clifton Heights, PA
St. Hedwig, Chester, PA.
Rev. J. An Palkowski, Pastor
Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, PA
Rev. Andrew McCormick, Pastor
St. Philip Neri Parish/St. Stanislaus, Philadelphia, PA
Rev. James Oliver, Pastor
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Coatesville, PA
Rev. J. Ohn V. Oulds, Pastor
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Minersville, PA
Rev. Leo J., Maitetz, Pastor
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Wilmington, DE
Rev. Edward Kaczorowski, Pastor
St. Valentine Parish, Philadelphia, PA
Rev. Christopher Mendelewski, Pastor
Holy Cross Parish, Trenton, NJ
St. Stanislaus Parish, Trenton, NJ
Rev. Msgr. Edward Arnister, Pastor

Additional Polish American Heritage Month Greetings from the following Philadelphia officials:
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Councilwomen Blondell Reynolds Brown
Councilwoman Carol Ann Campbell
Councilman Darrell Clarke
Councilman Frank DiCicco
Councilman W. Wilson Goode, J. R.
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Councilman James Kenney
Councilman Brian O’Neill
Councilman J. Van Ramos
Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller
Councilman Daniel Savage
Councilwomen Marian Tosco

Polish Language Classes at the Polish American Cultural Center
The Polish American Cultural Center at 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia announces its fall semester Polish Language Classes. Two levels of the Polish language focusing on conversation will be offered. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. The cost of the twelve week program is $135 plus book fee.
If you are interested in enrolling in the Polish language classes at the Polish American Cultural Center, you can call for an application, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. (215) 922-1700. You can also download an application at PolishAmericanCenter.org/LanguageClasses.html.

Elected Officials Salute Polish American Heritage Month

As the Governor of Pennsylvania and the former Mayor of Philadelphia, I have been pleased to work closely with the Polish American Community. I respect the contributions that Polish Americans make to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and I enjoy participating at activities that keep our communities together and highlight Pennsylvania’s cultural diversity. Working together we make Pennsylvania a special place to live and prosper.
Edward G. Rendell, Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Polish Americans are an integral part of the City of Philadelphia and the nation. The Polish community has influenced and enhanced the ethnic diversity of our city while remaining focused on traditions and customs. The City of Philadelphia has many ties to Polish Heritage including the Kosciuszko House at 3rd and Pine Streets, the Kopernik Monument on the Parkway, the Pulaski Monument in the Garden of Heroes, on the west side of the Philadelphia Art Museum, the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street, the Torun Triangle at 18th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and our Sister City association with Torun, Poland. Best wishes for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month.

J ohn F. Street - Mayor of Philadelphia, PA

I am pleased and proud to recognize the efforts of the Polish American Heritage Month Committee in Philadelphia. The historical and progressive efforts of the Polish American Heritage Month have been built on a combination of talents, culture, and traditions of millions of immigrants from many countries, including Poland, who came to America seeking better lives for themselves and their children. I wish all of my Polish friends an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration.

Anna C. Verna, President - City Council of Philadelphia

Best wishes to the Polish American Heritage Month Committee and the Polish American Congress. I am proud to have been part of this effort since its founding in 1981. I know as a Councilwoman in the City of Philadelphia, which has a vibrant Polish community, Polonia has a lot to be proud of. Keep up the good work!

Councilwoman Joan Krajeveski
6th District Philadelphia, PA

The Polish American Community remains an outstanding ethnic group in the City of Philadelphia, the State of Pennsylvania, and across the United States. Best wishes for a great Polish American Heritage Month celebration.

Councilman Frank Rizzo
Council-At-Large, City of Philadelphia

I have been proud to work with the Polish American community since 1980. Your commitment to the ideals of America and the preservation of Polish heritage has added to the cultural diversity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and America. I extend my continued best wishes for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration!

Councilman William Greenlee
Council-At-Large, City of Philadelphia

In appreciation for your positive contribution to the City of Philadelphia and in recognition of this festive occasion of Polish American Heritage Month and the Pulaski Day Observance. I wish you continued success. Sto Lat!

Alan L. Butkovitz
Philadelphia City Controller
Dear Members of the Polish American Community:

I extend my best wishes to all Polish Americans. I congratulate the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Polish community for the significant role its members played in establishing October as “Polish American Heritage Month” in 1981.

As someone whose grandparents immigrated to this country from Europe, I believe it is appropriate for Americans to celebrate their ethnic heritage. We can revere the United States of America, and the wonderful benefits that our country provides for us, while still holding an abiding appreciation and respect for the culture and customs of our ancestors.

State Senator Vincent J. Fumo
First District, Pennsylvania

The United States is a nation built on many different cultures. During October, as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month and the 399th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish settlers in Jamestown, VA, I offer congratulations to Polish Americans for sharing their customs, culture and devotion to democracy.

State Senator Michael O’Pake
13th District, Pennsylvania

I am pleased to extend best wishes to my Polish American constituents, friends and the Polish American community of Pennsylvania during October, Polish American Heritage Month.

Senator Robert Tomlinson
6th Senatorial District of Pennsylvania

I am proud to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the Polish American community. Best wishes and continued success as you celebrate the 26th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month.

State Senator Michael Stack
5th District, Pennsylvania

I join with members of the Pennsylvania Senate in extending best wishes to Polish Americans celebrating Polish American Heritage Month!

Senator Dominic F. Pileggi
9th Senatorial District of Pennsylvania

I have been proud to participate at Polish American Community events over the years. I congratulate you for your efforts to maintain the heritage of your ancestors and for being great citizens of America.

State Senator Charles McIlhinney
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Best Wishes and Sto Lat!

Happy Polish American Heritage Month!

State Senator Vincent Hughes
State Senator LeAnna Washington
State Senator Anthony Williams
I have been pleased to be part of the Polish American Heritage Month Committee's efforts for the last 26 years. I salute everyone that works so hard to honor the faith, traditions and culture of the Polish people. Since the first Polish settlers arrived in America on October 1, 1608, people of Polish heritage have made an impact on every aspect of American life. Congratulations Polonia!

Rev. Msgr. Bernard Witkowski
Chaplain, Polish American Congress Eastern Pennsylvania District

The Pauline Fathers and Brothers of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA wish all of Polonia best wishes as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month during October. We invite you to visit America's Czestochowa at 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. You can access our Internet site at: Czestochowausa.com, or PolishShrine.com.

Rev. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE, Provincial National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA

You are invited to attend the Polish American Heritage Month Celebration Polish Harvest Festival “Dozynki”

Sponsored by the Polish American Congress Eastern Pennsylvania District and the Polish American Cultural Center Museum

Sunday, October 28, 2007

“Dozynki” Harvest Mass - 10:30A.M.
St. Adalbert Church
Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue

The Dozynki Festival will feature:
Food & Refreshments - Live Music & Dancing - Polish Folk Dancers - arts, crafts and displays, and other entertainment.

This is a community-wide celebration of Polish Heritage for people of all ages and a time to enjoy yourself. Bring your family and friends • Admission is Free

For additional information call the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. (215) 922-1700
Internet: PolishAmericanCenter.org

Cell Jensen National Genealogical Lecturer will be the special guest at the Museum

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum, at 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia, will welcome noted Genealogical Researcher Cell Jensen on Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 12 noon to 3 P.M.

A beginner genealogy workshop, “Learn To Trace Your Family Heritage,” will discuss researching your Polish heritage using home resources and records available in the United States and in Poland.

There is a $35.00 fee. To receive a registration form, please call 215-922-1700 and one will be mailed to you.

This program has been supported in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Federal-State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Saint Laurentius Church History

With Gothic spires reaching up to Heaven and stained glass windows that catch the sun like a beacon of light, the magnificent edifice of St. Laurentius Church evokes reverence in all who look upon it. But the oldest Polish Roman Catholic Church in Philadelphia was not always such a powerful symbol of Christ. Its origins herald back to a time when immigrants—with little money, and nothing more than a strong belief in God—sought a humble house of worship.

In the late 19th century, Polish people in the area desired a parish to educate their children according to the traditions of their homeland and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. Early religious services were held in the basement of St. Boniface Church on Diamond and Hancock Streets, and later, at Norris and Sepulva Streets. Neighborhood children received catechism lessons at a nearby blacksmith shop.

With fewer than fifty families, and only $31.50 in the treasury, the Polish people petitioned the Archbishop of Philadelphia for a church. Their prayers were answered in 1882, when St. Laurentius Church was established, and later erected at Berks and Memphis Streets. Children attended St. Laurentius School in the basement of the building under instruction from the Felician Sisters, a Polish order of nuns.

The first Polish-speaking priest at St. Laurentius Church, Rev. Adalbert Malusecki, led efforts to construct the church's upper chapel. Master craftsmen from Mannheim, Germany were called upon to build an orate wooden alter, puplit, statues and elaborate cutglass windows. Later, in 1912, under the stewardship of Rev. Gabriel Kraus, the sanctuary was embellished with oil paintings portraying the life of Christ and his Saints.

Throughout the years, St. Laurentius School blossomed into a bustling academic institution. By 1923, a new convent and school building were purchased at 1614-16 E. Berks Street. A few years later, at the church's 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee, the school's attendance swelled to nearly 800 students.

As the congregation grew, the church reached out to the community. A newspaper informing residents and parishioners of activities and events—called the Parish Calendar—hit the presses in 1957. At the insistence of Rev. Stanislaus J. Garstka, the Catholic Ladies Guild was formed that year to raise funds and help plan events, including the celebrated annual Christmas Bazaar.

In the 1970s, Rev. Anthony F. Ziemia, "Father Tony" as he was lovingly called, drew many parishioners to the church with his gentle, cheerful nature. Families were kept together; marriages made stronger. To mark the church's 100-year Jubilee in 1982, Rev. Ziemia invited John Cardinal Krol to preside as celebrant during the Centennial Mass. Cardinal Krol, an archbishop of Polish origin, honored the congregation by attending.

In the early 21st century, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia began to lose parishioners as fewer Catholics attended mass on a regular basis. Rev. Frank Gwiazda, whose stewardship began in 1986 and continues today, was faced with the arduous task of raising declining enrollment at St. Laurentius School. His faith in God, perseverance and support from loyal parishioners helped him keep the school doors open and maintain the tradition of Catholic education and shared fellowship—a dream first sought by those heeding the call of God more than a century ago.

In Grateful Recognition of a Major Donation to the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Memory of Peter Kierbiedz

Offered by Hedwig Kierbiedz

Maria Koleda, President
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Youth Committee
Thompson Street and Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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HOW PROUD ARE YOU?
When someone asks you whether you're proud to be Polish, how do you respond? Presumably, your instinct is to respond in the affirmative. But, I ask: How proud are you, honestly? Do you participate in the plethora of activities and programs sponsored by the numerous Polish-American organizations, including the Polish American Congress, in the Philadelphia area? Do you strive to learn about Polish history? Do you contribute to programs that educate our youth about our Polish heritage?

When it comes down to it, only a portion of us participate in events sponsored by the Polish American Congress and other Polish organizations, including parishes and schools. This begs the question: Are you proud to proclaim your pride for our rich Polish heritage?

Our heritage is rich, very rich, and we have many things of which to be proud. For one, we have a fascinating history that demonstrates that we Poles have endured and survived immense suffering and loss, and we have done so with incredible strength and dignity. In consideration of this, why is it so difficult to join together in good times? I challenge you to show your fellow Polish-Americans and everyone else just how proud you are by contributing your time and efforts to worthy causes sponsored by the Polish American Congress and other Polish organizations. Let's show the world that we are united, capable, and yes—PROUD!

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It is my great pleasure to welcome all students attending Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School in 2007-2008. Some are new and some have been with us for some time. We welcome new faces any time. Many of our students, teachers and parents volunteered their time during the 42nd annual Polish-American Festival at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine. I sincerely thank them for their time, hard work and courage to be on the stage while presenting the Harvest Festival and playing parts in a traditional Polish Wedding, which was a unique addition to this year's festival. The shows would not be as successful if it were not for their energetic participation. I encourage all students to get involved in celebrations of Polish traditions and culture during this school year and beyond since the Polish-American community depends on the new generation.
Congratulations and best wishes as the Polish American community marks the 26th Anniversary of the Polish American Heritage Month. Best wishes for continued success!

Representative John M. Perzel
State Representative
172nd District Pennsylvania

As you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month, I extend my best wishes for continued success as you highlight Polish Heritage and the pride of the Polish people. I am proud to work with and represent many Polish Americans in the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

State Representative John Taylor
177th District, Pennsylvania

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Polish community in our area as you celebrate the 26th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month. Your dedication to your ethnic heritage is admirable and the contributions of Polish Americans to their communities are well noted.

State Representative Mark Cohen
202nd District, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to my Polish American constituents and friends. I join with members of the Pennsylvania Legislature in extending best wishes to the Polish American community as you celebrate “Polish American Heritage Month” and mark the 399th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608.

State Representative Dennis M. O’Brien
Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and PA State Representative, 169th District

I am pleased to recognize the efforts of the Polish American community and Polish American Heritage Month Committee. Your efforts to highlight Polish culture, within the mosaic of the United States of America, is commendable and appreciated by all freedom-loving Americans.

State Representative Dwight Evans
203rd District, Pennsylvania

I am proud to represent a district which includes so many Polish Americans working to preserve the cultural heritage of their ancestors who first arrived in America on October 1, 1608. My best wishes for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration.

State Representative Gene DiGirolamo
18th District, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to the Polish American community as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month during October and mark the 399th Anniversary of the first Polish settlers to America at Jamestown, VA.

State Representative William Keller
184th District, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to the Polish American community as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month during October. Best wishes also to the members of the Second Street Polish Society and all of my Polish American constituents in South Philadelphia.

State Representative Scott Petri
178th District, Pennsylvania
People of all nationalities can reflect on their heritage and remind themselves that they are all part of the "Great American Mosaic." For centuries people from all over the world immigrated to America in search of freedom, peace and justice. From Europe, the Irish, Polish, Germans, Italians and many other nationalities came in large numbers to live in the new land of opportunity. Today, people from all over the world make up America's ethnic and racial mosaic.

In October, Polish Americans celebrate national "Polish American Heritage Month". This year everyone is asked to take time to trace his or her own family history in preparation for the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers to America, which will be celebrated in October, 2008. To help you trace your heritage, there is a "Trace Your Heritage" form on the front page of the Cultural Center's website at: PolishAmericanCenter.com

It was on October 1, 1608, that the English ship Margaret and Mary arrived at Jamestown, Virginia. The ship carried eight people of Polish descent who had been hired by the Glass Company of England to help open a glass house in the New World. After their arrival in Jamestown, this group of skilled glassmakers, along with other immigrant settlers, experienced many hardships. They did, nevertheless, accomplish their mission of building and operating the first glass house, and first factory, in America. As time passed and they made enough glass to serve the needs of the Jamestown colony, their products were then shipped to England. These glass items became the first products to be exported from America to Europe. Another noteworthy fact is that, in 1619, after ten years in the Jamestown colony, this group of skilled glassmakers, along with other immigrant settlers, experienced many hardships. They did, nevertheless, accomplish their mission of building and operating the first glass house, and first factory, in America. As time passed and they made enough glass to serve the needs of the Jamestown colony, their products were then shipped to England. These glass items became the first products to be exported from America to Europe.

The arrival of the first Polish settlers in America marked a humble, yet significant, entry into American history. Over the years, people from Poland continued to emigrate to America. Today, people of Polish descent are the sixth largest ethnic group in America, residing in all fifty states and participating in every aspect of American life. They are among the tens of millions of people from Poland and America to symbolize the lasting bond between these countries. The coloring contest artwork depicts (1) the first Polish settlers who immigrated to Jamestown, Virginia, (2) the Statue of Liberty, known as the welcoming beacon for all immigrants in search of freedom, peace and justice in the New World, and (3) maps of Poland and America to symbolize the lasting bond between these countries.
Best Wishes to Our Families, Friends and the Entire Polonia as We Celebrate Polish American Heritage Month

The members of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America are proud to celebrate Polish American Heritage Month during October.

Wallace Ozog, National President
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America "PRCUA"

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Visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum: PolishAmericanCenter.org

Polish Museum of America Celebrates 70th Anniversary

The Polish Museum of America in Chicago, the oldest ethnic museum in America with one of the largest collections of Polish American artifacts on display in the nation, is celebrating the 70th Anniversary of its opening this year. The museum has been a rich resource for Polish and Polish American history, geography, literature, art and culture over the past 70 years.

A special exhibit entitled “The Polish Museum of America – 70 Years of Service” opened in September to celebrate this special anniversary.
The Mazowsze Are Coming to Philadelphia

The internationally known Polish folk dance group, Mazowsze, will be performing on Saturday, November 24, 2007, at 3 p.m., at the Kimmel Center, 260 S. Broad Street in center city Philadelphia.

For ticket information, call the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at (215) 922-1700, or the Kimmel Center at (215) 790-5883.

Visit the Exhibition American Friendship, Herbert Hoover and Poland • September 29, 2007 - March 15, 2008

EXHIBITION -- American Friendship, Herbert Hoover and Poland
Arch Street Friends (Quaker) Meeting House
320 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA - (215) 413-1804

The 31st U.S. president, Herbert Hoover was born on August 10, 1874 in West Branch, Iowa, a closely knit community with a strong religious identity. Many residents, like the Hoovers, were Quakers. Orphaned at the age of ten, Hoover was adopted by an uncle and relocated to Oregon where he attended Quaker schools and found a sense of belonging and a strong belief in the common good. At age seventeen, he was admitted to Stanford University. Having earned a degree in geology, he worked as a mining engineer around the world. The Australian Gold Rush and the Chinese Boxer Rebellion provided opportunities to apply his scientific knowledge, crisis management skills, and dedication to humanity.

In England, at the outbreak of WWI, August 1914, Hoover organized the Commission for Relief in Belgium (CRB). He directed the procurement, delivery, and distribution of food to Belgian civilians, then under German control. In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson asked Hoover to head the non-governmental American Relief Administration (ARA). Grounded in the spirit of compassion, he ably organized a "peace army" that saved 350 million people from starvation and disease in the nations of Europe and the Middle East following the war.

The ARA focused its efforts on famine-stricken Central Europe, and Hoover rapidly mobilized his peace army to aid Poland. Millions of Americans made personal sacrifices, and surplus food was shipped overseas. An orphan himself, he was sensitive to the suffering of children. By 1920 two million children were fed from ten thousand kitchens. A Quaker who valued people from all religious persuasions and ethnicities, Hoover set up 1500 feeding centers for Jewish children, aided by the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. A talented facilitator, he connected engineer around the world. The Australian Gold Rush and the Chinese Boxer Rebellion provided opportunities to apply his scientific knowledge, crisis management skills, and dedication to humanity.

In 1919 Hitler invaded Poland and Hoover initiated the Commission for Polish Relief (CPR). Hoover raised funds and obtained cooperation from foreign governments, private charities, and health organizations. Within a few months the commission delivered 150 tons of clothing and blankets. In early 1940 CPR organized kitchens and served 200,000 meals a day. The commission's work was significantly helped by a $50 million donation from the American Red Cross that February. CPR continued to operate in occupied Poland until Germany declared war against the United States in December 1941. The commission then aided Polish refugees who fled their country.

Following the Allied victory, President Harry S. Truman asked Hoover to head the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in aid of countries suffering from the devastation of WWII. In early 1946 Hoover traveled to 25 countries. In his efforts to rebuild Poland, Hoover sought technical experts, medical supplies, construction equipment, and food. With the efficiency that Hoover was famous for, aid reached millions of people, especially children.

The welfare of children was a lifelong concern for Herbert Hoover. After WWII he helped establish two relief organizations: the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Cooperative Assistance in Great Europe (CARE).

This exhibition features Hoover's decades of humanitarian achievements in Poland. It has woven photographs, documents, posters, and banners from the Hoover Institution Archives and the Polish National Archives, some being shown for the first time. Dr. Z. Stanczyk of the Hoover Institution of Stanford University comments, "From early childhood Hoover practiced compassion. His Quaker upbringing changed the world. Poland in this exhibit is just a case study of what Hoover did in dozens of other countries. Through these humanitarian endeavors Hoover inspired hope in millions of suffering people. That suffering and Hoover's efficient response resonate powerfully in our world today, with millions of refugees displaced by war and violence and victims of drought, flood, and other natural disasters across the globe find little relief."

Memories of Hoover and his achievements were officially erased in Poland after 1945. But when this exhibition opened at the Royal Castle in Warsaw, November 2004, it was welcomed with great outpourings of emotion. After touring four other cities in Poland and meeting with a similar reception, it returned to Stanford.

It was at Stanford University where Hoover met Ignacy Paderewski who in 1919 became the first prime minister of the Republic of Poland. In 1892, the impoverished geology student arranged a piano recital for the world-renowned musician. Unfortunately, Hoover was never able to meet Paderewski's fee nor pay expenses. Paderewski generously covered the cost of the event and their enduring friendship inspired Hoover to understand the Polish people and their passion for independence. The two friends later worked together to save a people ravaged by war and foreign domination and to preserve Polish sovereignty.

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Herbert Hoover Ignacy Jan Paderewski
Colonel Cas Lenard Receives Grand Cross

On July 15, 2007, Col. Casimir I. Lenard (U.S. Ret.), the Executive Director of the Washington D.C. office of the Polish American Congress, was honored with the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland by Lech Kaczynski, President of the Republic of Poland.

Lenard received the award for his life’s work in the cause for Poland in a ceremony at the Polish Embassy in Washington, hosted by His Excellency Janusz Reiter, Ambassador from the Republic of Poland.

Lenard, born in Chicago, was sent to Poland by his parents for studies and spent eight years in a Jesuit Academy. In 1940 he joined the armed conflict in the defense of Poland’s freedom.

In 1994 and then in 2000, Lenard with his late wife, Myra, had received the Commander Cross and then the Commander Cross with Star, bestowed upon them individually, by Poland’s Presidents Lech Walesa and Aleksander Kwasniewski, respectively.

Lenard was the Executive Director of the Washington D.C. office of the Polish American Congress from 1970 to 1974, and currently serves in that office since May 2000. It was mainly during Myra’s tenure as Executive Director of the Washington office from early 1980’s to the time of her death in May, 2000, that great things were accomplished for the benefit of the people of Poland and the American Polonia through the teamwork of the Lenards.
The traditions and culture of Poland continue to add to the greatness of America. During October, Polish American Heritage Month, I extend my best wishes to all.

Al Taubenberger
Candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia

Register to Vote

October 9th is the last day for Pennsylvania voters to register to vote in the Pennsylvania Municipal General Election that will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

It is important for us to VOTE for the people that represent the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania and our national interests in Washington, D.C. It is also important to be part of the process which began in 1776, and continues to keep our country a sound democracy. Polish Americans are one the 6th largest ethnic group in the United States of America. More than 20 million Americans share full or partial Polish heritage. We are a major asset to the American economy, its tax base and its cultural well-being. It is important for Polonia in America to partake in this privilege and responsibility.

IF YOU DON’T VOTE, YOU allow those who DO VOTE to have the full privilege of electing the people that represent our taxpaying individuals as taxpayers at all levels of government.

If you need a mail-in Voter Registration Form application for the State of Pennsylvania, call the Polish American Congress office in Philadelphia, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. and a Voter Registration Form will be sent to you. Call 215-739-3408.

As the City Controller of Philadelphia between 1988 and 2005, I had the pleasure of working with Polonia and seeing first-hand your commitment to the preservation of the customs and traditions of your ancestors from Poland. Sto Lat!

Jonathan Saidel

Lady Blanka A. Rosenstiel
Presented with the “Pride of Polonia” Award

Polonia gathered to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Polish Women’s Alliance Day and Polish Apostolate Day on Sunday, August 26, 2007, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA.

During the 12:30 P.M. Mass, the Pride of Polonia Award was presented to Lady Blanka A. Rosenstiel, Founder and President of The American Institute of Polish Culture and The Chopin Foundation of the United States. For the last 35 years, Mrs. Rosenstiel has been involved in organizing, participating in, and sponsoring hundreds of events locally and nationally. Her avid interest in the arts, dedication to helping young artists, and desire to promote Poland’s heritage while fostering culture in her American homeland, prompted Mrs. Rosenstiel to establish in 1972, The American Institute of Polish Culture, Inc. in Miami. In 1977, Mrs. Rosenstiel established the Chopin Foundation of the United States, a national organization dedicated to helping young American musicians and promoting Chopin’s music in the United States. Mrs. Rosenstiel established the Harriet Irsay Scholarship which awards 10 to 15 grants each year to talented students of Polish descent, majoring in journalism, communications, Polish studies or public relations. Many titles and honors have been awarded to Mrs. Rosenstiel, among them being appointed an Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland and becoming the first Honorary Consul in the history of Florida.

The award was presented by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Krol, Episcopal Liaison and Msgr. Anthony Czarnecki, National Chairman of the Polish Apostolate Committee.

The Pride of Polonia Award began in 1992 when the Executive Board of the Polish Apostolate decided that each year someone who has made a unique contribution to the Polish people should be recognized and honored in a special way. The first recipient was John Cardinal Krol.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Polish Americans as you promote Polish traditions and culture during the 26th annual celebration of Polish American Heritage Month!

Michael Nutter,
Former Philadelphia Councilman
Candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia

As a proud Polish American, I am especially honored to congratulate the Philadelphia Polonia as it celebrates the 26th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month. It is my hope that all citizens realize that they can draw strength from their cultural heritage as they continue to contribute to the building of America!

Honorable Bernice Soban DeAngels
Philadelphia Traffic Court

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Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service is available at the office of Polish American Social Services, 308 Walnut Street in Center City Philadelphia. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, mail your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Mail your resume to:

Polish American Social Services
Employment Outreach
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Fax to: (215) 923-1518
Email to:
Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at: (215) 923-1900

Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of job openings that have been reported.

If your place of employment is about to or has posted a position, kindly let “PASS” know about that opening. Call Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job opening information to:

Attention Employment Information POLISH AMERICAN SOCIAL SERVICES 308 WALNUT STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

“PCA” Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

PASS works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA’s helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

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

**United Social Services Outreach Program**

The main office of PASS at 308 Walnut Street is open Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. to service the general public. You can call the main office at (215) 923-1900. Clients coming to the main office are asked to provide appropriate documents and information necessary for processing each request.

Some services are listed in this newsletter, but the staff can assist you with many other programs available to both senior citizens and individuals of all ages. Services can be provided in the English or Polish language. Everyone is welcome to contact the agency for services.

PASS also makes many community outreach visits throughout the year. There are also several special outreach visits made to senior citizen groups which are announced in local newspapers or church bulletins.

The following outreach service locations and schedules are in operation: Daily services for clients from these areas are also available at the main office.

**Main Office:**
- 308 Walnut Street
- Downtown Philadelphia
  - Monday to Friday
  - 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

**Port Richmond & Fishtown areas:**
- St. Adalbert Office
- Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue
  - Every Tuesday
  - 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

**Northeast/Bridesburg & Frankford areas:**
- St. John Cantius Hall
- Thompson & Orthodox Streets
  - Every First Wednesday
  - 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

**Manayunk/Roxborough areas:**
- St. Josaphat Hall
- Cotton & Silverwood Streets
  - Every 3rd Monday
  - 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

**Other outreach areas served by PASS are announced in community newspapers and church bulletins.**

For more information on those outreach visits call the main office at (215) 923-1900.

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**Look Out For LIHEAP**

Fuel Rebate Program About to Begin

As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, will be starting on November 5, 2007. Those who have applied in previous years should be notified by the agency that can handle your concern. To make changes for 2008. If you need assistance, please call PASS at 215-923-1900. You will be assisted or referred to the proper agency that can handle your concern.

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**Medicare Updates for October 2007**

Fall is here, and it is time to revisit Medicare issues as this is the time to make any changes you may need or ask questions you may have about your medical insurance and prescription drug coverage.

First of all, the Social Security Administration began sending redetermination letters in mid-September, to people who qualified for the Extra Help program for Medicare Part D. If you receive this redetermination letter, DO NOT throw it away. It should be completed and returned to Social Security within 30 days. If you need help understanding or completing this form, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or PASS at 215-923-1900 where assistance is rendered in the English and Polish Languages.

In October, medical insurance and prescription plans will begin to announce changes in their plans for 2008. If you would like to make any changes to either your medical insurance or prescription plan, Medicare has an open enrollment period from November 15th through December 31st for people that would like to make changes for 2008. If you need assistance, please call PASS at 215-923-1900. You will be assisted or referred to the proper agency that can handle your concern.

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**Get Ready for Winter**

PASS would like to send out a friendly reminder to think ahead for the things you may need this winter. Have you considered the following:

1. How is my heater doing? Was it acting up at the end of last winter? Did I renew my maintenance agreements?
2. Did I budget for the upcoming heating bills? Should I consider going on a budget or payment plan with my fuel vendor?
3. Do I have any problems closing my windows or doors? Are any windows broken? Are there gaps around doors or windows that could let the heat out of the house? Should I insulate my attic?
4. Did I shut off my outside water faucet so it doesn’t freeze?
5. Do I have a good snow shovel and some salt or other ice melting supplies? Did I talk with someone who could help me with snow removal this winter if I am not able to do it myself?
6. Will I need a new winter jacket, sweater, gloves, boots or hat?
7. How is my home emergency kit? Do I have enough replacement batteries, fresh bottled water and cans of food?
8. Thinking about these things now and making the phone calls or buying the things you need will be a big help before the mercury really dips!

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**Property Tax Rent Rebate Program**

Extended to December 31, 2007!

For seniors, widows and widowers, or disabled persons whose annual income is below $35,000 for renters, and $35,000 for homeowners, it’s not too late to get a rebate on the real estate taxes or rent that you paid in 2006.

REMEMBER ONLY HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI INCOME IS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM!

Don’t wait till the end of the year to apply. To find out if you qualify for this program, or if you need help in filling out the application or would like an application, please call PASS at (215) 923-1900. You can get back as much as $650.

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**Best Wishes to Polonia**

Beneficial Savings Bank
From the Desk of
Richard Klimek
Program Supervisor
Polish American Social Services

Next year in 2008, Polish American Social Services will mark its 100th anniversary of providing a variety of social services for the Polish American community and community-at-large in the Philadelphia area. PASS’s philosophy over the last century has been, and will continue to be, to provide as many preventative services as possible to keep people independent and self-sufficient.

Staying true to our philosophy, I draw your attention to the article in this edition of “P.A.S.S. the News” about being ready in case there is an emergency such as a house fire, power outage, hurricane or even a terrorist attack. It is good to know what to do or what your options are when something goes wrong as opposed to trying to figure things out under pressure. It’s more important than ever to have a plan and a contact person, especially if you are elderly.

I also invite the adult children of senior citizens to check out our web site to see if any of the services or programs listed there could be helpful to their parents. Also, I encourage children and parents to discuss emergency plans and different ways to remain in contact should there be an emergency. This may mean reaching out to friends and neighbors to assist in times of need.

From the Desk of
Richard Klimek
Program Supervisor
Polish American Social Services

Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Or Not?

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What to have in your hand
Be Ready to Evacuate

If officials tell you to evacuate, you must leave.

Here is what you need to do:

• Stay calm. Do exactly what officials tell you to do.
• If there is time, secure your home. Close and lock windows and doors. Unplug appliances before you leave. Officials will tell you if you need to turn off utilities.
• Let friends and relatives know where you are going.
• Wear sturdy shoes and comfortable, protective clothing such as long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
• Grab your Go Bag.
• DO NOT use an elevator during a fire or other emergency.
• Stay tuned to KYW 1060 AM for the latest evacuation routes and other information.
• Get to the nearest shelter or safe place as soon as you can.

Whether officials tell you to Shelter in Place or evacuate will depend upon the conditions expected in your area. If you do not receive specific instructions to evacuate, you should Shelter in Place.

Grab your Family GO BAG

Prepare a Go Bag for your household - things you'll need if officials tell you to evacuate. Your Go Bag should be easy to carry - a backpack or small suitcase on wheels. Keep your Go Bag in a place where you can get to it easily, in case you have to leave in a hurry.

Items for your Go Bag:

• Copies of your important documents, such as insurance cards, photo IDs, birth certificates, deeds, and proof of address, in a waterproof and portable container
• Extra set of car and house keys
• Credit and ATM cards
• Cash, especially in small bills like ones, fives and tens.
• Bottled water and food that will not easily perish, such as energy or granola bars
• Flashlight and extra batteries
• Battery-operated radio and extra batteries (You can also buy wind-up radios that do not require batteries.)
• Medication: be sure to refill medications before they expire. Keep a list of the medications each member of your household takes, why they take them, and their dosages. Also keep copies of all prescriptions, and your doctors’ and pharmacist’s contact information.
• First-aid kit
• Sturdy, comfortable shoes, lightweight, and a mylar blanket
• Contacts and meeting place information for your household.
• A small regional map
• Personal care items: hand sanitizer, feminine products, toothbrush and toothpaste, and wipes
• Child care supplies or other special care items

What to have in your head - Your Emergency Plan

Talk with your family about emergencies: what to do, how to find each other, and how to stay in contact during an emergency. Be ready to Shelter in Place for at least 72 hours. If officials tell you to evacuate.

Decide on two places where household members should meet after an emergency - one right outside or close to your home, and one outside your neighborhood.

Practice getting out of your house using different doors. Practice getting to your meeting places.

Ask a friend or relative who lives outside of state to be your family’s emergency contact. If Philadelphia phone circuits are busy, long-distance calls may be easier to make.

Plan for everyone in your family - especially seniors, people with disabilities, and non-English speakers.

Give everyone in your house a copy of your emergency plan and emergency contact information to keep in their wallets and backpacks.

Twice a year:

• Change your smoke alarm batteries.
• Make sure your emergency plan and emergency contact information are correct.
• Check that the food and batteries in your kits are still good.

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What to have in your home
Be ready to Shelter in Place

If officials tell you to Shelter in Place, you must stay indoors.

Put together a Shelter in Place kit.

Include enough supplies for at least three days, in case you cannot leave your home.

How to Shelter in Place:

• Stay calm and go indoors immediately.
• Go to a room with few doors or windows. Ideally, the room should be above street level, allow room for everyone in your family, have access to water and bathroom facilities, and have a phone jack.
• Lock all windows and doors, and close fireplace dampers.
• Only seal doors and windows when told to do so by emergency officials. If instructed, cover cracks along doors and windows with tape, wet rags, or towels.
• Turn off all heating and cooling systems such as air conditioners and window exhaust fans, if instructed.
• Listen to KYW 1060 AM radio for updates.
• Keep your pets with you. If you have a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 to let the Police and Fire Departments know you need special help.
• Keep your phone line available for emergency calls.

Items for your Shelter in Place Kit

• Three gallons of drinking water per person
• Food that will not perish easily; ready-to-eat foods
• Manual can opener and eating utensils (forks, spoons, knives, plates, cups)
• Plastic sheeting to cover windows; scissors and duct tape
• Battery-operated radio and extra batteries (You can also buy wind-up radios that do not require batteries.)
• A whistle to signal for help
• Iodine tablets or one quart of unscented bleach and an eyedropper. (Disinfect water ONLY if directed to do so by health officials. To disinfect water with bleach, add 8 drops of bleach per gallon of water.)
• Personal care items: soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine products, toilet paper and wipes
• Phone that does not need electricity (plugs into a phone jack)
• Child care supplies or other special care items

Officials will notify you on KYW 1060 AM when the emergency is over. Only then should you open all doors and windows to let fresh air into your home.

Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Ready Philadelphia

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1-877-READY11
eventually the creation of the Solidarity Movement that helped
Shipyard strike which led to giant waves of strikes in Poland and
retire. Her firing was the incident that led to the Gdansk
trade union, on August 7, 1980, five months before she was due to
and answer session followed the lecture.

Philadelphia. She received a traditional warm
Cultural Center Museum in historic
Walentynowicz, a Polish free trade union
activist, lectured at the Polish American

Polish American Heritage Month Committee

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Best Wishes to the Members of the
Polish American Heritage Month Committee

Sr. M. Annuntia Osmanski, C.S.F.N.
Sr. M. Annuntia Osmanski, C.S.F.N., was
born in Nanticoke, PA. She is presently
assigned as director of parish services at St. J ohn Cantius Parish in the Bridesburg section
of Philadelphia. Archdiocesan assignments
also included: Queen of Peace, Ardmore, PA, St.
Katherine of Siena and Nazareth Academy
grade school, both in Philadelphia. Major
assignments outside the Archdiocese included
principal-superior and pastoral worker, Our
Lady of Grace, Perth, Australia, and Vatican
Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church Celebrates Its
100th Anniversary

Before the turn of the century, steel industries, some 40 miles
from Philadelphia, brought many
Poles into the Coatesville area to
work in the mills. On April 28, 1907, with faith, strength and
determination, a small group of
Polish families with the guidance
of their first pastor, Fr. Francisz
Gryczew, established the parish
of St. Stanislaus Kostka. After
establishing a church, a rectory and
school were also built.

During the last 100 years, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
has served thousands of parishioners who were
baptized, educated, married and buried from the
church. One hundred years later
St. Stanislaus Kostka remains a treasured place of worship
for Polonia.

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church,
will celebrate one hundred years of service to the Catholic
Church and Polonia. In celebration of this joyous occasion, a
Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4 P.M. by Cardinal J ustin
Rigali, followed by an anniversary banquet. The following day,
St. Stanislaus Kostka parishioners will continue their celebration
with participation in the Philadelphia Pulaski Day Parade.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and the
entire Polonia extends congratulations and best wishes to the
present pastor, Rev. J ohn Goulds and to all the parishioners of St.
Stanislaus Kostka Church. Not only do we wish you Sto Lat, but
also Dwiescie Lat!

Congratulations SuperLawyers 2007

C&H (Curtin & Heefner, LLP) Attorneys at Law, is pleased to
announce that Gilbert J. Golding, Frank S. Guarrieri, Bonnie S.
Stein, David J. Truelove and Polish American Cultural Center
member, Robert Szwarzko, have been named Pennsylvania
Super Lawyers 2007 by their peers. This is a designation held by
fewer than five percent of lawyers statewide. Congratulations!

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Polish Language Classes In Swedesburg, PA

Sacre d Heart Parish in Swedesburg, PA, will be offering Polish
language classes with two levels: Beginners and Intermediate.
Sr. Klara is the teacher. For more information call 610-275-1750.

Polkas For Charity

Polkas For Charity was formed by Ted Borzymowski to bring
musicians together to record Polka music and through these
recordings raise money for a specific charity. The first CD release
— “Let’s Get This Party Started,” which contains 13 songs, is now
available. All proceeds from this CD will benefit St. Jude
Children’s Research Hospital located in Memphis, TN. To order
the CD, send a check for $17.00, which includes $2.00 for
shipping and handling, to Polkas For Charity, P.O. Box 835,
Fallston, MD 21047-0835. E-mail ted@polkasforcharity.com.

Historian Edward Pinkowski To Lecture At
Casimir Pulaski Museum In Poland

Iwona Stefaniak, Director of the
Casimir Pulaski Museum in Warza,
Poland, announced that the museum’s
40th Anniversary will be highlighted
with a symposium from October 12 to
17, 2007, and will include an elaborate
program under the patronage of the
Ministry of Culture and National
heritage and the American Embassy.

The program will begin October 12th
with a Mass in Warza. Various
programs are planned during the
entire week. On October 15th, Edward
Pinkowski of Philadelphia and Cooper City, Florida, nationally
known historian, author, researcher, former newspaper publisher
and editor, will speak on the “Myths of General Pulaski.” Edward
Pinkowski is also president of the Pinkowski Institute of History
in Cooper City. His talk and Philadelphia. Also listed to speak will
be Dr. J ack Pinkowski on “The Remains of General Pulaski”.
Peter Obst will also speak about the “Historical Markers and
Place Names.” Lectures will be held on “Casimir Pulaski in the
Service to the Independence of the United States” and “Pulaski’s
Charge during the Battle of Savannah, 1779.” There will also be
discussions about General Pulaski and other topics.

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Elected Officials Salute Polish American Heritage Month

The Polish American community is a vibrant part of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. It is important for your community to continue to commemorate the diversity on which this great country was founded.

Senator Arlen Specter
United States Senator, Pennsylvania

Best wishes for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month to my Polish American friends in Pennsylvania. Thank you for your contributions to our Polish American community.

Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to the Polish American community as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month. Your national efforts to maintain Polish heritage in the mosaic of America is sincerely appreciated.

Congressman Robert Brady
1st District, Pennsylvania

It is my pleasure to send my warmest greetings to the Polish American Heritage Month Committee. The City of Philadelphia is the home of people with many different ethnic backgrounds. While it is important to work together as Philadelphians, we must not forget the uniqueness of our various ancestries. To all those dedicated to the preservation of America’s Ethnic Mosaic, keep up the good work!

Congressman Chaka Fattah
2nd District, Pennsylvania

I would like to offer my heartfelt best wishes to the Polish American Heritage Month Committee and the Polish American Congress. It is wonderful to know that the Polish American Community does so much to encourage unity, mutual respect and cooperation on both the national and local levels. The dedication of the Polish Community in Philadelphia to enhance positive public awareness of Polish causes, traditions, and the contributions of persons of Polish descent is truly admirable.

Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz
13th District, Pennsylvania

I join with members of the Pennsylvania State Senate in extending congratulations to the Polish American community during Polish American Heritage Month. I am proud to share your heritage and recognize your accomplishments.

State Senator Christine M. Tartaglione
2nd District, Pennsylvania

Congratulations and best wishes to my Polish American constituents as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month during October. Sto Lat!

State Senator Constance H. Williams
17th District, Pennsylvania

Heartfelt best wishes to the Polish American community as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month. I am proud to represent Bucks County, the home of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

State Representative Kathy Watson
144th District, Pennsylvania

From the Desk of
Mary Ann Zerkowski, Treasurer
Bucks County Polish American Heritage Association
Board of Education

Bucks County Polish American Heritage Association 15th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 7, 2007, with the outstanding leadership of chair lady Linda Wrobel, the Bucks County Polish American Heritage Association will celebrate its 15th Anniversary and National Polish American Heritage Month with a banquet. The Bucks County Polish American Heritage Association was founded in 1992 by Thomas Gajewski, Dolores Taras, and Mary Ann Zerkowski. For fifteen years, the members of the association have been promoting Polish history, culture and heritage with the most significant achievement being the establishment of the Bucks County Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington Street in Reading.

During the banquet several members of the Polish American community will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the association and to the community at large. Music will be provided by the Pennsylvania Villagers from Palmerton, Pennsylvania. The banquet will be held at the Reading Country Club, 5311 Perkiomen Avenue in Exeter Township. Persons attending the banquet can order marinated shoulder tenderloin of beef with merlot bordelaise or blue swimmer lump crab cakes with remoulade sauce. The cost for PAHA members is $40, non-members $50. For more information or to make a reservation call Linda at 610.372.7673.

"THE HAPPINESS" MOVIE SCREENING - OCTOBER 20

"The Happiness", a film by Craig DiBlase, won “Best Documentary” at numerous film festivals around the country. The film documents the culture of polka music and dance, with performances by Jimmy Sturr, LynnMarie, and many others. Polka fans, this is a must see!

The film runs October 20th to 24th at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. A special preview screening will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at noon in the GoggleWorks Theatre, followed by a question and answer session with the director, Craig DiBlase. The Bucks County Polish American Heritage Association will host a reception after the question and answer session. For more information call Linda at 610.372.7673.

If you visit the GoggleWorks to see the movie be sure to stop in the Berks County Polish American Cultural Center, Room 509, to view an exhibit that celebrates Dozynki harvest festivals.

SZOPKA - CRACOW CREECHE WORKSHOP

Marilyn Wlazewski has very generously donated her time and talent to coordinate a Szopka Workshop sponsored by the Berks County Polish American Heritage Association at The GoggleWorks Center for the Arts on Sunday, November 4, 2007, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

The workshop promotes a Polish folk craft from the city of Cracow, Poland, that dates to the Middle Ages. Art educator and instructor, David Motak, will present an audio-visual presentation on Poland, Cracow, and the historic origins of the art form. Each participant will work under the guidance of David Motak to create a 16 inch szopka to assemble and decorate. Family teams of parent/child or grandparent/grandchild can register for only one fee. Registration Fee $40, Materials Fee $20, Total Fee $60. If you are interested in attending the workshop and creating your own family heirloom, call Marilyn at 610.779.5523 for more information.

WIGILIA DINNER

The Berks County Polish American Heritage Association will host its third annual Wigilia Dinner on Saturday, December 1 at the Sterling Guest Hotel, 1120 Centre Avenue in Reading. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. for a social hour, dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. For more information call Gerry Wernicki, the co-chair of the dinner, at 610.372.1945.

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Polish Arts Club of Trenton Celebrates Polish American Heritage Month

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The Philadelphia Chapter is one of seven chapters throughout the United States supporting the mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation, which is headquartered in New York City. Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation is dedicated to promoting and strengthening understanding and friendship between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific, and cultural exchanges and other related programs and activities. In support of this mission, the Kosciuszko Foundation awards approximately one million dollars a year in fellowships and grants to graduate students, scholars, scientists, professionals, and artists.

Since 1994, the Philadelphia Chapter has sponsored lectures, concerts, and other cultural events in our area with the goal of increasing the visibility and prestige of Polish culture in America’s pluralistic society. Some of our much-loved annual events are the Polish Poetry Reading of the Overbrook Poets Society, Polish Christmas Concert, and Summer Concert. Additionally, each year, the Philadelphia Chapter selects two students to be recipients of scholarships for summer study in Poland. An additional scholarship is provided by Mr. Raymond Wyszynski. Applications are usually due in March – more information is available online.

The Philadelphia Chapter is pleased to invite all to the POLISH POETRY READING of the OVERBROOK POETS SOCIETY, which will take place on Friday evening, November 2, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Polish American Cultural Center, 308 Walnut Street. This year, the Overbrook Poets will honor JAN KOCHANOWSKI, who is considered to be Poland’s greatest Renaissance poet. The organizer of the evening’s literary festivities is Katarzyna Newcomer, a Philadelphia area poet and author. Mrs. Newcomer will begin the event with a brief biographical sketch and analysis of Jan Kochanowski. The Overbrook Poets will then present a selection of his works in both English and Polish. The evening concludes with a light reception.

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Teresa Wojcik, PhD., President
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Saturday, October 27 - Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich
Saturday, October 21 - Polish National Alliance Lodge 650
Sunday, October 21 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture

Swedesburg Volunteer
Saturday, October 6 - Genealogy Workshop “Tracing Your
Saturday, October 6 - Polish American String Band “A Night

4121 Sansom
Monday, October 1 - Time to Celebrate Reception Marking

by DJ jolylje & the Bavarians Band, 3 to 7 P.M. - Free.
Info call 610-828-9352.

Friday, November 9, Saturday, October 10, & Sunday,

Sunday, November 11 - Christmas Bazaar, St. joh Cantius Parish Hall, Almora Street &

Eastern Blok, a band led by classical and jazz guitarist Goran

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at Polonia & Polish Heritage Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, 12 Noon to 3 P.M.

St. Joseph’s Church, 1010 Liberty Street,

Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, 9:30 A.M. Pulaski Parade

215-627-1391.
Info call Sophie Szymczyk 610-494-5367 or Rose Ozor

Music by Joe Stanky and the Cadets. Price includes food and

and much more. All are welcome to attend! Info call 215-739-3408.

Saturday, November 2 - Polish Harvest Festival “Dozynki”,


Monday, October 2 - Kosciuszko Foundation Philadelphia


Tuesday, October 1 - Concert - Chris’ Jazz Cafe, 4211 Sansom Street, B.P. Browne & Terry Grau. One of the world’s best contemporary jazz vocalists and accompanied by Eastern Blok, a band led by classical and jazz guitarist Goran

Saturday, October 28 - Polish Harvest Festival “Dozynki”,

Mass 10:30 A.M. St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, followed by Harvest Festival, St. Adalbert Auditorium, 12 Noon to 4 P.M. Info call 215-922-1700.

Sunday, October 28 - St. joh Cantius Holy Name Society

Turkciusko’s House, 4435 Almond Street, Bridesburg section, 2 P.M. Food, refreshments, games. Info call rectory 215-535-6667.

Friday, November 2 - Kosciuszko Foundation Philadelphia

Chapter Presents Poetry Reading of J an Koczanski by the Overseers Poets Society, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, 7:30 P.M. Info call Katarzyna Newcomer 610-688-6226.

Saturday, November 3 - St. J osaphat Holy Name Society

Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 124 Cotton Street, Manayunk, 12 Noon to 9 P.M. Games of chance, refreshments and much more. Info call rectory 215-483-4470.

Sunday, November 4 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (T.K), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Joe Stanky and the Cadets. Price includes food and

Saturday, November 10 - Annual Christmas Bazaar & Polish Dinner, St. Laurentius Church Hall, Berks & Memphis Streets, Fishtown section of Philadelphia, 2 to 8 P.M. Info call rectory 215-739-1776.

Sunday, November 11 - Polish Urzynow Lecture "Wielkie

bylem Paktem Warszawskim” Free. Info call 610-532-2422 or 215-624-9954.

Saturday, November 11 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary Parish, Oak and West Elm Streets, Conshohocken, PA. 12 Noon to 7 P.M. Games of chance, Polish kitchen and much more. Info rectory call 610-828-0260.

Saturday, November 12 - Annual Holiday Bazaar, Valentine Parish Hall, 3330 Margaret Street, Frankford section, Philadelphia, Saturday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. and Sunday, 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. Flea market, refreshments, holiday crafts, and much more. Everyone invited! Info call rectory 215-535-4978 or Fran Bohnikowski 215-632-1816.

Sunday, November 12 - St. Adalbert’s Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima Winter/Holiday Fashion Show & Dinner, Romanos Caterers, Castor & Wingohocking Streets, Philadelphia, 2 P.M. - Fashions by Marlene’s, Collingswood, NJ. Info call Theresa Romanowski 215-423-8854 (evening).

Sunday, November 18 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary Parish, 12th & Spruce Streets, Reading, PA. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Crafts, games, rummage sale, Polish food, and much more. Info call 610-376-6321.


Sunday, December 2 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Stanislaus Hall, 3rd and Fitzwater Streets, South Philadelphia, 12 Noon to 5 P.M. Games of chance, food and much more. Info call rectory 215-468-1922. Everyone invited!


Visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum:
PolishAmericanCenter.org