October / November 2008

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

400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America • 1608-2008

On October 1, 1608, the English ship Mary and Margaret arrived at Jamestown, Virginia. Aboard the ship were several persons of Polish descent who had been hired by the Virginia Company of London, at the request of Captain John Smith, who was the leader of the Jamestown Colony. Captain Smith, who had first learned of the Polish craftsmen’s work while traveling in Eastern Europe, invited them to Jamestown for the specific purpose of helping to establish a glass industry in the colony. Upon their arrival, the Poles made a vital contribution to the survival of the colony by digging a well to provide fresh drinking water, which was seriously lacking in the colony.

The next accomplishment was the building of a furnace to produce glass products, which became the first factory in America. In addition to producing glass products, the Polish settlers also produced pitch and tar, vital building materials for expanding the new colony. Despite many hardships due to the climate and living conditions, the Poles and their fellow settlers persevered and eventually were able to produce enough glass, pitch and tar for export to England. These products became the first commercial items to be exported from America to Europe.

On July 30, 1619, the Polish settlers accomplished another noteworthy achievement in the Jamestown colony by staging the first labor strike in America. After being denied participation in the first Virginia assembly, the Polish settlers conducted a labor walkout, not for wages or better working conditions, but for democratic rights. The newly formed House of Burgesses quickly acknowledged the vital role of the Poles in the settlement’s well-being and granted them the same voting privileges as those enjoyed by the English.

The arrival of the first Polish settlers in America marked a humble, yet significant event in American history. Over the years, people from Poland continued to immigrate to America. Today, Poles are the sixth largest ethnic group in America, residing in all fifty states and participating in every aspect of American life. Poles comprise a significant portion of the tens of millions of immigrants who have come to America from all over the world and now proudly call this nation their home. The 400th anniversary of the first Poles in America provides an excellent opportunity for persons of all national origins to reflect on the journey of their immigrant ancestors who continue to add shape and color to the American mosaic.

For more information, visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia, and the Museum’s Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com.

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

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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 19, 2008  
“Dozynki” Harvest Mass - 10:30 A.M.  
St. Adalbert Church
Thomson Street & Allegheny Avenue  
in Philadelphia’s Port Richmond section

“Dozynki” Harvest Festival - 12 Noon to 4 P.M.  
St. Adalbert’s Auditorium
Thomson 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.
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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
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From the Desk of  
Michael Blichasz, President  
Polish American Cultural Center  
and Polish American Congress  
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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,
October is Polish American Heritage Month, and as we mark the 27th year of this effort, we are also celebrating some special anniversaries in Polonia. Nationally in 2008, the Polish American community is marking the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America, which covered elsewhere in this edition of the Polish American News. To help you turn back the clock of time, our website features some slides of the Jamestown, VA, settlement. The link is on the top of the front page of the Museum’s site at PolishAmericanCenter.com.

In the Philadelphia area we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Pulaski Day Parade, the 100th Anniversary of PASS, Polish American Social Services, the 75th Anniversary of the Polish American String Band and the 20th Anniversary of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum. All of these anniversaries were made possible because of the desire of many people over the years to promote Polish and Polish American heritage and unite people in patriotic, social and cultural efforts. 400 years after the First Polish Settlers, Polish Americans remain a vibrant part of American society. Today, over 20 million Americans share Polish heritage. Polish Americans make valuable contributions to every aspect of American society by instilling faith and family values, leadership, good will and civic awareness. Members of Polonia in America are recognized as great citizens, patriots and taxpayers who also offer time and funding to promote Polish heritage and civic responsibility. For centuries there were waves of Polish immigrants who journeyed to America, some to participate in the Industrial Revolution, others to find new opportunities in a land known around the world as the greatest nation on earth.

At this time I encourage you to celebrate these special anniversaries with family, friends and community leaders 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 as well as congratulatory messages from the political leaders in the Philadelphia area that Polonia works with throughout the year. 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.

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. Kindly review all of the information in this newspaper, participate at the events announced and share it with family and friends. For additional information visit our Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. You can also read and email this newspaper to others from PolishAmericanNews.com.

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Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 12:00 Noon, Proclamation Ceremony at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA., celebrating: 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers, 75th Anniversary of the Pulaski Day Parade, and 27th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month. Winners of the annual coloring contest will also receive awards. Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 5 to 8 P.M., 400th Anniversary Commemoration of the First Polish Settlers in America, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street. Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

Saturday, October 4, 2008, Pulaski Dinner Dance, Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M., Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. For reservations call Polish American Congress at (215) 739-3408.


Sunday, October 5, 2008, Pulaski Tribute Program, 10:30 A.M. at the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral - 18th and the Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA.

Sunday, October 5, 2008, Pulaski Parade steps off at 12:15 P.M. from 20th and the Parkway. Free seating at Logan Circle in the area of television coverage on WPVI TV-6, 12:30 to 2 P.M.

Maria Koleda, Polish American community activist, will be the Grand Marshal of Philadelphia’s 2008 Pulaski Day Parade. See information about this year’s Grand Marshal on this page. This year’s parade theme is “Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America”. In 2008, Polonia also marks the 75th Anniversary of the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia and salutes all branches of America’s military in which Polish Americans have proudly served since the time of the American Revolution.

For more information about the 2008 Pulaski Day Parade, call this year’s Parade Coordinator, Theria Romanowski, for the Polish American Congress, or to contact representatives of the various Parade Committees, call the Polish American Congress office in Philadelphia at (215) 739-3408, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. There is also a schedule listed at PolishAmericanCongress.com.

A Tribute to America’s Military During 2008, the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America, Polonia salutes Polish Americans and all proud men and women, past and present, who served in the active, reserve and national guard units of the:

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Coast Guard

2008 Pulaski Day Parade Route

Congratulations to the Polish American Community as You Mark the 400th Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America

Best Wishes to Our Members, Friends and Supporters During October, “Polish American Heritage Month”
Elected Officials Salute Polish American Heritage Month and the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America

Polonia will mark the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America at Jamestown, Virginia. I join you in celebrating this magnificent milestone. The Polish American community is undoubtedly an integral part of American society and everyday life. There are over 20 million Americans who share Polish heritage and their contributions are acknowledged and valued in all 50 states.

**Senator Arlen Specter**
United States Senator, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to my Polish American friends in Pennsylvania for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month and congratulations on marking 400 years of Poles in America. Thank you for keeping your communities a vibrant part of America’s ethnic diversity.

**Senator Bob Casey**
United States Senator, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to the Polish American Community as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month and mark the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America. 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

Congratulations to our Polish American community. 400 years ago the first Polish settlers arrived in what is now the United States, and their contributions to American society over these centuries are too numerous to count. They range from Thaddeus Kosciuszko, who came from his native Poland hundreds of years ago to help America fight for freedom, to Frank Piasecki, an aviator who pioneered dual-rotor helicopters. I look forward to the many accomplishments that are to come from this vibrant community.

**Congressman Joe Sestak**
8th District, Pennsylvania

I’m honored to have this opportunity to express my best wishes to the Polish American community on this extraordinary anniversary. Since the first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown 400 years ago, the Polish American community has played an integral role in the development of American society. The contributions made by Polish Americans have helped build our country’s strong and distinctive character. Thank you for allowing me to join you in this wonderful celebration!

**Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz**
13th 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 American Community in Philadelphia to enhance positive public awareness of Polish causes, traditions, and the contributions of persons of Polish descent is truly admirable.

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Best Wishes to Everyone During Polish American Heritage Month

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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 celebration. Happy 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America!

Michael Nutter - Mayor of Philadelphia, PA

Additional Polish American Heritage Month Greetings from the following Philadelphia officials:
Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell
Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown
Councilman Darrell Clarke
Councilman Frank DiCicco
Councilman W. Wilson Goode, Jr.
Councilman Bill Green
Councilman Curtis Jones
Councilman Jack Kelly
Councilman James Kenney
Councilman Brian O’Neill
Councilwoman Maria Quinones Sanchez
Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller

James & Mary Kaszyc Melodge
Congratulations and best wishes to James and Mary Kaszyc Melodge of Stockton, N.J., who will celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on October 15, 2008. The proud parents of seven children, grandparents of eleven, and great-grandparents of three, they continue to cherish their Polish heritage and customs.

Elected Officials Salute Polish American Heritage Month and the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America

It gives me great pleasure to join with the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Polish American Congress to recognize the contributions of the Polish American Community to our commonwealth and celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America.

The cultural fabric of our commonwealth has been woven from the proud histories and traditions of our citizens. It is this diversity that makes the freedoms of expression and association that we enjoy as Americans so extraordinary. By celebrating and embracing our own unique heritage, we uphold the principles and ideals of liberty, equality, and democracy. As you gather with those who share your common ancestry, you reaffirm a bond of mutual understanding and respect and gain a greater appreciation of your past.

As Governor and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to celebrate our state’s Polish heritage and the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America. Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable observance of this historic day.

Edward G. Rendell, Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

I am pleased and proud to recognize the efforts of the Polish American Heritage Month Committee in Philadelphia. The history and progress of our nation 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 and congratulate you on the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America.

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 as we celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers at Jamestown, Virginia. Keep up the good work!

Councilwoman Joan Krajewski
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 and congratulations on the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America.

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. Happy 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America!

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 and offer my congratulations on the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America. Sto Lat!

Alan L. Butkovitz, Philadelphia City Controller

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Senator Vincent Fumo Salutes Polish American Heritage Month

Dear Members of the Polish American Community:

I am pleased to extend my best wishes to Americans of Polish heritage as you celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers’ arrival in America.

From the very beginning, Polish Americans have played an important role in the progress and promise of America. You have helped to win and protect our freedom as a nation, contributed to our industrial might and intellectual growth, and lent a cultural vibrancy that has enriched the lives of all Americans.

While enjoying the opportunities and benefits of life in the United States, we should never fail to acknowledge the legacy of those before us who immigrated to our country. We should honor the customs and traditions of our ancestors, in part for their own sake, and in part because it reminds us that America’s strength lies in the vast and distinctive contributions of so many ethnic groups.

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, in my official capacity as a State Senator from the First District in Philadelphia, to join you in commemorating Polish American Heritage Month in 2008.

State Senator Vincent J. Fumo
First District, Pennsylvania

Senator Michael Stack
5th District, 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 27th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month and mark four centuries of Poles in America.

Senator Michael O’Pake
11th District, Pennsylvania

I join with members of the Pennsylvania State Senate in extending congratulations to the Polish American community during Polish American Heritage Month and the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America. I am proud to share your heritage and recognize your accomplishments.

Senator Christine M. Tartaglione
2nd District, Pennsylvania

The United States is a nation built on many different cultures. During October, as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month and the 400th 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.

Senator Dominic F. Pileggi
9th District, Pennsylvania

I am pleased to extend my best wishes to my Polish American constituents, friends and the Polish American community of Pennsylvania during October, Polish American Heritage Month. Congratulations on celebrating 400 years in America.

Senator Robert Tohill
6th District, Pennsylvania

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Senator Dominic F. Pileggi
9th District, Pennsylvania

I join with members of the Pennsylvania State Senate in extending best wishes to Polish Americans celebrating Polish American Heritage Month! I join with you in marking the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America.

Senator Anthony Williams
11th 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. Congratulations on celebrating 400 years in America.

Senator Robert Tohill
6th District, 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. Best wishes as you celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America.

Senator Charles McIlhinney
10th District, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to all my Polish American friends in Pennsylvania for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration and congratulations on the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America.

Senator Shirley Kitchen
3rd District, Pennsylvania

Best wishes and Sto Lat!
Happy Polish American Heritage Month!

State Senator Vincent Hughes
State Senator LeAnna Washington
State Senator Anthony Williams

Congratulations on the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America! My sincere congratulations, also, on the Heritage Month and Pulaski Day Parade anniversaries. I wish you and your membership the very best as you mark these special occasions.

State Representative Mario J. Civera, Jr.
164th District, Pennsylvania

Congratulations on the 200th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America! My sincere congratulations, also, on the Heritage Month and Pulaski Day Parade anniversaries. I wish you and your membership the very best as you mark these special occasions.

State Representative Mario J. Civera, Jr.
164th District, Pennsylvania

State Representative Kathy Watson
144th District, 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. Best wishes as you celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America.

Senator Charles McIlhinney
10th District, Pennsylvania

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Congratulations and best wishes as the Polish American community marks the 27th Anniversary of the Polish American Heritage Month and the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608. Best wishes for continued success!

State Representative John M. Perzel
172nd District, Pennsylvania

As you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month, and the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Poles in America, 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

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 400th 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

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, are commendable and appreciated by all freedom-loving Americans.

State Representative Mark Cohen
202nd 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 as well as the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America. Best wishes also to the members of the Second Street Polish Society and all of my Polish American constituents in South Philadelphia.

State Representative William Keller
184th District, Pennsylvania

Best wishes to the Polish American community as you celebrate Polish American Heritage Month during October and mark the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers to America at Jamestown, VA.

State Representative Scott Petri
178th District, Pennsylvania

To all our Supporters and Friends We Extend Best Wishes for a Happy Celebration of Polish American Heritage Month

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Polish Americans Mark Historic 400th Anniversary

The National Polish American Congress and its member organizations commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers at Jamestown, Virginia on October 1, 1608, on the English Ship Mary and Margaret.

Mr. Frank Spula, National President of the Polish American Congress will conduct a ceremony at 5 P.M. at the historic Jamestown Settlement, where Polish craftsmen, skilled in the production of glass, tar, soap, and potash arrived at the first English colony in the new world at the invitation of the colony’s leader, Captain John Smith.

See more photos of the Jamestown, VA Settlement by visiting PolishAmericanCenter.org/Jamestown_Picts

2008 Polish American Heritage Month Coloring Contest marked the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers and the First Glasshouse Built in America • 1608-2008
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Best Wishes to Our Families, Friends and the Entire Polonia as We Celebrate
Polish American Heritage Month

20th Anniversary of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum
308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia, PA

On Saturday, August 9th, 2008, over two hundred people participated in the program and reception at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in the Heart of Historic Philadelphia, to mark the exact date of its opening. It was on August 9, 1988 at 4:30 P.M., that members of the Polish American community along with elected officials and other well-wishers gathered to cut the opening ribbon at the Museum Exhibit Hall and reached another milestone in Polish American history. During the 20th Anniversary program, a pictorial presentation highlighted the opening day events. Michael Blichacz, President of the Cultural Center, complimented the Center’s Board, Directors, Volunteers and Supporters for working together to help highlight Polish and Polish American culture and history in America’s Most Historic Square Mile. He said, “Over the last 20 years the Museum Exhibit Hall has been a focal point for Polish Americans and tourists from around the world and we look forward to many more years of working together to highlight Polish and Polish American Heritage to the general public.” Following the program, guests enjoyed a Polish buffet and refreshments.

Best Wishes to NASA Astronaut
Captain Christopher Ferguson, USN

Captain Christopher Ferguson, the 2007 Philadelphia Pulaski Day Military Marshal and a proud Polish American, will command the Space Shuttle Atlantis (STS-126) targeted for launch in November, 2008.

Best wishes are extended to Captain Ferguson and the entire crew from the Polish American community and members of the Ferguson, Pietras, Cabot, Flerkowski, Gawronska and Jachimowicz families.

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I have been pleased to be part of the Polish American Heritage Month Committee’s efforts for the last 27 years. I salute everyone who works so hard to honor the faith, traditions and culture of the Polish people. Since the first Polish settlers arrived in America 400 years ago, 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

New Exhibits Planned for the Thaddeus Kosciuszko House

The Thaddeus Kosciuszko House, located at 3rd and Pine Streets in historic Philadelphia, will be closed the entire months of December and January for the installation of new exhibits featuring original Kosciuszko collections from six museums in Poland.

The Kosciuszko House is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, February 7, 2009, for the annual General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Tribute Ceremony.

Visit “The Kosciuszko Room”

During October - Polish American Heritage Month, or anytime during the year, visit the Kosciuszko Room in Ansonia, CT.

The Kosciuszko Room, established with Poland to Mikolaj Wardzala and sponsored by the Kosciuszko Historical Society of Ansonia, Derby, Shelton and Seymour, is located in the General David Humphreys House, 37 Elm Street, Ansonia, CT.

The Kosciuszko Room displays many artifacts honoring General Kosciuszko, including photographs, books, portraits, and dolls dressed in traditional Polish dress. It is opened Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment, call 203-732-5886.

Polonia Bids Farewell to Les Kucynski

National Executive Director of Polish American Congress

Les S. Kucynski, 61, passed away on Thursday, August 19, 2008.

He was born in Lubeck, Germany, in 1947, where his parents were sent to Germany after the 1944 Warsaw Uprising. Six years later the entire family emigrated to the United States as Displaced Persons.

Les earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1972 and an MBA from the Keller School of Management in 1982.

In 1985, he was appointed by Polish National Alliance President Joseph Mazewski as General Counsel, a position he continued to hold for subsequent PNA Presidents Edward Moskal and Frank Spula.

Appointed in 1991 as National Executive Director of the Polish American Congress (PAC), Les played numerous crucial roles, including working closely with Myra and Cas Lenard of the Washington, DC, office on the coordination of PAC’s efforts to enlist U.S. Senate support of NATO membership for Poland. In 1999, he led the German Forced Labor Compensation Program on behalf of the Polish American Congress and the Polish American community.

First, he represented Polonia during plenary meetings with the U.S. State Department and then served as an advisor for the International Organization on Migration (IOM, the Geneva-based partner administering the program). Since 2002 he acted as a member of the Appeals Panel reviewing denial of claims of forced labor and personal injury.

When he directed the efforts of the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation, the Foundation sent more than $150 million in assistance to Poland in the form of donations, medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and medical texts to Polish hospitals, orphanages and homes for seniors.

In 2002, he was elected to a four-year term as Chairman of the Council of World Polonia, comprised of leaders representing Polonia organizations from around the world. From 2002 to 2005 he was a member of the Consultative Committee established by the Marshal of the Polish Senate, and in 2002 he was also appointed (and re-appointed in 2005) to the Advisory Board of the American Red Cross Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center.

Les is survived by his wife, Alice, an attorney in Chicago, and their son, Andrew.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, August 29, at St. Paul of the Cross Church, Park Ridge, IL. Interment was at Mary Hill Cemetery, Niles, IL.

I join with the Polish American Clergy to extend congratulations to all who have been involved in the Polish American Heritage Month effort since its foundation in 1981. Together we have highlighted the faith and traditions of our ancestors from Poland since the arrival of the First Poles in America 400 years ago.

Keep up the good work!

Rev. Msgr. Francis Feret
Vice 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 and the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America. 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, OSBPE, Provincial
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA

Thank You from the Children of Laski, Poland School for the Blind

Mr. Wladyslaw Golab, President, and the Laski administration, but especially the children in Laski, extend a sincere thank you to all who have sent donations to help defray expenses caused by a fire, which damaged the school for the blind, including all the Braille equipment.

Laski is a community where blind children live and learn to become independent in their adult life.

Chester Lobrow
2008 “Pride of Polonia” Award

Recipient

On Sunday, August 23, 2008, Polonia gathered to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Polish Women’s Alliance Day and Polish Apostolate Day 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 Chester Lobrow of Monroe and Linden, NJ. The award was presented by His Eminence Stanley Cardinal Rylko, from the Vatican, and Msgr. Anthony Czarnecki, National Chairman of the Polish Apostolate Committee.

The Pride of Polonia Award was established in 1992 by the Executive Board of the Polish Apostolate to recognize individuals who make unique contributions to the Polish people and are involved in philanthropic activities. The first recipient was John Cardinal Krol.

Chester Lobrow was born on July 20, 1944, in the town of Skiernycyn in Poland. He moved to Monroe, NJ, and attended Seton Hall as the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC, and Salomena Lobrow. He completed his education in Bialystok, Poland and studied business and food processing technology. During his studies he met his future wife, Jadwiga Jablonska, whom he married on October 3, 1964, in Bialystok.

In 1974, Chester was chosen President of the Interprovincial Association of Private Trade and Services in Bialystok where 4500 member-owners of small enterprises in three provinces looked to Chester’s leadership to help fight against unjust taxes, regulations, and refusal by the government to renew necessary permits, and for the right to buy supplies and equipment from government-owned factories and companies.

After many tribulations, Chester and his family were forced to leave Poland, arriving in the United States in 1979. He continued his education and became an alumnus of Union County College in 1983 and since 2001, has served on the Union County College Foundation Board and its budget and finance committees.

Despite his vast experience in management in Poland, Chester initially found employment in a machine shop. Later he acquired the Severny Fur Salon which he and his wife developed into the largest fur company on the East Coast.

Chester’s volunteerism and philanthropy includes serving on the Boards of organizations, foundations and civic groups, such as the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC, and the International Order of Smile, an organization composed of children who represent over 30 countries.

He has received recognition numerous times for his civic involvement from the City of Linden, New Jersey State Assembly and Senate, New York City and New York State. He was the 1999 Grand Marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City and named Citizen of the Year by the Polish American World Publication in 2000. In 2003, he was awarded the Cavalier Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland and the Medal of the Order of Smile.
**Polish American Heritage Month Greetings From National Fraternal Organizations**

Frank Spula, President
Polish National Alliance

Wallace Ozog, President
Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA)

Virginia Sikora, President
Polish Women’s Alliance of America

Timothy Kuzma, President
Polish Falcons of America

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**From the Desk of Theresa Romanowski**

2008 Pulaski Day Parade Coordinator

I am pleased to extend best wishes to the Polish American community as we celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Poles in America at Jamestown, VA in 1608. This year, the many divisions of the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia have done their usual great work to prepare for another great parade honoring Polish heritage and pride.

I am pleased to help you coordinate this special event on behalf of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, as we mark the 75th Anniversary of Pulaski Day Parade, and highlight the pride of the Polish people of more than 1,000 years.

For additional information about the parade, see the Pulaski Observance schedule on the Internet at: [PolishAmericanCongress.com](http://PolishAmericanCongress.com).

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**Enjoy the Music of the Polish American String Band**

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**400th Anniversary Congratulations**

The volunteers of the Polish American Cultural Center and Museum join with me in extending congratulations to everyone who works on the Polish American Heritage Month Committee. October 2008 is another milestone in Polish American history as we mark the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America. Best Wishes!

Caroline Ciesielka
Museum Volunteers Association

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**Visit us on the Internet at:** [PolishAmericanCenter.com](http://PolishAmericanCenter.com)
Vote on Tuesday, November 4th

It is important for us to VOTE for the people that will represent us on all levels of government, local, state and federal. Polish Americans are the 6th largest ethnic group in the United States of America. More than 20 million Americans share full or partial Polish heritage. Polish Americans 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 individual needs as taxpayers at all levels of government. Be sure to vote for the individuals who have been supportive of the needs and concerns of the Polish American community and have distinguished themselves for the great job they do representing their constituents.

Your vote is important. Vote on November 4th.

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. Congratulations as we mark the 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America.

Jonathan Saidel

As a proud Polish American, I am especially honored to congratulate the Philadelphia Polonia as it celebrates the 27th 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 as is evident from the accomplishments of the First Polish Settlers in 1608!

Honorable Bernie Suzan DeAngelis
Philadelphia Traffic Court

Celebrate Pulaski’s Revolutionary Legacy in New Jersey

Two free events will be held during October, Polish American Heritage Month, celebrating General Casimir Pulaski’s Revolutionary War legacy in New Jersey.

On Saturday, October 11, from 2 to 4 P.M. a lecture, “Batsto Saved From the British!”, sponsored by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, will be held at the Visitors Center-Batsto Historic Village, Hammonton, NJ. You will hear the dramatic story of the mostly forgotten history of intrigue, internecine conflict, tragedy and triumph at the time General Casimir Pulaski saved a key Continental depot and port. This talk caps three years of archival research about what role General Pulaski actually played in the October, 1778, defense of Little Egg Harbor. Starting at 6 P.M., an optional tour of the Little Egg Harbor battle ground, Tuckerton, NJ, will be conducted. For more information call 609-859-8860 ext. 24.

On Sunday, October 12, at the Pulaski Monument in Little Egg Harbor, at 2 P.M., a solemn commemoration of the fallen troops of Pulaski’s Legion will be held with a flag lowering and wreath laying ceremony. A historical narrative will be offered of the Battle of October 15, 1778. For more information, contact the sponsor, Affair at Egg Harbor Historical Society, Inc., at 571-242-2197 or call 609-859-8860 ext. 24.

The Polish American Cultural Center invites you to join the Philadelphia Orchestra in saluting Krzysztof Penderecki on his 75th birthday.

All are welcome to attend the following events:

Chamber Concert: A Celebration of Krzysztof Penderecki’s 75th Birthday (All-Penderecki Concert)
Sunday, October 12, 2008 • 3:00 P.M.
Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Broad & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

Access Concert: (Access Concerts feature performances preceded by explanations and excerpts as well as post-concert events.)
Penderecki: Concerto grosso No. 1, for three cellos and orchestra
Lutoslawski: Piano Concerto
Tuesday, October 14, 2008 • 7:00 P.M.
Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Broad & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

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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, begins on November 3, 2008 and is scheduled to end on March 31, 2009. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply. The household income must be within the following guidelines:

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For each additional person add: $450 = $5,400

For more information on filing requirements or to get an application when they become available, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Residents of Pennsylvania who are 65 years of age or older have an outstanding prescription medication plan, “PACE”, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly. This program is also funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Both of these programs are working with Medicare Part D and are considered creditable plans. With PACE, seniors only co-pay either $6.00 for generic meds or $9.00 for brand name meds. There are no deductibles or monthly premiums in PACE. With PACENET, seniors only co-pay $8.00 for generic meds or $15.00 for brand name meds. There is a monthly deductible or premium for this program of $26.59 for 2008. Under PACE and PACENET, your assets are not counted, only your annual income.

The two income levels of the program are as follows:

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Since PACE and PACENET are working with Medicare Part D, the program is now also referred to as PACE PLUS. This only means that PACE and PACENET enrollees receive the same coverage that they received with PACE and PACENET, and their costs are the same or possibly lower. The staff of PASS will be able to explain to seniors how these programs are working together.

For more information and assistance with an application, contact: PASS, Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900, or PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

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

PACE / NET Pennsylvania’s Prescription Drug “SAFETY-NET” Program

In recent years, senior citizens have reported that they feel like they are walking on a “tight-rope” when it comes to their prescription drug needs. Many seniors quickly chose a prescription plan because of Medicare Part D deadlines and are not sure if they did the right thing. Some are finding themselves in the dreaded “donut hole” while others are finding that a drug they need to take is not covered by their insurance company.

Seniors living in Pennsylvania should take comfort in knowing that the PA Department of Aging offers a “SAFETY-NET” for prescription drug needs known as the PACE Program. PACE can provide a top quality prescription drug plan for seniors or work along with their existing insurance plan to help them during a “donut hole” or cover a drug that is not on their formulary. No assets are used to qualify a person and income guidelines are listed in the article below.

There are many seniors that qualify for this program but have not yet signed up for it because they may not understand all of the benefits of participating, or they believe that they can’t have PACE if they already have insurance or they wrongly worry about added costs. Think of PACE as their safety-net for prescription drug needs. It is there to cover them should their prescription needs fall through the cracks.

Kindly share this information with any senior who needs help with their prescription drug coverage and ask them to call PASS between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday at (215) 923-1900. A staff member will be able to answer questions, and help you file an application.
Since 1908, Polish American Social Services (PASS) has been assisting people in the Philadelphia area. PASS began as a service to help new immigrants from Poland coming to Philadelphia through the Immigrant Port of Entry at Washington and Delaware Avenues in South Philadelphia.

For many years, it assisted the growing American population along the riverfront. In 1972, the agency expanded its scope, with the assistance of community activists, to help elderly residents to retain and maintain their homes in the face of escalating housing-related costs.

The agency, through its United Social Services Outreach Program, continues to help elderly and low-income citizens, especially those with language barriers, who frequently have difficulty understanding and accessing city, state and federal programs designed to improve or maintain their quality of life.

PASS fills this gap in the social service delivery system by offering a comprehensive program of advocacy, translation, benefits counseling, and information and referral services.

In 1978, PASS expanded its services through part-time outreach sites in Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Since 1981, through its United Social Services Outreach Program, PASS has extended services to a wide variety of ethnic groups living in the areas serviced by the agency.

PASS’s community outreach has added stability to neighborhoods by supplying information, resources and direct assistance to homeowners and renters. PASS is the only agency equipped with a multilingual staff to address social service needs of Philadelphia’s Polish/Slavic communities.

The main office of Polish American Social Services is at 308 Walnut Street in Philadelphia. The agency also maintains several neighborhood outreach sites, and works with several senior citizen groups, churches, organizations, and media outlets to ensure that its constituents are informed and have access to available services.

PASS also has a web site (PolishAmericanSocialServices.com), which highlights programs that can assist people of all ages.
Sunday, October 28 - Polish Falcons of America Day, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Newtown Square, PA. Mass 12:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend. Info 215-345-0600.


Wednesday, October 1, 2008, Proclamation Ceremony for Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month, 12:00 Noon, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA., Everyone is invited. Admission is free. Info call (215) 922-1700.

Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America, 5 to 8 P.M., Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street. Admission is free. Info call (215) 922-1700.

Saturday, October 4, 2008, Polish Night, Swedesburg Fire Company, 310 Jefferson Street, Swedesburg, PA, Doors open 5:30 P.M., Dinner 6:15 P.M. Music by Pennsylvania Villagers from 7 to 11 P.M. For tickets or more info call Jack Gwizucki (610) 277-1838, or Kathy and Anthony Bocella (610) 539-3699.

Saturday, October 4, 2008, Pulaski Dinner Dance, Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M., Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. For info call PAC at (215) 739-3408.


Sunday, October 5, 2008, Pulaski Parade steps off at 12:15 P.M. from the 20th and the Parkway. Free seating at Logan Circle in the area of television coverage on WPVI TV-6, 12:30 to 2 P.M. Info call (215) 922-1700.

Sunday, October 5 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector Avenue and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Shoreliners Band, 3 to 7 P.M. Free parking. Info call 610-828-9352.


Sunday, October 12 - Dozynki, Sacred Heart Church School Cafeteria, 4th & Jefferson Streets, Swedesburg, PA, 1 to 5 P.M. Music by "Jeden plus Dwa". No tickets sold at door. Info call rectory 610-375-1750.

Sunday, October 12 - "Polkais Against Cancer" Polka Dance to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital & The Fox Chase Cancer Center, The Gilbertsville Firehall, 1454 Philadelphia Avenue, Gilbertsville, PA, 2 to 7 P.M. Music by The Boys From Baltimore also appearing Polka Today with Matt & Elaine Bonowitz. No BYOB. Info/tickets call Dr. Borzymowski 443-299-6319 or 443-324-6255.

Sunday, October 12 - PAC South Jersey Division Annual Veterans Mass, St. Joseph’s Church, 1010 Liberty Street, Camden, NJ, 10:30 A.M., followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony, Polish Heroes Grove, Camden County Park, Route 130 & North Park Drive, Pennsauken, NJ. Info call 856-310-1785.

Sunday, October 12 - Polish National Alliance Lodge 650 Polish American Heritage Month Breakfast, St. Hedwig’s Social Room, 4th & Hayes Streets, Chester, PA, 10:30 A.M. Info call Sophie Szymczyk 610-494-5367 or Helen Chominski 610-485-1274.


Sunday, November 2 - Polish American String Band, St. Aladelbert Church, Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 12 Noon. Info call Walter Wojcik 267-608-7969.

Friday, November 7 - Kosciuszko Foundation Philadelphia Chapter Presents Poetry Reading of Elgijew Bertewz Herbert by the Overbrook Poets Society, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, 7:30 P.M. Info. Free. Info call Katarzyna Newcomer 610-688-6226.

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8 - St. Josephat Holy Name Church Christmas Banquet, Parish Hall, 124 Cotton Street, Manayunk, Friday, 6 to 9 P.M., Saturday, 12 Noon to 8 P.M. Games of chance, refreshments and much more. Info call Fran Sarccone 215-483-0708.

Friday, November 7, Saturday, November 8, & Sunday, November 9 - Christmas Bazaar, St. John Cantius Parish Hall, 100 Madison Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, Friday 6 to 9 P.M., Saturday, 4 to 9 P.M., Sunday, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Games, Polish food and much more. Everyone invited. Info rectory 215-535-6667.

Saturday, November 8 - “7th Polkas Against Cancer” Beef and Beer to benefit Fox Chase Cancer Center, Swedesburg Fire Company, Jefferson Street & Roosevelt Avenue, Swedesburg, PA, 7 to 11 P.M. Music by Our Gang Band. Price of ticket includes buffet, beer and soda. No BYOB. No BYOF. Info/tickets call Anthony or Kathy Bocella 610-539-3699.


Sunday, November 9 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary Parish, Oak and West Elms Streets, Conshohocken, PA, 12 Noon to 7 P.M.. Games of chance, Polish kitchen and much more. Info call rectory 610-828-0260.


Sunday, November 23 - Polonia Solidarity Association Turkey Hop Goodway Beneficial Assn. Ballroom, 100 Madison Avenue-Hyde Park, Reading, PA, 2 to 6 P.M. Music by Dyna Brass. All proceeds benefit the needy of Poland. No BYOB. No BYOF. Info/tickets call Dottie 610-374-5446.

Sunday, November 23 - 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 7 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Stanislaus Hall, 3rd and Fitzwater Streets, South Philadelphia, 12 Noon to 4 P.M. Games of chance, food and much more. Info call rectory 215-483-1919. Everyone invited!

Sunday, December 7 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Naturalistix Band, 3 to 7 P.M. Free parking. Info call 610-828-9352.


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