

**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
- Jagiellonian Law Society**
- Janosik Polish Folk Dancers**
- Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School**
- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission**
- Polish American Congress**
Eastern Pennsylvania District
- Polish American Cultural Center Museum**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Polish American Heritage Association**
of Delaware County
- Polish American Radio Program**
- Polish American String Band**
- Polish Arts Club of Trenton**
- Polish Beneficial Association**
- Polish Falcons of America**
- Polish Museum of America**
Chicago, Illinois
- Polish National Alliance of U.S. of N.A.**
- Polish National Alliance Lodge #650**
- Polish Police Association of Philadelphia**
- Polish Roman Catholic Union of America**
- Polish Women's Alliance of America**
- Polish Women's Alliance of America**
- St. Rita's Society #417**
- St. Adalbert Polish Language School**
- Second Street Polish Society**
- The Society of Our Mother of Consolation**
Wilmerding, PA

**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. Butkowitz, Philadelphia City Controller



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 and congratulations on the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers in America at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608.

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 Mellodge



Congratulations and best wishes to James and Mary Kaszyc Mellodge of Stockton, NJ, 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.

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