POLISH AMERICAN News

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Thaddeus Mirecki
2011 "Pride of Polonia Award" Recipient

Irene and Ted Mirecki

On Sunday, September 3, 2011, at the conclusion of the 12:30 P.M. Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, the Polish Apostolate Pride of Polonia Award was presented to Thaddeus Mirecki by Rev. Joseph Olczak, O.S.P.P.E., Provincial, Pauline Fathers and Brothers, on behalf of Cardinal Adam Maida 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 activites. The first recipient was John Cardinal Krol.

Mr. Mirecki thanked the Committee and gave his deepest thanks to his wife of 44 years, Irene, whose patience and encouragement made it possible for him to be involved in causes so dear to him.

Thaddeus (Ted) Mirecki was born in Poland, a son of the prominent resistance leader of Home Army. He had to leave Poland at a very early age escaping through Germany to France and finally arriving in the United States. He never forgot his Polish heritage, being involved in the Polish community and Polish Scouting. Before being involved with Microsoft, he published approximately 100 articles of technical matters. He also translated from Polish books in relation to Pope John Paul II and current events in Poland. Ted Mirecki is involved in the Polish American Congress and the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC), where he held the title of President for a few years. He was awarded among others the Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland and the Paderewski Award for Distinguished Service to Society and Culture.

Congratulations and Sto Lat to Thaddeus Mirecki!

30th Anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month

The Polish American Heritage Month Committee urges all Polish Americans, organizations, cultural and youth groups, churches and schools to make a special effort to highlight the history, traditions and culture of the Polish people during October. During 2011, Polonia marks the 30th anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month, founded in Philadelphia and now a national effort promoting Polish American accomplishments and Polish American communities across the U.S.A.

The national theme "United We Celebrate" helps brings attention to the fact that we celebrate our Polish Heritage while living with many nationalities in the greatest country on earth. Because our ancestors were proud of their Polish heritage, the more than 20 million people in America that share full or partial Polish heritage continue to honor the customs of their ancestors. The October Polish American Heritage Month Celebration is another opportunity to bring attention to our early roots in America from the time of the first Polish settlers who arrived in America at Jamestown, Virginia, on October 1, 1608. Since then Polonia in America has distinguished itself in every aspect of America's history. **Michael Blichasz, Chairman**

For more information visit: PolishAmericanHeritageMonth.com

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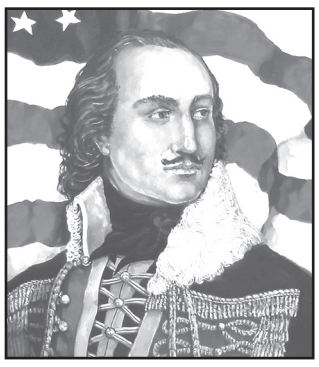

Join us as we celebrate

"Polish American Heritage Month"

at the 78th Annual

Pulaski Day Observance

2011 Pulaski Observance
Sponsored by the Polish American Congress
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Friday, September 30, 2011, Proclamation Ceremony for Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month, 12 Noon, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA. Everyone is invited. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Info (215) 922-1700.

Saturday, October 1, 2011, Pulaski Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M. For reservations call the Polish American Congress at (215) 739-3408 or Jean McCloskey at 215-425-4783.

Tune in to the Weekly Mass at 5:30 A.M.
Sunday, October 2, 2011 - WPVI-TV6

Fr. Joseph Olczak, O.S.P.P.E., Provincial, Pauline Fathers and Brothers, will celebrate this Mass to mark the beginning of Polish American Heritage Month. The Polish Scouting Organization ZHP, Inc. "Harcerstwo" will sing during the Mass.

Sunday, October 2, 2011 Public Events

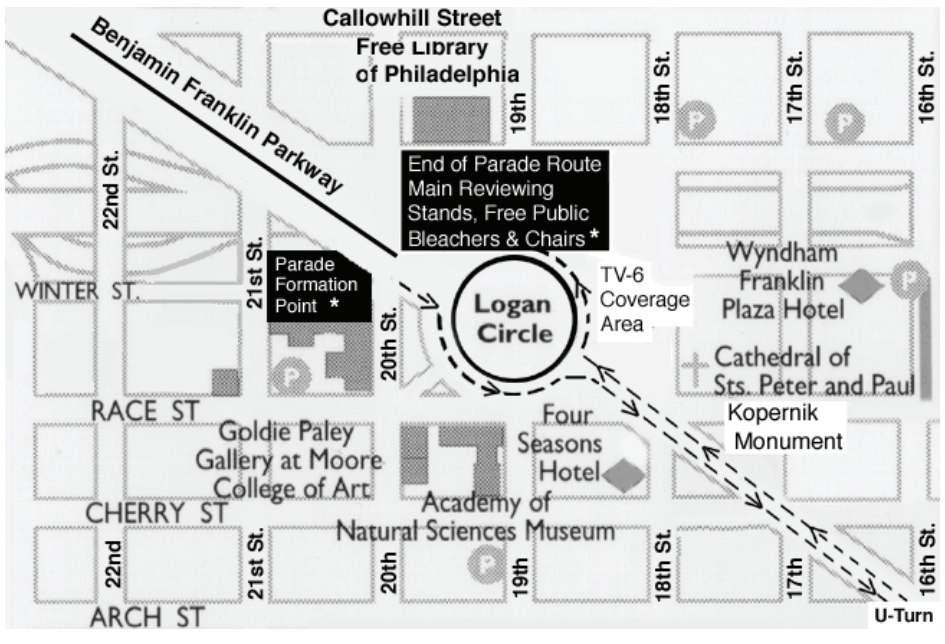
Sunday, October 2, 2011, Pulaski Observance Mass, 9:30 A.M., Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA., Pulaski Tribute Program, 10:30 A.M., at the portrait of Pulaski by the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral - 18th and the Parkway.

Parade Formation begins at 12:30 P.M. from 20th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Pulaski Day Parade steps off at 12:30 P.M. from 20th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, will march down the Parkway to 16th Street, u-turn on 16th Street and march west on the Parkway, around Logan Circle and end at 22nd Street. (See parade route map below.) Free seating at Logan Circle in the area of **live television coverage from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on WPVI TV-6, ABC.** Record the television coverage 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!**

For more information about Philadelphia area activities, contact the Polish American Congress office at **(215) 739-3408** or call the Polish American Cultural Center at **(215) 922-1700**, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. or visit **PulaskiDayParade.com.**

2011 Pulaski Day Parade Route



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Henry Michalkiewicz
2011 Pulaski Day Parade
Grand Marshal

Henry Michalkiewicz was born in Poland and educated at the Mechanical Technical Institute in Swidnica near Wroclaw. Henry emigrated first to Austria, and then to the Republic of South Africa, just as martial law was imposed in Poland in 1981. While in South Africa, Michalkiewicz married Barbara Stramczewska. In 1983, the family moved to America. Henry has two daughters, Natalia and Olivia.

After settling in Bridgeton, NJ, Michalkiewicz was employed in the mechanical technical design field, but after a few years, he started his own construction business. This endeavor eventually led Henry to establish a custom cabinet manufacturing firm, Euro Kraft Group. Recognized for its merit by many in the architectural and design community, the company manufactures custom products, such as fine furniture, European sliding closet doors and room dividers, and kitchen and bath components both in the U.S. and Poland.

Shortly after his arrival in Bridgeton, Henry became involved with the Polish National Alliance Lodge 3106. He also was instrumental in forming the Polonia of South Jersey, a federation of Polish American organizations including groups from Cape May, Trenton and Camden County. Henry has also helped to organize an annual proclamation ceremony at Vineland's City Hall, followed by a festive dinner as part of Polish American Heritage Month activities in South Jersey.

Michalkiewicz is also active in the Knights of Columbus, and is devoted to addressing the needs and concerns of the Tri-State Polonia. As a proud American citizen, Michalkiewicz remains fond of his cherished Polish heritage.

2011 Pulaski Day Parade Military Marshal
Major Slawomir Andrew Bilinski

Polish-born priest and doctor, Major Slawomir Andrew Bilinski has a distinguished career of service in military and civilian settings. After arriving in the U.S. as a priest in the Polish National Catholic Church, he was assigned to Holy Mother of Sorrows Church in Dupont, PA, where he served as pastor until 2000. After earning a B.S. in pre-medical studies at Wilkes University, Father Bilinski entered Thomas Jefferson University Medical College in Philadelphia and joined the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant. Upon completion of his medical degree in 2004, he was promoted to Captain and served his internship in Emergency Medicine at Hahnemann University Hospital and residency training at the Underwood Memorial Hospital of Thomas Jefferson University. At that time, Father Bilinski also assisted at St. Valentine's Church in Philadelphia.

In 2007, Captain Bilinski was transferred to Brooke Army Hospital and Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, where he served as medical doctor in the Emergency Room, Troop Clinic, and wounded soldiers unit. He was promoted to the rank of Major in October, 2010.

Major Bilinski now serves a triple vocation as U.S. Army officer, priest and physician by caring for our soldiers and their families at Fort Lee, Virginia. When he visits his hometown of Philadelphia, he assists with Father Krzysztof Mendelewski at St. Valentine's Church on Margaret Street, in the Frankford section of Philadelphia.

WPVI TV 6 Will Televise Philadelphia's Pulaski Day Parade

Alicia Vitarelli

The PAC encourages you to inform your family and friends that they can view the 2011 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 2, 2011, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6 ABC serving the Philadelphia and Tri-State area.

Michael Blichasz

Your broadcast hosts, Alicia Vitarelli, TV 6 Reporter, and Michael Blichasz, host of the Polish American Radio Program, will narrate this annual display of Polish history, culture, and pride.

Pulaski Day Parade, Sunday, October 2, 2011

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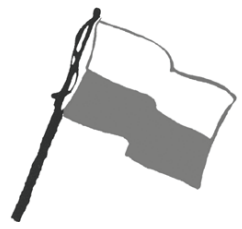

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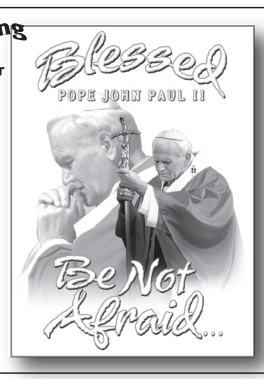

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Welcome - Witamy
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

On Thursday, September 8, 2011, feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. was installed as the thirteenth Bishop and the ninth Archbishop of Philadelphia at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Chaput as the ninth Archbishop of Philadelphia on July 19, 2011. He becomes the spiritual leader and shepherd to almost 1.5 million Catholics in the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery.

Cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests, seminariums, deacons, representatives from the Archdiocesan offices, religious communites, human services, ethnic communites, family and guests throughout the United States participated in the three hour installation. His sincerity, warmth, visible joy in connecting with regular folks, plain talk, his "attaboy" (clapping of both hands on the shoulders of his brother priests), and his humor qualify him to be a great captain and leader.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, welcomed the new Archbishop with Polish representatives greeting the Archbishop at the Installation Mass. Prior to the Mass, the Archbishop received a beautiful Polish flag of white and red carnations, which he acknowledged in his letter "It's in a place of honor in the entry way of my home to greet me and to welcome guests".

Witamy - Welcome - Archbishop Charles J. Chaput! Sto Lat!

40th Anniversary of Janosik Polish Folk Dancers

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District and Polonia extend congratulations to the members of the Janosik Polish Folk Dancers as they mark the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the group by Dr. Morley Leyton in Philadelphia. For many years the dance group performed in the annual Philadelphia Pulaski Day Parade and at the Polish Harvest Festival "Dozynki" as well as many special events throughout the year. We wish them continued success and thank members of the Janosik Polish Folk Dancers for promoting the dances of Poland. Dziekujemy Bardzo i Sto Lat!

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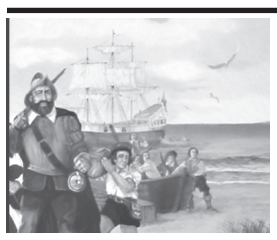
Museum's Historic Reflections Project October / November

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Historic Philadelphia presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history on the Polish American Radio Program. The reflections are organized in a daily format. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person's life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of a historical event in Polonia or Poland's history.

You can hear weekly historic reflections on the Saturday edition of the Polish American Radio Program at 11 A.M. on 860 AM Radio from Philadelphia. Listen to rebroadcasts 24 hours a day at PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com.

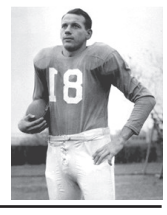
For your information, we have listed a selection of historic reflections for the months of October and November.



October 1, 1608 - First Polish Settlers in America (Event)

The first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, VA, on the ship Mary and Margaret. They were glassmakers from Poland hired by the Virginia Company of London to establish a glassmaking industry in the new American colony of "Virginia". The glass products they produced became the first products made in America, and also the first products made for export to Europe for sale.

October 2, 1922 - William Swiacki (Born)



William Adam Swiacki played end for the New York Giants and Detroit Lions in the National Football League for five seasons. He played college football at Columbia University and was drafted in the sixteenth round of the 1946 NFL Draft by the Boston Yanks.

October 3, 1923 - Stanislaw Skrowaczewski (Born)

Stanislaw Skrowaczewski was born in Lwow, Poland, and became best known for his work with the Minnesota Orchestra. In 1997, one of Skrowaczewski's works was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He also led the Cleveland Orchestra and was the composer-in-residence for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

October 4, 1705 - Stanislaw Leszczynski (Coronation)

Stanislaw Leszczynski was the first Polish king crowned in Warsaw, Poland.

October 5, 1861 - Antoni Fijalkowski (Died)

Antoni Melchior Fijalkowski was the Archbishop Metropolitan of Warsaw and spiritual leader of the nation during the partitions of Poland.

October 6, 1873 - Sir Pawel Strzelecki (Died)

Sir Pawel Strzelecki was an explorer of the Australian continent. He named the largest mountain in Australia after American and Polish freedom fighter, Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

October 7, 1943 - Eugeniusz Bodo (Died)

Eugeniusz Bodo was born Bohdan Eugene Junod. Eugeniusz changed his name to Bodo, a stage name, which he used at many theaters, eventually opening Cafe Bodo in Warsaw, Poland. With WWII raging, Eugeniusz Bodo ended up in the Soviet Union and was sent to a Gulag where he was executed.

October 8, 1910 - Maria Konopnicka (Died)

Maria Konopnicka was a poet, novelist, translator and essayist from Lwow, Poland. Her writing touched on many issues that beset the people in Poland during the late 1800's. She often used the pen name "Jan Sawa." Maria Konopnicka writings influenced generations of Polish poets and novelists.

October 9, 1779 - General Casimir Pulaski Mortally Wounded (Event)

General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, was mortally wounded while leading his troops in the Battle of Savanah, Georgia in 1779. Pulaski has parades and holidays in his honor until this day as well as parks, schools, bridges, towns and countries named after him.

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Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 2

October 10, 1979 - Joel Przybilla (Born)

Joel Przybilla is a professional basketball player in the National Basketball Association. He went to the University of Minnesota and played for several NBA teams. He currently plays for the Portland Trail Blazers.

October 11, 1903 - Kazimierz Kordylewski (Born)

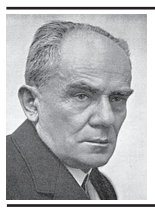
Kazimierz Kordylewski was an astronomer born in Poznan, Poland in 1903. In 1956, Kordylewski discovered clouds of dust, believed to be particles left over from our moon. These clouds are now named after him.

October 12, 1840 - Helena Modjeska (Born)

Helena Modjeska was a Polish actress of international fame who immigrated to the United States in 1876. She became a star of American stages for many years with her portrayals of Shakespearian characters. Modjeska was the mother of Ralph Modjeski, the builder of the Benjamin Franklin and Tacony Palmyra Bridges in Philadelphia and several others across America.

October 13, 1926 - "Killer" Kowalski (Born)

Professional wrestler Wladek Kowalski is known as "Killer" Kowalski to his long-time wrestling fans. He wrestled in over 6,000 matches from 1947 to 1977, winning great popularity in TV matches during the 1960's and 70's against foe, Bruno Sammartino.



October 14, 1864 - Stefan Zeromski (Born)

Stefan Zeromski was a Polish novelist who was given an apartment in the Royal Castle of Warsaw in recognition of his artistic abilities. He wrote over fifteen major works.

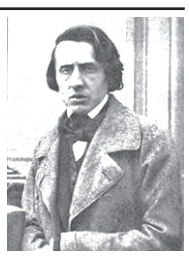
October 15, 1817 - Thaddeus Kosciuszko (Died)

After the struggle for America's Independence, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko returned to his homeland of Poland. He swore an oath in the Krakow market place to fight for Poland's liberty and took command of the Polish uprising in 1794, urging all men to take up arms to defend Poland.

October 16, 1726 - Daniel Chodowiecki (Born)

Daniel Niklaus Chodowiecki was a Polish-German painter and printmaker with Huguenot ancestry, who is most famous as an etcher. He spent most of his life in Berlin, and became the director of the Berlin Academy of Art.

October 17, 1849 - Fryderyk Chopin (Died)



Fryderyk Chopin, Polish composer and pianist, was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland in 1810. At age 7 Chopin wrote his first composition, the Polonaise in G minor. At age 8 he presented his first public concert. Fryderyk Chopin's music continues to be played throughout the world.

October 18, 1922 - Richard Stankiewicz (Born)

Richard Stankiewicz was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Detroit, and had a presence in several prestigious art galleries in New York City during his career. He became internationally known in the 1960's for his trend setting work by welding pieces of scrap metal. He died in 1983 at his home in Worthington, Massachusetts.

October 19, 1984 - Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko (Died)

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity Priest, was murdered by Communist internal security agents. His murder only solidified the resolve of the Polish people to gain their freedom. Pope John Paul II visited the grave of Fr. Popieluszko during one of his visits.

October 20, 1948 - Honorable Robert Borski (Born)

Honorable Robert Borski, former United States Congressman, represented the people of Northeast Philadelphia for many years. We thank him for his many years of service.

October 21, 1969 - Waclaw Sierpinski (Died)

Waclaw Franciszek Sierpinski was a Polish mathematician known for outstanding contributions to set theory (research on the axiom of choice and the continuum hypothesis), number theory, theory of functions and topology. He published over 700 papers and 50 books. Three well-known fractals are named after him (the Sierpinski triangle, the Sierpinski carpet and the Sierpinski curve), as are Sierpinski numbers and the associated Sierpinski problem.

Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 3

October 22, 1978 - Pope John Paul II (Installed)

Pope John Paul II, the beloved Cardinal of Krakow, Poland, was elected to be the shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church in October 1978 and served as pontiff until his death on April 2, 2005. During his 27 years as Holy Father, he was recognized as a true son of Poland and an international leader of faith and justice.

October 23, 1885 - Jan Czochralski (Born)

Jan Czochralski was a Polish chemist known for the Czochralski process of growing single crystals used in the production of semiconductor wafers. He also helped to develop a hand grenade for Poland's Home Army during World War II.

October 24, 1916 - Edward Piszek (Born)

Edward Piszek was a Polish American Industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Piszek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Piszek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia.

October 25, 1867 - Jozef Dowbor-Musnicki (Born)

Józef Dowbor-Musnicki was a Polish military officer and commander, serving with the Polish army. He was also the military commander of the Greater Poland Uprising.

October 26, 1910 - John Cardinal Krol (Born)

John Cardinal Krol was a Polish American Cardinal and the Archbishop of Philadelphia from 1961 to 1988. John Cardinal Krol participated in the Second Vatican Council, served as the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was advisor to Pope John Paul II.

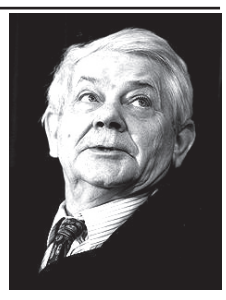
October 27, 1991 - Free Elections Held in Poland (Event)

We mark the date of the first free elections for the Polish Parliament, since World War II, on this day in 1991.

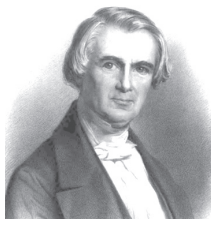
October 28, 1824 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Born)

Fr. Leopold Moczygemba was a patriarch of America's Polonia. Fr. Moczygemba organized the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. He was one of the founders and also served as a president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which was founded in Chicago in 1873. He also established the first Polish College in America at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

October 29, 1924 - Zbigniew Herbert (Born)



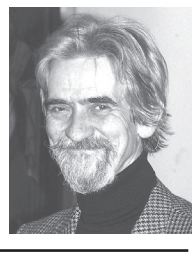
Zbigniew Herbert was an influential Polish poet, essayist and moralist. He was a member of the Polish resistance movement during World War II. The publication of his Selected Poems in the United States and England made Zbigniew Herbert one of the most popular contemporary poets in the English-speaking world.



October 30, 1790 - Karol Lipinski (Born)

Karol Lipinski was a Polish virtuoso violinist and composer. His Stradivarius violin became known as the Lipinski Stradivarius. His compositions included four violin concertos, as well as polonaises, rondos and variations. The Karol Lipinski University of Music in Wroclaw, Poland, bears his name.

October 31, 1950 - Jozef Stolorz (Born)



Józef Stolorz is a fine art painter born in Katowice, Silesia, Poland. He has displayed paintings at over 100 exhibitions worldwide, including over 60 individual exhibitions and since 2002 has been listed in an official "Who's Who in Poland".

November 1, 1918 - Harcerze (Founding)

The first American unit of the Polish Boy Scouts, known as Harcerze, was started in Buffalo, New York, in 1918. They remain a well known scouting movement which has spread across the United States of America.

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Consider The Overall Value Of A Product!

As I receive feedback from the Buy American Made Challenge, it is clear that people are shopping with the intent of looking at labels and are asking the question "For the price I would pay for items with a foreign made label, why can't these same items be made in America at a competitive cost?"

One of the major difficulties in restoring America's industries is that business owners and investors discovered that having products produced outside the U.S.A. has allowed them to realize huge profits without being concerned with American workers. However, as consumers are taking the time to look at labels and are being more selective in how they spend their dollars, businesses are seeing more foreign made inventory sitting on the shelf while a growing number of people seek out American made products. Getting businesses to relocate in the U.S.A. will require one major issue to be addressed by America's national elected leaders. That issue is reducing all levels of taxation so that America is competitive with other industrial nations. If high taxation made businesses move out of the U.S.A. then long-term tax reductions is needed to help businesses return to America.

None of us would object if there was an EQUAL balance between domestic and imported products because America's consumers would make the choice as to what to purchase. Our concern is that in so many cases 90% of what was formerly made in the U.S.A. is now on sale in America with foreign made labels.

I want to share an example of why outsourcing has taken so many of our jobs. Very often an item produced overseas for $2.00 can be sold in an American store for up to $20.00. The difference between $2.00 and $20.00 is the profit for owners and investors and the cost of shipping, marketing, stocking and sales. In the process many service-related American workers are employed, but millions of people who could be employed in manufacturing are left unemployed.

With the rising cost of food, energy, insurance and other basic living expenses, Americans are not able to spend as they did in the past, and this trend is being noticed by importers and retailers. It will take time to reverse the outsourcing trend, but remember that the journey of a thousand miles always begins with the FIRST STEP. We are already walking on the road to recovery and it is evident that our recovery rests in the hands of the American people who must spend their dollars wisely. Purchase American made FIRST.

American Made Shopping List!

As I continue to receive feedback from the Buy American Made Challenge, there are two responses I most often hear. First: "I'm trying to buy American made, BUT imported products still overwhelm our stores", and second "I can see things are changing as the American people are speaking up and directing more of their support to American made products."

These responses are very important because they show that people are involved and trying to buy American made products. The responses also show that people are seeing for themselves the degree of damage caused by outsourcing, and that the American people must remain united to insure that positive changes continue.

No one can tell us what to buy, but when you go shopping, keep in mind that when you seek out and purchase American made products first, you are helping your fellow Americans and America's economy first.

The fact of the matter is that American made products, especially electronics, clothing and others are often very difficult to find. This is a growing concern of the American people who have seen the recession and historically high unemployment rates drag on.

I urge you to make a shopping list and check off what you found that is made in the U.S.A. and what you found that is only available as an imported product. Because more and more people are voicing concerns about what has happened to America's employment opportunities, businesses, politicians and the news media are all discussing your concerns.

Your speaking up for the plight of American workers has already had an enormous impact. Kindly continue to spread the word because America's future depends on how well we remain united!

American Workers Need You!

You are urged to purchase products made in America to help:

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2. Support business of all sizes that manufacture products in the U.S.A.
3. Maintain the jobs we have in the U.S.A.
4. Expand employment opportunities and revitalize America's economy.
5. Bring about a **50%** balance between imported and American made items in U.S. stores.

As you consider making your purchase, look at the labels on items to see if they are imported, and if there are competitive American made items available. Support America's workers representing small and large businesses, non-union and union, and the self-employed. Spread the word to your family and friends and ask them to look for, ask for, and purchase American made items everywhere they shop so we can bring about positive changes in America's economy.

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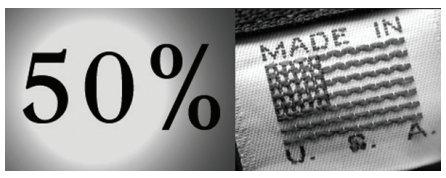
50% American Made Would Really Help

As we continue to discuss ways to restore America's economy, I ask that you consider how much better America's economy would be if 50% of the items presently being sold in U.S. Stores were once again made in the U.S.A. It would help fill our empty manufacturing facilities, sales and distribution centers and create more jobs and additional skills for American workers.

In the last few weeks as I attended festivals and special events, people stopped to offer me their opinions. Some hear my commentaries on the radio, read the commentaries in publications or on the front page of AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com. A growing number of people are pleased that efforts are being made to change the difficult employment situation in America.

In conversations with parents they tell me American made school supplies were still hard to find, and that fall season shirts, jackets, pants and footwear were mainly foreign made. The question is, why, why, why is such a large percentage of the products we use on a day-to day basis manufactured overseas and not in America?



Now that more people are asking questions and looking for solutions, we must all stay united and work toward a 50% balance of everything possible with a made in the U.S.A. label. With an increase of just 50% we could restore 15 million private sector jobs and be a force in the recovery of employment opportunities in the U.S.A. The concept of the Buy American Made Campaign is very basic, but the possibilities are endless! America needs us!

We are presently in the process of a few new efforts to expand the Buy American Made Campaign. I will keep you posted. In the meantime, keep discussing your concerns and ideas with those close to you and urge them to spend their dollars wisely by seeking out, speaking up and spending their dollars on the products they need that are made in the U.S.A. With that message on the minds of more people, we can move America's economy forward and be able to keep and expand new job opportunities for American workers.

Why Is So Much Of America Owned ByForeign Entities?

As the eyes of the American people focus on the security of America, I urge you to keep your eyes focused on American workers and America's economy. Based on the responses I received from the 30-day Buy American Made Challenge, it is clear that Americans have been paying a lot more attention to changes in the American business scene: the movement of America's industries abroad or increasing control of American industries by foreign investors. More Americans understand that through the purchase of strategic American corporations, foreign companies have built up a huge influence over entire industries. Information collected from the Internal Revenue Service lists that certain industries have been completely monopolized by overseas interests and, in some cases, 50% or more of U.S. Corporate assets are owned by foreign entities. An example is the sound and audio industries, including televisions, cell phones, radios and dozens more which are owned or controlled by foreign investors. In order for you to see the facts and figures, I have posted a link on the front page of AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com entitled "Foreign Owners of US Domestic Industries". There is also a link entitled "List of American Companies Sold to Foreign Interests". When you review these lists and the percentages owned by foreign investors you will understand why America's stores are filled with products benefiting foreign interests FIRST.

For change to continue, we all have to focus our efforts on the well-being of American workers, both present and future. It is difficult for us to understand that 24 million Americans need a job, but it is a fact. Add to that total the tens of thousands of veterans who will be returning home to few job opportunities and you will understand my appeal for your participation in the Buy American Made Campaign.

I urge you to support the businesses that have not deserted America. However, take note that in the new global economy you will also find that many foreign companies have invested heavily in U.S. industries, and their products have a made in the U.S.A. label, so support all companies employing American workers from manufacturing, service and sales. If we can work toward restoring just 50% of everything available in our stores with a Made in the U.S.A. label, we would have more people employed and a more stable American economy. Shop around, spend your dollars wisely and speak up where you shop. America needs you!

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November 2, 1942 - Stefanie Powers (Born)

Stefania Federkiewicz, well-known by her stage name Stephanie Powers, starred in movies and television shows. Stephanie Powers is well known for her television series Hart to Hart with co-star Robert Wagner.

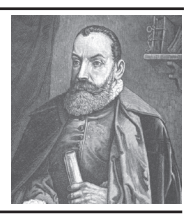
November 3, 1951 - Edward Murawinski (Born)

Edward Murawinski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is currently employed by the New York Daily News as a cartoonist and a member of the National Cartoonist Society. He attended the Manhattan School of Visual Arts and has been employed by the Daily News since he was seventeen.

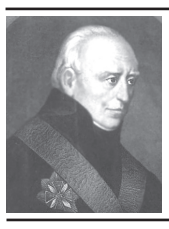
November 4, 1937 - Loretta Swit (Born)

Loretta Swit is a proud Polish American and well-known actress of the stage and television. She is best known for her portrayal of the character Major Margaret Houlihan on the television series M*A*S*H.

November 5, 1530 - Jan Kochanowski (Born)



Jan Kochanowski was a Polish Renaissance poet and writer. He is recognized as one of the most important poets before the 19th century.



November 6, 1755 - Stanislaw Staszic (Born)

Stanislaw Staszic was a Catholic priest, philosopher, statesman, geologist, scholar, poet, writer and leader of the Polish Enlightenment. He had a direct influence on the Third of May Constitution of 1791.

November 7, 1944 - Joe Niekro (Born)

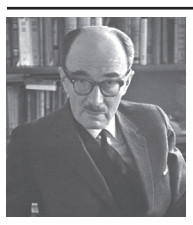
Joe Niekro was a Major League Baseball Player and the brother of Hall of Famer, Phil Niekro. Joe Niekro like his brother Phil, specialized in throwing the knuckleball. During the 1970's and 80's, the Niekro brothers combined for 539 total wins, making them the most successful brother combination in baseball history. Joe's son, Lance Niekro, is a major league baseball player.

November 8, 1940 - Charles Kowal (Born)

Charles Kowal is a Polish American astronomer who discovered the two moons of Jupiter, Leda in 1974 and Themisto in 1975. Charles Kowal is also known for discovering many supernovas in other galaxies.

November 9, 1505 - Mikolaj Rej (Born)

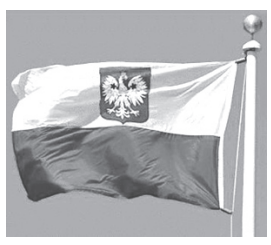
Mikolaj Rej was one of the best known writers and poets of the Renaissance and was also a politician, musician and nobleman. The Polish Sejm pronounced 2005 as the year of Mikolaj Rej, celebrating the 500th Anniversary of his birth.



November 10, 1909 - Pawel Jasienica (Born)

Pawel Jasienica was the pen-name of Leon Lech Beynar, a Polish non-academic historian, journalist, writer and soldier.

November 11, 1918 - Poland's Independence Day (Event)



In 1918 after World War I, Poland was reestablished as a sovereign country with the assistance of United States President Woodrow Wilson and the Allied Powers.

November 12, 1952 - Steve Bartkowski (Born)

Steve Bartkowski was a well known quarterback for the National Football League. During his career Bartkowski played for the Atlanta Falcons and the Los Angeles Rams and was All American Quarterback during his senior season in 1974 at the University of California.

November 13, 1806 - Emilia Plater (Born)

Emilia Plater was a Polish freedom fighter who participated in the November Uprising of 1830. Emilia Plater, who achieved the rank of Captain of an Infantry Unit, is considered a revolutionary, patriot and national hero not just in Poland, but also in Belarus and Lithuania.

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As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, begins on **November 1, 2011** and is scheduled to end on **March 30, 2012.** 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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Annual Enrollmet Period

Medicare Updates

1) This year, between **October 15, 2011 and December 7, 2011,** Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their medical and/or prescription drug plans for 2012. To get ready for this enrollment period, throughout the month of September, 2011, Medicare plans, both medical and prescription, will be publishing their prices and policies. Medicare beneficiaries should seek out the help of trusted family members and friends, or community groups to determine if their current plan will be offered next year, what changes to expect in the plan, and if it is still the best plan based on their needs.

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2) For those needing help with Part D Prescription Drug Benefits, there is a program called "Extra Help". The 2011 income and resource limits are:

Income: $1,361.25 per month for an individual;
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Social Security Updates

1) According to AARP and US News, Social Security Recipients will receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in their Social Security checks for 2012. There was no COLA in 2010 and 2011. The problem however, appears that any increase in the Social Security check will be off-set by an increase in Medicare premiums.

2) Effective August 15, 2011, Social Security field offices nationwide will close to the public 30 minutes early each day. For example, a field office that is usually open to the public, Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM to 4:00 PM, will close daily at 3:30PM. These reduced hours are caused due to Congressional budget cuts.

3) Anyone receiving Social Security, SSI, Veterans, Railroad or Black Lung benefits in the form of a paper check, which is sent to the home, will have to make arrangements to have their benefit received electronically by March 1, 2013. Although this seems like a long time away, recipients are encouraged to make changes now so benefits can be sent using the new system. Recipients will have three options of having the benefit sent. One way is to have the benefit sent to a savings or checking account at a local bank or if the recipient does not have a bank account, they can get a Electronic Transfer Account or ETA from a participating federally insured bank, savings and loan or credit union. Another way is to have a debit card called, Direct Express. To learn more about this process, check out the web site www.GoDirect.org or call 1-800-333-1795. You can also call Polish American Social Services at 215-923-1900.

PACE UPDATE

Because Social Security benefits may increase this year, the PACE and PACENET Program has announced that older Pennsylvanians receiving help with the costs of prescription drugs through the program will not lose coverage. A moratorium on COLA increases affecting PACE and PACENET income guidelines has been extended until December 31, 2013.

Attention Employers!

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

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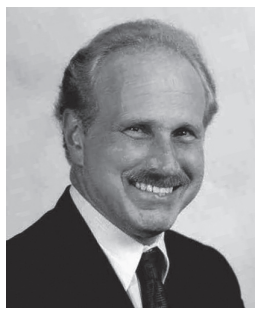

Polonia extends congratulations to Frank Spula who was re-elected as National President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA), during the elections that took place at the 46th National PNA Convention held August 17-21, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Polonia from Pennsylvania is pleased to acknowledge that Wesley Musial was also re-elected from Philadelphia as the PNA National Censor, as well as Renata Jodlowski from Philadelphia as District VI Commissioner, and a friend and supporter, James Mislak from Baltimore as District VI Commissioner.

Polish American Congress Eastern PA District and the entire Polonia extend congratulations to Frank Spula and the entire Executive Board of the Polish National Alliance and wish them much success in the future. Sto Lat!

Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich Chorus Takes Top Prize

The Philadelphia-based Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich Female Chorus, No. 321, a member chorus of the Polish Singers Alliance of America (PSAA) placed first in choral competition in the female chorus category and first overall of the seven competing choruses in the mixed, male and female chorus categories!

Polish music and song filled the air in Wallington, NJ, and environs on June 11, and 12, 2011. Under the baton of both Harriet Spinka of Philadelphia and Janusz Sporek of the Music Education Center of Brooklyn, NY, the Chorus took part in the 61st Convention of District Seven, PSAA, which was hosted by the Aria Chorus of Wallington, NJ, along with choruses from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Next year's PSAA District Seven convention and competition will take place in Philadelphia, hosted by the Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich Chorus.

Organized in 1988 as the Paderewski Female Chorus, the chorus changed its name to promote the renown of Polish-born soprano, Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich, who was the reigning coloratura on the Metropolitan opera stage from 1898-1909. Madame Sembrich taught at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and the Juilliard School of Music, NY. She was considered the greatest coloratura of her day.

Chorus rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, in northeast Philadelphia. The Chorus is preparing for its annual appearance in the Pulaski Day Parade and its annual Christmas Concert in December. For additional information, kindly contact Dolores Czaplicka at 215-633-0560. For information on PSAA District choruses, contact publicity chair, Barbara Blyskal: EBBlyskal@aol.com.

PAC Youth Committee Update

Get the YOUNG PEOPLE involved!

The Polish American Congress would like to encourage you to **consider enrolling your children in one of our Philadelphia-area youth groups.** They welcome participants from all area public and parochial schools.

For more information, call the Polish American Congress Youth Committee, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. at **(215) 922-1700.**

See a complete list of Philadelphia-area youth groups at **PolishAmericanCenter.org/PACYouth.htm.**

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John Dende was the founder of the Polish American Journal, the predecessor being the Polish language Republika-Gornik. In 1944, the decision was made to produce the entire paper in the English language.

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Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 5

November 14, 1972 - Edyta Gorniak (Born)

Edyta Górniak (born in Ziebice, Poland) is one of the most popular female singers of Polish pop music. She was the star of the musical Metro ("Subway") - the most popular and longest running homegrown musical in Polish history.

November 15, 1980 - Pope John Paul II Visit to West Germany (Event)

On November 15, 1980, Pope John Paul II visited West Germany. This historic occasion marked the first visit of a pontiff to Germany in over 200 years.

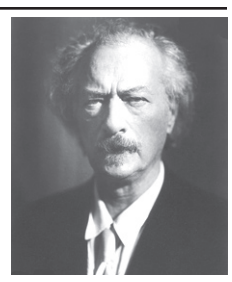
November 16, 1603 - Augustyn Kordecki (Born)

Augustyn Kordecki led the historic defense of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa during the Swedish Invasion from November 18th to December 26th, 1655, prior to the cloister of the Pauline Fathers in Czestochowa, Poland.

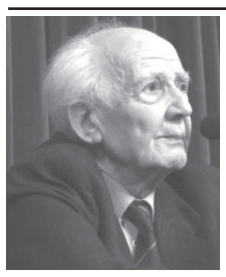
November 17, 1954 - Tadeusz Banachiewicz (Died)

Tadeusz Banachiewicz was a Polish astronomer, mathematician, and the director of the Krakow Observatory. Tadeusz Banachiewicz's international recognition came from his theory of cracovians - a matrix algebra that helped to solve several astronomical, geodesic, mechanical and mathematical problems. A lunar crater is named after him.

November 18, 1860 - Ignacy Paderewski (Born)



Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and composer, became the most noted statesman of Poland to the United States during and after World War I. In 1919, after World War I, Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created Republic of Poland. His heart is enshrined at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and his remains are buried in the crypt of St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw, Poland.



November 19, 1925 - Zygmunt Bauman (Born)

Zygmunt Bauman (born in Poznan) is a Polish sociologist who, since 1971, has resided in England after being driven out of Poland by an anti-Semitic campaign, engineered by the Communist regime of the time. Professor of sociology at the University of Leeds (and since 1990 emeritus professor), Bauman has become best known for his analysis of the links between modernity and the Holocaust, and of postmodern consumerism.

November 20, 1926 - Dr. Andrzej Shally (Born)

Dr. Andrzej Wiktor Shally was a Polish-born endocrinologist who won the Nobel Prize in 1977 in Medicine for research work. Dr. Andrzej Shally developed a whole new realm of knowledge concerning the brain's control over body chemistry.

November 21, 1920 - Stanley Musial (Born)

Stanley Musial, nicknamed "Stan the Man", was born on November 21, 1920 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He played 1,890 baseball games as an outfielder and 1,016 games as a first baseman, but was known mainly as a left-handed consistent hitter. Musial won several National League Most Valuable Player Awards and received Sports Illustrated magazine's "Sportsman of the Year" award and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

November 22, 1950 - Gregory Luzinski (Born)

Gregory Michael Luzinski was a former left fielder in Major League Baseball, nicknamed "The Bull". He spent the majority of his career with the Philadelphia Phillies. Still a fan favorite in Philadelphia, he opened "Bull's Barbecue" in the Phillies' newly opened stadium, Citizens Bank Park.

November 23, 1933 - Krzysztof Penderecki (Born)

Krzysztof Penderecki is an internationally known composer and conductor of classical music. In 1980, Krzysztof Penderewski was commissioned by Solidarity to compose a special musical piece to accompany the unveiling of the Gdansk Shipyard Memorial statue honoring those killed during the 1970 shipyard riots.

November 24, 1972 - Barry Potomski (Born)

Barry Potomski is a former professional ice hockey right winger. He played 68 National Hockey League games: 59 with the Los Angeles Kings and 9 with the San Jose Sharks.

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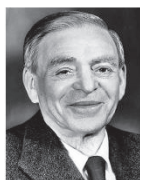
This Year's
Pulaski Day Parade Theme is

"Saluting Polish Scientists as we mark the 100th Anniversary of Marie Sklodowska Curie receiving the Nobel Prize in Chemistry"

We will also highlight the following Polish scientists for their noted contributions to the world.

Stefan Kudelski: Polish engineer who created the Nagra series of professional audio recorders. In 1957, he built the transistorized tape recorder with electronic speed controls. Kudelski received Academy Awards in 1965, 1977, 1978, and in 1990 won two Emmy Awards.



Casimir Funk: Polish-Born biochemist from Albany, NY. He discovered that substances in food could prevent or cure certain diseases. He was therefore credited with the first formulation of the concept of "vitamins" in 1912, which he called vital amines or vitamines.

Dr. Walter Golaski: American mechanical-bio-medical engineer and inventor of the first practical artificial blood vessel replacements. Dr. Golaski was also a long-time member of the Polish Intercollegiate Club of Philadelphia.

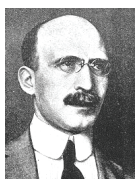
Paul Baran: An early developer of the Internet, ATM technology and DSL modem technology. He was born in Poland in 1926 and immigrated to America in 1928. Mr. Baran has connections to Philadelphia through Drexel University, where he did his undergraduate work.

Karol Olszewski & Zygmunt Wroblewski: Polish physicists and chemists who were the first in the world to liquify oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in 1883.

Irene Joliet-Curie: The daughter of Pierre and Marie Sklodowska Curie was a recipient of the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1935 for her discovery of artificial radioactivity. This made the Curies the family with most Nobel laureates to date.

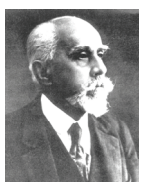
Marian Rejewski, Jerzy Rozycki and Henryk Zygalski: A team of cryptologists, who cracked the German Enigma code during World War II.

Dr. Hilary Koprowski: Polish virologist and immunologist, and inventor of the world's first effective live polio vaccine, based on oral administration of attenuated polio virus.



Jozef Tykocinski: Polish engineer and inventor. In 1922, Tykocinski publically demonstrated for the first time that sound was possible to be on film in motion pictures. He was awarded the patent in 1926.

Stephanie Kwolek: Polish American chemist from New Kensington, Pennsylvania who discovered Kevlar, the material now used in bullet proof vests. Her discovery has saved many lives. Kwolek was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1995.



Stefan Drzewiecki: Polish scientist, journalist, engineer, constructor and inventor who invented the kilometric counters for taxi cabs. Drzewiecki distinguished himself mainly in aviation and ship building.

Jan Jozef Ignacy Lukasiewicz: Polish pharmacist and petroleum industry pioneer who built the first oil refinery in the world. Among his other achievements were the discovery of how to distill kerosene from seep oil, the invention of the modern kerosene lamp and the construction of the first oil well in Poland in 1854.

Mark your Calendar
Saturday, October 15, 2011

Since everyone had a great time at Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast last year in October, you're invited to another Applebees Flapjack Breakfast, sponsored by the Polish American Cultural Center Museum Volunteers, on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., at the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 2535-37 Castor Avenue, in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia.

Tickets are only $5.00 per person and you can enjoy an unlimited amount of pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee or tea. What a great bargain - and also a great way to both celebrate October as Polish American Heritage Month with family and friends and support the Polish American Cultural Center Museum. Tickets are available at the Museum Gift Shop. For more information, call Theresa Romanowski at 215-922-1700.

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Discussing Polish Culture and Catholic Faith in America: Future POLISH-AMERICAN LEADERS Attend to a Very Important Conference - by: Bogumil Misiuk

The second annual Conference of the Polish American Leadership Association (PALA) was held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania from August 17-20, 2011. The mission of the Polish American Leadership Association (PALA) is to form college-aged intellectuals who will promote Catholic faith, culture, and traditions of Polonia in the United States with the cooperation of Polish-American communities. The organization's goal is to unite, strengthen, and prepare the future leaders of Polonia in the United States by initiating conferences and other events that advance and cultivate Polish cultural heritage and Catholic values.

Last year's conference was mostly a discussion between current leaders of Polonia and Polish American youths about the importance of maintaining Polish identity and the challenges that encumber this aspiration. This year's conference continued this theme while also further developing practical implications of these Polish ideals.

Almost twenty young adults from the ages of 15 to 29 from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut actively participated in this year's conference, which was coordinated by the Msgr. Anthony Czarnecki and Msgr. Peter Zendzian of the National Polish Apostolate Committee. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also sent Sister Joanna Okereke as their official liaison. Ms. Theresa Romanowski of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, as well as Mr. Chester Lobrow, the 1999 New York Grand Marshal of the General Casimir Pulaski Day Parade also partook in the Conference.

Two honorary guest speakers were invited to address the young adults. The first was His Excellency Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly from Rome, who was a very close friend of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Primate of the Millennium Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski as well as the long-time papal delegate to Polonia and Polish emigrants. He spoke to the group about what it means to be a Polish Catholic. Among other things, he emphasized the centrality of the family as the fundamental bastion of the "4 pillars of Polishness"— tolerance, moderation, love of freedom, and Catholic morality. Abp. Szczepan Wesoly stressed that the teachings of the Polish Pope Bl. John Paul II and the values that he embodied must be the backbone of Polish identity. In addition, he underscored the crucial role of Polish parishes as oasises for immigrants and the essentiality that parishioners do everything possible to not allow the liquidation of these parishes by American bishops. Moreover, Abp. Wesoly celebrated Holy Mass each morning at the Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa; and in the evening, he led the group of young adults in the singing of Polish patriotic songs around a camp fire.

The second honorary speaker was Professor Anthony Bajdek of Northeastern University and Polish American Congress. He passionately addressed the problematic issue of never-fading anti-Polonisms ranging from vicious jokes about Poles to the falsification of Polish history, particularly that of World War II. He supplemented historical descriptions with personal testimony of the obstacles that he had to overcome and inspired his audience with his successful activism on behalf of Poland in various petitions to state governments. Moreover, he presented the young adults with several proposals that they could implement, thus locally promoting the Polish cause.

The majority of the discussions during the Conference, in fact, were led by the young generation, all of whom regardless of whether they were born in Poland or were descendents of Polish immigrants, spoke Polish fluently. As a result of their insistence, all talks— ranging from those that were formal to friendly conversations— were held in Polish. Often it was stressed that sustaining fluency in one's native tongue— especially a language that is as rich and vibrant in its nuances as is Polish— is vital in upholding one's national cultural heritage.

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Three major student presentations were delivered at the Conference. Bogumil Misiuk from New Jersey highlighted that the three premier values for Poles have always been "God, Honor, and Homeland"— values which are so essential and yet commonly obscured in American society, though so many Americans hunger for them. In his speech, he recalled that the great Polish novelist Henryk Sienkiewicz with utmost respect reflected these values in his writings and achieved unparalleled popularity in America at the turn of the 20th century. By invoking the example Sienkiewicz, he emphasized that it is possible for Poles to prevail over general disinterest and antagonism and instead capture the hearts and minds of millions of Americans for the Polish cause. However, such success could only be achieved through a united concerted effort by all of Polonia to engage Americans and introduce them to their Polish culture. Afterwards, Marek Szymula from Philadelphia spoke about different types of leaders and qualities that are necessary to make a leader effective. Then Natalia Kolakowska from Connecticut led an online group exercise designed to reveal each member's leadership strengths as well as qualities that still need to be developed.

The Conference did not end with mere discussions. Inspired by them, the group decided to formally organize itself. A cabinet of officers was elected: Marek Szymula as chairperson, Natalia Kolakowska and Joanna Sudyka from Massachussets as vice-chairpersons, Dorota Bielawski from New Jersey as secretary, and Bogumil Misiuk as public relations liaison. The organization's bylaws were written, the construction of the website of PALA was authorized, and participation in the General Pulaski Day Parade was proposed. Most importantly, all PALA members pledged to bring their newly-acquired Conference experiences to their local parishes and to organize local PALA groups so that the young generation of Polish Americans can already unite and prepare themselves as future leaders of Polonia.

If anyone would like to acquire further information about the Polish American Leadership Association (PALA) or get involved in the organization, please call (508) 943-0467.

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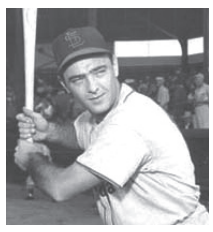
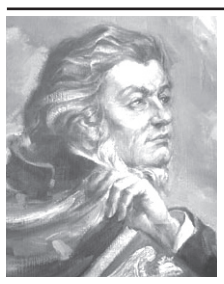
November 25, 1985 - Ray Jablonski (Died)



Ray Jablonski was a third baseman in Major League Baseball who played for the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds and the New York Giants. Ray Jablonski was elected to the National League All Star Team in 1954.



November 26, 1855 - Adam Mickiewicz (Died)

Adam Mickiewicz was known for his poem Pan Tadeusz and is considered one of Poland's greatest romantic poets. All of his greatest works were written in the Polish language. He is buried in Wawel Castle.

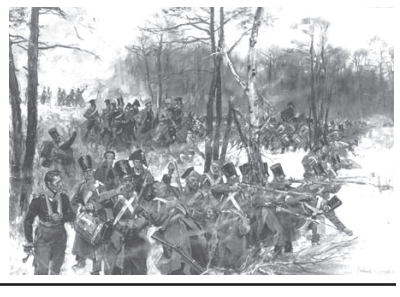
November 27, 1958 - Artur Rodzinski (Died)

Artur Rodzinski was a Polish conductor of opera and symphonic music. Rodzinski studied music in Lwów, and then law in Vienna, where he simultaneously enrolled at the Academy of Music. He was associated with Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.

November 28, 1948 - Agnieszka Holland (Born)

Agnieszka Holland is one of Poland's most prominent filmakers. Agnieszka Holland is best known for her movie, Europa Europa, which brought her the Golden Globe Award and her second nomination for an Academy Award.

November 29, 1830 - Polish Uprising (Event)



The famous Polish Uprising of 1830 was a revolt against Russian rule in Poland which caused one of the largest waves of immigration in Polish history to France, the United States and several other countries around the world.

November 30, 1768 - Jedrzej Sniadecki (Born)

Jedrzej Sniadecki was a Polish writer, physician, chemist and biologist. Sniadecki's most important book was entitled The Beginnings of Chemistry, the first Polish-language chemistry textbook. It is believed that Jedrzej Sniadecki was the original discoverer of the element ruthenium in 1807.

Bulletin Board

The Polish American Congress Encourages All to Support Our Area Activities!

Saturday, September 24 - Concert, St. Adalbert Church, 2645 E. Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, featuring "Kombinatorzym" band from Poland, 7 P.M. Info call 215-739-3500.

Sunday, September 25 - Concert, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA, featuring "Kombinatoczym" band from Poland, 2 P.M. Info call Jadwiga Kozdra Healy 215-429-6161.

Sunday, September 25 - Polish Falcons of America Day, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. Mass 12:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend. Info call 215-345-0600.

Sunday, September 25 - Polish Movie Classic "Pan Tadeusz". Movie in Polish with English subtitles, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. Refreshments and historical introduction of the film by Dr. Stefan Skorczynski, 3 P.M., Movie at 4 P.M. Info call Debbie Majka 215-627-1391.

Wednesday, September 28 to Sunday, October 2 - Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic School Carnival, 4435 Almond Street, Bridesburg section of Philadelphia. Wednesday- Saturday 6 to 10 P.M., Sunday, 1 to 5 P.M. Rides, food, games, prizes and much more. Info call Ginny Millsap 215-535-3446.

Friday, September 30 - Proclamation Ceremony for Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, 12 Noon. Admission is free. Info call 215-739-3408.

Saturday, October 1 - Pulaski Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. Cocktails 5 P.M., dinner 6 P.M. Info call Jean McCloskey 215-425-4783.

Sunday, October 2 - Concert, St. Joseph Church, 1010 Liberty Street, Camden, NJ, featuring "Kombinatorzym" band from Poland, 6 P.M. Info call 856-963-1285.

Sunday, October 2 - Pulaski Observance Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, 9:30 A.M., followed by Tribute Ceremony. Info call 215-739-3408.

Sunday, October 2 - Pulaski Parade steps off at 12:30 P.M. from 20th and the Parkway. Free seating at Logan Circle in the area of television coverge on WPVI-TV6, 1 to 3 P.M. Info call 215-739-3408.

Sunday, October 2 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Shoreliners Band, 3 to 7 P.M. Free parking. Admission price includes a meal. Info call 610-828-9352.

Saturday, October 8 - Capital City Polka Dancers Association Polka Dance, Holy Name Hall, 6190 Allentown Boulevard (Rte. 22), Harrisburg, PA. Music by Doubleshot Band, 7 to 11 P.M. Info call Shirley 717-975-0114.

Sunday, October 9 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 P.M. Speaker: Maria Szonert, Esq. Topic: "Co nalezy zrobic w sprawie zbrodni katynskiej" - historyczny przeglad. Free. Info call 215-624-9954.

Sunday, October 9 - Polish American Heritage Association Polka Dance, Goodwill Beneficial Assn., 100 Madison Avenue, Hyde Park, Reading, PA, 2 to 6 P.M. Music by Henny & the Versa J's Band. No BYOB - No BYOF. Info call Dottie 610-374-5446.

Sunday, October 9 - The Philadelphia Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation Seventh Annual Summer Concert & Silent Auction, Ethical Society Building, 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA, 3 P.M., featuring pianist Krystian Tkaczewski. Info/reservations contact Teresa Wojcik 215-752-9270 or tereska75@yahoo.com.

Saturday, October 15 - Polish American Cultural Center Museum Flapjack Breakfast, Applebee's, 2535 Castor Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 8 to 10 A.M. Unlimited amount of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea. Info call Theresa Romanowski or the Museum 215-922-1700.

Sunday, October 16 - Polish National Alliance Lodge 650 Polish American Heritage Month Breakfast, St. Hedwig's SocialRoom, 4th & Hayes Streets, Chester, PA, 10:30 A.M. Info call Sophie Szymczyk 610-494-5367.

Sunday, October 16 - WPAZ 1370 AM Radio Polka Party, Gilbertsville Fire Company Ballroom (One mile East of Boyertown, PA on Route 73), 1545 East Philadelphia Avenue, Gilbertsville, PA, 1 to 7 P.M. Music by Dennis Polisky & The Maestromen & O'Such Rhythm & Music Bands. Info call Janet O'Such 610-326-2915 or Dolly Kubasko 570-655-0760.

Sunday, October 23 - Polish Harvest Festival "Dozynki", Mass 10:30 A.M. St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street & Allegheny Ave., Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, followed by Festival, St. Adalbert Auditorium, 12 Noon to 4 P.M. Info 215-922-1700.

Sunday, October 23 - Polka Dance, Polish American Citizens Association, Champagne Room, 65-67 Marple Avenue, Clifton Heights, PA, 3 to 7 P.M. Music by Piwo Band. Info call John Oleykowski 610-833-8232.

Friday, October 28 - Polish American Heritage Association of Delaware County Fall Fest Beef & Beer, Ballrooms at Boothwyn, 1405 Meetinghouse Road, Boothwyn, PA. Buffet dinner, complimentary beer and wine, No BYOB, cash bar, 7:30 P.M. to 12 midnight. Music DJ Tom Slezak. Info/tickets call Mickey Schad 302-798-2842.

Friday, November 4 - Kosciuszko Foundation Philadelphia Chapter Presents Poetry Reading of Czeslaw Milosz by the Overbrook Poets Society, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, 7:30 P.M. Free. Info call Katarzyna Newcomer 610-688-6226.

Friday, November 4 - Music from the 50's, 60's and 70's, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. DJ Bob Pantano from 98.1 FM, food, cash bar, 8 P.M. to 1 A.M. Info call John Wisniewski 215-906-1825 or JRW153@yahoo.com.

Saturday, November 5 - " Jesienna Zabawa", Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, dinner, 8 P.M. to 1 A.M. Music. Info call Debbie Majka 215-627-1391.

Saturday, November 5 - Holiday Festival, St. Laurentius Church hall, Memphis & Berks Streets, Fishtown section of Philadelphia, 2 to 7 P.M. Polish food, chances and lots of fun. Info call Linda Martin 215-426-7783.

Saturday, November 5 - AMPOL (Americans of Polish Descent) 49th Annual Jesienny Bal (Harvest Ball), Hartefeld National Country Club, Avondale, PA. Music, 5 course meal, open bar, silent auction, 6 to 11 P.M. Info contact Chris Podsiad 302-547-4668 or DelawareAmpol@AOL.com

Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 - Christmas Bazaar, St. John Cantius Parish Hall, Almond & Orthodox Streets, Bridesburg section, Philadelphia, Friday 6 to 9 P.M., Saturday, 4 to 9 P.M. Games, Polish food and much more. Everyone invited. Info call rectory 215-535-6667.

Saturday, November 12 - Capital City Polka Dancers Association Polka Dance, Holy Name Hall, 6190 Allentown Boulevard (Rte. 22), Harrisburg, PA. Music by Walt Groller, 7 to 11 P.M. Info call Shirley 717-975-0114.

Saturday, November 12 - St. Josaphat Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 124 Cotton Street, Manayunk, 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Games of chance, refreshments and much more. Info call 215-483-4470.

Saturday, November 12 - Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia Honors Marie Sklodowska Curie on the 100th Anniversary of her Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Fishers Tudor House "Garden Room", Bensalem, PA, 6 P.M. Info / Reservations call Teresa Wojcik 215-752-9270.

Sunday, November 13 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary Parish, Oak and West Elm Streets, Conshohocken, PA, 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Games of chance, Polish kitchen and more. Info 610-828-0260.

Sunday, November 13 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 P.M. Speaker: spotkanie autorskie Tomasz Maslowski. Topic "Wielcy Polacy - Polonjna Witryna". Free. Info call 215-624-9954.

Sunday, November 13 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Polka Express Band, 3 to 7 P.M.. Free parking. Admission price includes a meal Info call 610-828-9352.

Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 - Holiday Bazaar/Flea Market, St. Valentine Parish Hall, 2330 Margaret Street, Frankford section, Philadelphia, Saturday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. and Sunday, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Refreshments, holiday crafts, and more. Everyone invited! Info call Fran Bonikowski 215-632-1816.

Sunday, November 20 - Polish Movie Classic. Movie in Polish with English subtitles, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. Refreshments, 3 P.M., Movie at 4 P.M. Info call Debbie Majka 215-627-1391.

Sunday, November 20 - Christmas Bazaar, St. Mary Parish, 12th & Spruce Streets, Reading, PA, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.. Crafts, games, rummage sale, Polish food, and more. Info call 610-376-6321.

Sunday, December 4 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 P.M. Speaker: Wieczor autorski - Ryszard Druch. Topic: " 100 Salonow Artystycznych Ryszarda Drucha - oryginalna forma promocji polskiej kultury i sztuki w USA". Free. Info call 215-624-9954.

Sunday, December 4 - 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 215-468-1922. Everyone invited!