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**Congratulations & Sto Lat
Polish National Alliance Executive Board**



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.

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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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