

## 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.

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 Savannah, 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.

Special Greetings from

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## Best Wishes To Our Members and Polonia During Polish American Heritage Month

**Copernicus Society of America**  
**Council of United Polish Societies**  
Chester, Pennsylvania  
**Janosik Polish Dancers**  
**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
Doylestown, PA  
**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 Heritage Association**  
of Manayunk / Roxborough  
**Polish American Radio Program**  
**Polish Army Veterans Post #12**  
**Polish Beneficial Association**  
**Polish Eagles Sports Club**  
**Polish Falcons of America**  
**Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia**  
**Polish Museum of America**  
Chicago, Illinois  
**Polish National Alliance of U.S. of N.A.**  
**Polish National Alliance Philadelphia Councils 1, 106, 166**  
**Polish National Alliance Lodge #650**  
**Polish Police Association of Philadelphia**  
**Polish Roman Catholic Union of America**  
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District 3 - Philadelphia  
**Polish Women's Alliance of America**  
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St. Rita's Society #417  
**Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, PA**  
**Sacred Heart Church - Swedesburg, PA**  
**St. Adalbert Church - Philadelphia, PA**  
**St. Adalbert Polish Language School**  
**St. John Cantius Polish Language School**  
**St. Joseph Church - Camden, New Jersey**  
**St. Laurentius Church, Philadelphia, PA**  
**St. Mary Catholic Church Golden Age Club**  
Conshohocken, PA  
**Second Street Polish Society**  
**The Society of Our Mother of Consolation**  
Wilmerding, PA

### Congratulations Joseph A. Drobot Jr.



Congratulations are extended to Joseph A. Drobot, Jr., National President of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, a fraternal benefit society, for being selected as the 2013 recipient of the prestigious General Casimir Pulaski Medal of Honor.

The Polish American Central Citizens Committee of Hamtramck, MI, established 97 years ago, has chosen Mr. Drobot to receive this award in appreciation for his many

years of service within the Polish American community in Michigan, where he has lived for most of his life. The award will be presented at a Testimonial Banquet on Sunday, October 20, in Hamtramck, MI.

Once again, Congratulations and best wishes to Joseph A. Drobot, Jr. Sto Lat!

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