

## **Polish American Legal Clinic A Great Success**

On Sunday, May 15, 2005, from 1 to 5 P.M., a Polish American Legal Clinic was sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Division and organized by Andrew A. Chirls, Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and Emilia Golanska, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Philadelphia Legal Assistance.

The event took place at the Polish Eagles Sports Club, 3157 East Thompson Street in Philadelphia's Port Richmond section where more than 200 people gathered to obtain free legal consultation in the Polish language. It was an opportunity for them to meet the participating attorneys and receive information regarding many issues including immigration law, employment law, business transactions and many other legal issues. Educational flyers were also available in the Polish language.

The Attorneys participating included: **Anna Paciorek, Esq.**, Nationalities Service Center, **George R Szymanski, Esq.**, Law Offices of George Szymanski, **Yolanda K. Konopacka DeSipio, Esq.**, Curtin & Heefner, LLP, **Pam R. Jenoff, Esq.**, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, **Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq.**, Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, PC, **Mark A. Wisniewski, Esq.**, Dorian, Goldstein, Rochestie, Wisniewski & Orchinik, PC and **Emilia Golanska, Esq.** Equal Justice Works Fellow, Philadelphia Legal Assistance. Their commitment to assist the Polish American community, willingness to volunteer their time and desire to help this great cause is commendable and sincerely appreciated. The majority of the attorneys are members of the Jagiellonian Law Society, which is an organization of attorneys and judges primarily of Polish descent. Mr. Charles Szymanski, Esq. is the President of the Jagiellonian Law Society.

The Polish American Legal Clinic committee wants to thank the President of the Polish Eagles Sports Club, Waldemar Ostapowicz for offering the hall free of charge. Thanks also to Barbara Ilnicka from the Polish American Radio for promoting the legal clinic on the daily radio program, and to Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and "PASS" Polish American Social Services for promoting this event in the media and on the Internet.

The Polish American Legal Clinic committee also wants to thank information table volunteers Janina Golanska, Izabela Marszalek, Anna Broz and Alicja Plonska, who helped attendees consult with appropriate attorneys.