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## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention—A Success!

by Jo Louise and Marion Winters

**D**elegates to the 53rd Annual Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture enjoyed a grand reception on their first night. A remarkable quartet of Gorale (Highlanders) stirred the hearts and souls of everyone. Of course, the delicious hors d'oeuvres catered by waiters and the endless flow of fine wines, added up to a very happy evening. The quartet loved us, too – said they will play for us next year in Poland, if we like! Scarcely had the musicians left the room, when the very talented Jaroslaw Golembiowski sat down at the piano and an impromptu choir of delegates formed around and soon the room reverberated to the sounds of happy Polish songs.

The opening ceremonies began the next day with a stirring presentation of colors, singing of the Polish and American Anthems, and concluding with a very lively dance exhibition by a group of charming children dressed in colorful folk costumes representing various regions of Poland. Dr. Vivian Walkosz and Robert Maycan, Convention Co-Chairs, welcomed the delegates and Marion Winters, ACPC President, officially opened the 53rd Annual Convention. Spontaneous applause followed the keynote address by the Polish Consulate General's representative. Mr. Ed Moskal, PAC and PNA President, presented the ACPC Convention with a beautiful large wreath of flowers and addressed the audience, welcoming all to Chicago and praising the work of the Council, particularly as it applies to our Polish American youths.

After a whirlwind bus tour of the Chicago Loop area, expertly guided by Walkosz and Maycan, a stop was made at the scenic lake-front where wreaths were laid by ACPC President Winters, Walkosz and Maycan at the monuments to Copernicus and Kosciuszko. Then it was on to the Polish Museum of America where the visitors marveled at the museum's historic artifacts and thoroughly enjoyed the splendid artworks of the Polish Arts Club's Annual Art Exhibit. The delegates were treated to an unexpected pleasure when our own concert pianist Camille Budarz played Paderewski's beautiful minuet on the Steinway piano that was created especially for the famed pianist and statesman. A delightful champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception followed.

That evening the delegates and guests met for dinner on the 95th floor of the Hancock Building and realized that they were literally floating amongst the clouds. Shortly, the fog lifted and the diners

*Youngsters in Polish folk dress greet the convention participants with song and dance*



*Goral Folk Quartet entertains the convention participants at a reception on the first night of the convention*



*(left to right) Dr. Vivian Walkosz, Paz Domeyko, Robert Maycan*



*Presentation of wreath at the Copernicus Monument (left to right) Dr. Vivian Walkosz, Marion Winters, Robert Maycan*

were encircled by a magnificent view of Lake Michigan and the city of lights about them. After a sumptuous repast, the group was treated to a spectacular fireworks display off Navy Pier.

Accolades of appreciation continued on the third day as delegates witnessed Paz Domeyko's eye-opening audio/visual biographical sketches of her great grandfather, Ignacy Domeyko, a remarkable scientist/explorer/educator of the 19th century with close ties to Polish intellectuals, including Adam Mickiewicz. That evening also turned out to be an enchanting one as guests and delegates listened to the concert performance of the Council's Sembrich Awardee, soprano Kinga Skretkiewicz, a Masters in Music student at Indiana University. Kinga thrilled the audience with her exquisite renditions of Polish songs and pleased everyone immensely with her charm and grace.

Friday's luncheon likewise brought hearty rounds of applause when the past president of the Chicago PAC and gifted pianist/composer, Jaroslaw Golembiowski, presented a very unique history of the

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## Message from the President

**RICHARD M. WIERMANSKI**

“**W**e make a living, by what we get; we make a life, by what we give.” The members of the American Council for Polish Culture have been fortunate, to able to make a life, celebrating and promoting our Polish Culture. We are privileged to have had this opportunity.

Congratulations to all newly elected and appointed individuals of the American Council for Polish Culture board. Thank you, delegates for your vote of confidence by selecting me to the office of president. I have a challenge to follow the ambitious tenures of past presidents. I will work extremely hard and do my very best. I am fortunate to have an exceptional, talented, professional and dedicated board.

I would like to encourage all the presidents or their representatives of affiliates and supporters, to take an active part, by attending board meetings and being in communications with me. Working together we will have a very productive administration.

Congratulations and sincere thanks

to the Polish Arts Club of Chicago for a very successful convention. My sincere gratitude to Dr. Vivian Walkosz and Mr. Robert Maycan, co-chairs and their committee for the planning, enthusiasm and generosity in making this an exceptional convention. Each event was spectacular.

Next year, July 16-21, 2002 we look forward to having the American Council for Polish Culture convention in Krakow, Poland. Debbie Majka and I are chairing this event. We need an early response and commitment from you because of the logistics of working overseas. (See flyer elsewhere in this issue and please respond, now.)

The agenda for 2001 -2002 will be filled with many important issues. Top priority will be “Membership.” Yes we are an enthusiastic and productive group, but our membership is dwindling. This is a common problem within all organizations throughout the United States. We will be forming a membership committee. If you have any suggestions or desire to be on this important commit-

tee please contact me, 162 Colony Crossing, Edgewater, MD 21037-2758, phone 410-798-7512, fax 410-798-7513, Email [rwierman@aol.com](mailto:rwierman@aol.com). The American Council for Polish Culture is proud of its many scholarship programs. We realize however that many affiliates and supporting groups also have active scholarship programs. Our aim is to compile a complete list of all scholarships and criteria from all affiliates and supporting groups to inform a larger audience throughout the nation about these opportunities. Please send a list of; Name of Scholarship, dollar amount awarded, how many given and your organization’s criteria, to First Vice President, Mary Ellen Tyszka, 27562 David Givens Ave., Warren, MI 48092, phone 248-646-9054. Please respond and be counted under the American Council for Polish Culture umbrella.

Yes, I promised a busy and productive year. This is just the beginning!

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# Pulaski Scholarship Awards

by **Marion Winters, Chairman**



**T**he first Gen. Casimir Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies were awarded this summer by the American Council for Polish Culture to five outstanding Polish American students. Instituted a year ago by a Challenge Grant from the Conrad R. Walas family whose contributions now total \$250,000, the Pulaski Endowment Fund remained untouched this year thanks to an additional gift of \$25,000 from the Walas family for the 2001 awards. The five students who received \$5,000 each were selected from among 19 applicants attending various US universities by a committee of five Council members, Anna Mae Maglaty, Deborah Majka, Irena Szewiola, Vivian Walkosz and Chairman Marion Winters, and are listed below.



## **2nd Lt. Scott Cuomo, USMC, Arlington VA**

*MA in National Securities Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC (Dec. 2001).* Honors include Dean's List 1995 to present; Phi Alpha

Theta and Golden Key National Honor Societies. One evaluator wrote, "an utterly selfless individual with Exceptional moral character. He is a role model to both peers and subordinates, always exhibiting the highest qualities of leadership." In a letter to the Committee, Scott pledged that to the extent possible, given his Marine Corps service, he will be pleased to play a role in our Youth Leadership Conferences and other Council programs. He concludes the letter with "You have my word that I will use this scholarship to not only enhance my own educational experiences, but more importantly, to benefit the good of our great nation and the world as a whole, as I strive to carry on the legacies of heroic Polish-Americans of the past like General Pulaski."

## **Katherine "Kasia" Slepecki, NYC**



*MA in Piano Performance, Manhattan School of Music, Dec. 2001.* Kasia has given recitals in Poland and Hungary, at the Polish Embassy in Washington DC and performed with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. She plans to continue her studies toward a Doctorate of Musical Arts and looks forward to a teaching

career in a college or conservatory. Ms. Slepecki was described by an evaluator as an "exceptionally fine young woman who has a great pride in her family and her Polish heritage... a brilliant academic student... will be a superb teaching artist." Kasia performed recently in a concert especially arranged for her in Rochester NY on the occasion of the presentation of her Pulaski Scholarship award. The \$5,000 check was presented to her on behalf of the ACPC by Mr. Frederic Skalny, President of the Polish Heritage Society of Rochester, a supporting organization of our Council.

## **Danusha V. Goska Bloomington, IN**



*Ph.D. candidate in Folklore and Ethnomusicology, Indiana University.* Danusha has served as a Peace Corps teacher in Africa and Nepal and a teacher/tutor at colleges in NJ. She is a freelance writer and broadcaster.

Her many honors include Kosciuszko Foundation scholarships 1988-89 and 1992 and FLAS 1992. A faculty member wrote that "It is clear from Ms. Goska's record of publication that already, as a graduate student, she is more accomplished than many professors... a very dedicated folklorist."



(left to right) Marie Hejnosz, President Philadelphia Heritage Society; Theresa G. Wojcik; Debbie Majka

## **Theresa G. Wojcik, Bensalem PA**

*Ph.D. candidate in Education, University of Pennsylvania.* Ms. Wojcik received a Fulbright Student Award for Doctoral Research in Poland, 2001-02; Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship for summer study in Poland, 1999 and Golden Key National Honor Society Scholarship, 1995. A faculty member praised her work, "Her proposal addresses issues that are critical for the future of democracy in Poland and Eastern Europe in general; her works, I believe, will have significant implications for the debates

about civic education in the US." Debbie Majka and Marie Hejnosz, President of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, an ACPC Affiliate, presented the \$5,000 Pulaski Scholarship check to Theresa last month during a brief ceremony at the statue of the Scholar's namesake, General Pulaski.



Helen J. Kaczmarek receives her award from Marion Winters at the Convention Banquet

## **Helen J. Kaczmarek, Milwaukee, WI**

*Ph.D. candidate in Behavioral Neuroscience, University of WI-Milwaukee.* In addition to a Sigma Xi Grant in Aid of Research, 2000, Helen has garnered 16 Awards (1992-01), including five Honor Societies, three student travel awards and Out-Standing Graduate Mentor Award Nominee. She is a primary instructor in graduate courses and expects to earn her doctoral degree in May 2002. One of her mentors wrote "She is a tribute to her culture, gender, university and field. She has outstanding teaching experience, a strong publication record and tremendous strength of character." Ms. Kaczmarek's \$5,000 award was presented to her by President Winters at the Awards Banquet during the Council's 53rd Annual Convention in Chicago this summer.

Marion Winters pointed out that the Pulaski Scholarship Committee anticipates many more applicants for 2002 as word of the scholarships spreads, but income from the Endowment Fund will yield fewer scholarships than this year. The Polonia can help the scores of bright Polish American students working seriously to obtain the finest education US Universities offer by contributing to the Pulaski Scholarships Endowment Fund for Advanced Studies. For information about the Scholarships program, please contact Marion Winters, (978) 425-6265, <mwinters@net1plus.com>

# ACPC and Affiliate/Supporting Member News

**POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL NETWORK, TORRANCE, CA.** Editor, Artur Zygmunt reports that members of the Polish American Cultural Network of Torrance attended the Ninth Annual Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles. Since Poland has declared the Year 2001 to be the International Paderewski Year, special guests at the festival included the Los Angeles Consul General of Poland, Krzysztof Kasprzyk and the Consul for Cultural Affairs, Roman Czarny. In honor of Poland's distinguished musical history, rare compositions from the renaissance and baroque periods were performed by the New World Baroque Symphony, including works by Górecki, Bogdanowicz and Telemann, the latter having lived and performed as choral director and organist in Poland in the early 1700's. The final event of the festival, after Paderewski's "Dream Concert" for youth and a Gala Paderewski Ball in the Paso Robles Inn, where Paderewski stayed when he visited, was the Sunday Champagne Brunch and Piano Concert brilliantly performed by Karol Radziwonowicz. Mr. Radziwonowicz played pieces by Paderewski and Chopin for two hours, for which he received a standing ovation.



**THE POLISH CULTURAL CLUB OF GREATER HARTFORD** The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford joined in the celebration of the 210th anniversary of the Polish Constitution in festivities at the State Capitol on May 3rd. It was sponsored by the House and Senate members of Polish descent. Clifford Archie represented the Club as he made his address before Gov. John Rowland and other dignitaries. Lottie Pozniak and Ann and Carol Oleasz prepared the exhibit. Club member Deborah Krawiec served as coordinator of the entire event. Jadwiga Kordowski was the chairman of the successful Cake Raffle held on May 19 and 20. ☪ The Annual Scholarship Awards Reception was held on June 14 at the Solomon Wells House in Wethersfield, CT. Chairwomen Jennie Javorski and Anna-Mae Maglaty awarded scholarships to Monika Kordowski, a senior at Stonehill College, Andrea Krusiewicz, a freshman at Providence College and to Amy Groszyk, a junior at the University of CT.



**POLISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION** Boston, MA, on February 10, in Wayland, sponsored a Jazz Concert featuring world-class violinist Wiesława Szymanska and composer,

lyricist and pianist, Hubert Szymanski. Both were born and educated in Poland and are living in Sweden. ☪ In cooperation with several local Polish-American organizations, the PCF sponsored a celebration of the 210th Anniversary of May 3, 1791, Polish Constitution at the Massachusetts State House. After speeches and greetings by State officials, the Polish Consul and Polonia representatives, the exhibit highlighting the May 3rd Polish Constitution was presented. The observance was very well attended and received.



**POLISH-AMERICAN ARTS ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, DC, INC.,** celebrated its 35th Anniversary this year with a Jade Dinner at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel on February 24. A program booklet of the history of the PAAA and of each past president with their respective photo served as an attractive souvenir for guests. The highlight of the evening was the stellar performance of two previous Marcella Kochanska Sembrich ACPC Award winners, notably Dr. Laura Kakfa and Mr. Joshua Sekoski. ☪ The PAAA extended its Annual Scholarship award program in the year 2001 to include two recipients: Alexandra Sysko of Sterling, Virginia, was granted \$1,000 to further her studies in journalism at St. Bonaventure University in New York while Jill Marie Buchacik was granted \$500 to help complete her undergraduate studies. Special commendation was paid 15-year old Tomasz Macura of Baltimore, MD, for his outstanding academic achievements at Georgetown University. ☪ The PAAA participated in key sessions of the ACPC Annual Youth Leadership Conference, which is directed by the dynamic Dr. Maria Chrypinski. As in the past, the youthful student conferees participated enthusiastically in the PAAA Annual Festival of the Wreaths. This time, however, Polish TV media were on hand to record the gay proceedings for viewing in Poland. ☪ New officers and directors were elected on May 27 at the General Membership Meeting held at the American University. The new executive officers are: President, Henry Czauski, Esq.; First Vice President, Estelle von Wachtel-Torres, MD; Second Vice-President, Sharon L. Moseley; Recording Secretary, Lidia M. White; Corresponding Secretary, Elaine Payne; Treasurer, Andrzej Koplewski. For the Board

of Directors, the club elected: Alicia Petrucci, Bernadette Wiermanski, Walter Zachariasiewicz, Mary Ann Evan, Lisa Helling, Esq. and Sophie Miskiewicz Peters. ☪ The Polish American Arts Assn of Washington, DC, Inc., can be accessed at <http://members.aol.com/informacja/paaa>



(left to right) Linda White, Alicia Petrucci, Mary Ann Evan, Estelle von Wachtel-Torres, Sharon Moseley, Henry Czauski, Thomas Brzostowski, Elaine Payne



**AMERICAN CENTER OF POLISH CULTURE, INC., WASHINGTON, DC** Mr. Anthony J. Szuszczewicz, President/CEO of Polonia Bank, Philadelphia, PA, was awarded the Ellis Island "Medal of Honor" on May 12, 2001, at Ellis Island, NY. Mr. Szuszczewicz, a resident of Philadelphia, was one of 139 recipients from throughout the U.S. to receive this coveted award in 2001. There were over 30,000 nominees for this honor, which has been awarded to six Past Presidents of the U.S. ☪ Mr. Szuszczewicz is active in many organizations. He serves on the Executive Committee of the American Center of Polish Culture in Washington, DC; he is Vice President of Pen Ryn Mansion, Inc; Board Member of Northeast Philadelphia YMCA; Board Member of Nazareth Hospital; Member of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia and several other organizations. ☪ Mr. Szuszczewicz is married and has two children. He holds degrees in Pharmacy and Chemistry from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and is known for his philanthropy, which benefits children.



(left to right) Albin Obal, Chairman of the Board American Center of Polish Culture; Anthony J. Szuszczewicz, Ellis Island Medal Recipient; Al Koproksi

# ACPC and Affiliate/Supporting Member News

**FRIENDS OF POLISH ARTS, DETROIT, MI** At our March 23 General Membership meeting, FPA Officer Laurie Gomulka Palazolo presented a preview of her upcoming book, *Horn Man*, which documents 100 years of the Polish-American musician in Detroit. Some photographs from the book and other vintage items depicting the Polish-American musician in Detroit will be on display at an upcoming exhibit and lecture series entitled "The Polish Presence in Detroit," which is part of Detroit's Tricentennial Celebration. FPA members are busy with preparations for events surrounding the exhibit, including a wine and cheese reception on October 6. The exhibit will run from October 7, 2001 through March 2002 at the Detroit Historical Museum and will examine and document the history of Detroit's Polish-American community, one of the area's largest ethnic groups. It will include photographs, letters, artifacts, and other materials illustrating how the Polish culture, workforce and politics have helped shape the City of Detroit and metropolitan area. 🍷 FPA's Annual Youth Art Competition on May 6 at the Orchard Lake Galleria, under the artful direction of Marian Owczarski, produced 100 pieces of art by over 40 students. Winners were Melinda Steffen (First Prize), Nastassja Mirawski (Second Prize), Ted Yo On (Third Prize), and Adam Brzozowski (Best Polish Theme). Honorable Mentions were given to Sonia Maranska, June Park, Andrzej Burkat, and Jae Jung Seo. 🍷 At our May 25 General Membership Meeting, members were treated to a lecture by Professor J. Wrobel on "The Poetry of W. Symborska." 🍷 Many FPA members attended the Polish American Congress Michigan Division's weekend bus trip to the recently opened Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., from June 7 to 10. They enjoyed the festivities, including the reception at Constitution Hall, tickets to the Pope John Paul

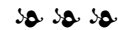
II Catholic Museum, a special Mass at the National Shrine Chapel and dedication of the Statue of Pope John Paul II. 🍷 On June 24, a special Mass commemorating Polish-American contributions to Detroit was held at St. Hyacinth Church in Poletown as part of the celebrations surrounding Detroit's Tricentennial Celebration. The program included the unveiling of a magnificent wall mural and special recognition of outstanding Detroit Polish-Americans and Polonia organizations (among them, FPA), as well as Polish musical entertainment.



*Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota Director Charlene Kaletka Delaney in the Polish culture booth which the group designed and manned at the International Institute at RiverCentre in St. Paul, Minnesota.*

**THE POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA** The Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM) took part in the 64th Annual Festival of Nations held May 3-6, 2001 at St. Paul's RiverCentre. PACIM's kitchen booth sold 6,400 Polish sausage sandwiches and 3,100 pierogi along with home-made bigos, cheesecake, ciasto, and raspberry tea. This year's Festival theme was, "Accessories," which PACIM interpreted with a colorful scene of Babcia's sewing room. The Dolina Folk Dancers performed during the Festival and also ran the Polish bazaar. 🍷 Since the first of the year, PACIM PDD has sent 61 large boxes of clothing to orphan homes in Poland. The project, spearheaded by four Polish-born

women, has received great support from the local community and, in particular, the Men's Club from St. Agnes Church who have donated clothing and \$1,000 to assist with shipping costs. 🍷 Susan Strempek Shea presided at the signing of her new book, "Around Again," on July 14, at Valley Bookseller, Stillwater, Minnesota. 🍷 Cantores Minores, the Archdiocesan Boychoir of Warsaw, under the direction of Joseph Herter, who are touring the U.S. in celebration of their Tenth Anniversary, presented concerts in Minneapolis on August 9-10. Homestays provided an opportunity for the Minneapolis community to get to know the boys.



**THE POLANIE CLUB OF MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL** The Polanie Club of Minneapolis/St. Paul has awarded five, \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors of Polish ancestry. 🍷 Members of the Columbia Heights' Sister Cities International Committee planted a Linden tree (Lipa) at Lomianki Park in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the city's cultural relationship with Lomianki, Poland. The Committee, with the assistance of Bobby and Steve's Auto Repair, raised over \$8,000 which was forwarded to Lomianki officials to purchase a new ambulance. Currently, the group has a larger goal in mind – to build a new hospital wing!



*(left to right) Will Kawski, and PACIM Directors Susan Szczukowski and Bruce Sliwa Rubinat at the kitchen booth in the Festival of Nations sponsored by the International Institute of Minnesota at RiverCentre in St. Paul, Minnesota.*

## ACPC List of Deceased Since the 2000 Convention

### Friends of Polish Art, Detroit

John Ozarski  
Lillian Szymanski  
Halina Wachocka

### Kopernik Society of Broome County

Dr. Edward D. Kozlowski  
Chester Symancyk

### Polanie Club of Minneapolis/St. Paul

Sophie Armstrong  
Irene Jasinski

### Polish American Arts Assoc. of Washington

Ludwik Zeranski

### Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota

Irene Skowron

### Polish American Cultural Society of Metro St. Louis

Helen Bertacchi  
William Figurski Jr.  
Leonard Janaski  
Edwin Paradowski  
Sophie Pondo  
William Rogers  
Chester Szydrowski

### Polish American Cultural Society of Stamford

Joseph Tulinski  
Mary Tulinski

### Polish Arts Club of Chicago

Estelle Fidelle  
Dominik Mirecki

### Polish Arts Club of Trenton

Irene Blohm

### Polish Arts Club of Youngstown

Catherine Ciconella  
Andrew Cika  
Stella C. Lesniak  
Emily Mika

### Polish Arts League of Pittsburgh

Mary Gruszczynski  
Zevonia Jurkowski  
Leona Kozlowski

Victor Lechowicz  
Joseph Pasuite  
Jean Truver

Irene Trzcinski  
Sophie Vaughn  
Stephanie Zygmunt

### Polish Cultural Society of the Palm Beaches

Chester Kluz  
Edward Lewandowski  
Zenobia Sobocinska

### Polish Heritage Club of Philadelphia

Francis Chwabinski  
Christina Olkowska  
Elizabeth Slabinski

### Walter Twardowski Polish Heritage Club of Syracuse

Frances K. Fazekas  
Regina A. Kilmer  
Jane Wagner

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention

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Polonaise and superbly demonstrated at the piano the varieties over the ages. Some of the music was also expertly performed by two of Jaroslaw's young students.

The Awards Banquet and Ball on Saturday evening was but the culmination of a superbly planned and expertly executed convention. The scene at the Crystal Ballroom of the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel with its illuminated glass-block dance floor, enormous sparkling chandeliers, and tables bedecked with huge bouquets of white roses, was variously described as "a touch of magic" and a "bajka" (fairy tale)!

One of the two \$1,000 Skalny Scholarships for 2001 was presented to Derek Marusarz, a Ph.D. student in Polish/Comparative



Dancing on the lighted floor of the Crystal Ballroom at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel

Linguistics at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Marusarz was also the lucky winner of two round trip tickets to Poland, donated by LOT Airlines and raffled by the Polish Arts Club of Chicago. Helen Kaczmarek, a Ph.D. candidate in Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was presented with a \$5,000 Casimir Pulaski Scholarship for 2001 by President Winters (similar awards have been granted to four other Polish American students in the US).

Bernadette and Richard Wiermanski's autobiographical sketch of their family background, their careers and various Polish-American activities, as they jointly received the Council's Founders Award, touched the audience deeply. Both were born in Chicago where Dick owned and operated businesses while Bernadette taught school and both were very much involved with the Chicago Polonia. Their Washington DC Polonia activities are very extensive and they also find time to offer their services to civic and religious organizations.

A recitation of the remarkable achieve-

ments of Ruth Slenczynska, concert pianist and author, in the music world fascinated the listeners. She was called by the *London Times*, as "the greatest among women pianists today" and when she made her debut at the age of eight, the *New York Times* labeled her the "greatest prodigy since Mozart." In her acceptance speech for our Cultural Achievement Award, Ms. Slenczynska enthusiastically extolled the virtues and accomplishments of the Polonia.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Edward Kozlowski posthumously and accepted by his wife, Valentina, who is the current president of our Affiliate, Kopernik Society of Broome County, NY. Under Dr. Kozlowski's dynamic leadership the Kopernik Society was founded and a year later he astounded

everyone by successfully concluding a project to build the Kopernik Observatory in 1973 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Mikolaj Kopernik (Copernicus) and donating it to the local arts and sciences center and the people of Broome County. Through his untiring efforts, the Observatory was expanded to become the finest public observatory in the nation, where grade and high school children are offered

the opportunity to experience science firsthand in astronomy, engineering and earth science. Mrs. Kozlowski stirred the audience with a ringing appeal for Polonians to play an active role in cultural and educational programs throughout their communities.

The Convention Co-Chairs and committees left no stone unturned in their planning and execution of this magnificent convention. So who else, but a Polish American Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, the Honorable Mary Ann McMorrow, was chosen to administer the oath of office to the new president of the American Council for Polish Culture, Richard Wiermanski, and all the officers, directors and committees who will be serving with him.

The convention's final evening concluded with dancing to Anthony Kawalkowski's simply outstanding orchestra. The American Council for Polish Culture expresses its deepest gratitude to the most charming hosts, the Polish Arts Club of Chicago, its president, Conrad Miczko, the Co-Chairs Dr. Vivian Walkosz and Robert Maycan, the committees



Kinga Skretkiewicz-Ferguson (center) winner of the Marcella Sembrich Vocal Competition



Valentina Kozlowska receives the Distinguished Service Award from Marion Winters on behalf of her husband, the late Dr. Edward D. Kozlowski



Ruth Slenczynska receives the Cultural Achievement Award from Marly Ellen Tyszka, First Vice President ACPC

and all who participated, for making ACPC's 53rd Annual Convention one of matchless perfection!

Not to be overlooked were the dedicated and talented labors of the officers and committees of the Council itself. It was their prodigious efforts that oiled the machinery that kept the business end of the convention running smoothly. It is thanks to the sacrifices of personal time by these members that delegates were able to register quickly, check in promptly at the Credentials desk each day, refer as necessary to a complete Convention Reports Book, run through the nominations and election processes in orderly fashion, shop in the books and crafts room, speed excitedly through three money-raising raffles/auction, and donate generously to the Lynch Foundation Challenge for the Youth Leadership Conference Endowment. The dedicated efforts of these Council members allowed ample time for reports, dis-



Installation of Officers, with oath of office being administered by the Honorable Mary Ann McMorrow, Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court

cussions and motions so that the delegates could enjoy leisure time and freedom to explore the wonders of Chicago.

Words can scarcely express the beautiful and rewarding experiences the delegates and guests enjoyed the week of the Convention. In addition to taking part in the many delightful events described above, participants enjoyed meeting with Polish American friends from various states, the "shakers and movers" in their communities. Everyone shared in the Polish Spirit of true comradeship and gen-

uine love and appreciation for one another. We can now look forward to another such celebration in Krakow, Poland next summer. Co-Chairs Bernadette and Richard Wiermanski and Debbie and Henry Majka made a special journey recently to Poland on our behalf, exploring sites and hotels for the 2002 Convention. They determined that Krakow is the ideal location and are reviewing the best offers from hotels for convention headquarters. Exciting programs are in the planning stages as well as post-convention tours.



Richard and Bernadette Wiermanski on the podium after receiving the Founders Award

**Please join us in the land of our ancestors at our 54th Annual Convention. Help celebrate our inner Polish spirit as described eloquently by Eric Kelly who wrote the children's story "Trumpeter of Krakow":**

***Nowhere in the world is the spirit of self-sacrifice so noble, nowhere in the world is national culture found to be so high and so sensitive, nowhere is to be found the same devotion as in Poland to things of the intellect or the spirit.***

## ACPC Scholarship for 2002

The American Council for Polish Culture Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for its year 2002 Scholarship Awards. College students from an ACPC Affiliate or Supporting organization may compete for a grant toward summer study in Poland. The purpose of the grant is to enable an American student of Polish heritage to participate in the Summer Study Sessions offered by the Jagiellonian University or any of Poland's great universities.

To qualify for the year 2002 grant of \$1,500.00, the applicant must be of Polish descent, attend an accredited school of higher learning (preferably a junior or senior college), and be a member of ACPC or one of its affiliate or supporting organizations. Candidates must submit detailed personal data, including scholastic achievement, their activities in an ACPC affiliate or supporting organization or in the Polish community, and state why they believe they should receive the grant. The deadline for submitting the application is February 1, 2002. Applicants should also submit a letter of recommendation from an ACPC member or affiliate/supporting organization and mail the application to: Mrs. Rose Kruszewski, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, 7500 West 128th Street, Miami, FL 33156. tel: (305) 238-4511.

## Skalny Scholarships

The American Council for Polish Culture is grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with the Skalny Foundation in giving distinctive recognition and support to Polish-American youths who pursue Polish Studies. The two honorees chosen for the Louis and Nellie Skalny 2001 Scholarships are likely heirs to leadership roles in the Polish American community.



### Martha Brozyna, Ph.D.

- Candidate - History, University of Southern California • Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of History, Warsaw, Poland, Affiliated through a Fulbright Grant, Sept. 1999 through June 2000 • Rutgers University, Newark NJ, B.A., May 1995 (1) History (2) Political Science, Minor: Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations
- Awards: 7, including Ahmanson Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship and Fulbright Grant •Teaching Experience since 1995, including Visiting Part-Time Lecturer, Rutgers University, History 201; History of Western Civilization - Summer 2001



### Derek Marusz, Ph.D.

- Candidate, Polish/Comparative Linguistics University of Illinois at Chicago (UI-C); MST, Mathematics, expected 12/02, UI-C; MA, Slavic Studies, 5/98, UI-C; MS, Mathematics, 5/94, IL State University; BA, Mathematics, 5/95, IL Wesleyan University. •Post Graduate Fellowship, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland 1/98-6-99, awarded monthly stipend by Polish Government and Kosciuszko Foundation •Independent Study - currently working with professor translating poems and essays by Julian Przybos; they plan to publish their joint effort as a short anthology to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Przybos' birth and to introduce him to the English speaking world. •Recommendation (GPA 5.0) "has always fulfilled all requirements magna cum laude" - "I have been struck not only by his professional knowledge, but also by his excellent judgement and his obvious high principles." •Home: Oak Park, IL

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*Group picture at the Polish Embassy, with Councillor Dariusz Wisniewski*

## Two Views of the Washington D.C. Youth Leadership Conference



### My Leadership Week in Washington

by Anna M. Wilczak

From June 17 through 23, I joined 18 other Americans of Polish descent at the Fifth Youth Leadership Conference of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) in Washington, DC. It was a wonderful opportunity, not only for me personally, but for all those who attended as well. The group was made up of university students and recent graduates from ten states and fourteen universities. About two thirds of this year's group, (like myself), were born in Poland and the rest were of second, third, and fourth generations.

When I found out that I was selected to take part in the conference, I was both excited and apprehensive. Spending a week in our nation's capital sounded very appealing, but I was not exactly sure how this conference would work out and what was expected of me. Little did I know that this would be one of the best experiences in my life thus far!

Although I came all the way from Southern California, somehow, I was the first to arrive at George Washington University's Crawford Hall dormitory. Soon, my roommate from Chicago arrived, as well as others. Once we had settled in, our director Dr. Maria Chrypinski, oriented us to the week's events. Following the meeting, we all realized that the next seven days would be an educational experience and no vacation.

The next seven days consisted of meet-

ings with people that I would have never expected to have the opportunity to meet. The group had personal time scheduled with each of our speakers, and access to people and places that most "tourists" simply would not be able to arrange. We met with a variety of leaders in the realms of national and international government, politics, and Polonia. Some were of Polish descent, while others held positions that somehow connected them to Poland or Polish American relations. The best part was that we as students were allowed to ask questions and dialogue one-on-one with these leaders, (on issues that were personal, pertaining to Poland, or Polish Americans here in the States); receiving from these prominent and respected individuals, very personal and open answers and even career advice!

Some of the places that we visited and had private meetings included: our nation's Capital, the Pentagon and Press Briefing Room, the Polish Embassy, the American Center of Polish Culture (founded by the American Council for Polish Culture), the newly opened Pope John Paul II Cultural Museum, The National Shrine Basilica, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House-Old Executive Office, Kennedy Center, and a customized "Polish Washington, D.C. Tour" led by internationally known Polish American sculptor, Gordon Kray - whose own works are prominently displayed throughout Washington, D.C. Our intensive but exhilarating week was highlighted by the ACPC YLC delegates' starring role at the Lincoln Memorial, in the beautiful "Wianki" (St. John's Eve) candle-

light ceremony - sponsored annually by the ACPC Washington Affiliate - the Polish American Arts Association.

During our YLC week, we met with Cameron Munter, a former UCLA professor and member of the White House National Security Council. He focused on how important Poland and Polish Americans are in the eyes of the White House and European policy issues. Poland is a poster child for other emerging democracies to follow in terms of its successful transition to a democratic society, and its entrance into NATO. Other people that we met included: Jim Miklaszewski - NBC News Pentagon Correspondent; Sandra Sobieraj - White House Associated Press Correspondent; Dr. Mark Brzezinski - former White House Director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs; Ian Brzezinski - Senate foreign Relations Committee; Dr. Stanley Blejwas - Central CT State Chair of Polish Studies and Holocaust Museum Board member; Mishael Poremski - producer/director of a documentary of her father's wartime experiences "Burning Questions."

The American Council for Polish Culture was organized in 1948; to promote Polish culture in the United States. It has affiliate members nation-wide, including California. In fifty-plus years, it has organized many national and international projects and activities that have promoted Polish-Americans and Polish culture. Among its most far reaching and acclaimed activities is the Youth Leadership Conference (YLC). The ACPC-YLC is an

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annual event, that takes place in Washington, D.C., for Polish Americans, ages 17-25, who are interested in civic and political leadership and making a "positive difference" as Polish-Americans in national and international realms. It is most generously sponsored by the American Council for Polish Culture, and dynamically organized and led, on a volunteer basis, by YLC creator/director, Dr. Maria Chrypinski. Currently through the generosity of the Lunch Foundation Challenge Grant - for every dollar that is contributed to support the YLC, the Lynch Fund will donate an additional dollar and a half. If there ever was a time to invest in the future of Polish American Youth, and securing our place in national leadership levels, the time is now!

The ACPC-YLC motto is "The Future is Now!" By writing this article, I hope that Polish American youth (and far-sighted Poles, who want to "make a difference" for our Youth), take advantage of this opportunity and experience, like I did, a chance of a lifetime! If anyone has any questions about this conference, please contact ACPC-YLC Director, Dr. Maria Chrypinski at (734) 782-4917; e-mail: Larkrest@wmis.net; and make a tax-deductible contribution to support the ACPC-YLC. Please also visit the website of the American Council for Polish Culture - [www.polishcultureacpc.org](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org)

## American Council for Polish Culture Youth Leadership Conference

by Angieszka Gnoinska

American Council for Polish Culture sponsored a week-long Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., June 17-23. [Editor's note: Local Polanie Club and Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM) provided a scholarship for Ms. Gnoinska.] It was directed and organized by Dr. Maria Chrypinski, the creator and a dedicated director of the American Council for Polish Culture Youth Conferences.

As a member of this group of seventeen vigorous and intelligent young Polish-Americans each one of us was able to engage in conversations and debates, which opened our minds to the capacity and complexity of today's Polonia. We were selected to participate in this event, based on the essay we had submitted and recommendations provided by our professors. Our group represented a diversity of social backgrounds as well as academic and career interests, but we had a lot in common and genuine concerns about the

future and the search for true answers for problems facing Polonia today.

This multifaceted conference enabled us to become familiar with many areas of public and political life in the United States. We were strongly encouraged to become active on the local, national and international levels, pursue our academic and career goals while keeping our Polish heritage alive. This event has proven to be an extremely motivating factor as well as a bonding experience for the participants. The opportunity of exchanging ideas, sharing experiences, discussing controversial issues facing Poland and Polish Americans, attempting to find answers for the future while analyzing the past were all inspiring forces of this intense, well-organized conference.

Highlights of the conference included meetings with:

- Mark Brzezinski (son of Zbigniew Brzezinski), a former director of Southeast European Affairs at the National Security Council at the White House.
- Dr. Stanley Blejwas, CSU Professor of History and the holder of the Endowed Chair of Polish American Studies at the Center Connecticut State University.
- Jim Miklaszewski, White House NBC Pentagon Correspondent.
- Cameron Munter, Director for Central Europe at the National Security Council.
- Michael Poremski, Emmy award-winning documentarian, promoting positive discourse between Polish Jewish and Christian survivors of the Holocaust.
- Sandra Sobieraj, a seven-year veteran of The Associated Press at the White House.
- Dr. Michael Szporer, the founder and editor of an electronic news bulletin SIEC, which is the largest Polonia/Poland network originating in Washington, D.C.
- Ian Brzezinski (older son of Zbigniew Brzezinski), State Foreign Relations Committee.
- And many others

We also got a chance to explore the newly-opened Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, tour the U.S. Capitol, had lunch and a discussion at the Polish embassy, tour of Washington with the distinguished sculptor, Gordon Kray, dinner at the Kennedy Center. We watched a documentary "Burning Questions" which deals with the Catholic Holocaust and engaged in various discussions with the director, Michael Poremski. Due to the relatively small size of the group, each one of us was able to express his or her views during the meetings and ask questions. Most popular international politics-related topics included: the recent visit of the U.S. President George W. Bush in Poland, European Union expan-

sion and Poland's role in Europe and foreign policy making process. Another important issue we explored dealt with ways in which we, as young Polish-Americans can and should participate in Polonia organizations throughout the United States and uphold our culture and ethnicity, as well as educate Americans and fellow Poles about the richness of our history and the beauty of our multi-layered traditions and customs. We discussed resources available through the American Council for Polish Culture and methods to advance and advertise Youth Leadership Conferences within the Polish community.

The year's composition of the conference was somewhat usual because most of the participants were born and raised in Poland, but now live in the United States. Polish was the predominant language during the few leisure activities. Dr. Chrypinski kept a very strict schedule: we woke up early each morning to make it in time for the scheduled meeting and came back to the dormitory late in the evening. Every single day was intense, full of interesting, eye-opening dialogues with influential and knowledgeable people. All seventeen conference participants, along with Pani Maria Chrypinski resided in the conveniently located George Washington dormitory and were later joined by the media reporters, Marek Podlecki from the Polish TV in New York and Malgorzata Ptaszynska, Chicago Polish Radio.

Saturday, June 23rd was the last day of this very successful conference and also a very special evening. It was the Night of Saint John's and "Wianki on the Mall" ceremony, which is a celebration of the Summer Solstice on the traditional Polish Saint John's Eve (Noc Swietojanska). The event was sponsored by the local affiliate of the American Council for Polish Culture and the Polish American Arts association of Washington, D.C. It was an unforgettable experience, in which all female participants were dressed up in white gowns and with flower "wianki" [wreaths] on our heads. During this special evening we got a chance to publicly thank Dr. Chrypinski and sing "Sto Lat" over the microphone.

We have established a network of future Polish-American leaders, made useful contacts and are ready to make a change in our lives and the lives of others by supporting local Polonia organizations, starting our careers or contributing to various causes. This conference was an incredible learning experience and I strongly encourage every student who meets the prerequisites, to contact Dr. Chrypinski and apply for the next American Council for Polish Culture Youth Leadership Conference. It is a truly life-altering experience.

# Krakow Beckons

**American Council for Polish Culture Convention  
July 16-21, 2002**



**K**rakow is one of the most beautiful and magical cities in all of Europe. Established as a city since the XIII century, it's an exquisite example of medieval and renaissance architecture and art. Stand in the Main Market Square, or relax in an outdoor cafe at Wierzynek, a restaurant dating back to the XIV century. You're surrounded by Sukiennice, the Cloth Hall; St. Mary's Church, with the magnificent Wit Stwosz Triptych; the statue of Adam Mickiewicz; and the ever-present flower ladies. Listen to the trumpeter sound the "Hejnal" every hour from St. Mary's Church tower or hear a lively "Krakowiak" played by the strolling musicians. All of these attractions plus the fact that Krakow houses Poland's largest collection of art estimated at over 2 million pieces, in museums, churches, monasteries and private collections are the reason the UNESCO World Heritage Committee placed Krakow, together with the nearby Wieliczka Salt Mine on the list of the first twelve major historic sites in the world.

And members of the American Council for Polish Culture, their family and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy all that enchanted Krakow has to offer when we hold our 54th annual convention there from July 16-21, 2002. From our unique vantage point on the banks of the Vistula River (Wisla), the Forum Hotel, currently under renovation by the new owner, Sofitel, provides a breathtaking view of Wawel Castle and Skalka (St. Peter's on the Rock), as well as all of the amenities of a first-class hotel. Room rates at the Sofitel: \$112/person plus taxes for a double; \$102/person plus taxes for a single. If all reservations are made through President Dick Wiermanski and paid by wire transfer in advance, no tax will be charged—a savings for each attendee. Imagine taking a break from our business sessions by meandering the banks of the Vistula. Luxuriate in the music of the Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich Concert reverberating through Wawel Castle. View Da Vinci's "Lady with the Ermine" at the Czartoryski Museum. Explore the Wieliczka Salt Mine and marvel at the salt sculptures. In nearby Zakopane, ride the cable car for a spectacular view atop "Gubalowka." Visit Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II and Auschwitz.

The Convention Committee has arranged with LOT Airlines for discounted fares from various U.S. cities: Minneapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, Washington, DC, Chicago, Hartford, as well as cities in Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and California. Direct flights to Krakow are limited; some may have to fly into Warsaw and then on to Krakow. Transfers from Airport in Krakow will be provided.

At this time, the exact costs and optional tour destinations are in the planning stages. Convention Co-Chairs Dick Wiermanski and Debbie Majka are hard at work preparing a convention that will be both affordable for all and memorable. As soon as detailed costs are available, they will be disseminated to all. Mark your calendars and plan to travel with us to Poland. Babci's and Dziadzi's: show your grandchildren Poland!

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St. Florian's gate, part of the remaining city walls



The colonnaded inner courtyard of Wawel Castle

## A TENTATIVE 2002 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, July 16

Arrival/Board Meeting/Reception for all

### Wednesday, July 17

Opening ceremonies, Lunch, Business Sessions

Marcella Kochanska-Sembrich Concert and Dinner at Wawel Castle

### Thursday, July 18

Day trip to Zakopane

Visit at Marian Shrine of Ludzmiierz, Wooden Church at Debno

Sightseeing in Zakopane

Cable Car to Gubalowka

Dinner with "Goralskie" folk entertainment

### Friday, July 19

Business Sessions

Lunch with Speaker

Evening free in Krakow (Dinner/Sightseeing)

### Saturday, July 20

Business Sessions/Elections/Working Board Meeting/Free afternoon (Sightseeing)

Closing Gala Awards Banquet

### Sunday, July 21

Optional Tour/Family Visits begin



The Sofitel Forum Hotel across the Vistula from the Wawel Royal Castle Complex

# Resolutions Read

## **At the American Council for Polish Culture's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in Chicago on Saturday, July 21, 2001**

1. WHEREAS; the 53rd Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture was successfully co-chaired by dr. Vivian Walkosz and Robert Maycan, and WHEREAS; the Convention was two years in planning and execution by various committees within the Polish Arts Club of Chicago, and WHEREAS; they presented us with a fabulous bird's eye view from the top of the Hancock Building to the lush greenery and beauty found in the many parks and avenues of downtown Chicago. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all convention attendees acknowledge the warm hospitality, hard work and dedication which brought to fruition a very memorable and successful convention.

2. WHEREAS; Deputy Consul Mariusz Brymora addressed the convention as keynote speaker encouraging the continuation of cross-cultural ties between the United States and Poland THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council thanks Deputy Consul Mariusz Brymora for his words of encouragement - so that the American Council for Polish Culture, its affiliates, supporting organizations, and members will continue to nurture ties with Polish academic institutions, cities, libraries, museums. etc.; So in turn TOGETHER we can continue to foster a deeper understanding and realization of Polish culture.

3. WHEREAS; the American Council for Polish Culture has conducted its 53rd Convention at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel, and WHEREAS; the management, hospitality, employees, and location (so close to the Magnificent Mile) of the hotel have contributed to the success of this Convention. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the management and staff of the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel be commended and thanked for their hosting of the ACPC Convention.

4. WHEREAS; Marion Winters is completing a highly successful two-year term as President of the American Council for Polish Culture, and WHEREAS; Mr. Winters has served with distinction on the ACPC Executive Board in a number of elected offices prior to becoming president, and WHEREAS; during his tenure in office, the ACPC has expanded and extended its programs in new areas, including participation in the National Council for Social Studies Conferences; the ACPC Youth Leadership Conferences; the creation of "The Casimir Pulaski Graduate Studies Scholarship Fund," and WHEREAS; Mr. Winters has utilized his leadership skills, as head of ACPC, to reach out to affiliate organizations and urged closer ties to ACPC. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all ACPC members and their affiliate organiza-

tions applaud Mr. Winters for his energetic efforts and extend our deepest appreciation for his accomplishments on behalf of ACPC.

5. WHEREAS; the City of Detroit is celebrating the 300th Anniversary of its founding on July 24th 2001, and WHEREAS; the City of Detroit is the site of the very first American Council for Polish Culture Convention. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly wishes Detroit and its affiliate, Friends of Polish Art: Happy Birthday - STO LAT!

6. WHEREAS; the Polish Arts Club of Chicago is celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and WHEREAS; they have served as our gracious host for this 53rd Annual ACPC Convention, and WHEREAS; they have shown both the cosmopolitan side of Chicago as well as its deep Polish roots (with the performance of an authentic Gorale-Highlander ensemble at the Tuesday evening reception along with the next day's private showing for us at the Polish Museum of America.) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Council for Polish Culture triumphantly proclaims: STO LAT and wishes the Polish Arts Club of Chicago continued success.

7. WHEREAS; this year's Youth Leadership Conference was such a resounding success, and WHEREAS; Dr. Maria Chrypinski did such a fantastic job of organizing, leading, and inspiring her group of dedicated young people, and WHEREAS; She introduced to the entire Council a young woman from this year's program who seemed visibly invigorated and exuberant from the knowledge and personal growth she attained there. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the American Council for Polish Culture laud and praise Dr. Chrypinski for her skill in championing this program and inspiring both the Council and the affiliates.

8. WHEREAS; this year marks the 60th Anniversary of the death of Ignace Jan Paderewski - musician, composer, statesman. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the American Council for Polish Culture acknowledges this event and encourages all members and affiliates to promote and memorialize this event.

9. WHEREAS; the year 2004 marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the first permanent Polish community in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Council for Polish Culture strongly encourages its constituent member organizations and all Polish Americans to begin preparation for this important 150th anniversary through appropriate celebrations, research, education, and historical preservation activities and projects.

10. WHEREAS; the President of the Polish

Roman Catholic Union of America, Mr. Wallace Ozog, invited the American Council for Polish to the Polish Museum of America for a private tour. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expresses its gratitude to Mr. Ozog for this opportunity to view their permanent displays along with the 67th Annual Fine Art Exhibition sponsored by the Polish Arts Club of Chicago which was also showing there.

11. WHEREAS; Paz Domeyko presented to the Council an interesting and informative lecture about her ancestor, Ignacy Domeyko, and his close ties to Polish intellectuals - including Adam Mickiewicz. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Council for Polish Culture express its deep appreciation to Paz Domeyko for her lecture and effort to complete a biography of her great-grandfather, which shed new light for Americans on this remarkable Polish explorer/educator/scientist of the 19th century.

12. WHEREAS; Jaroslaw Golembowski presented to the Council a lively and entertaining history of the development of the Polonaise, and WHEREAS; the lecture included wonderful performances by himself and his piano students, and WHEREAS; he expressed the commitment to compose and continue the tradition of the Polonaise in a modern form. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the American Council for Polish Culture enthusiastically thanks this talented man and wishes him the greatest success in all of his future endeavors.

13. WHEREAS; July 1st 2001 marked the 75th anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge built by Polish-born engineer, Ralph Modjeski (Rudolf Modrzejewski) in Philadelphia, and WHEREAS; throughout his long career he advanced the science of bridge building while being associated with the construction of over 40 great bridges on the North American continent - including the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all attendees to this convention remember his accomplishments and disseminate his story throughout our communities.

14. WHEREAS; Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, brought to fruition the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in our nation's capitol, and WHEREAS; Mr. Piotr Nowak, the only Polish-speaking docent, does an outstanding job at the Center. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the American Council for Polish Culture acknowledges the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center as a prominent beacon dispersing information on one of Poland's purest son's, Karol Wojtyla Pope John Paul II.

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### ATTENTION AFFILIATE AND SUPPORTING MEMBERS

The deadlines for submitting your organization's news is as follows:

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# A Special Need for Special Kids

# Polish Heritage

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In February of 2000, four Polish-born ladies approached the Board of Directors of the Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota asking PACIM's support of their dream to send one box of clothing to each of the 400 orphan homes in Poland. PACIM PDD was established and it has now shipped 160 boxes of clothing. We are very proud to have done so with the support of the local community. We also realize that we've done is only "a drop in the bucket."

We asked PACIM director Charlene Delaney, while she was serving as principal at the UNESCO camp in Torun, to stop by the Specjalny Osrodek Szkolno-Wychowawczy Im. Janusza Korczaka, to confirm the need in the Torun area. This school houses 400 mentally and physically handicapped children ages 2 to 24. The teachers are doing the best they can to meet these children's needs on a very limited budget. They are short of everything.

If you would like to do something to make Christmas much brighter for these children, your contributions/gifts may be sent to the Specjalny Osrodek Szkolno-Wychowawczy Im. Janusza Korczaka,

Ulica Zwirki I Wigury 19/21, 87-100 Torun c/o Director Barbara Wegnerowska. Don't put off doing it too long! It takes three months for packages to arrive when sent by ship.

There is one special thing that Director Wegnerowska has requested - help her complete their new building which has sat unfinished for the last three years because of lack of funds. This new structure has no heat, no electricity, no plumbing and is missing some windows and the outside brick. While this new building sits empty, the children are sleeping 6 and 8 to a bedroom.

Are there any Polish American groups who would work with PACIM to encourage community organizations and trade unions to send funds for materials and volunteer tradesmen to complete the building? If you have experience in this type of fund-raising or some ideas on how PACIM should proceed, please contact Charlene Delaney at [panid@aol.com](mailto:panid@aol.com) or 651-423-5020.

*Judith Blanchard, Librarian  
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