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## The Three Rivers Beckon!

Join us, August 10 - 14 as we hold our 2016 National Convention in the beautiful city of Pittsburgh.

Consistently rated as America's "Most Livable City," surrounded by picturesque rolling hills, Pittsburgh offers beautiful architecture and a rich local history. In recent years, it has proudly transformed from its industrial past into a Mecca for high tech, medical research and Green Engineering.

As part of your visit, we are planning some interesting activities as you become familiar with the "Three Rivers and the City of Bridges." Among these are hosting the 2016 Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Concert at the beautiful Frick Fine Arts Auditorium on the University of Pittsburgh Campus, located near our hotel.

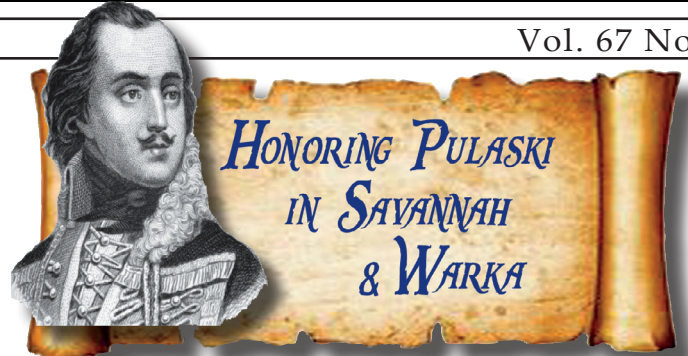
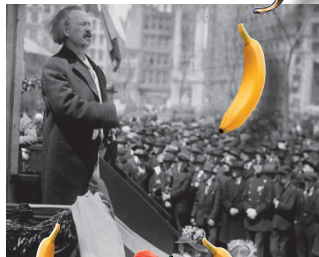
As part of our "Pittsburgh Sights" tour, *Polish Heritage* Editor Dave Motak will lead Convention attendees on a sightseeing excursion featuring several interesting Pittsburgh landmarks. These include touring Pitt's Polish Room and other Nationality Classrooms which are a true cultural treasure. We will also visit Polish Hill, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church - the first Polish parish in Pittsburgh, introduce you to Blessed Frances Siedliska and other "Saints in the Strip" and enjoy the panoramic vistas from atop Mount Washington, often cited as the most spectacular view between New York and San Francisco.

This special sightseeing tour will feature some little known facts about Pittsburgh Polonia, including visiting the site of Ignacy Paderewski's stirring "call to arms" to American Polonia in support of the Allied Forces in World War I and learn how Pittsburgh Polonia was affected by the Great Banana Explosion of 1936. (Yes, *Banana* Explosion!)

So make plans to join us in Pittsburgh in August.



Pitt Polish Room



by Peter Obst

This year's annual birthday ceremonies honoring Revolutionary War General Pulaski, the Polish cavalryman known as "The Father of the American Cavalry" took place on the afternoon of March 5 on Monterey Square in Savannah, Georgia, at the foot of the monument dedicated to the Polish and American hero. Edward Krolkowski, from the Savannah General Casimir Pulaski Committee, was master of ceremonies. In this role he wore a historically correct replica of the dragoon's helmet that was standard for the Pulaski Legion, the mixed cavalry-infantry unit organized by Pulaski.

National anthems were sung to the accompaniment of the Benedictine Military High School band. Congressman Earl "Buddy" Carter and Mayor Jason Buelterman of Tybee Island spoke briefly but eloquently addressing the debt of gratitude we owe to Pulaski and the values which he personified. Such values are still present in the exemplary service performed by our armed forces. Peter Obst read a letter from Dariusz Gizka, Mayor of Warka, Poland, where a museum dedicated to Pulaski stands on that family's former estate.

Wreaths were then placed at the monument. These floral tributes were from the Poles in America Foundation, the American Council for Polish Culture, the Savannah General Pulaski Committee, the Polonia Club of Korona, Florida and descendants of the Pulaski family of Pulazie, Poland who are now living in Greenville, South Carolina. On command, a musket salute was fired in honor of Pulaski's sacrifice on the Savannah Battlefield. This completed the formal ceremonies but a number of people lingered at the site conversing with historian Edward Pinkowski and his son Jack about the research that was done on the bones found in the monument and reinterred in 2005.

Though not confirmed by a DNA study which was inconclusive, forensic evidence shows that those were the mortal remains of Casimir Pulaski. Mr. Pinkowski and his son, who is the president of the Poles in America Foundation, traveled from Florida where the elder Pinkowski is in semi-retirement but still doing historical research.

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## From the President



*Thomas Payne*

Greetings and welcome to our Spring 2016 Newsletter! First off, I want to thank Dave Motak for the outstanding job that he has been doing over the years editing and publishing the newsletter. It requires artistry, literary judgement, project management, and patience with writers like me who are past deadlines. Dave is also assisted by Debbie Majka, Peter Obst and Celia Larkin in reviewing his drafts. Finally, I thank many of you who voluntarily offer articles of interest to our reading public. This is a first-rate publication aesthetically and content-wise which is designed to keep ACPC members informed of what is happening in our sphere as well as what is going to happen in the future.

Our focus now is on our upcoming Convention in Pittsburgh on August 10-13. Once again, our two aforementioned members, Dave Motak and Debbie Majka, are spearheading this effort. We have arranged a nice hotel, the Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center, which allows our delegates easy mobility with a simple layout. It is located in the core of the campus area, so we can visit many of the splendid architectures nearby with the Carnegie museums within walking distance. We will have engaging speakers and entertainers. So make your plans now to attend. Just one reminder to all of our affiliates – the president of each affiliate is an authorized delegate to attend, and each affiliate is entitled to one delegate per 20 members. So you are very welcome to attend and vote on business matters. Even if you are a non-voting delegate, you are still welcome to attend.

A final note of thanks to all of our ACPC ambassadors on behalf of Polonia. We have many members who attend events in their local area as well as locales that require overnight travel often at their own expense, for the purpose of representing the interests of Polonia. Space does not allow me to list everyone who does this, and often these members do it seeking no fanfare or acclaim. But I will mention the itinerary of Debbie Majka so far this year:

- March 30 – visit to Washington D.C. for the reception at the Polish Embassy for President Duda
- April 23 – visit of Prime Minister of Poland in Doylestown PA
- April 30 – Commemoration Speech of Kosciuszko at West Point, N. Y.
- May 4 – Polish Constitution Day at the Consulate in New York City
- May 13 – Washington, D. C. briefing on the Security of Poland; Pol-Am briefing at DNC; Briefing at White House

As you can see, our Past President is very busy representing Polish-American interests and we are grateful for her efforts!

Have a great summer and we hope that includes a visit to Pittsburgh in August!

Sincerely,  
Thomas Payne  
President

## Wachtel Literary Competition



*Katie Glance*

The Wachtel Literary Competition is pleased to announce that the Polish Heritage Society of Rochester, New York, has for the fifth

year held a Literary Competition. The topic for this year was: "How Polish Culture and Traditions Have Been Carried on in the United States."

Katie Glance, a sophomore at Pittsford Sutherland High School, is the recipient of a matching award of \$500.00. She has a passion for sailing which she developed after attending a YMCA summer camp, contributes to her school newspaper, is a member of the Model United Nations team, a debater and is also on her high school Math Team. Other extracurricular activities include volleyball and rowing for the Pittsford Crew.

Her favorite classes are math and science, as well as writing; she plans to study engineering in college.

To read Katie's essay or for more information regarding the Wachtel Literary Competition, please go to [www.polishcultureacpc.org](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org) and click on "competitions."



The committee for the Outstanding Pole Abroad program (Chicago region), has selected Chicago Chopin Society member Jaroslaw Golembioski, Ph.D. as winner of this year's competition in the culture category. As pianist, arranger, composer, and conductor, Jaroslaw is truly making his mark on Polonia both in Chicago as well as nationally. The award was presented at a ceremony on Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago. The grand finale of the contest will take place at the Grand Theater in Warsaw. The American Counsel for Polish Culture congratulates Jaroslaw on this worthy and well deserved distinction.

# Pulaski Scholars

submitted by Marion V. Winters

Five winners of the 16th annual General Casimir Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies, administered by the American Council for Polish Culture, were announced recently by Marion V. Winters, MA, Chairman. Serving with him on the Committee are Alicia L. Dutka; Deborah M. Majka, MS; Carolyn Meleski, MS; and Stephen E. Medvec, PhD. The Committee awarded \$5,000 to each of the following Polish American students.



**Zuzanna Fuchs** is currently busily engaged in Ph.D. studies in Linguistics at Harvard University. Her impressive listing of scholarships and various awards, including those at Cambridge University, is clearly indicative of her intelligence and integrity. She is dedicated to the study of Slavic and Georgian linguistics and has had numerous publica-

tions in prominent linguistic journals. The President of the Harvard Polish Society, Mr. Kamil Nawrocki wrote of Ms. Fuchs as "incredibly welcoming and warm, and her desire to get to know new students, whether from Poland, Polish Americans, or anyone else is unparalleled and has been an integral part in helping us to foster a Polish community here on campus over the past few years."



**Izabela Milaniak's** scholastic achievements include a B.A. in Psychology and membership in Phi Beta Kappa; her current Ph.D. studies in Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania are also most impressive. Highly commendable is Ms. Milaniak's dedication to the study of violence against children and numerous publications in prominent psy-

chology journals on this and other topics. Dr. Cathy Spatz Widom of John Jay College of Criminal Justice described Ms. Milaniak as "extremely bright and more sophisticated in her thinking and knowledge than a typical newly minted college graduate. Dr. Widom praised her dedication to finding solutions to child abuse and neglect. The Pulaski Committee unanimously echoed Ms. Milaniak's goal to eradicate this worldwide scourge to society.

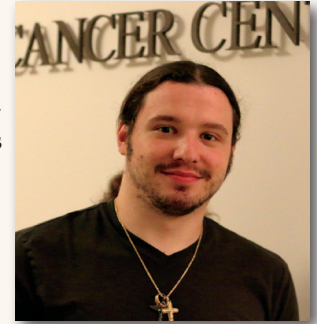


**Dorota M. Pawlowska's** impressive scholastic achievements are most outstanding: a B.S. in Biology, Summa Cum Laude; current Ph.D. studies in Pharmacy and a Master of Public Administration degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Ms. Pawlowska's impressive listing of certifications, including at Saint Peters University Hospital in New

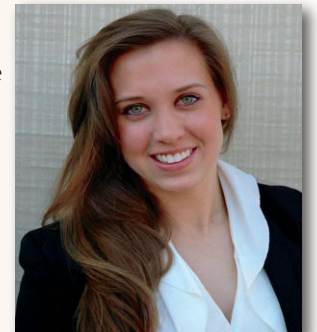
Brunswick, New Jersey is indicative of her intelligence and integrity. Commendable also is her dedication to the study of pharmacy and public administration.

**Richard Piszczatowski** began his impressive scholastic achievements with a BS degree, which he earned Summa Cum Laude at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His success includes a distinctive list of scholarships, awards and presentations as well as his most recent publication in the *Journal of Cellular Physiology*. Mr. Piszczatowski desires to dedi-

cate his life to understanding cancer as a disease and discovering new strategies that can improve the quality of cancer patient care. Extremely supportive letters of recommendation not only praise his scholastic achievements, but also highlight his remarkable involvement as President of both the Pediatric Surgery Group and the Neurosurgery Interest Group at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Phrases like "star student," "conceptualizes what he learns," "hands down the best researcher," etc., resonated with the Pulaski Scholarship Committee.



**Joanna P. Tomaszewski** has accomplished much in a relatively short time. Not only did she receive her graduate and undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University, but shortly afterwards was accepted to study at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Among Ms. Tomaszewski's many ventures in volunteerism, one deed stands out specifically, namely the fact that she travelled to Chicago from her medical school in Utah to help with the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities. Her leadership stands out in multiple ways: selection for the "School for Leaders" in Warsaw; chairing and organizing the "Lives in Medicine" Conference at the Polish Museum of America; founding and becoming President of the Plastic and Reconstructive Group and many other activities. She is, as they say, truly a "born leader."



The Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies Committee wishes these five outstanding students continuing success and is confident that they will attain their career objectives fully. The Committee trusts that they will honor their heritage by ultimately remaining close to the Polish community wherever possible during their careers.



## Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. (PCCGH) is pleased to have begun a new tradition, "Pączki na Karnawał" which is practiced in many Polish American communities on Fat Tuesday, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. Six varieties of pączki were offered on February 7 with sales exceeding our expectations. A jellybean jar count contest, Polish imports table, spring raffle basket, and Polish Easter-related informational handouts were also featured.



"International Night 2016" held at Smith Middle School in Glastonbury, Connecticut on February 27 brought hundreds of students and family members together to celebrate the rich and varied cultures of the town's residents. The Club's table featured a large display of Polish items and artifacts and was flooded with a steady flow of visitors. It was an enlightening and energizing experience for us, and something we vowed to do more of in the future to remind local citizens that Polish culture is alive and well in the Hartford area. It is really surprising how many people admit to having even a little Polish heritage once they are exposed to visual reminders.

Dr. Richard Benfield, Professor of Geography at Central Connecticut State University and renowned expert in garden tourism, was back by popular demand to lecture on "Gardens of the World" on March 31. His informative and entertaining presentation both educated and delighted the audience. Among his world-wide travels, he specifically highlighted the Silesian region in Poland, which has successfully restored land damaged by coal mines, as well as the Biblical Gardens in Warsaw.

"Polish Day at the Capitol" was held at the State Capitol building in Hartford on May 3, 2016. This event, now in its twenty-fifth year, was sponsored by the Polish Legislative Caucus in commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the Polish Constitution adopted in 1791 as the modern world's second written constitution after that of the United States. This celebration honors Polish and Polish-American honorees who have made important contributions to the Polish community in Connecticut. A contingent of Polish Cultural Club members was present to



*Top Photo: The elaborate display by the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford at "International Night 2016."*

*Left Photo: L to R: Jadwiga Czarnecki, Bernard Czarnecki, Marek Czarnecki (Polish Day at the Capitol award recipient), and Julian Czarnecki.*

proudly support fellow member, Marek Czarnecki, internationally recognized iconographer and noted scholar, who was one of three award recipients. Irene Grabowy of Bristol, Vice Censor of the Polish National Alliance and 1st VP - New England Fraternal Alliance, and Jozef Smyk, a mainstay of New Britain's Polish community, were also recognized. The honor was best described by Marek Czarnecki: "Whether we are new immigrants, or first generation, second generation, or third, we're all given this thing by birth called 'being Polish.' But, at some point, we all have to very deliberately and self-consciously claim it as a gift. I am grateful to be a part of this and to help others do the same."

Lastly, the PCCGH is finalizing plans to host the Fall Board Meeting of the ACPC on October 21 and 22, 2016 in Glastonbury, Connecticut. Detailed information about hotel accommodations at the Hilton Garden Inn of Glastonbury is posted on the ACPC website. On Saturday, October 22, the Club will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a gala banquet. We reminisce proudly about the numerous contributions made on behalf of Greater Hartford Polonia since 1976, while looking forward, with new resolve, to meeting the challenges of today's changing cultural society.



## Annual Fryderyk Chopin Concert

On Sunday, March 6, 2016, a clear day, the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia (PHSP) held its Annual Fryderyk Chopin Concert at the Sister Francesca Onley Education Center on the premises of Holy Family University located in the Northeast Section of Philadelphia. This was the actual celebration of Chopin's birthday. Guest pianist was Kate Liu, Bronze Medal winner at the 2015 Chopin International Piano Competition in Warsaw, Poland.

Needless to say, it was a full house. Marie Hejnosz, President of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia was unable to attend, due to an injury she sustained over the weekend and was also scheduled for surgery the following day. Therefore, Deborah Majka, Concert Chairperson and Honorary Consul for the Republic of Poland for the Southeastern Region of Pennsylvania opened the program by welcoming everyone and introducing Kate Liu.

Debbie quoted Kate's own words about playing Chopin in her introduction. Kate had replied thoughtfully - "I really feel at home with Chopin's music. There's so much freedom, of course you have to follow what the composer wrote, but there's so much freedom and so much feeling, his feeling and so much of your own feeling. Really it's all about passion, just playing your heart out!"

The theme of the program was: A Classical Odyssey From Mozart to Chopin. Her first selection was by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Sonata in B-flat major, wherein her playing wowed the audience with her grace and

strength.

Earlier, during an e-mail interview, she explained the reason for choosing the pieces for the concert. It took some thought to make the selections.

"I love Mozart's work in general because of its purity and joy (or mostly joy), as well as its possibility for an exquisite tone of sound."

The audience cheered and gave her a bravo with a standing ovation.

At the end of the recital according to Polish tradition, Kate was presented flowers by two young children from the audience. In addition, Debbie Majka presented her with a painting of Chopin's home in Żelazowa Wola as a remembrance of her participation in the Chopin International Competition.

A wine and cheese reception followed with many Polish delicacies. It was a fitting conclusion to a wonderful performance and afternoon.



*Pianist Kate Liu*

*Text: Jean Joka.*

*Photo: Janusz Romanski.*

## PHSP AWARDS FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

On May 1 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia awarded five scholarships to deserving students in the Philadelphia area: Scholarship Recipients: (left to right) Michael Sickel, Jon Szyszko, Aneta Bury, Mikayla Beaver (Claudia Jablonski absent); PHSP President Marie Hejnosz, Diana Blichasz, and Debbie Majka.



# SPRING 2016 BOARD MEETING WASHINGTON, D. C.

The ACPC officers and Board of Directors convened in Washington, D. C., March 11-12. Raymond and Cecilia Glembocki reported the National Conference for the Social Studies (NCSS). Nov. 13-15 in New Orleans, Louisiana. A full report with pictures is now posted on the ACPC website. They also spoke about preparations in progress for the next National Conference for the NCSS to take place in Washington, D. C. over Dec. 2-3, 2016.

Cecilia presented the book *Poland: A Portrait of the Country Through its Festivals and Traditions* that was created in partnership with the Polish American Arts Association (PAAA) of Washington, D. C. It's first printing was 1,000 copies. The book is in color with illustrations by Carla Tomaszewski, 32 pages, available from PAAA for a donation of \$10.

Another book was presented by Barbara Lemecha *Those Who Risked Their Lives* by Anna Poray about individuals who helped Jews survive through World War II in Poland. It records the name and experiences of many of these remarkable individuals. This important book is available for purchase at the Polish American Congress Michigan Division office.

Peter Obst reported on the status of the ACPC website which is always ready to accept news about the organization for dissemination through the Internet. It works in conjunction with the Facebook page which now has an events calendar that is maintained by Robert Synakowski. Details are posted under the NEWS heading.

It was announced that the Autumn Board meeting will take place on October 21-22, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Glastonbury, Connecticut. The hosts, the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 22 with a gala event.

Also mentioned was the \$5,000 grant from Judge Pucinski for research on the Jamestown strike of 1619. Details are posted on the website: <http://jamestownpoloniaresearch.com/index.html>

After the business part of the meeting was concluded many of the participants went for a tour of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and attended mass in the beautiful mosaic decorated church-space. Later there was a concert at the Polish Embassy given by pianist Jaroslaw Golembiowski and violinist Krzysztof Zimowski. The audience very much enjoyed Mr. Zimowski's spirited interpretation of the music. Thanks for organizing the event go to co-chairs Ted Mirecki and Wanda O'Brien-Trefil. It was a very enjoyable event and members from across the ACPC much appreciated the efforts of the sponsoring organization, the Polish American Arts Association of Washington, D. C.



*Photographs by Jackie Kolowski*

## *Photo Captions:*

*Top right: Board members at the Millennium Doors at the John Paul II Center in Washington, D. C.*

*Middle Photo: (left to right) Pianist Jaroslaw Golembiowski, ACPC President Thomas Payne, and violinist Krzysztof Zimowski at the Polish Embassy concert.*

*Bottom Photo: Pianist Jaroslaw Golembiowski and violinist Krzysztof Zimowski in performance.*



## THE POLISH ARTS CLUB OF CHICAGO CELEBRATES 90 YEARS OF PROMOTING POLISH ART, MUSIC, AND LITERATURE

The Polish Arts Club of Chicago (PACC) was organized under the leadership of Thaddeus Slesinski. The Club originated as a group of young Polish-Americans who met while attending cultural programs in Chicago: Orchestra Hall, The Civic Opera House, Ravinia Park, and particularly, a memorial held at the Art Institute of Chicago in 1925 to honor Wladyslaw Reymont, laureate of the Nobel Prize for Literature. The Polish Arts Club of Chicago (PACC) was officially chartered on February 14, 1926, with the following objectives: to broaden members' knowledge, appreciation, and enjoyment of music, art and literature; to render aid to promising musicians, artists and writers; to promote Polish art, music, and literature throughout the United States.

During its 90-year history, the Club initiated and promoted numerous cultural events in the Chicago area. A few memorable events from its annals include sponsoring many notable artists, including Ignacy Paderewski and Karol Szymanowski, giving them their American debuts, Polish Day Concerts at Ravinia Park that featured prominent musicians of Polish ancestry and leading Polish choral groups accompanied by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as being instrumental in the debut performance of tenor Jan Kiepura in *Tosca* with the Chicago Civic Opera. For many years, the Club's Literary Competition provided high school students an opportunity to demonstrate their literary skills in Polish and English. In addition, the Club supported publications of books such as *Anthology of Polish American Poetry* and promoted other publications. PACC's most significant endeavor was developing collaborations with similar cultural groups in other cities to produce national conferences, which were initiated by the Club's founder Thaddeus Slesinski. This culminated in the establishment of the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs, now the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) in 1948 in Detroit.

The PACC hosted four national conventions of the ACPC in Chicago and sponsored the third ACPC Regional Discussion Meeting, "American Polonia and the Cultural Issues."

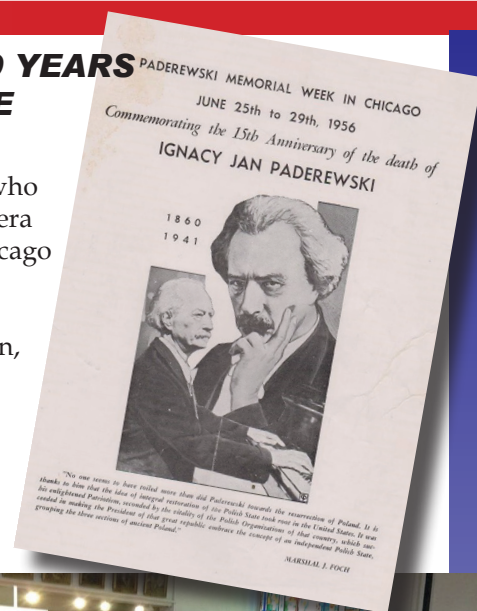
The PACC's longest running event is the Annual Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture. The Club has hosted a total of 74 annual exhibitions since 1933 and it has grown to become the prominent art exhibition in the Chicagoland Area. The 79th Annual Exhibition was held April 26 to May 9, 2015, at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago. A total of nine sculptures and 106 paintings, in a wide range of media, were exhibited. These pieces were created by 39 artists, both amateur and professional, young and not-so-young. All share a love and dedication to art. (please see photos at right.)

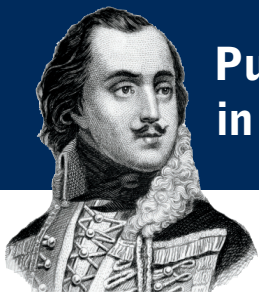
The Polish Arts Club of Chicago now includes all generations of Americans of Polish ancestry who have taken their place in American society and at the same time support and bring their Polish culture to the arts.

The Polish Arts Club of Chicago will celebrate its 90th Anniversary at a gala Luncheon and Installation of Officers on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at the elegant Café la Cave in DesPlaines, Illinois. During the luncheon, guests will be entertained by world renowned violin virtuoso Anthony Kawalkowski. The Polonia Dancers of the PRCUA will present a "fashion show" of Polish folk dress, highlighting the beauty of Polish folklore. Art works by members will also be displayed, showcasing their accomplishments in the art world.

Please join in congratulating the Polish Arts Club of Chicago on this milestone. More information about the Club can be found at <http://www.pacchicago.org/>

The Club can be contacted via [polishartsclub@gmail.com](mailto:polishartsclub@gmail.com)





# Pulaski Birthday Observed in Savannah, Georgia & Warka, Poland

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Some of the attendees re-assembled later at the Plantation Club Ballroom for a Polish-style banquet. Among the speakers were Eric Norton, Deputy Superintendent of Fort Pulaski National Monument (National Park Service), writer Mel Gordon, and Jack Pinkowski. Since this year (on August 12, 2016) Edward Pinkowski will be 100 years old, a cake was served and various version of Happy Birthday in Polish and English sung. The tribute was well deserved as Mr. Pinkowski has devoted most of his life to research and writing about Polish-American heroes and history. The Poles in America Foundation which he founded, and which his son Jack serves as president, is intended to carry this legacy well into the future.

During this same weekend, Pulaski's birthday was also observed at the Pulaski Museum in Warka, Poland. Wreaths were laid at the statue of Pulaski which is a twin of the one found in the city of Buffalo, New York. In addition, time for this this year's 271st anniversary of Pulaski's birth, his story was re-told in the form of a comic book - what today is also called a "graphic novel." Written by Remigiusz Matyjas and illustrated by Jacek Przybylski, this 36 page book tells the story of Casimir Pulaski as a fighter for independence, both in Poland and in America. (photos below) A figure which is given prominence in the story is Franciszka Krasinska, who, according to some sources, was also the only significant feminine influence (or perhaps love interest?) in Pulaski's life. In the history of 18th century Poland she is also known as the wife of Duke Charles Wettin of Courland and a leading light in the Bar Confederation, an armed movement which Józef Pulaski, Casimir's father, co-founded.

An English version of this biographical comic book is planned for publication later in the year. Those wishing to see more information on the Pulaski Museum may wish to visit their website at: <http://www.muzeumpulaski.pl/html/komikspulaski2016.html> The Poles in America Foundation ([www.poles.org](http://www.poles.org)) and the American Council for Polish Culture ([www.polishcultureacpc.org](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org)) invite interested parties to view additional information presented on their respective websites.

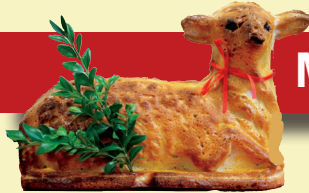


*Edward Pinkowski (sitting) Standing: (left to right) Joan Wilson, Jack Pinkowski and Mel Gordon. Ms. Wilson and Mr. Gordon are Savannah based writers who are preparing a historical novel with Casimir Pulaski as the main protagonist.*



*Photo captions:  
Second Photo: Colonial Era re-enactors from the Georgia Coastal Heritage Society.  
Third Photo: Edward Pinkowski (sitting, center), Jack Pinkowski, and several of the Pulaski Cadets who came all the way from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.  
Bottom Photo: A three musket salute is fired in honor of General Pulaski.*





## Michigan Święconka

*submitted by Richard M. Lapham*

The Friends of Polish Art (FPA) had a lovely Święconka on April 2, 2016 at the Park Place Banquet Center in Dearborn, Michigan. Traditional foods were served including hand made butter lambs thanks to FPA Święconka committee member Christa Zabawski. Anne Tyszka, also on the committee, organized the menu and designed the beautiful spring flower centerpieces. Anne also provided the chef of the establishment, who just happened to be half Polish with Robert Strybel's *Polish Heritage Cookbook* as a reference. Mary Ellen Tyszka offered the blessing and President Richard Lapham arranged for the musical group *Polskie Nadzieje* from Windsor, Canada to sing for us. The group consisted of the father, Mariusz Zalewski, singing backup and operating the sound equipment, while son Michal and daughters Marysia and Julia provided most of the vocal talent. (top photo) At the May 20th, 2016 general membership meeting, The Friends of Polish Art will be awarding the Filipek College Scholarships to Nicole Beller, Adam Kuczynski, Jamie Meadows and Gabrielle Wasilewski.

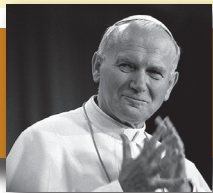


*FPA member Leonard Zabawski with the Polskie Nadzieje musical group.*



*Richard Lapham and Carol Surma present a lifetime membership to Gena Falkowska.*

*Photos by Jacqueline Kolowski*



## Friends of John Paul II Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 18, 2015, a beautiful ceremony was held to unveil a bronze bust of Saint John Paul II, founder of Friends of John Paul II Foundation (FJPIIF) at the Columbus School of Law Library of the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. The bust was a gift of our Chapter to the students of this great American Catholic University. It was funded by Jean and Carl Sharek, late members of our Chapter, and done by Gordon Kray, Polish American sculptor and Chapter member.

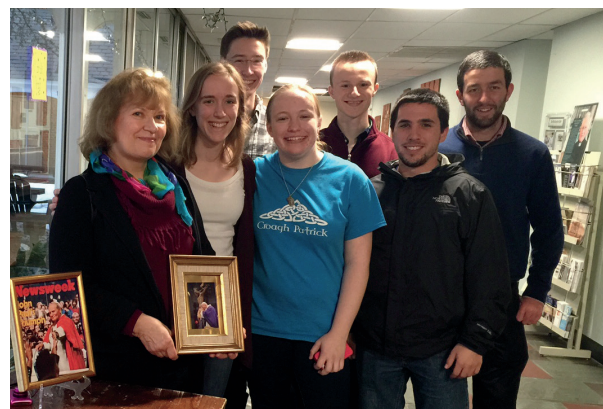
The bust was blessed by Archbishop Carlo Viganò, then Papal Nuncio to the United States, assisted by retired Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and other members of the clergy. John Garvey, President of CUA, spoke movingly about St. John Paul II's contributions to Catholic culture through his many encyclicals and apostolic letters, and presented the Polish saint as a role model for future generations of young American Catholics.

Among the many members and invited guests who attended was Walter Zachariasiewicz, KCSG, one of the first initiators of the John Paul II Foundation, who now is 104 years old. After the bust installation, the assembled attended more ceremonies and a champagne reception. The program included recognition of Chapter Founders and Past Presidents by then-president Gloria Klepczynski. Special thanks go to Cecilia Glembocki and Richard Krzyzanowski for their help in organizing this memorable event.

This winter, the Foundation also had an opportunity to meet new friends at the University of Maryland Catholic Student Center in College Park. This was an inaugural Outreach Program to the Community, initiated by our new President, Bożenna Buda. The gathering included an evening mass followed by a delicious home-cooked Polish dinner. Over 200 participants, including students, faculty and religious, attended the event to honor and spread the legacy of St. John Paul II. Grateful appreciation is extended to all our enthusiastic contributors from the FJPIIF for the success of this event including President Bożenna Buda, Event Committee Chair Edwarda Buda-Okreglak, Cecilia and Ray Glembocki, Mary Flanagan, Sharon Brzostowski, Barbara Jarzynski, Alice Laning, and Al Hennessy, as well as to our friends at the University.



*At the bust dedication were: Walter Zachariasiewicz (seated). Stand, left to right: William Sharek, Gloria Klepczynski, Ray Glembocki, Mary Flanagan, Larry Ziemiński, Alice Laning, Cecelia Glembocki, Gordon Kray and Rev. Canon Philip Majka.*



*Bożenna Buda, President of FJPIIF, with University of Maryland (UMD) students "Catholic TERPS" at the display about St. John Paul II in the UMD Catholic Student Center, on February 3, 2016.*

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68TH Annual Convention  
Theme: Pittsburgh - A Kaleidoscope of Cultures  
August 10 – 13, 2016 Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Registration  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Convention & Credential Registration  
8:00 a.m. Boutique Open  
9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies  
Welcome – Tom Payne, co-chair  
Presentation of Colors –  
Anthems – Polish and American  
Invocation - Reverend Canon Philip S. Majka  
Introduction of Dignitaries – Debbie Majka, co-chair  
President's Address and Opening of Convention  
President, American Council for Polish Culture  
Local Dignitaries  
Keynote Address -  
10:00 a.m. Break  
10:15 a.m. Credential Registration  
10:30 a.m. Business Session  
12:30 p.m. Luncheon with Speaker Oscar Swan  
1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Credential Registration  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Business Session  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Schenley Park Cafe  
8:00 p.m. Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Concert Frick Fine Art Auditorium,  
University of Pittsburgh campus  
Reception in Atrium at conclusion

**Friday, August 12, 2016**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration  
Attendees must be registered by noon in order to vote  
8:00 a.m. Boutique Open  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Credential Registration  
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Business Session  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon  
1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tour of University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms and Pittsburgh Sights including  
Mt. Washington, the Monongahela Incline and Station Square.  
5:45 p.m. Return to Hotel - balance of evening FREE  
*Note: Information will be provided on the various restaurants at Station Square.  
Some guests may wish to dine there. Arrangements will be made for these guests to return  
to the Hotel via hotel shuttle at a designated time later in the evening.*

**Saturday, August 13, 2016**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Boutique Open  
8:45 a.m. Credential Registration  
9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Business Session and Elections  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Board meeting/Working Lunch  
5:00 p.m. Mass  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Awards Banquet, Wyndham Pittsburgh University Center  
Invocation Reverend Canon Philip S. Majka  
8:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards  
Installation of National Officers



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