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## PULASKI SCHOLARS

by Peter Obst

Six winners of the 18th annual \$5,000 Brig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski Scholarships were announced recently by Dr. Stephen Medvec, Chairman Pulaski Scholarship Committee, American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). A large number of applications (23) were received this year. The scholarship program was initiated 18 years ago as a result of a sizeable endowment by the Conrad R. Walas family with continuing support from the Polonia. Last year, long-time chairman Mr. Marion Winters retired from the committee and his place was taken by Dr. Stephen Medvec. Serving with him on the Pulaski Scholarship Committee for 2018 are Alicia L. Dutka; Deborah M. Majka; Carolyn Meleski; and Peter J. Obst. The exceptional qualities of school work and research plus dedicated community services performed by the applicants made the final selection process quite difficult. The Committee felt that most of the applicants deserved recognition for their outstanding achievements and honestly wished that funding was available that could have allowed for several more awards.

The Pulaski Committee selected the following students for the 2018 Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies grants of \$5,000 each:

### Heather Burbick

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Heather is pursuing a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of Texas in San Antonio. She has been involved in mission trips to Jamaica and plans to join Dentists Without Borders. Born and raised in the Polish community of Chicago, she is now more engaged with the Hispanic community in San Antonio and works with the homeless there. She abides by the philosophy of Albert Einstein: "Those who have the privilege to know have the duty to act."

### Xenia Sylvia Dylag Murtaugh

Xenia was born and raised in Chicago, IL. She is an MFA candidate at the Mississippi University for Women. She has a Master of Arts in Central and Eastern European Studies from Jagiellonian University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Loyola University. She assisted in organizing the Jan Karski 2014 Memory and Responsibility Conference at Loyola University. In 2015 she was awarded the Illinois House of Representatives Certificate of Recognition by Representative Robert F. Martwick for "the Vital Role in Organizing and Hosting the 2015 Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference which focused on the Polish Immigrant Community in Chicago." In 2017 she was one of the recipients of a Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union Scholarship. She is currently on the editorial staff of *Ponder Review*, and her flash fiction story *Babcia's Old Gold* is forthcoming in issue three of *Mortar Magazine*. She lives with her husband and teaches literature in rural Oregon.

### Paulina Paw

Born in Kraków, Poland, and a US citizen since 2001, Paulina is a resident of Buffalo, New York who is currently pursuing her Master of Health Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. She also has a Master of Science in Infectious Disease and Global Health from Tufts University in North Grafton, Massachusetts and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the State University of New York at Genese. Her goal is to work especially with pediatric patients who are afflicted with infectious diseases. Her advisor wrote, "Paulina has great empathy."



Heather Burbick



Xenia Murtaugh



Paulina Paw



Anna Pieta



Alexandra Rojek



Alexander Styk

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# From the President



Thomas Payne

**G**reetings to my dear fellow Polonians!

2018 has been very good so far and our Rochester affiliate showed us some good old-fashioned Polish hospitality at this spring's Board meeting. I applaud the spirit that the affiliate members display and their generosity in supporting higher educational pursuits of our promising young Polish-Americans. We also were happy to meet the contingent from Elmira who joined us. Now our Washington, D. C. affiliate has the privilege of hosting us for our Fall Board meeting and I know that the wheels are turning to make it enjoyable. For those who might be interested, we have an opening for an affiliate to host our meeting next spring.

I want to recognize the position and self-sacrificing of one of our Executive Board members, Marcia Lewandowski, Recording Secretary. Now at first blush, those in the peanut gallery might discount the value and importance of this position, or should I also add that it is a j-o-b? It requires rapt attention during the entire proceedings of our Board and Conventions, even - dare I say - during the long-winded moments. There are copious notes that must be deciphered and distributed to the Board at subsequent meetings for review and approval. But Marcia is our walking encyclopedia of what has been agreed upon in meetings that may have taken place years ago. It is critical that we have that history at our fingertips in order to have an orderly and consistent organization. I cannot count the many times that Marcia has bailed us out of our senior moments to remind us of what was discussed and agreed

on at prior meetings. She takes this position very seriously, for which I am grateful.

I also want to thank our Scholarship Chairs for their earnest efforts to direct the difficult review and award process of so many outstanding young applicants. Steve Medved, Alice Laning, and Debbie Majka and their committees are to be commended, and there is no second-guessing their final decisions. The only limiting factor is our funding ceilings.

I hope to see many of you at our Convention in Minneapolis in August. We are excited to bond again with our Minnesota brothers and sisters after a long hiatus. Since it is happening concurrently with the Twin Cities Polish Festival, it will be a week to remember. You do not have to be a Board member to attend, so consider joining us August 8-12.

Tom Payne

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### Alexandra Ewa Rojek

Alexandra is entering her fourth year at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine, and plans to pursue an academic career in internal medicine. She received her bachelor's degree cum laude in Chemical and Physical Biology from Harvard University, where her thesis research on cellular stress responses at the University of Chicago not only earned her the Hoopes Prize for outstanding senior theses at Harvard, but also the Henderson Prize, for the most meritorious thesis in biochemical sciences. Her work on this topic has also been published, as a co-author, on two publications in the high-impact journal *Cell*. As a medical student at UCSF, she has continued to conduct research using natural language processing to understand implicit biases in medical education, and is passionate about medical education and student representation as the vice-president of the medical student body. Her commitment to the Polish community has remained strong throughout this time, with her involvement with the Harvard Club of Poland and as a consultant and mentor for the Ivy Poland Foundation, where she mentors younger Polish students about careers and education in the sciences and medicine.

### Alexander Styk

Alexander was born in Syracuse, New York of Polish descent and is pursuing a joint graduate degree in Law (JD) and Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at Harvard University to work in city and state government with the goal of making cities more innovative, equal, and efficient places. His undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College was focused on international relations, public policy, and economics. He has performed consulting work in healthcare, aviation, and industrial development. Alexander is a member of the Harvard *Business Law Review*. His advisor wrote, "among others, Alexander has a palpable affection for Poland."

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



# AFFILIATE & SUPPORTING MEMBER NEWS

SYRACUSE



Photo captions: far left: Members of PLAV Post 14, together with CMSgt Helen M. Frasciello and CMSgt Bruce Fong of the 174th Attack Wing, NYANG at the Syracuse May Third events. (photo courtesy of Jude Wentworth).

Right: Members of the Jablonowski-Czaplicki family after the unveiling of the commemorative plaque in Pvt. Jablonowski's memory. Left to right are: E. Robert Czaplicki and sister Marcia Czaplicki Fenocchi of Syracuse, N.Y., Ewa Przedpelska and husband Maciek of Szelków, Poland, Dr. Alexander Jablonowski and wife Katherine of Dundee, Ill., and Krzysztof Zembrzuski of Poland. (Photo courtesy of Maciek Przedpelski.)

## SYRACUSE MAY THIRD EVENTS

On May 3, 2018, the Syracuse Polish Home and Post 14, of the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) held a joint event in conjunction with the Anniversary of the adoption of Poland's 1791 Constitution. In addition to the annual "3go Maja" ceremony, Post 14 unveiled a bronze plaque commemorating the centennial of the death of its patron, U.S. Army Private Eugeniusz Jablonowski.

The program began at 11 a.m. in Pulaski Park on Park Avenue across from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Welcoming remarks were made by Robert Synakowski, President of the Syracuse Polish Home. Fr. Andrew Baranski, Pastor of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart gave the opening prayer and discussed the May 3rd Constitution. After the Polish flag was raised, members of the choirs of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart sang the *Star Spangled Banner* and the Polish National Anthem, followed by the hymn *Witaj Majowa Jutrzenko*. Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh provided the keynote address, followed by brief remarks by State Senator John DeFrancisco and Assemblyman William Magnarelli, who both presented citations to Post 14. Also present were representatives of Congressman John Katko and County Executive Joanne Mahoney, County Legislator Chris Ryan, and members of Syracuse's 174th Attack Wing, N.Y. Air National Guard.

Members of Post 14 began the plaque commemoration

in the Polish Home immediately after the May 3 ceremony.

Post 14 historian, Richard Sloma, gave Pvt. Jablonowski's biography. He explained that Eugeniusz and eight other young men of Polish birth all enlisted in the Regular Army, a few of them serving together in Company F of the 9th Infantry Regiment. Jablonowski was killed in battle on July 18, 1918 during the Battle of Soissons and is buried in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France. According to Sloma, two of the men who founded the post served with Jablonowski and no doubt had much to do with naming the post.

The plaque dedication was read by Post 14 Commander, Geoffrey Ciereck and the unveiling was performed by descendants of Eugeniusz Jablonowski's siblings. This included not only local family members, E. Robert Czaplick and his sister Marsha Fenocchi, but Dr. Alexander Jablonowski, of Illinois and Krzysztof Zembrzuski and Ewa Przedpelska, who travelled from Poland.

Remarks were made in English by Ewa Przedpelska, the great granddaughter of Pvt. Jablonowski's sister. Closing remarks and a prayer were made by Rev. Thomas Kobusze-wski, Pastor of Transfiguration Church. The well-attended event concluded with a reception that included food and drink provided by the Syracuse Polish Home.

## 2018 Sembrich Awardee



Justine Izewski

The ACPC Vocal Competition Committee has awarded First Prize of \$1,500 to Justine Izewski.

Justine is a fifth year Senior at University of Illinois, double majoring in Vocal Performance and Choral Music Education. She is currently studying with Stephani Springer in Lombard, IL and Stephen Smith at Northwestern University. In September she was a soloist at the 200th anniversary of Kościuszko's death in the Chicago Copernicus Center. She sang "Wieją wciąż Wichry" by Michał Kleofas Ogiński followed by *Rota* by

Feliks Nowowiejski. This past summer and the summer before that she traveled to Italy and studied at Prof. Stone's Scuola Italia Opera program. In this program Justine had the

opportunity to work with famous tenor Donald George in his Master Class. Her roles in the program included Zerlina from *Don Giovanni* (Zerlina's Recitative, Vedrai carino aria, Sestetto, and the duet with Leporello), Cherubino from *Le nozze di Figaro* (Recitative leading into Voi che sapete, and the aria), Colombina from *Pagliacci*, and Suzy from *La Rondine*. In 2016 Justine was cast in UIUC's, Kranert of the Performing Art's, production as "Virtue" in *L'incoronazione di Poppea*. In August, 2015, she was an invited guest at the Chicago Chopin Society Convention. She premiered a piece by Michał Kleofas Ogiński, "Wieją wciąż Wichry," which follows the tune from the *Polonaise Farewell* (Pożegnanie Ojczyzny) by Ogiński. Also in 2015, Justine received coaching from Franc D'ambrosio, the world's longest running Phantom from *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway, and a former student of famous Tenor Luciano Pavarotti. After Justine finishes her undergraduate studies this year, she hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Voice.



# NCSS SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

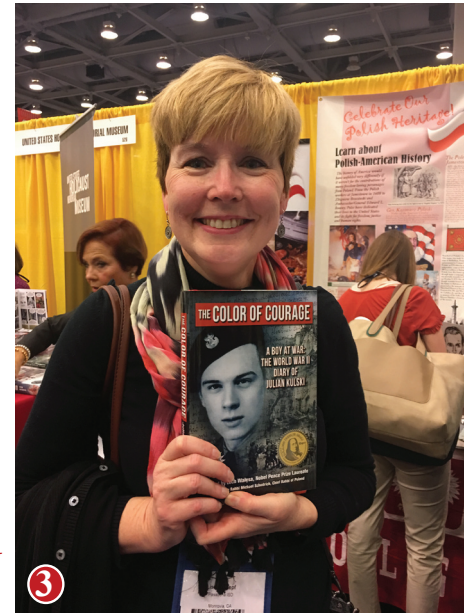
by Cecilia and Ray Gembocki



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Photo 1: Debbie Majka, Raymond and Cecilia Glembocki at the ACPC's Polish Perspectives Booth in San Francisco; 2. Raymond Glembocki explains some materials to a conference attendee; 3. Educator Lizabet Nepf of Monrovia, California, with one of her selections. 4. Sampling some Polish chocolates at the Polish Perspectives booth are Sean Gibson and Aaron Buchholz from Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana; 5. Ray Glembocki discusses materials with Dr. Lin Lin and Dr. Yali Zhao of SUNY Cortland, Cortland, N.Y.; 6. Cecilia Glembocki with two Conference attendees from Kansas; 7. Cecilia and Amy Dolan of Ridgefield Academy, Ridgefield, Connecticut. 8. Some of the hundreds of educators who visited the ACPC's Polish Perspectives booth in San Francisco; 9. Part of the selection of literature offered at the Polish Perspectives booth.

This year's NCSS conference took place at the Moscone West Conference center in San Francisco, November 17-19, 2017. Debbie Majka, Raymond and Cecilia Glembocki attended, representing the

ACPC and Polonia. The exhibit booth was in the International Alley of the convention center. Caria Tomczykowska of the Polish Art and Cultural Foundation of San Francisco and Deacon Chicon visited our exhibit and obtained educational items for their local Polish School and cultural clubs.

After eight years of exhibiting, many friendships were renewed, and new ones were established. It is our purpose to create interest in both Polish historical and cultural subjects. We gained respect by communicating on number of topics, such as: World War II, the Holocaust, Auschwitz, Jan DeRosen and the Wilson/Paderewski 14-points poster. Since it was the year for Poland's celebration of national hero Tadeusz Kościuszko, elementary and high school work and activity books were provided by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America in Chicago.

Our booth created a congenial atmosphere for browsing and reviewing the materials on hand. Educators were interested in the Customs and Traditions as well as History of Poland books. The history books were provided by the Foreign Ministry Department through the diligent efforts of the Hon. Zygmunt Matynia, Poland's Consul in Washington DC. Earlier, they were distributed by the government of Poland and the Be Not Afraid Center in Kraków during World Youth Day. The Polish Tourist Bureau provided travel books, city maps and the ACPC provided Polish sweets.

Terry Tanzanian of *Aquila Polonica* supplied two each of the following books: *303 Squadron* (the Legendary Battle of Britain Fighter Squadron); *The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery* (story of Capt. Witold Pilecki); *The Color of Courage* (World War II diary of Julian Kulski); *Echoes of Tattered Tongues: Memory Unfolded*; *The Ice Road: An Epic Journey from Stalinist Labor Camp to Freedom*; *Maps and Shadows* (a novel); *The Mermaid and the Messerschmitt: War Through a Woman's Eyes 1939-1940*; and *Siege* (DVD).

The highlight of the conference was the enthusiasm of the attending educators. They were thrilled with our book selection, leaflets, and handouts on various Polish topics. Many thanks to Barbara Lemecha, Jaroslaw Golembiowski, Deacon Chicon, Caria Tomczykowska and Debbie Majka for gathering materials and mailing packages.

The cost of this year's conference was higher than in previous years due to ship educational materials to San Francisco. This also affected the flights and hotel accommodations. The Polish Foreign Ministry provided ACPC additional funds to pay for the cost of the booth. ACPC's member organizations and individual members contributed funds, as did the Polish American Congress Charitable Educational Foundation. This help was very much appreciated.

The next, or 98th, conference of the National Council for the Social Studies will be held from November 30 to December 2, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency, in Chicago, IL.

A more extensive report with additional photographs can be found on the ACPC website.



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# 2017 SPRING BOARD MEETING in Rochester, NY



Just after noon on Friday, April 27, participants started arriving at the pleasant Hilton Garden Inn in Pittsford, NY. There were representatives from Detroit, Minneapolis, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Rochester and Binghamton. There was an evening meeting followed by a reception at St. John Fisher College, Haffey Hall. Dorothy Styk, who did a fantastic job organizing the weekend's events, greeted the Board on behalf of the Polish American Heritage Society of Rochester. (Coincidentally, we learned that her son Alexander was among the Pulaski Scholarship winners this year.)



*Top photo: Left to right: Robert Synakowski, Tom Payne, Dorothy Styk (standing), Judi Tompkins, Ray Glembocki. Bottom photo: President Tom Payne presents a commemorative plaque to Mary Ann Skalny.*



In addition to housekeeping items there were some major items under discussion. Terry Kita a representative from Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota (PACIM), this year's host organization, attended the meeting and presented overall information about the ACPC Convention in Minneapolis, MN. Details are posted on the ACPC website under: [http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/Conv\\_2018](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/Conv_2018)

The autumn Board Meeting will take place in Washington D. C., dates will be posted. The ACPC Scholarship program received a boost thanks to several bequests. Our Polish Studies Scholarship was revived, the Pulaski Scholarship was expanded (up to eight recipients), and a new Walter Zachariasiewicz Journalism Scholarship will be established.

David Bryniarski, President of our hosts, the Polish American Heritage Society of Rochester, briefed the meeting about his organization's cultural activities and the large number of scholarship awards they annually provide for deserving students.

The group toured George Eastman's House (founder of Kodak). The visit offered a glimpse into the life of "Gilded Age" turn-of-century high society.

Afternoon mass was at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church followed by a delicious Polish dinner at the Polska Chata Restaurant. During the dinner, a plaque of appreciation was presented to Mary Ann Skalny in thanks for her family's 19 years of support for the ACPC's Polish Studies scholarship. Dorothy Styk received the check for her son Alexander's Pulaski Scholarship.





# AFFILIATE & SUPPORTING MEMBER NEWS

PHILADELPHIA



## YOUNG SCHOLARS SUPPORTED

by Jean Joka

On Sunday, May 6, 2018, the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia held its annual Scholarship Awards Presentation and brunch at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa in Doylestown, PA.

We first began with a Mass at 11:00 a.m. The readings were done by our scholarship recipients as well as the offering of the gifts presented during the mass, after which everyone adjourned to the cafeteria where a variety of Polish cuisine was served. In addition, grace was said by one of the Pauline Fathers.

The Scholarship Program was conducted by Program Chair Dr. Dolores Szymanski. Committee members were: Diana Blichasz, Marie Hejnosz, Debbie Majka and Peter Obst. Each recipient received a \$1,000 Scholarship Award. Dr. Szymanski introduced each awardee and gave a brief synopsis of their interests.

Our recipients were:

- Natalia Dzietczak, a student at Drexel University and President of the Drexel Polish Club;
- Grace Majkut, a senior at Saint Basil Academy who is interested in pursuing a career in business;
- Zoe Allen, a student at Hofstra University;
- Olivia Shears, interested in a career in Construction Management;
- Nicholas Zaborowski, a student at Temple University majoring in Music;

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- Dorota Dylinski who will attend Rowan University in the fall;
- Meredith Musman, who attends Conestoga High School
- Julia Przybos, a student at the University of Pittsburgh.

In addition, the Oath of office was given by Stanley Majkut to the newly elected Officers/Directors for 2018-2020. They are: Jean Joka, President; Marie Hejnosz, Vice President; Debbie Majka, Treasurer; Diana Blichasz, Recording Secretary; Teresa Wojcik, Corresponding Secretary. The Directors are: Dr. Frederick Brodzinski, Tiffany Loomis, Irene Musman, Barbara Nowicki, Peter Obst; Dr. Dolores Szymanski, John Wiśniewski and Margaret Zaleska. Appointed Committee members are: Liz Whitman, Membership Secretary, and Eleanor Kirbyson, Sunshine.

We encourage and welcome membership in the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia

*Photo captions:*

*2018 Scholarship Winners photo (above) Left to right: Julia Przybos, Tekla Simon, Natalia Dzietczak, Grace Majkut, Plivia Shears, Zoe Allen, Dorota Dylinski, Meredith Musman, Nicholas Zaborowski.*

*2018 Newly Elected Officers photo (below) Left to right: Barbara Nowicki, Teresa Wojcik, Diana Blichasz, Jean Joka, Marie Hejnosz, Debbie Majka, John Wisniewski, Liz Whitman, Peter Obst, Dr. Dolores Szymanski. (missing: Tiffany Loomis, Margaret Zaleska, Dr. Fred Brodzinski, Eleanor Kirbyson)*





## An Evening of Chopin

by Peter Obst

This year's concert, organized by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, took place on March 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the performance hall of Holy Family University in Northeast Philadelphia. The concert celebrated not only the March 1 birthday of the famous composer, but also the 100th Anniversary of Poland's Independence. Hon. Consul for Southeastern Pennsylvania and Concert Chair Deborah "Debbie" Majka greeted the audience which had filled the hall to near-capacity. She introduced Jolanta Kessler-Chojecka, the new First Counselor for Culture, Science and Information at the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. Counselor Chojecka started her assignment on January 11 and was pleased to make her acquaintance with Philadelphia Polonia.

The soloist, Alexei Tartakovsky, was called a "thoughtful and serious musician" by the *New York Concert Review* and praised as one of the most promising talents of his generation. His beautiful sound, profound musicianship, superb technique and exciting artistic approach have thrilled audiences worldwide.

Alexei has performed solo and with orchestras in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, China and Japan at halls that include Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the Warsaw Philharmonic, Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall and Carnegie Hall.

A highlight of his career was his outstanding performance at the 2015 Chopin International Competition in Warsaw where he was a semifinalist. In 2016 he was awarded the French Prize at the Cleveland International Piano Competition. He is also laureate of the James Mottram International Competition (Manchester, UK) and 1st prize winner at the Heida Hermans International Competition in Westport, CT. Additional prizes include: New York Concert Artists International Competition (2011) and 1st, Audience Prize, and prize for best performance of a Russian work at the San Jose International Competition (2012).

The concert featured a mixed program of Beethoven, Chopin and Stravinsky. At the end, after prolonged applause, Alexei returned to play Chopin's *Valse Brillante Op. 18*.

The event was a successful way to celebrate both Chopin's genius and the 100th Anniversary of Poland's rebirth. Polish Heritage Society president Jean Joka, explained the purpose of the organization and invited those present to join in future events. A general meeting, with refreshments, open to all is scheduled for April 22 at the Polish Home in Philadelphia. Additional information may be found on the internet: <http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/orgs/PHSP.html>



Photo caption (left to right): PHSP President Jean Joka, Margaret Zaleska, Liz Whitman, Counselor Jolanta Chojecka, Concert Chair Deborah Majka and pianist Alexei Tartakovsky.

### ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS!

#### ADAM STYKA ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

Your Participation is Welcomed!

Organized by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA

Exhibition Dates - Sept. 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9 - 2018

Artists working in any medium are eligible.

All works must be for sale.

The Polish Heritage Society retains a commission of 25% on any works sold during the show.

For further information, please visit [http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/Styka\\_Art/main\\_styka\\_2018.html](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/Styka_Art/main_styka_2018.html)

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## FPA Presents Scholarship Recipients

by Sebastian Szczepanski

On Friday, May 18, 2018, during its General Membership Meeting, the Friends of Polish Art (FPA) announced the 2018 Scholarship recipients. This is one of FPA's most rewarding activities, as it allows the organization to give back to the community and recognize and support young, ambitious Polish-Americans.

After reviewing this year's applications, the FPA Scholarship Committee, chaired by 1st Vice President, Brian Malski, selected seven students to be awarded \$2,500 scholarships. Five of them were awarded through the Frank Filipek Arts and Sciences Scholarship Fund, while two recipients were awarded through the Lillian & Chester Mitchell Fine Arts Scholarship-Fund.

The students receiving 2018 FPA Scholarships are:

- Emily Wrobel, currently attending University of Michigan, majoring in English/Education;
- Michael Rakowiecki, currently attending University of Michigan, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering;
- Natalia Matusiewicz will be studying nursing as an incoming freshman this fall at Madonna University;
- Victoria Smerdon will be majoring in Chemical Engineering this fall at the University of Notre Dame-Holy Cross College;
- Kyle Kendra will be majoring in Business Management/Human Resources with a minor in Psychology this fall at Grand Valley University;

## Friends of Polish Art

*Front Row: Recipients of the FPA 2018 Filipek and Mitchell Scholarships. Back Row (left to right): Members of the FPA Scholarship Committee Carol J. Surma, Richard M. Lapham, Chair Brian Malski, FPA President Marcia Lewandowski.*

*(Not pictured: Committee members Patty Rydahl; Joseph Serwach,)*

- Vanessa Kwiatkowski, currently attending Bowling Green University, seeking a Masters in Music: Piano Pedagogy;
- Adrianna Kusmierczyk, attending University of Michigan, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts (Art & Design).

During the scholarship presentation, conducted by the FPA Scholarship Committee Chair and FPA President, Marcia Lewandowski, the gathered FPA members, as well as family members of the recipients had a chance to hear about these already-accomplished young individuals. Epithets were used to describe the young students, including "insightful," "talented," "determined," "astounding," "outstanding," "promising," "mature," "leader," and "distinguished." Hearty congratulations to FPA's 2018 Scholarship Recipients and best of luck for the future!

To find out about how to apply for the FPA Scholarships, please visit FPA's website: [www.friendsofpolishart.org/scholarships/](http://www.friendsofpolishart.org/scholarships/).





# AFFILIATE & SUPPORTING MEMBER NEWS

HARTFORD

## Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford

On February 11, 2018, under the chairmanship of Anna-Mae Maglaty, the Club's 4th Annual *Pączki na Karnawał* was held at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church to celebrate the Polish tradition of *Tłusty Czwartek* (Fat Thursday). Twenty-two dozen of these delectable treats were enjoyed by parishioners in anticipation of the beginning of the Lenten season.

Two Club members, Stasia Hodyl of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Hartford and Lilia Kieltyka (along with husband Steven Kieltyka) of Sacred Heart Parish in New Britain, received the Archdiocese of Hartford's "St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation" at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, March 18, with the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop, presiding. This medal is presented to worthy parishioners who have shared their time and talent to benefit their church community. Congratulations Stasia, Lilia, and Steven!

"A Wild and Wooly Conifer World – Four Seasons of a Creative Botanical Wonderland" was the topic of a lecture and slide presentation on March 22 at the East Hartford Library. Chrissie D'Esopo spoke on the evolution of thirty years of gardening at her home in Avon, CT, resulting in the extraordinary new look of conifers, topiaries, and rare shrubs. Over sixty guests were in attendance and enjoyed this spring garden program, which is a part of the Club's annual outreach to the community. Thanks are extended to Chair, Nancy O. Yiznitsky.

The Club's big undertaking over the next few months



Greeting guests at *Pączki na Karnawał* are Fran Pudlo, Elizabeth Sikorsky, Lilia Kieltyka, Gini Pudlo, and Lou Maglaty. Ann-Mae Maglaty (seated)

will be to reprint and update its cookbook, *A Book of Favorite Recipes*, which was introduced in 1988. Many of the recipes will be retained, but new recipes, especially those relating to Polish heritage, are also being solicited from members and friends. Publication will occur in time for Christmas.

The Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, CT has selected "A Polish Christmas" as the theme for its 2018 annual holiday exhibit which is scheduled to open in mid-November and close in early February 2019. Members of the PCCGH have been serving as consultants as plans evolve.

## Wachtel Literary Awards



Gabriel Gelke

The Polish Heritage Society of Rochester has chosen Gabriel Gelke as the first place recipient of their Literary Competition. Last year, Gabe was also awarded the first place prize for their Literary Competition.

Gabriel Gelke is currently a rising Senior and President of the Executive Council of McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, New York. Gabe has a 4.0 GPA and is a starting Varsity Football player. He is also editor of the yearbook, a Scholar Athlete, throws shot put on the Varsity Track team and is a cantor in the Music Ministry. He recently sang in the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra's Gala Holiday Pops Show as a member of the High School Chorus. Gabe is also a member of the St. Joseph of Arimathea Pallbearer Society,

an Admissions Ambassador and a retreat leader. Gabe recently received the Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award from the University of Rochester. Gabe is an altar server at his local parish and a certified lifeguard; he plans to go to college to study international relations and business.

To read Gabe's essay, "Communism in Poland and St. John Paul II", please go to our website, [www.polishcultureacpc.org](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org) and then click onto "Competitions and Awards" and then onto "Literary Award."

Affiliates and Supporting Organizations are encouraged to conduct their own Literary Competitions. The rules for an award may be found on our website.



# NATIONAL CONVENTION

HOSTED BY THE POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA



## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### **Wednesday, August 08, 2018**

- 6:00-8:00pm Delegate Registration
- 7:00-9:00pm Board Meeting
- 9:00-11:00pm Reception-CPM outside

### **Thursday, August 09, 2018**

- 8:00am-12:00am Delegate Registration
- 9:00am-10:00am Opening Ceremony; Mayor/County commissioner
- 10:00-12:00pm Business Meeting
- 12:00-1:00pm Luncheon ( Archbishop Hebda)
- 1:00-4:00pm Business Meeting
- 7:00-11:00pm ***Sembrich Concert, Lakewood Cemetery, + reception(CPN outside)***

### **Friday, August 10, 2018**

- 8:00am-12:00pm Delegate Registration
- 9:00am-12:00pm Business Meeting
- 12:00-1:30pm Luncheon with Speaker; Jordan Sramek, Rose Ensemble
- 1:30-4:00pm Business Meeting
- 6:00pm-12:00 Awards Banquet and Ball; Crown Plaza Northstar

### **Saturday, August 11, 2018**

- 9:00am-12:00am Business Meeting
- 12:00-2:00pm New Board Luncheon/possible speaker
- 3:00pm-7:00pm Mpls. lakes Bus tour -***Twin Cities Polish Fest***

### **Sunday, August 12, 2018**

- 10:30am-1:00pm ***Polish Mass at Holy Cross Church/TCPF***

**Excursion Options: Guthrie Theatre, MOA, Walker Art center, 1st Bank Stadium tour, Mill City Museum**

**American Council for Polish Culture**

**70th Annual Convention**

**August 08-12, 2018**

**Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Convention Hosts** - Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota - [www.pacim.org](http://www.pacim.org)

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- Make room reservations directly with the hotel
- Convention room rates is \$ **129.00** plus tax, single or double
- Hotel reservation contact line is 800-556 7827
- Online website reservation at [www.cpmnneapolis.com](http://www.cpmnneapolis.com)
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