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## Pulaski Birthday Commemoration

by Peter J. Obst

This year's Pulaski Birthday Commemoration was held in Savannah, Georgia, on March 1 in Monterey Square, location of a tall marble column that memorializes the hero of two nations. Ceremonies began with the customary greeting to friends and visitors delivered by Edward Krolikowski, chairman of the Savannah General Pulaski Committee of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). Sounds of fife and drum were heard in a street adjacent to the square, soon there appeared a color guard composed of the Knights of Columbus in full regalia carrying flags of the United States, Poland and the State of Georgia. Along with them, providing the marching music were members of the Costal Heritage Society, dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms complete with muskets. They were followed by wreath carriers from the committee. The national anthems of Poland and the United States were sung to the accompaniment of a trumpeter. This was followed by topical remarks from Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson and State Representative Ron Stephens.

An invocation by Fr. Adam Kasela preceded a ceremonial laying of wreaths from the Poles in America Foundation and the American Council for Polish Culture whose Board members had scheduled their annual spring meeting in Savannah to be present at the ceremony. Also present was the eminent Polish-American historian, founder of the Poles in America Foundation, Edward Pinkowski. He was accompanied by his son Jack Pinkowski his wife Monica. Edward Pinkowski provided the inspiration for this Pulaski Birthday observance, and the Poles in America Foundation was a major sponsor of the ceremony. After the wreaths were placed the musket team fired a memorial salute. Closing remarks were delivered by committee treasurer Andrew Boguszewski. Afterwards the out-of-town visitors had an opportunity to meet Mayor Jackson and State Representative Stephens.

A post-event luncheon was held at the Johnny Harris Restaurant which gave the ACPC board members the opportunity to become acquainted with the local group of members who worked so hard to make the event a success. During the luncheon, Frank Sulkowski, Sports Director at WJCL TV in Savannah, delivered an interesting address that spotlighted individuals of Polish background in American sports. Mr. Pinkowski spoke about his research into the life of Casimir Pulaski.

It should be remembered that Pulaski was born on March 6, 1745 as indicated by records at the Church of the Holy Cross in Warsaw where the baptism took place. These were discovered by Sławomir Górczyński in 1992 and later incorporated into an updated entry for Pulaski in the *Polski Słownik Biograficzny*, an official source for biographical sketches of famous Poles.

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.

*Additional photos on page 9*

### Photo Captions:

*Top: The Pulaski monument in Monterey Square with wreath placed by the ACPC. Middle: The color guard composed of the Knights of Columbus enters the Square. Bottom left: (standing, left to right) Robert Synakowski, Carolyn Meleski, Jackie Kolowski, Cecilia Glembocki, Debbie Majka, Raymond Piechocki (behind), Peter Obst, ACPC Acting President Mary Ellen Tyszka, Wanda O'Brien-Trefil. (sitting) historian Edward Pinkowski, Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson and Henrietta Nowakowski.*

*photos courtesy of Jackie Kolowski*





## From the Acting President



Mary Ellen Tyszka

Dear Members,

The only sure thing in life is change, and the American Council For Polish Culture isn't any different. Just days prior to the ACPC spring Board meeting in Savannah, our President Camille Kopielski had health problems requiring surgery and, while recovering, she had a stroke. She is now recuperating in a nursing home in Chicago and welcomes get well wishes and prayers. If you wish to contact Camille, or send your best wishes for her recovery, you can contact her at:

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For the first time in the history of the American Council for Polish Culture, the Council has an acting president. The ACPC Bylaws provide for this contingency, (Article IX of the By Laws, paragraph 2). As First Vice President, I assumed the role of leadership for the organization, and Second Vice President, Thomas Payne filled my position as First Vice president. To fill the void I have appointed Alicia Dutka of the Chicago Affiliate to fill-in as Second Vice President. She will be a valuable asset to the Board. I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation and support from all the Executive Board which also includes Recording Secretary Marcia Lewandowski and Treasurer Gregory Biestek. And I greatly appreciate the valuable advice from our immediate past President Deborah Majka.

Even with the changes in leadership the organization is continuing to renew and grow. We have a new affiliate, the Polish Cultural Council of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Welcome to their president Richard E. Pierchalski and his members! We look forward to working and sharing knowledge and enthusiasm for all things Polish.

The spring Board meeting was fruitful and the Savannah Pulaski Committee did a tremendous job celebrating Pulaski's birthday. It was a unique experience at lunch when local Polonia stood up and expressed their enthusiasm in being Polish and for the opportunity to discover their Polish roots. Thank you to the chairman Edward Krolkowski and his committee for the very well done premier event.

*PLEASE NOTE:* You are invited to attend and participate in the 66th - 2014 ACPC Convention in historic Buffalo, New York, from July 30 to August 2, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. It should be an enjoyable, informative, and entertaining convention. For the first time there will be a workshop presenting the ACPC programs that benefit Affiliates, "Your ACPC dues at work". Please Affiliate presidents, make sure you have someone there to learn about these benefits

Remember, every Affiliate is eligible to have delegates at the convention; the president is automatically a delegate and additionally, one delegate for every 20 paid ACPC memberships. The convention is an opportunity to meet people from other states, to share ideas and become re-energized in promoting our Polish heritage and culture. (Individual members are also welcome to attend and share the activities with us.)

The Council is pursuing new projects to further promote our Polish culture; currently we are developing a comic book relating to World War II in Poland and there will be a new Polish poster exhibit available for affiliates to display. The established programs are continuing, which includes our generous scholarship programs, the Sembrich Vocal Competition and participation in the annual National Conference for Social Studies (NCSS) where we provide teachers with information and classroom material about Poland and Polonia.

Sadly, we lost one of our wonderful, active Board members, Bernadette Wiermanski. She has been a major supporter of ACPC and will leave a great void in our organization. May she rest in peace. Our deepest condolences go to her family.

Looking forward to seeing you at the convention in Buffalo!

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Tyszka  
Acting President



## ACPC Recipient of Grant

In response to our request, the Polish American Charitable Foundation (PACCF) has advised that ACPC is the recipient of a \$1,500 grant to help defray the expenses associated with our Polish Perspectives exhibit at the National Conference for Social Studies (NCSS). This year's conference, themed *Let Freedom Ring*, will be held in Boston, MA, November 21 to 23. And, once again, ACPC will be represented under the capable co-chairmanship of Cecilia and Ray Glembocki.

In her letter, advising ACPC of the grant, Virginia Sikora, President of PACCF, wrote, "we thank you for the important work you do in providing information on Polish topics and wish you continued success in your endeavors".

ACPC is most grateful to PACCF for this most generous grant which will enable us to continue to inspire teachers to engage their students to explore, investigate and learn the true history of Poland, its heroes, physicists, engineers, chemists, poets, composers, writers and other brilliant figures.

## NCSS Project Update

Once again, the American Council for Polish Culture will be exhibiting at the 94th National Council for the Social Studies Conference in Boston Nov. 21-23, 2014 at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston MA. Cecilia, Raymond Glembocki, Debbie Majka and Jason Frazen will be present in the booth.

The Polish Perspectives booth will feature Jan Karski, books from Aquila Plolonia, Irena Sandler as well as various historical and cultural traditions about Poland. The updated CD will feature a vast array of educational materials and serves as a reference for all educators. Lesson plans and historical facts will be featured for all grade levels. We continue to update the booth with new board games about Monte Cassino. It is anticipated that there will be more than 3,000 educators at this year's conference.

We extend a special thank you to the Polish American Congress Charitable Foundation for their generous contribution of \$1,500 as well as the Foreign Ministry of Poland for their educational grant of \$1,800 in support of our efforts to promote Polish culture, history and traditions.

Many affiliates contributed to this project that is so very well received by educators and administrators. Last year's highlight presentation by Rita Cosby was a perfect way to present our heritage to hundreds of teachers.

It is through the generosity of Polish affiliates, sponsoring organizations and interested individuals that we are able to continue our efforts on your behalf. It is a pleasure and a privilege to exhibit on behalf of all Polish organizations.

*submitted by Cecilia  
and Raymond Glembocki*

## ATTENTION ALL AFFILIATES

The ACPC Affiliate Grants Committee is pleased to announce that we are again able to accept applications for 2014 Matching Funds Grants from our eligible Affiliates.

Grant criteria containing all information and the Application Form may be accessed at any time on our web site at [www.polishcultureacpc.org](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org). Hard copy applications may be requested from: ACPC Affiliate Grants Committee, 5128 Casmere Street, Detroit, MI 48212-2872. Applications will be evaluated by the ACPC Affiliate Grants Committee and recipients will be announced at our Fall Board Meeting in Syracuse, NY.

Absolute deadline for receipt of all applications is September 30, 2014. For further information or questions, please contact Affiliate Grants Chair Marcia Lewandowski at 313/891-0696.

## Skalny Scholarships

<http://www.polishcultureacpc.org/schol/SkalnySchol.html>

Above is the link to the requirements for the Louis and Nellie Skalny Scholarships for 2014. The information has been sent to the press as well as to colleges and universities with Slavic Language and Literature programs.

As members of your affiliates, you may be aware of students in your local communities who are eligible to apply. Please share this information with your local community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Debbie Majka, Chair, Skalny Scholarships  
(215) 627-1391



## Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia



### Chopin Concert

*submitted by Jean Joka, Publicity Director*

On Sunday, March 23, 2014 the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia hosted the 47th Annual Chopin Concert at Holy Family University, Education & Technology Center, Philadelphia, PA with guest pianist Magdalena Baczewska, the recipient of outstanding achievement awards and truly a talented pianist. She comes from a musical family and started playing the piano at the age of five in her native Poland.

President Marie Hejnosz welcomed everyone and Deborah Majka, Concert chairperson and Honorary Consul of Poland for Southeastern Pennsylvania, who introduced Ms. Baczewska.

The theme of the program was *Chopin: Musical Inspirations and the Music He Inspired*. During each selection Magdalena explained some background on the featured selections and various cultural figures including Chopin's musical hero Johann Sebastian Bach and Chopin's friendships with Franz Liszt and Polish national poet Adam Mickiewicz.

After the intermission Magdalena focused on the Polish national musical style, particularly the mazurka. The concert concluded with the *New Generation: George Gershwin, Rhapsody in Blue*. Magdalena's style of playing draws the audience to the stage to become part of the music that is being played with taste, purity of tone and inspiration. She is a true musical asset not just to our Polish community but to the American community at large. During the reception that followed the concert, Magdalena signed copies of her bestselling albums "Music for Dreams" which can be purchased by accessing the website [www.BluesleepMusic.com](http://www.BluesleepMusic.com).



*Photo Captions: Top: Ms. Baczewska performing. Middle: Ms. Baczewska with concert chairperson Deborah Majka. Bottom: Jean Joka, Publicity Chair and Nelson Shanks, Artist and Teacher.*

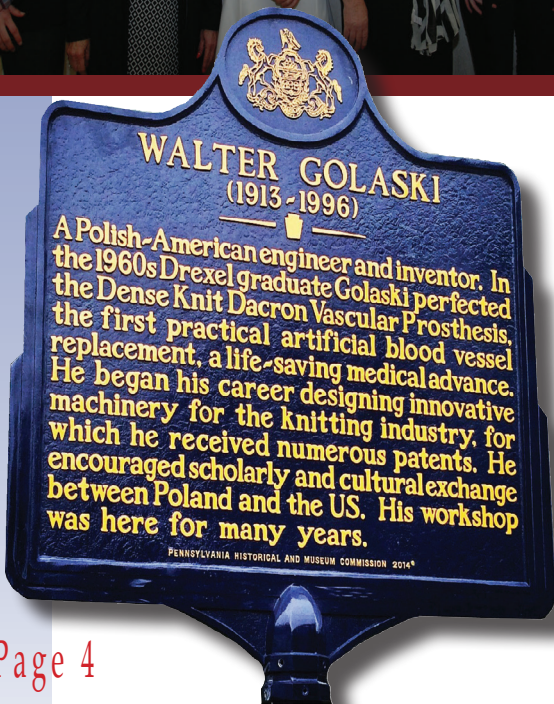


*Six outstanding students were each awarded \$1,000 in scholarships by the PHS on May 4, 2014. Featured at right are (left to right) awardee Michael Szacillo, Madison, NJ; PHS Scholarship Chairperson Martha Zazyczny; awardee Caroline Greydak, Pompton Plains, NJ; PHS President Marie Hejnosz, awardees Anna Blalas, Jersey City, NJ and Nicole Kuruszko, Brooklyn, NY; not shown are awardees Anna Filochowska, Philadelphia, PA; and Camilla Ostrzycki, Edison, NJ. The event included an annual May mass, luncheon and Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.*

## Walter Golaski Historical Marker

At noon, on Saturday May 17th, approximately sixty people gathered on Lancaster Walk, near 34th Street, on Drexel University's campus to witness the official dedication of a marker for Dr. Walter Golaski, a well-respected member of American Polonia, biomedical engineer and former Chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees.

The event, organized by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia with assistance from the Poles in America Foundation, was opened by PHS President Marie Hejnosz with a welcome to those assembled. Richard Sand, member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission spoke on behalf the commissioners. Then a tribute letter from the Honorable Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia was read. Kosciuszko Foundation President John Micgiel spoke about the time when he worked with Dr. Golaski at the Foundation. He was followed by Consul General of the Poland Ewa Junczyk-



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## FRIENDS OF POLISH ART

Friends of Polish Art (FPA) has been very busy. In December 2013, we once again sponsored a Wigilia which was held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. Besides having a wonderful, traditional meal, the patrons were entertained by the Wawel Dance Group and kolendy. In addition, FPA displayed the winning szopka from the Seventh Annual Szopka Competition held in November.

At the General Membership Meeting in January 2014, elections were held with the following results: President – Carol J. Surma, First Vice President – Zofia Duniec-Dmichowski, Second Vice President – Brian Malski, Financial Secretary – Mary Ellen Tyszka, Corresponding Secretary – Diane Murdoch, Recording Secretary (general) – Monica Biestek, Recording Secretary (board) – Wanda Gongola and Directors: Ewa Greenbaum, Barbara Hantz, John Hantz, Janet Ann Hedin and Daniel Misteravich.

FPA is proud to announce two scholarships were awarded at the General Membership Meeting held on May 16, 2014. These very deserving students exemplify the accomplishments of youth in Polonia. This year's recipients of a \$1,500 scholarship each are Jonathan Chmura and Tadeusz. Congratulations!

FPA is also very proud to announce the winners of the Estelle Wachtel-Torres MD Literary Competition.

This year FPA expanded the type of entries to include not only short stories but poetry and essays. The contestants were extremely enthusiastic and submitted excellent pieces of literature. The winners, announced at the General Member Meeting on May 16 were:

First Place: Poland (Poem) by Anthony Stachurski. This is the first year Anthony has entered our competition. His poem "Poland" was also judged as "Best Polish Theme". However, due to our rule that participants can only receive one prize award, Anthony received the prize money for Grand Prize Winner and received a certificate for both awards.

Second Place: Star of the Red Army (Short Story) by Walerian Domanski. Walerian has entered our competition several times and this was his second time receiving an award. He also was a speaker at the November, 2013 Membership Meeting where he read excerpts from several of his publications.

Third Place: L'envie de la Vie (Poem) by Henry J. Tyszka. Henry was our first place winner last year for his short story. It was nice to see him expand his literary accomplishments to include poetry.

Honorable Mention: Clay, Kosciuszko & '97 Commonalities (Essay) by Leonard Zabawski. This is Leonard's first time entering our competition though his daughter, Alena, won second place in our competition in 2012.

## POLISH CULTURAL COUNCIL

On May 31, the Polish Cultural Council (PCC) hosted the first annual Graduation Ceremony for children enrolled in the Polish Kids Club, a volunteer-run Polish immersion program for children in the Pittsburgh area. The event, which was held at the Pike Run Country Club, also included the PCC annual "Majowka Picnic" for PCC members and friends.

Sponsored by the PCC, the Polish Kids Club provides a total "Polish environment" in which children and families learn about Polish culture and history in a fun and supportive environment through Polish language games, crafts, dance. Attendees at the Polish Kids Club activities interact with native-speaking teachers and peers who help them to develop their Polish-language skills.

As part of its mission of promoting Polish activities, the PCC also sponsors Polish languages classes for adults.





# PULASKI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

by Marion V. Winters



Elizabeth Figus

Five winners of the 14th annual Brig. Gen. Casimir Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies, administered by the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC), were announced recently by Marion V. Winters, Chairman. Serving with him on the Committee are Alicia L. Dutka; Deborah M. Majka, Carolyn Meleski and Peter J. Obst. The Committee awarded \$5,000 to each of the following Polish-American students:

**Elizabeth Figus** is a social scientist committed to the development and implementation of responsible fisheries management plans worldwide. Presently, Ms. Figus is a Fisheries PhD student in an interdisciplinary program called Marine Ecosystem Sustainability in the Arctic and Subarctic (MESAS) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Her hope is that working with fishermen in Poland and Alaska during her dissertation research will not only strengthen relationships between scientists and fishermen, but also forge connections between fishermen in both regions. In June, 2010, Ms. Figus earned a Polish Language Certificate after a one-year full-time study at the Jagiellonian University, which was underwritten by The Kosciuszko Foundation. In May 2012, she earned an MA in Central and Eastern European Studies at the Jagiellonian University. A letter of recommendation from a University of Alaska professor indicates that Elizabeth's dissertation proposal is of superior quality and she has distinguished herself in advanced courses.



Julian Klosowiak

**Julian Klosowiak** is in the sixth year of a nine year Medical Scientist Training Program that will result in an MD/PhD degree at Northwestern University - Chicago. During 2007-2008 he was a Fulbright Fellow and a Whitaker Fellow at the Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, Universite Paris Descartes in France. The subject of Mr. Klosowiak's PhD research is the Miro protein, a controller of kinesin-based transport of mitochondria. Julian has already solved the X-ray crystal structure of this protein and received international recognition for this landmark piece of work. Receiving the Pulaski Scholarship will make it possible for him to spend nine months at the Curie Institute in Paris and work in the field of structural biology with world-class expert Anne Houdusse. A Northwestern professor writes "I have no doubt that he is on course to become a truly exceptional physician-scientist, intellectual, and scientific leader."



Joseph Pomianowski

**Joseph Pomianowski** received a Magna cum Laude BS degree in Applied Mathematics and Cellular Biology in 2009 from the University of Connecticut and was awarded an AM degree in History of Science from Harvard University in 2010. From September to December 2010 he was a Fulbright Scholar at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Poland. He is currently enrolled at Yale Law School applying his graduate training and Fulbright experience to become a better legal scholar for a career in teaching law. A Yale Law School professor wrote "He's obviously a very smart student, exceedingly capable and with a quick mind".



Anna Ziolkowska Weissman

**Anna Ziolkowska Weissman** is a third year doctoral student in Political Science at the University of Florida. Anna's research project focuses on identity politics and feminist theory, specifically in Poland and broadly within the rest of Central and Eastern Europe. Her preliminary research from the past two years has demonstrated that the majority of women in the early stages of democratization in Poland (1989 - mid 1990s) did not self-identify as equal citizens. Anna is an active participant in the Polish Student Association, which works closely with the Center for European Studies in sponsoring arts and cultural events. Of her dissertation proposal, her advisor has stated that "it is the best of any student I have advised". Receiving the Pulaski Scholarship will help finance Anna's dissertation research trip to Poland.



Mateusz S. Wietecha

**Mateusz S. Wietecha** is enrolled in the seven-year Doctor of Dental Medicine/PhD (DMD/PhD) program, which is part of a multidisciplinary Oral Science Training Program at the University of Illinois-Chicago. The program is geared to training dentist-scientists to lead in the academic and scientific advancements in oral healthcare.

Mateusz has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities and most recently that of Vice-President, National Student Research Group. He and other students of Polish descent have organized and hosted the annual Polish dental student *ognisko* (bonfire) along with other student members of the Polish American Medical Society.

A letter of recommendation from one of his university professors asserts that Mateusz Wietecha is an "extraordinary young man who will make important contributions to the improvement of human health."

# CANNONIZATION OF JOHN PAUL II & JOHN XXIII

*Reflections by Cecilia Glembocki*



Reflecting on our recent trip to Rome to attend the canonization of Pope John Paul II, one can't quite grasp the significance and magnitude of the event, nor the significance in the course of church history. To bear witness to such a momentous event was one of that major experiences of our lives. I

don't think we will ever forget the excitement of everyone around us, from those crowding the hotel registration desk to the Administrative Secretariat of the Friends of John Paul II Foundation, Christof Wieliczko. The city was alive with vivid expectation.

We arrived Wednesday to seemingly empty streets except for people milling about to get a glimpse of where the event would take place. We spotted Poles singing quietly in groups in St. Peter's Plaza. The lights of the Basilica shone brightly as though foretelling that great happenings were about to occur. We enjoyed the relative quiet of the evening. What a chance of a lifetime to be there to take part and keep forever in our minds the significance of this event!

The Friends of John Paul II Foundation had most graciously provided the required tickets for all the presidents of Polonia organizations from around the world. We found ourselves in the company of Rev. Canon Philip Majka, Deacon Dr. Larry Zieminski, Mark & Judy Machalski, and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Zachariasiewicz from the Washington, D.C. Chapter. The Foundation had arranged for a lovely concert organized by its Administrative Secretariat Christof Wieliczko. There was also a concert "Roman Triptych" presented by Stanislaw Ojka with a band, along with excerpts from the teachings of John Paul II at the Chiesa Nuova Church. What marvelous performances with lights illuminating the ceiling of this magnificent church! Dignitaries who lined the pews and all the vast audience thoroughly enjoyed the concerts. The audience was witness to a new type of music, so appreciated and relevant to younger generations, and beautifully performed.

Who could sleep before such a magic event? It was a sleepless evening as we prepared for the 3:00 a.m. wake-up call. The hotel prepared lunches for everyone who was leaving at that early hour. Yes, we were ready to leave the hotel at 5:00 a.m. to escort Walter Zachariasiewicz and his wife to their assigned area with the dignitaries. The car bore a special clearance to pass through many road blocks manned by Vatican and Roman police.

The Roman streets seemed deserted, yet filled with people just waiting in long and packed lines to enter the Basilica. The lines moved quickly, however, as the sun had not yet risen. Finally, at 5:30 a.m. we were able to be seated near the water fountain on the right. We spotted friends from Detroit, which was a welcome sight. It

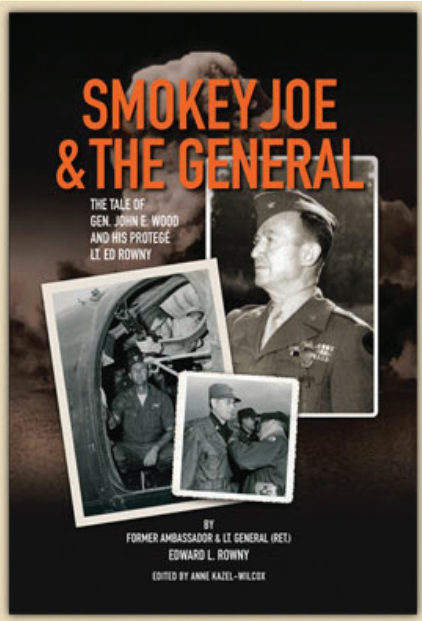
seemed as though we were in the midst of family, with everyone speaking Polish, and waving banners in support of our Blessed John Paul II. The Basilica displayed two tapestries, one of John Paul II and the other of John XXIII. The Altar had an array of roses in varying shades of yellow to pink, an enormous display that could be seen from the Plaza. Crowds quickly filled the seats and it was time to enjoy our well-prepared breakfast from the hotel. Seeing young families from Poland with children brought on a heartfelt pride as we realized the effort it took to have the little ones there. A hush came over audience as large screens presented Pope Francis greeting Pope Emeritus Benedict who looked fragile but smiled throughout the event. Other dignitaries filed in, each greeting the new Pope. He smiled and seemed delighted to have so many people present.

Mass booklets were distributed to all of us and everyone followed along in a variety of languages. What a significant moment in time it was during the mass when Pope Francis declared them Saints. They will now be included in the Canon of the mass and referred to as Saint John Paul II and Saint John XXIII. Everyone applauded at that exact moment. Our beloved Pope John Paul II was now declared a Saint. A warm glow of satisfaction seemed to fill everyone's heart as this was what we had longed and prayed for. Thus Pope Francis proclaimed sainthood for two former Pontiffs, John Paul II and John XXIII, marking the first time in the church's long history that two ex-popes have been canonized at the same time.

This day will mark in the hearts of Cecilia and Raymond Glembocki a moment in our 50th year of marriage that we witnessed and were part of the history of the church and in our Christian lives.



*Raymond and Cecilia Glembocki*



by Mary Flanagan

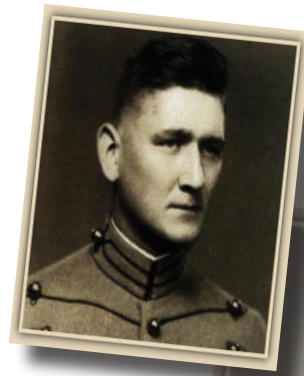
## Smokey Joe & the General

by Former Ambassador and  
retired Lieutenant General  
Edward L. Rowny

Soft cover, 374 pages

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*Lieutenant General  
Edward L. Rowny, Retired*

It has been said that during World War II the American soldier had a singular advantage over the enemy, i.e. his ability to continue toward the objective even if his commanding officers had been killed or

wounded, whereas the enemy was trained to wait for replacements. Such leadership abilities were instilled by their training and we can be thankful for such far seeing officers as John Elliott Wood, "Smokey Joe." His far-sighted strategies prepared his men to perform above their rank. He was a firm believer in respect for the individual and looked for intelligence, industry, innovation and integrity in his officers.

The son of immigrants from Poland, Edward Rowny was raised to become a great patriot with integrity and high principals. His military career began at West Point where his relationship with then Col. Wood began as a mentorship and developed through the years as a close and lasting friendship. Smokey recognized the potential of his protégé and encouraged and promoted him throughout his career.

During his career, Rowny met and worked with some of the most distinguished people of the time. Through his personal curiosity and interest in them as well as his astute powers of observation, he presents them in his book. His descriptions give the reader an intimate knowledge of the personalities. The truly gifted leaders learned from past experience and implemented new methods. They displayed integrity, bravery and moral courage. He recounts his early training and service under Colonel Wood before the outbreak of WW II and subsequent service in Liberia and Italy. During the Korean War he served as official spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur and was a planner of the Inchon Invasion. In Vietnam he led the Advanced Concept Team (ACTTV) which brought armed helicopters to combat, thus laying the groundwork for their roles in the Gulf Wars and Afghanistan.

As military representative to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty negotiations, he resigned in protest over President Carter's signing of the Salt II Treaty. Under President Reagan he was Chief Negotiator of the START Treaty and later Special Advisor to the president for Arms Control. He was awarded the President's Citizen's Medal as one of the chief architects of Peace Through Strength.

As long as gifted leaders leave a record of their experiences, future leaders will learn from them and take it up a notch. General Rowny has left such a legacy and his experiences will inspire future leaders. He makes a strong case for diplomacy to succeed it must be supported by a strong military presence

*In 1989, President Reagan awarded Ambassador Rowny the Presidential Citizen's Medal. The citation reads: "Edward L. Rowny has been one of the principal architects of America's policy of peace through strength." As an arms negotiator and presidential advisor, Rowny has served mightily, courageously, and nobly in the cause of peace and freedom.*

*NOTE: Gen. Rowny is a member and long-time supporter of our organization among others. His websites: [www.apacouncil.info](http://www.apacouncil.info) covers his presidency of the American Polish Advisory Council and [www.paderewskirowny.com](http://www.paderewskirowny.com) recounts his fifty year struggle to return the remains of Ignacy Jan Paderewski to Poland, and his establishment of the Paderewski Scholarship Fund.*



**Additional Photos of the Casimir Pulaski Birthday Celebration in Savannah, Georgia on March 1, 2014.**



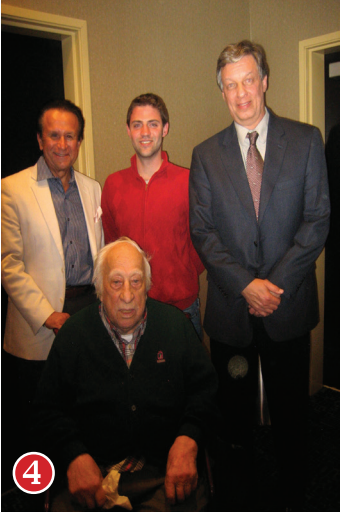
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**Photo Captions:**

1. The Pulaski Monument.
2. Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson addresses attendees.
3. (left to right) Georgia State Representative Ron Stevens, with Jack and Monica Pinkowski.
4. (seated) Edward Pinkowski; (standing, left to right) Jack Pinkowski, Daniel Kamykowski; and Edward Krolikowski.
5. (left to right) Daniel Kamykowski (at podium); WJCL-TV Sports Director Frank Sulkowski; ACPC Acting President Mary Ellen Tyszka; and Monica and Jack Pinkowski.
6. (left to right) ACPC Acting President Mary Ellen Tyszka, "KraKowianka" Janina, Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson, Barbara Lemecha

*event photos Jackie Kolowski*



*Left: Golaski plaque unveiling at Drexel University*



*Below: Dr. John Micgiel, President of the Kosciuszko Foundation speaks at unveiling.*

Ziomecka stressed Walter Golaski's Polish contributions to America. Philadelphia City Comptroller Alan Butkowitz mentioned the importance of industry and innovation to the city, which Dr. Golaski exemplified.

Among those present was Walter Golaski's widow, Alexandra; daughters Michelle and Alexandra; and sons John-paul and Edmund.

Speaking for the family, Edmund Golaski mentioned a few anecdotes from his father's life and the fact that his workshop had stood near this very spot at 3339 Lancaster Ave. Then the family members rose and grasped the cord securing the cover over the tall marker. On a count of three, the cord went taut, velcro fastenings gave way, the cover peeled back revealing a blue and gold sign with the following text:

*Walter Golaski  
(1913-1996)*

*A Polish-American engineer and inventor. In the 1960s Drexel graduate Golaski perfected the Dense Knit Dacron Vascular Prosthesis, the first practical artificial blood vessel replacement, a life-saving medical advance. He began his career designing innovative machinery for the knitting industry, for which he received numerous patents. He encouraged scholarly and cultural exchange between Poland and the US. His workshop was here for many years.*

After the family had a chance to take some photographs at the marker, the entire group, including friends and members of Polonia, retired for lunch at the nearby Paul Peck Alumni Center of Drexel University. This was the third historical marker dedicated under Polish Heritage Society auspices in Philadelphia.

# AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR POLISH CULTURE

## 66th Annual Convention • July 30 - August 3, 2014

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### Hotel Reservation

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For further information contact

**Tom Payne 301-717-0662**

or

**Debbie Majka 215-870-6909**

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## AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR POLISH CULTURE 66TH CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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ACPC Convention Registration Form

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# AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR POLISH CULTURE

## 66<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention

### Theme: *Proud Americans, Polish Roots*

July 30 – August 2, 2014

Hyatt Regency Buffalo

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, July 30, 2014

1:00 – 4:00 PM Registration Grand G Room  
7:00 – 8:00 PM Board Meeting Grand G Room  
8:30 – 9:30 PM Reception Sun Garden Atrium

#### Thursday, July 31, 2014

8:00 – 9:00 AM Convention & Credential Registration  
Grand E Room  
8:00 AM Boutique Open  
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies Grand E Room  
Welcome Tom Payne, co-chair  
Presentation of Colors –  
Anthems Polish and American –  
Chopin Singing Society  
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 AM Break  
10:15AM Credential Registration  
10:30AM Business Session Grand E Room  
12:30PM Luncheon with Speaker Grand A Room  
1:30 -2:00 PM Credential Registration  
2:00 – 4:00PM Business Session  
4:00 – 5:00 PM Workshop: How Affiliates Can Take  
Advantage and Benefit from  
ACPC Sponsoring Programs  
6:00PM Dinner (Cash Bar) Grand A Room  
8:00PM Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Concert  
Grand C Room

#### Friday, August 1, 2014

8:00 - 9:00AM Registration  
Attendees must be registered  
by noon in order to vote  
8:00 AM Boutique Open  
8:00 -9:00 AM Credential Registration  
9:00 - 12:00PM Business Session Grand E Room  
12:00 - 1:30PM Luncheon Grand A Room  
1:30 – 5:00PM Tour of Buffalo Sights  
5:00 PM Return to Hotel  
balance of evening FREE  
(Theatres, Lafayette Square, Buffalo Bisons Baseball,  
Waterfront, Buffalo Creek Casino)

#### Saturday, August 2, 2014

8:00 – 9:00AM Registration  
8:00 – 9:00AM Boutique Open  
8:45 AM Credential Registration  
9:00 – 1:00PM Business Session and Elections  
Grand E Room  
1:00 – 2:30PM Board meeting/Working Lunch  
Grand A Room  
5:00PM Mass  
6:00 – 7:00PM Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)  
7:00 – 8:30PM Awards Banquet Grand A Room  
Invocation Reverend Canon Philip S. Majka  
8:30PM Presentation of Awards  
Installation of National Officers



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