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Congratulations to the National Officers Elected in Cleveland



The 35th National Convention of Polish Women's Alliance of America was held in Cleveland, Ohio, from August 25 to 27, 2007. This was the third time that a PWA National Convention was held in Cleveland, two previous conventions having been held there in 1907 and in 1967.

A PWA National Convention is held every four years with the objectives of electing new national officers, making amendments to the Constitution, and setting goals for the next four years.

The General Administration elected at the 35th National Convention is as follows: President Virginia Sikora, reelected to serve a third term in that office; Vice President Sharon Zago, also reelected to serve a third term; and Antoinette Trela Vander Noot, elected to the newly combined office of Secretary-Treasurer. Four National Directors were also elected as follows: Dawn Muszynski Nelson (Illinois), Helen Simmons (California), Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy (New Jersey), and Felicia Perlick, (Pennsylvania). *Continued on page 4*



Top photo, from left, Sharon Zago, Virginia Sikora, and Antoinette Trela Vander Noot. Lower photo, from left, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, Felicia Perlick, Dawn Muszynski Nelson, and Helen Simmons.

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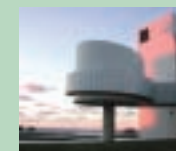
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Irena Sendler Named Honorary Member of PWA at the 35th National Convention

By a Special Resolution introduced by Treasurer Barbara Miller at the 35th National Convention and passed unanimously by the delegates, Irena Sendler, was named the eighth Honorary Member of PWA. Sendler is a true humanitarian and hero, who saved the lives of over 2,500 children during World War II in Warsaw, Poland. Sendler, who is 97-years old, has also been proposed as a candidate for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. She joins seven other accomplished and internationally acclaimed women who have been named Honorary Members in PWA's 109-year history. *Continued on page 3.*



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Irena Sendler Named Honorary Member of PWA



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The other Honorary Members of Polish Women's Alliance of America are writer Maria Konopnicka, writer Eliza Orzeszkowa, actress Helena Modrzejewska, Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Skłodowska Curie, humanitarian and Poland's First Lady Helena Paderewska, social activist Helena Sikorska, writer Maria Rodziewiczówna, and U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski. We

have been featuring our Honorary Members in past issues of the *Głos Polek*. You can also find the profiles and photos of all PWA Honorary Members on our website, www.pwaa.org/about_us.html.

Irena Sendler was born in Warsaw in 1910, which was under Russian rule at the time of her birth. (Poland regained independence in 1918.) She was 29 when World War II broke out and working as a social worker for a Catholic agency in Warsaw. She joined Żegota, a clandestine network of Poles who fought to aid the Jews during WWII. She became head of Żegota's Children's Division, leading an underground conspiracy of Polish women to rescue thousands of children from the Warsaw Ghetto. Her profession gave her good cover to go in and out of the Ghetto. In 1943 she was arrested, tortured, and sentenced to death by the Gestapo. Helping Jews was punishable by death in Nazi-occupied Poland—all members of a household could be sentenced to death for any single person's "crime" of helping Jews. This was the harshest law in all of Nazi-occupied Europe and it underscored just how brave Poles were and what grave risks they took on themselves and their families by working in the underground and helping others.

Żegota members managed to bribe Sendler's prison guards, and she was able to escape on the way to her execution. She continued her underground work after her escape, living in deep hiding, away from her family, until after the war. Hers was one of the most powerful voices on behalf of tolerance and peace of her generation in Poland, and with time her bravery was officially acknowledged by the Polish and also Israeli governments. She has received the highest civilian awards and medals from Poland and was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 96! (The 2007 Nobel Peace Prize will be announced on October 12, 2007.)

PBS is filming a documentary about her life, "In the Name of Their Mothers," including interviews with some of the children whose lives she saved. Mary Skinner is the director who has visited Sendler in Warsaw on a number of occasions. You can visit the film's website below for more information about when the film will be ready and also to learn more about Irena Sendler, a true Polish heroine—and now a PWA Honorary Member!

The PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation is starting an **Irena Sendler Fund** to support the PBS film. If you would like to make a donation, please send your check to PWA, payable to the PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation, and please write "Irena Sendler Fund" in the memo line.

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Hedwig A Rominski	Distr. XIV, Gr. 530
Antoinette Trela Vander Noot	Dist. I, Gr. 211
Bernadette M Vlock	Dist. XI, Gr. 409
Joan R Wawrzynkiewicz	Dist.XI, Gr. 409
Dorothy Wisneski	Dist. XIV, Gr. 509
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Each member received a beautiful book about Pope John Paul II
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**These Groups' members sold ten or more policies
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Group 132 -	\$100 award
Group 267 -	\$250 award
Group 509 -	\$100 award
Group 579 -	\$100 award
Group 763 -	\$100 award



Contest winners who were present at the Convention were honored at the banquet. President Virginia Sikora presented certificates and books to the winners.



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Saturday, August 25, 2007

The delegates and guests arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Cleveland on Saturday, checking into the hotel, finding their rooms, and registering for the Convention. At 6 p.m. a Mass of Thanksgiving was held, concelebrated by the Most Rev. Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, Msgr. Stanley Milewski of Orchard Lake Schools, Msgr. Walter Ziemia of Orchard Lake Schools, and Father Michael Surufka, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Shrine Church in Cleveland.

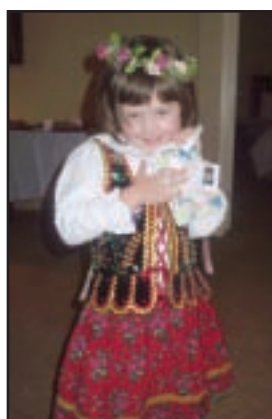
In keeping with the age-old Polish tradition, the Bishop of Cleveland was greeted at the altar by two young PWA members in Krakowiak costumes, carrying the offerings of bread and salt. All guests of honor are welcomed this way into Polish homes, also at weddings or formal receptions. The greeters were Anna Buczek and Ernest Oleksy. President Virginia Sikora did the first reading during Mass and Vice President Sharon Zago the second. Secretary Grazyna Migala read the intercessions in Polish and Treasurer Barbara Miller read the intercessions in English. The offertory gifts were brought to the altar by the Board of Directors. Music during the liturgy was provided by pianist David Krakowski, cantor Damien Henri, and the Polish Chamber Choir of St. Stanislaus Shrine Church.

After the Mass, the clergy, officers, delegates, and guests were invited to a Welcome Reception at the hotel, hosted by District VII. State President Irena Honc-Jadlos and her Per-Convention Committee were on hand to make sure that everyone felt taken care of and at home.

Sunday, August 26, 2007

The first Convention Sessions started at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. President of District VII Irena Honc Jadlos welcomed the delegates and introduced National President Virginia Sikora, who officially opened the 35th National Convention.

After the color guard entered with the U.S. and Polish flags, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and both national anthems were sung. Past President of District III Evelyn Lisek led the singing. Monsignor Stanley Milewski of Orchard Lake asked for God's blessings on the deliberations, and Honorary President Helen Wojcik



National President Virginia Sikora with Convention Banquet keynote speaker Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Ninth District Ohio.



addressed the delegates, recalling that the first Convention she ever attended was 40 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio.

Words of greetings were offered by guests to the Convention, representing other fraternal benefit societies: Wallace Zielinski, President Polish Falcons; Wallace Ozog, President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; and David Huber, President of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

After Bernadette Vlock, Chairman of the Mandates and Credentials

Committee, presented her report, President Virginia Sikora administered the Oath of Delegates. There were 175 delegates present at this session. Then Chairman of the Rules of Order Committee, Jennie Starzyk Benton, read the rules for the day and the Budget Committee Chair, Barbara Misiolek Gamble, read the proposed salaries for the Officers of the Convention and for the Convention Committees.

President Sikora then administered

the Oath of Office to the Officers of the 35th Convention: Delphine Huneycutt, Chairman; Bernadette Borinski, Co-Chair and Parliamentary Advisor; Victoria Moulen, Secretary of the Convention; and Grace Dubowski, Assistant Secretary.

Chairman Delphine Huneycutt then assumed the gavel and gave her opening address. This was followed by the the address of National President Virginia Sikora. A moment of silence was offered for officers and

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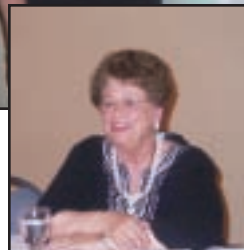
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General Administration elected at the 35th Convention



State Presidents installed at the 35th Convention

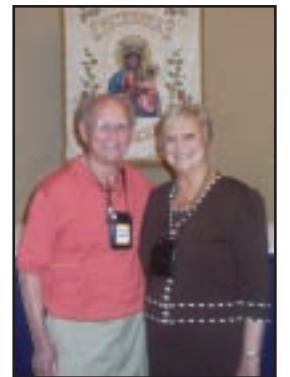


members who had passed in the last four years, including Honorary President Helen Zielinski, Past National Secretary Julia Stroup, and Past National Director Albina Swierzbinski. President Sikora then presented an overview of the last four years, which included a discussion of new insurance plans and sales promotions which had been introduced, as well as financial results, investments, and the sale of the PWA building in Park Ridge. President Sikora also discussed meetings attended, awards received, and plans for the future.

After the President's address, Chairman Huneycutt read the names of the Officers and of the members of the Convention Committees. The last item on the agenda for the day was the acceptance of the Four-Year Reports of all National Officers.

In the evening, the Convention Banquet was held in the Hotel Ballroom. President of District VII Irena Honc Jadlos welcomed the delegates and guests and Vice President Sharon Zago then announced the winners of the 35th Convention Membership Contest (see page 3 for list of names). President Virginia Sikora congratulated each winner and presented her with a book about Pope John Paul II. Then the two anthems were sung and Monsignor Stanley Milewski gave the invocation. Honorary President Helen Wojcik offered the toast.

The keynote speaker was Marcy Kaptur, U.S. Representative from the Ninth District in Ohio, introduced by National Secretary Grazyna Migala. Rep. Kaptur (Continued on page 6)



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spoke about the importance of greater representation for the Polish American community in Washington and promised to work with PWA on setting up more internships through her office for young Polish Americans. Her assistant Katie Bibish also spoke about her travels to Russia and to Poland and about how valuable experiences in other countries and cultures are for young Americans.

Messages were read by Treasurer Barbara Miller and Father Michael Surufka gave the final blessing. Dancing continued into the night to the music of the Tom Fries Band.

Monday, August 27, 2007

The session started with the report of PWA's Actuaries, Griffith, Ballard and Company, delivered by Steve Griffith who said that with a surplus of \$2.7 million, which is 5% of liabilities, PWA is in sound financial condition. Going forward, he recommended that operating costs need to be controlled carefully, as they were in the last four years, investments need to remain sound, and minimum insurance may need to be raised to \$5,000 from the current \$3,000 minimum issue amount.

A large part of the day was devoted to the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of PWA. Chairman of the Amendments Committee, Delphine Lytell, presented the amendments and each one was voted on individually. The most significant changes that passed combined the office of National Secretary with that of Treasurer and reduced the number of National Directors from five to four. Both of these amendments went into effect starting with the 35th National Convention. The Committee is to be commended on a great job!

After the Amendments Committee finished its work, the Youth Committee took the floor and read its report recommending more activities for the youth, more scholarships, and a greater Internet presence for the PWA, since the younger generation is most comfortable finding information online and connecting with one another that way. The Chairman of the Youth Committee was Helen Lopez.

The day ended with the report of the Budget and Grievances Committee, which included the proposed salaries for the National Officers for the next term. The Committee was chaired by Barbara Misiolek Gamble.

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

The third day started with the presentation of applications by the State Presidents to National President Virginia Sikora, as well as of donations to the PWA Charitable and Educational Fund. This was followed by the report of the Membership Committee, Chairman Alice Manijak, and of the Nominations Committee, Chairman Andrea Torok.

At 11 a.m., a Memorial Mass was held for deceased PWA members, celebrated by Father Michael Surufka of St. Stanislaus Parish. Father gave a moving homily about discovering his Polish roots in the Polish parish where he serves. Each State President presented a rose to the Blessed Virgin in memory of members from her District who had passed away. After Mass, a Memorial Luncheon was served.

The afternoon session was devoted to the presentation of the candidates for office and elections. Each candidate spoke for three minutes. The candidates were: for President, Grazyna Migala and Virginia Sikora; for Vice President: Christine Wozniak and Sharon Zago; for Secretary-Treasurer, Delphine Lytell and Antoinette Trela Vander Noot. For National Directors: Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, Marlene Wilczynski Gill, Elizabeth Kubacki, Dawn Muszynski Nelson, Felicia Perlick, and Helen Simmons.

The chairman of the Election Committee was Mercedes Spotts, assisted by PWA Legal Counsel Chris Nowotarski. The elections were facilitated by the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County. There were 177 delegates eligible to vote.

While the delegates waited for the votes to be counted, the raffle was held and the State Presidents who had been elected earlier in the year at their State Conventions, were installed.

The State Presidents for the next four years are:

District I	Lidia Filus
District II	Anthelyne Blasic
District III	Delphine Huneycutt
District IV	Vacancy
District V	Mary Ann Nowak
District VI	Diane Reeve
District VII	Irena Honc Jadlos
District VIII	Sylvia Morytko
District IX	Sophie Marshall
District X	Josephine Kuklasinski
District XI	Bernadette Vlock
District XII	Therese Violanti
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Special thanks to the Delegates who served on these Committees!

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Beata Telesz, Mary Rostafinski,
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Spotts, Barbara Bak



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Felicia Perlick, Bernadine Regis

The results of the elections for National Officers were as follows:

President: Virginia Sikora	132
Vice President: Sharon Zago	127
Secretary/Treasurer Antoinette Trela Vander Noot	90
Directors:	
Dawn Muszynski Nelson	152
Helen Simmons	116
Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy	108
Felicia Perlick	100

After the results were announced, Convention Chair Delphine Huneycutt administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers. Outgoing officers, Treasurer Barbara Miller, Secretary Grazyna Migala, and Director Jennie Starzyk Benton, said a few words of farewell and wished the new officers good luck.

The Convention ended with the reading of the Convention Resolution by the Resolution Committee, chaired by Sophie Marshall, and of a Special Resolution presented by Treasurer Barbara Miller, proposing Irena Sandler for Honorary Membership. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

The next morning, after a Breakfast of Champions, delegates had to pack and check out and head out to the airport or car park for the return trip home. It was a fruitful and very well organized Convention, for which many thanks need to be given to the members of District VII, especially the members of the Pre-Convention Committee and State President Irena Honc Jadlos. *Szczęść Boże, till we meet again in four years!* M.P.

Attention Group Officers:

Group Elections must be held in November or December

This is a reminder that the election of Group Officers for 2008 must be held during the months of November or December, according to the Constitution of the PWA. Please be sure to notify Group members in writing of the election meeting.

Reporting Forms will be mailed to all Groups in November. You will need to return them to the Home Office after the election meeting. The forms will ask for the names of the new officers, for the activities in your Group in the past year, as well as for banking information (as required by law).

Fraternally,
Antoinette Trela Vander Noot
Secretary-Treasurer

Donations to the District I Scholarship Fund

The annual Our Lady of Czestochowa Day for District I was celebrated on August 14, 2007, at St. Joseph's Parish in Summit, Illinois. Several generous donations were given to the District, mainly to support the District I Scholarship Fund. The following Groups, Councils and individuals are acknowledged for their outstanding support of this fund: Mr. James Pesdan \$50; Gr. 723 \$50; Gr. 258 \$100; Gr. 525 \$100; Council 13 \$100; Gr. 743 \$100; Council 27 \$100; Gr. 423 \$10; Memorial for Zoe Trela by Antoinette Vander Noot \$100. Group 723 presented \$100 for the regular scholarship fund. *Delphine Lytell*

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Council 27 meeting at PWA Home Office at 3:30 p.m. All delegates invited. Contact: Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220 or 847-420-4070.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Council 9 Holiday Planning Meeting at 1 p.m. at St. John Brebeuf Parish, Flannagan Hall, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. Niles, IL. Contact: President Regina Solms 847-647-1855.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Polish American Heritage Month Celebration in District I. See page 8.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Council 9 Christmas Party for Children. Pictures with Santa, crafts, lunch, games, raffle, Christmas gift. For reservations contact Regina Solms 847-647-1855 or Adeline Holda 773-736-5861.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Council 27 Christmas Party for Children ages 1 to 10. Many fun activities are planned: Christmas Carols, talent show, pizza, raffle, and a visit from Santa. For full details and reservations, please call Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220 or 847-420-4070 before November 1st.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

District I Oplatek Christmas celebration. See box on this page for more info or call District I President Lidia Filus at 847-698-0250 .

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Group 341 Krakowianki Christmas Party at the Panera Bread Company, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA. Party will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Vicki Niemiec at 412-422-5754 for more information.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Group 821 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party at 6 p.m. All members are cordially invited. To make a reservation, please call Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220 or 847-420-4070.

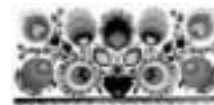
PWA Book Club

The PWA Book Club meets at the PWA Home Office on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We are currently reading works by Joseph Conrad Korzeniowski. Here are the readings for the months of October and November:

- October 1: Part I and Part II of *Heart of Darkness*
- October 8: Part III of *Heart of Darkness*
- October 15: Parts I through IX of "The End of the Tether"
- October 22: Parts X to the end of "The End of the Tether"
- October 29: We begin the novel *Lord Jim*, about 300 pages long. We will read it in four parts, each about 75 pages long. For this session, read Chapters I through VIII.
- November 5: *Lord Jim*, Chapters IX through XIX.
- November 12: *Lord Jim*, Chapters XX through XXXII.
- November 19: *Lord Jim*, Chapters XXXIII to the end. Last meeting.

Contact Vice President Sharon Zago for more information about the PWA Book Club at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 or 1-847-384-1208.

PWA Polish School Students Display "Wycinanki"



Paper cut-outs created by students of the Marie Skłodowska Curie Polish Language School, District I, will be on display at two branches of the Chicago Public Library during October, Polish American Heritage Month: Roden Branch at 6083 N. Northwest Hwy., and Jefferson Park Branch, 5363 W. Lawrence Ave. Call the Office of the Vice President for more information 1-888-522-1908 ext. 208.

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION IN DISTRICT I

POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



District PWA District I is again teaming up with Northeastern Illinois University and the Council of Educators in Polonia for a unique observance of Polish American Heritage Month. This is the tenth year that the event is taking place and the fifth year that an awards ceremony has been added to acknowledge individuals who have made significant contributions to the Polish American community. All PWA members and guests are cordially invited!

Polish American Heritage Program
Friday, October 26th
6 - 10 p.m.
Alumni Hall, Student Union
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 N. St. Louis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

PWA Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela Vander Noot will be keynote speaker. She will talk about the role of Polish Women's Alliance in promoting and preserving Polish heritage. The event is free, but reservations are required. Please contact District I President Lidia Filus at 773-442-5784 or 847-698-0250. You can also contact her by email: L-Filus@neiu.edu.

Things to do with your family and friends to celebrate Polish American Heritage Month

- Start your family tree and invite all the members of your family to get involved.
- Review a map of Poland and learn more about the town or city of your ancestors.
- Read a book on Polish history and share that information with family and friends.
- Attend a Polish American event in your area and invite others to attend with you.
- Display a Polish and American flag, a red and white bow, or a Heritage Month poster in your home or place of business.
- Rent a Polish movie or a film about Poland and watch it with your family and friends.
- Cook a Polish meal—and have your children help you!
- Go to Mass in a Polish church in your town or community.
- Bring a guest to your PWA group meeting in October.
- Check out the 35th Convention Special on page 11. Increase your own insurance or introduce a new person to PWA!



Go here for more ideas:
http://www.polishamericancenter.org/Heritage_Frame.htm



Senator Barbara Mikulski

We Salute
Two Polish
American
Women
in the
U.S.
Congress



Representative Marcy Kaptur

During Polish American Heritage Month we are proud to salute two Polish American women who have served for many years in the U.S. Congress. Senator Barbara Mikulski, U.S. Senator from Maryland, is the **senior-most woman serving in the Senate**, having been first elected to this office in 1986. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur from the Ninth District in Ohio is the **senior-most woman in the U.S. House of Representatives**, currently serving her thirteenth term. We salute them for their many dedicated years of public service to their country and to their communities! We are proud that Polish American women hold senior leadership positions in the U.S. government. Senator Mikulski is a member of PWA Group 763 and also Honorary Member of the organization. Congresswoman Kaptur was the featured speaker at the 35th National Convention Banquet held in Cleveland on August 26, 2007. In her remarks she encouraged Polish Americans to get involved in public service with the goal of increasing our community's representation in local, state, and national governance.



Komitet Oswiaty Announces a Contest for PWA Members of All Ages!

**"My Best Memories
of the Summer of 2007"**

Here are the rules:

1. The contest is open to PWA members of all ages.
2. Describe the memory in 50 words or more (photos of event optional)
3. Entries become the property of PWA.
4. Winning entries will be published in the next issue of *Glos Polek*.
5. Deadline: postmark November 1, 2007

Five Prizes will be awarded:

First Prize - \$100 Second Prize - \$75 Third Prize \$50
 Honorable Mention \$25 Honorable Mention \$25

Mail entries to:

My Best Memories of the Summer of 2007 Contest
 Polish Women's Alliance of America
 6643 N. Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor
 Chicago, IL 60631

Or e-mail entries to: vpres@pwaa.org

Include: "Summer of 2007 Contest" in subject line.

Please be sure to include: Your Name, PWA Group No., Address, City, State, Zip, Phone No. and e-mail address.

For more information contact: Vice Pres. Office 1-888-522-1898 ext 208

**Wear Your Polish Heritage
with Pride!**



Garland Youth Section

Council 28 Awards Scholarships



Jillian M. Lambert
Group 287, Holyoke, MA



Philip D. Michalenko
Group 776, Addams, MA



Jessica Lysick
Group 422, Springfield, MA



Christopher W. Wiczorek
Group 422, Springfield, MA

Chicopee, MA—Council 28 of District VIII Massachusetts awarded four Council Scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year to the following students: Jillian M. Lambert of Group 287; Philip D. Michalenko of Group 776; Jessica Lysick of Group 422, and Christopher W. Wiczorek of Group 422.

The scholarship awards were announced at the February 25, 2007 Council meeting hosted by Chicopee Group 317, Mrs. Sylvia Morytko, President. Serving on the Council Scholarship Committee were Mary Lee Bertrand, Group 422; Monica Moriarty, Group 422; Victoria Moulen, Group 766; Elizabeth Szymonik, Group 141; and Alice Manijak, Council President and Committee Chairman. Congratulations and best wishes go out to these scholarship recipients. We are very proud that these students are participating members of Polish Women's Alliance of America and we wish them continued success with their studies. *Alice Manijak, Council President*

District XI Celebrates Youth Members



National Scholarship recipients, at the District XI Awards Luncheon, from left, Cara Wagman, Michaela Mlynczak, Nicolette Krejci, and Bernadette Vlock, District XI President.

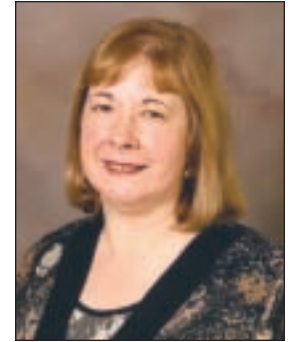
Omaha, NE—A reception honoring the youth of District XI Nebraska was held on Saturday, August 11, 2007, at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. National Scholarships recipients and PWA Youth Bowlers were on hand to receive their awards. On behalf of the PWA Home Office District XI President Bernadette Vlock presented the bowlers with their medals. (See photo on page 10.) The youngest bowler, Luke Jurek, tied with another

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From the Desk of the Vice President

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES!

**The Regular PWA
Scholarship Program
will run from
DECEMBER 1, 2007 to
FEBRUARY 15, 2008.**



Vice President Sharon Zago

It is with great pleasure that I will be serving the PWA membership once again in the capacity of National Vice President.

Our organization has been very fortunate during the past two years in being able to offer various scholarships to PWA members. These scholarships have been supported by Komitet Oswiaty and and by the funding we receive from you, our members and friends, through the annual cash raffle.

I would like to announce ahead of time the dates of the Scholarship Program as headlined above.

If you are a full-time freshman enrolled in an undergraduate college program and you plan on continuing full-time undergraduate college in 2008-2009, you may qualify for this scholarship. Please review the requirements for application carefully. If you decide to apply, you must adhere to the strict deadlines. Approximately 70 days are made available for the application process but we urge you not to wait until the last minute.

As always, scholarship notification will be printed in the December issue of *Glos Polek* as well as in subsequent issues of *Glos Polek*, up to the deadline.

In addition to accessibility through my office, scholarship requirements and forms will be available beginning December 1, 2007, from the following sources:

PWAA website - www.pwaa.org *

District Presidents will have a supply of forms.

New! Council Presidents will have all forms.

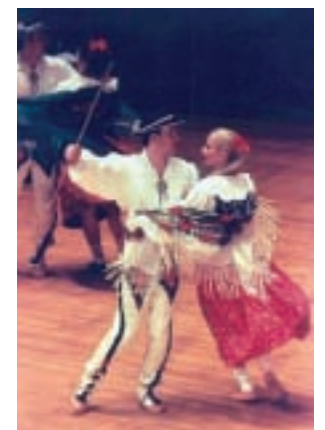
New! Group Presidents will have all forms.

*New! We thank District President Helen Lopez for her suggestion of allowing applicants to fill the forms online before printing them. We hope to make this possible during the 2008-2009 scholarship period.

Please feel free to contact my office directly, if you have any questions: Toll-free 1-888-522-1898, ext 208, or locally 1-847-384-1208.

Mazowsze Dance Ensemble from Poland on U.S. Tour

The spectacular Polish Dance Ensemble "Mazowsze" is coming to the U.S again this November. This is their first American Tour in 10 years! Invite your family and friends to join you for an experience they will never forget. This would make a great outing for your PWA Group or Council. Check the tour schedule by visiting <http://polskiinternet.com/english>. Scroll down to "Concerts of Mazowsze." The tour starts on November 13th in Cleveland, Ohio, and continues to Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Brookville, Philadelphia, Toronto, Buffalo, North Bethesda, Waterbury, Schenectady, and finishes up in New Brunswick on December 2, 2007.



Mazowsze Dancers
perform the "Zbojnicki"

District XI Youth Bowlers

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boy for 1st place in the Polish Women's Alliance of America Peewee League. Congratulations, Luke! The three PWA National Scholarships recipients, also received their awards at the reception. (See photo on page 9). The proud District XI bowlers are pictured in the photo above. In the back row, from left, District XI President Bernadette Vlock, Courtney Jurek, Steven Jurek Jr., Shelbi Mlynczak, and Mary Kurtz, Council 25 Youth Counselor. Front row, from left, Laura Jurek, Luke Jurek, and Tyler Jurek.

2007 Polonia Youth Bowling Tournament PWA Member Scores

Scores of PWA members who participated in the Bowling Tournament are listed below. Congratulations to all bowlers! Scores for bowlers from the other fraternal are listed on the PWA website. You can go to www.pwaa.org/youth_html to check out the scores of young bowlers from across the nation!

Name	District	Council	Gr.	Division	Total
Spencer Blackburn	V	3	806	Peewee	158
Luke Jurek	XI	25	579	Peewee	158
Bianca Reno	XIV	44	452	Peewee	153
Karina Bonilla	I	19	31	Peewee	150
Becky Piepszak	V	20	786	Peewee	133
Sebastian Douchis	II	2	224	Peewee	115
Sam Blackburn	V	3	806	Peewee	78
Emily Hogan	V	20	786	Bantams	192
Madeline Aldinger	V	20	786	Bantams	188
Samuel Rogala	IV	23	469	Bantams	179
Krysten Piepszak	V	20	786	Bantams	177
Sophia South	V	3	806	Bantams	160
Nicholas Douchis	II	2	224	Bantams	159
Laura Jurek	XI	25	579	Bantams	153
Carl Nutaitis	XIV	40	530	Bantams	151
Lillian Aldinger	V	20	786	Bantams	136
Charles Nutaitis	XIV	40	530	Bantams	132
Michael Sangster	V	20	786	Preps	323
Gabriel (Gabe) South	V	3	806	Preps	272
Aneshka S. Haps	V	20	786	Preps	271
Steven Jurek, Jr.	XI	25	579	Preps	264
Preston Reno	XIV	44	452	Preps	220
Matthew Houde	XIV	40	431	Preps	196
Tyler Jurek	XI	25	579	Preps	184
Tanner South	V	3	806	Preps	180
Landon South	V	3	806	Junior	386
Kasha V. Haps	V	20	786	Junior	299
Benjamin Houde	XIV	40	431	Junior	293
Courtney Jurek	XI	25	579	Junior	243
Michelle Shelbi Mlynczak	XI	25	579	Junior	241
Logan Reno	XIV	44	452	Junior	189
Joseph Houde	XIV	40	431	Majors/Sr	291

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Matusik Group 426

Three generations of PWA:
Helen Matusik with her
daughter Barbara Miller
and granddaughter Julia



Helen Matusik, a long-time member and officer of Group 426 and the mother of our past Treasurer Barbara Miller, passed away on August 8th. She was 101 years old.

PWA was always a very important part of her life. Her mother Zofia Mierzwa was one of the founders of Group 426 and Helen followed in her footsteps. She served as Financial Secretary of Group 426 for 40 years. She instilled a love of all things Polish in her three children as well and they participated in many PWA activities as a family.

She was devoted to the Blessed Virgin all her life and she prayed the rosary daily. She loved to cook and her recipes were cherished by her family. She served as a board member of the Southwest Suburban Center of Aging for 14 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter (1970) and by two of her children, Irene (1995) and Ray (2003). She is survived by her daughter Barbara Matusik Miller, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, with two more on the way—she did know about them before she died.

Her daughter Barbara remembers her mother as a strong woman, filled with common sense, the matriarch of her family, who lived her life well and who will be missed by those how knew and loved her. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Matusik. May she rest in peace! *Wieczny odpoczynek racz Jej dać Panie.*

Memorials: Sisters of St. Joseph, the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging, or the PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Jean Wallace Group 481

Detroit, MI—Jean Wallace was a longtime member of PWA Group 481. She served as president of the Group and was a delegate to many Conventions, Group and Council events and meetings, and was very active with the Transfiguration Seniors as well as other parish organizations. Jean was always ready to help when needed.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Rev. Andrew Wesley, pastor of Transfiguration Parish. His thoughtful eulogy showed what a

remarkable person she truly was and how much she was loved by everyone. She made significant contributions to PWA, Polonia, and to her parish. Jean is survived by her son Gregory and many nieces and nephews.

Before Mass, State President Mary Ann Nowak and Honorary State President Irene Kay stood guard by the casket paying their last respects to Jean. For all the good she did for others, may she rest in peace. *Cześć Jej Pamięci!*



**Happy
Thanksgiving
to all our
Members!**

35th CONVENTION SPECIAL

Extended to DECEMBER 31st



For a few more weeks, to DECEMBER 31st, you can still apply for \$2,000

Single Payment Whole Life Insurance. This is a ONE-TIME OFFER ONLY!!

In addition, if you are a PWA member in good standing (that is, if you have an active life insurance or annuity policy), the premium will be reduced by \$35 if you use the

XXXV PWAA CONVENTION SPECIAL COUPON on page 12.

Don't miss this great opportunity to increase your life insurance coverage without going through a medical examination!!

Only until December 31, 2007. Final Deadline! Get a \$10 TARGET Gift Card too!

RULES:

- Promotion extended through December 31, 2007.
- Any person between the ages 16 days and 85 years (nearest birthday) can participate.
- For existing PWAA members in good standing (those who have an active PWAA life insurance or annuity policy) we are offering a special **\$35 - XXXV Convention Coupon** (see page 12).
- Each active PWAA member can use one coupon. The \$35 - XXXV Convention Coupon is transferable.
 - In addition to the \$35 savings you get if you use the coupon, we will also send you a **\$10 Target Gift Card**.

TO APPLY:

- Fill in the application on this page.
- Look up the rates in the table on page 12.
- Find your age (to the nearest birthday); then look for the corresponding single premium. If you will be using the 35th Convention Coupon on page 12, you must fill it out and send it along with the completed application (on this page) and with the premium payment to:

Polish Women's Alliance of America
6643 N Northwest Hwy; 2nd Floor; Chicago, IL 60631

Questions? Please call Bo Padowski at 888-522-1898, ext. 228

This application is to be used with our 35th Convention Special

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Information in this application is given to obtain this insurance and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. This certificate shall not take effect unless the first or single premium is actually paid to the Alliance at the time of application.							
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The perfect gift at Christmas ... membership in PWA



Let us help you with your Christmas shopping!

The best gift for everyone on your list, children especially, is a life insurance policy with membership in the PWA. Keep the tradition alive for future generations of your family. Be sure all children and grandchildren are proud members of Polish Women's Alliance!

The 35th Convention Special, which lets you **purchase insurance in the amount of \$2000**, has been extended until **December 31st** due to popular demand. When this offer ends, the minimum purchase goes back to **\$3000**. See rates on page 12.

Send in your application before December 31st, and we will send you a TARGET Gift Card for \$10 to use as you wish!

35th CONVENTION SPECIAL

Single Premium Rates for \$2,000 Face Amount Whole Life Insurance

FEMALE						MALE					
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3	181.02	146.02	46	709.72	674.72	3	202.64	167.64	46	763.82	728.82
4	185.42	150.42	47	729.46	694.46	4	207.80	172.80	47	784.58	749.58
5	189.94	154.94	48	749.18	714.18	5	213.20	178.20	48	805.52	770.52
6	194.74	159.74	49	768.56	733.56	6	218.80	183.80	49	826.72	791.72
7	199.70	164.70	50	787.78	752.78	7	224.64	189.64	50	848.26	813.26
8	204.80	169.80	51	807.24	772.24	8	230.70	195.70	51	870.36	835.36
9	210.12	175.12	52	826.54	791.54	9	237.04	202.04	52	892.96	857.96
10	215.62	180.62	53	845.90	810.90	10	243.66	208.66	53	916.04	881.04
11	221.38	186.38	54	865.64	830.64	11	250.48	215.48	54	939.54	904.54
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16	253.16	218.16	59	967.42	932.42	16	288.30	253.30	59	1,059.98	1,024.98
17	260.12	225.12	60	988.28	953.28	17	296.00	261.00	60	1,083.70	1,048.70
18	267.24	232.24	61	1,009.22	974.22	18	303.56	268.56	61	1,106.70	1,071.70
19	274.70	239.70	62	1,030.10	995.10	19	311.04	276.04	62	1,129.58	1,094.58
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23	362.40	327.40	66	1,110.96	1,075.96	23	398.40	363.40	66	1,226.22	1,191.22
24	372.98	337.98	67	1,130.16	1,095.16	24	409.08	374.08	67	1,249.12	1,214.12
25	383.88	348.88	68	1,150.08	1,115.08	25	420.36	385.36	68	1,273.78	1,238.78
26	395.10	360.10	69	1,169.96	1,134.96	26	432.44	397.44	69	1,294.52	1,259.52
27	406.74	371.74	70	1,189.94	1,154.94	27	445.20	410.20	70	1,319.14	1,284.14
28	418.72	383.72	71	1,210.16	1,175.16	28	458.48	423.48	71	1,341.78	1,306.78
29	431.18	396.18	72	1,232.22	1,197.22	29	472.20	437.20	72	1,358.98	1,323.98
30	443.98	408.98	73	1,251.94	1,216.94	30	485.98	450.98	73	1,377.68	1,342.68
31	457.38	422.38	74	1,272.84	1,237.84	31	499.92	464.92	74	1,399.58	1,364.58
32	471.26	436.26	75	1,293.86	1,258.86	32	513.96	478.96	75	1,427.40	1,392.40
33	485.62	450.62	76	1,320.38	1,285.38	33	528.76	493.76	76	1,454.42	1,419.42
34	500.42	465.42	77	1,348.12	1,313.12	34	544.24	509.24	77	1,480.84	1,445.84
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Prezydent Polski Lech Kaczyński z wizytą w USA



23 września 2007 r. Prezydent Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Lech Kaczyński przybył z wizytą roboczą do Stanów Zjednoczonych Ameryki.

Prezydentowi towarzyszyła Małżonka, Maria Kaczyńska, Ministrowie Kancelarii Prezydenta RP: Małgorzata Bochenek, Lena Dąbkowska-Cichocka i Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka oraz Doradca Prezydenta RP Nelli Rokita-Arnold.

Po przylocie Prezydent Lech Kaczyński wraz z Małżonką spotkał się z nowojorską Polonią. Wieczorem czasu nowojorskiego para prezydencka wzięła udział we Mszy Świętej w kościele Św. Stanisława Kostki w Nowym Jorku.

24 września 2007 r. Prezydent Lech Kaczyński wziął udział w sesji plenarnej Spotkania Wysokiego Szczebla ds. Zmian Klimatycznych w siedzibie Organizacji Narodów Zjednoczonych w Nowym Jorku, gdzie wygłosił przemówienie podczas debaty nt. „Łagodzenia skutków zmian klimatu”. Prezydent RP spotkał się również z Prezydentem Islamskiej Republiki Afganistanu Hamidem Karzajem. Prezydent Lech Kaczyński spotkał się także z Sekretarzem Generalnym Narodów Zjednoczonych Ban Ki-moonem oraz Prezydentem Brazylii Luizem Inácio Lula da Silva.

25 września 2007 r. Prezydent Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Lech Kaczyński przybył do Chicago. Prezydent RP złożył wieniec pod Pomnikiem Katyńskim na cmentarzu św. Wojciecha w Niles.

W Chicago Prezydent RP spotkał się z burmistrzem miasta Richardem Daleyem, którego uhonorował Krzyżem Komandorskim Orderu Zasługi RP. Popołudniu odbyło się spotkanie z Gubernatorem Stanu Illinois Rodem Blagojevichem, podczas którego podpisane zostało memorandum w

sprawie współpracy między Polską, a Stanem Illinois. W godzinach wieczornych Pan Prezydent zainaugurował koncert „Poland for Chicago” oraz spotkał się z jego organizatorami i Polonią w Chicago. Prezydent RP spotkał się również z burmistrzem miasta Richardem Daleyem, którego uhonorował Krzyżem Komandorskim

Orderu Zasługi RP. W środę Prezydenta RP odbył spotkanie z Prezydentem Republiki Łotewskiej Valdisem Zatlersem oraz Prezydentem Turkmenistanu Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedowem. Po południu Lech Kaczyński weźmie udział w 62. Sesji Zgromadzenia Ogólnego Narodów Zjednoczonych, na którym wygłosi przemówienie.

Prezydent RP spotkał się z Przewodniczącym Komitetu Żydów Amerykańskich Davidem Harrisem.

Prezydent Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej Lech Kaczyński postanowieniami z dnia 17 i 21 września 2007 r. nadał order i odznaczenia, amerykańskiemu politologowi i dziennikarzowi, autorowi książki o tematyce katyńskiej: „*Katyń Stalins Massacre and the Seeds of Polish Resurrection*” oraz obywatelom amerykańskim i polskim zasłużonym w rozwijaniu polsko-amerykańskiej współpracy.

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III Zjazd Polonii i Polaków z Zagranicy

Na Zamku Królewskim w Warszawie 26 września zakończył się III Zjazd Polonii i Polaków z Zagranicy. Brało w nim udział około 400 uczestników z ponad 60 krajów. Dyskutowali m.in. o sytuacji polskiej mniejszości w różnych państwach świata, współpracy z Polonią; i nowej emigracji. "Został sporządzony raport, dotyczący stosunków między państwem polskim a Polakami za granicą, zostały podjęte inicjatywy ustawodawcze. Najważniejsza - Karta Polaka - została doprowadzona do końca" - powiedział J. Kaczyński. Przypomniał, że pracowano także nad ustawą o obywatelstwie, która pozwoliłaby Polakom mieszkającym za granicą łatwiej je uzyskiwać, nad zmianą ordynacji wyborczej, która stworzyłaby okręg zagraniczny i zmianę ustawy o emigracji, która pozwoliłaby na szerszy proces powrotu Polaków z tych państw, gdzie - jak podkreślił? - "Polacy po prostu dłużej być nie powinni". "Chcemy te sprawy doprowadzić do końca" - zapewnił premier. Powołany zostanie doradca ds. Polonii i Polaków za granicą który zostanie pełnomocnikiem premiera ds. realizacji ustawy

o Karcie Polaka. Marszałek Senatu Bogdan Borusewicz zamykając Zjazd, powiedział "w Polsce różni się w wielu kwestiach, ale w sprawach Polonii nie ma różnic". Wśród przedstawionych podczas uroczystości uchwał podjętych przez delegatów Zjazdu szczególnie podkreślono "zdecydowany" protest przeciwko łamaniu praw człowieka na Białorusi. Ponadto m.in. delegaci wyrazili satysfakcję z uchwalenia Karty Polaka. Podczas uroczystości wręczono wyróżnienia Stowarzyszenia "Wspólnota Polska" - "Wawrzyny Polonijne". Nagrodami uhonorowani zostali m.in.: ostatni prezydent RP na uchodźstwie, Ryszard Kaczorowski, wieloletni opiekun Polonii i Polaków za granicą; abp Szczepan Wesoły, a także kombatant i działacz Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej Władysław Zachariasiewicz. Pośmiertnie "Wawrzynem Polonijnym" wyróżniono m.in. długoletniego prezesa Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej Edwarda Moskała.

W uzasadnieniu podkreślono m.in. jego zasługi w zabieganiu o przychylność wśród amerykańskich polityków podczas starań Polski o członkostwo w NATO.



Prezydent ZPwA Virginia Sikora rozpoczęła swoje wystąpienie prośbą o minutę ciszy w imieniu ostanio zmarłych członków a wśród nich Honorowego Prezydenta ZPwA Helen Zielinski,

federalnych i lokalnych w demokratycznym społeczeństwie pełni w wyborach udział grup etnicznych. Zakończyła gratulacjami dla Związku Polek i życzenia dalszych sukcesów.



Sekretarza Generalnego Julię Stroup, Dyrektora Panią Albinę Swierzbinski.

W przemówieniu podsumowując ostatnie 4 lata pracy organizacji omówiła oferowane plany ubezpieczeniowe i ich sprzedaż i promocję, inwestycje finansowe ZPwA i sprzedaż siedziby głównej organizacji w Park Ridge. Przedstawiła również sytuację aktywności organizacji na poziomie grup, sprawę uczestnictwa członków w organizowanych spotkaniach i podejmowanych przez grupy i komisje akcjach, jak również otrzymywane przez nie nagrody i wyróżnienia na przestrzeni ostatnich lat przyznane i plany rozwoju organizacji w przyszłości.

Następnie Przewodnicząca Sejmu Delphine Huneycutt odczytała nazwiska Zarządu Głównego ZPwA i członków Komitetów Sejmowych rozpoczynając od Komitetu Poprawek Konstytucyjnych w skład którego weszły: Przewodnicząca - Delphine Lytell, oraz Dawn Nelson, Rita Giersch, Teresa Makowski, Iwona Serafin. Gremium

Sejmowe następnie zaakceptowało przedstawione na piśmie raporty Zarządu Głównego. Punktem kończącym niedzielne obrady był uroczysty bankiet z uczestnictwem wszystkich delegatów i gości 35-tego Sejmu. Bankiet rozpoczą



W Poniedziałek, 26-tego sierpnia po odczytaniu listy obecności delegatów przedstawiony został **Komitet przed Sejmowy w składzie:**

Przewodnicząca-Irena Honc Jadlos, Współ-Przewodnicząca-Grażyna Buczek, Sekretarz - Kate Thomas, Skarbnik-Jadwiga Kopij,

Rejestracja/Transport-Beata Telesz, Dekoracje-Grażyna Buczek, Książka Programowa-Mary Rostafinski, Liturgia - Regina Jablonski, Wybory-Mercedes Spotts, Barbara Bak i Kate Thomas

Komitet Sprawozdawczy:

Bernadine Regis, Felicia Perlick W swoim raporcie Aktuariusz Mr. Griffith przedstawił stan finansowy ZPwA z 2.7 milionem nadwyżki, sugerował również zmniejszenie kosztów operacyjnych, sugerowanie planów dostosowanych do potrzeb klienta, zwiększenie sumy podstawowej ubezpieczenia do \$5000 i utrzymywanie nadal wysokiej jakości inwestycji.

Głównym punktem dnia sejmowego było przegłosowanie zmian do Konstytucji ZPwA. Przedstawione na piśmie zmiany proponowane przez Komitet do Spraw Poprawek Konstytucyjnych w składzie:

Przewodnicząca - Delphine Lytell, oraz Dawn Muszynski-Nelson, Rita Giersch, Teresa Makowski, Iwona Serafin. Poprawki między innymi omawiały unowocześnienie regulaminu. Najważniejszą zmianą dotyczącą połączenia stanowiska Sekretarza Krajowego i Skarbnika ZPwA została przegłosowana ilością głosów 92 to 83.



Resztę poniedziałku i przed-południe we wtorek obrady poświęcono na sprawozdania poszczególnych komisji sejmowych i dyskusje dotyczące planów na przyszłość. Delegatki wykazały duże zaangażowanie i wiedzę o potrzebach i celach organizacji. We wtorek po południu kandydatki ubiegające się o stanowiska w władzach krajowych i w zarządzie głównym Związku Polek w Ameryce przedstawiły w 3 minutowych referatach swoje kwalifikacje, programy i propozycje które będą realizować po uzyskaniu stanowiska o które się ubiegają.

Kandydatki na stanowisko Prezydenta ZPwA:
Grażyna Migala, Virginia Sikora

Kandydatki na stanowisko Wice Prezydenta ZPwA:
Christine Wozniak, Sharon Zago

Kandydatki na stanowisko Sekretarza/Skarbnika ZPwA:
Delphine Lytell i Antoinette Trela Vander Noot

Kandydatki na stanowisko Dyrektora ZPwA:
Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy
Marlene Wilczynski Gill
Elizabeth Kubacki
Dawn Muszynski Nelson
Felicia Perlick
Helen Simmons

Komisja do Spraw Wyborów w składzie: Przewodnicząca Mercedes Spotts, oraz Kate Thomas i Beata Telesz sprawnie przeprowadziła wybory. W wyborach udział wzięło 177 delegatów. Nad przebiegiem wyborów kontrolę miał Zarząd Powiatu Cuyohoga (The Board of Elections of Cuyohoga County)

Wyniki wyborów 35-tego Sejmu ZPwA

Prezydent ZPwA: Virginia Sikora

stosunkiem głosów 134/42

Wice Prezydent ZPwA: Sharon Zago

stosunkiem głosów 126/50

Sekretarz/Skarbnik -

Antoinette Trela Vander Noot

stosunkiem głosów 88/86

Dyrektorzy:

Dawn Nelson 152

Helen Simmons, California 116

Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy 108

Felicia Perlick 100



Obrady zamknięto przyjęciem rezolucji, odczytaną przez Skarbnika Barbara Miller przyjmującej Panią Irena Sendler bohaterą który w czasie II wojny światowej uratował od zagłady grupę dzieci na Honorową Prezeskę ZPwA. Rezolucja została przez gremium rezolucji została jednogłośnie przyjęta. Na koniec rezolucji delegatki nawiązały do apelowanych przez Ojca Świętego wytycznych modułów życia, a są nimi miłość, rzetelność i wzajemna pomoc tak na forum życia w rodzinie jak i w organizacji !!

Z przemówieniem zamykającym obrady sejmowe wystąpiła Prezeska Virginia Sikora. Podziękowała wszystkim za pracę w przygotowania za udział w Sejmie i konkretne obrady i postulaty.

Specjalne podziękowania skierowała do Pań z Obwodu VII w Cleveland dzięki którym 35-ty Sejm ZPwA odbył się bez zarzutu był świetnie zorganizowany i przygotowany. Delegaci i goście otrzymali wyjątkową opiekę, i mogli przy okazji nawet zaprzyjaźnić się z pięknym miastem Cleveland. Pyszne posiłki i kolacja w czasie bankietu spotkały się z dużym aplauzem uczestników z których wielu zgłosiło chęć powrotu do Cleveland z rodzinami aby i oni mogli zobaczyć to ciekawe miasto. Podziękowania należą się nie tylko Paniom z Obwodu VII, ale i Panom, którzy zapewniali transport delegatek z lotniska i ich ochronę. Wszystkim zaangażowanym w przygotowania i pracę w czasie Sejmu ogromnie dziękujemy. Mamy nadzieję, że jeszcze wiele Sejmów Związku Polek w Ameryce odbędzie w tym gościnnym mieście...

35-ty Krajowy Zjazd Związku Polek w Ameryce - Cleveland, OH

W dniach od 25 do 28 sierpnia Cleveland miało zaszczyt gościć 174 delegatki Związku Polek w Ameryce. Wszystkie panie zatrzymały się w hotelu Crowne Plaza przy ulicy S. Clair, by omówić bieżące sprawy i wybrać nowy Krajowy Zarząd organizacji. Gospodarzem tej ważnej imprezy był Dystrykt VII Związku Polek w Ohio.

Zanim przejdę do krótkiego omówienia całego wydarzenia, na chwilę zatrzymam się przy historii. Związek Polek w Ameryce, założony 22 maja 1898 roku w Chicago, formalnie nominował Dystrykt VII w Ohio w 1910 roku. W Cleveland pierwszą grupą była grupa nr 49, założona przy Kościele św. Stanisława w 1904r. W 1908 roku w Cleveland odbył się 7-my Krajowy Zjazd Związku Polek przy parafii św. Stanisława. Był to pierwszy zjazd zorganizowany poza siedzibą organizacji, znajdującą się w Chicago. Dystrykt VII przyczynił się ,m.in. do utworzenia klasztoru obecnie znanego jako Marymont Convent w Garfield Hts. W 1967 r. odbył się także w Cleveland kolejny 25-ty Zjazd Związku Polek. Uroczystą mszę w Kościele św. Kazimierza celebrował wówczas świeżo mianowany, pochodzący z Cleveland, kardynał John Krol.

A oto nazwiska dotychczasowych stanowych prezesek Obwodu VII:

Dr. Francis Conrad	1910-1918
Helena Jablonski	1918-1921
Kazimiera Makowski	1921-1927
Konstancja Jablonski	1927-1931
Helena Jarzynski	1931-1939
Monica Pawlowski	1939-1943
	1947-1961
Elizabeth Schwarten	1943-1947
Janina Twardzik	1961-1971
Eleanore Tomkalski	1971-1995
Mercedes Karpinski Spotts	1995-1999
Eugenia Stolarczyk	1999-2006

Irena Honc Jadlos 2006-present (na zdjęciu poniżej)



Powracam do krótkiej relacji z ostatniego 35-tego Krajowego Zjazdu Związku Polek w Ameryce. W sobotę 25 sierpnia uroczystą mszę w hotelu Crowne Plaza celebrował biskup Richard Lennon. W niedzielę rozpoczęły się obrady, podsumowujące dotychczasową działalność i przygotowujące do omówienia spraw o r g a n i z a c j i , związanych z prezentacją kandydatek do nowego Zarządu Związku i z wprowadzeniem ewentualnych poprawek do Konstytucji. Wybory do Krajowego Zarządu odbyły się we wtorek. Krajową Prezeską ponownie wybrano panią Virginię Sikorę.

W czasie poważnych debat i dyskusji był też czas na zawieranie znajomości, wymienianie się doświadczeniami i pomysłami, na żarty, wspomnienia, na elegancki niedzielny bankiet, na wtorkową



mszę za zmarłe członkinie, na spaceru po ulicach centrum Cleveland...

Wszystkie delegatki zgodziły się, że organizacja powinna stać się bardziej atrakcyjna dla młodych Polek, dla młodzieży, że musi podwoić siły w organizowaniu programów dla rodzin, w otwieraniu polskich szkół, w tworzeniu ubezpieczeń i innych ofert, w pozyskiwaniu nowych członkiń. Związek Polek w Ameryce musi iść z duchem czasu, pogodzić przeszłość z przyszłością i nigdy nie zatrzymywać się w jednym miejscu.... Na te punkty największy nacisk położyła w swoim programie wyborczym właśnie pani Sikora i pewnie dlatego zwyciężyła z dużą przewagą głosów.



Delegatki zgodziły się co do jeszcze jednej kwestii: Dystrykt VII w Cleveland stanął na wysokości zadania i bez zarzutu zorganizował całą imprezę! Duże brawa należą się w tym miejscu nie tylko pracowitym Paniom z Dystryktu VII, ale i Ich Panom, którzy dzielnie pomagali w transporcie czyli przywożeniu delegatek z lotniska i nawet zaproponowali utworzenie zbrojnego męskiego ramienia (coś w rodzaju "bojówki") przy Związku Polek....Na pewno będzie to wzięte pod uwagę podczas następnego Zjazdu!

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5 jajek, 1/2 szklanki przecieru pomidorowego, 1/2 szklanki sosu ketchup, 4 łyżki oleju lub oliwy, 1 nieduża cebula, 1 ząbek czosnku, 1 łyżka drobno siekanej pietruszki lub szczypiorku, 1 uncja utartego sera żółtego, sól, pieprz, 1/2 łyżeczki tymianku, 5 kromek pieczywa tostowego.

W płaskim rondlu podgrzać oliwę, dodać zmiądzony ząbek czosnku, posiekaną drobno cebulę i lekko przyrumienić. Następnie dodać przecier pomidorowy, ketchup, tymianek, sól i pieprz. Gotować na małym ogniu mieszając ok. 15 minut po czym wbić jaja, lekko zamieszać i pod przykryciem pozostawić na najmniejszym ogniu jeszcze 10 minut, na końcu dodać utarty ser i zamieszać. Otrzymaną masę nakładać na ciepłe świeże tosty i ułożyć je na ogrzonym półmisku. Posypać zieleniną.

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Kalafior oczyścić, umyć, gotować ok. 15 min. w osolonej wodzie. Ziemniaki obrać, umyć, pokroić w cząstki. Pieczarki i pomidory umyć, oczyścić, pokroić w plasterki. Pieczarki podsmażyć na gorącym oleju na złoty kolor (około 4 minut), zdjąć z patelni. Ziemniaki usmażyć na złoty kolor na tym samym tłuszczu (około 8 minut). Masło mocno rozgrzać w rondlu, wsypać mąkę, zasmażyć. Zalać rosółem, zagotować, nie przerywając mieszania. Pozostawić na małym ogniu 5 minut. Dodać śmietanę i ser. Doprawić do smaku solą, pieprzem i curry. Kalafior ułożyć pośrodku nasmarowanej tłuszczem formy do zapiekanek. Ziemniaki, pieczarki i pomidory poukładać wokół, zalać sosem. Zapiekać 15-20 minut w temperaturze 400F. Kalafior oprószyć curry.

35-ty Sejm Związku Polek w Ameryce w Cleveland, Ohio

W dniach od 25 do 28 sierpnia br. w Cleveland, Ohio odbyły się obrady 35-go Sejmu Związku Polek w Ameryce. Tegoroczne obrady Sejmowe odbyły się w śródmieściu Cleveland w hotelu Crowne Plaza. W obradach uczestniczyło blisko 200 delegatek reprezentujących ponad 50-tysięczną rzeszę członków z całych stanów Zjednoczonych i gości zaproszonych na konwencję.

Prezesa Obwodu VII Pani Irena Honc-Jadlos gospodarza 35-tego Sejmu po przywitaniu przybyłych na sejm uczestników poprosiła Prezydenta ZPwA Panią Virginię Sikorę o oficjalne otwarcie Sejmu.

Poczet sztandarowy zaprezentował flagi polską i amerykańską. Odśpiewanie hymnu zainicjowała honorowa prezeska Obwodu I Evelyn Lisek, a błogosławieństwo za pomyślność sejm omówił ksiądz prałat Stanley Milewski z Orchard Lake. Honorowy Prezydent ZPwA Helen Wójcik witając gości i delegatów podzieliła się wspomnieniami z jej pierwszego sejm, który 40 lat temu odbył się właśnie w Cleveland, Ohio.

Obrady Sejmu rozpoczęto przywitaniem honorowych gości

ckiego Wallace Ozoga z małżonką oraz Prezydenta Catholic Order of

Komitetu do Spraw Budżetu: w składzie Przewodnicząca: Barbara

Misiolek Gamble, oraz Rita Marek. Przedstawiono również sumy wynagrodzenia za pracę na rzecz 35-tego sejm.

Następnym punktem programu było przedstawienie Zarządu Konwencji. I tak: Przewodniczącą 35-tego Walnego Sejmu ZPwA została Prezeska Obwodu III, z Grupy 132 w stanie Indiana-Delphine Huneycutt, Wice Przewodniczącą i Doradcą Parlamentarnym Bernadette Borinski, Sekretarzem - Victoria Moulen, i



Nowo-wybrany na 35-tym Sejmie Zarząd Główny ZPwA, (od lewej): Dyrektorzy - Helen Simmons, Dawn Nelson, (z tyłu) Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, (obok) Wice Prezydent ZPwA - Sharon Zago, (w środku) Prezydent ZPwA - Virginia Sikora, Sekretarz/Skarbnik - Antoinette Trela Vander Noot (z prawej) Dyrektor - Felicia Perlick



Na zdjęciu nowo zaprzysiężone na 35-tym Sejmie Prezeski Stanowe/Obwodów ZPwA

Przydenta Polish Falcons - Pana Wallace Zielinski, Przydenta Zjednoczenia Rzymsko-Katoli-

Foresters Davida Huber. Następnie Komitet ds. Mandatów z przewodniczącą Pani Bernardette Vlock, Danutą Zalewski i Jane Kurtz przeprowadził odczytanie listy obecności upoważnionych do głosowania delegatów, których zaprzysiężenie przeprowadziła Prezydent ZPwA Virginia Sikora. Następnie nastąpiło przedstawienie Komitetów Sejmowych: Komitetu do Spraw Porządku dziennego obrad w składzie: Przewodnicząca: Jennie Starzyk Benton, oraz Dr. Lidia Filus i Joanne Misiolek

Asystentem Sekretarza - Grace Dubowski,

W swoim przemówieniu otwierającym obrady Przewodnicząca Delphine Huneycutt specjalny nacisk położyła na wagę i odpowiedzialność jaką jest reprezentowanie przez obradujących delegatów swoich obwodów komisji i grup. Potrzeba zmian i unowocześnienia procedur, polis i większego zaangażowania w organizowanie imprez dla polonijnej młodzieży zachęcających ją do wstępowania ZPwA. *c.d. na sr. 14...*

