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Candidate for the Office of National President



Virginia Sikora

W imię Boże! Tak zawsze Mama moja, Stanisława Gadomska, długoletnia członkini Związku Polek w Ameryce, która mnie zapisała do Związku Polek ledwie mając sześć latek, rozpoczęła wszystko co czyniła w swoim życiu.

Powtarzam te szczerze słowa po raz trzeci. Dla mnie mają one to samo znaczenie, które miały osiem lat temu, kiedy po raz pierwszy zgłosiłam swoją kandydaturę na urząd Krajowej Prezeski Związku Polek w Ameryce. I tymi samymi słowami chcę ponownie ogłosić, że ubiegam się na ten urząd. "W Imię Boże" bo chcę, aby moja posługa dalej była na

Jego większą chwałę. Tak jak moja Mama, chcę nadal wszystko czynić dla dobra rozwoju naszego kochanego Związku—"W Imię Boże."

"Forward...Together!" was my campaign theme when I first ran for the office of National Director.

"Forward...Together!" was my spirited cry when I first ran for the office of National President.

I again repeated those words "Forward...Together!" when I was a candidate for a second term for the same office.

Now I wish to declare my candidacy for another term for the office of National President and I wish to begin by repeating those challenging words: "Forward...Together!"

If you were to ask me how would I describe my eight-year tenure as National President, I think I would begin my answer with those very same words because, I think, they describe accurately and succinctly my two terms.

"Forward"—that was the direction of all my plans, that was the direction of all my decisions, that was the direction of all my actions—"Forward" into the future, "Forward" in the spirit of progress, "Forward" for the betterment and enhancement of our beloved Polish Women's Alliance.

And the second part—"Together"—that was the spirit of all my deliberations, of all my actions, of all my projects. It was my attempt to implement a basic principle of fraternal philosophy. "In unity there is strength." I believe that for the past eight years you have been on-the-scene witnesses of my presidential tenure: The Polish Women's Alliance has consistently and faithfully moved "Forward...Together!"

Did I fulfill my obligations as the National President of the PWA?

Did I achieve the goals I set for myself?

Did I dedicate all of my energy, efforts, and attention to my service to the PWA?

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Candidate for the Office of National President



Grazyna Migala

Dear Delegates,

For the past several weeks I have had many thoughts regarding my position in the PWA. Numerous people have asked me if I will run for the office of the PWA President and my answer was always no, even though many of them urged me to run. I was very happy serving for the last two terms as National Secretary. I took that office at a time when my computer skills proved to be crucial, my Polish and English language skills were needed to communicate with both English and Polish speaking members. My good rapport with people resulted in many new certificates.

In order to best serve the future of this organization I had to make a decision. Before I made that decision I thought of all the people I personally encouraged to join this organization, about the Groups which I revitalized, about the wonderful members who told me how this organization was an important part of their life and how much it still means to them. I thought of the parents and children from the PWA District I Maria Sklodowska Curie Polish School, which I organized and practically ran for a few years.

The more I contemplate the future of this organization, the more I realize that in order for PWA to grow, it needs a strong link to the newer generation of immigrants without ignoring our obligations to those who are primarily English speaking and have sustained this organization for so long.

Fully aware of the difficulties of the tasks at hand, I am prepared with your help and guidance to undertake the charting and implementation of a new course for the Polish Women's Alliance by seeking the office of National President.

In order for PWA to continue as a fraternal society and serve our long-time members, a younger generation of members must be attracted to the organization. They have to learn from our past and help us build our future.

It is known fact that fraternal organizations, in order to attract members, must have a niche. Polish Women's Alliance's niche is and always was its Polish heritage, culture and language. During the years of rapid growth of this organization leaders who spoke the Polish language were the key to success, they were able to attract members, and instill pride in the membership of the PWA.

It can be done again now, but in order to grow and continue our Polish heritage and language we must attract the Polish-speaking segment of society. They are already in many organizations which they are attracted to. Attracting them and others to the ranks of our membership must be made a priority if we are to be successful.

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CANDIDATES

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Virginia Sikora for Office of the President, cont'd.

Did the PWA make progress on many fronts and in many areas that are key to the future of the PWA?

You be the judge!

I think I did, and now I ask you once again to support my candidacy, give me your vote, so that I can continue to work with the National Officers, the National Directors, the State/District Presidents and Officers, the local officers, and the general membership as I have for the past eight years.

The National Officers, and I as their leader, must create a new vision for the PWA, based on the success of the past. This new vision, as I see it, must include continuing what was good from the past, eliminating what no longer is effective, and introducing new ideas that will carry us "Forward... Together!" for the next four years.

The new ideas must include:

1. New ideas for new insurance plans to enlist new members.
2. New activities to attract new members, especially the kind that will resonate with our young people—from the old and the new immigrations.
3. New approaches and new strategies for our investment plans for the current financial situation.
4. Continued participation in former and new community activities that involve the local and national Polonia.
5. Continued introduction of new cultural projects, social services, and practical programs that will serve our members.

For twenty years I served the PWA as a National Director. Immediately after that, I served the PWA for eight years as the National President. I am now ready to continue to serve the PWA as its top officer. I ask you, please, to support my candidacy for the important post of National President.

Proszę bardzo o poparcie. Let us go "Forward...Together!"

Virginia Sikora

Grażyna Migala for Office of the President, cont'd.

We must embark in a new direction which will bring us more effective and long-needed changes to assure that our organization will continue and have a bright future.

I believe that my record as a national officer makes me worthy of your support. Nearly eight years ago I took over an office that was being run in a highly antiquated manner. I implemented new software and replaced outdated computer equipment thereby making the office more efficient and making it possible to drastically cut operating costs.

For almost eight years while serving as a national officer I have given my heart and soul to the Polish Women's Alliance of America and I genuinely believe that good things can be ahead of us if we are prepared to make the necessary changes.

I hope that my past efforts on behalf of our organization will earn your confidence and support for my candidacy for the office of National President of the Polish Women's Alliance. I promise to continue to work for the advancement of the ideals of our organization.

Drogi Delegatki i Delegaci,

Wkrótce będziemy musieli podjąć ważne decyzje, decyzje, które będą miały długotrwałe i poważne konsekwencje jeśli chodzi o przyszłość naszej organizacji. Musimy nakreślić nowy kierunek, który przyniesie nam skuteczne i potrzebne od dawna zmiany i zapewni szybki rozwój i kontynuację naszej organizacji. Wierzę, że moje doświadczenie w pracy zawodowej i organizacyjnej przyczyni się do dalszych sukcesów Związku Polek. Uprzejmie proszę o poparcie mojej kandydatury na stanowisko Krajowej Prezeski Związku Polek w Ameryce

Grażyna Migala

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Candidate for the Office of National Vice President



Sharon Zago

Dear PWA Delegates and Members:

I, Sharon Zago, hereby declare my candidacy for the Office of National Vice President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for the confidence and trust they have placed in me as Polish Women's Alliance of America National Vice President; especially, to the Scholarship Committee, Youth Committee, and Komitet Oswiaty (Education Committee) of which I have served as chairman.

I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments achieved under my tenure in the National Vice President's Office during the last four years. First and foremost, as chairman of Komitet Oswiaty, my committee and I successfully and continuously raised funds for PWA programs to help promote our rich history and culture. The raffle proceeds brought in approximately \$95,000 in profits during these past four years. These funds have greatly enhanced programs that would otherwise have been extremely limited.

Komitet Oswiaty has generously supported our PWA Scholarship programs. Three new scholarship categories were created in the last two years and they are the high school academic and sports scholarship, junior and senior undergraduate academic scholarships, and the Jagiellonian Summer Program scholarship in Krakow, Poland. In addition to the new scholarships substantial contributions were made to our regular scholarship program. Komitet Oswiaty also supplemented the expenses incurred during the 2006 Youth Conference Program to Philadelphia, PA. Twenty-eight youth participants (ages 14-16) were delegated from their groups all over the United States to join in this PWA tradition. Some participants were second and third generation PWA youth conference participants.

Komitet Oswiaty is currently in the process of restoring and preserving the PWA art collection as well as conducting a professional appraisal of our artwork to assure that future generations enjoy these Polish artists tomorrow as we, ourselves, do today. Ms. Barbara Miller and I have jointly overseen the project since its approval. Polish schools, dance groups, Polish language classes, the Great Polish Books Roundtable Discussion Group, and various contests and prizes that are awarded to our members have all benefited through the work of Komitet Oswiaty.

In 2004 I applied for a grant from the Illinois Arts Council S.T.A.R. Program entitled "Wycinanki: Poland's Art of Papercutting Holiday Workshop." This grant was received under the Vice President's Department this term. An Artist in Residency grant from the Illinois Arts Council was received in 2001.

In 2006 I applied for a Heritage Preservation Grant. In 2007 PWA was awarded this grant that pays for a professional assessor to survey our historical collections and recommend the proper preservation techniques that need to be applied to preserve our collections for future generations.

In 2006 I undertook the project of reorganizing the PWA Library with our Treasurer Barbara Miller and many volunteers. We are proud to preserve our books from Poland printed during the 1850s that we have in our collection. During the horrific book burning that went on in Poland during WWI and WWII, we feel these books are scarce and may be very near to the only copy that may exist. This project was a labor of love to all that participated.

In 2004 the Vice President's office formed a Habitat for Humanity Team that benefited six families in Jozefoslaw Poland outside of Warsaw. This project was completed at no cost to PWA. Generous donations were collected and participants paid their own expenses. All remaining funds from this project account were presented to the Project Manager from Poland upon his visit to our offices with Habitat International Officials.

In 2005 the four Vice Presidents of PNA, PWA, PRCUA and the Polish Falcons formed a Four Fraternal Vice Presidents Committee to encourage a

stronger bond between our members in Polonia through combined programs. To date, we have successfully organized three programs and are in the process of organizing two additional programs. Among those programs, Polish American Day at Cellular Park Home of the White Sox in 2006 and 2007, Polish American Day at Great America 2007, a youth bowling program in progress that will use our PWA youth scores against PNA, PRCUA, and Polish Falcons.

Most recently an executive officers bowling tournament was formed in which the executive officers from PWA, PNA, PRCUA, and Polish Falcons bowled against each other in teams. The PWA came in third place. Due to the success of this tournament, fraternal executive officers are considering plans to do this again.

Once again, I appeal to you to support my candidacy in continuance of the groundwork already laid in my department. Therefore, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Polish Women's Alliance of America I am declaring my candidacy for re-election to the position of Vice President. I humbly ask for your personal support of those contributions to PWA that I have yet to offer. Together we can keep Polish Women's Alliance of America strong.

Uprzejmie proszę wszystkie delegatki o ponowne poparcie mojej kandydatury na Wice Prezeskę Związku Polek w Ameryce, a Związkowi Polek w Ameryce życzę wszelkich łask Bożych.

Sharon Zago

Candidate for the Office of National Vice President



Christine Wozniak

Dear Nominations Committee,

Please accept my application for the position of Polish Women's Alliance of America National Vice President. I have been a member of PWA for over 55 years and have been active in my Group most of my life, from youth folk dancing to Group President. I have also served as Council 23 President for a number of years. I am currently State President of District IV, serving PWA for the last 12 years. I am also the current President and Financial Secretary for Group 469.

Through the years, I have been able to establish a District Scholarship fund through the generosity of the members of District IV. I was instrumental in successfully undertaking the *Cooking With Scholars* cookbook, working for the first time with a National Director and the Oswiaty Committee, helping other Districts to secure money for their scholarship funds. I have successfully held, on a city-wide scale, *Wigilia*, and *Swiecone* dinners, helping to educate the Erie community in Polish traditions. I have, again through the support of my District and school, reached out across the ocean to help a home for mentally and physically challenged children in Matczyn, Poland. I have also held the position of co-chairperson for our Sister City Committee, Lublin Poland.

Four years ago, I was privileged to act as co-chairperson for our National Convention, an experience which helped me to more thoroughly know the nuts and bolts of our organization. I have also chaired a round-table discussion at a State Presidents' Conference and hosted a conference in Erie.

I am an educator by trade and am currently a preschool teacher at Emmanuel Preschool in Erie, Pennsylvania. The office of National Vice President is committed to educating our members in a wide variety of subjects, a challenge I would gladly undertake. I have many new ideas that I would love to discuss with the National Board and hopefully introduce them to our organization.

I am a firm believer of "Moving Forward Together" and hope that you will consider this letter for my nomination.

Fraternally,
Christine Wozniak

Candidate for the Office of National Treasurer



Delphine Lytell

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee:

Continuing the wonderful traditions of Polish Women's Alliance well into the second century of service is a daunting, yet exciting, prospect for any potential officer. A viable organization is always in need of people who wish to promote its ideals, history, and future. With this in mind, I place my name before the delegates of Polish Women's Alliance for the position of Treasurer.

It has been my distinct honor to serve as Vice President and President. My membership in PWA is long-standing, having been "introduced" by my mother at six months of age.

This represents a lifetime of living and breathing all things PWA.

Indeed, various people, events, and challenges came my way as an officer, all of which were a part of my responsibilities and all of which reminded me that a PWA officer is really representing PWA members. Every office is based on serving the needs of the organization and thereby helping the organization to flourish. Additionally, as a fraternal benefit society, PWA must conform to state laws governing insurance and annuity products. Officers need to be informed and competent, always seeing to the demands of their work for the good of the organization.

With all of this in mind, I look forward to having another opportunity to serve Polish Women's Alliance. There are challenges ahead for our organization and I ask to be given a chance to serve as Treasurer.

Fraternally,
Delphine Lytell

Candidate for the Office of National Treasurer



Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot

Dear Delegates to the 35th National Convention:

I, Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot hereby declare my candidacy for the Office of Treasurer of the P.W.A. of A.

It has been my privilege to serve as a National Director for the past eight years. In this capacity, I have also faithfully served on several standing committees, including Scholarship, Youth, and Oswiaty and have chaired special committees when appointed.

I have been a member of the P.W.A. for over forty-eight years and hold the position of Financial Secretary of Group 211, Chicago, Illinois. I have served as Financial Secretary for

many years and am proud to say that we are a very active group within Council 27 and within District I and have a membership of almost 500 adults and juveniles.

My professional background includes having worked in the field of accounting for over 20 years, including my years spent as Chief Bookkeeper at P.W.A. Headquarters in Park Ridge.

For over ten years, I held the position of Director of Accounting for the U.S. division of an international manufacturing company, reporting directly to the President based in Germany.

For the past four and a half years, I have been self-employed as the owner of a retail store geared towards women, that also offers fundraising opportunities to not-for-profit groups.

As a current member of the P.W.A. Board of Directors, I am very proud of what has been achieved, especially in difficult economic times. The decisions that I, as a member of the Board have voted in favor of, have always

been based on how they will positively affect our entire membership, today and in the future.

True commitment can be best measured by one's willingness to take on challenges when there are obvious obstacles to be overcome, rather than only when the outlook is positive.

I now ask that you give me the opportunity to work for and with you on a full-time basis as P.W.A. Treasurer.

There is much work ahead in order that the P.W.A., as an Organization, reaches its full potential in terms of attracting an increase in membership, as well as attaining solid and steady financial growth.

I ask that you allow me to continue as part of your management team for the coming four years. I pledge to you that I will continue to utilize my knowledge of and respect for the founding principles of those who came before us, combined with an accurate assessment of where we as an Organization are today, in continuing to strive to formulate realistic plans of where we can be tomorrow.

Respectfully,
Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot

Candidate for the Office of National Director



Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy

Dear Committee Members and Delegates to the 35th National Convention:

I, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, hereby announce my candidacy for the office of National Director of the Polish Women's Alliance of America. It has been my privilege to serve as your National Director for the past eight years and I would be honored to continue to play a role in the future direction of our organization. In 1999, I enthusiastically first took up the challenge of service to our beloved organization. With this declaration of candidacy, I am expressing my deep conviction that there is still much work to be done and for this reason I am willing and able to offer my service.

When I was considering what I should write today, it seemed that I would be remiss if I did not discuss my family's longstanding involvement with the Polish Women's Alliance of America. Twenty-seven family members were introduced at the time of their birth by my Grandmother, Stefania Rakowicz, and my Mother, Irene Mackiewicz, into this organization. Our family's newest member is my first grandchild, Nicolas Santino Russo, who was inducted into our organization just weeks after his birth. These women were lifelong members of the P.W.A. and held the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and then President of Group 677, as well as Vice President of Council 38. P.W.A.-sponsored events became our family traditions. Garland activities, participating in the Council 38 dance groups, attending the annual Mother's Day Mass, and being a Debutante were just a few of our Polish cultural traditions.

It was only fitting for me to follow my Grandmother's and Mother's examples and actively serve in our District. I am the President and Financial Secretary of Group 677.

One of my initiatives that has been profitable to our organization is the "Matching Gift Program" in which many companies, as part of their employee benefit programs, provide matching funds to the charitable organizations their employees personally support. As a result of this initiative, our organization has doubled the contributions made by members to the Educational and Charitable Foundation. To maximize the impact of employees' charitable giving, companies match dollar-for-dollar any donations made by eligible employees. Through this program, donations have compounded and have significantly increased the contributions to the Educational and Charitable Fund.

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Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy for Office of Director, cont'd.

A rewarding and enjoyable experience during my term was co-chairing the 2006 Youth Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Young members from all over the country were invited to a centralized location to meet other members, to learn firsthand American history, and to participate in Polish customs such as the art of Pisanki and Wycinanki, and to partake in a special Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. A deep bond of friendship was formed by the children as well as a new awareness of the Polish Women's Alliance of America.

I have extensive experience working in corporate America with responsibilities that include budgeting, planning, and organizing as the Assistant to the Treasurer/CFO at the Bergen County Utilities Authority for the last 16 years. I was also a New Jersey real estate sales associate for 15 years. With this background and experience, I believe I am able to bring a unique perspective to the organization. Through my associations with the public, I understand the people we serve and how to approach business growth through a rich agenda of cultural activities and exchanges,

I have served proudly during my tenure on the following committees: Youth, Scholarship, Membership & Development, and Oswiaty. I have carried out the duties assigned to me faithfully and conscientiously.

Today, as I stand at the threshold of an even greater journey, my feelings are the same. I hope that our children and their children's children, even if they carry a single drop of Polish blood, will be able proudly to carry on our traditions, culture, and our language through the support of the Polish Women's Alliance of America.

Fraternally,
Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy

Candidate for the Office of National Director

**Marlene Wilczynski
Gill**

Dear Delegates and Members:

I declare my candidacy for National Director of the Polish Women's Alliance for the year 2007. I am a graduate of Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Illinois. I have a Master's degree in Human Resources Training and Development, and a BA degree from Northeastern Illinois University. I am a member of Group 819 where I serve as Recording Secretary for several years and I am also a member of Group 661. My husband Kenneth P. Gill is also a member of PWA.

I attended the last National Convention in 2003 and ran as a Director and received over

60 votes at that time. I was Chairman of the last District I Debutante Ball held in Rosemont, Illinois. This event was very successful in raising thousands of dollars for the Scholarship Program. I look forward to utilizing my skills and education to empower and create a strong and effective organization for the future.

I prepared my Masters of Arts thesis on "Contributions of Polish Women in Medicine" and I have worked closely with Dr. Ann Szpindor, member of the PWA and Past President of the Polish Medical Society, on preparing and organizing information for this thesis project. I look forward to educating and training new members about the importance and vital need for our organization in the future. I would like to implement some innovative marketing strategies to help increase insurance sales and help improve the computer and technology capacities. There needs to be a more direct and proactive approach designed to help this organization become more viable. My approach would be to have various scheduled seminars and training programs to inform future customers about the various aspects of life insurance. I would use direct mail and advertising, and would generate responses from new and current customers. My direct mail approach would be:

- Create and awareness of life insurance
- Reinforce the name and location of the organization
- Create an emotion that would help give a positive image to life insurance
- Keep the organization in the forefront of the customer's mind.
- Recruit new members from Resurrection High School and various high schools in the area where there is a large Polish youth population.

My goal would be to focus on people, services, and customers. Invest time on the customer and new customers, and create empowerment training. If elected Director I will work to meet these goals, and I ask for your support. Thank you.

March is Women's History Month and we, as Polish American women, need to proclaim and showcase the accomplishments of our famous Polish women. It is all about perseverance and the pioneering spirit of women, inspired by the courageous pioneers who came before them. Women today continue to shape our nation's destiny. Now is the time for recognition of these great women and our organization.

Marlene Wilczynski Gill

Candidate for the Office of National Director

Elizabeth Kubacki

Dear Committee Members & Delegates to the 35th National Convention:

I, Elizabeth Kubacki, hereby declare my candidacy for the office of Director of Polish Women's Alliance of America.

As your National Vice President from 1995 to 1999, and temporary English Editor of the *Glos Polek* and the *Garland* for children in 1999, I gave my 100% and would do so, as well, if elected National Director. I wore many hats as Vice President, in addition to coordinating a Polish Women's Alliance Pen Pal

Club, Polish Women's Alliance Shop, and the Polish Women's Alliance Polish language evening classes for adults. I had many ideas and I still do today.

Time flies so quickly. It was in 1972 when my grandmother, Stanislaw Tyrolczyk, a dynamic president of many years of Group 211, Towarzystwo Marii Sklodowskiej Curie, purchased my insurance policy. That policy has given me membership lasting already thirty-five years! I made her proud when I won first prize in the essay writing contest at the 1974 Youth Convention. Later, I also, became a group president of Group 819 The Park Ridge Society. Thanks to my Grandparents, I am fluent in reading, writing and speaking the Polish language, despite being the first generation born in the United States.

I humbly ask the Committee to consider my candidacy for National Director. Proszę o Wasze poparcie teraz i na 35-tym Sejmie. Dziękuję.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kubacki

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Candidate for the Office of National Director



**Dawn Muszynski
Nelson**

Dear Madam Chairperson and Members of the Nominations Committee,

I am writing to request your consideration and support for my nomination for office of National Director. I am a proud member of Council 13 and Group 743 and have served as an officer in that group for over ten years. I am 33 years old and presently work from home as an independent event and meeting planner.

The Polish Women's Alliance of America has always been an integral part of my family life as a way for us to actively preserve and celebrate our Polish heritage. As a life-long member of this organization I have enjoyed spending the past 33 years attending many group, council, and district func-

tions. My family consists of four generations of PWA of A members and I consider it a blessing and a privilege to be able to attend these same celebrations with my grandmother, mother, and now my 3-year old daughter.

As a youth in the organization I especially enjoyed attending the National Youth Conference. I was also a scholarship recipient for all three years I was eligible and remained active in the organization while attending DePaul University. I worked very closely with the officers of both my group and council by helping to organize the entertainment of our Christmas and Mother's and Father's Day celebrations. During this time, I also helped organize raffles to help our group raise money for the Scholarship Fund and attended another Youth Conference as a chaperone.

As an adult member of the Polish Women's Alliance of America I continue to serve as a group officer and assist in the scheduling and organizing of group meetings and celebrations. I also enjoy representing my group at various Council and District functions including the Oplatek, Swieconka, and Our Lady of Czestochowa celebrations as well as various banquets and The Debutante Ball. In 2003, I served as Treasurer of the Pre-Convention Committee and was excited to be personally responsible for planning both liturgical celebrations held during the Convention. I was also a delegate to both the State and National Conventions during that time. Currently, I am serving as the Secretary for the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and am also Co-Chairperson for the upcoming annual Our Lady of Czestochowa liturgy and luncheon.

I thank you for your consideration of my application for the office of National Director. My passion for the success and growth of the Polish Women's Alliance of America is deeply rooted in my love for my family and of my Polish heritage. I would consider it both an honor and a privilege to be able to work toward the continuation and preservation of our Polish traditions and be able to promote our Polish culture on the national level of this organization. Serdecznie proszę o poparcie mojej kandydatury na urząd Dyrektorki Związku Polek w Ameryce.

Dawn Muszynski Nelson

Candidate for the Office of National Director



Felicia Perlick

Dear Madam Chairman:

I would like to place my name in nomination for the office of National Director. I have been a member of Group 105, Plymouth, Pennsylvania since childhood. I have served as President of the group, and presently Financial Secretary, an office I held for over 30 years. I became actively involved in the organization in my teens as a member of the District XIV Polish Folk Dance Group and participated in the National Youth Conference in 1958.

At the age of 18, I became the Youth Director for Council 40, a position I held for many years. While serving in that capacity, I attended Youth Conferences as scheduled and organized a local Youth Conference at Wilkes University.

I subsequently was elected to the office of Treasurer of Council 40 and later as President, a position I held for several terms. In 1991, I was elected to serve as President of District XIV and served faithfully in that capacity for 12 years.

I have participated actively in all activities sponsored by District XIV, particularly those in Council 40. In the mid 60s, I was instrumental in reinstating Bal Polonaise in our area which continues to the present time.

Because of my interest in Polish culture and the continuation of tradition, I have become active in the local chapter of the Polish American Congress where I serve as Vice President.

I attended national conventions since 1963 and have been appointed to several committees. In 1999, I had the honor and privilege of serving as Convention Chairman.

I have always stressed membership as an important criteria of this organization. My extended family is well represented among the membership, and have been supportive of the many activities of PWA. I have signed many new members, and have been fortunate to have been named May Queen.

Presently I am completing my first term as National Director where I have attended all meetings and participated in all programs. Once again I humbly ask you to consider my candidacy for National Director.

Felicia Perlick

Candidate for the Office of National Director



Helen Simmons

Dear Delegates,

I, Helen Simmons, hereby declare my candidacy for the office of National Director of Polish Women's Alliance of America, to be voted on at the 35th National Convention, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, this coming August. I have been a National Director for the past eight years, and have had nothing but a very gratifying educational experience for which I am extremely grateful to all the members of Polish Women's Alliance of America, especially our young members. During my past eight years as a National Director I have fulfilled my responsibilities enthusiastically, and I will always be committed to this fine organization.

My Polish heritage and my mother's total dedication to Polish Women's Alliance has been a driving force in my own participation in this fine institution. In the past I have been involved in many community activities from nursing to teaching, to politics, to creating, with my husband, several private schools. Since I joined this organization I have served California PWA group 814 as Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and have been the President for the past 17 years. During this time I have also been the President of Council 35 for several years and am currently its Treasurer. I have been and am a delegate to the Polish American Congress and have attended the last four PWA National Conventions. I have participated in the National Youth Spelling Bee. I also have been the co-chairperson for the cookbook, *Cooking With Scholars*, a scholarship fundraiser.

During the past years I have traveled with our young members to Poland and recently touring with them and learning about Philadelphia. It is through these kind of strong, interesting, exciting programs that we can capture the interest of our young people to join the Polish Women's Alliance of America. I would like to include the young people who came from other states, not knowing that PWA even exists in California. I sincerely believe that I could help stimulate the desire of our young people to belong to the Polish Women's Alliance. However, I need and request your consideration and support of my candidacy for my re-election as National Director of Polish Women's Alliance of America. Together we can encourage our young Polish Americans to maintain and enhance our tradition of excellence.

Helen Simmons

Note: The Nominations Committee did not receive any applications for the Office of the National Secretary.

35th National Convention Reminders

*Have you made your air travel arrangements?
Did you return your registration forms?*

The 35th National Convention of PWA will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from Saturday, August 25th through Tuesday, August 28th.

Registration Fees and Forms were due at the Home Office on May 31st.

Air Travel arrangements for Delegates will be covered by the Home Office. Please contact Dee or Melody at *The Travel Gallery* by calling 773-763-6161. This is the *only* approved travel agent for air transportation to the Convention.

Hotel accommodations for Delegates at the Crowne Plaza Hotel will be covered by the Home Office, based on double occupancy. Do not contact the hotel directly; the Home Office will make all arrangements with the hotel. Please let us know your roommate requests by calling Ruth Susmarski at 1-888-522-1898 extension 201.

Candidates for National Office are published in this issue of *Glos Polek*.

Amendments to the Constitution will be published in the July issue.

35th Convention Special: Your chance to purchase a minimum \$2000 insurance policy ends August 15th. Check out the rates and the special *\$35-Off Coupon* on page 11.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Office of the National Secretary by calling 1-800-522-1898 extension 211.

**I'M HERE TO TELL YOU
THIS IS YOUR
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TO ENTER
THE
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and WIN BIG!!**



\$4500 in Prize Money will be awarded!

**Return your tickets by
June 10, 2007**

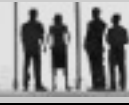
Entries must be postmarked June 10, 2007, to be eligible.

GRAND PRIZE	\$ 2000
Second Prize	\$ 1000
Third Prize	\$ 500
Fourth Prize	\$ 250
Fifth Prize	\$ 250
Sixth thru Tenth Prizes	\$ 100

*Drawing will be held on June 21, 2007,
during the State Presidents' Conference in Illinois.*

**Proceeds to benefit Komitet Oswiaty, the PWA Education Committee,
promoting Polish culture and heritage. Please support our 2007
National Raffle. You could be one of the lucky winners!**

*Committee: Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chair
Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton, Antoinette
Trela Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, Felicia Perlick
Ex-Officio: Virginia Sikora, National President.*



Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

"Smart Women - Smart Money" Symposium from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets, Niles, IL. Topics include Foreclosure Prevention and Debt Elimination. Entry is free but reservations are required. Contact: Bo Padowski at 847-384-1220.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Open House at the PWA Home Office, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 6643 N. Northwest Hwy. See box on this page for details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

District XIV Annual Scholarship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Convention Hall, Pittston PA. For information/reservations please call District XIV State President Helen Lopez at 570-735-1066.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Group 277 St. Ann's Society Annual Card Party and Dinner at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, 4200 Martin Ave., south of Michigan Ave., Detroit. Mass at 11 a.m. followed by dinner at 12:45 p.m. Contact: Gene Zmuda at 313-842-8817, Loretta Janiga at 313-898-0129, or Judith Szalc at 313-843-6775 (evenings) for reservations.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

District I annual Our Lady of Czestochowa celebration will be hosted by Council 13 this year. Mark your calendars now to save the date! Mass will be at 11 a.m. at St. Josephat's Church in Summit, Illinois, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the European Chalet, 5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago. A bus will be available from the north side. Watch the July issue of *Glos Polek* for more info or contact Helen Wojcik at 773-586-9234.

AUGUST 25 - 28

The 35th National Convention of PWA will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Contact your Group President or the Office of the National Secretary at 888-522-1898 ext. 211 for more information.

Polish Women's Alliance of America



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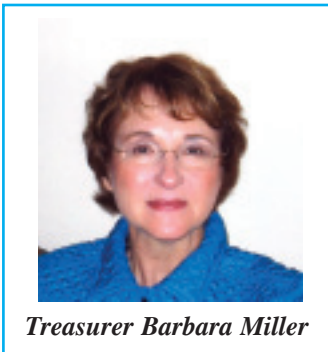
**Come to celebrate the opening of our
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and our 109th anniversary of service**

**Wednesday June 20, 2007
4 PM to 7 PM**

**6643 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, Illinois
Refreshemnts, Tours, Art Exhibit and Music**

**Remember Dad on Father's Day!
Sunday, June 17th**

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT



Treasurer Barbara Miller

Each year the PWA Constitution requires that the financial statement of the organization be published in the *Głos Polek*. I am pleased to present this report to you.

I would like to highlight some of the significant items on the statement for you. The surplus of PWA now stands at \$2,587,257. This surplus represents the excess of assets over liabilities. With a surplus of nearly 5% of assets, PWA is in a very strong financial position.

The surplus is in addition to the reserves that PWA has set aside for life and annuity contracts which are in the amount of \$49,383,338. These reserves are held by PWA for the time when PWA will pay out on life insurance policies or annuity contracts.

This is the highest level of reserves in the PWA history and reflects \$200,000 in additional funds that were added in 2006. The surplus plus the reserves

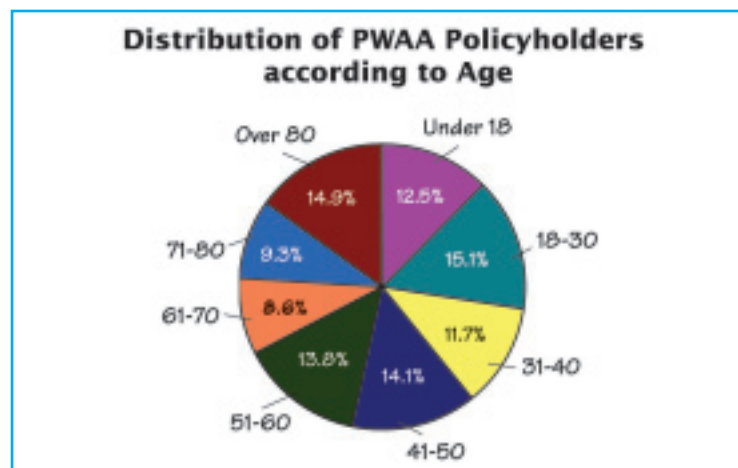
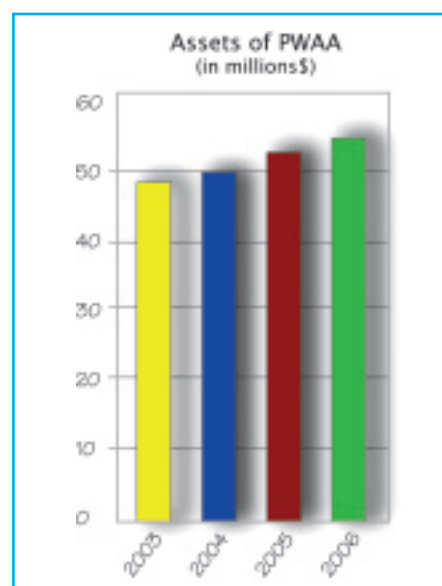
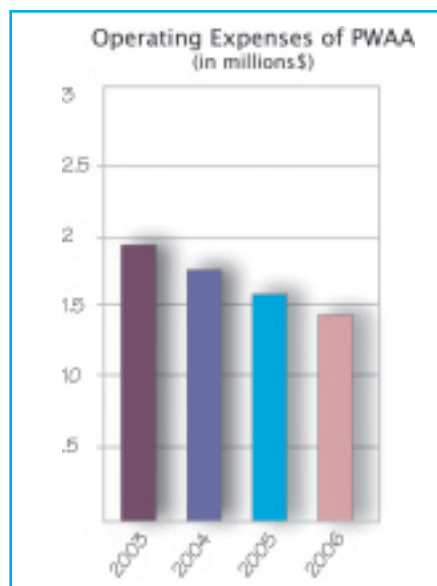
demonstrate to you that PWA is ready to meet all its obligations and continue as a viable business entity for another 100 years.

You will also notice that our operational expenses of \$1,424,168 have continued to decrease in the past four years. Each year we pay out such items as promotional fees to our groups in the amount of approximately \$71,000; scholarships to our youth members of \$55,000; convention and state presidents' meeting expenses of about \$75,000; and the printing and mailing of *Głos Polek* to our members at an annual cost of over \$100,000.

All of these benefits, and others, are made possible by the sale of life insurance and annuities. This is the area in which you, our members, can be most helpful to PWA. We hope that each of you will continue to talk to your friends and neighbors about PWA and its life and annuity products. PWA is here to help you and to carry on Polish culture—but we can only do this with your support.

While we were able to control our general expenses and to increase our reserves, our assets continued to grow and totaled over \$53 million at the end of 2006.

Finally, we also include a pie chart below with the breakdown of PWA policyholders by age, to show how PWA life insurance certificates are distributed and that no one age group dominates.



Annual Statement of the Polish Women's Alliance of America for the year ended December 31, 2006

ASSETS:

Bonds	\$ 48,311,894
Preferred Stocks	350,160
Common Stocks	20,104
Mortgage Loans	3,022,910
Certificate Loans	280,470
Cash	316,164
Electronic Data Processing Equipment	5,549
Uncollected Premiums	5,838
Investment Income - due and accrued	659,488
Miscellaneous assets	127,697

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 53,100,274

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS:

Aggregate Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts	\$ 49,383,338
Liability for deposit-type contracts	54,400
Certificate and Contract Claims, Life	464,516
Premiums received in advance	7,069
Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR)	93,065
General Expenses - due or accrued	138,523
Asset valuation reserve	84,952
Miscellaneous liabilities	287,154

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 50,513,017

TOTAL SURPLUS

\$ 2,587,257

TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

\$ 53,100,274

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

Premium and Annuity Considerations	\$ 3,825,297
Net Investment Income	2,862,536
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	58,940
Miscellaneous income	108,092

TOTAL

\$ 6,854,865

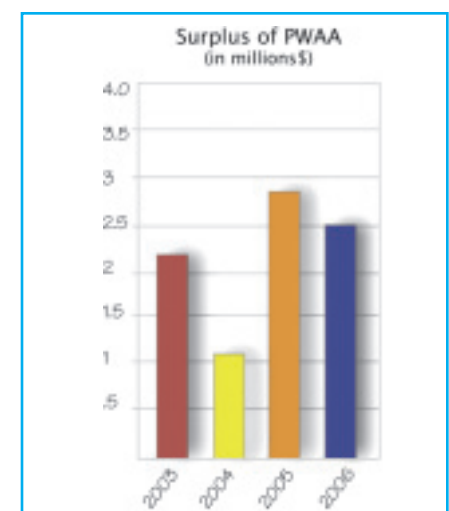
Deduct:

Death Benefits	\$ 1,150,929
Matured Endowments	53,276
Annuity Benefits/Old Age Benefits	3,645,149
Surrender benefits and withdrawals for life contracts	290,252
Interest and Adjustments on Contracts	5,412
Increase in aggregate reserve for life certificates	275,633
Commission on premiums, annuity consideration - direct business only	6,637
General insurance expenses and fraternal expenses	1,424,168
Insurance taxes, licenses and fees	29,170

TOTAL

\$ 6,880,626

Net gain (loss) from Operations before refunds to members	\$ (25,761)
Net realized gains or losses	(5,985)
Net gain (loss) from Operations	\$ (31,746)



Over \$200,000 was added from the surplus to reserves in 2006. Reserves are the highest in PWA history.

Council 40 Holds 38th Bal Polonaise



PWA Council 40 recently held its 38th Bal Polonaise at Convention Hall in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Six young women of Polish descent were presented to National President Virginia Sikora, officers, family, and friends. Pictured above, seated from left, are Shaina Dymond, Jalene Cherkauskas, Aniela Coveleski, Michele Lahnemann, Janelle Hagenbach, and Theresa Restaino. Standing, from left, Nicholas Prociak and Melissa Lacomis, pages. Escorts Andrew Novak, Nicholas Klug, Steven Ide, Justin Cerra, Josh Paltrinieri, Michael Vojtko, and Lindsey Lacomis, page. Pictured below, guests at the head table, from left, Father Don Williams, President Virginia Sikora, Bal Chairperson Cheryl Hillard, National Director Felicia Perlick, Council 40 President Bernadine Regis, Mistress of Ceremonies Bernadine Vojtko, Larry Vojtko, Council 44 President Dorothy Talipski, and District XIV State President Helen Lopez.

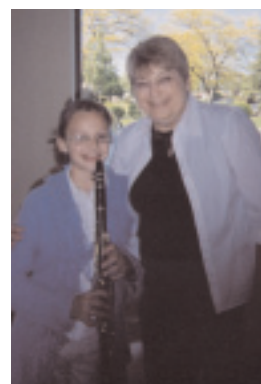


Council 9 Mother-Daughter Luncheon and May Queen Celebration



Niles, IL—On Saturday, May 12, 2007, Council 9 celebrated its 10th Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon. Council President Regina Solms welcomed the guests that attended and thanked them for their continued support. National Vice President Sharon Zago chaired the event with her committee. National President Virginia Sikora presented Delphine Lytell with a Queen of May pin and a gift from National Headquarters. (See photo above left.) Delphine Lytell presented President Sikora with two new

memberships. Adeline Holda, Treasurer of Group 661, made all the great giveaways this year. Alfreda Dombrowski conducted a successful raffle with 52 donated prizes. Special thanks to the other committee members who worked hard to make the event a success: Eleanore Scott, Jane Nowak, Mary Konkey, Gloria Waber, Carol Partyka, and Sylvia Kania. Photo above shows Sylvia Kania, Treasurer of Group 819, and her granddaughter Lauren Brennan before Lauren's musical debut at the luncheon.



May 3rd Observances in Chicago, IL

Chicago, IL—On Sunday, May 6, 2007, Polonia observed Polish Constitution Day with a Mass at Holy Trinity Mission Church, officiated by Bishop Paprocki. Holy Trinity is celebrating its Centennial this year. After Mass representatives of the Polish organizations attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Kosciuszko monument on Chicago's lakefront. Vice President Sharon Zago represented Polish organizations holding the Holy Trinity Centennial Award presented to them in recognition of the support they have given the Church through the years.



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May 3rd Observances in Cleveland, OH



Cleveland, OH—National President Virginia Sikora was the principal speaker at the 2007 Parade for Polish Constitution Day in Cleveland. She was presented with a plaque thanking her for her participation and for her continued support of the PAC Ohio Division by John Borkowski, President. Photo above left shows PWA members who took part in the parade. Photo at top right shows President Virginia Sikora with Mitch Bienia, Master of Ceremonies. The 35th National Convention of PWA will be held in Cleveland this year.

District I President-Elect Lidia Filus Honored by Polish Government



Chicago, IL—Lidia Filus, member of Group 821 and President-elect of District I, was awarded the Cavalier Cross of Service by the Polish government during the Polish Constitution Day Celebration hosted by Illinois Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn at the State of Illinois Building in Chicago on May 3, 2007. Dr. Filus is professor of Mathematics at Northeastern Illinois University. She is also past president and current vice president of PWA Council 27. Congratulations to Professor Filus!

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

RULES:

- Promotion ends August 15, 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 11).
- Each active PWAA member can use one coupon. The \$35 - XXXV Convention Coupon is transferable.

TO APPLY:

- Fill in the application on this page.
- Look up the rates in the table on page 11.
- 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 11, 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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The PWA 35th Convention Special will end soon!



You must act now, to take advantage of applying for **\$2,000** in Single Payment Whole Life Insurance for **THE LAST TIME**. Use the **\$35-Off coupon** on page 11 for additional savings. Offer ends August 15th.

PWA members who help sell five or more policies will be recognized in the 35th Convention Program Book and will receive a special gift. So far we have four members who have qualified:

BERTHA KUCKLA Gr. 267 MARY KURTZ Gr. 579
DOROTHY WISNIEWSKI Gr. 509 MARY NOWAK Gr. 786

Also, your Group can earn up to \$1,000 for new applications! The checks of the winning Groups will be presented to Group Presidents at the 35th Convention. Call Bo Padowski at 1-888-522-1898 ext 228 for details on how your Group can earn CASH!

35th CONVENTION SPECIAL

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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
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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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21	342.14	307.14	64	1,071.86	1,036.86	21	378.88	343.88	64	1,178.26	1,143.26
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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
35	515.78	480.78	78	1,376.50	1,341.50	35	560.16	525.16	78	1,507.48	1,472.48
36	531.30	496.30	79	1,404.78	1,369.78	36	576.42	541.42	79	1,535.18	1,500.18
37	547.18	512.18	80	1,433.60	1,398.60	37	593.00	558.00	80	1,562.82	1,527.82
38	563.24	528.24	81	1,463.34	1,428.34	38	610.44	575.44	81	1,589.48	1,554.48
39	579.86	544.86	82	1,493.22	1,458.22	39	628.34	593.34	82	1,616.38	1,581.38
40	596.90	561.90	83	1,522.16	1,487.16	40	646.76	611.76	83	1,643.10	1,608.10
41	614.50	579.50	84	1,552.22	1,517.22	41	665.92	630.92	84	1,671.58	1,636.58
42	632.64	597.64	85	1,582.06	1,547.06	42	685.46	650.46	85	1,699.80	1,664.80

* Age to the nearest birthday.

If you are a member of Polish Women's Alliance of America you can use the coupon below (one coupon per PWAA member).

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Insured Name: _____

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Garland Youth Section

Last call for the 2007 POLONIA YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

DEADLINE is JUNE 15th!



Information about the Youth Bowling Tournament has been mailed to you. If you did not receive your packet in the mail, please call the Office of the Vice President at 1-88-522-1898 ext. 208 if you'd like to participate.

Read the rules below so you know how many games you need to bowl for your age group and how to send in your scores. Your parents will need to fill out your application and vouch for the scores. Good Luck!!

RULES FOR JUNIOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR PWA YOUTH

1. All Bowlers must be PWA members as of December 31, 2006, and in good standing.
2. Separate events will be held for boys and girls in 5 age groups:

Peewee	ages 3 to 5 years
Bantams	ages 6 to 8 years
Preps	ages 9 to 11 years
Juniors	ages 12-14 years
Majors	ages 15 to 18 years
3. Individual's age as of December 31, 2006, determines the age classification.
4. All bowlers must bowl in their age division.
5. All participants may participate only once in this tournament. Parent or adult must complete application for each participant.
6. Peewee and Bantam bowlers may use bumpers and scores for two games.
7. Preps, Juniors, and Majors scores are based on three games bowled.
8. Average rules: Use the current league average as of December 31, 2006, for at least seven league sessions. Bowlers with less than twenty-one games or seven league sessions will be classified as scratch bowlers. The tournament manager will add the handicap to raw scores of the scratch bowlers using YABA guidelines.
9. Individuals will bowl on one weekend of their choice from April through June.
10. All scores and printouts from the bowling alley of the scores should be mailed in with the bowling applications.
11. Peewee division: The child must be able to pick up the bowling ball with two hands off the rack and carry it to the foul line. No parental or adult assistance is allowed to help the child to the foul line. Please follow this rule!
12. Proper attire must be worn (bowling shoes).
13. Foul lights must be in operation.
14. Score sheets and bowling score printouts must be mailed to the PWA Youth Committee c/o Sharon Zago, Vice President, and postmarked no later than **June 15, 2007** to be eligible for prizes. Awards will be given out for first, second, and third place in each division based on a national level.

Komitet Oswiaty Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chairman; Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton. Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, and Felicia Perlick; Ex-Officio: Virginia Sikora, National President.

PWA Announces a Scholarship for the KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY SUMMER 2008 PROGRAM IN KRAKOW, POLAND

Application Period from June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

PWA will award one fully-paid scholarship in 2007 for a PWA member to attend the four-week Summer Program at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, in summer of 2008. The scholarship also includes a roundtrip airline ticket to Poland. All Kosciuszko Foundation Jagiellonian Summer Program rules, regulations, and requirements associated with this program apply to this award. (www.kosciuszkofoundation.org/educational/programs/summerprograms)

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, a PWA member in good standing for at least five years, and have at least \$3,000 in insurance coverage with PWA. Term certificates, endowments, annuities, lapsed or suspended certificates and certificates with outstanding loans are excluded from eligibility.

The application is available on the PWA website. Go to www.pwaa.org to download the application. Please be sure to fill it out completely. The Scholarship Committee will not consider any incomplete, unsigned, or late applications. They will be automatically rejected. In addition to the application, a 500-750 word essay on the following topic is required:

"What Polish heritage benefits do I anticipate to gain by attending the Summer Program at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland"

The essay should be typed in English and stapled to the application. Be sure to include your full name and address is on the essay page. The completed application, essay, wallet-sized photo, media form, and insurance application (if needed) must be submitted to the District/State President postmarked no later than August 15, 2007. The District/State President must submit applications to Sharon Zago, Vice President and Scholarship Committee Chair, postmarked by August 31, 2007. Applications received without District President signature will automatically be disqualified.

Scholarship Committee: Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chairman; Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton. Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, and Felicia Perlick; Ex-Officio: Virginia Sikora, National President.

Congrats to Group 37 member!



Denver, CO—Kristen Zawada Brownson, with husband Zac in photo above, received her Doctor in Chiropractic Medicine from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Eldridge, Iowa, recently. Kristen was the recipient of three PWA scholarships in the past. She is the daughter of Nancy and James Zawada and the granddaughter of Bernice Schultz, Group 37, Council 21, Indiana. Congratulations, Kristen! All the best in the future!

Wycieczka do Muzeum Dziedzictwa Polskiego

W prężnie działającej od kilku lat w Cleveland, OH, Szkole J. Polskiego im. I.J. Paderewskiego, sponsorowanej przez Związek Polek, już tradycją stały się coroczne obchody Dnia Patrona Szkoły. Jest to dzień szczególny, gdy uczniowie przychodzą do szkoły w biało-granatowych strojach, gdy na lekcjach nauczyciele opowiadają i czytają o I.J. Paderewskim, a Zarząd Szkoły przygotowuje jakąś niespodziankę, na przykład: pizzę na lunch, konkursy wiedzy o wielkich Polakach, itp...

W bieżącym roku w ramach tych obchodów, 21 kwietnia uczniowie szkoły wybrali się do Muzeum Dziedzictwa Polskiego przy Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury im. Jana Pawła II. Przy okazji kilka słów o samym Muzeum. Powstała ona z inicjatywy Eugeniusza Bąka-dyrektora wykonawczego przy Polsko-Amerykańskim Centrum Kultury i Bena Stefańskiego-prezydenta tej organizacji. Uroczyste otwarcie Muzeum Dziedzictwa Polskiego odbyło się 22 września 2005 r. z udziałem znakomitego gościa, dr Zbigniewa Brzezińskiego, byłego doradcy prezydenta Cartera do spraw bezpieczeństwa.

Powracam jednak do szkolnej wycieczki. Pogoda w tym dniu była jak na zamówienie i dzieci zażyły wiosennego spaceru, gdyż muzeum mieści się na tej samej ulicy co Szkoła I.J.Paderewskiego. W drzwiach oczekiwała gości pani Barbara Bąk. Ona to oprowadziła wycieczkę po wszystkich salach i ciekawie opowiadała o zgromadzonych eksponatach. Dzieci z zapartym tchem i z isierką odkrywców w oczach oglądały obrazy, przedstawiające ważne wydarzenia z dziejów Polski i chłoneły każde słowo. Przed popiersiami A. Mickiewicza i H. Sienkiewicza

wysłuchały krótkiego wprowadzenia do pisarstwa tych wielkich Polaków, miały również okazję zobaczyć kilka unikatowych eksponatów związanych z życiem Paderewskiego. Chłopców, jak łatwo się domyślić, najbardziej interesowała wystawa batalistyczna, a dziewczynki niemalże wrosty w podłogę jak zaczarowane przed wystawą lalek w ludowych strojach. Zwiedzanie muzeum zbiegło się z miłym wydarzeniem. Otóż, chwilę czasu, by przywitać się i porozmawiać z dziećmi znalazł pan Eugeniusz Bąk, który dzień wcześniej otrzymał z rąk polskiego konsula Krzysztofa Kasprzyka wysokie odznaczenie państwowe za pracę na rzecz Polonii i polskiej kultury. Dzieci z tej okazji wręczyły panu Bąkowi kwiaty i odśpiewały: Sto lat!

Jeszcze na koniec wpis do pamiątkowej książki i wycieczka powoli dobiegała końca. Przed budynkiem muzeum czekała kolejna niespodzianka: uczniowie spotkali się z goszczącym w Centrum konsulem polskim; nie zabrakło więc pamiątkowych zdjęć i wszyscy zadowoleni, zasileni słońcem i wrażeniami wrócili do szkoły.

Nie trzeba chyba pisać o tym jak bardzo takie wycieczki i spotkania są ważne dla wychowania w patriotycznym duchu, jak głęboko pobudzają wyobraźnię i zainteresowania młodych, chłonnych umysłów. Warto też podkreślić znaczenie współpracy wszystkich polonijnych placówek w krzewieniu polskiej kultury i edukacji.

M. Oleksy

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Kościoła IHM)
Cleveland, OH 44105**



Święto Matki w Cleveland, Ohio

Bardzo serdecznie witam Wszystkich tu zebranych i dziękuję za zaszczylenie naszego Święta swoją obecnością. Uroczyste obchody Dnia Matki są coroczną tradycją Związku Polek w Ameryce, dzięki której mamy okazję się spotkać, porozmawiać, dokonać krótkiego podsumowania naszej pracy w ciągu roku, a przede wszystkim uczcić kochane Matki, te żyjące i te, które odeszły, ale wciąż są w naszej pamięci i sercach.

Jako prezeska stanowa Związku Polek i jako dyrektor Szkoły Języka Polskiego im I.J. Paderewskiego mogę powiedzieć, że ten rok jest bogaty w wydarzenia i związane z tym dodatkowe prace.

Najpierw chcę skorzystać z okazji i gorąco podziękować wszystkim członkom Związku Polek, nauczycielom, uczniom Szkoły, rodzicom i ich Znajomym za wzięcie udziału w pochodzie 3-Majowym. Cieszę się, że moja prośba o wykorzystanie tej okazji i godne zaprezentowanie organizacji i Szkoły, spotkała się ze zrozumieniem i poparciem. W tegorocznym pochodzie byliśmy widoczni wśród polonijnej społeczności, a to się liczy. Doceniła to obecna w czasie pochodu prezeska Związku Polek w Ameryce Pani Sikora i to Ona uświetniła całą 3-Majową uroczystość swoim patriotycznym przemówieniem, co dodało prestiżu organizacji i Szkole.

Warto tu podkreślić, że w tym roku 25 sierpnia rozpocznie się niezwykle ważna Konwencja Związku Polek, która zbiega się z setną rocznicą powstania tej organizacji. Przyjadą delegatki z całych Stanów. Nie trzeba chyba dodawać, że to zaszczyt dla nas, że właśnie w Cleveland odbywa się ten zjazd, ale jest to również ogromne wyzwanie, nakład wytężonej pracy wszystkich członkin naszej Komisji 7-mej. I tu wszystkim paniom, które do tej pory włożyły swój czas i poświęcenie w zorganizowanie każdego szczegółu tego wydarzenia, serdecznie

dziękuję. Mam nadzieję, że przy naszym wspólnym wysiłku Konwencja odniesie sukces, jeszcze bardziej nas zintegruje i sprawi, że będziemy się czuć dumne z przynależności do Związku Polek. Wierzę, że ta konwencja rozwinie nam skrzydła, podsunie nowe pomysły na to, by nasz Związek stawał się coraz atrakcyjniejszy i przyciągał młode siły.

Jako Dyrektor Szkoły im. I.J. Paderewskiego muszę przypomnieć, że swoistego obudzenia w szeregach Związku Polek dokonało właśnie zaistnienie tej Szkoły jako kuźni następnych polonijnych pokoleń, które nie zapomną języka i tradycji. Wiele mam i nauczycielek zapisało się do naszej organizacji i aktywnie działa; dlatego wspieranie edukacji i sponsorowanie Szkoły Języka Polskiego jest związkowym priorytetem. Wiemy, że nie można zapominać o potężnej roli edukacji młodego pokolenia w duchu polskości. To zapewnia sukces w przyszłości tak młodym ludziom jak i polonijnym instytucjom. Dlatego uczulam na popieranie naszej Szkoły, która jako pierwsza bardzo poważnie potraktowała naukę mówienia i czytania w języku polskim i teraz staje się wzorem do kopiowania dla innych podobnych szkół; zachęcam do reklamowania naszej Szkoły wśród znajomych tak przez rodziców jak i przez nauczycieli, bo ta Szkoła to nasz wspólny obowiązek, a nie tylko pojedynczych osób. Przypominam, że ten rok szkolny kończy się 19 maja, nowy zaczyna się 15 września.

Na zakończenie z okazji tego pięknego i wzruszającego Święta Matek, zwracam się do wszystkich Mam. To Wasza miłość, poświęcenie i zapał w wychowaniu młodego pokolenia, w pielęgnowaniu rodzinnych tradycji i ojczyściej mowy sprawiają, że marzenia spełniają się, a żaden problem nie jest aż tak duży, by go nie rozwiązać. Składam serdeczne, z serca płynące życzenia zdrowia, opieki naszej patronki Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej i zadowolenia ze swych dzieci. Jeszcze raz bardzo dziękuję wszystkim.

Obwód 1 zaprasza na uroczystość ku czci Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej



W środę, 15 sierpnia, 2007 Komisja 13-ZPwA zaprasza na uroczyste doroczne obchody Dnia Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej. Prosimy o wpisanie tej daty i zaproszenia do Państwa kalendarzy. Obchody rozpocznie msza św. w kościele św Józefa w in Summit. Bezpośrednio po mszy w restauracji European Chalet, 5445 S. Harlem, in Chicago odbędzie się lunch. Organizatorzy zapewniają autobus dowożący członków i ich gości z północnej strony. Po więcej informacji proszę dzwonić do Przewodniczącego Dawn Nelson an numer 708-229-8805

DZIĘCIĘCY WIECZOREK LITERACKI W MUZEUM POLSKIM w Chicago

Jak rozbudzić w naszych dzieciach wychowywanych w Ameryce miłość do języka ojczystego ich rodziców? W jaki sposób skierować ich zainteresowania na polską tradycję? Co zachęci naszą młodzież do aktywnego uczestnictwa w życiu Polonii? Nie ma bardziej skutecznego sposobu niż osobisty przykład rodziców i nauczycieli.



W tym duchu zorganizowany został niezwykle wspaniały wieczorek literacki. Niezwykle dlatego, że trudy zorganizowania przedstawienia podjęli z własnej inicjatywy rodzice i wychowawczynie pierwszej klasy Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie działającej pod patronatem Obwodu 1, Związku Polek w Ameryce. Postanowili oni uczcić i wyróżnić starania pierwszoklasistów poświęcając czas na przygotowanie programu artystycznego uzupełnionego poezją, muzyką i tańcem.



Aby pokazać młodzieńskim artystom z jaką powagą traktowane są ich występy, przedstawienie

odbyło się w siedzibie Muzeum Polskiego, a splendoru dodała wydarzeniu obecność wykonawców z Orkiestry im. Paderewskiego. Zaangażowani rodzice wraz z nauczycielką Panią Izabelą Kaczorowską zadbałi nie tylko o wystrój sali, poczęstunek i oprawę muzyczną, ale przede wszystkim o to, aby w każdy element przedstawienia włączyć swoje pociechy. To właśnie one były prawdziwymi bohaterami tego wieczoru, z myślą o nich nie szczędzono starań, aby dostarczyć

im niezapomnianych wrażeń, a radość i łatwość z jaką maluchy poruszały się po scenie wynagrodziła wszelkie trudy organizatorów.

Rodziców, którzy jeszcze nie podjęli decyzji zachęcamy do zapisania

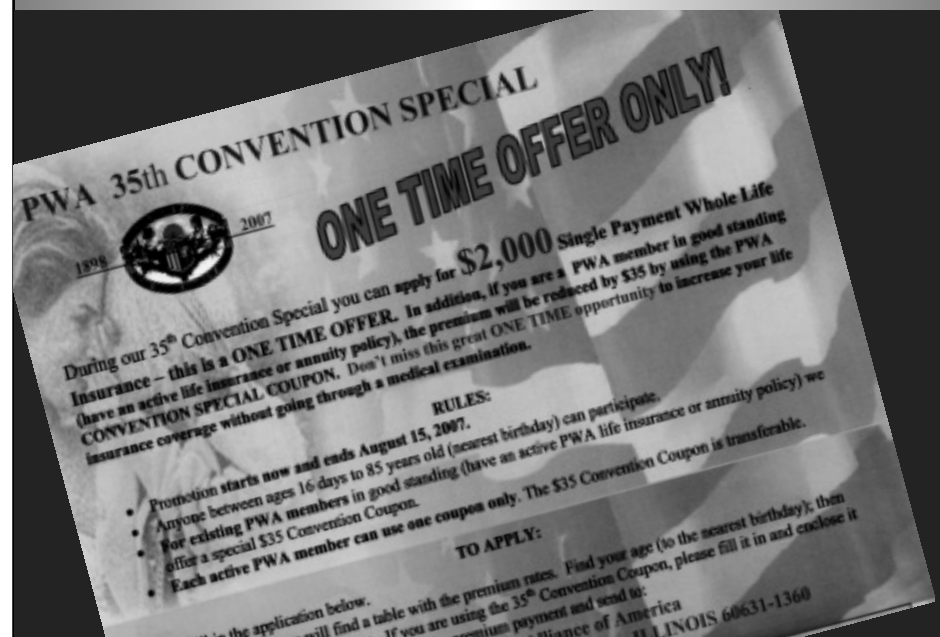
swoich dzieci do Polskiej Szkoły im. Marii Skłodowskiej Curie, zlokalizowanej na pograniczu Chicago, Niles i Park Ridge przy 7400 West Touhy w Chicago przy parafii im. Sw. Juliana.



Zajęcia szkolne prowadzone są od przedszkola do klasy maturalnej. Lekcje odbywają się w niedużych zespołach klasowych, dzięki czemu każdy z uczniów może cieszyć się należytą uwagą nauczyciela. Wszystkie dzieci w ramach zajęć szkolnych uczestniczą w lekcjach tańca, a ponadto chętni mogą brać udział w lekcjach religii (wraz z przygotowaniem do sakramentów świętych). Podobnie jak w latach



Specjalna Oferta z okazji 35-go Walnego Sejmiku Związku Polek w Ameryce



Związek Polek w Ameryce oferuje specjalną promocję na

35-tą Konwencję - Sejm ZPWA

Detale w sekcji angielskiej Głosu Polek

Po więcej informacji prosimy dzwonić do Bogumiły Padowski
na numer 1888-522-1898, wewn. 228; e-mailem: padowski@pwa.org

poprzednich, na rok szkolny 2007/2008, oprócz nauki - przewidzianych zostało wiele dodatkowych atrakcji, jak zabawa z okazji Halloween, spotkanie Wigilijne, malowanie pisanek, kiermasze książek, muzyki i filmów oraz wiele innych niespodzianek. Oczywiście nie zabraknie też okolicznościowych akademii, na których będą miały możliwość zaprezentować się uczniowie szkoły.

Przewodnicząca, Dr. Halina Anioł wraz z całym komitetem rodzicielskim oraz dyrektor



Małgorzata Wasilewska wraz z gronem nauczycielskim dokładają wszelkich starań, aby tworzyć placówkę edukacyjną, do której dzieci uczęszczałyby z prawdziwym entuzjazmem i radością, gdyż wiadomo, że taka atmosfera pomaga zainteresować nauką języka i polską kulturą.



Po dodatkowe informacje oraz w sprawie zapisów można kontaktować się z dyrektorem szkoły Małgorzatą Wasilewską 773-430-9111 lub poprzez internet www.mojaszkola.com

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Ostatnia szansa aby wziąć udział w Loterii Pieniężnej Związku Polek w Ameryce na rok 2007

Bądź jednym ze zwycięzców. Bilety można nabyć tylko do 21 czerwca.



Ciągnięcie odbędzie się w czasie Konferencji Prezesek Stanowych 21 czerwca, w Chicago, Illinois. Po zakup biletów proszę dzwonić na numer 1-888-522-1898 Ext. 208

ZPwA ogłasza zapisy stypendium na 4-tygodniowy kurs letni Kultury i Języka Polskiego na Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim w Krakowie w roku 2008.

ZPwA opłaci bilet samolotowy do Krakowa w obie strony. Więcej informacji na stronie 12 Głosu Polek oraz na stronie internetowej, www.pwaa.org/youth.html

Doroczny Lunch Matki i Córki Komisji 9



Wręczenie oznaki Królowej Maja -Prezesce Obwodu 1-Delphine Lytell

Od lewej: Sylvia Kania-wręcza Delphine Lytell oznakę Obwodu 1, Regina Solms-prezentuje nagrodę Komisji, Królowa-Obwodu 1-Delphine Lytell przyjmuje odznaczenie, Prezydent ZPwA Virginia Sikora wręcza honorową Oznakę Zarządu ZPwA, z prawej Lauren Brennan z Komisji 9 - występ muzyczny

W sobotę 12 maja br. Komisja 9 ZPwA zorganizowała uroczysty lunch t.z. Lunch dla Matki i Córki. Regina Solms Prezeska Komisji 9 witając dużą ilość przybyłych na uroczystość gości podziękowała wszystkim za poparcie. Przewodniczącą komitetu organizacyjnego była Vice Prezeska ZPwA Zago Sharon. Prezeska Związku Virginia Sikora z gratulacjami wręczyła Delphine Lytell oznakę Królowej Maja prezent od Zarządu Głównego. Przedstawiając Prezydentowi Virginii Sikorze dwóch nowych członków

Delphine Lytell zwróciła wszystkim uwagę na wagę zapisywania nowych członków. Skarbnik Gr. 661 Adeline Holda rozlosowywała nagrody a . Alfreda Dombrowski dokonała zozlosowania bardzo udanej loterii z 52 podarowanymi przez członków i gości nagrodami. Specjalne podziękowania za pomoc w prowadzeniu i przygotowaniu należą się członkiniom Eleanore Scott, Jane Nowak, Mary Konkey, Gloria Waber, Carol Partyka, and Sylvia Kania.

Salatki z Polskiej kuchni



SURÓWKA Z PAPRYKI Z JABŁKIEM

1 lb strąków papryki (najlepiej różnokolorowej), 3 duże jabłka, 2 cebule, 1/2 szklanki śmietany, natka pietruszki, sok z cytryny, sól, pieprz, cukier. Jabłka przekroić na pół, usunąć gniazda nasienne, zetrzeć na tarce o dużych otworach. Cebulę i paprykę oczyścić, opłukać, pokroić w kostkę. połączyć z jabłkami, śmietaną. Posypać posiekaną natką, doprawić solą, pieprzem i cukrem. Odstawić do lodówki na ok 1 godzinę.

SURÓWKA Z BIAŁEJ KAPUSTY

Mała główka białej kapusty, 1 marchewka, po 1 łyżce siekanego koperku i natki pietruszki, 2 łyżki oleju, 1 łyżka octu, sól, pieprz. Kapustę bardzo drobno poszatkować, osolic i odstawić na ok. 15 minut. Marchewkę opłukać, obrać i zetrzeć na tarce o dużych otworach. Wymieszać kapustę z marchewką, dodać koperek i pietruszkę, olej, octu, szczyptę pieprzu, dobrze wymieszać.

SURÓWKI WIOSENNE

1 lb świeżych ogórków, 2-3 pęczki rzodkiewek, 1/2 lb białej rzodkwi, 1 1/2 szklanki kwaśnej śmietany, 1 pęczek dymki lub szczypiorku, cukier, sól, pieprz; do przybrania : szczypior dymki, gałązka natki pietruszki. Ogórki opłukać, obrać, pokrajać w cienkie plasterki, posolić, odstawić na 10 min., a następnie odlać sok. Dymkę oczyścić, umyć i drobno pokroić. Połowę dymki wymieszać z ogórkami, a połowę użyć do

surówki z rzodkiewek. 1/2 szklanki śmietany doprawić solą oraz pieprzem i połączyć ogórki.

Rzodkiewki oczyścić, opłukać i pokroić w cienkie plasterki. Dodać 1/2 szklanki śmietany i resztę pokrojonej dymki, posolić, osłodzić szczyptą cukru. Starannie wymieszać. Białą rzodkiew obrać, połączyć, zetrzeć na tarce do jarzyn, posolić i odstawić na 10 min., następnie odcisnąć sok. Do rzodkwi dodać 1/2 szklanki śmietany i pieprz, starannie wymieszać.

Surówki wyłożyć na półmisek i przybrać szczypiorkiem z dymki oraz natką pietruszki.

SALATKA Z KARTOFLI I SELERA

6 dużych kartofli, 1 duży seler, 1 cebula, Sos: 1 gotowane żółtko, łyżeczka cukru, łyżeczka musztardy, 3 - 4 łyżki śmietany, łyżka octu winnego (albo soku z cytryny). Seler i ziemniaki ugotować w łupinach w osolonej wodzie. Obrać ze skórki, ostudzić, pokrajać w plasterki, cebulę w drobną kostkę. Przygotowanie sosu: żółtko utrzeć drewnianą łyżką, dodać szczyptę soli i po kolei resztę składników. Dobrze utrzeć, połączyć tym sosem pokrojone jarzyny. Podawać do pieczenia cielęcej w sosie tatarskim lub do sztuki mięsa.

SALATKA Z SELERA i ANANASA

1/2 średniego selera, puszka kukurydzy, kilka plasterków ananasa z puszki, ok. 1/2 lb wędzonego kurczaka, 1/2 szklanki majonezu. Zetrzeć oczyszczony, obrany seler na tarce w cienkie paseczki, dodać osączoną kukurydzą. Pokroić w małe kawałki ananasa oraz pierś wędzoną z kurczaka lub inną część wędzonego kurczaka. Wszystko połączyć z majonezem i doprawić do smaku.

Obchody Dnia Matki w szkole ZPwA im. Marii Słodowskiej - Curie zorganizowane przez Komisję 27



19 maja br. po uroczystym zakończeniu roku szkolnego polskiej szkoły im. Marii Skłodowskiej - Curie Komisja 27 ZPwA zorganizowała niezapomniane obchody Dnia Matki. Na pyszny lunch przygotowany przez Kasia Deli przybyły Prezeska ZPwA Virginia Sikora, Wice Prezeska Sharon Zago, Sekretarz Generalny Grażyna Migała, Dyrektor Antoinette Trela Vander Noot, Prezeska Obwodu 1 Delphine Lytell, były Skarbnik ZPwA Olga Kaszewicz,



muzyczne i wokalne występy rozczuły serca zgromadzonych mam. Dzieci tak się rozochociły w publicznych występach, że nie chciały ich zakończyć.

W czasie znakomitej deklamacji słynnego wiersza **Pani Twardowska** w



Zarząd Komisji 27 (powyżej) - Czesława Kolak, Lidia Filus, Barbara Ciepela, Bo Padowski i Dyrektor szkoły Małgorzata Wasilewska z gronem nauczycielskim i młodymi, utalentowanymi uczniami szkoły. Ich

wykonaniu Marka Piszczatowskiego jednego z nauczycieli, śmiechom nie było końca. Jego interpretacja tego słynnego wiersza na długo zostanie wszystkim w pamięci. do zobaczenia za rok.

Zostań obywatelem USA Warsztaty imigracyjne w ZPwA

20 maja br. Związek Polek w Ameryce wspólnie z Zrzeszeniem Amerykańsko Polskim zorganizował spotkanie na którym upoważnionym do tego imigrantom bezpłatnie pomagano złożyć aplikację o obywatelstwo U.S.A. Spotkanie zorganizowano w ramach programu *New Americans Initiative* oferowanego przez stan Illinois. Program ten pomagający między innymi Polonii mieszkającej w Chicago i okolicach koordynuje agencja socjalna o nazwie Zrzeszenie Amerykańsko Polskie.

Spotkanie odbyło się w niedzielę, 20 maja, 2007, w godzinach od 9 a.m. do 4 p.m. w nowej siedzibie głównej ZPwA, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy. w Chicago. Celem spotkania było udzielenie zainteresowanym osobom bezpłatnej pomocy przy wypełnianiu aplikacji, sprawdzaniu przez imigracyjnych prawników z Chicago Legal Clinic oferujących bezpłatnie swoją pomoc, kwalifikacji ubiegających się o obywatelstwo osób, zrobienie zdjęć i kopii koniecznych dokumentów, i zaopatrzeniu klientów w materiały szkoleniowe konieczne do zdania egzaminu z zakresu historii i konstytucji U.S.A.

Od 30 lipca 2007 wchodzi bowiem w życie, wyższe o przeciętnie 60% opłaty za procesy imigracyjne. Urząd imigracyjny Stanów Zjednoczonych właśnie ogłosił tę podwyżkę. Przeciętna opłata za pomoc w wypełnieniu aplikacji i inne konieczne tłumaczenia, zdjęcia, etc. w agencjach oferujących tego typu usługę wynosi przeważnie od \$150 do \$400. Przychodząc więc na spotkanie w Związku Polek

klienci zwłaszcza ci posiadający kwalifikujące się, wieloosobowe rodziny często mieli jedyną okazję złożenia aplikacji. Prezeska ZPwA, Virginia Sikora od 7 rano pomagała osobiście we wszystkich przygotowaniach spotkania, od momentu otwarcia siedziby ZPwA, kierując zainteresowanych do odpowiednich stacji, udzielając informacji, jak również pomagając w wypełnianiu aplikacji, robieniu koniecznych aż do częstowania przybyłych.



Ze strony ZPwA przez cały dzień klientom w procesie wypełniania pomagały Bo Padowski i Grażyna ???, które już wcześniej członkom organizacji pomagały w tym procesie. W czasie spotkania pomagała również w aplikacjach Wice Prezeska Sharon Zago. Ponad 120 skorzystało z oferowanych warsztatów imigracyjnych, i mamy nadzieję że już w kilka miesięcy zostaną oni dumnymi obywatelami U.S.A. Ogromnie dziękujemy Zarządowi ZPwA za wielką pomoc w zorganizowaniu i przeprowadzeniu spotkania. Grupy i Komisje ZPwA zainteresowane zaoferowaniem podobnych spotkań w swoich rejonach, po instrukcje związane z organizacją proszone są o kontakt z redaktor sekcji polskiej Grażyną Zajaczkowską (773) 282-8206, wewn. 342.