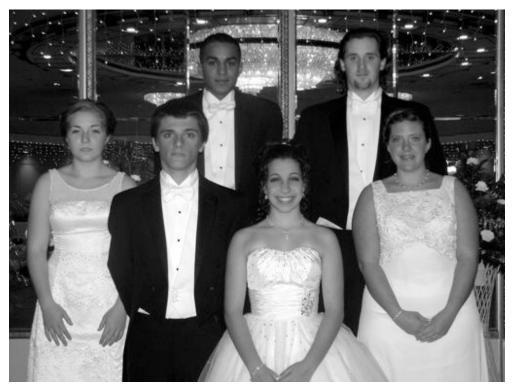
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Debutantes Introduced at the 32nd Annual Ball



Pictured above are this year's 3 Debutantes and their escorts: First row, left to right: Lauren McAndrew, Antonio Hastie (escort of Maria Zanghi), Maria Zanghi, and Nicole Poplawski. Second row, left to right: Robert Sherbinko (escort of Lauren McAndrew) and

Brenton Reilly (escort of Nichole Poplawski)

The Polish Union of USA hosted its 32nd Annual Debutante Ball, A Red Carpet Affair, on November 6th, 2010 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel, Wilkes Barre. The presentation of Debutantes was held followed by dinner and refreshments. Music for listening and dancing pleasure was provided by the George Tarasek Orchestra.

Lauren McAndrew from Archabald, PA is the daughter of Eric and Kim McAndrew. She currently is in the 10th grade at Valley View High School. Her escort that evening was Robert Sherbinko of Throop, PA.

daughter of Ross and Angela Zanghi. She is currently in the 10th grade at Scranton High

Her escort that evening was Antonio Hastie of Scranton, PA.

Nicole Poplawski from Throop, PA is the daughter of the late Roxanne Poplawski, and the niece of John & Gail Musewicz. She is a 2010 graduate of Mid Valley School District, and is currently attending Empire Beauty School. Her escort that evening was Brenton Reilly of Clarks Summit, PA.

Emily Stefanac was Chairperson of the event which is held every year. This is just one of the many activities held by the Polish Union for its members and the community. Maria Zanghi from Scranton, PA is the Anyone interested in participating in next year's Deb Ball is asked to contact Mrs. Stefanac or the Polish Union Office.



The persons responsible for the success of this year's Deb Ball are the committee members. They are pictured above: First row, from left: Álice Čzyzyk; Rose Wartko, President of Polish Union; Sophie Dubiak and Co-Chairperson of the event, Katryna Reilly.

Second row, from left: Emily Stefanac, Chairperson of the event; Nancy Bachurek, Charlotte L. Androckitis, CEO/National Secretary of the Polish Union; and William Giebus. Missing from the picture was Maryann Arnold.

Nicole Poplawski Recieves 2010 Vrabel Scholarship



Polish Union of USA member, Nicole Poplawski was this year's winner for the 2010 Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship.

The Scholarship has been funded each year by Elaine Larronde and Deborah Osborne daughters of the late Marion Orloski Vrabel. It is presented annually at the Polish Union of USA Debutante Ball to the Debutante that writes the best essay in the opinion of the judges. This year the award was presented to Ms. Poplawski by Mrs. Larronde who are pictured above from left to right.

Ms. Poplawski is the daughter of the late Roxanne Poplawski, and currently resides in Throop, PA with her aunt and uncle, Gail and John Musewicz, Sr. Nicole is a 2010 graduate of Mid Valley School District and is currently pursuing a degree in cosmetology through the Empire Beauty School.

The Polish Union of USA is a

non profit Fraternal Life Insurance Organization with its National Offices located in downtown Wilkes-Barre, PA. This is just one of the events it holds for its members

and the community as well.

At The National Katyn Memorial

On a recent visit to Baltimore, Jack, Greg and Karen Bednarski visited The National Katyn Memorial which honors the Katyn Forest Massacre. The memorial commemorates the execution of 20,000 Polish officers, soldiers, intellectuals, professionals and priests by the Soviets in 1940. They were among Poland's finest who died because they refused to accept Stalin's philosophy. They will be remembered through the ages and included among history's martyrs, hopefully never to happen again. "Nigdy

Wieceji". Situated on a nicely landscaped roundabout the memorial has, at its center, a beautiful golden sculpture with a fountain created by the artist Andrew Pitynski. Here, one can read a description of the monument and a history of the The sculpture massacre. includes representations of the Polish Eagle, three Polish Polish officers, Kings, Kosciuszko, Pulaski, Czarny and names and photos of vic-

For - Bog, Honor, Ojczyzna. (God, Honor, Coun-

The memorial is located at the junction of Felicia and Alicianna Sts., it is well worth

You can read more at katynbaltimore.com



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Cry, Pray, Hope By SARAH BETH KOLODZIEJ

I Cry

I cry at the Greed that consumes the world Greed that ravishes away God's beautiful earth

I cry for the Lost Souls that walk aimlessly through life Lost Souls who neglect the love and gifts God has given them

I Pray

I pray for the Abandoned Children that search for the love they should have already received Children who have nothing

and yet everything because of the Lord

I pray for the Innumerable Ill that are trying to make the most of what life they have left Ill whose families don't understand the mysteries of the Lord

I Hope

I hope for the Future where the next generation has found a solution

a Future where everyone is crying and praying rather than roaming indifferent destroying Christ's creations

I hope that my Message will touch your heart a Message intended for all with the power to love and be loved as Christ loves

Sarah Beth, 2009 Debutante, and published poet, is a Senior at Holy redeemer High, daughter of Carol Kolodziej and Granddaughter of Bernard and Mary Ellen Kolodziej

In Allemoriam Our sympathy to the families of

recently deceased members of Polish Union of U.S.A.

Group	Member	State
206	Tomasz Starzek	PA
321	Joseph Jaken	NJ
378	Ted J. Tomasiewicz	IL
189	Marjanna Zoranski	PA
79	Geraldine Sadowski	NY
240	Charles Valonis	PA
257	Mary Markowski	PA
227	Anthony Shumski	PA
395	Cecilia McAndrew	PA
197	Mary Ann Czachor	PA
155	Nellie Materna	AZ
155	Stanislawa Fulham	NJ
395	Paul Beekman	PA
392	Lorraine Lusnia	NJ
378	Thomas R. Pranger	MI
395	Jean Karoscik	PA
191	Jennie Kolodziejski	MI
400	Mildred Wrabel	PA
321	Pawel Grauzlis	VA
230	Ronald E. Young	FL
392	Lillian A. Kaschak	PA
8	Margaret Bongart	PA
4	Cyrus Hollister	PA
321	Lucy Shedlarski	PA
378	Charlotte Citko	IL
155	Wanda Grella	NJ
258	Deloris M. Bomba	AZ
227	Bronislaw Zalewska	PA
73	Stanley Pawelec	PA

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in

A Mass for deceased members is celebrated monthly by Chaplain Rev. Patrick L. Albert

Why Buy Life Insurance From The Polish Union?

Trying to understand life insurance can be a daunting experience.

With so many other companies offering what appears to be hundred of different types of insurance, it can leave one feeling overwhelmed and bewildered, which can cause some people to postpone a decision or worse yet, make no decision on a very important aspect of their financial future.

Some of the reasons people purchase Polish Union U.S.A. life insurance is to provide an income for family members and dependents. To pay outstanding balance on mortgages, taxes, loans, and other debts. To cover day-to-day expenses, like groceries and utilities as well as other emergencies like illness and home repairs when the wage earner dies, and to cover funeral cost and other final expenses. A funeral today cost over seven thousand dollars.

Polish Union U.S.A. Life Insurance is the greatest financial product ever designed. With a stroke of a pen and just one payment, a person can create an estate worth thousand of dollars. If something happens to a member, Polish Union pays the beneficiary the full amount of the policy- not the amount the member paid in premiums or what the member intended to pay. It is paid at a time when everything else in your life has been turned up side down. That is why Polish Union U.S.A. Life Insurance is unique and special.

Fraternal benefits are what set us apart



President's

Rose A. Wartko

from other commercial life insurances companies. As not-for-profit organization, we strive to assist our members as best as we can. We can continue to do this and offer fraternal benefits by continuing our efforts in enrolling new members into Polish Union. Have you enrolled a new member yet? Why not do your best and make an effort this month to enroll some one in your family or a

The Henry J. Dende Scholarship for college students who are Polish Union members is one of the many benefits that we offer to all of our members, young and old. Have you read the new scholarship application in the Polish Union Journal today? There are many changes in the application and if you need more information about the application, please call the home office at 823-1611 and Chris or Linda will be glad to help you.

Chaplain Thanks Volunteers.

Rev. Albert extends a special Thank You to all Polish Union members and friends who volunteered in Community service projects and related programs during the past year. Many of our volunteers work behind the scenes and receive no formal recognition. For example, they help with Holiday Parties. Picnics, Bowling fundraisers, card parties, and Council activities. Father views these efforts as the lifeblood of our Fraternal and commends all for their dedicated involvement. He also rerminded our volunteers that one project dear to his heart is the Thanksgiving CEO Food Distribution Program in which we have been involved for the past four years. In fact, CEO has volunteer opportunities available all year long. Call Maura Modrovsky at 570-826-0510 ext.215 for details.

May God's Blessing be upon all for Christmas and the New Year. —Father Pat.



Home Office of the Polish Union of U.S.A., Downtown, Wilkes-Barre, PA

The beautifully designed edifice was dedicated in 1938. the lower floor contains a two-room auditorium. Business offices and board room are located on the second floor, there are many designs on the exterior and interior of the building which refers to the fraternal's ethnic heritage.

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200th Anniversary of Chopin **Birth Prompts Concert**

Polish Union USA and Wilkes University Polish Room Committee in co-operation with WVÎA-FM, Pittston, recently commemoratthe 200th Anniversary of the birth of Fryderyk Chopin with a Simply Grand Concert.

Polish Union USA sponsored pianist. Ko-Lee, 2009 Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition winner, who presented a live piano tal and performed the works of Fryderyk Chopin, Karol Szymanowski, and Johann Sebastian Bach.

of Chopin included

This commemorative Concert was held on, August 22, 2010 in the Sordoni Theater at WVIA-FM in Pittson.

Ko-Eun Lee is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music, New York City where she studied with Jerome Lowenthal. In April 2009 she was awarded first prize in the Kosciuszko Foundation Nation Chopin Competition and performed at the gala celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition at the Carnegie Weill Recital Hall. Ms. Lee recently won the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio. She will be performing at the Alice Tully Hall (Lincoln Center) in a solo concert in the near future.

The co-sponsors and organizing committee of this 200th Anniversary Chopin Concert were the Polish Union USA Committee members were Charlotte L. Androckitis, CEO/National Secretary; Rose A. Wartko, President; Bernard Kolodziej, Vice-President; and John P. Bednarski, CFO. The Wilkes University Polish Room Committee members on the organizing committee were Bernadine Tarasek, President, Wanda Hanna Witczak, Polish Room Presents..., and Helen Grebski, Educational



Seated: Ko-Eun Lee, 2009 Kosciuszko Foundation The featured works Chopin Competition Winner.

1st Row: Bernadine Tarasek, Wilkes Univ. Polish Room Scherzo No. 1 in B Cmte. Pres.; Erika Funke, WVIA-FM ArtScene; Rose minor, Op. 20, Nocture A. Wartko, Polish Union Pres.; and Charlotte in G minor, Op. 37, No. Androckitis, Polish Union CEO/National Secy.

1 and No. 2, impromptu 2nd Row: Helen Grebski, Wilkes Univ. Polish Room-No. 1 in A flat major, Education and Cultural Outreach; Wanda Hanna Op. 29, Impromptu No. Witczak, Polish Room; Bernard Kolodziej, Polish Union 3 in G flat major, Op. V-P; John P. Bednarski, Polish Union CFO; and Chris 51, Scherzo No. 2 in B Norton, WVIA-FM Vice-President of Radio.

> and Cultural Outreach. The Wilkes University Polish Room Committee established in 1950 fosters an appreciation of Polish culture through enrichment programs focusing on Polish contributions in the arts and sciences. Its mission is also to promote higher education and scholarship among persons of Polish descent. They maintain the Wilkes University Polish Room at the Eugene S. Farley Library on the Wilkes University Campus.

> A pre-concert lecture, Chopin, Szymanowski, and Bach: An Overview was presented by Wanda Hanna Witczak from the Polish Room Presents.... Mrs. Witczak presented background on Chopin and the influences of Bach on Chopin and Chopin on Syzmanowski. A Meet-the-Artist Reception in the PNC Studio at the WVIA Building, followed the concert. The reception was hosted by the Wilkes University Polish Room Committee and was coordinated by Wanda Hanna Witczak.

> 200th Anniversary Chopin Concert will be rebroadcast as part of the Simply Grand Concert series on WVIA-FM (89.9) in the

Scenes From The 32nd Debutante Ball

Held November 6th at Genetti Manor



Carol Kolodziej, Presenter of the Debutantes, shares a moment with her father, Vice President Bernie Kolodziej







Children's Christmas Party

This year's Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the Polish Union of the USA's Community Room in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. As always, it was a very busy and festive afternoon. There was plenty for the children to do. The children were served lunch.

They had winter themed word finds, maze's, connect-the-dots, and pictures to color. They had paper snowflakes to make, stained glass ornaments to paint, and many other foam crafts to create. They had a Christmas movie to watch and they played tossing games, Christmas bingo, pin-the-hat on the polar bear and pin-the-nose on Santa, and find-the-object coloring game and won

prizes. They had fun posing behind a snowmen banner to pretend they were snowmen and get their pictures taken.

Santa's arrival came with his yearly hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS!! to everyone. As each child's name was called they came up to sit on Santa's lap and receive their specially chosen gift while he listened to each of their special wishes for Christmas and had their picture taken with him. Some even gave him their wish list letters to take back to the North Pole with him. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon crafting, eating, playing games, mingling and spending some time with Santa.













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In Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Area: **Easter Party For Children**

Sunday, April 10, 2011 Beginning at 1:00 p.m. **Polish Union Building** 53-59 N. Main Street Wilkes-Barre Sponsored By The Young Adult Committee Sheri Pudlosky-Brierly, Chair

For Reservations:

· Parents are invited to bring their chil-

dren ages 0-10 to the party.

• There will be an Egg Hunt,
Entertainment and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Refreshments will be served.

Reservations Necessary

Phone the Polish Union Home Office at 823-1611 by April 6 to make reservations.

Volunteers To Help At This Event Are Welcome Phone 610-517-5505



Happy Birthday - Sto Lat

To Our Senior Members January-March, 2011

Reaching Age 96 Adeline T. Banach, Palos Heights, IL Anna Borowicz, Linden, NJ Eleonora Carbone, Trumbell, CT Helena Cislo, South River, NJ Stella Goreschak, Scranton, PA

Reaching Age 90
Jan Bogdanowicz, Jessup, PA Mary Chellis, Tunkhannock, PA Mae Hornick, Wilkes-Barre, PA Ruth Krantz, St. Paul, MN Emil Monkowski, Wallington, NJ Joseph Obrzut, Chicago, IL Stella Saflover, Berwyn, IL Emil Satkowski, Iselin, NJ Florence Shubilla, Kingston, PA Genowefa Walkowski, Franklin, PA

Reaching Age 85 Virginia Barski, Chicago, IL Eleanor Bednar, Mountain Top, PA Florence Bona, New Brighton, MN Dorothy Chesko, Nanticoke, PA Ryszard Drapinski, Roseville, MN Catherine Jurgiewicz, Dickson City, PA Helen Kawa, Kingston, PA Edward Kniola, Huntley, IL Marjanna Kohl, McKees Rocks, PA Dolores Kubicki, Baroda, MI Julia Kulik, Olyphant, PA Josephine Kundrot, Wilkes-Barre, PA Joseph Latosek, Luzerne, PA Rozalia Lorenzotti, Taylor, PA

Mary A. Martini, Scranton, PA Regina N. Miraglia Carolyn Obaza, Nanticoke, PA Sophie Pohutsky, Katy, TX Leona Prazych, Scranton, PA Mary Sachetti, W. Hazleton, PA Stefani Stefanedes, Swoyersville, PA Jan Szczubelek, Old Forge, PA

Reaching Age 80 Michael Aguilera, Chicago, IL Sophie Buczynski, Momence, IL Frank Gromada, Avoca, PA Elizabeth Heeney, Colville, WA Maria Kostrzewski, Mt. Prospect, IL Dorothy Krol, Dickson City, PA Theresa A. Kross, Hudson, PA Frank J. Lemanek, Warren, MI Margaret Pelczar, Shickshinny, PA Ann Popis, Scranton, PA Joseph M. Revit, Wilkes-Barre, PA Dolores Selig, Scranton, PA Stanley Sendra, Chicago, IL Robert Walczak, W. Springfield, PA Stella Winski, Chicago, IL Eleonora Yonick, Dunmore, PA Walter Zaremba, Rolling Meadows, IL

And to all our Members and Readers who celebrate Birthdays in these months, Happy Birthday—Sto lat

NOTE: If a member does not wish to have their birthday announced, please notify the Home Office.

Brierleys Go The Extra Mile



Russ Brierly and Sheri Pudlosky-Brierly receive the Extra Mile Award from Second Mile South East Regional Board President, Don Carlino

The Second Mile, Southeastern Region, has established a region-wide award to be presented at its Celebration of Excellence. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual(s) and/or business which has demonstrated extraordinary support in advancing the mission of The Second Mile, and in making a difference in the lives of the children it serves. The criteria for this award include the contributions of time, energy and resources given to The Second Mile.

THE EXTRA MILE AWARD 2010 Russ & Sheri Pudlosky Brierley's involvement in The Second Mile began with the Chester County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. On a yearly basis, the Association volunteers at the Annual Second Mile Chester County Golf Tournament. It was through attending this event that Sheri began to become more involved in The Second Mile and introduced Russ to the organization.

Sheri is a member of the Chester County Chapter of The Second Mile, and was the board s chairperson for over five years. As Chairperson, she worked with fellow board members to plan, budget, and execute activities that would raise revenue and support the programs that The Second Mile operates. She has also been involved with the Golf Tournament, the Celebration of Excellence, and Brian's Run.

For 10 years, her involvement with the golf tournament has allowed The Second Mile the opportunity to have her as event chairperson, program design and printing chairperson, volunteer chairperson, and silent and live auction chairperson.

This year, utilizing Sheri s creative side, she assisted in the creation of the program booklet for the golf tournament and Celebration of Excellence, and continues to coordinate the live and silent auction dis-

Russ has not only been a volunteer at Challenge Program registration, but for the past eight years, has worked as official photographer for the Golf Tournament, as well as for the Celebration of Excellence and Brian's Run. Russ has also worked with his company, Cephalon, to become a major annual sponsor for the Golf Tournament.

This year he also helped his wife Sheri, design and create the program for both the golf outing and Celebration of Excellence.

Professionally, Sheri is a clinical earch associate at Research research Pharmaceutical Sciences in Fort Washington where she works on clinical studies supporting new or approved drugs.

Russ is a Senior Director of Development Manufacturing at Cephalon in West Chester. With Russ' oversight, the department works to ensure all the organizations clinical studies are supplied with investigational drugs.

Sheri & Russ are active members and supporters of many non-profit organizations. Sheri is active and serves on the Board of the Polish Union of USA, and both her and her husband's churches.

Russ is also actively involved in many non-profit organizations including: St. Paul s United Church of Christ, and the Abram Fetters-White Schoolhouse Preservation

Russ & Sheri are invaluable assets to The Second Mile and their community. Without volunteers and supporters like the Brierley s, The Second Mile and organizations a-like would not be able to provide positive and quality programming for the children and adults of Pennsylvania. On behalf of the children we serve, The Second Mile would like to thank and congratulate Russ and Sheri Brierley for their years of outstanding serv-

Philly Pulaski Day Parade Polish Union Council # 21, sponsored a bus trip to Philadelphia to enjoy the festivities

held on October 3rd in honor of General Pulaski. Council President Bill Giebus chaired the event, shown in the photo is co-chair Chris Pagoda, Theresa Romanowski, from the Polish American Congress Eastern PA District receiving the check and presenting the check is Bill

Those attending participated in the mass at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, a Pulaski memorial tribute, a light luncheon and reserved seats for the parade.



News From CHICAGOLAND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Toni Storts 708-216-9624 Joan Wisinski, 708-448-6936 days, or 708-361-4180 evenings.

Happy New Year 2011 to all our Members Our Chicagoland Groups Childrens Christmas Party was held On December 5, 2010 f at Mayfair Banquets in Westchester. Over 80 adults and children attended and enjoyed a Pizza Buffet and Sweet table. Mrs Santa Claus entertained the children with face painting and colorful balloon creations. Santa arrived and presented children from age 12 and under with a gift and picture taking by all parents and grandparents was a hit. Thank you to the committee for all your help and donations, Helen

Storts, Joan and Tom Wisinski.

Celebrating January Birthdays from
Group 275 are-Janet Abbott-Claire and Kyle
Antene-Jeanine Bustillo-Jan Dzialowy-Paul
Dzialowy-Weronika Falborski-Erin GrandCarol Grochowski-Valeria Knapczyk-Helen
Madaj-Genevieve Novak-Jean OlakowskiPaul Pencak-Audrey Radek-Elaine StrenskiFlorence Wojtowicz-

and Karol Leja, Maria Zwolinska, Toni

Gr. 230 January Birthdays: Dale Brokiewicz, Jenna Gallas, Helen Hyerczyk, Tracey Karalow, Jan Lazarowicz, Richard Obartuch, Diane Pieklo, Jennifer Rafferty, Stella Saflover, Arlene Sopata, Rosalie Storts, Severine Towns, Anthony Van Dusen, Stella Winski

February Birthdays from Group 275 are Debra Bender-Catherine Bober-Lauren Bustillo-Rita Cybulski-Anthony Dzialowy-Meczyslaw Klimek-Keith Michalec-Gary Migut-Michael and Richard Pencak-Charity Piet-Robert Reddy-Joyce and Judith Regnier-Genevieve Stoklosa and Emily Wisinski turns ten on Feb 2nd and Kurt Wood

February Birthdays from Gr. 230: Krista Bednarz, Gary Doman, Randolph Doman, Richard Dubin, Catherine Fencl, Kim Fencl, Catherine Golata, Melissa Hlavac, Joseph Hyerczyk, Ashley Jennings, Jozefa Kasperska, Eugene Kornak, Jacqueline Milbratz, Rose Marie Palama, Claudette Pernice, Debra Rafferty, Donald Szymaszek, Staci Joy Tepper, Trisha Tepper, Shauna Winters

March Birthdays from Group 275 are-Maribeth Dzialowy-Jozefa Gajda-Brian Grgantov turns ten on March 11th-John Kotlarczyk-Dolores Kubicki-Pamela Moskal-Joseph Mulinski-Loretta Nirchi-Catherine Obrycki-Matthew Pitman-Allen Plachta-Kristen Platt-Russell Radek-Leodadya Savaglio-Stanley Sendre-Joann Stetlar-Jamie Wieczorek-Debra Grgantov on March 13th-Joan Wisinski on March 4th-Thomas A. Wisinski on March 29th-jean Wood on March 19th and Todd Zientek. Celebrating their 15th Wdding Anniversary on March 23rd are Tom and Venus Wisinski. Congratulations.

Gr. 230 March Birthdays: Jolene Bluder, Ronald Capek, Linda Dank, Linda Doman, Marissa Gallas, Jesse, Kalfas, Michael Kalfas, Sharon Kalfas, Wiktorya Lewis, Tara Murphy, Erwin Obartuch, Lauren Spencer, Joseph Stachel, Sarah Rose Tepper, Steven Tepper, Paige Lynn Young Our Most Heartfelt Sympathy to the

Our Most Heartfelt Sympathy to the Family of Charlotte Citko who passed away on November 6, 2010 was Group #378 Secretary Chicago II. Charlotte was 92 years young. A week before she passed Charlotte attended our Fall Meeting and Potluck Luncheon in Chicago. She was a delightful lady to all who knew her and she will be missed by all. 2011

Meeting Schedule May 21, 2011 Saturday Spring Luncheon and Meeting at 1pm Sawas Old Warsaw. October 22, 2011 Saturday Fall Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon at 1pm Location TBA December 4, 2011 Chicagoland Combined Groups Childrens Christmas Party at Mayfair Banquets in Westchester II from 2pm-5pm

Please check your insurance policiesplan to increase coverage for you and your children and grandchildren. Scholarship monies available to all member children insured for \$5000.00 and up. A great gift for any member of your family is permanent life insurance. Call your group secretary or Joan Wisinski at 708 361-4180. Any name changes or beneficiaries? We have forms to fill out. We need member emails, call your group secretary or call Joan Wisinski at 708 361-4180 or email-wisinski85@comcast.net.

Article submitted by Joan Wisinski-Group 275 Secretary and Illinois District Director

About Our Members



Ann M Borowicz, a member of Group 321 and a resident in Linden NJ is shown in a photo marching in the General Pulaski Memorial Parade. Ann will be celebrating her 96th birthday in February. Happy Birthday Ann!



Theresa Edwards, a member of Group 73, celebrated her 96th birthday on December, 30, 2010. Theresa is shown at Christmas time last year. Happy Birthday to you Theresa.

Anyone having articles and pictures on Polish Union Members is asked to send the article along with a picture (if possible) to Public Relations Coordinator, Chris Pagoda at the Home Office via E-mail to cap@polishunionusa.com or mail. If you have questions call Chris at (570) 823-1611.

K of C Honors Tom Wisinski



Tom Wisinski member of group 275 Palos Park, Illinois, was honored by the Knights of Columbus in October. Tom is shown in the photo with his family in attendance Front Mark, Billy, Emily and Brian Back row Tom, Bill, Venus, Tommy, Tom, his wife Joan and Debbie

Thomas A. Wisinski of Group 275 Chicago II was Honored on October 8, 2010 by the Crusaders Council #10151 Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Woods Church in Orland Park, IL. The Council was founded twenty years ago and Tom was the second Grand Knight.

The Knights Of Columbus Father Michael McGivney Life Time Achievement Award is only presented to a Knight of Columbus Member who has been a member for nearly fifty years and has served in different offices and volunteering on many committies.

Tom joined in the early 1960s and became Grand Knight in 1967 at LaRabida-Mchale Council in Chicago. In the 1970s he transferred to Our Lady of Fatima Council in Oak Lawn IL and became Grand Knight in the late 1970s.

In 1980 Our Lady of the Woods was looking to begin a Council and he transferred

to Crusaders Council in Orland Park IL. After his term of Grand Knight was over the Illinois State Council recruited him to be a District Deputy of five Councils in his area. He was also a Membership Chairman for the State of Illinois.

On October 8, 2010 an Honor Night was held for many honorees, including Tom receiving the Lifetime Achievement award. Attending were his family, wife Joan, children, Debra and Bill, Tom and Venus, Son Mark and grandchildren Tommy, Billy, Emily and Brian. His friend of over 50 years who recruited him for the K of C also attended, Joe and Lori Butkus and dear friends Arlene and Jim Pinkston.

His Children presented Tom with the Father Mcgivney Medal which he proudly wears daily. Congratulations Tom for all your hard work for service to the Knights Of Columbus for all these Years.

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Illinois Groups were well represented at the Polish Union Convetion by the delegation pictured above.

Potluck Brings Togetherness

Council 10 in Chicago gathered at the Alliance of Polish Clubs on October 30 for a Fall Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon. Members were updated on upcoming events, and reports from the Polish Union Convention. A few photos of the event are below.





Help Us Find These Members The Polish Union of USA has been trying to locate the following individuals for quite

some time. We would like our members to help if you can identify and/or provide us with updated information on these individuals. Any information you have may help us to settle any funds that may be due to these indivuiduals.

Name Bednarski, Czeslaw	Last Known Address Fairfield, CT	Group 155
Deenyedy, Zofia	Plains, PA	138
Drzazga, Viola	Staten Island, NY	401
Filip, Julian	San Diego, CA	321
Gawron, Antoinette	Berwyn, IL	270
Jamula, Anna	Lackawanna, NY	182
Jurusik, Leo	South Plymouth, NY	401
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Pisanki Class

Polish Egg Coloring

Sponsored by Polish Union of U.S.A. Open To members and The General Public Nancy Bachurek, Instructor

In The Scranton Area:

Monday, April 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherines Hall, Moscow, PA

Rev. Robert Simon, Pastor

For Reservations in the Scranton Area Contact: Nancy Bachurek, 489-0690 or Sophie Dubiak 346-1131

In The Wilkes-Barre Area:

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Polish Union Community Room

Downtown Wilkes-Barre

For Reservations in the Wilkes-Barre Area Contact: Polish Union, 823-1611

- Mini Class On the Decoration of Easter Eggs—"Pisanki"
- Reservations Necessary To Ensure Sufficient Materials Will Be Available
- Classes are open to Members and the General Public
- · Classes Limited to 18 Persons—First Come, First Served
- \$13.00 fee for Supplies

For people of Polish and Slavic heitage, Easter would not be the same without the presence of delightful decorated eggs which fascinate and enchang children of all ages. They are called Pisanki (pee-sahn-kee)



OFFICERS INSTALLED Here are the new officers installed for Council 17 Theresa Volski, Vice President; Barbara Tracewski, Secretary, Stasia Forish, Treasurer and PK Dende, President.

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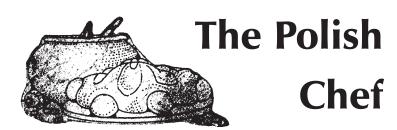
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Pączki (Polish Doughnuts)

At this time of they year (before Lent), it has been a tradition in Polish homes, as far back as people can remember, to make paczki (or Polish doughnuts). Here is a step-by-step recipe for mating your own pączki (pronounced punch-key).

Step 1—Make the sponge:1 c. lukewann milk; 1 c sitted flour; 2 pkgs. dry yeast; 1 T. sugar; 2 T. warm water. Dissolve the yeast in warm water and add sugar. Add the yeast mixture to the milk and flour. Cover, let rise until double in bulk

Step 2—Make the dough:

Take 5 eggs and add one C. confectioner's sugar. Beat well until lemon-colored. Combine with the sponge and mix well. Add 1 t. vanilla, 1 t rum flavor, 1 T. orange rind and 1 T. lemon rind. Then add- 11/2 T salt and 1/4 lb. soft butter and mix well.

Add 6 c. sifted flour gradually to the above mixture and knead dough until it comes away from the hand. Cover, set aside in warm place and let rise until double.

Flour a board lightly. Divide the dough into three parts. Pat dough until 1/2 inch thick. Cut doughnuts with cutter or inverted glass. Let rise until double

Step 3—Fry the paczki:
Heat oil to 350 degrees, drop doughnuts into the hot oil and fry on one side until golden
Remove and and puffy, then, turn on the other and continue to fry until other side is golden. Remove and place on paper towels to drain. Roll lightly in granulated sugar or glaze with icing.

Recipe makes two dozen good-sized pączki.

Notes: The paczki can be frozen up to three months. To serve, place them in a brown paper bag, sprinkle the bag with water and place in a warm oven until the doughnuts are hot—about 20 mins.

The paczki can be filled with jelly, a pastry tube is used after the doughnuts are fried.

Cold Weather Warmer-Upper
Need something to put in your thermos on a hunting or ice-fisling trip or an outdoor job? Want to treat guests to something different or just relax by the fire on a cold winter's night?

Mleko z Miodem Hot Milk & Honey:

Combine in pot 1 c. milk (preferably wh e milk but no leaner than 2%) and 1 heaping T. honey and gently heat to a boil. An excellent remedy for sleeplessness. For cold symptoms add 1 t. butter to pot.

What Will You Do?

BY KAREN BEDNARSKI

Recently I attended a seminar where Elie Wiesel, spoke of his experiences in the Nazi Concentration Camps of WW II. As a child of fifteen, he was taken away along with his whole family and community. Somehow he survived the Holocost to tell the world his story. The world was indifferent to the plight of the Jews at that time. Wiesel's message to

"Indifference supports the oppressor. Indifference is the opposite of love."

He encouraged us to become aware of the evil indifference brings. Indifference is all around us. I believe that fear and confusion make us indifferent and, after all, we have our own problems.

Irena (Krzyzanowska) Sendler, was a Polish Catholic social worker who saved the lives of over 2,500 children of the Warsaw Ghetto during the war. The famous play "Life in a Jar" was written about her. Irena

is a very good example of responsible concern put into action. She was not indifferent!

Here is an example of how I had to use Wiesel's message in my own life. Recently I witnessed a very angry man verbally abusing three small children in a local toy store. He raised his hand and charged at them. The traumatized children saw my concern. An employee working nearby ignored the incident. It occurred to me that these children could be in danger at home. I told the store manager but she was indifferent. The store might loose a customer. But what about the children, I thought over and over? I took the man's license plate number and reported it to the police. It was all I could do. The children were innocent and precious and I knew the angry man needed to get help

Our Polish Christian heritage teaches us to support the victim and not the oppressor. I was reminded of that by Elie Wiesel.

Union News Notes

Charlotte Citko Passes

Charlotte Citko, longtime Secretary of Group #378, Chicago, IL recently passed away. Charlotte was a hard worker for the Polish Union, always attending the various Chicago functions and was a delegate many times at our Conventions. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed by everyone that knew her. Due to her death her Granddaughter, Robyn Westfallen will become the new Secretary of Group 378, Chicago, IL. Letters to all members will be sent out soon with all of Robyn's informa-

Grand Council Merger Close

to Completion

The funds of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania Catholic Beneficial League have now been submitted to the Polish Union. The financial picture is complete and will appear in the 2010 Polish Union Annual Statement. Insurance files of the members of the Grand Council will be transferred to our computer system on or about January 15 and their members will start to be billed by our system at that time. Welcoming letters to

their membership as well as the other items that we are required to give them will also be sent. The entire membership will be placed into one Group and their number will be Group 502. The Officers of that Group will be: John Faust - President; Tom Stipe -Secretary and Dave Stipe – Vice President &

Deb Ball Needs Volunteers

The Annual Debutante Ball continues to look for persons to work on the Committee. The work is not difficult but can be less time consuming to those that are already on the committee if you could find the time to help out. Right now the meetings are usually in Scranton but we can alternate to Wilkes-Barre if we get enough volunteers from the Luzerne County area. If interested, call the Polish Union Office or Chairperson, Emily

Looking For Agents
Polish Union is looking for Insurance Agencies to sell our life insurance products PA, (especially the areas Lancaster/Lebanon), IL, MI, and NJ. Packets are available to send out.

Koffee Klatch

with P.K.



Dzien dobry! Welcome to my kitchen. The aroma of the chestnut coffee fills the air while the guests pour in...There are more than usual guests today. We are all munching on the leftover Christmas cookies.

As each of them begin to sip and chew away the first words were, "WHERE DOES THE DAY GO?" Then someone jumped in with her daily agenda. Then, everyone added their personal agenda. Some had part time jobs, some were bored with their lives, others seemed to perfectly content. Rachel said that she feels life is incomplete unless she does something else before she dies. She indicated that something is very missing and can't put her finger on it. However; as one gets older they get used to routine. The older you get, and the more routine you have in life, the more difficult it is to break the schedule. Even sitting in a different chair can upset an aging person who lives by rou-

I recall hearing that in a retirement home they make a practice of changing the seats of their guests so they won't get used to the

I recall one day at a retirement community. I recall sitting in an active plushy retirement resort and observing the members of this country club. I sat, mingled, listened and had a swim with some of them. The biggest kick I got was when a tall very thin gentleman put on a white bathing cap and one of his friends yelled to him, "How are ya today George?" He replied, before diving into the pool, "I feel great, I WOKE UP THIS MORNING...." The 85 year old man I was swimming with told me George was 96 years old, and still climbs mountains and river rafting....Amazing, but its all in the attitude and condition of person..Thinking young is a start.....One good start is when you get up in the morning spend 15 minutes writing all the things you plan to accomplish that day...At least one day a week force yourself to a treat of doing something different, like taking a bus trip wit a bunch of buddies, or treating yourself to a facial or a movie. What ever you do, don't get into a poor routine that will program your life into a dull one..live it up...you only live once....

HINT OF THE DAY: Add some rubbing alcohol to some soap containers on the sink (IN THE KITCHEN, BATHROOM, ETC...It will help kill bacteria and leave your hands hospital clean.....

Dear PK: A few months ago my father had surgery...He's recovering nicely, but all he talks about is his pain and how he suffers. He talks about the operation and often shows his scars.. This is getting on my nerves..Any suggestions?

—Betty

Dear Betty: The next time he starts, stop him in his tracks and said "YES IT must have been horrible and we know every detail. Then, change the subject.. Continue changing the subject if he still continues, emphasizing that you're worried that he may need professional help. This suggestion may jolt him enough to stop the "ME" story..

LISTEN TO YOUR BODY: If you were an animal you would listen to your body telling you to rest. Why can't we humans by as smart as animals? When you are sluggish and tired, your body may be telling you to exercise more or change your diet. Perhaps, like an animal, just crawl in bed for a healing rest. When you begin listening to the messages your body gives you, you will be stepping into optimal health...Dr. Elliott Dacher, author of "WHOLE HEALING' often suggests taking a half day off from work or spend Saturday alone, or just to Read, walk, or just listen to music if you can't fine the spa thing...

Strictly personal: To all those who celebrate birthdays in JANUARY, FEBRU-ARY, AND MARCH....HAVE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY...STO LAT!!!

Today's Chuckle: What time of day was Adam created? Answer:: just a little before EVE......

Keep your letters and questions coming...would love to hear from you... Write: PK, 17 Laurel Drive, Scranton, PA

Wartko Installed President of N.E **Fraternals**



The Northeast Fraternals held their Christmas meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Scranton, PA. Traditionally the Officers for the coming year are installed at this affair. Androckitis, CEO/National Secretary of Polish Union USA, the installing Officer, congratulated the new Officers and extended best wishes to all in attendance. Eight representatives of Polish Union were present to witness and congratulate President Wartko as the 2011 leader of the Northeast Fraternal Association.

Brush Up Your Polish Times and They Will Be Yours Forever

(mo-sheh) **Island** Wyspa (wys-pah) Stoj Stop (stoo-y) Look Patrz (pahtzh) Listen Sluchj (swoo-high) Conscience **Sumienie** (soo-mye-njeh) Ciocia (chaw-cha) Wujek Uncle (Voo-yek) Grandfather **Dziadek** (Jah-deck) Grandmother Babcia (Bob-Cha) Sister Siostra (Shaw-stra)

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You Are Invited To A

Winter Tea Party

Saturday, February 26, 2011 1 p.m.

Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton

Price \$20.00 (Includes Tax & Gratuity) Includes a variety of tea cookies, fresh-baked scones, mini pastries, tea sandwiches, tea and coffee

Everyone is welcome

This event is sponsored by the Polish Union and Reservations can be made by phoning Chairperson, Sophie Dubiak, 346-1131, Nancy Bachurek, 489-0690 or Polish Union Home Office, 823-1611

St. Joseph's Dinner

Sponsored by The Polish Union of U.S.A. **Activities Committee** At the

Knights of Columbus Council#3987 57 Parry Street, Luzerne, PA

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Cocktails 5:00pm - Dinner 5:30pm Music By the George Tarasek Orchestra **Donation \$30.00**

Reservations Required By March 14th, 2011 **Call The Polish Union Home Office** 570-823-1611

Join Our Family Activities

Clip and Save

Members are encouraged to participate in all educational, cultural, civic and social activities sponsored by Polish union of USA. the following activities are yours for the taking. They are designed for all ages. We urge you and your family to participate in them.

2011

February Winter Wonderland Tea Party, Radisson Lackawanna Station, February 26 Scranton. 1 to 3 p.m.

March

March 19 St. Joseph's Dinner-Dance, Knights of Columbus, 57 Parry St., Luzerne, PA. Cocktails, 5 pm., Dinner, 5:30 pm.

April 4 Pisanki Class at St. Catherine's Church Hall, Moscow, 6:30-9 p.m.

Children's Easter Party, Polish Union Community Room, 53-59 N April 10

Main St, Wilkes-Barre, .

Pisanki Class at Polish Union Community Room, 53-59 N Main St, April 12

Wilkes-Barre, .

June 26 Family Picnic Knoebels Park, Elysburg, PA. Luncheon Noon-3 pm

All dates and times are subject to change. For the latest revisions or additions, or to register on-line, go to www.PolishUnionUSA.com or phone (570) 823-1611.

Miss Polish Union Crowned **At Annual Wafer Supper**

The Annual Wafer Supper began with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Albert. Our readers were Director, Nancy Bachurek; Vice President, Bernie Kolodziej and CEO/National Secretary Charlotte L. Androckitis. Honorary 2nd Vice President Alice Czyzyk lit the candle on the advent wreath and Honorary Director Al Bogusko's family took up the collection.

Dinner immediately followed the crowning. The Dinner Committee was Joseph Pudlosky, Maryann Pudlosky, Sheri Brierley, Emily Stefanac, Nick Stefanac and Jeffrey J. Malak, Esq. Rose Wartko toasted the New Year and remembered the old one. Fr. Pat graced us with a prayer and old friends reunited and new friendships were formed with breaking of the wafer. Our fraternal and homes were blessed as well as extra wafer for everyone to take and share with family that could not come. The event ended with

carols being sung and people enjoying each others company.

Our Miss Polish Union, Leigh Anne Machowski, is a senior at Crestwood HS in Mountaintop, PA. Memeber of Varsity Cheerleading squad and V-P of key club. She is active in her church as an alter server. She voluteers at Geisenger Hospital. She has received many honors: All Star and All American Universal Cheerleading Association for the past 3 years and was asked to be a staff member of the organizations camps for next year. Participated in Philadelphia's and Thanksgiving Parades and has participated in the New Years Eve Parade in London England. Leigh Anne has been a Polish Union Debutante in 2009 and won the Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship Award that same year. Her hobbies include gymnastics and dance.



Sheri Pudlosky- Brierley, Chairperson, crowns Leigh Anne Machowski. Standing left to right, runner-ups Maria Zanghi, Scranton and Lauren McAndrew, Archbald, and first runner-up Abby Wasiakowski, Mountaintop.



The crowning of Ms. Polish Union 2011 followed the mass. Participants in the Ms. Polish Union event were: First row: Ms. Polish Union 2011, Leigh Ann Machowski of Mountain Top, PA;

Second row, left to right: Runner-ups: Maria Zanghi (Scranton, PA) and Lauren McAndrew (Archbald, PA); 1st runner-up: Abby Wasiakowski (Mountain Top, PA). Helping with the crowning of the new Ms. Polish Union, Becky Zaneski (Miss Mid-State Outstanding Teen); and Sara Ruth Connelly, Ms. Polish Union 2010.

Third row: Emily Stefanac, Chairperson of the Polish Union Young Adult Committee and a former Ms. Polish Union; Linda Zaneski and Cheryl Malak (this years judges) and Sheri Pudloski Brierley, Chairperson of the Ms. Polish Union Event, Board Member of the Polish Union and a former Ms. Polish Union.



