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**October 2006**

**“Polish American Heritage Month” Update**

**The Polish American Heritage Month Committee, once again, urges organizations, cultural groups, churches and schools to sponsor one or more activities during October to highlight the history, traditions and culture of the Polish people.** This year marks the **25th Anniversary** of this effort which first began in Philadelphia to promote innovative cultural celebrations within the Polish American community.

This year's theme is **“Heroes of Freedom.”** As America marks the **300th Birthday of Benjamin Franklin**, inventor, statesman and champion of freedom, we will bring attention to the first meeting of Benjamin Franklin and Casimir Pulaski who met in Paris in 1777. **General Pulaski** became an early American Hero of Freedom and was also the **Father of the American Cavalry.** As we honor these two **Heroes of Freedom**, we also have an opportunity to salute local and national Polish American Heroes



of Freedom. The heritage month celebration also provides an opportunity to unite our efforts to promote Polish history, culture and pride and invite **Polonia and the general public** to learn more about the heritage that has been maintained by the Polish people for more than a thousand years. This October, we mark the 398th Anniversary of the first Poles in America who arrived at Jamestown, VA in 1608. Since then there have been many **Heroes of Freedom**; this October will be a good time to honor them.

This year's coloring contest artwork, **Franklin meets Pulaski**, will be available to groups in June.

For more information about Polish American Heritage Month and the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, call the Museum at (215) 922-1700, or visit their Internet site at: [PolishAmericanCenter.org](http://PolishAmericanCenter.org).

**Polish American Heritage Month Committee**

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**A Message From  
Pennsylvania  
State Representative**

**John Taylor**

**177th Legislative District  
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I recently sent out a booklet to all of my constituents entitled, “A Resource Guide for Information on Medicare’s New Coverage for Prescription Drugs.” The goal of this guide is to help older Pennsylvanians and others who qualify for Medicare to exercise the best options for help in paying for their medications.

Since Medicare is a federal program, state offices can only offer ideas or resources for information. If you would like to receive a copy of this booklet, call one of my district offices, 2901 E. Thompson Street at (215) 425-0901, 1039 E. Hunting Park Avenue at (215) 744-3009, or 4725 Richmond Street at (215) 744-2600. In the booklet I list several governmental offices to turn to for help, including Medicare and APPRISE.

I also encourage you to call your local elected official who can also direct you to additional resources and information.

There are several community based groups that can also help you. For my Polish American constituents, I encourage you to contact Polish American Social Services, not only for Medicare Part D information and referral in the Polish and English language, but also for a wide variety of social programs. You can visit PASS on the Internet at: [PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](http://PolishAmericanSocialServices.com).

I am committed to working with all of my constituents to help meet their needs, and if my office can help you with any state-related matter, be sure to let me know.

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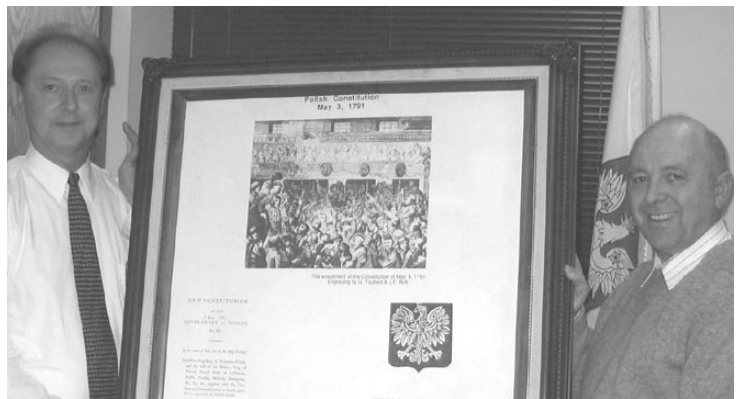
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During the Polish American Congress meeting on March 16, 2006, Dr. John Romanski (right) presents a framed copy of the 3rd of May, 1791, Polish Constitution to Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District. The framing is a gift of Lt. Stefan Skielnik, representative of the Polonia of Delaware.

Lt. Stefen Skielnik (right), representative of Polonia and President of the Polish Heritage Society of Delaware, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. John Romanski for his donation of a framed copy of the 3rd of May Polish Constitution.

