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A Parade First Jack and Dorothy Dempsey 2007 Pulaski Parade Grand Marshals

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, is proud to announce that Jack and Dorothy (Bilikiewicz) Dempsey will be the Grand Marshals of the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia. This is the first time that a husband and wife have been selected as Grand Marshals.



The Dempseys were selected by the Polish American Congress in recognition of their many years of leadership and service to the Polish American community in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Jack and Dorothy have been involved in Polish American activities for over 40 years, beginning with their children's participation in the Pulaski Day Parade. Jack served on the Formation Committee for 10 years and as Chairperson for 30 years, with Dorothy working closely beside him.

The Dempsey's will lead the Pulaski Day Parade in Center City Philadelphia on Sunday, October 14th, which is one of the many events in the Philadelphia area held in recognition of the National Celebration of Polish American Heritage Month.

The Polish American Congress is also pleased to announce that Theresa Romanowski, Vice President of Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, will once again serve as this year's parade coordinator.

Once again, the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, along with the entire Polonia, offer their congratulations to Jack and Dorothy Dempsey, the 2007 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshals.

Congratulations Barbara Ilnicka On Her 25th Anniversary as Hostess of the Polish American Radio Program

Barbara Ilnicka (nee Fobke) was born in Glogow, Poland, in 1952. Her family relocated to Rumia, a suburb of Gdansk, where she grew up with her three siblings. She attended the University of Gdansk from which she graduated with a Master's Degree in Law in 1975. Barbara immigrated to Philadelphia in 1976 and became actively involved in the Polish American community.



Her involvement with the affairs of Polonia quickly led to her broadcasting career which started at WIBF AM in 1978. Barbara was a Program Director at the station until 1982 when she switched to WTEL 860 AM and continued the daily broadcast of the Polish American Radio Program, which has been broadcasting seven days a week since 1926. It remains a major source of communication for the Polish American community in Southeast Pennsylvania, South Jersey and Northern Delaware.

Polish American community participation:

- Program Director of the daily Polish American Radio Program serving Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Northern Delaware, 1982 - present
- Representative of the Polish American Network which shares daily news briefs from Poland to Polish American programs across the U.S.
- National Director of the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District
- Board Member of the Polish American Cultural Center, 1987 - present
- Board Member of Polish American Social Services, 1990 - present
- Grand Marshal, 2001 Pulaski Day Parade, Philadelphia, PA

Recipient of numerous awards. Most recent awards from:

- Polish Army Veterans, Post 12
- Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District
- Polish American Radio Network
- Gold Medal of Polish Radio - Zlota Odznaka

Barbara is married to Wlodzimierz Ilnicki and their daughter, Kasia, is married to Krzysztof Kalek.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Polish American Radio Program, Polish American Cultural Center Museum and the entire Polonia extend congratulations, best wishes and much success to Barbara Ilnicka. Sto Lat!



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