Ceil Jensen
National Genealogical Lecturer
will be the special guest
at the Museum

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum, at 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia, will welcome noted Genealogical Researcher Ceil Jensen on Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

A beginner genealogy workshop, “Learn To Trace Your Family Heritage,” will discuss researching your Polish heritage using home resources and records available in the United States and in Poland.

There is a $35.00 fee. To receive a registration form, please call 215-922-1700 and one will be mailed to you.

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(215) 922-1700

Visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum on the Internet at: www.PolishAmericanCenter.org

Featured on the web site are brief outlines of Great Men and Women of Polish Heritage, information about Polish customs and traditions, and information about organizations and activities in the Polish American Community.

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 1 P.M., there will be a public dedication ceremony of a historical marker, hosted by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia in cooperation with ACPC. Everyone is invited to attend. This official historical marker, commemorating Ralph Modjeski as the chief engineer and designer of the bridge, was sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and approved for installation by the City of Philadelphia. It will be located at the intersection of 6th and Race Streets, opposite the bridge, near the entrance to Franklin Park. In 2006, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia celebrated its 80th Anniversary. A portrait and history of Ralph Modjeski is located in the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street, and an outline of Modjeski is highlighted on the Museum’s Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com.

Polish Folk Dance Groups will perform throughout the festival.

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Ralph Modjeski - The Polish Bridge Builder
by Kaya Mirecka Ploss
In the history of bridges in the United States, Ralph Modjeski’s name will always be remembered. He was born Rudolf Modrzewski in Krakow in the year 1861. Early in his American career, Modrzejewski changed his name to Ralph Modjeski. He found that Americans had great difficulty pronouncing, spelling, or remembering his complex Polish name. His mother, the famous Polish Shakespearean actress Helena Modrzejewska, who brought her family to the United States in 1876, had the same problem. Upon the earnest advice of her friends she changed her name from Helena Modrzejewska to simply Madame Helena Modjeska.

Ralph Modjeski’s European education, in addition to languages and mathematics, included musical studies under Kazimierz Hofmann, son of the world-renowned pianist Joseph Hofmann. Curiously, during that same period Modjeski’s fellow student was the illustrious Ignacy Jan Paderewski. Ralph Modjeski was an extremely proficient pianist. In seven lessons he had learned four of Kohler’s études by heart and almost the entire sixth sonata by Mozart. If Ralph Modjeski had chosen a career in music instead of engineering the world might have gained another great concert pianist, but it would have lost one of its finest bridge designers.

Engineering won out and Modjeski completed his education in his chosen field at the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris. He graduated in 1885 at the head of his class with a degree in Civil Engineering. With his mother, the famous Helena Modrzejewska, already in America. Ralph returned to the United States and began his engineering career in Chicago where he worked for seven years with one of the leading bridge builders of that time. George S. Morison.

In 1893, Modjeski decided to launch a private practice in the bridge-design field. He obtained his first major project, the design and construction of a seven-span combined railway and highway bridge over the Mississippi River, at Rock Island, Illinois. Later Modjeski developed a set of standard bridge designs for the Northern Pacific Railroad. From this point he progressed rapidly, designing an almost unbelievable number of this country’s finest major bridges.

Frank M. Master of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was employed by Modjeski in 1904. Twenty years later Modjeski and Masters formed a partnership. Today, this firm continues to operate from offices in Harrisburg, New Orleans, Chicago, and Washington.

Time does not permit listing the many bridges in which Modjeski and his partners were involved. It is also significant to note that Ralph Modjeski was often called upon as a consultant and advisor. Among his most workful failures in the construction of the world’s longest cantilever–truss rail bridge in Quebec, Canada, Ralph Modjeski was called upon and brought the project to a successful conclusion in 1916. Modjeski was also chairman of the board of consulting engineers in charge of the design and construction of the great eight-mile-long Bay Bridge in San Francisco, which was finished in 1937.

In Pennsylvania, Modjeski designed what at that time was the longest suspension bridge in the world, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia, opened on July 1, 1926. Excitement reigned in that city on the day President Calvin Coolidge, assisted by the Army Corps of Engineers, opened the bridge across the Delaware River.

Only a few years later Modjeski designed the unusual tied-arch Tacony Palmyra Bridge further upstream on the Delaware. Some of Pennsylvania’s most interesting bridges have been designed by Ralph Modjeski and his partners. Many of these bridges have won national awards for their artistry of design. Graceful lines, arches, and staunch utility have always characterized Modjeski’s work. Almost all of the bridges that Modjeski designed are still in use.

Rudolf Modrzejewski, also known as Ralph Modjeski, was almost eighty years old when he died in 1940. He was one of the many illustrious men who were born in Poland and helped build America.

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Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Attend the Opening Events for Polish American Heritage Month 2007 and the Pulaski Obsersvance in Philadelphia

October 1, 2007, marks the 399th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish settlers at Jamestown, Virginia. The Polish American Cultural Center Museum and Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District invite you to mark your calendar and plan to attend the community-wide events in the Philadelphia area that will highlight this anniversary.

Monday, October 1st, 5 to 8 P.M. The 399th Anniversary of the arrival of the Polish settlers with a Time to Celebrate reception at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia. Refreshments will be served. Admission Free.

Thursday, October 4th, 12 noon, Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month Proclamation Reception at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia. $35.00 fee.

Saturday, October 6th, 12 noon to 3 P.M. Genealogy Workshop “Learn To Trace Your Family Heritage” at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia. Admission Free.

Saturday, October 13th, 5 P.M. Pulaski Parade Observance Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. For information call J. Ian McCloskey at (215) 425-4783, or Polish American Congress in Philadelphia at (215) 739-3408.

Sunday, October 14th, 9:30 A.M., Pulaski Observance & Heritage Mass, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Sunday, October 14th, 10:30 A.M. Pulaski Tribute Program at the Pulaski Portrait near the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Sunday, October 14th, 12:30 P.M. Pulaski Parade steps off on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Reviewing stand at Logan Circle. The parade will be televised on WPVI-TV 6 beginning at 1 P.M.


Throughout the month of October, Monday to Friday, the Polish American Cultural Center Museum will host special guided group tours of the Museum. For more information call the Museum at: (215) 922-1700 and visit the Center’s Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com.

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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,
As I noted in the June Polish American News, we mark the 399th Anniversary of the arrival of the First Polish Settlers to America at Jamestown, Virginia, on October 1, 2007. To help you document your own family’s Polish heritage during the 399th celebration, there is a Trace Your Heritage link on the front page of the Museum’s Internet site at PolishAmericanCenter.com. There is also an outline of that form in this newspaper along with a map of Poland that will help you trace your Polish heritage. Check it out and spread the word.

To mark the 399th Anniversary, and to celebrate the 26th anniversary of Polish American Heritage Month during October, there are several Philadelphia area events planned. Kindly review the list of events in this edition of the Polish American News.

Additionally, since this newspaper is sent to Polish American organizations across the United States, community representatives are asked to review the list of “Things To Do During October, Polish American Heritage Month,” which will help you plan your local celebration.

There is always something happening in the Polish American community across the United States. It’s great to see that Polish American history and pride are well represented in the “Great Mosaic of America”. One way that you can help us spread the word is by welcoming family and friends to join the Museum’s email list. The guest book registration form is on the front page of the Museum’s Internet site at PolishAmericanCenter.com

As you read the articles in this newspaper, I ask that you spread the word to others. Your participation is always appreciated. My best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable vacation season!

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From the Desk of
Michael Blickczas, President
Polish American Cultural Center

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Everyone is invited to attend the Polish American Festival at America’s Czestochowa

Amusement rides are always enjoyed by people of all ages.

“42nd Annual”

Polish American Festival

September 1, 2, 3 (Labor Day), 8 & 9, 2007

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
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Sat. Sept. 1st
The Brothers’ Band
Eddie Forman Band

Sun. Sept. 2nd
Polish American String Band
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Polka Family Band

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Enjoy the Music of the Polish American String Band

Concert • Thursday, August 2, 2007, 7:30 p.m., St. Adalbert Festival, Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia.

Golf Classic • Saturday, August 18, 2007, 12 noon, Ramblewood Country Club, Mount Laurel, NJ.

Concert • Wednesday, August 22, 2007, 7 p.m., Charles Sauter Memorial Park, Bellmawr, NJ.

Concert • Sunday, September 2, 2007, 12:30 p.m., Polish American Festival, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA.

For information contact Walter Wojcik, 267-608-7969, or log on to: www.PolishAmericanStringBand.com

Polish Folk Groups will entertain throughout the festival.

The Polish Village exhibit at the annual Polish American Festival.

Children will enjoy the free rides at the Polish American Festival.

These Polish charmers from the Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School will help you make Sand Art.
Attention: National Organizations, Polish Media and Local Polish American Organizations
Listed Below Are Some Suggestions of Things To Do During
Polish American Heritage Month In October
Kindly Spread the Word
For Additional Information, Visit Our Internet Site at:
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Community Wide

1. Meet with your local Polish American organizations to plan a successful Polish American Heritage Month celebration.
2. Request local elected officials to present a proclamation or special greetings to the Polish American community.
3. Offer a Mass at your local church for the intention of your area Polish American community and invite everyone to attend. Following the Mass, hold a reception with Polish pastries and refreshments, welcoming all in the spirit of Polish hospitality.
4. Sponsor an event to honor noted men and women of Poland. During October we mark the death of American Revolutionary War Hero General Casimir Pulaski on October 15th. You can conduct a tribute ceremony in front of a portrait of Pulaski. You can also consider honoring people such as Ignacy Jan Paderewski, Fryderyk Chopin, Marie Skłodowska Curie and others.
5. Encourage people to display Polish and American flags and Polish American Heritage Month posters in their homes, organizational headquarters, banks, businesses, etc. Flags, posters and banners help bring attention to the fact that October is National Polish American Heritage Month and that Polonia is celebrating proudly. Sample posters are available from the Heritage Month link on the Museum’s Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com
6. Sponsor a lunch or dinner social with Polish food, music and entertainment.

Youth Activities

1. Organize an essay contest in your local schools. Complete information on sponsoring an essay contest is available from the Museum’s Internet site. You can award prizes during a school assembly or public event to encourage participation from parents and students alike. Ask local businesses and organizations to help sponsor the event and offer prizes. This is also a way to involve local teachers as judges of the essay contest.
2. Sponsor a coloring contest. Art work samples are available upon request from the national committee or you can download coloring forms from the Museum’s Internet site. The coloring contest remains very popular in schools. Ask local art students to organize and judge the entries. Ask a local printer to reprint the artwork for your committee at no charge with the name of his business at the bottom as an advertisement.
3. Sponsor a children’s music or dance recital to highlight Polish music or dance in a local auditorium, school hall or recreation center. There are children’s groups that would appreciate this type of exposure. It’s a great way to get people together for a positive event involving young people. Invite the general public to attend.
4. Sponsor a Polish poster art contest requesting area schools to highlight Polish history and culture through student art. Display their art works and sponsor an award ceremony.

Cultural Displays

1. Organize a display at your local shopping mall or library featuring Polish books, arts and crafts, wycinanki and paintings by Polish American artists. Contact local artists and request them to display their works at the local library, parish hall, organization hall, public or office building lobby.

For more information contact the National Headquarters:
Polish American Heritage Month Committee
Michael Blichacz, National Chairman
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Polish American String Band
2nd Annual Golf Classic
August 18, 2007
Ramblewood Country Club • Mount Laurel, NJ
Registration: 12 Noon - Tee Time: 2 P.M.
For more information, call Stephen at 267-408-1644

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Polish American Citizens Club
Family Picnic
Saturday, August 18, 2007 (Rain or Shine)
Soupy Island, Red Bank Avenue at
The River National Park, NJ
Directions - From Walt Whitman Bridge, South on Interstate 295, to Exit 22 • 1 to 6 P.M.
Featuring The Music Box Band
Food & Refreshments Available
For information call Larry Gasperone at 856-854-4610, or Bill Wood at (856) 429-3692.
Best Wishes to our supporter, the Polish National Alliance (PNA) of North America, its National President Frank Spula, the Executive Board, and Members, for a successful 45th National Convention, which will take place from August 22nd to August 26th in Jersey City, New Jersey. From:

- Polish American Cultural Center & Museum
- Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District
- Polish American Heritage Month Committee
- Polish American Radio Program

August 22nd to August 26th in Jersey City, New Jersey. The 45th National Convention of the National Alliance (PNA) of North America will take place from August 22nd to August 26th in Jersey City, New Jersey. The theme of the convention is "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future." The convention will feature a variety of workshops, seminars, and exhibits related to Polish American heritage and culture. 

On Saturday, May 5, 2007, Polish Arts Club of Trenton, NJ held its 61st Annual Polonaise Ball & Scholarship Awards Dinner at the Trenton Country Club in West Trenton, NJ. During the program the 2007 Scholarship Winners were announced. They are from left to right in the first row: Judith Baranowski, Sarah Everett, Elizabeth Lubowicz, Robert Prihoda, Paulina Zachowicz and Adam Dombowsky. Second row left to right: Victoria Kłodà, Adam Markahevsky, Magdalena Saramak and Michael Pökay.

Anyone interested in obtaining additional information, please contact Jadwiga Kozdra at (215) 766-1696.

St. Adalbert Polish Language School
(Saturdays) Classes are held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, where we have constant support from the Pauline Fathers.

We welcome new faces! We have classes for all ages, ranging from kindergarten to adult groups. All students are divided into classes based on their knowledge of the Polish language upon entering the school. From September till May students meet every Saturday from 9 AM until 1 PM in the classrooms located on the lower level of the Visitor Center at Our Lady of Czestochowa, where we have constant support from the Pauline Fathers.

Children learn to read, write, and speak Polish, along with lessons in religion, Polish history and culture. Students share their talents at many events and church holidays with traditional songs, dances and other activities. Graduates are always welcome to help in our school. These activities are great hours of community service work that can count towards scholarships.

Our children and parents will be volunteering their time during the Polish American Festival starting Labor Day weekend and continuing the following weekend. You will be able to meet us in the Polish Village area and find out more about our school.

Anyone interested in obtaining additional information, please contact Jadwiga Kozdra at (215) 429-6161 or (215) 766-1696.

PAC Youth Committee Update
Get the YOUNG PEOPLE involved!

The Polish American Congress would like to encourage you to consider enrolling your children in one of the Philadelphia area youth groups listed below. They welcome participants from all area public and parochial schools. Contact:

- St. Adalbert Polish Language School (Saturdays) Classes are held in St. Adalbert’s School Hall, Thompson Street and Allegheny Avenue in Philadelphia. Students from 1st to 7th grade. For info call Bozena Walska at (215) 634-2084.
- Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School (Saturdays) Classes are held in the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Students from 1st to 8th grade. For info call Irene Ruczynska at (215) 639-5148.
- St. John Cantius Polish Language School (Fridays) Classes are held in St. John Cantius Hall, Almond and Orthodox Streets in Philadelphia from 5 to 8 P.M. For info call Janina Dybas at (215) 671-1161.
- Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School (Saturdays) Classes are held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. For info call Jadwiga Kozdra at (215) 766-1696.

Polish Scouts of America “Harcerstwo” (Sundays) The scouts welcome boys and girls between 6 and 20 years. For info call Kasia Przybycien at (215) 634-0827.

For more information about youth activities in the Philadelphia area, call the Polish American Congress Youth Committee, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. Call (215) 922-1700.
Ponia Extends Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Martin Iwanowicz

On May 12, 2007, Rev. Mr. Martin Iwanowicz of St. Josaphat Parish, Philadelphia, along with three other men, was ordained transitional deacon for the Philadelphia Archdiocese. (A transitional deacon is on a path to the priesthood.) Rev. Mr. Iwanowicz will be admitted to the Priesthood next May. Presently he is stationed at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Morton.

Martin Iwanowicz immigrated to the United States as a teenager. Upon completing high school in 1999, Martin entered St. Charles Seminary. He realized his calling early in life while still a young boy in Poland, just like his model, wants to serve God’s people. Martin in his decision to enter the seminary by a priest in Poland and, early in life while still a young boy in Poland. He was influenced by his support of his family: brother Sebastian, mother Bozena, grandparents Helena and Ryszard Arominiak, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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The Polish American Cultural Center Museum invites you to “Trace Your Heritage.” America is a great mosaic of many nations. However, much of our family history is undocumented. This brief outline will help you collect and organize information about your family and your heritage.

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Philadelphia welcomes many bus groups visiting the Historic District every day. If you are planning a group tour to Philadelphia, be sure to visit the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street and the Kosciuszko House at 3rd and Pine Streets. When you make your plans, call the Museum in advance so that a representative can greet your group and give them a tour. Call the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., and let them know when your group is planning to visit. Call 215-922-1700. For additional information, you can also visit: www.PolishAmericanCenter.org/busgroups.html

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St. Hedwig’s Parish Polish American Festival
Along the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware
Monday, September 17, 2007 to Saturday, September 22nd - 5 P.M. to 10 P.M.
Parking, Admission & Entertainment are FREE
Under the giant tents enjoy Polish & American Food, Polka Bands & the Delaware Valley’s Best American Dance Bands.
The festival also features carnival rides, games & the midway.
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Utility Assistance

There are several programs available to help seniors with the costs of utilities. Check out the following programs:

Philadelphia Water Revenue Bureau offers a 25% discount on each water bill for those 65 and older. Maximum income is $26,700.

LHEAP - applications for heating season 2007-2008 may be sent out this year as early as August 27, 2007. If you receive such an application and have questions call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

PECO CAP - offers a discount on kilowatt hours, balance forgiveness and shut off prevention. Income limits for one person $14,700 annually, $30,000 for a family of four. Call CAP directly at 1-800-774-7040.

The Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF) can help zero-out utility bills. For info call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Summer, 2007

The following is a list of programs and benefits being offered in the Philadelphia area. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors.

Important Summer Notice

Remember to check on senior citizens during hot summer days to make sure they are keeping cool. Seniors are affected differently by the heat and it can be very dangerous. During hot days, PCA has a heat emergency hotline at 215-765-9040!

Check Before You Travel

Recently, PASS has become aware of several instances where people have left the United States only to find they were not able to re-enter because of immigration and visa laws. People travel for many reasons such as caring for a sick family member abroad, visiting family or friends, or even going back to their country of origin to try to clear up immigration issues.

In today’s climate of immigration review, border enforcement and terrorism, travel can be a risk as far as re-entering the United States if your immigration issues are not completely worked out.

Furthermore, as stated in previous articles, some people discover they are not U.S. citizens until they apply for a U.S. passport. This means that they arrived in the U.S. as children but their immigration status was never adjusted.

Also, U.S. citizens traveling to seemingly close places like the Caribbean, Mexico or Canada, will now need U.S. passports to travel. Driver’s licenses or birth records will no longer suffice when re-entering the U.S.

Take the time to review your immigration status with an immigration attorney, before you leave the United States. Just in case there is any possibility that an old immigration issue was not fully resolved or understood. You could very well be barred from re-entering the United States.

Loans

If you are thinking about borrowing against your home for home improvements or for debt consolidation or need money, consider the following:

1) speak to a housing counseling agency for free advice before you sign any legal papers for a loan
2) consider loan options
3) consider REVERSE Mortgages.

For a list of housing counseling agencies or loan options or more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Real Estate Taxes

The Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program for year 2006 is now being administered in 2007. The program has been extended till December 31, 2007. New applications are available. Homeowners can get back as much as $650 on last year’s real estate taxes while renters can get back up to $500. The income limit is $35,000 annually for homeowners and $15,000 for renters to qualify.

It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline. Age requirements are 65 or older, living with a spouse that is 65 or older, widower between the ages of 50 to 64 or permanently disabled between the ages of 18 and 64. For more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Rent Assistance

TURN - Tenant Union Representative Network - Emergency Rental Assistance Program For help with security deposits and one month’s back rent call 215-940-3900.

Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Call PASS at (215) 923-1900.
Philadelphia Health Centers - There are ten health centers located throughout Philadelphia. Services are free to Philadelphia residents. For a list of centers with hours of operation call PASS at 215-923-1900.

Health Link Medical Center in Upper Southampton will provide free medical and dental services for working individuals living in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. Income guidelines apply. Patients are seen by appointment only. Call Health Link directly at (215) 364-4427.

CHIP and Cover All Kids - The Children's Health Insurance Program and its new expanded guidelines under Cover All Kids, allows children and teens affordable, comprehensive health care coverage. No family makes too much money to participate in this coverage. For more information call PASS (215) 923-1900.

Adult Basic is a medical insurance program for people ages 19-64 who do not have any medical insurance. It is offered by Independence Blue Caring Foundation and costs $33.50 a month. Income guidelines apply. This program is offered in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. For more information you can call PASS at (215) 923-1900 or the Blue Cross Caring Foundation at 1-800-464-5437 or www.caringfoundation.com. There usually is a waiting list for the program.

Medicare

Medicare Part B is the part of Medicare coverage that covers doctor’s visits and many other medical services. The cost of this program is usually deducted from Social Security checks every month. There are also copays and deductibles that are involved. There is assistance for those with limited income and assets to help cover these costs. In Pennsylvania it is called “Healthy Horizons.” Incomes for these programs range from $500 to $1041 a month for an individual and assets range from $2,000 to $4,000 or less. For more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Medications and Prescription Plans

PACE PLUS is a new name being used for the PACE / PACENET PROGRAMS, The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those that have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories that helps pay for prescription drugs. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person $14,500; a couple $17,700. For PACENET, a single person between $14,500 and $23,500 or a couple between $17,700 and $31,500. For more info and to get an application call PASS (215) 923-1900.

The Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse

This program works with Pharma (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers) to get prescription drugs for those unable to pay. Income guidelines approximate $20,000 for a single person, $25,000 for a married couple and $30,000 for an adult and two or more dependents. Call 1-800-955-0989.

“PCA” Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

“PASS” works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA’s helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

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Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service is available at the office of Polish American Social Services, 308 Walnut Street in Center City Philadelphia. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, mail your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Mail your resume to:

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For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at: (215) 923-1900

Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of job Openings that have been reported.

If your place of employment is about to or has posted a position, kindly let “PASS” know about that opening. Call Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900, or send the job opening information to:

Attn: Employment Information Polish American Social Services 308 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

Vehicle Registration

Retired Pennsylvania senior citizens with an annual income of $19,200 can qualify for a discount on their Motor Vehicle Registrations. Call PennDOT Customer Service line at 1-800-932-4600 or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Social Security

If you will be turning 65 years old this year, and you are waiting to contact Social Security until the month you turn 65 or full retirement age, DO NOT WAIT! Call Social Security to see if you qualify to get social security benefits due you. If you wait till your birthday or the month you plan to retire, Social Security will not look back to benefits possibly due you. Call 1(800) 772-1232 or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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October is approaching rapidly and Polish Americans will, once again, proudly march during the Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 14, 2007, on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia.

This year marks the 74th anniversary of the parade and we are looking for an event filled with Polish American pride. This year’s parade theme, “Tracing Your Heritage”, will commemorate the 399th anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish settlers to America at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1608.

2007 Parade Grand Marshals
This year we salute this year’s Grand Marshals, Jack and Dorothy (Bilikiewicz) Dempsey, the first husband and wife to be selected as Grand Marshals. Jack and Dorothy have been involved with Polish American activities for over 40 years, beginning with their children’s participation in the annual Pulaski Day Parade. Jack served on the Formation Committee for 30 years, and Dorothy also served 30 years on the Formation and various other parade committees. Everyone is asked to reserve Sunday, October 14, 2007, and plan to participate in another outstanding Pulaski Day Parade.

August Parade Meeting
The next Pulaski Parade meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, in Northeast Philadelphia beginning at 7:00 p.m. Representatives of the parade divisions and volunteers are asked to attend. If you need more information regarding the parade, call me at 215-739-3408.

Help the Pulaski Day Parade Committee
The Pulaski Day Parade Committee has set Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, as “Help the Pulaski Day Parade Committee Days.” To help defray the expenses of the parade, members of the Parade Committee will be selling Grand Drawing tickets outside all Polish parishes and clubs on these days. Please don’t forget the weekend of September 22 and 23, “Help the Pulaski Day Parade Committee Days.”

Attention Schools
The Pulaski Coloring Contest will begin Monday, September 10, with all entries to be returned by Wednesday, September 19, 2007. Schools interested in participating should call the Polish American Congress Coloring Contest Committee at (215) 739-3408, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Polish Language Classes at the Polish American Cultural Center
The Polish American Cultural Center at 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia announces its fall/winter semester Polish Language Classes. Two levels of the Polish language focusing on conversation will be offered. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The cost of the twelve week program is $135 plus book fee.

Place Your Salute in the October Edition of the Polish American News
Dear Members and Friends:
The celebration of Polish American Heritage Month during October and the annual Pulaski Day Observance will soon be upon us. Each year the Polish American Congress coordinates several activities to celebrate Polish American Heritage Month in our area.

At this time we are asking you to help support these efforts by placing your Heritage Month Salute in the October edition of the Polish American News. As you know, the majority of the events sponsored by the Polish American Congress are not fundraisers. They are held to commemorate important events, celebrate our heritage, work with our youth and keep our people united. All of these events, however, cost a tremendous amount of money, and to help make them a reality, we need your financial support at this time.

Your salute in our newsletter will help us not only sponsor our October Newsletter, but will also help us with other events throughout the month. Kindly respond by using the form below. We need your help to make Polish American Heritage Month a success. Kindly reply today.

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The Mazowsze Are Coming to Philadelphia

The internationally known Polish folk dance group, Mazowsze, will be performing on Saturday, November 24, 2007, at 3 p.m., at the Kimmel Center, 260 S. Broad Street in center city Philadelphia, PA.

Group-rate tickets will be available at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum. If interested, contact the center, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 215-922-1700. There is also information on the front page of the Museum’s Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com

Mira Ziminska Woman of the Century Presented by Kaya Mirecka Ploss

If it weren’t for Mira, there would be no “Mazowsze,” many who knew Mira Ziminska have claimed. You might never have heard of Mira Ziminska, but I am sure that you have heard recordings by, or maybe even seen in person, the well-known singing and dancing group from Poland called “Mazowsze.”

Mira Ziminska was born in Plock on February 22, 1901, and died at the age of 96 in 1997. Mira packed a lot of life into all those years. She was only two when she first appeared on the stage. True, it was only in an amateur production in her native Plock, but that was her debut. At 17, she started her career on a real stage. Ziminska became one of Poland’s greatest stars of the pre-World War II theater, cabaret and film.

The idea to create a Polish folk song and dance ensemble was born during the war. Mira and her future husband Professor Tadeusz Sygietynski were hiding during the severe bomb attack on Warsaw, huddled in a cellar beneath the ruins of the city. They promised to preserve all the beauty that the enemy wanted to destroy in Poland. They would create something that would never be forgotten.

Tadeusz Sygietynski and Mira Ziminska kept their promise. They knocked on many doors to get a place for rehearsals and to look for some funding. Finally an old palace outside Warsaw called Karolina was given to them. An enormous amount of research went into the preparations, to find the often forgotten ancient Polish culture. They promised themselves to preserve all the beauty that the enemy wanted to destroy in Poland. They would create something that would never be forgotten.

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The results were unbelievable. Thirty-nine regions of Poland were represented in songs, dances, and the most glorious costumes people had ever seen. It was like a beautifully painted picture of Poland in all its glory. The audiences went wild. Soon Mazowsze was performing not only in Poland but also in almost every capital of the world. Mazowsze became Poland’s best ambassador and a showpiece of Polish culture and tradition.

Only seven years after the founding of Mazowsze, Professor Sygietynski died. Everybody thought that was the end of Mazowsze. An ensemble of 100 dancers and singers like Mazowsze must constantly have new repertoire, new songs and dances. Would Mira Ziminska be able to keep it all together, people were asking.

The answer came soon. “I made a promise during the war and, now, that my husband is gone, more so than ever do I want to keep that promise,” Mira said. And she did. For over 40 years she was the artistic director of this outstanding group of singers and dancers. She constantly enriched the program with newly rediscovered traditional songs, new musical arrangements, and new dances.

On her 95th birthday, just a year before her death, Mira received the title “Woman of the Century” (“Kobieta Stulecia”). President Aleksander Kwasniewski bestowed on her the highest Polish award, the Order of the White Eagle.

When Mira Ziminska died on January 26, 1997, her beloved Mazowsze was on tour in the United States. When the news reached them about Mira’s death, the artists asked the audience for a moment of silence. Of course, among these people who so loved and admired her, many wept at the loss of this Woman of the Century, indeed of the ages.

Tadeusz Sygietynski had a most important role in the founding of the Mazowsze Ensemble, but it was mostly Mira Ziminska who, through the years, showed the world what Polish folk art is really like. In all its beauty and glory.

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Thursday, August 2, Friday, August 3, Saturday, August 4 - Annual Festival, St. Adalbert Parish, Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, PA. 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Polish American String Band performing, Friday, song stylings of J. Jack Dee, and Saturday, Aukd Bace & Friends, games of chance, refreshments & much more. Info call rectory 215-739-3500. Rain or Shine! Saturday, August 4 - Polish Festival, Sacred Heart Church, 148 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA. 12 noon to 8 p.m. Music by Naturalixt Band. Polish and American food, games of chance, children's activities, free magic show, white elephant and much more. Info call Kathleen Moffa 610-935-0939.

Sunday, August 5 - Polish Army Veterans Post #22, Polish Soldiers' Day, Polish Veterans Park (Polanka's), 325B Knights Road, Bensalem, PA. Mass 1:30 p.m. followed by Commemorative Exercises. Info call Polanka 215-639-1019 or Zbigline Wzros 215-742-3072.

Sunday, August 5 - Anniversary of Warsaw Uprising, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. Mass 12:30 p.m. All are welcome. Info call Helena Masior ski 215-345-0600.

Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12 - Walking Pilgrimage, starting from St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Call Fr. Theodore T. Kowalski 215-739-3931.

Saturday, August 18 - 2nd Annual Polish American String Band Golf Classic, Rambleswood Country Club, Mount Laurel, NJ. Registration 12 noon - Tee Time 2 p.m. Reception 6:30 to 9 p.m. Info call Stephen Zygmunski 609-304-1664.

Saturday, August 18 - Polish American Citizens Club Family Picnic, South Street, Bridgeport, PA. Saturday, 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 12 Noon to 8 p.m. Music by the Melody Kings, food and fun for the entire family. Info call 610-828-9352.

Sunday, August 19 - Polish American Citizens Club Family Picnic, Paliaski Park, 875 Mill Road, Andalusia, PA., 1 to 6 p.m. Music by polka and orchestra. Info call Bill Wood 856-429-3692 or Larry Gasperone 856-854-4610.

Sunday, August 26 - Polish Apolloate Day & Polish Women's Alliance of America Annual Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Festival, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. Mass 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Info call Helena Masiorski 215-345-0600.

Sunday, September 1, Sunday, September 2, Monday, September 3, and Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9 - Annual Polish American Festival, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. 12 Noon to 8 p.m. Music, food and fun for the entire family. All are welcome. Info call Helena Masiorski 215-345-0600.

Sunday, September 2 - Polka Dance & Annual Picnic, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Music Box Band, 3 to 7 p.m. Info call Sacred Heart rectory 610-275-1750.

Saturday, September 8 - St. Adalbert Polish Language School Registration, Martyred Sisters' House, Edgemont Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 9 a.m. Info call Maria Kolea 610-388-1604.

Sunday, September 9 - 39th Annual Country Fair, Little Servant Sisters, 1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entertainment by Joy Band, The Ambertones Band, PKM Dancers, and Disc Jockey Andy Cizkowicz. Polish food, games and fun for the entire family. Info call 856-424-1962. All are welcome to attend! Rain or Shine.

Saturday, September 15 - Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School Registration, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA, 9:30 a.m. Info call J. Adwiga Kozdra 215-429-6315 or 215-766-1696.

Sunday, September 16 - St. Valentine Parish Family Picnic, Pulaski Park, 875 Mill Road, Andalusia, PA., 1 to 6 p.m. Music. If inclement weather or for info call rectory 215-535-4978. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, September 22 - Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School Registration, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Classes will resume Saturday, September 29th. Info call Irene Ruczynska 215-639-5148.

Sunday, September 23 - Polish Falcons of America Day, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. Mass 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Info call Patricia Del Busse 1-800-535-2071.

Everyone is invited to the 39th Annual Polish Festival & Country Fair Sponsoring The Little Servant Sisters 1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 Sunday, September 9, 2007 11:00 A.M. to 7 P.M.

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