**Museum's Historic Reflections Project**

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Historic Philadelphia presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history on the Polish American Radio Program. The reflections are organized in a daily format. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person's life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of a historical event in Poland or Poland's history. Some days may be a random reflection just to take a moment to celebrate the positive aspects of our cultural heritage.

Below is a transcript of the historic reflections aired on the radio program for the days of January 20th to January 26th.

A daily calendar for the entire year is now being completed and will be put on the Museum's internet site in the near future.

**Brief Outline of Historic Reflections:**

**January 20th** - We remember Władysław Lokietek known as Ladislaus the Short, of the Piast Dynasty, was crowned King of Poland in 1320.

**January 21st** - We recognize the accomplishments of Kazimierz Proszynski, who built the first cinema camera in the world. This apparatus for taking photographs and projecting pictures was built in advance of others presenting their patents. Kazimierz Proszynski also made the first pocket-film-camera and devised a method of synchronizing sound and film tracks.

**January 22nd** - We recognize the accomplishment of Józef Tykocinski, a Polish engineer and inventor from Włocławek, Poland. In 1922, Tykocinski publicly demonstrated for the first time that sound was possible to be on the film in motion pictures. He was awarded the sound-on-film patent in 1926.

**January 23rd** - We salute a Polish American priest, Fr. Casimir Zeglen who was the pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Chicago. He invented the first bullet proof vest in the 1890's, using an inflexible four ply silk cloth weave that resisted penetration by a bullet. Fr. Zeglen's story was featured on NPR, National Public Radio.

**January 24th** - We salute the accomplishments of Stephanie Kwolek, a Polish American chemist from New Kensington, Pennsylvania who discovered Kevlar, the material now used in bullet proof vests. She is honored throughout the world for her discovery which has saved many lives. Stephanie Kwolek is the recipient of many awards and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1995.

**January 25th** - We remember Witold Lutosławski, pianist and composer born in Warsaw, Poland. Witold Lutosławski was one of Poland's significant composers since Chopin and won the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest honor.

**January 26th** - We remember Wiktor Labunski, Polish pianist and composer that was the director of the Kansas City Conservatory in Missouri from 1941 to 1958. Among his many musical accomplishments, Wiktor Labunski received an honorary Doctorate Degree from the Curtis Music Institute of Philadelphia and was also a guest conductor of the Warsaw Philharmonic.

You can hear this week's historic reflections on the Saturday Radio Program at: PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com

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**Historic Reflections Project Continued**

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**January 29th** - We remember Władysław Sikorski, Polish general and statesman who was born in Warsaw, Poland. Władysław Sikorski was one of Poland's significant military leaders since Chopin and served as the Prime Minister of Poland during World War II.

**January 30th** - We remember Władysław Reymont, Polish novelist and poet who was born in Warsaw, Poland. Władysław Reymont was one of Poland's significant writers since Chopin and won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1924.

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February / March, 2007
General Thaddeus Kosciuszko
1746 - 1817
Hero of America and Poland

Thaddeus Kosciuszko was born in Poland on February 4, 1746, son of Ludwik and Tekla Kosciuszko. He attended school in Lubieszow and then the Cadet Academy in Warsaw before continuing his engineering studies in Paris, France. By the time Kosciuszko arrived in America from Poland in 1776, he was a skilled engineer who came to offer his services to the American colonies in their struggle for independence.

On October 18, 1776, Kosciuszko was commissioned as Colonel of Engineers by the Continental Congress and began his outstanding service of fortifying battle sites, many of which became turning points in America's fight for independence against the British.

Shortly after arriving in Philadelphia in 1776, Kosciuszko read the Declaration of Independence and was moved to tears because he discovered in this single, concise document everything in which he truly believed. When he discovered that Thomas Jefferson was responsible for drafting the Declaration, he felt compelled to meet him. A few months later, while moving south with the Continental Army, Kosciuszko stopped in Virginia to meet with Jefferson. After a very warm reception, the two men spent the day comparing philosophies and eventually became the best of friends.

In the early days of the war, Kosciuszko helped to fortify the Philadelphia waterfront at Fort Mercer. Shortly after, he was transferred to New York, where he helped with fortifications along the Hudson and planned the defense for Saratoga. The Battle of Saratoga became known as one of military history's most famous struggles for independence and proved to be a turning point in the war.

In 1778, Kosciuszko was made chief engineer of West Point, New York. This fortification became known as the American Gibraltar because it was unable to be penetrated by the British Army. Eventually West Point became a military academy, as suggested by Kosciuszko to General George Washington.

In 1783, Kosciuszko was appointed Brigadier General and was awarded the Cincinnati Order Medal by General George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Washington also presented Kosciuszko with two pistols and a sword as gifts for his outstanding service to America.

After the colonies won their independence, Kosciuszko returned to Poland in 1784, to help his own country win independence from the surrounding European powers. Kosciuszko was wounded in the failed revolt and taken prisoner by the Russians. Upon his release from prison, he returned to America on August 18, 1797, which he considered his “second home.” He received a hero’s welcome when he reached the Philadelphia waterfront along the Delaware River. Afterward, he secured a residence at 3rd and Pine Streets, which is now the Kosciuszko House, a national memorial to this hero of the American Revolution.

Kosciuszko was admired by general and foot soldier alike, both for his technical knowledge and for his sympathetic understanding and generosity. J efferson wrote of Kosciuszko, “He is as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known.” Tragically, Kosciuszko, a devoted champion of the poor and oppressed, never witnessed the arrival of freedom in his homeland, Poland.

Kosciuszko was a firm believer of equality and requested that the money from his American estate be used to buy freedom for slaves, help to educate them and provide them with enough land to support themselves. Kosciuszko spent the last years of his life in Switzerland, where on October 15, 1817, he died at the age of 72. He is buried in Wavel Castle, in Krakow, Poland, among the tombs of the Polish Kings.

You can learn more about General Thaddeus Kosciuszko when you visit the Kosciuszko House, Third and Pine Streets, or the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, both in historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Or you can visit the Kosciuszko House on the Internet at: www.nps.gov/thko/ and the Polish American Cultural Center on the Internet at: www.PolishAmericanCenter.org.

Radio Zblizenia
Friday 12 Noon to 1 P.M. • 1540 AM
Polish language program with your hostess Walentyna Adamczyk

General Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial
Located at 18th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA.

General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Hero of Poland and the United States of America
This Monument was a Gift From the People of Poland to the People of the United States of America Commemorating 250 Years of American Independence 1776-1976

Thaddeus Kosciuszko lived and heard how this brilliant military engineer designed successful fortifications during the American Revolution. See the room where he received notable visitors such as Chief Little Turtle and Thomas Jefferson, who said he was “as pure a son of liberty, as I have ever known....”

Donation to the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Memory of Edward Piszek Offered by the Piszek Family

Everyone Is Invited To Attend a Polish American Community Celebration!

The celebration begins with the Annual Tribute Ceremony Honoring General Thaddeus Kosciuszko American Revolutionary War Hero and Freedom Fighter for Poland Saturday, February 3, 2007
12 Noon
Kosciuszko House
3rd & Pine Streets in Historic Philadelphia
Sponsored by the Polish American Congress Eastern Pennsylvania District

This year we will mark the 261st Anniversary of Kosciuszko’s birth and mark the 31st Anniversary of the opening of the Kosciuszko House as a National Memorial.

Following the public ceremony a mini-parade will march down 3rd Street to the Holiday Inn Hotel Ballroom
4th & Arch Streets for a luncheon at 1:30 P.M.

During the luncheon program, guests will be treated to a show highlighting General Kosciuszko, “The Seeds of Freedom.”

Courtesy of the Copernicus Society of America and the Piszek Family

For additional information or luncheon reservations call:
Polish American Congress at (215) 739-3408 or call the Polish American Cultural Center, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. at (215) 922-1700.

In the event of inclement weather the Tribute Ceremony will take place in the Holiday Inn Ballroom, 4th and Arch Streets.

General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Well Represented in Philadelphia

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2006 President's Report by Michael Blichasz
Report Period - Jan, 2006 through December, 2006

The following public activities took place in cooperation with the Polish American Congress, its officers, regional representatives, and member organizations:

January through December - Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District participated as a Community Partner with Ben Franklin 300 Philadelphia celebration - paying tribute to Ben Franklin & Casimir Pulaski.


March 4, 2006 - General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Annual Time capsule dedication marking the 300th Anniversary of the opening of the Kosciuszko House at 3rd & Pine Streets, & Luncheon, Holiday Inn Hotel Ballroom, 4th & Arch Streets, historic Philadelphia, PA.

April through April - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored voter registration drive through its radio, newspaper and organizational contacts. Voter registration forms are available from the Polish American Congress throughout the year.

March 28th and March 29th, 2006 - Pisanki (Coloring Easter Eggs) demonstration, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA, for school students and the public.

April 2, 2006 - First Anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul the Great community-wide Memorial Tribute @St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, PA.

April and May - Polish arts and crafts colorful displays presented to area schools and various groups by Polish American Congress & Polish American Cultural Center Museum volunteers.

May 3, 2006 - May 3rd Constitution Proclamation Program, St. Laurentius Parish Hall, Fishtown section, Philadelphia, PA.

May 7, 2006 - Third of May Polish Constitution Day Mass, Luncheon, Youth Program, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA.

May through October - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored voter registration drive through its radio, newspaper, and organizational affiliates.

June 28th through July 4th - PAC and Polish American Cultural Center representatives participated in the 14th Annual Sunoco Welcome America Festival in Philadelphia, PA.

July - Polish American Cultural Center Museum, in conjunction with the National Constitution Center, both in historic Philadelphia, PA, participated as a Community Partner featuring an exhibit with paintings and literature portraying the signing of the first two democratic constitutions: U.S. Constitution and Poland's Constitution.

September 7th through September 18th - Pulaski Day Observance Committee annual Coloring Contest in Philadelphia, PA area schools, 20,000 entries were distributed.

September 27, 2006 - Pulaski Day Proclamation and Polish American Cultural Center Ceremony & Reception, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, historic Philadelphia, PA. Coloring Contest winners received awards.


October 1, 2006 - Pulaski Observance Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, PA.

October 1, 2006 - Wreath Laying Ceremony, at the portrait of General Casimir Pulaski in front of the Kopernik Monument, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA, followed by a reception.

From the Desk of Mike Blichasz, President
Polish American Cultural Center
Eastern Pennsylvania District

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

As we begin the new year, the officers of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and I want to extend a THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who helped initiate and made the sacrifice to work for the causes of the Polish American community and Poland. Special thanks to the organizations, churches, schools and the media whose efforts help Poland remain a vibrant part of the ever growing and changing “Ethnic Mosaic of America.”

As you know, in October, 2008, Polish Americans will mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Poles in America at Jamestown, VA. In preparation for this event during 2007, we invite you to document your family history. To assist you we have a basic information form to get you started on our Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. Look for the “Tracing Your Roots” link on the front page. This information can be printed out and shared with family members who can help with this project. If you do not have access to the Internet, call the Museum and a copy will be sent to you. At this time all organizations are asked to plan an event or activity this October to mark the 399th anniversary of Poles in America.

Help us spread the word by sharing the information in this newspaper and invite people to participate in civic events and activities of the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Polish American Congress and its member organizations. Your support of the Museum and its activities also helps us demonstrate Polish American pride to the public. Interest in the Historic Reflections aired on the daily program in the Polish language and in the English language on the Saturday broadcast continues to receive great reviews. The next part of this project is to place the reflections on a 365 day calendar on the Museum's Internet site for easy access and so that the accomplishments of these great men and women of Polish heritage can be highlighted by school students in cultural projects. You can listen to the weekly reflection in English on the Saturday broadcast, or hear a rebroadcast of this program, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week at: PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com.

October 1, 2006 - Pulaski Day Parade, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA. Parade televised live from 1 to 3 p.m. on WPVI-TV 6.

October 22, 2006 - “Dozynki” Polish Harvest Mass & Festival, sponsored by the Polish American Congress and Polish American Cultural Center Museum, Mass, St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, PA, concluded with a “Dozynki” Harvest Festival, St. Adalbert Auditorium.

October - Polish American Congress sponsored various events to highlight “Polish American Heritage Month” throughout the month of October.

December 9 - Polish Christmas Customs Celebration, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, historic Philadelphia, PA, with a Christmas Open House with Sw. Mikolaj, Polish Language groups and refreshments.

Throughout the year the Polish American Congress conducts various meetings to organize public events and address the needs and concerns of its member organizations and the community at large.

Additionally, it also maintains contact with the national office of the PAC with reference to Polish American affairs as well as with programs and activities involving the needs and concerns of the people of Poland. We are grateful to all who helped and supported the efforts of the Polish American Congress. "In Unity There is Strength!"
From the Desk of
Frank Spula
National President
Polish American Congress

Dear Members of Polonia:

I am often asked about the objectives and accomplishments of the Polish American Congress. Since its founding in May 1944, the Polish American Congress has served as the national umbrella organization for 3,000 Polish American organizations located across the United States. Its mission is to unite Polish Americans and assist the people of our ancestral homeland, Poland. The PAC unites cultural, professional, religious, veteran, youth, social and media groups all working to maintain and promote an appreciation of Polish history, culture and the Polish language.

This past year, the PAC is made up of a National Council of Directors elected by their State Divisions and National Organizations for a two-year term. I am honored to have been reelected the National President of the PAC during the National Council of Directors meeting in October, 2006. All elected officers are truly committed to the PAC’s mission. We are proud of the PAC’s history and its endless efforts to support Poland and united with the American Congress Washington, DC Office works diligently to monitor legislation that affects Polish Americans and Poland. It reports its activities to the National Council of Directors, the PAC governing body, and to the public via the news media.

I ask you to support the Polish American Congress divisions across our member organizations. Your participation is important to our continued success and the well-being of Polonia in America and throughout the world.

For more information about the efforts of the National Polish American Congress, visit our Internet site at: PolAmCom.org

Wajda Shooting Film on Katyn Massacre

Filmmaking legend Andrzej Wajda brought Krakow to a standstill recently to film “Post Mortem,” a screen retelling of the Katyn Massacre. Wajda has long considered this project.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko Champion of Human Rights

The Katyn Massacre is the anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Poland in 1939. The location from which Germany announced the discovery of the mass graves is a site that has historical reasons, since it is not only where Wajda and his mother were murdered at Katyn. However, the film takes a different tack, telling the stories of the wives, mothers, and daughters of the slain officers.

The choice of Krakow for the filming is for both personal and professional reasons. Polish Americans can justifiably be proud of PAC’s achievements over the last 62 years.

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Outline of Kosciuszko’s Will

Thaddeus Kosciuszko
5th day of May, 1798


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Monsignor Witkowski. Remembered were the late President

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6th Annual Polish American Radio Program Ball
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The Polish Beneficial Association's 35th Quadrennial Convention was held on November 19, 2006, at the Association's office in Philadelphia, PA.

The various fraternal activities were reviewed and new changes were instituted for the purpose of reducing the number of directors and streamlining operations.

The elected officers are Lorett Czekanik, President, Christine Kaszupski, Vice President, Msgr. Bernard Witkowski, Chaplain, J ohn J akubowski, Solicitor, and Dr. Bernard Dlutowski, Medical Examiner. The elected Directors for a four-year term are Walter Drejerski, Marianne Stone, Janusz Brach, J ohn Sideravage and Alice Drejerski. Appointed positions are held by Elizabeth Wagner, Administrative Secretary, and Phylis Rooney, Treasurer/Assistant.

A special Mass was celebrated in St. J ohn Cantius' Chapel by Monsignor Witkowski. Remembered were the late President Theodore S. Drejerski and Vice President Marion Kaminski.

A banquet was held at the Edgemont Caterers, which concluded the business of the convention.

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Our member organizations were active all year with well-attended concerts, plays and other performances staged by the Marcela Koczanska Sembrich Chorus, the Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School, the Adam Mularczyk Theater Company and the Polish Intercollegiate Radio Club (PKM). Also, Polish University Studowy (Polish People's University) continued to host their very popular and informative lecture series.

Responding to the growing demand for more ballroom dances at the Polish Home, we expanded our normal Wednesday night and monthly Sunday dance schedule to include a monthly Friday night dance as well, which has turned out to be a huge success. For those looking for something different from ballroom or Polka dancing, we continue to have Monday night Country-Western dancing. Most recently, Salsa dancing has returned to the Polish Home.

It has been a most productive year, and we are looking forward to even more progress in 2007. We hope to see you at Polish Home!

Poles Remain Reigning Cyber Champions

Of the one million entrants in the World Cyber Games, first held in 2000, and the largest tournament of its kind, 700 from 70 countries made it to the finals in Milan, Italy, according to Sebastian Hejnowski, a spokesman for the organizers. After five hours of gaming, with thousands of fans watching online, the winners finally emerged. Five Polish university students formed a team that mastered the game “Counter Strike” and managed to beat Sweden, champion for the past five years.

Counter Strike is a fast-paced shooting game, in which team play, rather than just individual ability, is a key factor to success.

The Polish team won the $60,000 prize for their success. They are now the first professional team in Poland, which has a contact with sponsors and receives a regular salary. Under these conditions, they can devote themselves even more fully to cyber sport.

New Home For Papal Archives

Manuscripts and notes produced by Pope J ohn Paul II will be transferred from Rome to Poland. Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, the late pope's personal assistant and close friend, did not burn the pope's papers upon J ohn Paul II's death, as the pope had stipulated. Instead he kept them as a "great treasure" for the church, some of which might be important in the late pontiff's cause for beatification. Presently all the papal writings are held in the Polish Home in Rome but will be archived by the Pope J ohn Paul Centre in Krakow. Transferring and cataloguing the materials at a secure facility in Krakow is expected to take up to a year.
Happy New Year from the Polish American String Band

Mark Danielewicz, Captain, Polish American String Band

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year. I would also like to thank all of the members of the Polish American String Band for their dedication and commitment in our efforts this past New Years Day parade. I would also be amiss if I did not thank all of our fans from Port Richmond and throughout the Greater Delaware Valley for their ongoing support. The year 2008 will be our 75th Anniversary. We will be scheduling several events to celebrate this milestone. Once all dates have been finalized we will pass them along to you to join in the celebration of this momentous occasion for Polish American String Band. Visit us at www.PolishAmericanStringBand.com for more details. Sto Lat!

Maria Koleda, President
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The theme of my comments for this newsletter is one of thanksgiving. The Christmas season is always very busy at our Polish Language School, but with the help of many wonderful people, it was another successful and joyous one.

First, I would like to thank everyone at the Polish American Cultural Center for opening their doors and hearts to the children of our school for another fantastic open house/Christmas celebration. The children had a great time! As always, we appreciate their hospitality and our students wish to thank Pan Blichaz, and the board and volunteers of the museum for their generosity.

On Christmas Eve, a number of Polish School students sang in the choir at the celebration of the Holy Mass at Midnight in St. Adalbert Church. I am so very proud of the children who manage to come and stay up that late, especially because they sing their hearts out, which creates an atmosphere of jubilation and innocence for the special occasion.

Our New Year’s Eve party in St. Adalbert’s auditorium was a huge success. I wish to thank all the parents and teachers who supported our cause by attending this beautiful party, and I send out a very special thanks to the teachers and parents who helped in the planning and set up to create a festive backdrop to ring in the New Year.

The highlight of our school year is the presentation of Jaselka. On January 7, 2007, all of our students came through and put on a very lovely show for their families and 300 guests. After the performance everyone celebrated and enjoyed another visit from Swiety Mikolaj. I’m happy to announce that every child received a gift because they were all very good. Swiety Mikolaj knows our children are very special because they choose to come to school on their day off.

The Show of Shows will take place Saturday, February 24th at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey. There will be two performances, at 12 Noon and at 5 P.M.

For tickets or more information, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-736-1420, or visit them on the Internet at: Ticketmaster.com.

The Show of Shows
You’re invited to enjoy New Years Day all over again by attending the 2007 Show of Shows, which will feature the Polish American String Band and all of the string bands that appeared in the Mummers Day Parade.

The Show of Shows will take place on Saturday, February 24th at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey. There will be two performances, at 12 Noon and at 5 P.M.

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Children pose for a group shot with Sw. Mikolaj during the Polish Christmas Open House at the Polish American Cultural Center in historic Philadelphia.

Polish Christmas Open House at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, was held on Saturday, December 9th. Between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M., hundreds of visitors enjoyed snacks and refreshments, compliments of the Museum volunteers, a Holiday Magic Show, a visit by Sw. Mikolaj and children from St. Adalbert Polish Language School presented a concert of Koledy. Children were thrilled when Sw. Mikolaj had pictures taken with them and presented every child with a traditional Polish treat of gingerbread cookies and a candy cane, just as he has done in Poland for hundreds of years.

The board, staff, and volunteers of the Museum thank all who attended this year’s Polish American Cultural Center Museum and invite you to visit the Museum Exhibit Hall, 308 Walnut Street, the next time you’re in historic Philadelphia. The Museum is presently on its winter schedule, open admission free, Monday to Friday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. If you would like additional information call (215) 922-1700 during regular business hours.

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If you would be interested in being part of the Polish language classes at the Polish American Cultural Center, you can call for an application, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. (215) 922-1700.

Holiday Raffle Winner

On Saturday, December 9th, during the Polish American Cultural Center Museum’s Christmas Open House, the $500 Holiday Raffle drawing took place. The lucky winner was Rev. Lawrence Bukaty, Mahanoy City, PA - ticket # 3835.

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum board, staff, and volunteers wish to thank everyone who purchased Holiday Raffle tickets, which benefit the Museum Exhibit Hall, as well as help to sponsor the annual Polish Christmas Open House and youth program.

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COMMUNITY. Steve Zabliski is the executive director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Arizona, which feeds the poor breakfast and lunch in its downtown Phoenix dining room... Robert A. Boris, Jr., a former U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania, is the chairman of the Delaware River City Corp. in Philadelphia, a nonprofit development organization... E. Eugene Szczypinski has been named director of human resources with Auberle, a McKeesport, Pa.-based nonprofit social service agency serving the needs of at-risk children and adults.

EDUCATION. Gail Kuciewski Staines Ph.D., of Tonawanda, Pa., was appointed to the Dean of University Libraries at the St. Louis University... The East Coast Conference, part of the NCAA Division II, named Chuck Sadowski associate commissioner for media relations and championships... Erin Zlomek, a student at Virginia Tech University, was one of sixteen young journalists who worked at The Arizona Republic for ten weeks after being awarded Pulliam Journalism Fellowships for 2006... J anell J esikiewicz, a two-time district sprint champion in the Pittston, Pa., area, will be continuing her athletic and academic career at Villanova University... Sister Andrea Ciszewski was recently named superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Springfield in Massachusetts.

HEALTHCARE. Dolores Alabrodzinski was named director of nursing education at Roxborough Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Pennsylvania... Gina Chmielewski was named vice president of sales at Health Advocate in Pennsylvania, a Plymouth Meeting company that helps its members navigate the healthcare system... Thomas Mroczkowski is the President and CEO of Northern Michigan Hospital Executive Leadership Team... Eugene Kaminski is Vice President of Human Resources of Northern Michigan Hospital Executive Leadership Team.

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Robert A. Borkowski has been appointed a consulting manager with the Michael J. Kosloski Foundation... Carol Szutowicz is the project coordinator for a face-to-face diabetes-counseling program offered by the Lancaster County Business Group on Health... Susan Sokolowski is the pediatric chaplain at Penn State Children’s Hospital, exclusively serves the pediatric patients and their families as well as Children’s Hospital staff.

SCIENCE. John Tyminski is a senior biologist at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota... Michael Blaszkiewicz, a senior scientist at Bayer MaterialScience in Pittsburgh, received Bayer’s First Annual Science and Technology Award for his team’s work on measuring hydrogen cyanide in fire smoke.

STAGE. Mary J o Lamparski was named director of development at Chicago Shakespeare Theater.
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As a Community Partner in this project from January 15 through March 15, 2007, the Polish American Cultural Center Museum will be displaying the book “Thaddeus Kosciuszko” by Francis Casimir Kajencki as the featured One Book, One Philadelphia selection. This military biography of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko concentrates on his remarkable engineering achievements in the American Revolution during the years 1776-1783. The featured book is available for purchase from the Museum’s gift shop.

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum is open Monday through Friday (winter schedule), 308 Walnut Street, in historic Philadelphia, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 215-922-1700.

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Polish language students sing Kolejy.

Halka to be Presented by Sarasota Opera

In February 2007, the Sarasota Opera Company in Sarasota, Florida, will present eight performances of Stanislaw Moniuszko’s “Halka,” as part of its 2007 Winter Opera Festival. In addition, arts organizations throughout Sarasota and the Polish Embassy will celebrate Poland and its arts with special exhibits and presentations throughout the month of February.

“Halka” is considered the national opera of Poland and is a permanent part of the repertoire in Polish opera houses. The Kosciuszko Foundation in New York is inviting members and friends to attend the opera on Saturday, February 24, 2007, followed by a reception in the courtyard of the Opera House. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Tom Pniowski, Director of Cultural Affairs, at 212-734-2130 or e-mail tompkf@aol.com.

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In expressing his feelings about his new appointment, Fr. Grous acknowledged the support of his parishioners. “Of almost 20 years of priesthood, most fondly remembered are the four-and-a-half spent in parish ministry at St. Adalbert Parish and St. Monica Parish. The parishioners of these two parishes, along with those of my home parish, St. John Cantius, continue to support and encourage me in...living my vocation, by their faith, their love for the Church and the priesthood, and their prayers.”


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The Piast Institute, a national institute of Polish and Polish American affairs, recently announced that it has been chosen as a Census Information Center (CIC) by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Macomb County, Michigan, has a Polish American population of approximately 20%. U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow made the announcement on behalf of the U.S. government. Representatives from all branches of government were invited to attend.

As a Census Information Center, the Piast Institute will develop and disseminate information about the Polish American community to print and electronic media, public service agencies, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations, as well as to Polish community leaders, fraternals and societies. A secondary goal of the Piast Institute CIC will be to serve the needs of other local immigrant groups as well as those who provide services to them.

The Piast Institute CIC is the only one in Michigan and the only such in the country established to serve a European American ethnic group.

The CIC program was begun by the Census Bureau to make census data available to diverse communities across the country. It serves to assist under-served communities by accessing a vast array of products available to facilitate program planning, enhance community self-understanding and assist in efforts to participate more fully in American civic life.

From the Desk of Hilary Czaplicki, Censor Polish National Alliance
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Over more than six generations, it has grown into the largest ethnic fraternal organization in the United States. It is licensed as a sovereign nation.

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Through its membership in the Polish American Congress, it provides leadership and actions regarding issues affecting Polish Americans and Polonia.

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Congratulations Governor Rendell
On Tuesday, January 16, 2007, thousands gathered at the State Capitol in Harrisburg for the second Inauguration of Edward Rendell as Governor of Pennsylvania. As seen on television and heard on the radio, the inaugural began at 12 noon and was followed by an impressive Inaugural Gala.

Polish American representatives from various parts of the state were among the thousands who attended the Inauguration ceremonies. They included both Democrats and Republicans who wanted to congratulate the Governor and wish him continued success during his second term.

Michael Blichaz, President of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, was part of the delegation from the Philadelphia area who offered personal best wishes to Governor Rendell.

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Governor Rendell has always been a faithful friend and supporter of Polonia. He is known for attending Polish American community events during his time as Philadelphia’s Mayor, and his first term as Pennsylvania’s Governor. Pennsylvania’s Polonia is proud to wish him continued success and Sto Lat!

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Clients wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

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Reverse Mortgages: One of the least understood programs that can benefit senior citizens

There are many myths and misinformation surrounding Reverse Mortgages which cause elderly homeowners to run away from this program. The fact is that reverse mortgages have been around for many years and are very regulated by the government and have many benefits to an elderly homeowner age 62 years or older.

The truth of the matter is many elderly people on a fixed income find the cost of living far exceeds their cost of living adjustment. Equity in their home can be used to supplement income or for any other purpose. It is not true that you will have to leave your home because of a reverse mortgage.

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HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Besides the LIHEAP Program, featured in a separate article on this page, there are many other programs to help with your winter heating bills. The following is a brief list of the programs:

**CRISIS** - This is a part of the LIHEAP Program and is designed to get emergency help to those households when utility service is off or in danger of being shut-off. Grants up to $300 available if eligible. Customer must visit a Crisis center to apply unless LIHEALP application was already made and on file with the program.

**UESF** - This is the Utility Emergency Services Fund and it is designed to help with up to $500 in assistance for utility bills that are shut off or ready to be shut-off. This grant along with other assistance must reach a zero balance on the bill giving the customer a fresh start.

**PGW's CRP Program** - this is the customer responsibility program and it helps low income customers keep their service on by paying a budget based on their income as well as possible discounts.

For more information about these programs and other programs to help with this winter's heating bills call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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Aging Well at Home Outreach

Among PASS’s many services for older people is their Aging Well at Home Outreach which helps clients understand and access programs and services available to older Pennsylvanians. This service helps clients sustain in-home self-sufficiency amid the rising cost of living. PASS continues to expand this program and provides information in both the English and Polish language.

For information about the Aging Well at Home Outreach program for senior citizens you can call PASS, Monday - Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Still looking for a great prescription drug plan? Did you consider PACE or PACENET?

To qualify for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly program, seniors must be 65 years of age or older. For single seniors, last year’s income must be $14,500 or less and $17,700 for a married couple.

PACE or PACENET, another tier of the PACE program, single seniors income must be $23,500 or less and for married couples, $31,500 or less. Copays are $8.00 for generic drugs and $15.00 for brand name drugs. With PACENET there is a deductible or premium, but it is lower than the $40 per month deductible that PACE had in the past. For more information and assistance with an application, please call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

NEW RULES FOR GETTING A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND CARD

In October, 2006, the Social Security Administration released a new publication concerning the rules of getting a new Social Security card. This is for those who lose a card, are getting a new one, or have a name change or correction. To get a free copy of this publication call PASS at (215) 923-1900 or you can go on the internet and download the publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10120.html.

Medicare Update

Over the last few months there was alot of advertising and hype over Medicare and especially Medicare Part D or the prescription drug part of Medicare. From November 15, 2006 to December 31, 2006, Medicare recipients or those entitled to Medicare were allowed to choose a new medical insurance plan or make changes to their existing plan. This enrollment period is now closed and different rules for making changes to Medicare insurances now apply. For more information, referral or assistance with Medicare issues, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Water Bill Assistance

PASS reminds senior citizens living in the city of Philadelphia that they can apply for the 25% water and sewer discount program.

To qualify, you or your spouse must be:

* 65 years of age or older
* have an annual household income of less than $26,700, (approximately $2,225 per month.)

Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

For more information or an application, contact Polish American Social Services “PASS” Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

Pennsylvania Becomes One of Six States to Offer Health Care Access to ALL Uninsured Children

Governor Rendell’s initiative called “Cover All Kids” was signed into law which assures that all children living in Pennsylvania, that do not have medical insurance for healthcare, can get coverage through the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

For the very low income, children will be screened for Medicaid eligibility. Low to mid-income, children can get free coverage under CHIP and have no premiums or co-pays for services. Parents at higher income levels will have a monthly premium and co-pays, but costs will be reasonable because its a sliding scale fee based on income. In this manner, ALL Pennsylvania children will have access to medical coverage.

For example, let’s look at a family of four people with different income ranges:

New Annual Income Guidelines*:

Income for a family of four Monthly premium per child

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Other CHIP eligibility requirements are:

* children must be Pennsylvania residents
* not eligible for Medicaid
* meet citizenship requirements

If you think this program would be helpful to your family, call PASS at (215) 923-1900 for more information on the program. Directly at 1-800-986-KIDS or their internet site at www.chipcoverspakids.com

Employment

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert you 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. (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.

Looking for a career change? Explore the Department of Labor’s web site at: www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us, or PolishAmericanSocialServices.com. Look for the logo below:

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For more information about this notice or any other job related information, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

The MS Society has announced its new Care Management Program which helps people with MS find solutions to the challenges of aging as well as living independently for as long as possible. Call PASS at (215) 923-1900 for more information. All calls and questions are confidential.

Identity Theft Action Plan

Think about this for a moment... You just lost your purse or wallet... Would you know what credit cards or forms of ID you had in there... Who would you call??

The above situation can happen to any of us and in order to be prepared for this event, should it unfortunately happen, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has prepared a three page action plan that you can complete and keep with your legal and important documents at home. This action plan lets you list the financial and identification contents of our purse or wallet and provides guidance on how to proceed and who to call should you lose your purse or wallet.

You can call Polish American Social Services to get a copy of the action plan sent to you through the mail or you can go on the internet to www.identitytheftactionplan.com and download the form. It only takes a few minutes to complete the form and it will save you hours of research and anxiety should you lose your purse or wallet.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Announces Care Management Program

The MS Society has announced its new Care Management Program which helps people with MS find solutions to the individual challenges they face in living with this disease. This program will provide needs assessment, finding in-home services, assistance in understanding and accessing health care benefits and many other services. For more information, call the MS Society’s Care Management Program at 1-800-548-4611.

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Monday, April 2 - Memorial Tribute Mass, Second Anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul The Great, St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street and Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Info call Polish American Congress 215-739-3408.

April 1 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple Streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Jolly Joe & the Bavarians Band, 3 to 7 p.m. Info call 215-828-9352.

Sunday, April 1 - Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy Lecture in the Polish language, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia, 3 p.m. Speaker: Profesor Dr. Miron Wolnicki. Topic: "Polgiskaja Gospodarka W Dobiej Globalizacii." Info call 610-532-2422 or 215-624-9954. All are invited to attend. Free.

Sunday, April 7 - Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County, Polka Dance, featuring Dennis Polsky & The Maestro’s Men Band, Goodwill Beneficial Banquet Hall, 100 Madison Avenue, Hyde Park, Reading, PA, 2 to 6 p.m. No BYOB or BYOF. Info tickets call Dolores Torres 610-779-4329. Proceeds will benefit the Polish Heritage Room at the Goggle Works.