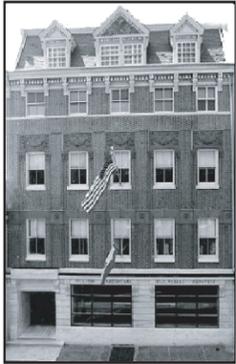




POLISH AMERICAN News

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400th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America • 1608-2008



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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.



March 24, 2008, is the last day for Pennsylvania voters to register to vote in the Primary Election that will take place on **Tuesday, April 22, 2008**.

It is important for us to vote for the people who represent the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania and our national interests in Washington,

D.C. It is also important to be part of the process which began in 1776, and continues to keep our country a sound democracy. If you don't vote, you allow those who do vote to have the full privilege of electing the people that represent our individual needs as taxpayers at all levels of government. If you need a mail-in Voter Registration Form, call the Polish American Congress office in Philadelphia, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. and an application will be sent to you. Call 215-739-3408.

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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

The world has undergone dramatic change since the first Polish settlers came to America in October, 1608, but what remains constant is the ongoing record of accomplishments made by millions of Polish Americans over the past 400 years of Polish presence in America.

We know that the first Polish pioneers contributed greatly to the success of the Jamestown colony and today's Polish Americans continue to support our country's economy, tax base and overall well-being. **As conditions in America change, it is vital that Americans remain vocal on issues that concern us all, including: employment, the creation of new domestic industries, access to and cost of quality health care for people of all ages, safe and clean communities, education for success, and the promotion of our nation's cherished principles of freedom, peace, justice and mutual respect. This is the leadership we want from national and local elected officials. During these changing times you are encouraged to support those seeking your vote that present specific plans to address the principals, needs and concerns of Americans. As the sixth-largest ethnic group in America, Polish Americans have a strong voice, and those voices must be heard during every election.**

Although life today can often bring overwhelming responsibilities and concerns, it remains very important to take time to remember and celebrate our community's past achievements. One way to document your personal past is to trace your family history. To help with this project, a copy of "trace your family history" is printed in this newspaper. You can also download this form from the Museum's web site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com.

All of the events during 2008 sponsored by Polonia in Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Tri-State area will include opportunities to highlight the Polish presence in America during the past 400 years. Each edition of this newspaper announces local events. This year, make a special effort to partake in the community activities outlined in this newspaper. Also, besides viewing the Polish American News online, you can email a copy to family and friends from PolishAmericanNews.com.

During 2008, I encourage you to support the businesses, organizations, churches, schools, and individuals supporting Polish history and culture. Together we can make a difference!

Poland To Issue Jamestown Stamp

Marek Borowicz, Director of Poland's postal system, the Bureau of the Polish Post, has announced that a stamp, "The 400th Anniversary of Poles' Arrival in America", honoring the Poles at the Jamestown Colony, will be issued in September, 2008.

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