

Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District (1945-2009)

Office and Meeting Place: 308 Walnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106 • 215-739-3408 • Internet: PolishAmericanCongress.com

2009 President's Report by Michael Blichasz • Report Period - January, 2009 through December, 2009

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

- (1) January 25, 2009** - Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Annual Meeting and the election of officers - Polish Beneficial Association Hall, Bridesburg section, Philadelphia, PA.
- (2) February 7, 2009** - General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Annual Tribute Ceremony & Luncheon, Holiday Inn Hotel Ballroom, 4th & Arch Streets, historic Philadelphia, PA.
- (3) February through April** - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored a voter registration drive through its radio, newspaper and organizational contacts. Voter registration forms are available from the Polish American Congress throughout the year.
- (4) April 2, 2009** - Fourth Anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul the Great community-wide Memorial Tribute Mass, St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, PA.
- (5) April and May** - Colorful Polish arts and crafts displays presented to area schools and various groups by Polish American Congress & Polish American Cultural Center Museum volunteers.
- (6) May 2, 2009** - May 3rd Constitution Commemoration Program, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, PA.
- (7) May 3, 2009** - Third of May Polish Constitution Day Mass, luncheon, & Youth Program, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA.
- (8) May 4, 2009** - Polish Constitution Day Commemorative Program, sponsored by the Council of United Polish Societies of Chester, PA, Chester's Historic 1724 Court House.
- (9) May 14, 2009** - Polish American Cultural Center Museum, Polish American Congress in conjunction with the Kosciuszko Foundation, Philadelphia Chapter, sponsored a 3rd of May exhibit & book signing by Alex Storzynski highlighting his new book on the life of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, PA.
- (10) May through October** - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored a voter registration drive through its radio, newspaper, and organizational affiliates.
- (11) June 26 through July 4th, 2009** - PAC and Polish American Cultural Center representatives participated in the 17th Annual Sunoco Welcome America Festivities in Philadelphia, PA.
- (12) July** - Polish American Cultural Center Museum, in conjunction with the National Constitution Center, both in historic Philadelphia, PA, participated as community partners featuring an exhibit with paintings and literature portraying the signing of the first two democratic constitutions: U.S. Constitution and Poland's Constitution.

- (13) September 1, 2009** - 70th Anniversary Commemoration Program & Special Exhibit to mark the Invasion of Poland and the beginning of World War II, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, PA.
- (14) September 9th through September 21, 2009** - Pulaski Day Observance Committee Annual Coloring Contest in Philadelphia, PA. 15,000 entries were sent to area schools.
- (15) October 1, 2009** - Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month Proclamation Ceremony & Reception, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, PA. Coloring contest winners received awards.
- (16) October 3, 2009** - Annual Pulaski Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, Northeast Philadelphia, PA.
- (17) October 4, 2009** - Pulaski Observance Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, PA.
- (18) October 4, 2009** - Pulaski Tribute Program at the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA, followed by a reception.
- (19) October 4, 2009** - 76th Annual Pulaski Day Parade, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA. Parade televised live from 12:30 to 2 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6.
- (20) October 18, 2009** - "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, followed by a "Dozynki" Harvest Festival, St. Adalbert Auditorium.
- (21) October** - Polish American Congress sponsored various events to highlight "Polish American Heritage Month" throughout the month of October.
- (22) December 12, 2009** - Polish Christmas Customs Celebration, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, PA. 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 programs and activities involving 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"!**

Polish American Congress.com



Jonathan Saidel • Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania

Jonathan Saidel, well-known Philadelphia City Controller between 1989-2005, is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania in the primary election which will be held on May 18, 2010. Saidel has been a long-time supportive member of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and is well-known for his ongoing participation with the Polish American community and for his participation at city-wide civic and ethnic events.

In February, 2006, Saidel received the "Outstanding Friend of Polonia" award and has been recognized for many years of working to help unite people in the Philadelphia area. His new challenge in the democratic primary is to unite the people of Pennsylvania using the many talents he displayed during his 16 years as Philadelphia City Controller. Polish Americans are proud to recognize the candidacy of Jonathan Saidel and wish him success.

Congratulations

The Polish American Congress and Polonia in the Philadelphia area extend congratulations to Judge Bernice Soban DeAngelis, who was re-elected as Traffic Court Judge, and Alan Butkovitz, who was re-elected as Philadelphia's City Controller.



Judge DeAngelis, a proud member of the Polish American Community, and City Controller Alan Butkovitz, who shares Polish and Eastern European heritage, are long-time supporters of Polonia. We wish them continued success and Sto Lat!

Dr. Christopher Krowicki

Comprehensive Family, General & Cosmetic Dentistry
Convenient Evening and Weekend Hours • Emergency Care

"Proudly serving Polonia in the Tri-State Area"

Exton Dental Health Group,
101 J.R. Thomas Drive

Exton, PA 19341 • 610-363-2300

Dr. Krowicki is fluent in both English and Polish



Visit us on the Internet at:
PolishAmericanCenter.com

Giorgio



a Symbol of Quality Since 1928

Giorgio Foods is America's largest processor of mushroom products and a leading producer of frozen food items.

Look for Giorgio products at the place where you shop.