

Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District (1945-2014)

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

(1) January 26, 2014 - Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Annual Meeting and the election of officers - Polish Beneficial Association Hall, Bridesburg section, Philadelphia.

(2) February 1, 2014 - General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Annual Tribute Ceremony, 12 Noon, Kosciuszko House, 3rd & Pine Streets, Historic Philadelphia, followed by a Luncheon at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia.

(3) February through April - Eastern PA District of PAC sponsored a voter registration drive through its radio. Registration forms are available from the Polish American Congress throughout the year.

(4) March 29, 2014 - Cultural Heritage Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia.

(5) March 30, 2014 - Polish American Celebration at the SugarHouse Casino with the Music Box Band to entertain the guests.

(6) April 27, 2014 - Blessed John Paul II was canonized by Pope Francis at the Vatican in Rome. Many community-wide-events to celebrate the occasion took place, for example, St. Joseph Church, Camden, NJ, St. Hedwig Church, Trenton, NJ, St. John Cantius Church, Bridesburg section of Philadelphia, Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, St. Adalbert Church, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, and the Polish American Cultural Center Museum Volunteers celebrated with a Buffet Dinner at the Casbah Caterers.

(7) April 30, 2014 - Opening of a new electronic pictorial display of Pope John Paul II's visit to Philadelphia and a special exhibit, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia.

(8) 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.

(9) May, 2014 - PAC marked the 223rd Anniversary of Poland's May 3, 1791 Constitution with tours of the museum and the Polish Constitution exhibit, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia.

(10) May 2, 2014 - Polish Constitution Day Commemorative Program, sponsored by the Council of United Polish Societies of Chester, PA, Chester's Historic 1724 Court House.

(11) May 4, 2014 - Polish American Congress Polish Constitution Day Mass, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, followed by a Luncheon and Youth Program.

(12) May 29 and May 30, 2014 - National Polish American Congress celebrated its 70th Anniversary in Buffalo, New York, in the city where the organization was founded.

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

(14) June 28 through July 4, 2014 - PAC and Polish American Cultural Center representatives participated in the Wawa Welcome America Festivities in Philadelphia.

(15) July - Polish American Cultural Center Museum, in conjunction with the National Constitution Center, both in historic Philadelphia, 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.

(16) August/September edition of the Polish American News marked the 75th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland which took place on September 1, 1939. It included a brief history and some meaningful photos and the 75th Anniversary Historic Reflections Sponsors.

(17) August/September - Special pictorial exhibit marking the 75th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland in 1939, including actual photos taken during World War II, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia.

(18) October 2, 2014 - Marking the beginning of Polish American Heritage Month and Pulaski Parade with a live Radio Proclamation Ceremony Broadcast on 860 AM Radio, followed by a Polish Celebration Luncheon, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia.

(19) October 4, 2014 - Annual Pulaski Dinner Dance, Polanka Park Ballroom, 3258 Knights Road, Bensalem, PA.

(20) October 5, 2014 - Polish American Heritage Month Mass, WPVI-TV 6 ABC, 5:30 A.M. Celebrant Fr. Karol Jarzabek, O.S.P.P.E., Director of Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School in Doylestown, PA, and the Our Lady of Czestochowa Choir, under the direction of Evelyn Walsh, sang during the Mass.

(21) October 5, 2014 - Pulaski Parade Committee gathered for the 9:30 A.M. Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia.

(22) October 5, 2014 - Pulaski Tribute Program at the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, followed by a reception.

(23) October 5, 2014 - 81st Annual Pulaski Day Parade, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia. Parade televised live from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. on WPVI-TV 6 ABC. The 2014 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal was Raymond J. Wyszynski, a supporter of many organizations in Polonia and the 2014 Pulaski Day Parade Military Marshal was Commander Marian Szumal, Commander of the Polish Army Veterans Post #12.

(24) October 26, 2014 - Polish American Cultural Center Museum, in conjunction with the Polish American Congress Eastern PA District, sponsored the Polish Harvest Festival "Dozynki", beginning with the Polish Harvest Mass at St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street and Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, (celebrant was Fr. Jan Palkowski, Pastor), followed by the Harvest Festival in St. Adalbert's Auditorium.

(25) December 13, 2014 - Polish Christmas Customs Celebration, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, in historic Philadelphia. Christmas Open House with Sw. Mikolaj, Polish language groups and refreshments.

Throughout the year PAC 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 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!"

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