

Polish Constitution Day Reports

Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, Celebrates Polish Constitution Day 2006



Polish Constitution Day, 215th Anniversary Observance, sponsored by the Council of United Polish Societies, Chester, PA, Thursday, May 4, 2006, at the Historical 1724 Court House, Chester, Pennsylvania. From left to right are: (First row) Michael Blichasz, President, Polish American Congress (PAC) EPD; Councilman Monir Ahmed, Chester, PA; Mayor Wendell Butler, Chester, PA; Senator Dominic Pileggi; Judge Edward Zetusky, Jr., Court of Common Pleas; Judy Kuchinski, Polish Constitution Day Chairperson; Philip Tarashuk, President, Council of United Polish Societies; Rev. Jerome Pohl; Barbara Ilnicka, Polish American Radio Program Director; David Chominski, PAC, EPD Vice President, Delaware County; Sam Durbano, President, Polish American Heritage Association of Delaware County and Stanley Zoltak, President, Polish American Citizens Club. (Back row) Veterans of S.P.K. #48, Polish Army Veterans, Post 104, and Szymanski-Rywacki, Post 546.

Polish Constitution Day in Chester, PA

On Thursday, May 4, 2006, members of the Polish American community of Chester and Delaware County gathered at Chester's Historical Courthouse to celebrate the 215th Anniversary of Poland's May 3rd Constitution. The event is sponsored annually by the Council of United Polish Societies from Chester, PA.

The speaker for the program was Barbara Ilnicka, hostess of the daily Polish American Radio Program on 1540 AM radio. Barbara spoke about the May 3rd Constitution as a source of hope for Poles during the period of Communist oppression, which she has experienced personally.

Michael Blichasz, President, Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, offered best wishes to Delaware County's Polonia and complimented Philip Tarashuk, President of the Council of United Polish Societies; Judy Kuchinski, Mistress of Ceremonies; David Chominski, District Vice President of the Polish American Congress of Delaware County; Sam Durbano, President, Polish American Heritage Association of Delaware County; representatives of St. Hedwig Church and the Polonia of Delaware County for an outstanding program, their traditional Polish hospitality and endless participation with the events of Polonia.

During the program Stanley Zoltak, President of Polish American Citizens Club, received an award for his ongoing participation with the Polish American community of the Chester and Delaware County area.

PAC in Philadelphia Celebrates Polish Constitution Day

On Wednesday, May 3, 2006, the Polish American community gathered in St. Laurentius School Hall in the Fishtown section of Philadelphia to mark the 215th Anniversary of Poland's May 3, 1791, Constitution, the second oldest democratic constitution in world history. Officers, members and friends of the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and students from St. Laurentius and St. Adalbert Schools attended the program.

Greetings and Proclamations were received from Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, Mayor John Street for the City of Philadelphia, Councilman Juan Ramos, Councilman Frank Rizzo, Councilman Brian O'Neill, Councilwoman Joan Krajewski, Philadelphia City Controller, Alan Butkowitz and former City Controller Jonathan Sidel. Also additional participants in the program included Michael Blichasz, President, Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District (EPD); Rev. Francis Gwiazda, Pastor, St. Laurentius Parish; Rev. Msgr. Francis Feret, Pastor, St. Adalbert Parish and Polish American Congress Vice Chaplain EPD; Theresa Romanowski, Vice President, Polish American Congress EPD and Richard Klimek, Recording Secretary, Polish American Congress EPD.

To mark the occasion Duane Rutkowski, Music Director at St. Laurentius School and Sr. Rita Marie Aponik, Principal of St. Laurentius School, prepared an outstanding musical presentation of "We The People" by the St. Laurentius School students. It was a patriotic program filled with music and pride.

Following the program, participants enjoyed refreshments, compliments of the Polish American Congress, Polish American Cultural Center Museum and the people of St. Laurentius Parish.

The Polish American Congress thanks Rev. Francis Gwiazda and the volunteers of St. Laurentius Parish for hosting the May 3rd Constitution Program and for their hospitality. Thanks also to Duane Rutkowski, Sr. Rita Marie Aponik, Principal, St. Laurentius School and Sr. Ruth, Principal, St. Adalbert School, and to all who attended for helping to mark another memorable date in Polish American history.



Polish Constitution Day Commemoration Program, sponsored by the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at St. Laurentius Parish Hall, Philadelphia, PA. From left to right are: Richard Klimek, Polish American Social Services Program Supervisor; Councilman Juan Ramos; Rev. Bogdan; Rev. Joseph Stec, Resident, St. Laurentius Parish; Ania; Caroline Ciesielka, Polish American Cultural Center Board Member; Rev. Krzysztof Mendelewski, Pastor, St. Valentine Parish; Joanna Majewski, Polish American Congress (PAC) EPD Financial Secretary/Treasurer; Jozef Rzeznik, PAC EPD District Vice President, Montgomery County; Jonathan Sidel, former Philadelphia City Controller; Michael Blichasz, PAC EPD President; Dan Salvatore, Councilman Frank Rizzo's Special Assistant; Theresa Romanowski, PAC EPD Vice President; Alan Butkowitz, Philadelphia City Controller; Frank Zoltowski; Councilman Brian O'Neill's Community Liason; Alfreda Plocha, PAC EPD Vice President, Philadelphia County; Lisa Marie Deeley, City Controller Butkowitz, Community Relations Director; Rev. Msgr. Francis Feret, Pastor, St. Adalbert Parish and PAC EPD Vice Chaplain; Rev. Francis Gwiazda, Pastor, St. Laurentius Parish; and John Krakowiak, PAC EPD Vice President.



St. Laurentius School students performing the musical presentation of "We the People", at the Polish Constitution Day Commemoration Program, sponsored by the Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at St. Laurentius Parish Hall, Philadelphia, PA.

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