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During October We Salute Our Members, Friends and Supporters Celebrating Polish American Heritage Month
A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride in Cooperation with the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America

Celebrate Polish Pride

Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, Polish people have been an important part of America’s history and culture. In 2009, Polish Americans will mark the 28th Anniversary of the founding of Polish American Heritage Month, an event which began in Philadelphia, PA, and became a national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride. During 2009, we will also mark the 230th Anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, and the 70th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland and the Outbreak of World War II.

To help spread the word about Polish American Heritage Month events in your local community, invite people to view the information on PolishAmericanHeritageMonth.com, linked from Heritage Month 2009 Update, which includes the following information links:

• First Polish Settlers in America
• 230th Anniversary of the Death of General Casimir Pulaski
• Pulaski Coloring Contest
• 70th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland and the Outbreak of World War II
• Things to Do During October “Polish American Heritage Month”
• Tracing Your Heritage
• Recent Editions of the Polish American News
• Some Reasons Why Polish Americans are Important to America

There is always something happening in the Polish American community across the United States. It’s great to see that Polish American history and pride are well represented in the “Great Mosaic of America”. One way that you can help spread the word is by welcoming family and friends to join the Museum’s email list. The guest book registration form is on the home page of the Museum’s Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com.

As you read the articles in the Polish American News, I ask that you spread the word to others. Your participation is always appreciated. Best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration!

Members of the Polish American Heritage Month Committee

Polish American Cultural Center
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
(215) 922-1700

Internet: PolishAmericanCenter.org

Historic Reflection: 30 years ago, on October 3, 1979, Pope John Paul II visited Philadelphia and celebrated Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway at Logan Circle with more than a million people in attendance.

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Best Wishes to Our Families, Friends and the Entire Polonia as We Celebrate Polish American Heritage Month

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Join us as we celebrate “Polish American Heritage Month” at the 76th Annual Pulaski Day Observance

2009 Pulaski Observance
Sponsored by the Polish American Congress
Eastern Pennsylvania District

Thursday, October 1, 2009, Proclamation Ceremony for Pulaski Day and Polish American Heritage Month, 12 Noon, Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, historic Philadelphia, PA., everyone is invited. Admission is free.

Saturday, October 3, 2009, Pulaski Dinner Dance, Cocktails 5 P.M. - Dinner 6 P.M., Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. For reservations call Polish American Congress at (215) 739-3408.

Sunday, October 4, 2009 Public Events

Pulaski Observance Mass, 9:30 A.M., Cardinal Justin Rigali, Celebrant, Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA., followed by the Pulaski Tribute Program, 10:30 A.M., at the portrait of Pulaski by the Kopernik Monument, Torun Triangle Park, across from the Cathedral - 18th and the Parkway, Center City Philadelphia, PA.

Parade Formation begins at 11:30 A.M. from 20th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Pulaski Day Parade steps off at 12 Noon from 20th and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. It will march down the Parkway to 16th Street, u-turn on 16th Street and march West on the Parkway, around Logan Circle and end at 22nd Street. (See parade route map below.) Free seating at Logan Circle in the area of live television coverage from 12:30 to 2 P.M. on WPVI TV-6, ABC. Record the television coverage and come out and enjoy the parade live on the Parkway in Center City Philadelphia. Kindly invite your family and friends to view the parade!

For more information about Philadelphia area activities, contact the Polish American Congress office at (215) 739-3408 or call the Polish American Cultural Center at (215) 922-1700. Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. or visit PulaskiDayParade.com.

2009 Pulaski Day Parade Route

WPVI TV 6 Will Televising Philadelphia’s Pulaski Day Parade

The PAC encourages you to inform your family and friends that they can view the 2009 Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 4, 2009, 12:30 to 2 P.M. on WPVI TV-6 ABC serving the Philadelphia and Tri-State area.

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“Poland - First To Fight”
September 1, 1939

September 1st - a day that should not be forgotten. Seventy years ago on September 1, 1939, Poland was invaded by Nazi Germany, an unprovoked attack that began World War II. More than 50 million people perished during World War II, including 15 million slaughtered in concentration camps. Overall, the World War II Holocaust killed 6 million Jews and 9 million Catholics, Protestants and individuals of many religions and nationalities. Poland alone lost 6 million of its citizens, 3 million Polish Christians and 3 million Polish Jews.

Throughout the world, ceremonies were held to commemorate this solemn anniversary. At 12 noon, on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, people poured in to mark this occasion.

Host Michael Blichasz opened the commemoration by inviting Irene Darlak to lead participants in singing the Polish and U.S. national anthems. Then Msgr. Francis Feret offered an invocation. Tears were seen in many eyes in the audience as a chronology reflecting the 1939 Invasion of Poland was read by Richard Klimek, Caroline Ciesielka, Maria Koleda, and Theresa Romanowski, followed by personal statements by John Groch, Ed Turzanski and Barbara Ilnicka.

Following the ceremony visitors had the opportunity to view an expanded exhibit of World War II photos in the Museum Exhibit Hall and meet reenactors, Zachary Mateja and Krzysztof Czuj, dressed in Polish Army uniforms, who provided an impressive display of items which were used by Polish soldiers during World War II.

More tears flowed when Rev. Jaroslaw Binek, on his guitar, and Rev. Krzysztof Mendelewski sang and led the audience with patriotic songs. The ceremony was concluded with a benediction by Rev. Mendelewski in which he prayed that the world would never again experience such a tragic event. Refreshments followed.

It will always be remembered that Poland was the first to fight and never surrendered. The spirit of the Polish nation was never destroyed!

(Pictured Left) Following the September 1st Program at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia were (from left to right): Fr. Pawel Kryszkiewicz, Richard Klimek, Zachary Mateja, Monica Klimek, Thomas Klimek, Andrew Klimek, Caroline Ciesielka, Michael Blichasz, Maria Koleda, Theresa Romanowski, Msgr. Francis Feret, Paul Sosnowski, Fr. Krzysztof Mendelewski, Richard Kryzanowski and Fr. Jaroslaw Binek.

(Pictured Below and Right) Expanded World War II Exhibit display at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street in historic Philadelphia, PA. This display was opened to the public during the 70th Anniversary Commemoration, September 1, 2009 at the Museum.
FORT PULASKI
"You might as well bombard the Rocky Mountains..." - General Totten, U.S. Chief of Engineers

When completed in 1847 with its 25 million bricks and walls 7.5 feet thick, FORT PULASKI was the ultimate defense system of its day. Part of a series of forts which protected major seaports from foreign attack, the stronghold would not be tested until the Civil War. Seized by Georgia state troops early in the war, the fort was besieged by Federal forces. Here on April 11, 1862, defense strategy changed worldwide when Union rifled cannon, firing from more than a mile away on Tybee Island, first overcame a masonry fortification.

The effectiveness of rifled artillery, which fired a bullet-shaped projectile with great accuracy at long range, was clearly demonstrated. After only 30 hours of bombardment, the walls were breached and the Confederates surrendered. The fall of FORT PULASKI tightened the Union blockade of southern ports and kept Savannah from exporting cotton and importing military supplies and civilian goods so vital to the Confederacy. But more importantly, the success of the new weapon marked the end of the era of masonry fortifications.

The commander of the Union forces captured the military world’s surprise in these words... "The result of this bombardment must cause...a change in the construction of fortifications as radical as that foreshadowed in naval architecture by the conflict between Monitor and Merrimac. No works of stone or brick can resist that which the new and wonderful steel gunboat will do." Major General David Hunter, U.S. Army.

New Exhibit Opens on Famed Polish Patriot
By Stephen M. Sitarski, Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services, Independence NHP • March 31, 2009

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial in Philadelphia has opened a new permanent exhibit to celebrate the life and legacy of this hero of two continents in March of 2009. One highlight of the new exhibit is a large artifact case featuring objects from the Kosciuszko collection of the Historical Museum of the City of Cracow in Poland. Museum director Michal Niezbodowski and curator Klaudia Kaczmarczyk traveled from Poland as the Park’s special guests. They presented official greetings and gifts, including a commemorative Kosciuszko medal, to the Park. Thomas Jefferson (portrayed by actor Steve Edlenboj) shared thoughts about his good friend Kosciuszko. Noted historian and author Gary Nash discussed his most recent book, Friends of Liberty, which features Thaddeus Kosciuszko. A reception sponsored by the Friends of Independence concluded the celebration.

The new exhibits replace the original ones installed in 1976. The four new interpretative themes are Kosciuszko’s lifelong struggle for liberty for all, his military engineering expertise, how he is memorialized throughout the world, and why he returned to Philadelphia. An interactive kiosk on the first floor allows visitors to locate monuments, cities, ships, even mountains named in Kosciuszko’s honor. This AV unit includes a virtual tour of the second floor bedroom rented by Kosciuszko. In his bedroom, new spotlights identify objects in the room associated with the Polish patriot, including a totem pole like the one given to him by Chief Little Turtle of the Miami Nation. Nearby exhibits tell the little known story of Kosciuszko’s will, which intended to leave his estate to free and educate enslaved African Americans.

Loaned artifacts from the Cracow Museum’s Kosciuszko collection include a pistol and sword, a variety of 19th century paintings, and one of the three remaining original copies of Kosciuszko’s famous 1794 call to arms against Russian rule. The museum collection is on loan for two years. The park is arranging to borrow Kosciuszko artifacts from other museums in Poland, including the National Museum of Poland.

The Harpers’ Ferry Design Center served as the project manager for the exhibits, which include touchable sections and audio description for visitors with visual impairments. A new Junior Ranger program, featuring a travel truck loaded with reproduction items that Kosciuszko would have packed during the American Revolution, is available for younger visitors.

The memorial is now open Wednesday – Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/thko.
Judge Bernice DeAngelis seeks re-election as Traffic Court Judge and asks for your vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

Bernice DeAngelis, a proud Polish American, member of the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, was the oldest daughter of Bronislaw Soban and Josephine Zachwieja Soban as well as the cousin of Sister Celeste, Mother Provincial of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. She is third generation, raised in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia, a member of St. Hedwig's Parish, graduated from St. Hedwig's Parochial School, Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, attended Holy Family College and was certified as Judge by the Minor Judiciary Board at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA.

She has been a full-time judge for 18 years representing the Traffic Court in the First Judicial District which includes the entire City of Philadelphia. Bernice served as Traffic Court Administrative Judge for almost 9 of those 18 years and enjoys the honor of being the first Administrative Judge appointed by the Supreme Court in the history of the Philadelphia Traffic Court. She has earned the respect of the Supreme Court, and as a result, she is the only Administrative Judge in the history of the Philadelphia Traffic Court to have been asked to serve a second term. She was re-appointed in 2006 and continues to serve as Administrative Judge.

As Traffic Court’s Administrative Judge, she oversees all employees, policies, procedures, budget and implementation of new traffic laws to insure that the Traffic Court will continue to serve the citizens of Philadelphia effectively and efficiently.

As Administrative Judge, Judge DeAngelis also serves on the Administrative Governing Board of Judges for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. This Board is empowered with establishing policies for and the overview of the Court of Common Pleas, the Municipal Court, Family Court, Orphans Court and the Traffic Court. The Board answers to the Supreme Court of PA.

During her administration, the Traffic Court has made major accomplishments in operations, enforcement and technology.

Judge DeAngelis respectfully asks for your vote on Election Day, November 3rd. Remember, pulling the party lever will not cast a vote for the Judge. There is a special section for Judicial Retention Candidates. Please pull the “yes” lever next to her name. She thanks you for your support.

Congratulations Curtis Sliwa

Congratulations are extended to Curtis Sliwa, who will be participating with 100,000 marchers in the New York Pulaski Day Parade as the 2009 Grand Marshal, on Sunday October 4th. Mr. Sliwa is the founder of the Guardian Angel’s, a Radio Program Host for WABC, and a proud Polish American.

Council of United Polish Societies of Delaware County Representatives from Delaware County Polonia gather during a Delaware County Council meeting to receive a resolution declaring October as Polish American Heritage Month.

Pictured left to right (front row) are: Wanda Durbano, Stanley Zoltak, Jr., County Councilman John Whelan, Helen Chominski, David Chominski. (back row): Councilman Thomas McGarrigle, County Councilwoman Christine Fizzano Cannon, County Council Chairwoman Linda Carliano and Councilman Andy Lewis.

Ewa Matczak, D.M.D.

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We wish all our Parishioners, Friends and the entire Polonia a Happy Polish American Heritage Month

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Rev. Msgr. Edward Arnister, Pastor

Polikoffs, Czekaj, and I are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Polish American News Reunion Banquet.

Saturday, October 10, 2009
Phoenix Ballroom at
Reliance Fire Company
1661 Mill Road  •  Boothwyn, PA 19061
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Banquet - 4:30 P.M.
Open to any Alumni of St. Hedwig's
For tickets or more information, contact: Mickey (Jarusinski) Schad at (302) 798-2842

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Conference on the Fate of the Atlantic Community After the Cold War
In Cooperation with the University of Pennsylvania
You are invited to the presentation by Adam Michnik, Co-Founder of Poland’s Solidarity and Editor of the Polish newspaper “Gazeta Wyborcza”, on “The Decline of the West Seen From Poland”.

Thursday, October 15, 2009 • 6 P.M.
Philadelphia Sheraton • University City • Fairmount Suite
36th & Chestnut Streets • Philadelphia, PA 19104
Everyone is invited • Admission is Free

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Voter Registration Campaign Continues

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, Voter Registration Volunteers have distributed thousands of mail-in voter registration forms in Southeastern Pennsylvania. It’s important that Polish Americans continue to voice their opinions about key issues and remain active participants in the political process. As the sixth-largest ethnic group in America, Polish Americans have a strong voice, and that voice must be heard during every election. If you live in Pennsylvania and need a mail-in Voter Registration Form, call the Polish American Congress office in Philadelphia, Monday through Friday, at (215) 739-3408, and an application will be sent to you. This mail-in Voter Registration Form is good for all Pennsylvania Counties.

October 5, 2009 is the last day for Pennsylvania voters to register for the municipal election that will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.
How You Spend Your Money!

I thank everyone who has responded to my Buy American Made commentaries. We all agree that too many items on the American market are imported from other countries and the lack of American made products in some stores needs to be addressed. No one is discouraging worldwide competition in our stores, we are simply seeing imported products overpower the U.S. Marketplace.

People agree that taxes and regulations on businesses drove many companies abroad in search of cheaper labor, lower taxes and more profit. Some blame government and labor leaders, while others blame the American people for not reacting as they watched thousands of local and national companies pack up and leave America without a major reaction. If people had spoken up over the last 25 years, things would be much different today. It is only now as we see more and more Americans losing their jobs and stability that people are reacting and demanding change. Now that so much damage has been done, it will take a lot more effort to turn this difficult situation around. However, it can be done if local and national government officials, leaders of businesses large and small, and labor leaders unite for the benefit of American workers and America’s economy.

I am suggesting that government officials, business leaders and labor leaders make plans to meet and set a timeline for action. They should also discuss upgrading workforce training at every level, seek appropriate adjustments in wages and benefits for workers and modernize America’s manufacturing facilities so we can be competitive in the world market.

The main purpose of my Buy American Made commentaries is to get people to think about how we can help reverse the trend of the past 25 years and help the businesses we still have in the U.S.A. remain viable and continue to employ Americans. I am urging you to spend your dollars wisely and stimulate American businesses so they can retool and produce more products for both domestic consumption and foreign export. Together we can reverse today’s trend and return to a balance of domestic and imported products in our stores. Take the time to look at the tags on the products you’re shopping for and you will see what I mean. This is a grassroots effort and it is happening right around us. That has been the case for over 25 years as many long-established American jobs were slowly moved overseas. Now that we see what has happened and what will continue to happen if we don’t react, we can agree we need to unite our efforts through our purchasing power. We simply cannot continue to buy products without considering where they are made and how all levels of American workers can benefit.

People often tell me they are changing their buying habits and looking at all items they purchase. They often report it is difficult to find a competitive selection of American made products in some stores. Well, the ultimate goal of the Buy American Made Campaign is to restore competition between domestic and foreign manufacturers as consumers voice their concerns where they shop. People write to tell me they seek out products with well known American logo’s, only to find on the packaging that the products were manufactured overseas. In order to change this reality, I urge you to speak up at the cash register and let store personnel know you’re looking for American made products. It is very important that this message get out to business owners and that we take action now before more jobs are lost in the shuffle and it becomes even harder to keep the jobs we have in the U.S.A.

This week I encourage you to take another look around your closets to see what items you purchased in the recent past. Consider if American workers had at least a 50% chance of producing the items you purchased. I realize that sales clerks, stockers, managers and cashiers are being employed as a result of sales of products made overseas. However, it would be better if we could report that a larger percentage of U.S.A jobs are being maintained from the actual manufacturing of the items to the point of sale. If you want to help the cause, seek out American made products and email my messages to your family and friends so they can support the Buy American Made Campaign and keep American workers on the job, producing the products we use from A to Z.

The goal of the Buy American Made campaign is to have at least 50% of what we purchase available with a made in America label and bring about growth for American workers and America’s economy.

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The Polish American Congress would like to encourage you to consider enrolling your children in one of the Philadelphia-area youth groups listed below. They welcome participants from all area public and parochial schools.

St. Adalbert Polish Language School (Saturdays) Classes are held in the School Building, Allegheny Avenue and Chatham Street, in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia. Students from 1st to 8th grade. For info call Maria Koleda at (610) 368-1604.

Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School (Saturdays) Classes are held in the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Students from 1st to 8th grade. For info call Debbie Majka at (215) 627-1391.

St. John Cantius Polish Language School (Fridays) Classes are held in St. John Cantius Hall, Almond and Orthodox Streets in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia from 5 to 8 PM. For info call Janina Dybas at (215) 671-1161.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School (Saturdays) Classes are held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. For info call Monika Siuda at (215) 760-7876.

Polish Scouts of America “Harcersztwo” (Saturdays & Sundays) The scouts welcome boys and girls between 6 and 20 years of age. For info contact Anthony & Kathy Boccella at (215) 634-0827.

Polish Scouts of America “Harcerstwo” (Saturdays & Sundays) The scouts welcome boys and girls between 6 and 20 years of age. For info contact Anthony & Kathy Boccella at (215) 634-0827.

Sloneczniki Children’s Folk Dance Group (Wednesdays) Classes are held in the school cafeteria, 4th & Jefferson Streets, Swedesburg, PA. For info call Anthony & Kathy Boccella at (215) 539-3699.

For more information about youth activities in the Philadelphia area, call the Polish American Congress Youth Committee, Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. Call (215) 922-1700.

The Peasant Prince

The Collapse of Communism and the Birth of a New Europe

Thursday, October 22, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Driscoll Hall Auditorium, Room 132

This event is free and open to the public. All are invited to attend! Refreshments will be available following the lecture.

For more information, please contact Teresa Wojcik, Ph.D. at 610-519-8103

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Do You Have Keystone Complete or Know Someone Who Does?

Independence Blue Cross has announced that two of its plans, Keystone Complete and Keystone 65 Value Plan will no longer be offered after December 31, 2009. This will affect 36,000 individuals in the Philadelphia area.

Anyone enrolled in either of these plans should take the time to explore what options are available to them for the future. Family members and friends of those enrolled should also take note and become involved because the process can be difficult.

Help is always available through the APPRISE program and other community groups and professionals as well as Medicare. Independence Blue Cross will also be holding meetings for the people affected by these plans.

Take the time to check your medical cards to see if you are enrolled in any of these plans. More mailings will be coming from both Independence Blue Cross and Medicare concerning the end of these plans. This year’s open enrollment for Medicare changes is November 15, 2009 till December 31, 2009 so there is time to react.

Anyone having questions concerning letters, notices or needs more help concerning the end of these plans can contact PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Property Tax Rent Rebate Program

Extended to December 31, 2009!

For seniors, widows and widowers, or disabled persons whose annual income is below $15,000 for renters, and $35,000 for homeowners, it’s not too late to get a rebate on the real estate taxes or rent that you paid in 2009.

REMEMBER THAT ONLY HALF OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI INCOME IS COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM!

Don’t wait till the end of the year to apply. To find out if you qualify for this program, or if you need help in filling out the application or would like an application, please call PASS at (215) 923-1900. You can get back as much as $650.

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Social Security and Medicare Updates

Annual Enrollment Period

This year, between November 15, 2009 and December 31, 2009, Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their medical and/or prescription drug plans for 2010. To get ready for this enrollment period, throughout the month of October, 2009, Medicare plans, both medical and prescription will be publishing their prices and policies. Medicare beneficiaries should seek out the help of trusted family members and friends, community groups and APPRISE counselors to help them determine if their current plan will be offered next year, what changes to expect in the plan and if it is still the best plan based on their needs. (In Philadelphia, APPRISE counselors are volunteers that are trained by the PA Department of Aging to help Medicare beneficiaries understand their medical and prescription insurance options. Kindly see the following section for further information on APPRISE.) Now is the time to start this important process to insure that proper coverage will be in place for 2010.

APPRISE Program in Philadelphia

APPRISE counselors are accessible through two organizations, the Mayor’s Commission on Services to the Aging and the Albert Einstein Medical Center’s Premier Years Program. Contact the program based on the zip code you live in:

Albert Einstein Medical Center’s Premier Years Program
Phone: 215-456-7600
Covered Zip Codes: 19111, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 26, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 44, 49, 50, 52, and 54.

The Mayor’s Commission on Services to the Aging
Phone: 215-686-8462
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Cost-of-Living Adjustment

For the first time in many years, Social Security recipients will not receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in their benefits for 2010. This will definitely be a hardship for many.

Medicare PART B

Because of the zero increase in Social Security benefits, for most Part B beneficiaries, the Medicare Part B monthly premium will not go up but stay at the current $96.40. Some Part B beneficiaries will see an increase in their premium such as:

• new beneficiaries or those Social Security Disability recipients who become eligible for Medicare in 2010,

• higher income beneficiaries whose modified adjusted gross income is greater than $85,000 for an individual and $170,000 for a couple in 2009, and

• beneficiaries whose Part B premiums are paid by the state through the Medicare Savings Programs such as SLMB.

The actual amount of the premium for those affected by the increase as well as the amount of the annual deductible (in 2009 it was $135) will be disclosed during the month of October, 2009.

Medicare PART D (Prescription Program)

The proposed Standard Benefit for 2010 (and compared to 2009)

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This is just a summary of the Standard plan, and as many know, there are stand-alone plans and plans offered under managed Medicare plans, each having many options. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR PRESCRIPTION PLAN WORKS WITH YOUR MEDICAL PLAN. Check out Medicare.gov on the computer for help determining which options are best for you or consider speaking with an APPRISE counselor.

Visit PASS on the Internet at:

PolishAmericanSocialServices.com
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Polish American Social Services
United Services Outreach Program

The main office of PASS at 308 Walnut Street is open Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. to serve the general public. You can call the main office at (215) 923-1900. Clients coming to the main office are asked to call in advance so that a Social Services Representative can be assigned to provide information and assistance and to secure appropriate documents and information necessary for processing each request.

Some services are listed in this newsletter, but the staff can assist you with many other programs available to both senior citizens and individuals of all ages. Services can be provided in the English or Polish language. Everyone is welcome to contact the agency for services.

PASS also makes many community outreach visits throughout the year. These visits also serve special outreach visits made to senior citizen groups which are announced in local newspapers or church bulletins.

The following outreach service locations and schedules are in operation: Daily services for clients from these areas are also available at the main office.

Main Office:
308 Walnut Street Downtown Philadelphia Monday to Friday 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Port Richmond & Fishtown areas:
St. Adalbert Rectory Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue Every Tuesday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Northeast/Bridesburg & Frankford areas:
St. John Cantius Hall Thompson & Orthodox Streets Every 1st Wednesday 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Manayunk/Roxborough areas:
St. Joseph Hall Cotton & Silverwood Streets Every 3rd Monday 10 A.M. to 12 Noon

Other outreach areas served by PASS are announced in community newspapers and in church bulletins.

For information on those outreach visits call the main office at (215) 923-1900.

Utility Assistance

There are several programs available to help seniors and others with the costs of utilities. Check out the following programs:

Philadelphia Water Revenue Bureau offers two programs to assist customers. The Senior Citizen Discount Program offers a 25% discount on each water bill for those 65 and older. Maximum income is $28,900. The other program is called WRAP, the Water Revenue Assistance Program. Income guidelines range from $1,579 per month for one individual to $3,216 per month for a family of four.

LIHEAP - For information about the 2009-2010 Fuel Assistance Program, or to receive an application, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

PECO CAP - offers a discount on kilowatt hours, balance forgiveness and shut off prevention. Income limits are as follows: One person $15,612 annually, $31,812 for a family of four. Call CAP directly at 1-800-774-7040.

PGW CRP - offers low income customers to better afford and maintain their gas service. CRP customers pay a budget amount based on their gross household income. Income limits are as follows: One person $16,245 annually, $33,075 for a family of four. Call PGW at (215) 684-6100.

Attention Employers!

PASS will be pleased to alert job seekers of Job Openings that have been reported to us.

If your business or organization 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 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.

SNAP Raises Income Limits

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare has raised the gross limit for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as the Federal Food Stamp Program) from 130% of the federal poverty line to 160%. Thousands of additional households will now be eligible for assistance.

In addition, Pennsylvania has amended its NET Income Test so that all one- and two-person households under the established Gross Income Limits - 200% of the federal poverty line (FPL) for households with a senior or disabled member - are eligible for a minimum of $16 monthly, even if they do not meet the NET Income Limit. This rule change is especially important for senior citizens and others who are often low income but also have low expenses.

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For more information, you can call the Food Stamp Hotline at (215) 430-0556, or PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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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 anniversay of a historical event in Polonia or Poland’s history.

You can hear weekly historic reflections on the Saturday edition of the Polish American Radio Program at 11 A.M. on 1540 AM Radio from Philadelphia. Listen to rebroadcasts 24 hours a day at PolishAmericanRadioProgram.com.

For your information, we have listed a selection of historic reflections for the months of October and November.

**October 1, 1608 - First Polish Settlers in America (Event)**
The first Polish settlers arrived in Jamestown, VA, on the ship Mary and Margaret. They were glassmakers from Poland hired by the Virginia Company of London to establish a glassmaking industry in the new American colony of "Virginia." The glass products they produced became the first products made in America, and also the first products made for export to Europe for sale.

**October 2, 1922 - William Swiacki (Born)**
William Adam Swiacki was an American football end in the National Football League for five seasons for the New York Giants and Detroit Lions. He played college football at Columbia University and was drafted in the sixteenth round of the 1946 NFL Draft by the Boston Yanks.

**October 3, 1923 - Stanislaw Skrowaczewski (Born)**
Stanislaw Skrowaczewski was born in Lwów, Poland, and became best known for his work with the Minnesota Orchestra. In 1997, one of Skrowaczewski’s works was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He also led the Cleveland Orchestra and was the composer-in-residence for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

**October 4, 1705 - Stanislaw Leszczynski (Coronation)**
Stanislaw Leszczynski was the first Polish king crowned in Warsaw, Poland.

**October 5, 1861 - Antoni Fijalkowski (Died)**
Antoni Melchior Fijalkowski was the Archbishop of Warsaw and spiritual leader of the nation during the Partitions of Poland.

**October 6, 1873 - Sir Paweł Strzelecki (Died)**
Sir Paweł Strzelecki was an explorer of the Australian continent. He named the largest mountain in Australia after American and Polish freedom fighter, Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

**October 7, 1943 - Eugeniusz Bodo (Died)**
Eugeniusz Bodo was born Bohdan Eugene Junod. Eugeniusz changed his name to Bodo, a stage name, which he used at many theaters, eventually opening Cafe Bodo in Warsaw, Poland. With WWII raging, Eugeniusz Bodo ended up in the Soviet Union and was sent to a Gulag where he was executed.

**October 8, 1910 - Maria Konopnica (Died)**
Maria Konopnica was a poet, novelist, translator and essayist from Lwow, Poland. Her writing touched on many issues that beset the people in Poland during the late 1800’s. She often used the pen name “Jan Sawa.” Maria Konopnica writings influenced generations of Polish poets and novelists.

**October 9, 1779 - General Casimir Pulaski Mortally Wounded (Event)**
General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, was mortally wounded while leading his troops in the Battle of Savannah, Georgia in 1779. Pulaski has parades and holidays in his honor until this day as well as parks, schools, bridges, towns and countries named after him.

**October 10, 1979 - Joel Przybilla (Born)**
Joel Przybilla is a professional basketball player in the National Basketball Association. He went to the University of Minnesota and played for several NBA teams. He currently plays for the Portland Trail Blazers.

**October 11, 1903 - Kazimierz Kordylewski (Born)**
Kazimierz Kordylewski was an astronomer born in Poznań, Poland in 1903. In 1956, Kordylewski discovered clouds of dust, believed to be particles left over from our moon. These clouds are now named after him.

**October 12, 1915 - Helena Modjeska (Born)**
Helena Modjeska was a Polish actress of international fame who immigrated to the United States in 1876. She became a star of American stages for many years with her portrayals of Shakespearean characters. Modjeska was the mother of Ralph Modjeski, the builder of the Benjamin Franklin and Tacony Palmyra Bridges in Philadelphia and several others across America.

**October 13, 1926 - “Killer” Kowalski (Born)**
Professional wrestler Władek Kowalski is known as “Killer” Kowalski to his long-time wrestling fans. He wrestled in over 6,000 matches from 1947 to 1977, winning great popularity in TV matches during the 1960’s and 70’s against foes, Bruno Sammartino.

**October 14, 1864 - Stefan Zeromski (Born)**
Stefan Zeromski was a Polish novelist who was given an apartment in the Royal Castle of Warsaw in recognition of his artistic abilities. He wrote over fifteen major works.

**October 15, 1817 - Thaddeus Kosciuszko (Died)**
After the struggle for America’s Independence, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko returned to his homeland of Poland. He swore an oath in the Krakow market place to fight for Poland’s liberty and took command of the Polish uprising in 1794, urging all men to take up arms to defend Poland.

**October 16, 1726 - Daniel Chodowiecki (Born)**
Daniel Niklaus Chodowiecki was a Polish-German painter and printmaker with Huguenot ancestry, who is most famous as an etcher. He spent most of his life in Berlin, and became the director of the Berlin Academy of Art.

**October 17, 1849 - Fryderyk Chopin (Died)**
Fryderyk Chopin, Polish composer and pianist, was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland in 1810. At age 7 Chopin wrote his first composition, the Polonaise in G minor. At age 8 he presented his first public concert. Fryderyk Chopin’s music continues to be played throughout the world.

**October 18, 1922 - Richard Stankiewicz (Born)**
Richard Stankiewicz was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Detroit, and had a presence in several prestigious art galleries in New York City during his career. He became internationally known in the 1960’s for his trend setting work by welding pieces of scrap metal. He died in 1983 at his home in Worthington, Massachusetts.

**October 19, 1984 - Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko (Died)**
Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko, the Solidarity Priest, was murdered by Communist loyal security agents. His murder only solidified the resolve of the Polish people to gain their freedom. Pope John Paul II visited the grave of Fr. Popiełuszko during one of his visits.

**October 20, 1948 - Honorable Robert Borski (Born)**
Honorable Robert Borski, former United States Congressman, represented the people of Northeast Philadelphia for many years. We thank him for his many years of service.

**October 21, 1969 - Waclaw Sierpinski (Died)**
Waclaw Franciszek Sierpinski was a Polish mathematician known for outstanding contributions to set theory (researches on the axiom of choice and the continuum hypothesis), number theory, theory of functions and topology. He published over 700 papers and 50 books. Three well-known fractals are named after him (the Sierpinski triangle, the Sierpinski carpet and the Sierpinski curve), as are Sierpinski numbers and the associated Sierpinski problem.
October 22, 1978 - Pope John Paul II (Installed)
Pope John Paul II, the beloved Cardinal of Krakow, Poland, was elected to be the shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church in October 1978 and served as pontiff until his death on April 2, 2005. During his 27 years as Holy Father, he was recognized as a true son of Poland and an international leader of faith and justice.

October 23, 1885 - Jan Czochralski (Born)
Jan Czochralski was a Polish chemist known for the Czochralski process of growing single crystals used in the production of semiconductor wafers. He also helped to develop a hand grenade for Poland's Home Army during World War II.

October 24, 1916 - Edward Piszek (Born)
Edward Piszek was a Polish American industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Piszek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Piszek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia.

October 25, 1867 - Jozef Dowbor-Musnicki (Born)
Jozef Dowbor-Musnicki was a Polish military officer and commander, serving with the Polish army. He was also the military commander of the Greater Poland Uprising.

October 26, 1910 - John Cardinal Krol (Born)
John Cardinal Krol was a Polish American Cardinal and the Archbishop of Philadelphia from 1961 to 1968. John Cardinal Krol participated in the Second Vatican Council, served as the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was advisor to Pope John Paul II.

October 27, 1991 - Free Elections Held in Poland (Event)
We mark the date of the first free elections for the Polish Parliament, since World War II, on this day in 1991.

October 28, 1824 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Born)
Fr. Leopold Moczygemba was a patriarch of America's Polonia. Fr. Moczygemba organized the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. He was one of the founders and also served as a president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which was founded in Chicago in 1873. He also established the first Polish College in America at Orchard Lake, Michigan.

October 29, 1924 - Zbigniew Herbert (Born)
Zbigniew Herbert was an influential Polish poet, essayist and moralist. He was a member of the Polish resistance movement during World War II. The publication of his Selected Poems in the United States and England made Zbigniew Herbert one of the most popular contemporary poets in the English-speaking world.

October 30, 1790 - Karol Lipinski (Born)
Karol Lipinski was a Polish virtuoso violinist and composer. His Stradivarius violin became known as the Lipinski Stradivarius. His compositions included four violin concertos, as well as polonaises, rondos and variations. The Karol Lipinski University of Music in Wroclaw, Poland, bears his name.

October 31, 1950 - Jozef Stolorz (Born)
Jozef Stolorz is a fine art painter born in Katowice, Silesia, Poland. He has displayed paintings at over 100 exhibitions worldwide, including over 60 individual exhibitions and since 2002 has been listed in an official "Who's Who in Poland".

November 1, 1918 - Harcerze (Founding)
The first American unit of the Polish Boy Scouts, known as Harcerze, was started in Buffalo, New York, in 1918. They remain a well known scouting movement which has spread across the United States of America.

November 2, 1942 - Stefanie Powers (Born)
Stefanie Federkiewicz, well-known by her stage name Stephanie Powers, starred in movies and television shows. Stephanie Powers is well known for her television series Hart to Hart with co-star Robert Wagner.

November 3, 1951 - Edward Murawinski (Born)
Edward Murawinski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is currently employed by the New York Daily News as a cartoonist and a member of the National Cartoonist Society. He attended the Manhattan School of Visual Arts and has been employed by the Daily News since he was seventeen.

November 4, 1937 - Loretta Swit (Born)
Loretta Swit is a proud Polish American and well-known actress of the stage and television. She is best known for her portrayal of the character Major Margaret Houlihan on the television series M*A*S*H.

November 5, 1850 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Born)
Jan Kocianowski was a Polish freedom fighter and writer. He is recognized as one of the most important poets before the 19th century.

November 6, 1755 - Stanislaw Staszic (Born)
Stanislaw Staszic was a Catholic priest, philosopher, statesman, geologist, scholar, poet, writer and leader of the Polish Enlightenment. He had a direct influence on the Third of May Constitution of 1791.

November 7, 1944 - Joe Niekr (Born)
Joe Niekrzo was a Major League Baseball Player and the brother of Hall of Famer, Phil Niekrzo. Joe Niekrzo like his brother Phil, specialized in throwing the knuckleball. During the 1970’s and 80’s, the Niekrzo brothers combined for 539 total wins, making them the most successful brother combination in baseball history. Joe's son, Lance Niekrzo, is a major league baseball player.

November 8, 1940 - Charles Koval (Born)
Charles Koval is a Polish American astronomer who discovered the two moons of Jupiter, Leda in 1974 and Themisto in 1975. Charles Koval is also known for discovering many supernovas in other galaxies.

November 9, 1530 - Jan Kochanowski (Born)
Mikolaj Rej was one of the best known writers and poets of the Renaissance and was also a politician, musician and nobleman. The Polish Sejm pronounced 2005 as the year of Mikolaj Rej, celebrating the 500th Anniversary of his birth.

November 10, 1909 - Pawel Jasienica (Born)
Pawel Jasienica was the pen-name of Leon Lech Beynar, a Polish non-academic historian, journalist, writer and soldier.

November 11, 1918 - Poland’s Independence Day (Event)
In 1918 after World War I, Poland was reestablished as a sovereign country with the assistance of United States President Woodrow Wilson and the Allied Powers.

November 12, 1982 - Steve Bartkowski (Born)
Steve Bartkowski was a well known quarterback for the National Football League. During his career, Bartkowski played for the Atlanta Falcons and the Los Angeles Rams and was All American Quarterback during his senior season in 1974 at the University of California.

November 13, 1806 - Emilia Plater (Born)
Emilia Plater was a Polish freedom fighter who participated in the November Uprising of 1830. Emilia Plater, who achieved the rank of Captain of an Infantry Unit, is considered a revolutionary, patriot and national hero not just in Poland, but also in Belarus and Lithuania.
November 14, 1972 - Edyta Gorniak (Born)
Edyta Gorniak (born in Zielice, Poland) is one of the most popular female singers of Polish pop music. She was the star of the musical Metro ("Subway") - the most popular and longest running homegrown musical in Polish history.

November 15, 1980 - Pope John Paul II Visit to West Germany (Event)
On November 15, 1980, Pope John Paul II visited West Germany. This historic occasion marked the first visit of a pontiff to Germany in over 200 years.

November 16, 1603 - Augustyn Kordecki (Born)
Augustyn Kordecki led the historic defense of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Częstochowa during the Swedish Invasion from November 18th to December 26th, 1655, prior to the cloister of the Pauline Fathers in Częstochowa, Poland.

November 17, 1954 - Tadeusz Banachiewicz (Died)
Tadeusz Banachiewicz was a Polish astronomer, mathematician, and the director of the Kraków Observatory. Tadeusz Banachiewicz's international recognition came from his theory of cracovians - a matrix algebra that helped to solve several astronomical, geodetic, mechanical and mathematical problems. A lunar crater is named after him.

November 19, 1929 - Zygmunt Bauman (Born)
Zygmunt Bauman (born in Poznań) is a Polish sociologist who, since 1971, has resided in England after being driven out of Poland by an anti-Semitic movement. Bauman has become best known for his analysis of the links between modernity and the Holocaust, and of postmodern consumerism.

November 21, 1920 - Stanley Musial (Born)
Stanley Musial, nicknamed "Stan the Man", was born on November 21, 1920 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He played 1,890 baseball games as an outfielder and 1,016 games as a first baseman, but was known mainly as a left-handed consistent hitter. Musial won several National League Most Valuable Player Awards and received Sports Illustrated magazine's "Sportsman of the Year" award and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

November 22, 1950 - Gregory Luzinski (Born)
Gregory Michael Luzinski was a former left fielder in Major League Baseball, nicknamed "The Bull". He spent the majority of his career with the Philadelphia Phillies. Still a fan favorite in Philadelphia, he opened "Bull's Barbecue" in the Phillies' newly opened stadium, Citizens Bank Park.

November 23, 1933 - Krzysztof Penderecki (Born)
Krzysztof Penderecki is an internationally known composer and conductor of classical music. In 1980, Krzysztof Penderecki was commissioned by Solidarity to compose a special musical piece to accompany the unveiling of the Gdansk Shipyard Memorial statue honoring those killed during the 1970 shipyard riots.

November 24, 1972 - Barry Potomski (Born)
Barry Potomski is a former professional ice hockey right winger. He played 68 National Hockey League games: 59 with the Los Angeles Kings and 9 with the San Jose Sharks.

November 25, 1985 - Ray Jablonski (Died)
Ray Jablonski was a third baseman in Major League Baseball who played for the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds and the New York Giants. Ray Jablonski was elected to the National League All Star Team in 1954.

November 26, 1855 - Adam Mickiewicz (Died)
Adam Mickiewicz was known for his poem Pan Tadeusz and is considered one of Poland's greatest romantic poets. All of his greatest works were written in the Polish language. He is buried in Wawel Castle.

November 27, 1958 - Artur Rodzinski (Died)
Artur Rodzinski was a Polish conductor of opera and symphony music. Rodzinski was, for many years, the music director of the Chicago Symphony, and then left in 1963, where he simultaneously enrolled at the Academy of Music. He was associated with Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.

November 28, 1948 - Agnieszka Holland (Born)
Agnieszka Holland is one of Poland's most prominent filmmakers. Agnieszka Holland is best known for her movie, Europa Europa, which brought her the Golden Globe Award and her second nomination for an Academy Award.

November 29, 1830 - Polish Uprising (Event)
The famous Polish Uprising of 1830 was a revolt against Russian rule in Poland, which caused one of the largest waves of immigration in Polish history to France, the United States and several other countries around the world.

November 30, 1768 - Adam Mickiewicz (Died)
Jedzej Sniadecki was a Polish writer, physician, chemist and biologist. Sniadecki's most important book was entitled The Beginnings of Chemistry, the first Polish-language chemistry textbook. It is believed that Jedzej Sniadecki was the original discoverer of the element ruthenium in 1807.

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Saturday, September 26 - Annual Festival, Sacred Heart Church, 148 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA, 12 Noon to 7 P.M. Music, games of chance, silent auction, Polish and American food, children’s activities, and much more. Rain or Shine! Info call Kathleen Moffa 610-935-0393.

Sunday, September 27 - Polish Falcons of America Day, National Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa, Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. Mass 12:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend. Info call 215-345-0600.


Friday, October 2 - Polish American Citizens Club of Camden County, Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, 9:30 A.M. Free. Info call 610-828-9352.

Saturday, October 3 - The Third Annual Polish Night, Gilbertsville Firehall, 1454 Philadelphia Avenue, Gilbertsville, PA, 2 to 7 P.M. Music by The Boys From Baltimore & Rhythm & Music Trio. Polish & American food. No BYOB. Info/tickets call Jack Guziewicz 610-277-1838 or Kathy and Anthony Boccella 610-539-3699.

Saturday, October 3 - Pulaski Dinner Dance, Associated Polish Home Ballroom, 9150 Academy Road, Northeast Philadelphia. Cocktails 5 P.M., dinner 6 P.M. Info call Jean McCloskey 215-425-4783.


Sunday, October 4 - Pulaski Parade steps off at 12 Noon from 20th and the Parkway. Free seating at Logan Circle in the area of television coverage on WPVI-TV 6, 12:30 to 2 P.M. Info call 215-739-3408.

Sunday, October 4 - Polka Dance, Thaddeus Kosciuszko Club (TK), East Hector and Apple streets, Conshohocken, PA. Music by Shoulderers Band, 3 to 7 P.M. Free parking. Info call 610-828-9352.


Sunday, October 18 - Polish Harvest Festival "Dziękni”, Mass 10:30 A.M. at St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia, followed by Harvest Festival, St. Adalbert Auditorium, 12 Noon to 4 P.M. Info call 215-922-1700.

Sunday, October 18 - Polish American Citizens Club of Camden County "95th Anniversary” Social, Runnemede VFW Post #3324, 6th Avenue, Runnemede, N.J. Music by Our Gang Band. No BYOB. No tickets sold at the door. Info call Larry Gasperone 856-854-4610 or Dan Steiner 856-468-1215.

Sunday, October 18 - Polish National Alliance Lodge 650 Polish American Heritage Month Breakfast, St. Hedwig's Social Room, 65-67 Marple Avenue, Clifton Height, PA, 3 to 7 P.M. Music by Joe Stanky & the Cadets Band. Info call Fran Bonikowski 610-277-1838 or Kathy and Anthony Boccella 610-539-3699.


Sunday, October 25 - Polka Party, Polish American Citizens Association, Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa, 65-67 Marple Avenue, Clifton Height, PA, 3 to 7 P.M. Music by Joe Stanky & the Cadets Band. Info call John Oleykowski 610-833-8232.

Saturday, November 7 - St. Josaphat Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall, 124 Cotton Street, Manayunk, 11 A.M. to 8 P.M. Games of chance, refreshments and much more. Info call rectory 215-483-4470.

Saturday, November 7 - “The 8th Polaks Against Cancer” Beef and Beer to benefit Fox Chase Cancer Center, Swedesburg Fire Company, Jefferson Street & Roosevelt Avenue, Swedesburg, PA, 7 to 11 P.M. Music by The Goldentones Band. Price of ticket includes buffet, beer, soda, and desserts. No tickets sold at the door. Info/tickets call Anthony or Kathy Boccella 610-539-3699.

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