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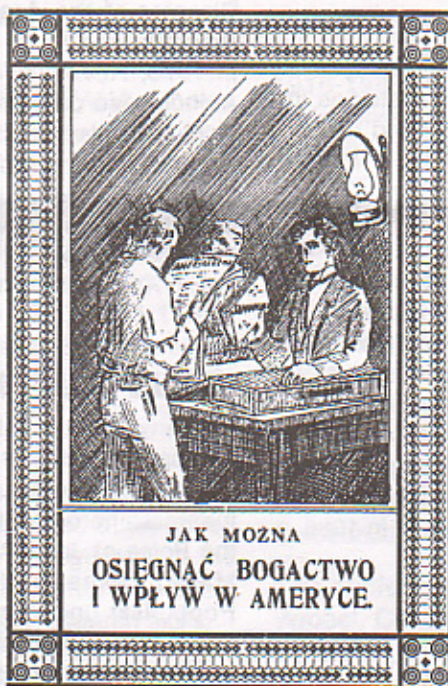
PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON 2000 CONFERENCE By Thomas S. Gladsky

The Polish American Historical Association held its 48th annual conference at the Marriott Hotel in Chicago on January 6-8. The program featured approximately 35 scholarly papers and presentations by academic and professional leaders from universities, Polish American organizations, newspapers, and journals.

According to Karen Majewski, Executive Secretary, about eighty individuals attended our sessions, including about twenty non-member drop-ins from the concurrent conference of the American Historical Association. I was also very happy to see such a large turnout by Chicago's Polonia. It was gratifying to see our university and professional people working together.

Three of the sessions which attracted strong audiences were those on "Chicago's Poles," "Polish Fraternals: Past, Present, and Future," and "Polka! Polka! Polka!" In another session, Stuart Dybek, nationally acclaimed writer and Chicago native, read from works in progress. Dybek, a Professor of

Creative Writing at Western Michigan University, is known for his stories of Chicago's south side Chicago neighborhoods. His essay "Field Trips," which he read at the conference, appears in the February 2000 issue of *Harper's*.



How to Acquire Wealth and Influence in America ([Toledo: Paryski]: 1911)

Approximately one hundred PAHA members and their guests attended the Awards Banquet held at the Polish Museum on Saturday evening, January 8. Dr. Donald Pienkos, Awards Committee Chair and Master of Ceremonies, presented twelve awards on behalf of the Polish American Historical Association.

At its Board of Directors meeting, PAHA voted to hold the summer Board meeting in Kraków, Poland, in conjunction with the meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, scheduled for mid-June at the Jagiellonian University. The Board also approved transferring PAHA accounts from Penn Federal to Mesirow Financial of Chicago.

PAHA's next conference is scheduled for January 4-7, 2001, in Boston.

PAHA MEMBERS HONORED BY POLISH GOVERNMENT

At the 27th annual Orchard Lake Ambassadors Ball, held on January 16, 2000, General Consul and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland, Ryszard Sarkowicz of Chicago, granted awards to several members of PAHA. Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools **Msgr. Stanisław Milewski** received the Officer's Cross. The Chevalier's Cross was presented to **Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski**, President of St. Mary's College and former president of PAHA. Another former PAHA president, **Dr. John Bukowczyk** of Wayne State University, received the

Gold Cross. Also awarded the Gold Cross was **Dr. Janusz Wrobel** of St. Mary's College.

In a separate ceremony on January 30, **Dr. Walter Drzewieniecki**, president of the Polish Cultural Foundation, Buffalo, New York, received the Order of Merit from Polish Consul Cezary Dziurkowski. And in December, 1999, **Rev. Philip S. Majka**, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia, was awarded the Cavalier Order of Merit at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

**SISTER ELLEN MARIE
(ADMIRABILIS) KUZNICKI.9
CCSF, Teacher, Historian**

Sister Ellen Marie (Admirabilis) Kuznicki, 82, a Felician Sister for 63 years, died in Villa Maria Infirmary, Buffalo, New York, on February 21, 2000. The former Helen Kuznicki entered the Buffalo Province of the Felician Sisters in 1936, and took her final vows in 1938.

In addition to a Certificate for Secondary School Librarianship, Sr. Ellen Marie received a B.S. in Social Work from Canisius College in Buffalo, an M.S. from Medaille College, and a Ph.D. from Kansas State University. She taught in elementary, junior high, and high school school for many years, before becoming an instructor in Social Science at Villa Maria College in Buffalo in 1961. She also served as Chair of the Language and Social Science Department and as College Historian. After 29 years at Villa Maria, she was awarded the title Professor Emerita in 1996.

Sr. Ellen Marie began research on the educational system of the Felician Sisters as part of her doctoral studies in 1967. 1996 saw the publication of a book based on her dissertation, *Journey of Faith: The History of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province of the Felician Sisters*, Buffalo, New York, 1900-1976.

Besides being a member of the American Association of Teachers of French, the American Historical Association, and the Kosciuszko Foundation, Sr. Ellen Marie was a life member of PAHA, serving as president in 1977. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, she was a member of the PAHA Council. She also served as PAHA Associate Newsletter Editor from 1973-1979, and Editor from 1979-1984. In 1982, she received the Mieczyslaw Haiman Award, and the first Distinguished Service Award, in 1986.

ARTHUR HALICKI

Arthur Halicki of Southfield, Michigan, died on October 6, 1999 at the age of 79. In 1910, Halicki's father, Walter, a native of Poland, founded the Halicki Travel Agency. Until his death in 1935, Walter Halicki helped exchange foreign currencies and arrange ship passage between Europe and Detroit. As ocean travel waned, Arthur Halicki and his brother Leonard began selling real estate and insurance policies, filing income taxes, and writing letters on behalf of foreign-born customers involved in labor or financial disputes.

In 1980, when the family home was razed for General Motors' Poletown plant, Arthur Halicki donated cartons of documents to the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library. The unique collection includes more than 80,000 passenger tickets and bound travel books covering journeys made between the

United States and Europe between 1910 and 1935. With donations from the Halicki family, the Walter Halicki Papers have been processed and microfilmed. The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan is indexing the names.

BISHOP ARTHUR H. KRAWCZAK

Retired Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Arthur H. Krawczak, 86, died January 13 in Livonia, Michigan. Bishop Krawczak had been a life member of PAHA since 1961. Krawczak studied for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, before being ordained in 1940. In 1951 he received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In addition to assignments at several Detroit-area parishes, Krawczak worked with the Catholic Youth Organization, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Campfire Girls. He also served as Director of the Archdiocesan Refugee Resettlement Program, and Vicar of the Warren-Center Line Vicariate. In 1973, Rev. Krawczak was ordained a bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Before retiring in 1982, Bishop Krawczak also served as Coordinator of Archdiocesan Central Service Officers and Regional Bishop for the Northeast Region. Detroit's Cardinal Adam Maida remembered Bishop Krawczak as a "driving force behind Catholic Services... [who] had a special bonding with the Polish American community."

COL. ANTHONY K. PODBIELSKI

Anthony K. Podbielski of Bayonne, New Jersey, died February 3, 2000, at the age of 91. He had been a longtime PAHA member, and wrote numerous monographs on the Polish heroes of the U.S. Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Poles at Jamestown, the Polish settlement of Panna Maria, Texas, and other Polish American subjects. Podbielski underwrote a local General Pulaski Essay Contest and, with his son Thaddeus, authored the 75th anniversary history of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church of Bayonne, published in 1973. He was very actively involved in the project to enshrine the heart of Ignacy Jan Paderewski in the Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and in the transfer of Paderewski's body from Arlington National Cemetery to St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw. The Paderewski Memorial Medal which he presented to George A. Bush in 1994 is now in the George Bush Presidential Library Center at Texas A & M University. The many groups which have honored Podbielski include the General Pulaski Monument Committee and the Polish American Congress. PAHA awarded him a Certificate of Achievement in 1991. In 1992 he received the Silver Insignia of the Order of Merit from the Polish government.

**SISTER ELLEN MARIE,
PAHA PRECEPTOR**

-Eugene Obidinski, Prof. Emeritus (Sociology)
State University of New York at Oneonta

It the Polish American Historical Association ever presented its own "academy" awards for outstanding achievement over the years, Sister Ellen Marie Kuznicki, CSSF, probably would have been honored for the best performance in many supporting roles.

As a Felician sister, she dedicated herself to a call to religious life. However, her vocation extended beyond traditional boundaries of a convent, chapel, or church to professional contributions including teaching, academic conferences, PAHA responsibilities, doctoral dissertation research, and ethnic community events.

Through such outreach effort, she not only helped us understand essential facts of Polish American community life but also--like most skilled social workers--she found time to listen to our problems and suggest solutions.

During one of my many visits in the early 1980s, I described an ongoing disagreement with a PAHA scholar, which was becoming more disruptive than decisive. After listening patiently to my complaints, she suggested a solution. "Cool it," she said. "Just cool it."

Who could disagree with Sr. Ellen Marie? Some other historian may consider that question when reviewing PAHA changes and revitalization during the 1970s and 1980s. After successive terms as Vice President, Sr. Ellen Marie became PAHA's President in 1977 and during the 1980s served on the council for several years before she became editor of the PAHA *Newsletter*.

The PAHA responsibilities as well as teaching duties at Villa Maria College in Buffalo often interrupted other scholarly projects--such as histories of the college and of the Buffalo province of Felicians--which demanded time, extensive documentation, and meticulous research skills.

Such skills and discipline were honed during Sr. Ellen Marie's doctoral dissertation research under Prof. Victor Greene at Kansas State University. Her excellent (1973) dissertation, a history and functional analysis of western New York's parochial schools staffed by Felician Sisters, provides unique insights into parish, family, and neighborhood aspects of Polish American community life. In her 1977 PAHA presidential address, Sr. Ellen Marie described the history of the parochial schools, criticism of school functions, and effects upon ethnic adjustment. The schools, she said, served as bridges allowing students to adjust to American society while retaining important Polish religious and cultural values. Perhaps her efforts within PAHA helped bridge a gap

between older and younger membership factions two decades ago. If so, her supporting role endures.

**KAZIMIERZ GROTNIK
NAMED BISHOP**

The Very Rev. Dr. Kazimierz Grotnik, PAHA activist and Polish American Studies indexer, was consecrated a Bishop in the Polish National Catholic Church, in a November 30, 1999, ceremony at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Grotnik was ordained in 1958, and came to United States in 1969. Since 1969 he has been a member of the Bishop Hodur Biography Commission and since 1971 of the PNCC's History and Archives Commission. He is also archivist of the Central Diocese and curator of a museum of PNCC history.

**POLAND 1918-1989: FROM
RESURRECTION TO REBIRTH**

The Polish Studies Program at St. Mary's College announces its 6th Biannual Conference on Polish Affairs, to be held May 18-20, 2000 at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan. The title of this year's program is "Poland 1918-1989, From Resurrection to Rebirth: Uniqueness and Universalism of Polish Historical Experience in the Twentieth Century within an East-Central European Context." Speakers will include PAHA members **Thaddeus Radzilowski, Anna Cienciala, M.B. Biskupski, John Kulczycki, John Bukowczyk, John Radzilowski, Thaddeus Gromada, Thomas and Rita Gladsky, and Karen Majewski.** Other speakers include Wladystaw Bartoszewski, Bronistaw Misztal, Kazimierz Sowa, Piotr Wandycz, Andrzej Zielinski, Janina Los, Antoni Macierewicz, Zbigniew Siemiatkowski, Bronistaw Misztal, Anthony Kruszewski, Richard Starr, Andrzej Stetmachowski, Tadeusz Witkowski, Krzysztof Karasek, Paul Wrobel, Bolestaw Klimaszewski, and Marian Owczarski.

The conference is organized by PAHA member Janusz Wrobel, Chair of Polish Studies at St. Mary's College. For further information, contact Dr. Wrobel at 248-683-0339 or wrobel@oakland.edu.

PIASA TO MEET IN KRAK6W

The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, in cooperation with the Jagiellonian University and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (KraK6w), will sponsor a Multidisciplinary Conference on Polish and Polish American Studies, to be held at the Jagiellonian University, June 16-18. PIASA's meeting has been officially designated as part of the Jubilee Celebration of the Jagiellonian University, which marks the 600th anniversary of the renewal of the Krak6w Academy in the year 2000. PAHA will also hold its midyear Board meeting in Krak6w in conjunction with PIASA's conference, at which several PAHA members are scheduled to give papers.

PAHA Personalia

M.B. Biskupski's article, "Canada and the Creation of a Polish Army, 1914-1918," appeared in *The Polish Review*, Vol. XLIV, No. 3 (1999).

George S. Bobinski has stepped down as Dean of the School of Information and Library Studies at the University of Buffalo after twenty-nine years in this position. He is currently on research leave and will be rejoining the faculty in the Fall of 2000.

Mrs. **Jean Bochan** has written a limited edition book of poetry, *Through the Ruins of My Heart*, about the life experiences of her husband, Paul.

Leonard F. Chrobot, in addition to teaching in the Sociology Department at Notre Dame, has been appointed Coordinator of the American Polish Research Fellowship Program in the History Department. The Program sponsors up to three junior faculty in History from the Universities of Warsaw, Gdańsk, and Adam Mickiewicz at Poznań, for two semesters of research, study, and teaching focusing on U.S. foreign policy with regard to Poland.

John A. Drobnicki has received tenure in the York College Library of the City University of New York. His bibliography of the writings of Eugene Kusielewicz appeared in the Spring 1999 issue of *Polish American Studies*.

Eugene Dziedzic has been a vocal critic of Pat Buchanan's claim that the Allies should have abandoned Poland to Hitler in 1939. His articles on the subject have been appearing in *Utica, New York, newspapers*.

Bishop Kazimierz Grotnik was general editor and Theodore L. Zawistowski translator and editor of *Sermon Outlines and Occasional Speeches, 1899-1922* (Boulder: East European Monographs, Columbia Univ. Press, 1999). He also compiled and edited *An Index to Straz--The Guard, Vol.11, Part 1, 1916-1925* and *An Index to Straz--The Guard, Vol.11, Part 1, 1916-1925* (Scranton: Polish National Union of America, 1997).

Ann Hetzel Gunkel's Interactive Syllabus/Course Website: "Urban Images in Media and Film" (<http://acweb.colum.edu/users/agunkel/urban/frame.htm>) won Second Prize in the BEA Faculty Interactive Multimedia Competition for her. In November, 1999, her multimedia publication, "Polish Christmas Traditions Website" (Virtual Ethnographic Museum) went up at <http://acweb.colum.edu/users/agunkel/homepage/polxmas.htm>. She presented "Imagining the City: The Pedagogy of Urban Images," at The School of Visual Arts Annual National Conference in New York and lectured on "The Threads of Polish-American Spirituality" to the Archdiocese of Chicago women of the Deaconate.

Mary Ann Harley, Assistant Professor of Music History and Literature and Director at the University of Southern California, was one of a panel of judges for the 1999 Wilk Prizes for Research in Polish Music.

Richard J. Hunter, Jr., has published articles in the *Howard Law Review*, the *International Tax Journal*, the *Business Tax Review*, and the *Journal of Legal Studies Education*. He gave papers at meetings of the Midwest Business Administration, the Association for Global Business, and PIASA.

Harry V. Janoski's biography appears in *Who's Who in the World*. It was previously included in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, and *Polish American Who's Who*.

Sandra M. Kay published articles on Jan Karski, and the last will and testament of Thaddeus Kosciuszko. She is currently researching Michael Speransky and Nijinsky.

Frank Koscielski's book, *Divided Loyalties: American Unions and the Vietnam War*, is available from Garland Publishing.

As Legislative Director and Chief of Staff for Rep. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (R-Md), attorney **Steven L. Kreseski** continues to work on issues related to the integration of Poland into Nato.

Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., has been Rector of the Jesuit Community at Holy Cross since August, 1998. His book, *Thy Honored Name: A History of the College of Holy Cross, 1843-1994*, has been published by the Catholic University of America Press.

Kenneth F. Lewalski, M.D., has completed two terms as President of the Polonia Scholarship Foundation in Rhode Island, which offers scholarships to Rhode Island high school seniors as well as The Dr. Rudolf Jaworski Scholarship to college graduates entering medical school. Dr. Lewalski presides over the regular meetings and the Awards Day Ceremony held in April.

Jean Lipinski has retired as secretary and student at the Columbia University Slavics Department and is now a member of the Lifelong Learners Program.

Jerzy J. Maciuszko, professor emeritus at BaldwinWallace College in Berea, Ohio, was honored by the

American Nationalities Movement, which comprises all the nationalities of greater Cleveland. On the same occasion, he was also honored with special proclamations from the Ohio State Governor, Ohio State Senate, the Council of the City of Cleveland, and the Auditor of the State of Ohio. On March 25 he will receive the Cleveland Society of Poles' Polish Heritage Award. His article "P6t wieku Polskiego Instytutu Naukowego w Ameryce (1942-1992)" appeared in Vol. XXII of *Pamiętnik Literacki*, the official publication of the Union of Polish Writers in London, England.

Arthur J. Majewskii, along with the Polish American Numismatic Society, organized a display, "Polish Military Decorations," at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. The display featured part of Majewski's collection of Polish medals and decorations, focusing on those awarded by the interwar Polish government, the Polish government in exile, and by foreign states. Included in the display was a Second Class Polish King Stanislaw August Order of Virtuti Militari, examples of all five classes of attempts by the Russian Tsars to Russianize the Polish Order of the White Eagle and the Order of Virtuti Militari, and an Austrian Empire decoration celebrating the Third of May Constitution.

Karen Majewski's introduction to and translation of immigrant author Julian Czapka's 1898 short story, "Tyrolczyk" ("The Tyrolean") appears in *The Multilingual Anthology of American Literature: A Reader of Original Texts with English Translations*, ed. Marc Shell and Werner Sollors (New York Univ. Press, July 2000).

In December, 1999, Rev. **Philip S. Majka**, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia, was awarded the Cavalier Order of Merit at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland for his long service to the Polish American community. On November 27, 1999, Father Majka concelebrated Mass with the Holy Father in the Pope's private chapel in the Vatican.

Gerald Matcho is President and Newsletter Editor of the Slavic Cultural and Heritage Society. For more information, write to P.O. Box 211, Raritan, NJ 08869, or Kmatcho@brickhouse.com

Ed Mohyllewski is Associate Vice President of Foundation Relations at The New York Botanical Garden in New York City.

Florence Owens is a polka enthusiast and belongs to the Polka Lites polka club of Dupont, Pennsylvania.

Donald E. Pienkos' article, "Witness to History: Polish Americans and the Genesis of Nato Enlargement," appeared in *The Polish Review*, Vol. XLIV, No. 3 (1999).

Leslie Pietrzyk's short fiction is forthcoming in *Washingtonian Magazine* and *Shenandoah*. One of her

short stories received the "Editors' Choice" Award from *Columbia: A Journal of Literature and Art*. She is currently working on a second novel.

Robert W. Postula's article, "Bridging my Gavel Lineage: Linking to Microfilmed Records" appeared in *Polish Eaglet*, Vol. 19, No. 3, Sept. 1999. See also <http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwayne/westside.htm>

Tadeusz Piotrowski is Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester. His *Poland's Holocaust: Ethnic Strife, Collaboration with Occupying Forces and Genocide in the Second Republic, 1918-1947*, won the 1999 Literary Award of the Polish Socio-Cultural Centre of the Polish Library in London.

James S. Pula made a presentation on Kosciuszko's role in the American Revolution to the Polish Heritage Club in Syracuse, New York. He also spoke on Kosciuszko at Central Connecticut State University at a lecture sponsored by the CCSU Polish Student Club, the Endowed Chair of Polish and Polish American Studies, and the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford. In addition, he delivered a paper, "Engineering American Independence: The Role of Thaddeus Kosciuszko" at PAHA's annual meeting, where he was also honored with a Distinguished Service Award. Dr Pula was named to the Editorial Board of a series on Polish and Polish American history and culture to be published by Ohio University Press. He is also on the editorial board of the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of American Catholic Women*. For his contributions to Polonia, he received the Michael Dziedzic Award from the Kopernik Memorial Association in Utica, New York, and is working on entries on Polish Americans for the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of New York State*.

John Radzillowski was guest speaker at the annual Distinguished Polonian Awards Program of the Kopernik Memorial Association in Utica, New York. He also chaired a session at the conference, "Poland and East Central Europe after Ten Years of Transition," held February 25-26 in Minneapolis. *Community of Strangers: Change, Turnover, Turbulence, and the Transformation of a Midwestern Country Town*, by Joseph A. Amato and John Radzilowski, assisted by John Meyer, is available from Crossings Press.

Chester Rog continues to publish the monthly *Pol-Am: A Newsletter About Polish Culture and Current Events*. Subscriptions are \$15 and checks may be sent to Pol-Am, 2623 NE Jefferson St., Minneapolis, MN 55418; 612-7896445; fax 612-788-5518.

Suzanne Strempek Shea's short story, "The Sweater," appeared in the November 1999 issue of *Yankee Magazine*.

Philip Simko is Librarian/Media Specialist at New Jersey's North Plainfield High School.

John F. Skibiski, Jr., Founder and President of the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts, is now semi-retired. He owned and operated a real estate company since 1953.

James Tye's article, "The Family History of Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin," appears in *Polish Eaglet*, Vol.19, No. 3, Sep. 1999.

Rev. **Carl Urban**, pastor of St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Church of Schenectady, New York, was instrumental in combatting recent anti-Polish remarks by an Albany radio talk-show host.

Joseph W. Wiczerzak is professor of church history at the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church. His article, "Moving Back History: An 1866 Document Concerning Greek Catholics in the United States," appears in *Diakonia*, Vol.33, No.1 (2000). His introduction discusses the whereabouts of Fr. Ludwik Domanski, a Greek Catholic married priest who arrived in the United States among the political emigres of the post-1830 "Wielka Emigracja." Dr. Wiczerzak located the document in the Kalussowski Collection at the Pilsudski Institute in New York, which gave permission for its reprinting in *Diakonia*.

Rev. **Msgr. John P. Wodarski** was made an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Central Connecticut State University on April 29, 1999. Previously, Catholic University in Lublin, Poland, had made him Doctor Honoris Causa in Theology, as well as awarding him its Medal of Honor. He has also been awarded the Officers Cross Medal of Merit by the Republic of Poland, the Moczygemba Award of the Polish American Priests Association, the Fidelitas Medal of St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, and the Polonia Restituta by the Polish Government in Exile.

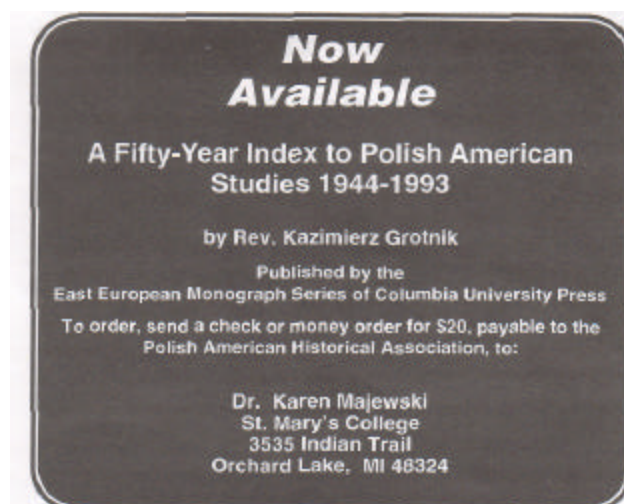
Janusz Wrobel presented a paper at the meeting of the Michigan Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, "Psychopathology of Post-Communism: A Story of Fear of the Demanding Freedom."

Jan S. Zaleski's articles, "The Mieczkowski Montage" and "Vital Records from the *Dziennik Polski*, September, 1924" appear in *Polish Eaglet*, Vol. 19, No. 3, Sept. 1999,

Adam Ziemba was re-elected President of the Kopernik Memorial Association in Utica, New York.

Just published, *Genocide and Rescue in Wotyly: Recollections of the Ukrainian Nationalist Ethnic Cleansing Campaign Against the Poles During World War II*, edited by Tadeusz Piotrowski. The story of ethnic cleansing, told by Polish survivors whose stories are offered for the first time in English. Available for \$45 from McFarland & Co., Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28646; orders 1-800-253-2187; www.mcfarlandpub.com. Also available from McFarland are Prof. Piotrowski's other books: *Poland's Holocaust Ethnic Strife, Collaboration with Occupying Forces and Genocide in the Second Republic, 1918-1947* (\$55); and *Vengeance of the Swallows: Memoir of a Polish Family's Ordeal Under Soviet Aggression, Ukrainian Ethnic Cleansing and Nazi Enslavement, and Their Emigration to America* (\$29.95). *Vengeance of the Swallows* was the 1995 winner of the Cultural Achievement Award from the American Council for Polish Culture, and has been called "among the most eloquent and best documented memoirs," "uncommonly readable and rich in scholarly documentation."

Fifty five years ago, Wanda Pomykalski was a soldier in the Polish army as it began its assault on Monte Cassino. On May 11, the anniversary of the battle, the Minerva Center, a non-profit educational foundation dedicated to the study of women in the military, will publish her book, **The Horror Trains: A Polish Woman Veteran's Memoir of World War II**. As a special prepublication offer, advance copies of *The Horror Trains* (ISBN 0-9634895-4-2), autographed by the author, may be ordered now at a 20% discount from the \$50 list price--\$40 plus \$3 shipping. Maryland residents please add 5% sales tax. Order by mail from the Minerva Center, 20 Granada Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122 or fax credit card orders to 914-693-2834. You may also contact the Minerva Center at 410-437-5379; minervacen@aol.com; <http://www.minervacenter.com>



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Edward Achtel, Delavan, Wis.
Nancy L. Almus, St. Joseph, Mich.
Rev. Paul J. Antos, Schenectady, N.Y.
Agnieszka Bak, Orchard Lake, Mich.
Ed Blazonczyk, Jr., Plainfield, 111.
Joanna Bobowska, Orchard Lake, Mich.
Rev. Ralph Bodziony, Richfield, Oh.
Jeffrey Burns, Alameda, Cal.
Anna Chrypinska, Flat Rock, Mich.
Maria Chrypinska, Flat Rock, Mich.
Church of St. Adalbert, Schenectady, N.Y.
Dianna DeGiusti, Harper Woods, Mich.
Aleksandra Donigiewicz, Orchard Lake, Mich.
Adolph S. Falkowski, Suffield, Conn.
Joseph Fifagrowicz, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Janet Franczek, Detroit, Mich.
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Hedy Gaskey, Sterling Heights, Mich.
John J. Gelsavage, Warren, Mich.
Ted Gish, Chesterfield, Mich.
Walter Gonsi, Ardmore, Penn.
Philip A. Grant, Jr., Bronxville, N.Y.
Rev. Albin J. Grous, Orchard Lake, Mich.
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Donald Horkey, Westland, Mich.
Eugene J. Karol, Jr., Middletown, R.I.

Michael Krolewski, Eastpointe, Mich.
Richard Krzanowski, Southampton, Mass.
Alex Kurczaba, Forest Park, Ill.
Richard F. Kolbusz, Jr., Hillsdale, Mich.
Arthur Lanski, Farmington, Mich.
John S. Lenkiewicz, Chelsea, Mass.
Christine Przybyla Long, Chicago, 111.
Loretta Lyk, Warren, Mich.
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Alfreda Musial, Allen Park, Mich.
Rev. Edward Nowakowski, Armstrong Creek, Wis.
Gillian & Czeslaw Olechno-Huszcza, Seal Beach, Cal.
Elzbieta Orlinska, Whitmore Lake, Mich.
Joann Ozog, Lemont, 111.
Mariusz Palka, Orchard Lake, Mich.
Neal H. Pease, Shorewood, Wis.
Tadeusz Piotrowski, Manchester N.H.
Steven and Linda Plochocki, Mission Viejo, Cal.
Anna, Andrzej, & Artur Prejna, West Covina, Cal.
James W. Smolinski, Albuquerque, N.M.
Wioletta Stypulkowska, Orchard Lake, Mich.
Lewis P. Tenczar, Easthampton, Mass.
John C. Trafny, Gary, Ind.
Rev. Carl A. Urban, Schenectady, N.Y.
Peter Wendolski, Yonkers, N.Y.
Janusz Wrobel, Clinton Township., Mich.
Rev. Walter J. Ziembra, Orchard Lake, Mich.

Thank you to the many members who have responded to the recent dues notice and renewed their PAHA memberships for the current year. And a special note of appreciation to those of you who have donated additional sums beyond your membership dues, and to those who have joined at the Patron level. Everyone's continued support is greatly appreciated.

Membership Application

☐ Student or Senior Citizen \$12 ☐ Patron \$100 ☐ Lifetime Member (individuals only) \$500

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May we publish your contact information in a PAHA Directory ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please make checks payable to the Polish American Historical Association and return with this form to:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

As we enter the year 2000, some of us wonder what might be especially meaningful in the approach our Polish American cultural and fraternal organizations could take to make this century significant in the development and strengthening of Polonia. In particular, we muse what concrete steps could be undertaken to insure that a greater number of talented and highly qualified Americans of Polish descent would make significant contributions to the music, literature, and arts as well as to the governance of our country.

Much is now being written about how American society will look in about thirty years. Population projections indicate that there will be an even stronger Latino and Black presence. Certainly these two ethnic groups have already made major contributions to our literature and music and culture. Recognition has come to them through the awarding of Pulitzer prizes and having their compositions featured on the national stage. Even the coveted Nobel Prize in literature was awarded to an African American for her many novels depicting the plight of her people. Given these national trends, one raises the question, why has the Polish American contribution been so meagre? Witness the publication of Asian American novels like *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston in 1976 and *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan in 1989. Their effect on young writers has been profound. Nevertheless, the Asian Americans did not stop there. They formed an Asian American Writers' Workshop that publishes literary anthologies and a journal which features short stories, I NAME poetry, and essays. It also awards grants to novice writers and sponsors educational programs for writers. Where is our equivalent?

For over forty-five years, I have carefully read articles in IADDRESS the Polish American press as well as in newsletters of major Polish American cultural and fraternal organizations in order to follow events and understand current issues. Except for an occasional critical and constructive examination made by the late Dr. Kusielewicz, there was a lack of bold mission statements to be found. The line was that we are doing the best we can. How relevant a particular program might be in fostering pride of heritage, in acting as a catalyst in the creation of a work of art, or in leading to a scientific discovery, was never analyzed.

One area that our Polonian organizations have long neglected is the development of cultural or documentary video programs and insuring that they be seen on national Public Television. If this is a matter that has been considered, it certainly has not been reported. Instead of just promoting Polish American History Month, it is time that our organizations underwrite the creation of some inspiring documentaries that could vastly influence how we, and our progeny, think of ourselves. Failure to capture the mass media and otherwise reach those with little identity as Polonians, is a condition we cannot allow to persist. When, we ask, will those at the helm in Chicago, New York City, and Washington, D.C., step forward and act boldly.

John B. Wodarski

PAHA BOOK OFFER

Ethnicity. Culture. City.- Polish Americans in the U.S.A. Cultural Aspects of Urban Life, 1870-1950 in Comparative Perspective, Edited by Thomas S. Gladsky, Adam Walaszek, and Matgorzata M. Wawrykiewicz. (Warszawa: Oficyna Naukowa, 1998). This volume includes papers presented during the symposium "Polish Americans in the U.S.A.," organized in Krak6w, Poland, on June 24-27, 1995 by the Polonian Institute of the Jagiellonian University and PAHA. Included are articles by Adam Walaszek, Stanislaus Blejwas, Dirk Hoerder, Helena Znaniecka Lopata, Dennis Kolinski, Walter Kamphoefner, William Galush, Mary Patrice Erdmans, Wolfgang Helbich, Tadeusz Radzik, Janusz Mucha, Dominic Pacyga, Halina Florkowska-Francic, Joseph Hapak, Mieczystaw Biskupski, Dorota Praszalowicz, Rita Gladsky, Thomas Gladsky, and Thomas Napierkowski. A limited number of copies are available directly from PAHA at a cost of \$20, which includes shipping. Please use the form below to order.

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**ADAM MICKIEWICZ ENDOWMENT
FOR POLISH STUDIES**

In 1998, Columbia University inaugurated the anniversary of Adam Mickiewicz's birth by establishing the Adam Mickiewicz Endowment Fund for Polish Studies. Columbia has a long tradition of instruction in Polish language, literature, and history. The University is home to extensive resources, including the Harriman Institute and East Central European Center, as well as a Polish library collection numbering some 77,000 volumes.

The Mickiewicz Fund allows Columbia to offer a variety of specialized courses, bring lecturers to the University, purchase Polish films and other teaching materials, fund student awards and activities, and, it is hoped, someday provide enough income to establish a chair in Polish Studies. Contributions are tax deductible. For up-to-date information on Columbia's program and events, see: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sipa/REGIONAUECE/homepage.html>

**SKALNY SCHOLARSHIPS
SEEKS APPLICANTS**

The Louis & Nellie Skalny Foundation has donated \$2,000 to be awarded by the American Council for Polish Culture in the form of two \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded by the Fall 2000 semester, and are intended for students pursuing Polish Studies at universities in the United States. Applicants should submit the following:

Resume, including a listing of all Polish Studies courses completed for university credit or certification.

Letter of recommendation from a faculty member who teaches Polish subjects.

Copy of an academic project on a Polish topic in English that was submitted in fulfillment of a course requirement. Include the name, position, and current address of the evaluator and his or her evaluation of the project.

Description of your personal involvement in the mainstream community intended to promote Polish history and/or culture.

All materials must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2000, and should be sent to:

Mrs. Irene Szewiola, Chairperson Louis & Nellie Skalny Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 2541 North Hills, CA 91393-2541

Please contact Mrs. Szewiola with any questions, at the above address, by phone at 818-892-0279, or by fax at 818-892-5531.

**POLISH WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB
SCHOLARSHIPS**

For Chicago-area residents who are U.S. citizens and with at least one parent of Polish heritage. Applicants should be full time students in their second year of college or beyond, and must exhibit acceptable grades and financial need. For more information, write to Therese Brzezinski, Education Committee Chairman, Polish Women's Civic Club, P.O. Box 31967, Chicago, IL 60631-0967. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2000.

POLANIE CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Polanie Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul is offering a scholarship for the academic year 2000-2001 to qualifying applicants of Polish American ancestry from Minnesota. For an application or further information, write to: Polanie Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 643 Madison St. NE, Minneapolis, MIN 55413.

**KOPERNIK SOCIETY SPECIAL
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Kopernik Polish Cultural Society of Binghamton, New York, is offering 50% "challenge scholarships" to encourage high school students from all over the country to attend week-long astronomy programs at the Kopernik Space Education Center in July. The program gives students a preview of college residential and academic life at Binghamton University (SUNY), and immerses students in astronomy and space science with access to professional telescopes, cameras, and computers. For more information on Kopernik summer programs and the Kopernik Society Scholarship Challenge, contact Roberson-Kopernik Education at 888-269-5325 x 208 (toll free) or visit www.kopernik.org

AUGSBURG IKUL CONNECTION

Starting Fall semester, 2000, Augsburg College of Minneapolis is interested in sending students to the Catholic University in Lublin, Poland, for enrollment in the Business Program in the Institute of Management and Marketing. Applicants may be of any ethnic origin. Contact Donna Gallagher, Assistant Secretary, Business & Accounting, MIS Dept., Augsburg College, CB 315, 2211 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55454; 612-330-1774; fax 612-330-1607

PAHA AWARDS

The PAHA Awards Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, honored the following individuals at its Awards Dinner, held at the Polish Museum of America in conjunction with its January conference.

HAIMAN AWARD: An annual award to an American scholar for sustained contribution to the study of the Polish American ethnic group. To Dr. **Daniel Buczek**, Professor Emeritus at Fairfield University, Connecticut, for his long, continuing, and significant contributions to scholarship in the field of Polish American history. Dr. Buczek's work includes at least three books and scores of academic articles, many of which appeared in *Polish American Studies*.

HALECKI AWARD: An annual prize of \$500 to recognize a scholarly book dealing with the Polish experience in the United States. To **Thomas S. Gladsky and Rita Holmes Gladsky**, editors, *Something of My Very Own to Say: American Women Writers of Polish Descent* (Boulder: East European Monographs, 1998). The Gladskys' work not only brings to our attention the many and diverse contributions to literature made by women of Polish origin in America, an almost totally unknown topic in this country. They have also gathered together an outstanding group of scholars who write about the authors they consider; further, samples of the writing of each of the authors discussed are offered to the reader. This work should find its way into the syllabi of college courses on American, ethnic, and women writers for years to come. Its contents also represent a major contribution to our knowledge and understanding of the place of women in the Polish American experience.

To **Joseph Wiczerzak**, *Bishop Francis Hodur: Biographical Essays* (Boulder: East European Monographs, 1998). Wiczerzak's book is a collection of painstakingly researched and well integrated scholarly articles that together go very far in providing a coherent, comprehensive, objective and fairminded picture of life and illuminating the thought of the founder and long-time leader of the Polish National Catholic Church. It is also a solid source that will generate future research as well and is thus an important contribution to scholarship.

SWASTEK AWARD: An annual prize of \$100 for the article published in a given volume of *Polish American Studies*. To **Stanislaus Blejwas**, "The Republic of Poland and the Origins of the Polish American Congress," Spring 1998. This article throws more light onto an important issue in the history of the organized Polish American ethnic community, namely, the relations between Poles and Polish Americans in the formation and development of one of its leading organizations, the Polish American Congress.

This is not only an important, interesting, and even controversial subject, it is also one that will continue to bring together American and Polish scholars for fruitful discussion and debate.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: An occasional award to a PAHA member whose career has rendered distinguished service to the Association or to the advancement of Polish American history. To **James S. Pula**, Editor of *Polish American Studies* since 1982. Now in his eighteenth year as Editor, Dr. Pula's contributions in carrying on the work of his predecessors, the Rev. Joseph Swastek and Dr. Frank Renkiewicz, and the process raising the Studies to new heights, are evident to all.

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Occasional awards to a person or persons for accomplishments which have benefitted the history and culture of Polonia. For their dedicated service to the causes in the Polish American community which have animated them, the following individuals are recognized:

Maria Lorys, Editor from 1964 to 1996 of *Głos Polek*, the official publication of the Polish Women's Alliance of America; author of two volumes of its official history; and long-time activist on behalf of Polish independence and democracy as an activist in the Polish American Congress and numerous other organizations.

Lucyna Migala, Founder and Director of the Lira Singers, which has brought recognition of the rich heritage of Polish music and dance to audiences locally and throughout the country.

Paul Valasek, President of and long-time activist in the Polish Genealogical Society of America, a national society headquartered in Chicago. Mr. Valasek has worked very effectively to carry on the efforts of his predecessors in strengthening and advancing interest in and serious study of genealogy and has developed close and productive contacts between the PGSA and PAHA, as well as Polonia's fraternal.

Frank Spula, National Secretary of the Polish National Alliance (since 1987) and Past President of the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress (1993-1998), for his leadership in promoting knowledge and appreciation of Polish heritage. These activities include his work with his fellow PAC officers to make the annual celebration of Polish American Heritage Month a major event in the city and to raise the annual Polish American Heritage Dinner sponsored by the Illinois PAC and initiated by his prede-

cessor, former U.S. Congressman Roman Pucinski, to new heights. (This success has been carried on by his successor as Illinois PAC President, Attorney Christopher Kurczaba.)

Jerry Kucharski, Vice President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, for his deep and intensive involvement in Polish culture as a teacher in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as an ethnic dance instructor, as an activist in and officer of the PRCU, as a director of the PAC, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Polish Museum of America.

Rev. **Frank Phillips**, Pastor of Chicago's St. John Kanty Roman Catholic Church, for his dedicated leadership of one of Chicago's greatest historically Polish parishes, and for his cooperation with the PNA in making the Church host to a series of highly successful concerts of classical Polish music during the 1990s.

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD: Presented for the first time, to **Ada Dziewanowska**, author of *Polish Folk Dances and Songs: A Step by Step Guide* (NY: Hippocrene, 1997). For more than three decades, Mrs. Dziewanowska has been a national leader in the teaching of Polish folk dance. Since 1979 she has served as Artistic Director of the Syrena Dance Ensemble of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her outstanding book is an excellent presentation of some eighty folk dances of Poland, and at the same time a comprehensive and well-illustrated overview of Poland's regional heritages.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR KULCZYCK! A AWARD

PAHA is accepting applications for the Kulczycki Award for outstanding doctoral dissertations in the liberal arts based on original research into Polish American society or culture. Dissertations which have been recently completed or are very near completion are eligible. Contact the Chair of the Kulczycki Award Committee, Dr. Mary Cygan, Dept. of History, University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT 069012315 or cygan @ uconn.edu.

SPECIAL OFFER: NEW HORIZON

Jacek Galazka, editor of the monthly *New Horizon*, is pleased to offer his fellow PAHA members an introductory subscription price of \$28.00, which includes a complimentary copy of *Who's Who in Polish America*. A recent issue of *New Horizon* featured articles on Polish scientist Albert Michelson, Tadeusz and Zofia Romer (honored through The Romer Foundation of Montreal), and The Polish Museum of America. Checks for \$28 can be sent to New Horizon, 333 W. 38th St., New York, NY

10018. Please identify yourself as a PAHA member taking advantage of this special subscription offer.

WILK PRIZES FOR RESEARCH IN POLISH MUSIC

The Polish Music Reference Center at the University of Southern California announces the following winners of its 13th competition, 1999, for the best paper on the subject of Polish music written by an author based outside of Poland. Prize-winning papers will be published on-line in the *Polish Music Journal*, Vol.3 No. 1.

Professional Category (\$1000 and publication in the *Polish Music Journal*): Prize shared by Prof. James Parakilas, Bates College, for "Nuit plus belle qu'un beau jour": Poetry, Song, and the Voice in the Piano Nocturne," and Dr. Sandra P. Rosenblum, Independent Scholar, for "Chopin's Music in Nineteenth-Century America: Introduction, Dissemination, and Aspects of Reception."

Student Category (\$500 and publication in the *Polish Music Journal*): No prize given.

For information, contact the Polish Music Reference Center, Thornton School of Music, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0851; polmusic@usc.edu; tel. 213-740-9369; fax 213-740-3217.

THE SARMATIAN REVIEW

An academic tri-quarterly conceived by a group of American Polish scholars concerned about a dearth of Polish academic publications. Its goal is to help develop a scholarly discourse on Poland and Central Europe in the United States. The journal specializes in publishing documentary materials in English translation. Its electronic version, *Sarmatian Review Online*, is distributed by Rice University (www.ruf.rice.edu/~sarmatia). Our website has been recognized as one of the best by Central Europe Online (the oldest web directory), Twirlix (a German web directory), and many more. Our contents are a creative mix of annotated data, scholarly articles, literary texts, and more. The *Review* is over twenty years old. Libraries from Harvard to Stanford subscribe to it. Shouldn't you?

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PULASKI REINTERMENT 2000

Savannah, Georgia in the year 2000 will be the site of the reinterment of Brigadier General Kazimierz Pulaski, in a week-long commemoration of Pulaski's contribution to American history. Events scheduled so far:

- Oct. 8 Opening of celebration
- Oct. 9 Commemoration of the Siege of Savannah
- Oct. 13 Memorial concert featuring music by Polish composers.
- Oct. 14 Commemorative banquet at Savannah Civic Center
- Oct. 15 Funeral Mass and burial of General Pulaski

Pulaski's remains will lie in state in the Rotunda of Savannah City Hall for three days. The October 15 funeral cortege will proceed through the city to St. John Cathedral. Various clergy, including the Bishop of Savannah, and the Bishop Military Ordinary of Poland, who is also a General in the Polish Army, will concelebrate the Funeral Mass. There will be a special ceremonial presentation of a copy of the Pulaski Banner, which will be returned by a representative of the Polish Army to the Military Museum in Warsaw. The original, which was presented to the Polish Government in 1936, disappeared during World War II. A second copy of the banner will be presented to the City of Savannah for placement at Fort Pulaski, where many artifacts commemorating the General are located. A Polish choir will join the Cathedral Choir of Savannah for the event.

The entire Polish American community, and in fact all Americans, along with representatives from Poland, the Polish Embassy, and consular sections in the U.S., will be invited to this historic event. The Pulaski Legion and the Pulaski Cadets, with direct roots in the original Revolutionary War units, are expected to participate in the ceremonies, as will the Revolutionary War group the Continental Line. Special invitations will be extended to the Presidents of the United States and Poland. For more information, contact Marion Winters, 978-425-6265.

Donations are being solicited for Pulaski's marble vault and headstone, and for commemorative plaques. Contact Dr. Don Gardner, Director of the City of Savannah Parks Department (912-651-6610; dgardner@ci.savannah.a.us), or Stefan Lopatkiewicz (202-824-8890; lopatkiewicz.stefan@dorseylaw.com).

Pulaski's bones. Previously, Pinkowski was responsible for the discovery, documentation, and preservation of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko's quarters in Philadelphia,

Special recognition is due to PAHA life member **Edward Pinkowski**, of Cooper City, Florida, who has spearheaded the long effort to positively identify Pulaski's remains and to guarantee that the General was fully honored and properly laid to rest. A CD-rom of Pinkowski's research materials will be enclosed in a time capsule along with Pulaski's bones. Previously, Pinkowski was responsible for the discovery, documentation, and preservation of General Thaddeus

Kosciuszko's quarters in Philadelphia, donating \$25,000 to fund the identification of Kosciuszko's remains.

PULASKI BOOK

Casimir Pulaski in Polish and American Consciousness: Proceedings from the Polish-American Scientific Conference in Warka-Winiary, 8-10 October 1997, edited by Janusz Maciejewski, Ewa Bem-Wisniewska, and Jacek Wojcicki (Warsaw: Wyd. DiG, 1999). Includes articles by PAHA members **Regina Grozkowska** and **Edward Pinkowski**.



DZIENNIK DLA WSZYSTKICH INDEXING PROJECT

The Polish Genealogical Society of New York State has begun indexing all surnames in Buffalo's *Dziennik Dla Wszystkich*, which was Buffalo's main Polish-language paper from 1911 through 1957. For information about the project, contact PGSNYS, 299 Barnard St., Buffalo, NY 14206; dziennik@pgsnys.org

RECENT AND OVERLOOKED NOVELS ABOUT POLONIANS

Lone Stars, by Sophia Healy (NY: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1989; ISBN 1-87118-377-0; \$8.95). Sta6, a Polish emigre, and his Mexican-American wife. Set in Texas.

Lumen, by Verbena "Ben" Pastor (Midlothian, VA: Van Nester Books, 1999; ISBN 0-9657639-4-3; \$24). This first novel by Associate Professor of Graduate Studies at Norwich University Pastor, tells the story of a Polish American priest from Chicago and a German officer as they investigate the death of a visionary nun in 1939 Krak6w. Publishers Weekly called it "a psychological thriller and an existential meditation," and it was a "Book of the Day" at Amazon.com. For information about a free reading/book signing, contact the author at 802-828-8831; fax 802-828-8622.

Goodbye, Walter Malinski, by Helen Recorvits; illustrated by Lloyd Bloom (NY: Francis Foster Books/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1999; \$15). For children.

In America, by Susan Sontag (NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000). Based on the life of Helena Modrzejewska.

**POLISH MUSEUM OF AMERICA
MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

The Polish Museum of America was founded in 1935 to preserve the Polish past in America and to promote the history and culture of Poland. Since then, the PMA has rendered invaluable services to historians, researchers, students, genealogists, and others. The museum's permanent exhibits include the Paderewski Room, Fine Art Collection, Pope John Paul II memorabilia, Helena Modrzejewska costume collection, Polish Folk Dress collection, and Stations of the Cross from the first Polish Roman Catholic church in the United States, in Panna Maria, Texas. In addition, the museum regularly sponsors special exhibits. The latest of these, "Polish Art Deco from the PMA Collection," featured posters and graphics from the 1920s and 1930s, as well as sculptures from the 1939 New York World's Fair. Future projects, essential to the preservation of Polonian and Polish history, include the creation of a Polonian Room, the transfer to CD of World War II-era radio recordings of the Polish Government in Exile, the transfer of film archives to videotape, the sorting and cataloguing of the museum archives, and the microfilming of newspapers and periodicals.

As a non-profit organization, the PMA depends on individual **donations, proceeds from its Annual Summer Ball**, and a subsidy from the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. However, in the face of rising costs, the museum is also launching a membership campaign. Annual memberships are available in several categories: Regular (\$25), Patron (\$50), Benefactor (\$100), Institutional (\$250), and Life (\$2,500). Address checks or requests for information to The Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. Phone 773-384-3352. Fax 773-384-3799.

**ART DECO POLAND EXHIBIT AT
POLISH MUSEUM**

For a detailed review, see <http://www.artscope.net>. Anyone interested in bringing this exhibit to their own location should contact Museum Director Jan Lorys.

**STANISLAW SZUKALSKI
WEBSITE**

Named "Poland's greatest living sculptor" in the 1930s, and "a God among kooks" by what came to be something of a cult following decades later, Szukalski spent most of his life in the United States, dying in obscurity in California in 1987. A website devoted to his life, art, and controversial writings can be found at <http://www.protong.org/szukalski>

**PAINTER JAN DE ROSEN
TO BE HONORED**

The American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) is raising funds for a monument to artist Jan Henryk de Rosen, whose paintings are part of numerous churches and public buildings in Europe and North America, including the Pope's private chapel in the Vatican, and the National Cathedral and St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C.. De Rosen arrived in the United States in 1937, and his murals for the Polish Pavilion at the New York World's Fair of 1939 are now at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago. The monument in his honor is to be erected at Doylestown, Pennsylvania in the cemetery of the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. For further information, contact Mary Flanagan at 703-536-7085. Donations in the form of checks payable to ACPC de Rosen Memorial should be sent to Mary Flanagan, 1721 Forest Lane, McLean, VA 22101-3323. Also, visit the ACPC website at www.polishcenterdc.org.

**ARTHUR SZYK EXHIBIT AT
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

Seventeen anti-Axis caricatures are featured in an exhibit of immigrant artist Arthur Szyk's work at the Swann Gallery of Caricature and Cartoon in the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, running through May 6. The exhibit is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is free of charge.

**EUGENE DYCZKOWSKI MURAL
AT FORT NIAGARA**

The Officers Mess at the Fort Niagara (New York) Officers Club Museum is home to a 90-foot mural by Buffalo Polonian Eugene Dyczkowski, who died in 1987. The mural, a Works Progress Administration project depicting the history of war, was completed in 1939. For more information, see <http://bfm.org-pacb/murals/Mess>. Dr. Peter Gessner of the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo has created the website for the Officers Club Museum, which in the future will also offer information about the Polish Blue Army, which was housed at Fort Niagara in early 1918. Contact David L. Dickinson, Niagara County Historian, 139 Niagara St., Lockport, NY 14094; 716-439-7324; friendengine@wzrd.com

**CENTRAL WISCONSIN POLISH
HERITAGE TRAIL**

Contact the Polish Heritage Awareness Society, P.O. Box 726, Stevens Point, WI 54481-0726 for a road map and tour guide to Polonian sites in Central Wisconsin.

MICHIGAN COPPER MINING

For information on Polish immigrant miners in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, see the Michigan Technological University in Houghton's Archives and Copper County Historical Collections,

<http://www.lib.mtu.edu/jrvp/mtuarchives>

PITTSBURGH AREA HISTORY

Digital library dedicated to the history of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County:

<http://digital.library.pin.edu/pittsburgh>

MORE ON LATTIMER, PULASKI, AND KOSCIUSZKO

Pinkowski Institute, <http://www.Poles.org>. An extensive site organized by Polonian activist and PAHA member Ed Pinkowski.

POLISH STUDIES ONLINE

Albin Wozniak publishes the monthly Polish *Studies Newsletter*. On line at

<http://members.aol.com/poistnews>

MONTE CASSINO VETERANS SOUGHT

In connection with a documentary film project, Grand Island Films is asking veterans of Monte Cassino to fill out its questionnaire. Contact Grand Island Films, 666 West End Ave., Suite 7707, New York, NY 10025, or see <http://www.mindspring.com/~gif212>.

PIASA

The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America invites readers to visit its website, particularly its link "Archival Information Center." With the assistance of Visiting Archivist from Gdańsk Stanisław Flis and staff member Mariusz Bargielski, PIASA is building an Information Center about Polish archival collections in the U.S. and in Poland.

<http://www.piasa.org>

POLISH AMERICAN ARCHIVES, CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATE

The new address of CCSU's Polish American Archive is <http://wilson.ctstateu.edu/lib/archives/polish>

POLISH COLLECTIONS, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr.european/colVpoli.html>

INTERNET GUIDE TO POLAND AND POLONIA

<http://www.polishworld.com>

POLISH FEST AND POLISH CENTER OF

WISCONSIN <http://www.polishfest.org/poictrwi.htm>

POLONIAN INSTITUTE, JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY

<http://www.uj.edu.pl/Vforeign/pistudies.html>

PAN - Polish American Network

<http://pan.neV>

POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA LIBRARY

www.polamlibrary.homestead.com

ARCHIVES OF MARYLAND POLONIA

The Archives of Maryland Polonia was founded in 1982 by Thomas L. Hollowak, former Archivist for Baltimore City and since 1990 Archivist at the University of Baltimore. The collection is an effort to preserve, document, and make available to researchers the history of Polish immigrants and people of Polish heritage in the State of Maryland.

The approximately forty cubic feet of records, consisting of books, documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, genealogies, and correspondence, was donated to the University of Baltimore earlier this year along with a pledge of \$5,000 over five years to create an endowment for the care and preservation of the collection. Items related to the Polish presence in Maryland are solicited, and the collection's holdings are searchable at <http://www.ubalt.edu/archives/amp/introduction.html>

IHRC IN NEW HOME

The University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center is in the process of moving from its very cramped quarters in St. Paul to new facilities in the state-of-the-art Elmer L. Anderson Library on the University's main campus. Services to patrons will be suspended until approximately February 1, 2000. In the first few weeks after the move, collections will be open on-site by appointment only. For more information, see the IHRC's website: <http://www.umn.edu/ihrc>

ETHNICITIES: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Ethnicities is a new cross-disciplinary journal which explores the interconnections between culture and socioeconomic structure with respect to the mobilization of ethnicity, other social movements, and the implications of such mobilization(s) for modern nation-states. The journal welcomes discussion of any country or region of the world, as well as transnational and diasporic contexts. Contributors are encouraged to set their work, wherever possible, in a transnational and/or transregional perspective. For more information, contact: ethnicitiesjournal@bristol.ac.uk; <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/>

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES
THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF
WORLD WAR II

Siena College is seeking paper proposals for its sixteenth annual international, multidisciplinary conference, to be held May 31 and June 1, 2001. The focus will be the year 1941. Deadline for proposals is November 15, 2000. Inquiries to: Professor Thomas O. Kelly 11, Dept. of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211-1462 (518-783-2512; fax 518-786-5052; legendziewic@siena.edu

WORLD CONGRESS OF POLONIAN MEDICINE

The Federation of Polish Emigre Medical Organizations (Federacja Polskich Organizacji Medycznych na Obczyźnie) and the Naczelna Izba Lekarstwa announces the Fourth World Congress of Polonian Medicine (~wiatowy Kongres Polonii Medycznej), to be held June 1-4, 2000 in Warsaw. For further information: Fax 48-22-64651-42; e-mail gabprez@nil.org.pl

CONGRESS OF
LATIN AMERICAN POLONIA

Representatives of the Wsp6tnoty Poland-Brazil (BRASPOL) and the Union of Polish Latin American Societies and Organizations (USOPAL) announce the Fourth Congress of Latin American Polonia, to be held in Kurytyba, Brazil, April 6-9, 2000. For more information ' contact braspol@braspol.com.br or braspoainacional@hotmail.com.

INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS

The annual conference of the National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS), entitled "Independent Scholars: The Public Intellectuals of the Future," will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 27-29, 2000. Proposals for individual papers or panel discussions are solicited; deadline is May 1. Papers on individual research projects are welcome. For further details, contact Thomas C. Jepson, program chair, 515 Morgan Creek Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514-4931; 919-933-0377; tjepson@mindspring.com.

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Special Issue of MELUS: Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States on Ethnic American Children's Literature. Essays are invited which explore any dimension of ethnic American children's literature. They may treat the literature of a specific population or may be cross-cultural in emphasis. All theoretical perspectives are welcome, as are interviews. Also invited are essays which investigate the boundaries and risks of ethnic categorizations in children's literature, or which challenge assumptions about the political implications of ethnic writing for children. 15- to 20page papers, following the most recent edition of the MLA Handbook, may be sent to: Margaret R. Higonnet & Katharine Capshaw Smith, English Dept., U-1025, 337 Mansfield Rd., Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269. Email inquiries: kcs94001@uconnvm.uconn.edu. Please send three copies of essay. Author's name should not appear except on a separate title page or cover sheet. Authors with articles accepted for publication must be members of the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature in the United States. Deadline 15 June 2000.

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Dr. Michael Mikos of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be leading a tour of Poland which will include five weeks of language training at Catholic University in Lublin, as well as lectures, films, and excursions. For information, contact Prof. Michael Mikos, Dept. of Foreign Languages and Linguistics, Slavic Languages Program, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201; tel. 414-229-4948; fax 414-2292741; e-mail mikos@uwm.edu; website <http://www.irc.uwm.edu/tour>. Cost of \$2,709 includes air fare; accommodations; group travel; all classes, lectures, and performances; and five UWM credits.

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**KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION
SUMMER PROGRAMS**

The Kosciuszko Foundation will again offer study programs in Poland and Rome this summer from mid-June through the end of August, including Polish language, culture, history, literature, art, economics, and social study courses such as basic and applied social psychology, violence in society and mass media, and adaptation to social change. Programs are open to undergraduate and graduate students, graduating high school students who will be 18 years of age by the first day of the program, and to persons of any age who are not enrolled in a college or university programs.

Language instruction is offered at universities in Poland at the beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Students will be placed in an appropriate level based on written and oral placement exams. Most language classes are intensive (five hours daily); however, a limited number of classes are given on a non-intensive basis. Written and oral finals as well as term papers are required for students who wish to receive a transcript of credit.

Courses on history, art and culture are offered in Rome, where students have the option of registering for lectures delivered in Polish or English.

For further information and applications, contact Addy Tymczyszyn, Summer Studies Abroad Coordinator, 212734-2130 ext. 210, or visit

<http://www.kosciuszkofoundation.org>



STAND UP. BE COUNTED

John Radzilowski

Within the next month, virtually every household in America will receive a census form from the U.S. Census Bureau. Many households will be visited by census enumerators. This is probably one of the most vital matters Polonia faces today.

One in six households will receive what is called the "long form." This long form is an attempt to glean more information about the American population: its income, housing, occupation, and so on.

Among the questions on the long form is one which asks for your ethnic background or "ancestry." You are given two blank lines and you may list up to two ethnic ancestries. (For example, you can list Polish and Italian or Irish and Polish or just Polish.) Unlike most census questions which force you to choose between two or more pre-determined answers, the ancestry question allows YOU to say who you are.

Why is this so important to you, your community, and to Polonia nationwide?

First and foremost it is the only way to tell how many Polish Americans are out there and where they are located. For those of us who advocate for Polonia, there is no more powerful and convincing statistic than to tell people that there are 10 million Polish Americans nationwide and we are America's ninth-largest ethnic group.

I live in Minnesota, not a state known for its large Polonia. When I go out and talk to various groups-Polish or non-Polish-people always ask "how many Poles are there in Minnesota?" expecting a low number. Thanks to the census, I can answer "a quarter million." I wish I could count the number of times I have seen peoples jaw drop on hearing this; how non-Poles start to pay much more attention to what Polonia has to say. Even more telling is how Polish Americans react on hearing this figure. How they sit up a little straighter, listen more intently. You can almost see the thoughts in their heads: "I am not alone! There are many, many others just like me!"

The census statistics are not pie-in-the-sky wishful thinking on the part of a few of us "radicals." In 1990, after decades of anti-Polish attacks and the pressures of assimilation, almost ten million people, without any prompting, urging, or coercion, voluntarily listed themselves as Polish Americans. They stood up and they were counted. The official media tell us that there are no more Poles or Italians or Greeks, but just a mass of homogeneous "white" people. The census long form tells us that the media are wrong. There are other reasons, too, to pay attention to this important event.

- Gain recognition and political power for Polonia

- Get a fair share of government and private funding for Polonia and its needs

-Help recent immigrants from Poland get access to programs all immigrants need to help them become productive citizens

- Help Polonia lobby for the cause of Poland

- Provide information for scholars who study Polonia

What if you do not get the long form? You can still help by getting the word out to others. If you really feel motivated, take the short form and where it asks for race/ethnicity, cross out "white" and write in "Polish American." Regardless of your ethnic background, you should never let other people, let alone the government or the media, tell you who you are.

Polonia's umbrella organizations have failed to treat this key issue seriously and seem to be ignoring it altogether. Fortunately, a committee of community-minded people has come together in Chicago to begin to get the word out to Polonia about how important the census is for our future. The Polonia 2000 Census has been working to educate people in Illinois on this issue. The flyers they have developed contain much of the information in this article in a neat and easily readable form. Community groups in other cities should follow their example. The Committee can be reached at 1-773-282-8206 x.336 or by e-mail at gwm@migala.com.

The census forms will soon be arriving in your mailbox. Are you ready? How about your friends, family, neighbors, and the people at your parish or your Polish club or organization?

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