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Your Voice
in America!



President's Message



Frank J. Spula, President

Dear Directors and Members of the Polish American Congress,

Back in May, I was honored to be invited to Poland for the celebrations surrounding the Constitution Day observance by the President's Office. I was also joined in Warszawa by Vice President Bozena Kaminski along with many others.

During our visit, we met with President Duda, various Ministers and their staff. Also, we were given the opportunity to present issues that were addressed at our Council of Directors Meeting. Some of the topics discussed were the HR Bill 447, the Three Seas Initiative, taxation on retirement benefits, etc.

Recently, we got an official response from the Ministry of Labor concerning mandatory medical coverage in Poland and social security benefits between Poland and the United States. The reply reiterated the legislation which was signed by both the Polish government and the United States in April of 2008. In order to amend the law, both governments would need to review the agreement and come to an understanding. At the moment, there are no such discussions in progress.

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DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

Future PAC Newsletters will be sent out:

Deadline for submission	Publication date
Friday, October 4, 2019	Friday, October 11, 2019
Friday, December 6, 2019	Friday, December 13, 2019
Friday, February 7, 2020	Friday, February 14, 2020
Friday, April 3, 2020	Friday, April 10, 2020
Friday, June 5, 2020	Friday, June 12, 2020

"Your Voice in America" is a bimonthly newsletter published by the Polish American Congress. The purpose of the newsletter is to offer PAC National Directors and PAC Executive Committee members the opportunity to share news and information about their state divisions and offices. The newsletter does not receive funds from any external source. The editor is Dr. Mark Pienkos.

Articles should be between 100 and 400 words. Some editing will be done to match our style guidelines and spatial constraints, as well as correcting grammatical errors. We do not send proofs for approval. When sending photos, please include captions with names, official titles. All submitted materials become the property of the Polish American Congress and may be used to promote the mission of the PAC. Materials will not be returned unless requested.

Articles are due according to this schedule. Send your submissions to PAC National VP for Public Relations, Mark Pienkos at markpienkos2012@gmail.com.

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As President Duda was meeting with President Trump at the White House, Secretary Tim Kuzma, Director of Policy Planning John Czop, and I participated in a NATO Rally outside. The rally was organized by Roman Korzan and Mr. Tadeusz Antoniak, and Mr. Czop was the Master of Ceremonies. The primary focus of the rally was the concern for safety of our homeland of Poland. An impromptu visit was made by President Duda where he greeted the individuals attending the rally.

I had the opportunity to address the audience, and speak about the great importance of NATO and what role it has played over the years. I also mentioned the Three Seas Initiative launched by Croatia and Poland during 2015 to ensure economic prosperity and social security of the twelve nations bordering the Baltic and Adriatic Seas by linking their economies on a north to south axis—similar to how the way the economies of France, Benelux and Germany are integrated.

After visiting the Three Seas Countries, Secretary of Energy Perry reached out to Vice President Pienkos to ask for the PAC's assistance in stressing and publicizing the importance of energy independence for the Three Seas Countries.

During his remarks, Secretary Kuzma stressed how a strong Poland is critical to the security of the U.S. and Europe. He also addressed the importance of holding our elected officials accountable for supporting the security of Poland and Eastern Europe.

Later that afternoon, we were invited to attend a reception at the White House to hear President Trump on his warm words to President Duda, his wife, and to Poland as an ally. Polish President Duda expressed his appreciation to the United States and its President. During his visit in the United States, President Duda was accompanied by many high level Polish government officials.

On May 20th, the National Office organized a Congressional Briefing in the Cannon House Office Building. During this briefing, Mr. Ian Brzezinski, Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, described the purposes and predictions for the success of the Three Seas Initiative. As an organization, we are extremely proud to be collaborating with Mr. Brzezinski.

With the upcoming 75th anniversary of the PAC, I hope that all the National Directors will attend the meeting in Chicago, and participate in the celebration to demonstrate our strength and further build our influence.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer!

Frank J. Spula

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President

INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2019 COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS MEETING AND 75TH JUBILEE OF THE PAC

Location:

The 2019 CoND and 75th Jubilee of the Polish American Congress will take place at Hyatt Rosemont located at 6350 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018 Chicago from November 14-15, 2019.

Early Bird Registration and 2019 CoND fees:

Early Bird registration will run until Monday, September 23, 2019. The fee for National Directors for 2019 CoND is \$325, and for their guest is \$250. After September 23, 2019, registration for CoND will be \$100 more expensive for both National Directors and guests. The registration form can be found here: <http://www.pac1944.org/meetings/>.

Tentative Agenda:

Start of 2019 CoND:
Thursday, November 14, at noon

75th Jubilee Banquet:
Thursday, November, 14, in the evening

End of 2019 CoND:
Friday, November 15 around 5:00 p.m.

Submission of payment:

Please send your checks for 2019 CoND, 75th Jubilee Banquet to the National Office c/o Klara Wisniewska, 1612 K St. NW, Suite 1200, Washington D.C. 20006. There is an option to pay for 75th Jubilee Banquet tickets online here: <http://www.pac1944.org/75th-jubilee/jubilee-tickets/>.

All friends of Polonia, and guests from outside of the Polish American Congress are welcome at 75th Jubilee. The tickets for 75th Jubilee are \$100 for a PAC National Director, and \$150 for any other guest.

75th Jubilee Booklet Ads:

For info and instructions for placing an ad in the 75th Jubilee Booklet please visit to: <http://www.pac1944.org/75th-jubilee/ads/>.

All payments for advertisements need to be made on this website.

If you have any questions, please call the National Office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during business hours at 202-296-6955. Our office is NOT open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Best regards,

Klara Z. Wiśniewska
Administrator





PLACE AN AD IN THE PAC 75TH DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK



Dear Friend of Polonia:

In celebration of the 75th Diamond Jubilee of the Polish American Congress, a banquet will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019. This will present a unique opportunity for you to be part of this historical celebration by placing an ad in our Commemorative Book. The proceeds will be used to further the PAC's mission in advancing the cultural, economic, and political interests of Polish Americans. Please find the adjacent advertising contract to be submitted by Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

We invite you to show your support of Polish Americans. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Sendra Anselmo at 312-835-3595 or by email at ads@pac1944.org.

Thank you for supporting the Polish American Congress.

Dziękujemy Państwu za wsparcie Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej.

Very truly yours,

Mary Sendra Anselmo
VP for Financial Development



75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration

ADVERTISING CONTRACT

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
for the POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS, INC.
BY PLACING an AD in our PROGRAM BOOK

AD OPTIONS

1: Diamond Supporter - \$1,000 includes name of organization or individual(s) to be listed on the back outside cover of the Program Book.

TEXT: _____

2: Choose your size and email your camera ready copy (PDF):

- ___ Diamond Page (8x10 – portrait).....\$500
- ___ Full Page (8x10 – portrait).....\$300
- ___ Half Page (8x5 – landscape).....\$200
- ___ Quarter Page (4x5 – portrait).....\$100

3: One line (maximum 75 characters @ 12 pt.).....\$ 25

TEXT: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Make checks payable to: Polish American Congress, Inc.
c/o Micheline Jaminski
Treasurer
984 N. Milwaukee
Chicago, IL 60642
2. PayPal Account or Credit/Debit Card:
<http://www.pac1944.org/75th-jubilee/ads/>

DEADLINE: 10/15/19

If you have any questions, please contact:
Mary Sendra Anselmo at 312-835-3595 or ads@pac1944.org

Thank you for your advertisement – we appreciate your support!



BISHOP EMERITUS JOHN W. YANTA IS PRESENTED WITH THE COMMANDER'S CROSS OF THE ORDER OF MERIT

It was an event of a lifetime! During a presidential welcome reception at Our Lady of Częstochowa parish in Houston, Texas, on June 13, 2019, President Andrzej Duda and First Lady Agata Kornhauser-Duda, visited with Texas Polonia and personally honored the Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus John W. Yanta with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. The decoration is awarded to non-citizens and Poles living abroad for distinguished contributions to international cooperation and was presented in recognition of the Bishop's many initiatives in the Polish community, most notably his vision and leadership in founding the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria.

Panna Maria was the site of the first and oldest permanent Polish settlement in the U.S. dating from 1854. Additionally, the Heritage Center was one of nine Texas Polonia organizations individually honored with the presentation of a Polish flag by President Duda himself.

Bishop Yanta thanked President Duda and the First Lady, stating, "You honor us with your presence - welcome to America and to Texas and its Polonia. I humbly accept this prestigious award in the name of our Polish people living today in Texas, throughout the USA, and in Poland. God's divine providence has inspired us to build the Polish Heritage Center. The Center is nearing completion and it honors the memory of our ancestors and their strong values of faith, family and community."

The reception was co-hosted by both Robert Rusiecki, Consul General of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Houston and Fr. Waldemar Matusiak, the pastor of Our Lady of Częstochowa. Multiple high-ranking Polish government officials attended along with over 300 representatives from Texas Polish communities, churches, and organizations.

President Duda congratulated Texas Polonia for steadfastly promoting Polish culture, and honored many who have made a considerable impact in preserving their Polish heritage.

This was the first visit by a sitting Polish President to Texas. President Duda's other objectives were to meet with the Texas energy leaders to discuss energy security in central Europe and to establish research collaborations with MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Poland received its first shipment of Texas LNG from Sabine Pass in June of 2017, and shipments of LNG have continued. Referring to the current situation of Poles and Poland, Duda described the recent 30 years as a special time "during which an independent and truly sovereign Poland has been built." He emphasized that Poland was the fastest-developing country in Europe. Poland was recently named the 4th fastest developing country in the world.

Bishop Yanta is the great-grandson of Polish immigrants who aided in the founding of Panna Maria. His roots were nourished on a farm by faith-filled parents and grandparents, who instilled in him a deep love for his Polish and Catholic heritage. The bishop's long career as a priest and bishop reflect his commitment to community affairs, marriage, family, and life. Highlights of his leadership revolve around pastorates at Sacred Heart and St. James in San Antonio and numerous archdiocesan assignments. He was the founder and executive director of the San Antonio Neighborhood Youth Organization, Today's Catholic newspaper, the Catholic Television of San Antonio, the Polish American Priests Association, the Texas Division of the Polish American Congress, and the Polish American Council of Texas among others. Yanta was the first Texan of Polish descent to become a Bishop.

The Polish Heritage Center is a \$14 million facility currently being completed. Once finished, it will tell the stories of the Polish immigrations and settlements in Texas beginning in Panna Maria and spreading to numerous other communities.

This high tech state-of-the-art 16,500 sq.ft. center, estimated to open early 2020, will be a unique destination for families, educational groups, scholars, researchers, and history buffs. The Center is intended for the benefit and enjoyment of all of American Polonia, all 10,000,000 strong, and all of our brethren in Poland. It will serve as a vibrant location for lectures, workshops, classes, movies, and special events.

Visit us at polishheritagecentertx.org. Contact John Cebrowski, VP-Director of Development, at 210-370-3953 or by email jcebrowski39@gmail.com for more info.



Bishop Yanta receiving The Commander's Cross of The Order of Merit of The Republic Of Poland.



John Cebrowski (center) receiving the Polish flag on behalf of the Polish Heritage Center from the President of Poland during the event in Houston. Cebrowski commented to President Duda, "Bardzo serdecznie dziękuje, bardzo serdecznie dziękuje, bardzo mi miło."



The Wieliczka Salt Mine



*Written by Nina Stochlic
The Daily Beast
November 14, 2013*

Have you ever windsurfed across a saltwater lake or visited a 400-year-old chapel underground? You can try it out in Poland, at an unbelievable mine-turned-subterranean playground outside Krakow.

More than 1,000 feet underground in Poland, seemingly impossible things are happening: hot-air balloons have been launched, a bungee jumper has taken the plunge, a windsurfer has been propelled across still saltwater, and a brass band has performed.

Stretching nine levels beneath the earth, Poland's Wieliczka Salt Mine is roomy enough to fit the Eiffel Tower. For centuries, miners have been carving out chapels and sculptures of the country's most beloved figures underground, not far from the medieval city of Krakow. In the past half century, salt mining began to slow and later halted. Soon after, tourists began arriving, and the cavernous chambers were changed into an underground amusement park of grand halls, health spas, museum-worthy art, and record-setting spectacles.

The descent into the chilly salt mine caves is 800 steps down the shafts, but the winding venture is worth the trek. Hundreds of years of excavation has left seven gorgeous chambers carved into the salt rock throughout the floors. As of today, they host hundreds of guests at weddings, business meetings, concerts, fashion shows, and galas.

The uniqueness of the underground space attracts a variety of thrill seekers. In the largest room accessible to visitors, with a soaring, 100-foot ceiling, the first ever underground balloon flight took place. The mine's large underground lake once was an unlikely playground for an adventurous windsurfer, who glided along the water propelled by a giant fan. Even the chandeliers casting a golden glow on many of the rooms are made from rock salt.

Wieliczka is one of the world's oldest salt mines still in operation, though it stopped producing table salt in 2007. Records of extraction of the element reach back to the 12th century. Just over 100 years later, documents show miners building salt snowmen in the mine. However, the practice was barred in 1876. Today, numerous statues carved by generations of self-taught sculptors are scattered throughout the cavernous rooms. The largest of those statue is carved out of the weight equivalent of three elephants worth of salt.

Devout miners working in dangerous conditions dedicated themselves to building four chapels in the mine. The oldest is nearly 400 years old. Miners started carving out the most spectacular, the Chapel of Saint Kinga, in 1896. Over the next 70 years, they built the largest of the mine's churches. Its walls are filled with religious-based reliefs, including a replica of Da Vinci's "The Last Supper" carved into the rock salt. Life-size sculptures of Poland's most important figures are carved in detail,

and a statue of the country's holiest son, Pope John Paul II, hovers over the room on a pedestal, draped in papal robes. Even the altar is an intricately carved block of salt. But the salt-rock statues are not all religious depictions: one whimsical cave depicts Snow White's seven dwarves, carved entirely from salt, hauling salt from the site.

The mine even boasts its own brass band. With 183 years of history, the Wieliczka Salt Mine Representative Brass Band claims to be Europe's oldest and plays at the religious holidays in underground chapel, as well as at funerals of miners.

For visitors exhausted by those first 800 steps underground, there is a health resort that capitalizes on the allure of allergen and pollution-free air available hundreds of feet underground. It has even pioneered a treatment called "subterranotherapy," which offers rehabilitation programs for people suffering from respiratory problems. Those who are truly enamored with cave life can stay overnight as part of a group, though they need to bring their own sleeping bag. Tours for school groups offer activities such as tennis, a reading room, and dancing at a disco.

There's underground partying to be had for adults, as well. Back in 2013, an '80s-themed party rang in 2014 with live music, a DJ, and the promise of many shoulder-padded costumes. Who needs the sunlight when the underworld is this enticing?



400TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH CRAFTSMEN'S CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Jamestown, Virginia—July 21, 1619-July 21, 2019

Submitted by PAC Michigan Division

This is a monumental anniversary for Polonia to remember and celebrate. Groups around the country have done so, as we read in many Polish American publications, and so did Polish American Congress, Michigan Division, by organizing an event to celebrate this anniversary of 1619, providing an opportunity to share this historical gem with a Polish and American audience.

The celebration took place on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools in the Adam Maida Alumni Library. At 11:00 am on Sunday, July 21, 2019 the program took place. We heard three short presentations about life in Jamestown in 1619, the Polish Craftsmen strike, and their efforts for gaining the right to vote. Outside the library, a live glassblowing demonstration was taking place, impressing all who looked on.

Guest speaker, Dr. Larry Kutchen, who received his doctorate in Early American Literature and History from the University of California, Berkeley, presented an interesting concept of how very distinct cultures were first melded in the colony

of Jamestown, specifically through the efforts of Captain John Smith, to form a new and stronger culture in this New World, setting a model for generations of immigrants yet to come, including his Polish immigrant grandmother. PAC-MI National Director, Henrietta Nowakowski, gave an informative power point presentation about the first labor strike at Jamestown and shared strong documentation, from her research, about the real existence and efforts of these early Polish pioneers. PAC-MI Vice President, Donna Bielecki, shared interesting points with the audience about the day's Jamestown exhibits and artifacts included in the event.

After the program the audience moved to St. Mary's Shrine Chapel, where during Mass we commemorated this important anniversary. SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary Vice Rector, Fr. Przemysław Nowak, gave a patriotic homily stirring us to remember the fact these simple Polish craftsmen, by their industrial work ethic, won "the right to be enfranchised and made free as any inhabitant whatsoever."

To complete the afternoon celebrations, the audience had the pleasure of listening to selections of beautiful music by Polish emigrant composers, with a piano recital performed by Jacek Kasjan.

During the festivities, Stella Szczesny, the National Director for PAC-MI, read a proclamation from the State of Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the First Strike. PAC member, Richard Lapham, who chaired the commemoration, thanked everyone for participating and especially recognized the various businesses, organizations, the Polish media, parishes and individuals for their generous support and promotion making this event possible.

He expressed words of gratitude to Fr. Mirosław Król, Chancellor of Orchard Lake Schools, and the OLS Polish Mission for graciously co-hosting this gathering and for offering the venue for the event.

PAC Michigan Division extends special thanks to Tygodnik Polski/Polish Weekly and Jozef Lechinski for sharing the photos from the event and publicizing the event.



Photo Captions:

1. Ann Bankowski, PAC MI President with Dr. Larry Kutchen.
2. Donna Bielecki, PAC MI. VP at the Jamestown Exhibit table.
3. Richard Lapham, PAC MI member, Chairman of the Event.
4. Stella Szczesny, PAC MI National Director.
5. PAC Michigan Davision National Director, Henrietta Nowakowski.



STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

July 21, 2019

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**A DAY TO HONOR THE FIRST WORK STOPPAGE BY
POLISH CRAFTSMEN AND SKILLED ARTISANS**

WHEREAS, July 21, 2019, marks the 400th anniversary of the first work stoppage recorded in American history by Polish craftsmen and skilled artisans in Jamestown, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, this stoppage was not for wages, but for civil liberty, political rights, and the right to vote, which were already granted to English persons, but not to the Polish; and,

WHEREAS, the stoppage resulted in the Virginia Company of London enfranchising the Polish and assigning apprentices to the craftsmen, which created the apprenticeship system in the New World; and,

WHEREAS, the efforts and achievements of Poles, who fought for their civil, economic, democratic, and political freedoms and rights should be honored and recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim July 21, 2019, as a Day to Honor the First Work Stoppage by Polish Craftsmen and Skilled Artisans in Michigan in celebration of its 400th anniversary, and I encourage all Polish American organizations to commemorate this strike in recognition of the freedoms and rights that are enjoyed by the Polish and all peoples today.



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor



POLISH FEST 2019

The Largest Celebration of Polish Heritage in the United States held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Article and photos: Irena Frączek

Following tradition that goes back to 1982, the 2019 Polish Fest was held again in the Henry W. Meyer Festival Park right on the shore of Lake Michigan in downtown Milwaukee. The festival became the largest event of this kind in the United States attracting crowds from Wisconsin and nearby Chicago area with lively music, folk dances, Polish food and beverage favorites, Polish pottery and souvenirs, cooking and craft demonstrations, informative talks and exhibits, and a variety of programs for children. Some of its signature attractions include fireworks, the Polish Fest Pageants and the Chopin Youth Piano Competition.

In 2019, over 35,000 people attended this memorable showcase of Polish pride held over the weekend of June 14-16. The festival always serves as a venue of great entertainment for spreading knowledge about organizations serving the needs of people with Polish roots or interest in Polish history and culture.

In this vein, the Polish American Congress—Wisconsin Division again hosted a booth displaying informative materials about its activities. The most popular among them was the brochure promoting the Wisconsin Study in Poland program and booklet 'Do You Know Poland?' (Both available on the PAC-Wisconsin website for download.) The fest-goers could also learn more about the main organizers of the event—the Polish Heritage Alliance and the Polish Center of Wisconsin—as well as the Polish National Alliance, Polonia Sport Club and local genealogical societies offering help to all interested in exploring their Polish ancestry.

While the 2017 Polish Fest accented the Tadeusz Kościuszko Bicentennial, and the 2018 Polish Fest spotlighted the Centennial



of Poland's Independence, the presence of Polish delegation from Lublin Voivodeship at the 2019 opening ceremony switched the gear to now and the future. The light beam was aimed at forging the economic and cultural ties between Polish businesses and higher-learning institutions and their counterparts in Wisconsin and the Chicago area. The need for collaboration was resonating in short speeches given by Lublin Governor Przemysław Czarnek, Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca and other speakers representing the Wisconsin legislature, the Polish Consulate in Chicago and establishments interested in promoting Polish-American cooperation.

Themes related to Poland's Independence restored in 1918 still reigned in talks and exhibits made available to the fest participants courtesy of Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee. Among them was the exhibit "Poland Regained: Polish Posters from the 1890s to the 1930s" (created by the Warsaw Poster Museum) and the bilingual exhibit "Fathers of Independence (Ojcowie Niepodległości)" telling the story of early years of the Second Polish Republic and

its main architects: Józef Piłsudski, Ignacy Paderewski, Roman Dmowski, Wincenty Witos, Wojciech Korfanty, and Ignacy Daszyński. This theme was expanded in Piotr Puchalski's presentation entitled "Remembering 1919 and 1939: Another Look at Poland's Interwar Diplomacy."

Saturday, June 15, was a special day for Polish folk dance enthusiasts with non-stop performances of Poland's national and regional dances on the largest stage of the event. The extensive lineup of dancers in colorful folk costumes (many, if not most, hand-made in Poland), included Milwaukee's own Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble and dance groups from Illinois: Dzianisanie, Lajkonik, Tatry, Wesoły Lud, Whispers and Wici). To the applause of large audience, this folk dance marathon culminated in the spectacular Polish Folk Dance Gala hosted by the PFDAA (Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas).

On Sunday morning, June 16th, the roofed area around the main stage became a gathering place for the Catholic faithful. This year's Mass was celebrated by the Reverend Michael Hammer (known for his long years of service in the AIDS ministry) from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. The chosen charity was the St. Ann Rest Home, a non-profit nursing home that Dominican Sisters run in Milwaukee and promote (also in Polish) their services in the "Polish Organizations" tent on the festival grounds. This year, the tent also hosted the booth of the magnificent Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee, built by Polish immigrants.

It goes without saying that organizing a successful event of this scale requires an immense effort and dedication by hundreds of volunteers, their leaders and event sponsors. Heartfelt thanks go to all who made this marvelous showcase of Polish spirit and tradition possible.

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Photo Captions:

1. L to R: David Rydzewski (PAC-WI Division President), Stan Graiewski (PAC-WI Division Vice President for Membership) and Hank Kulesza (PAC WI-Division Sgt.-At-Arms).
2. Jacek Niemczyk (General Manager of WPNA 103.1FM Polish American Mix Radio, 2018 Man of the Year Award by Dziennik Związkowy) and Katarzyna Niemczyk (PAC-WI Division General Secretary).
3. Krystyna Zuzanski (PAC-WI Division member).
4. Derek Zarzeczny (PAC-WI Division Recording Secretary and John Pienkos (PAC-WI Division member).
5. Polanki—Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee.
6. Chopin Piano Competition—Beautifully Performed!
7. Polish Youth – Polish Pride.
8. Youth Royalty Abounds at Polish Fest!
9. Przemysław Czarnek, Governor of the Lublin Voivodeship in Poland (center), is introduced by Polish Fest Director, Jeffrey Kuderski, during Friday evening's Opening Ceremonies. The Lublin Delegation raises their hands reacting to the appreciative applause of those in attendance.
10. PAC-WI Division members Jerry & Debbie Halkoski with Stan Graiewski, Vice President of Membership, PAC-WI Division.

Polish Perspectives Exhibit

American Council for Polish Culture



Submitted by Cecilia and Raymond Glembocki
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The ACPC has been Exhibiting at the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) annual convention for the past 18 years. Previously, Henrietta Nowakowski and Barbara Lemecha chaired the Exhibit for 7 years. The Exhibit is in the International Alley of the convention that attracts a total of 4,000 educators from the entire United States. Educators involved in teaching World History, American History, Civics and Social Studies are attracted to this convention so that they can increase their knowledge on a variety of topics.

For the past year, the Exhibit committee has focused on the **Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Polish Craftsmen gaining the Right to Vote, by using a civil rights action and the first to establish an Apprenticeship Program in the Americas.**

Cecilia and Raymond have chaired the Exhibit throughout the United States for the past 8 years. They have presented historical facts listing Notable Poles throughout history. They have produced many CD's, bookmarks and posters which featured the historical significance of the Poles throughout the history of the United States.

- The featured topic for the past few years has been the significance of the Polish Craftsmen gaining the right to vote in the Jamestown Colony. Posters, bookmarks have been created to place the Polish Craftsmen's significant accomplishments back into the historical events of the Jamestown colony.

- The year of 2019 is significant as the State of Virginia is celebrating the 400th anniversary of the first representative government in the Jamestown Colony. The emphasis has been to portray accurately the role that the Polish Craftsmen had in the first colony in Virginia's representative government.
- The Glembockis have worked cooperatively with the Virginia Humanities, University of Virginia, the Center for the Rule of Law, the Virginia Department of Tourism and the Governor's Constituent Office and obtained a Proclamation on July 21, 2019. This Proclamation was issued by Governor Ralph Northam stating the fact that the Polish Craftsmen had a significant influence on the Jamestown Colony and on the civil rights history for the right to vote.
- The State of Virginia is focusing on this event by hosting several events through their American Evolution Project. We have tried to bring the fact that the Polish Craftsmen obtained the Right to Vote in 1619. **They were the first to have a civil rights action for the right to vote.** Working with the Department of Tourism, 10,000 leaflets are being distributed in six welcome centers in the Commonwealth. The Polish Perspectives Exhibit will be at the Virginia affiliate of the National Council for Social Studies State Conference in October of 2019. We will be sponsoring 460 canvas bags with the Historical Marker "Poles Arrive" imprinted on the bags, an Exhibit booth, and a presentation on the Polish Craftsmen.

Accomplishments:

- The American Council for Polish Culture has granted the Polish Perspective Jamestown project \$10,000 for the promotion of the Polish Craftsmen in 2019.
- The Embassy of the Republic of Poland has approved a grant for \$2,200 for the National Council for Social Studies Exhibit in Austin Texas on November 22-24, 2019. An additional grant for educational materials and canvas bags were also included for \$1,500.
- Received a Proclamation from Governor Ralph Northam for July 21, 2019. [Click here to view.](#)
- Virginia Humanities has inserted the Significance of the Polish Craftsmen gaining the right to vote in their State of Virginia Encyclopedia, Virtual Tour of the Glass House and a recreation of a Public radio segment on the significance of Poles in the Jamestown Colony. This radio announcement may be recorded on The Good Reads radio PBS segment.
- Insertion of 10,000 copies of the leaflet about the Polish craftsmen in six welcome centers throughout the Commonwealth — working cooperatively with the Department of Tourism.
- Participate and exhibit at the Virginia Social Studies Conference in Colonial Williamsburg on October 25-26, 2019. They are expecting 460 educators at this state conference. The ACPC will sponsor canvas bags with the Historical Marker noting the "Arrival of the Poles in 1608." They will also have Exhibit booths for

displaying and distributing thousands of bookmarks, posters and leaflet about the significance of the Polish craftsmen getting the right to vote, first civil rights action for the right to vote and the first apprenticeship program in the new world. A 39 minute presentation will be made on the significance of the Polish Craftsmen in the Jamestown Colony.

- **Exhibit at the 99th National Council for Social Studies Conference in Austin, Texas on November 23-24, 2019.** Four thousand educators will be present.
- **Encourage other state affiliates to promote this Celebration.** The Polish community of Detroit held a celebration on July 21, 2019 to remember the date of July 21, 1619 when the Polish craftsmen gained the right to vote. The main sponsors were the Polish American Congress of Michigan and the Polish Mission of Orchard Lake Schools. Dr. Larry Kutchen lectured on early American history and Donna Bielecki, Director of the Friends of Polish Art presented an exhibit on the Jamestown artifacts. There was a bilingual Mass in the Chapel followed by a piano recital featuring a Polish composer. The highlight of the day was a glass blowing demonstration.

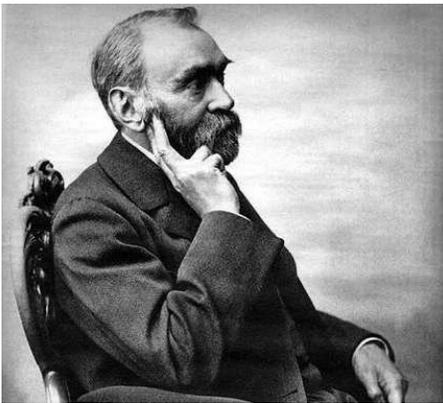
Photo Captions:

1. Polish Craftsmen Arrive in Jamestown.
2. Teachers receive ACPC sponsor bags.
3. National Council for The Social Studies Conference in Chicago 2018 where 4,000 educators attended.
4. Raymond Glembocki (L) and The Center of Education for the Rule of Law Director, Michael Pace.
5. Raymond and Cecilia Glembocki exhibited at the Virginia Affiliate of NCSS in Roanoke, Virginia Over 460 people were in attendance.
6. Promoting Poles playing baseball in the colony.
7. NCSS Conference in San Francisco 2017.
8. Leaflets about the Polish Craftsmen obtaining the right to vote, 1619.
9. Raymond Glembocki shares our posters with The Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.
10. A pin made from the Commemorative Coin that was a world winning Medal design from all medals presented.



DID YOU KNOW?

A Brief List of Polish Scientists who have Contributed to every possible Field of Science.



Stefan Drzewiecki

Stefan Drzewiecki — built in 1884 the world's first electric submarine.

Ignacy Domeyko — a geologist and mineralogist - well known for his work in Chile.

Aleksander Wolszczan — discovered first extrasolar planets in 1992.

Marian Rejewski — in 1938 designed Cryptologic Bomb - a machine which helped decipher German Enigma.

Jan Czochralski — in 1916 made future computers possible with his works on crystals - he invented a process used today to grow semiconductors.

Zygmunt Florenty Wróblewski and Karol Olszewski — in 1833, the first to liquefy oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in a stable state (not, as had been the case up to then, in a dynamic state in the transitional form as vapor).



Jan Adam Kulmus

Jan Adam Kulmus — the author of an anatomy book considered to be a groundbreaking text of modern, scientific anatomy, first published in Latin and later translated into German, French, Italian, Dutch, and Japanese. He wrote numerous treatises on the human anatomy, physiology, surgery, and philosophy. Moreover, the two treatises that focused more on blood circulation physiology, *De sanguine ejusque circulatione* and *De circulatione sanguinis medicinae universali*, greatly contributed to educating his contemporaries within this part of Europe (1689–1745).

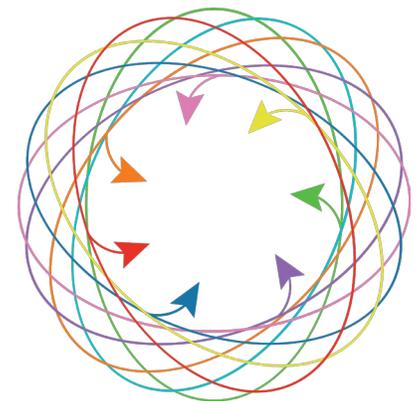
Ignacy Łukasiewicz — the first to distill clear kerosene from seep oil (1853).

Johannes Hevelius — an outstanding astronomer who published the earliest exact maps of the moon and the most complete star catalog of his time, containing 1,564 stars. In 1641 he built an observatory in his house.



Jan Czochralski

Antoni Tomasz Jurasz — a surgeon who developed new surgical techniques and treatment protocols for cholelithiasis, purulent peritonitis, tumors, and many other esophageal diseases, and for the Basedow disease; and he also improved the surgical treatment protocols for pancreatic cysts and cardio-spasms. During World War II he served as the dean of the Polish School of Medicine in Edinburgh (1882 – 1961).



A FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE

Irena Lasiecka

Sources: Wikipedia



Irena is currently teaching at The University of Memphis.

Born: February 4, 1948
in Warsaw, Poland

Education: University of Warsaw,
Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, 1972

Occupation: Mathematician and
Professor of Mathematics

Known for: Research in
Applied Mathematics

Notable work: Applied Mathematics:
Control Theory and Optimization,
Partial Differential Equations.

**Approximately 100 research papers
published in major journals.**

After receiving her Ph.D., Lasiecka started to transfer her knowledge of Applied Mathematics to others in addition to more personal studying and research. Her first teaching job was at the Polish Academy of Sciences in 1975, and she later ventured to the United States a few years later, teaching at the University of California, Los Angeles. She has been teaching in the US ever since. Dr. Lasiecka currently teaches at the University of Memphis.

Awards and honors

- SI Highly Cited Researcher.
- University of Warsaw Award, 1975, for Ph.D. dissertation.
- Polish Academy of Sciences Award, 1979, for overall scientific contributions.
- "Creativity Extension Award" by the National Science Foundation, 1987.
- Silver Core Award from International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), 1989.
- University Research Initiative Award from AFOSR, 1989-1992.
- Barrett Lectures- Principal Lecturer, Univ. of Tennessee, March 1997.
- IEEE Distinguished Lecturer 1999-2002.
- CMBS-NSF Conference, Principal Lecturer, Mathematical Control Theory of Coupled PDEs, Univ. of Nebraska, August 4–9, 1999.
- Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Texas Tech University, March 2000.
- Principal Lectures: Autumn School on Evolution Equations, Trento, Italy, Nov. 2002.
- IEEE Fellow with the citation: For Contribution to Boundary Control Systems, since 2004.
- Appointed to International Advisory Board of the Polish Academy of Sciences, 2006.
- The Technical Achievement Award with the citation: "for outstanding contribution to nonlinear mathematical analysis and control," June 22, 2006, Budapest, Hungary, by ICNPAA - International Congress on Nonlinear Analysis and Applications.
- Appointed to the Nominating Committee for Nomination of Candidates for the 2008 (24th), 2009, 2010, 2011 Japan Prize in Science and Technology.
- Awarded Honorary European Union Visiting Professorship at the University of Warsaw, Poland, Summer 2010.
- Principal lecturer, Nonlinear Hyperbolic PDEs, Dispersive and Transport Equation (HCDTE), 7 lectures, SISSA, Trieste, May–June 2011.
- Principal lecturer summer school, Linear and Nonlinear Evolutions, Istanbul, Koc University, July 2011, 4 lectures.
- SIAM 2011 W. T. Idalia Reid Prize for contribution to Differential Equations and Control Theory- this award earned Irena \$10,000, and it was for fundamental contributions in control and optimization theory, specifically for work in dynamical systems governed by partial differential equations and their applications.
- Listed by StateStats.org in top 26 Women Professors in Virginia, May 9, 2013.
- Commonwealth Professor of Mathematics, as of August 2011 (Endowed Chair), University of Virginia.
- Recipient of the Presidential Professorship in Sciences, Warsaw, Presidential Palace, October 9, 2012.
- Principal Lecturer Recent Advances in PDE's with Application, University of Milano, Milano, June 17–21.

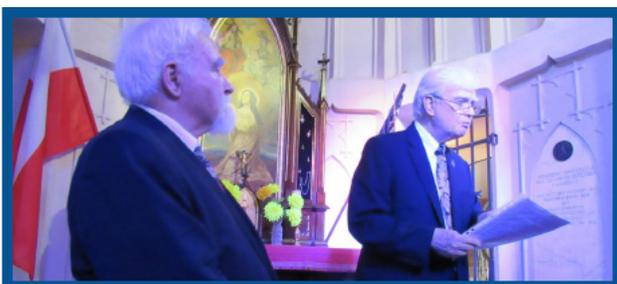
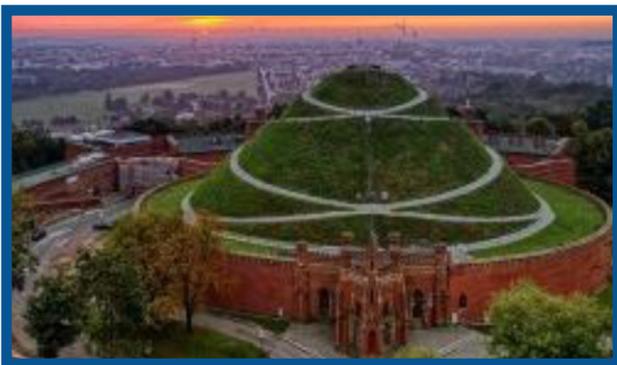
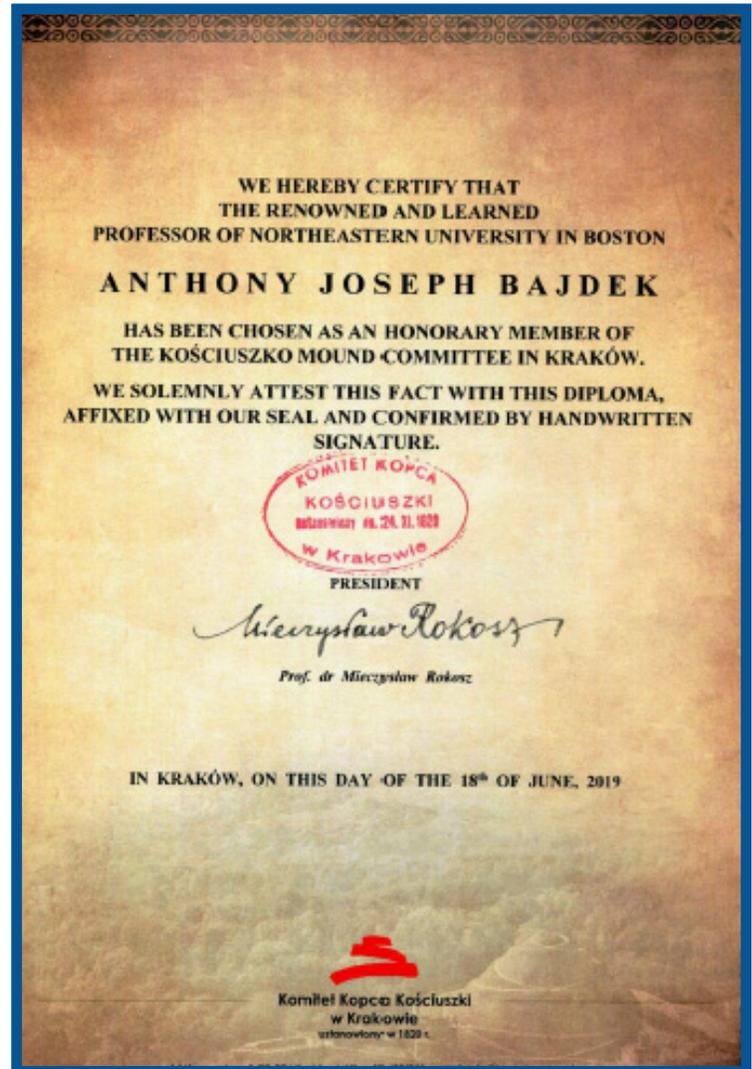
Anthony J. Bajdek Honored at Kościuszko Mound (Kopiec Kościuszki) Cracow, Poland

Tuesday, June 18, 2019
www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org

Anthony J. Bajdek of Hudson, New Hampshire President / Founder American Association of the Friends of Kościuszko at West Point had been Honored in Poland by the Kościuszko Mound Committee that was founded during the 1820s for the Perpetual Care of the Kościuszko Mound.

“My wife and I express our added gratitude to the Kościuszko Mound Committee for providing us with complimentary and memorable living from June 16 through 23 atop Wawel Hill inside the security zone of the beautiful Royal Castle and Wawel Cathedral complex.” (Anthony J. Bajdek)

To see more photos from the event, [click here](#).





Up Close and Personal with Polish Art at Le Moyne College

Submitted by Ann and Mark Pienkos

In July 2019, PAC Vice President for Public Relations Mark Pienkos and his wife, Ann, traveled to Syracuse, N.Y. to celebrate the baptism of their eight month-old granddaughter, Cecilia Luttig. On Thursday, July 18th, they went to Le Moyne College to view the artwork created by a talented group of portrait and landscape painters who worked under the direction of Professor Tadeusz Pruszkowski of the Academy of Fine

Arts in Warsaw, plus tapestries designed by Mieczyslaw Szymanski. These were featured in the Polish Pavilion Hall of Honor at the 1939 New York World's Fair.

Since 1958, the seven prized paintings and tapestries have been on display in the Noreen Reale Falcone Library at Le Moyne College. If you are in the area, please take a moment to visit the library and exhibit. You will be very impressed with the college campus, library, and works of art.

Photo Captions:

1. Ann Pienkos points to the detail of the commissioned mural-sized paintings. They depict seven centuries of important events in Polish history.
2. Library Director, Inga H. Barnello, and Dr. Mark Pienkos, National PAC Vice President for Public Relations, pose in the Noreen Reale Falcone Library at Le Moyne College.
3. The 70,000 sq. ft. iconic Polish Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair.



Photo by National Digital Archives.



From the PAC Executive Committee . . .

**Best Wishes to All Our PAC National Directors,
Division Presidents, Members, and Friends:**

Please Have a Happy & Safe Labor Day Weekend!



DO YOU KNOW POLAND?

The PAC – Wisconsin Division has recently created a newly revised pamphlet called “Do You Know Poland?” that you will want to not only see and read, but also make copies for your members. Treat yourself to a look at some new additions to it! A great deal of hard work and incredible incite was given regarding Poland and it’s people.

The revised edition reveals four new additional pages of wonderful books that you may not find on the New York Times lists, but which are a great find for American Polonia. For more info, please contact: David Rydzewski, President of the PAC – Wisconsin Division. He can be emailed at david.rydzewski@att.net.



General History of Poland

Patrice Dobrowski, Poland: The First Thousand Years (2014) *judicial academic primer per se, this sweeping overview of the history of Poland into the 21st century is engagingly written but geared toward more scholarly audiences. Excellent source of knowledge about outstanding individuals, major turning points, and origins of such memorable mottoes as “for our freedom and yours” which reverberate through the long history of struggles for Poland’s independence and freedom during the 19th and 20th centuries.*

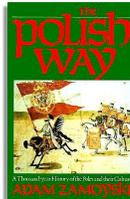
Norman Davies, God’s Playground: A History of Poland (Several editions between 1981 and 2005) *The first of the “modern” studies of Poland, this detailed history in three volumes (Volume 1: The origins to 1795 and Volume 2: 1795 to the present) is also widely viewed as one of the best English-language works on the subject. Davies is widely known as a prolific writer and an expert on Polish and European history.*

Norman Davies, Europe: A History (1995) *A highly innovative work that gives proper attention to Poland’s place in European history. From the review section of Good Reads website: “... histories should neither be told as chronicle or as simple a collection of facts, but something in between. Davies does it to near perfection. The writing is smooth and easily understandable for all.”*

John Radziwiński, A Traveler’s History of Poland (2007, 2nd edition in 2014) *Not a monologue but an entertaining account of Poland’s complex history and Polish invincible spirit. Designed for general audiences, this clearly written and well-organized book includes numerous illustrations, maps, timelines, lists of historical figures, and a gazetteer.*

Adam Zamojski, The Polish Ways: A Thousand Year History of the Poles and Their Culture (1993 and later editions) *Machery and captivating work that presents Poland’s history with a literary flair and an eye for the audience with prior knowledge of the subject. The book is richly illustrated and includes some maps and a bibliography.*

Adam Zamojski has also authored other seminal works on Poland (e.g. The Last Kingdom of Poland, Holy Mother, Warsaw 1920, Lenin’s First Campaign in Europe, The Forgotten Fee, The Polish Air Force in World War II as well as biographies of Frederic Chopin and Ignacy Jan Paderewski).



To view the pamphlet, click above.

From the Bookshelf

Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto

By Tilar J. Mazzeo

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Widow Clicquot* comes an extraordinary and gripping account of Irena Sendler—the “female Oskar Schindler”—who took staggering risks to save 2,500 children from death and deportation in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II.

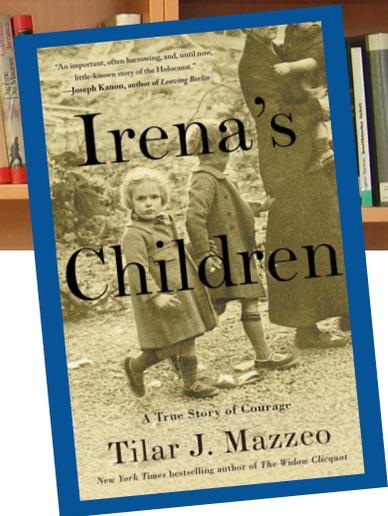
In 1942, one young social worker, Irena Sendler, was granted access to the Warsaw ghetto as a public health specialist. While she was there, she began to understand the deadly fate that awaited the Jewish families who were unable to leave. Soon she reached out to the trapped families, going from door to door and asking them to trust her with their young children. Driven to extreme measures and with the help of a network of local tradesmen, ghetto residents, and her star-crossed lover in the Jewish resistance, Irena ultimately helped smuggle thousands of children past the Nazis.

She made dangerous trips into the city’s sewers, hid children in coffins, snuck them under overcoats at checkpoints, and even slipped them through secret passages in abandoned buildings.

But Irena did something even more astonishing at immense personal risk. She kept a secret list buried in bottles under an old apple tree in a friend’s back garden. The list was a record of the names and true identities of these Jewish children so their families could find them after the war.

She could not know that more than ninety percent of their families would perish.

Irena’s Children “a fascinating narrative of [both] the extraordinary moral and physical courage of those who chose to fight inhumanity with compassion” is a truly heroic tale of survival, resilience, and redemption. (Author Chaya Deitsch)



About the Author

Tilar J. Mazzeo is the New York Times and San Francisco Chronicle bestselling author of books including *The Widow Clicquot*, *The Secret of Chanel No. 5*, and *Hotel on the Place Vendôme*. She also writes on food and wine for the mainstream press and her work has appeared in venues such as Food & Wine and in her Back-Lane Wineries guidebook series (Ten Speed Press).

Her course on creative nonfiction, Great Courses, was featured as in-flight viewing content on Virgin America airlines. It has become widely distributed, and in turn, has allowed her to become a prominent teacher of writing in nonfiction genres.

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POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS

Founded in May, 1944, the Polish American Congress is a National Umbrella Organization, representing at least 10 million Americans of Polish descent and origin. Its membership is comprised of fraternal, educational, veteran, religious, cultural, social, business, political organizations and individual membership. The Polish American community prides itself on its deeply rooted commitment to the values of family, faith, democracy, hard work and fulfillment of the American dream. We are present in every state and virtually every community in America, on various social, business and economic levels.

The Polish American Congress, an “umbrella” organization, is a federation of over 3000 Polish American organizations and clubs, ranging from national fraternal benefit societies, such as the Polish National Alliance, Polish Women’s Alliance, Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons and others, including veteran, cultural, professional, religious and social associations, with aggregate membership of over one million. The PAC by-laws also provide for individual membership, as well as associate membership.

The PAC promotes civic, educational and cultural programs designed to further not only the knowledge of Polish history, language and culture, but to stimulate Polish American involvement and accomplishments.

The governing body of the PAC is the Council of National Directors, consisting of directors elected by their respective State Divisions or National Organizations and up to 10 at-large directors elected by the Council. Day-to-day operations are conducted by the Executive Committee elected by the Council of National Directors for a two year term.

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