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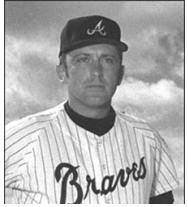
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Polish American Cultural Center Historic Reflections Project - April

The Polish American Cultural Center presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history on the Polish American Radio Program. The reflections are organized in a daily format. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person's life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of a historical event in Polonia or Poland's history.

For your information, we have listed a brief outline of historic reflections for the month of April.



April 1, 1939 - Phil Niekro (Born)

Phil Niekro was a proud Polish American and well-known pitcher in Major League Baseball. He was one of the most successful knuckleball pitchers of all time, with 318 career victories. Niekro was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997.

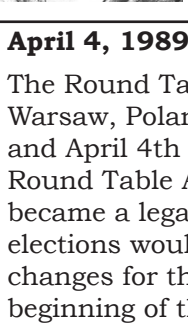
April 2, 2005 - Blessed John Paul II (Died)

Pope John Paul II, the beloved Cardinal of Krakow, Poland, was elected to be the shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church in October, 1978, and served as Pontiff until his death on April 2, 2005. During his 27 years as Holy Father, he was recognized as a true son of Poland and an international leader of faith and justice. He was beatified on May 1, 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and canonized a Saint in 2014.



April 3, 1849 - Juliusz Slowacki (Died)

Juliusz Slowacki was a poet and playwright who wrote "The Trilogy of Polish History". Pope John Paul II quoted Juliusz Slowacki's works on more than one occasion. Slowacki had an influence over other great Polish poets such as Krasinski, Norwid, and Ujejski. His ashes were laid to rest in the Royal Crypt in Wawel Castle.



April 4, 1989 - Round Table Talks Ended

The Round Table Talks took place in Warsaw, Poland, between February 6th and April 4th in 1989. As a result of the Round Table Agreement, Solidarnosc became a legal political party, free elections would be scheduled and massive changes for the better began to take place in Poland. It was the beginning of the fall of Communism in central Europe.



April 5, 1804 - Vincent Dziewanowski (Born)

Vincent Dziewanowski was an American pioneer who established the city of Pulaski, Wisconsin. This was the beginning of many schools, bridges, roads and towns named after General Casimir Pulaski.

Pulaski, Wisconsin

April 6, 1953 - Janet Nowicki (Born)

Janet Nowicki is well known by her stage name, Janet Lynn, a champion figure skater who won five consecutive United States Women's National Skating Championships.



April 7, 1890 - Adam Styka (Born)

Adam Styka was a world renowned painter, born in Poland in 1890. Styka's paintings of the Wild West are regarded by some critics as the best Western paintings ever painted by an artist. His religious paintings are located in churches in Europe and the United States. He is buried in the Alley of Merit at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.



April 8, 1909 - Helena Modjeska (Died)

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



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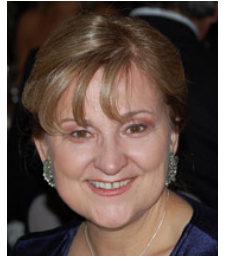
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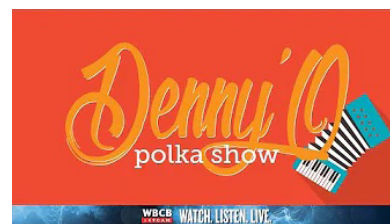
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April 9, 1241 - Henry II the Pious (Died)

Henry II the Pious (Polish: Henryk II Pobożny), was a Piast Duke of Silesia (Wroclaw), Krakow and Southern Greater Poland from 1238 until his death. During 1238 - 1239 he served as a regent of two Piast Duchies: Sandomierz and Opole-Raciborz.

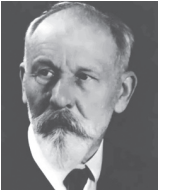


April 10, 1943 - Andrzej Badenski (Born)

Andrzej Badenski won a bronze medal in the 400 meter race in the Tokyo Olympics.

April 11, 1877 - Tomasz Arciszewski (Born)

In 1944, Tomasz Arciszewski became the Prime Minister of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London, England. In this position he was adamantly opposed to having new boundaries and a new Communist government imposed on Poland.

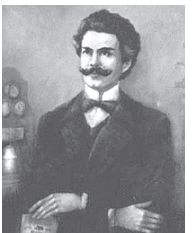


April 12, 1973 - Krzysztof Oliwa (Born)

Krzysztof Oliwa, born in Tychy, Poland, was an NHL hockey player for the NJ Devils, Pittsburgh Penguins, NY Rangers, Boston Bruins and Calgary Flames. Krzysztof Oliwa, known as the "Polish Hammer", always played a very physical game of hockey. He is the only player from Poland to have won a Stanley Cup.

April 13, 1872 - Jan Szczepanik (Born)

Jan Szczepanik was a Polish inventor who held several hundred patents and made over 50 discoveries, many of which are still used today in the motion picture industry, photography and television. Jan Szczepanik also worked on airplanes, helicopters and submarines.



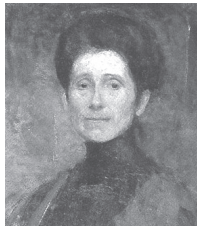
April 14, 1895 - Wiktor Labunski (Born)

Wiktor Labunski, a Polish pianist and composer, was the director of the Kansas City Conservatory in Missouri from 1941 to 1958. Among his many musical accomplishments, Wiktor Labunski received an honorary Doctorate Degree from the Curtis Music Institute

of Philadelphia and was also a guest conductor of the Warsaw Philharmonic.

April 15, 1865 - Olga Boznanska (Born)

Olga Boznanska was a prominent Polish painter who was awarded the Order of Polonia Restituta in 1938. She is known for her famous portrait called Girl with Chrysanthemums.



April 16, 1935 - Bobby Vinton (Born)

Bobby Vinton is the popular singer and entertainer, who proudly celebrates his Polish American heritage. My Melody of Love is one of the many recordings associated with Bobby Vinton.

April 17, 1025 - Boleslaw Chrobry (Crowned)

Boleslaw Chrobry was King of Poland in 1025. He is known as Boleslaw the Brave for uniting and protecting the territories of Poland. He was a member of the Piast Dynasty.



April 18, 1988 - Mary Angela Truszkowska (Beatified)

Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, the Felicians. Today the Sisters are engaged in education, health care, social service and pastoral services. Blessed Mary Angela was beatified April 18, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

April 19, 1943 - Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was another major resistance against the Nazi troops who brutally occupied Poland during World War II.



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Traditional Polish Easter Customs

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A Traditional Polish Easter Basket and Its Contents

Świeconka (shvyen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms" which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.

Listed at the right are Polish Easter Foods that are most commonly placed in the Easter Basket for the traditional blessing, along with the symbolism of each item.



We can all enjoy this beautiful tradition. It is a great way to teach new generations of Polish-Americans about our common heritage.

Bacon - Boczek / Ślonina (boh-chek /swo-nee-nah)
Symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy on us.

Bread - Chleb (h'leh) Home baked bread, the staff of life.

Easter Bread - Babka (bab-kah)
A special round loaf, made of rich dough and raisins, and decorated with a cross, reminds us of Jesus, the Risen Lord,

Butter - Masło (mas-wo)
The butter should be shaped into the figure of a lamb or cross. Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of Salvation which flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Candle - Świeca (sh-veh-tsa)
The only non-edible item in the basket, the candle symbolizes Jesus, the Life and Light of the World. The candle can be lit during the blessing.

Cheese - Ser (sair)
A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.

Colored Eggs - Pisanki (pee-san-key)
Both colored and uncolored eggs, indicate hope, new life and Resurrection. Because of their special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed are decorated with symbols of Easter.

Ham - Szynka (shin-kah)
This popular main dish is symbolic of great joy and abundance.

Horseradish - Chrzan (h'shan)
This represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the life of slavery in Egypt. It also reminds us of the bitterness of the Passion of Jesus, by which he entered glory. Horseradish is often prepared with red beets in the dish "cwikła."

Salt - Sól (sool)
Symbolizes wisdom and preservation from corruption, it is included to remind us that Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave.

Sausage - Kielbasa (kel-bah-sah)
This is an old Slavic tradition. Its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as God's favor and generosity.

Happy Easter! - Wesolego Alleluja! (ves-so-weh-go ah-lay-lu-jah)



Pisanki-Coloring & Displaying of Easter Eggs



The pisanki derive from an ancient tradition when eggs, the symbol of life, were endowed with magical properties and were thought to ensure both a plentiful harvest and good health. The name Pisanki comes from the Polish word "pisac", which means to write.

The practice of coloring Easter eggs is very much alive in Poland today as well as enjoyed by Polish people all over the world. There are several techniques for making pisanki including the use of wax flowing from a pipe or funnel, producing richly ornamented designs or the etching of designs onto a previously colored egg. The geometric and floral patterns or the animal and human images produced reveal a high level of craftsmanship and artistry.

These eggs are exchanged among friends and relatives with good wishes. Many American Poles design eggs with the names of their friends written on them. They exchange these decorated eggs with each other during their Easter visitations along with their good wishes.

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Celebrating a Polish Easter

The celebration of Easter among Poles and Polish Americans is an elaborate occasion shared with family and close friends. Pisanki, or elaborately decorated Easter eggs are made during Holy Week. The baking of breads and pastries is an art among Polish housekeepers and special confections, such as the famous Babka are prepared for Easter as are lamb-shaped cakes and lambs molded from butter. Along with various cured meats, sausage and ham, these items are elaborately arranged in a large basket and taken to church on Holy Saturday for a special blessing. These blessed foods constitute the basis of the Swieconka or Easter Meal.

On Sunday morning, the table is set with the best linens, china, and finery. Featured foods include colored eggs, cold meats, coils of sausages, ham, yeast cakes, pound cakes, poppyseed cakes, other pastries, and, in the middle of it all, a lamb-molded cake or lamb made of sugar or butter. This symbol commemorates the resurrected Christ. In olden times, no cooking was permitted on Easter Sunday, so the Poles evolved the tradition of not serving warm meals on that day. Among the favorite foods is cwikła or grated horseradish and red beets, home-made pickles, marinated mushrooms and other delicacies. Sharing a blessed boiled egg with one's relatives is a national tradition, and everyone must have a piece of the blessed egg to ensure good health and prosperity.

Dyngus Day

The Easter festivities continue the following day, on Easter Monday. On this day, many Poles and Polish Americans celebrate a very ancient Slavic spring tradition called Smingus-Dyngus or the custom of sprinkling or pouring water on one another. Along with the Easter Swieconka, this is a custom followed in many Polish American families.

Article by David Motak, Director of Communications Polish Falcons of America

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Polish Easter Hymns

for the Polish and English Language

Polish

ZŁÓZCIE TROSKI

Złózcie troski, żalujący Chrystusa umarłego,
Otrzyjcie już łzy roniący, mamy zmartwychwstałego !
Tysięcznych pociech przyczyna, ogłoszona jest nowina.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, niechaj brzmi Alleluja !

Niewiasty, które przy grobie były to powiedziały,
Że Chrystus w chwały ozdobie żyje już zmartwychwstały!
Stąd pociechy, stąd radości, ustąpcie wszelkie żalości.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, niechaj brzmi Alleluja !

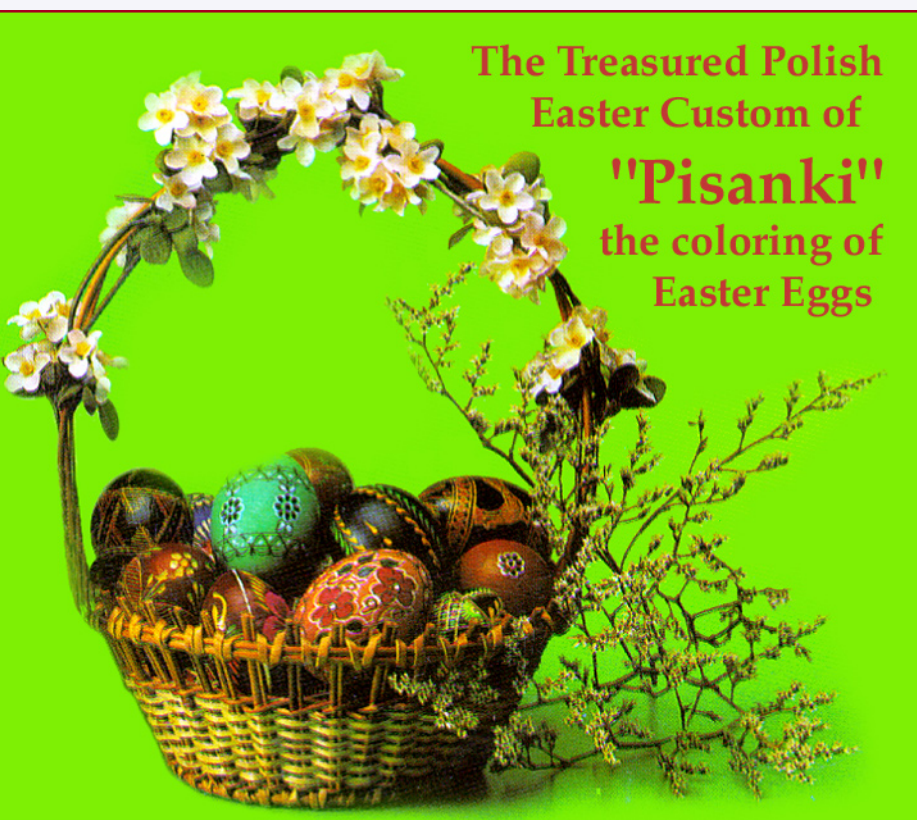
English

Zlozcie Troski

Banish fear and sorrow, hide all grief
and sadness for the Savior they crucified.
He is truly risen by His mighty power,
Wipe the tears that have dimmed your eyes.
Wondrous joys in hearts are swelling,
As the glorious news they're telling.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let it ring the Alleluia.

Holy women bearing jars of precious ointment
Brought the news of the crucified.
Christ is truly risen and in glory living just as once
He had prophesied.
From this day our life tells gladness,
Gone at last are fear and sadness.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let it ring the Alleluia.

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HAPPY EASTER**



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Wychodzi z grobu dnia trzeciego z rana.
Naród niewierny trwoży się przestrasza,
Na cud Jonasza. Alleluja !

English

Zwyciezca Smierci

Christ conquered death and sin,
Hell and satan's power,
Rising on Easter Morn in that glorious hour.
A faithless people looks with fear and trembling,
At this prophetic sign, Alleluia.

Polish

WESOŁY NAM DZIEŃ

Wesoły nam dziś dzień nastał,
Którego z nas każdy żądał,
Tego dnia Chrystus zmartwychwstał,
Alleluja, Alleluja !

Król niebieski k'nam zawitał,
Jako śliczny kwiat zakwitał,
Po śmierci się nam pokazał,
Alleluja, Alleluja !

English

Wesoly Nam Dzien

A great day for us has dawned,
One for which we were all yearning,
The day of Christ's resurrection,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Heaven's King, His might assuming,
Like a lovely rose is blooming,
After death to us appearing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.



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WYŚLAWIAJMY CHRYSTA PANA

Wysławiajmy Chrysta Pana, który stał śmierć i szatana.
Z Nim bolały słońce, miesiąc i Stworzenia z Stwórcą cierpiąc.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

Z męki Pańskiej i Anieli
Płaczu z żalem powód mieli.
Skały pękły, Ziemia drżała,
Zasłona się Święta rwała.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

English

Wysławiajmy Chrysta Pana

Let us praise the Lord with gladness
Who crushed Satan death and sadness.
With Him suffered all creation
Only man left Him forsaken.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

All the angels at His passion
Looked upon Christ with compassion
Rocks are shaken, the earth trembles
The shadow of sorrow is uncovered.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Polish

OTRZYJCIE JUŻ ŁZY PŁACZĄCY

Otrzyjcie już łzy płaczący,
Żale z serca wyzujcie.
Wszyscy w Chrystusa wierzący,
Weselcie się, radujcie!
Bo zmartwychwstał samowładnie,
Jak przepowiedział dokładnie.
Alleluja, Alleluja,
Niechaj zabrzmie Alleluja !

English

Otrzyjcie Juz Lzy Placzacy

Wipe your tears all who are weeping,
Of all sadness rid your hearts.
All in Christ truly believing,
Let your sorrow be turned to joy.
Christ has risen by His own might and power,
As he promised in that darkened hour.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let us sing Alleluia.

Polish

WSTAŁ PAN CHRYSTUS

Wstał Pan Chrystus zmartwych ninie,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Uweselił lud Swój mile,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Który cierpiał, dnia trzeciego,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Dla człowieka mizernego.
Alleluja, Alleluja.

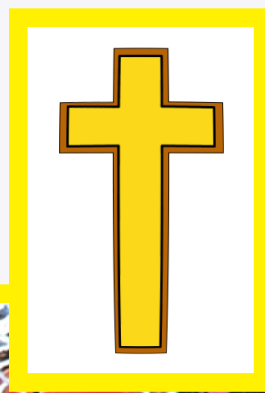
Niewiasty, gdy do grobu szły,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Drogie maści z sobą niosły,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
W bieli Anioła ujrzały,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Trwożyć sobą poczynały.
Alleluja, Alleluja.

English

Wstał Pan Chrystus

Christ has risen as predicted, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Saved His faithful in affliction, Alleluia, Alleluia.
On the third day from His Passion, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Suffering for man in cruel fashion, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Pious women by appointment, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Reached the tomb with costly ointments, Alleluia,
Alleluia.
When they saw an angel dressed in white, Alleluia,
Alleluia.
Each was frightened by this strange sight, Alleluia,
Alleluia.



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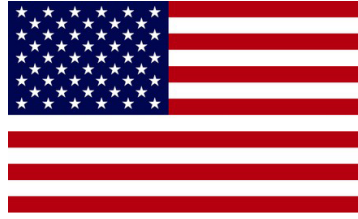
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You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

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PACE PLUS is the name being used for the PACE/PACENET programs, (the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) that help pay for prescription drugs. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those who have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories for determining eligibility. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person \$14,500; a couple \$17,700. For PACENET, a single person \$45,000 or a couple \$55,000 annually. For more info and to get an application call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



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Pennsylvania Real Estate Taxes

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Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

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If you are considering a job training program that can help you attain or retain long-term employment, contact PASS for more information. The outreach program is especially important to individuals who are unemployed due to company closings or relocations. PASS will share information about Pennsylvania area Job Training Programs to help you become more employable in a changing job market. Call PASS's Employment Outreach Representative for more information at (215) 923-1900.

Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

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What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, email your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Email your resume to:

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City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze

If you are a senior citizen living in the city of Philadelphia and are interested in applying for the **City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze Program**, call "PASS" Polish American Social Services, also known as United Social Services.

To qualify for the **City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze Program**, you or your spouse must be 65 years of age or older. For a **single person, your total income must be \$33,500 or less and for a married couple, your total income must be \$41,500 or less.**

Those who qualify will receive a freeze on their City of Philadelphia property taxes.

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The First Weekend of Each Month!

As more Americans help to spread the word about restoring jobs and America's economy, **everyone is urged to help us promote "National Small Business Weekend" on the First Friday, Saturday and Sunday of every month.**



We began this special campaign in response to local businesses stating that they lost a lot of customers to larger stores and shopping malls. In order to help local businesses, we encourage our supporters to shop local more often and **we began the National Small Business Weekend effort**

to bring attention to the fact that local businesses need your business. This effort has been very successful as it helped people know how important local businesses are to their communities and helped us focus more attention on the mission of the Buy American Made Campaign.

The fact of the matter is that there are millions of locally-owned private sector businesses in communities across America. **Locally owned businesses employ over 60 million American workers** and they need your business throughout the year to keep people employed. **Additionally, 70% or more of every dollar spent at local businesses is re-circulated within your local economy.** After restocking merchandise, business owners pay general operational expenses, taxes, employee salaries, and are able to support themselves. As you spend your dollars at local stores you also have the opportunity to speak with store owners and ask them to seek out larger selections of American made products.

As more American consumers shop locally and seek out American made products, they help American based manufacturing facilities remain open and expand manufacturing in the United States of America. As you and I direct our purchasing power to support American Made products and local businesses FIRST, we are helping to save jobs for Americans and helping to make more job opportunities possible.

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Education Budgets Now in Progress!

Special thanks to everyone helping us promote a good Education for America and the expansion of the Trades and Industrial Arts Programs in America's schools. Just 30 years ago, junior high and high school students were offered reading, writing, math, history and a variety of TRADE classes like: Plumbing, Electrical, Heating and Air Conditioning, Mechanics, Carpentry, Automotive, as well as Industrial Arts classes like: Engineering, Drafting, Clothing Design and Manufacturing, Welding, and dozens of others that reflect skills needed by America's businesses.

Closing down so many of the trade programs over the years has hurt America's students and added to the skilled workers shortage in the United States. With a new focus on the shortage of skilled workers in America, we look for America's students to once again be exposed to many more aspects of education during their junior and high school years.

Additionally, every year there is a critical need to replace the skilled workers who are retiring. If America does not have enough young workers to fill jobs, businesses will continue to have reasons to outsource manufacturing around the world and downsize their domestic operations in the United States. **We can't allow this to continue, so it's up to all of us to contact and urge national and local elected officials, local school boards, school superintendents and principals to expand the Trades and Industrial Arts Programs in every school possible.**

When you make your calls, ask them for a written reply for your records.

I welcome you to share your responses with me so I can share them with our supporters. Email me at:
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America's Consumers Are Making Our Future Better!

As we look around, we are seeing the results of what happens when America's consumers direct more of their spending in support of American made products and services. **Focusing on American made is helping businesses in the United States be able to offer more job opportunities to American workers, which benefits America's families and America's future.**

Many of the industries that downsized in America are NOW expanding their product lines in the United States to meet the demands of America's shoppers, which is changing the way business is being done in the United States. It is extremely important that we remain focused on the goal of the **Buy American Made Campaign** so that more businesses will return to the United States, which will also help our goal to **restore competitive products with a made in the U.S.A. label.**

Now that more supporters are looking at labels and speaking up in support of American made, we have to remember that every time we promote American made and ask our supporters to encourage others to join our campaign, it's another step in the right direction.

Thank you for helping promote our positive efforts to your family and friends. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Email them to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.**

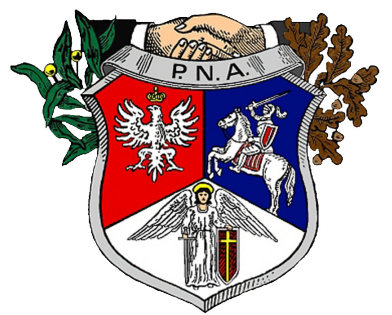
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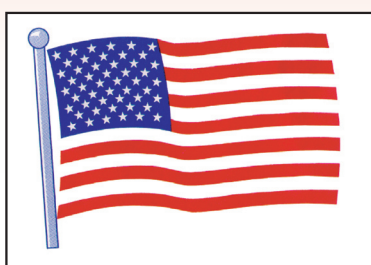
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Evelina Kleczek

Born in 2009, Evelina Kleczek began playing piano at the age of five and currently studies with Dr. Martin Labazevitch in Washington, D.C. Evelina has won prizes at several piano competitions, including Grand Prize and audience award at the 2025 MostArts Young Pianist Competition, third prize and audience award at the 2024 Thomas F. Hulbert International Piano Competition, the Rosalyn Tureck prizes in the contemporary and Prelude and Fugue categories at the 7th Tureck International Bach Competition in 2022, and first prize and Szymanowski award at the 2020 Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition for Young Pianists in Washington, D.C. Evelina also won the state and division levels of the 2025-2026 MTNA Senior Piano Competition. Besides exploring solo piano repertoire, Evelina was accepted into the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship Program for the 2024-2025 school year, which gave her the opportunity to immerse herself in chamber music. Her chamber music ensemble "Reinecke Trio" won third prize at the 2025 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and second prize at the 2025 Misbin Family Memorial Chamber Music Competition. In addition to her competition awards, Evelina is a 2026 National YoungArts Winner and has received the Chopin Foundation Scholarship for the past three years.

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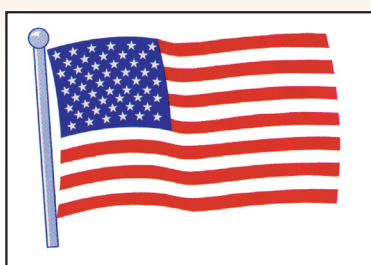
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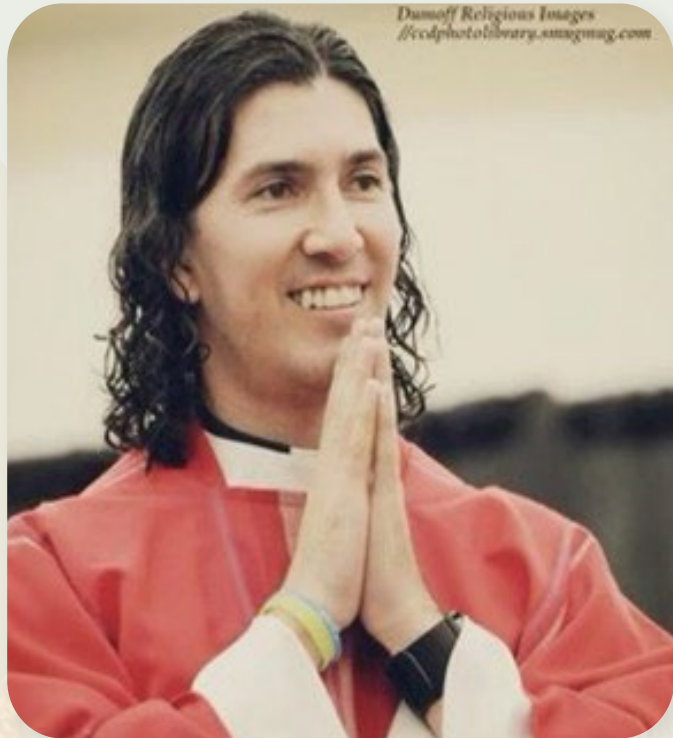
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April 20, 1920 - Vilna Offensive

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April 29, 1926 - Paul Baran (Born)

Paul Baran was one of the early developers of the Internet, ATM technology, and DSL modem technology. He was born in Poland in 1926 and his family emigrated to Boston in 1928. Mr. Baran has connections to Philadelphia through Drexel University where he did his undergraduate work.



April 21, 1978 - Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz

Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz of Poland became the first woman to sail around the world alone in a 31-foot vessel. The trip took 401 days and covered 31,166 nautical miles. On April 21, 1978, Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz completed her solo trip and gained her title "The First Lady of the Oceans".



April 30, 1632 - Zygmunt III Waza (Died)

Zygmunt III Waza (20 June 1566 – 30 April 1632) was Grand Duke of Lithuania and Crown King of Poland, a monarch of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth from 1587 to 1632, and King of Sweden (where he was known simply as Sigismund) from 1592 until he was deposed in 1599. He was the son of King John III of Sweden and his first wife, Catherine Jagellonica of Poland.



April 22, 1915 - Founding

The Polish Museum of America's Library was founded on April 22, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois, by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. The Library collects books and information on the history of Polonia in America and on the history of Poland.

April 23, 1989 - Mother Frances Siedliska (Beatified)

Mother Frances Siedliska was the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 1875. The Sisters serve in education, health care and social services in Poland, France, England and the United States. Mother Frances Siedliska was beatified on April 23, 1989, by Pope John Paul II.



April 24, 1908 - Józef Goslawski (Born)

Józef Goslawski was an author of numerous monuments and portrait sculptures, sculpture caricatures, medals, coins, renovations and drawings. His early works, generally not conserved, show some influence of cubism (self-portrait, portrait of Witold Chomicz), Szukalski's ideas (sculpture caricature of Henryk Uziembło), as well as forms similar to ideas of the Polish Applied Art Society (design of the St. Franciscus altar).

April 25, 1333 - King Casimir the Great (Coronation)

Poland's King Casimir the Great reigned between 1333 and 1370. In 1364, Casimir the Great, known by his Polish name, Kazimierz Wielki, established Poland's first university in Krakow, which became Jagiellonian University.



April 26, 1919 - Napoleon Cybulski (Died)

In 1895, Napoleon Cybulski discovered Adrenaline, a hormone which regulates brain and muscle activity.

April 27, 1941 - Marian Batko (Polish Teachers' Day)

On April 27, Polish Teachers' Day of Remembrance and Peace, about a thousand Polish teachers and students paid homage to the victims of the Auschwitz Nazi camp. The date coincides with the anniversary of the martyr-death in Auschwitz of the teacher Marian Batko, who gave his life for a 16-year-old fellow prisoner.



April 28, 1943 - Nicholas Minue (Died)

Nicholas Minue (birth unknown – died April 28, 1943) received the Medal of Honor for military service on behalf of the United States of America in World War II. He received this recognition for charging a group of German soldiers that had a machine-gun position near Medjez El Bab, Tunisia. He died during the charge. Born in Sedden, Poland, he enlisted in the United States Army in Carteret, NJ. He served in Company A, 6th Armored Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

From the Desk of Michael Blichasz



Dear Supporters of the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia,

We are working to make the **93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade** scheduled for **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia, a success this year.

The Pulaski Day Parade is a community-wide event that brings many people and organizations together to celebrate Polish History, Culture and Pride. As always your participation is very important.

During the **93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade**, we will highlight the music and dances that have united Poland and Polish Americans for centuries. We also will mark the **418th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish Settlers in America and the 45th Anniversary of October as Polish American Heritage Month.**

For now, kindly mark **Sunday, October 4th** on your calendar and look for additional information to be announced on the Polish American Radio Program and in the Polish American News.

Thanks to all Pulaski Day Parade divisions and promoters. Please help us maintain this outstanding community tradition which will be televised on **WPVI TV6 ABC.**

Working together we always accomplish great things for Polish American heritage and the proud history and culture we represent.

If you have any questions or suggestions kindly forward them to me at **Michael@PolishAmericanCenter.com** or call me at **215-922-1700**. On behalf of the Pulaski Day Parade committee, I wish you and yours the very best.

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Polish Participated at the Cultural Heritage Mass

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, a Cultural Heritage Mass took place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, in center city Philadelphia. The theme was “One Faith, Many Cultures, One Family”.

Prior to the Mass, a procession of ethnic groups - Native American, Asian, African, European, Hispanic, Caribbean and Brazilian, dressed in their heritage attire, took place. St. John Cantius Polish Language School participated in the procession and the Mass. The principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass was Bishop Efren V. Esmilla, who took time to take photos with the various groups after Mass.

What a beautiful way of learning more about the various cultures!



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On May 3, 2026, Polonia Will Mark the 235th Anniversary of the Second Oldest Democratic Constitution in the World (1791-2026)

More information about Poland's May 3rd Constitution will be published in the May 2026 edition of the Polish American News.

Comparison of the World's First Democratic Constitutions

The Constitution of the United States of America was the world's first democratic constitution. Poland's Constitution of May 3, 1791, became the world's second and Europe's first constitution. Although Poland's parliamentary system of representative government began in the early 1400's, it was not until 1791 that political leaders achieved democratic reform of the government, nearly two years after the ratification of the American constitution. Both constitutions were drafted in secret and later publicly ratified.

Following the American model, the Polish constitution established a system of checks and balances with three independent branches of government - executive, legislative and judicial. Both constitutions stressed the principles of equality, tolerance, liberty, secret ballot and rule by majority.

Both constitutions established an executive branch, a king in Poland and a president in America, each with specific privileges and limitations, monitored by a two-house legislative branch: the Polish general assembly, or Sejm, with an upper Chamber of Senators and a lower Chamber of Deputies, and the U.S. Congress with a Senate and House of Representatives. The American vice president presided over the Senate and the Polish king presided over the Chamber of Senators, each casting the tie-breaking vote when necessary. The king and president served as commanders-in-chief of the armed forces and chief guardians of the law and appointed persons to high offices in government, such as chief advisors or ministers, ambassadors and supreme court justices. Unlike the U.S. Congress, however, the Polish Sejm had the power, by two-thirds majority of the combined houses, to force the King to remove an undesirable appointed official.

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United States Constitution - First Democratic Constitution in the World
 Drafted on September 17, 1787 - Ratified in 1789



Poland's Constitution - Second Oldest Democratic Constitution in the World
 Drafted in 1788 - Enacted on May 3, 1791

Both constitutions made provisions for change, amendments in the U.S. and a review of the constitution every twenty five years in Poland.

Also each nation's chief executive was selected by indirect election. U.S presidents were chosen by electors selected by state legislatures (the Electoral College), and the Polish king came from a prominent family selected by the Sejm. Only the House of Representatives and the Chamber of Deputies were elected directly by popular vote. Also, initially, American states selected federal senators and the Polish king appointed senators.

Both constitutions, landmarks in world history, were ultimately inspired by the principles of limited government, or shared authority, of John Locke and power to the people of Henri Rousseau.

"We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union...do ordain and establish this Constitution..." (U.S. Constitution, 1789)

"All authority in human society takes its beginning in the will of the people." (Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791)

Make Sure Your Vote Counts



Polish Americans and all Americans are asked to go out and vote in the Primary Election in your state, as well as the General Election in November.

Vote for individuals who you feel deserve your support.

Vote against those who have not represented your values and the well being of every American.

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- Troubleshoot and repair AC/DC motors, pumps, and rotating equipment
- Diagnose mechanical and electrical issues on-site
- Disassemble, repair, align, and reinstall equipment
- Communicate with team members (in English and/or Polish)
- Follow safety procedures and represent the company professionally

Qualifications:

- Experience with motors, pumps, or similar equipment
- OR mechanical/electrical experience with willingness to learn
- Ability to work independently and solve problems in the field
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Technik Serwisu Terenowego – Oferta Pracy Hackensack, NJ

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Obowiązki:

- Diagnostyka i naprawa silników AC/DC, pomp oraz urządzeń wirujących
- Identyfikacja problemów mechanicznych i elektrycznych na miejscu
- Demontaż, naprawa, osiowanie i ponowny montaż urządzeń
- Komunikacja z zespołem (w języku angielskim i/lub polskim)
- Przestrzeganie zasad bezpieczeństwa i profesjonalne reprezentowanie firmy

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- Doświadczenie z silnikami, pompami lub podobnym sprzętem
- LUB doświadczenie mechaniczne/elektryczne i chęć nauki
- Umiejętność samodzielnej pracy i rozwiązywania problemów w terenie
- Mile widziane doświadczenie w pracy serwisowej w terenie
- Rzetelność, dokładność i dbałość o bezpieczeństwo
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Secretary, Board of Directors, Polish Cultural Center & Museum, Winona, MN
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Tuesday, April 28th, 2026, 6:00 p.m. CT



**This 1941 sculpture in Chicago honors Polish American Jewish Revolutionary War hero Haym Salomon, George Washington and fellow Patriot Robert Morris.
Photo credit: Cecelia Dillon**

During the American Revolutionary War, Polish-Jewish American banker Haym Salomon was George Washington's financial rainmaker. Salomon raised more than \$9 billion (in today's dollars), converted French loans into working capital and donated his personal fortune to help the Continental Army buy supplies, pay troops and provide the resources for the 1781 three-month march from Westchester, NY to Yorktown, VA. Born in Leszno, Poland in 1740, Salomon spoke several languages. He co-founded the first synagogue in America, in Philadelphia, and was a champion of religious freedom. Sculptures honoring Salomon, who died at age 45, can be found in Chicago (with Washington and Robert Morris) and Los Angeles. He was featured on a 1975 US postage stamp.




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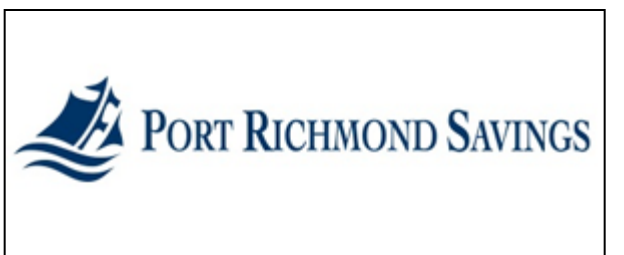


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