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

**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.



**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

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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)



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# Poland's Constitution of 1791 Second Oldest Democratic Constitution in the World

In the late 18th century liberal movements swept through America, England and France, permanently changing their governments. This movement also had a profound effect in Poland in 1791. On the third of May that year the Polish legislature adopted a constitution very similar to the United States Constitution, making Poland the second country in the world to adopt such a document. This development disturbed the strong monarchies surrounding Poland who were fearful that the liberal movement would also sweep through their countries. They soon invaded and partitioned Poland, crushing the movement and dividing the country.

But the spirit of the Polish people could never be suppressed. For over 235 years, although faced with many trying events in their nation's history, Poles and people of Polish descent have commemorated the May 3, 1791 Polish Constitution Day as a day of unity, love of freedom and belief in democratic ideals. Throughout the past 235 years, it was that endless Polish quest for freedom, peace and justice and the ideals of the May 3rd Constitution that united the Polish nation and the world's Polonia - a unity that still unites Polonia with an indomitable Polish spirit.

For additional information visit the Museum's Internet site at [PolishAmericanCenter.com](http://PolishAmericanCenter.com).



The handwritten original of the Government's Law names the Constitution of May Third of the Year 1791, stitched into the great book containing the records of the Four-Year Sejm (1788-1792) kept at the Main Archives of Ancient Records in Warsaw.

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*Following the Mass the Shrine Visitors Center will be open.*

Kindly invite family and friends to attend.

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# A Look Back at Past May 3rd, 1791 Polish Constitution Day Celebrations



Featuring performances by Adam Mickiewicz Polish Language School, Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School, St. Adalbert Polish Language School, Janosik Polish Folk Dancers and the P.K.M. Polish Folk Dance Ensemble.



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## THIRD OF MAY MAZURKA

Poland's Independence Day  
Mazurek Trzeciego Maja

English version by Edmund Zawacki

Folk Melody  
Arr. by J. M. Rożan

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Musical score for 'Third of May Mazurka' in 3/4 time, featuring treble and bass staves with lyrics in English and Polish. The score includes a 'rit.' marking and first/second endings.

1. Wel-come May! thy morn-ing bright-ly Lights our Po-land's hol-i-day time.  
*1. Wi - taj Ma - jo - wa ju - trzen - ko, Świec na - szej pol - skiej kra - i - nie,*

Let us sing songs gay and spright-ly, Drink a toast to Po-land's May-time.  
*Ucz - ci - my cie - bie pio - sen - ką Przy za - baw - ie i przy wi - nie!*

Wel-come May, gold-en May, For all Poles a glo-rious day! — glo-rious day!  
*Wi - taj Maj, pię - kny Maj, U Po - la - ków bło - gi raj! — bło - gi raj!*

2. O bright sunrise, Poland's May Third,  
Speed thy exiled sons' returning.  
By God's grace our arms are favored;  
We shall come home, tyrants spurning.  
|: Welcome May, golden May,  
For all Poles a glorious day! :|

2. *O Maja trzeciego zorzo,  
Pod twoimi promieniami,  
Przez armaty z łaską Bożą,  
Idziem w Polskę z bugnetami.  
|: Witaj Maj, Witaj Maj,  
Witaj wolny Polski kraj! :|*

# NATIONAL ANTHEM

## Jeszcze Polska Nie Zginęła

A song of General Dąbrowski's legions, as they marched from Italy to Poland in 1797. It is now the national anthem.

*Pieśń Legionów polskich Dąbrowskiego; powstała we Włoszech w r. 1797. Autor słów Józef Wybicki. Muzykę przypuszczano Michałowi Ogińskiemu (1765-1833) autorowi słynnych polonezów. Pieśń ta jest uznana jako polski hymn państwowy. Marsz ten przybrał dzisiejszą formę mazurka.*

JÓZEF WYBICKI  
English version by Victoria Janda

PRINCE MICHAŁ OGIŃSKI  
Arr. by Feliks Szopski

1. Oh, our Po-land shall not per - ish While we live to love her;  
1. Jesz-cze Pol-ska nie zgi-nę - ta kie - dy my ży - je - my,

What the cru - el foe has rav - ished We'll re-gain through pow - er.  
Co nam ob - ca prze - moc wzię - ta mo - cą od - bie - rze - my.

March, march Dą - brow - ski From I - tal - ia's fair lanes,  
Marsz, marsz Dą - brow - ski Z zie - mi wło - skiej do pol - skiej,

Back to join the na - tion, Back to Po - land's broad plains. broad plains.  
Za two - im prze - wo - dem Złą - czym się z na - ro - dem. - ro - dem.

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## Congratulations Janosik Polish Dance Ensemble Celebrating 55 Years



The Janosik Polish Dancers recently celebrated their 55th anniversary at the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill. The group was founded by Dr. Morley Leyton in 1971 whose goal was to celebrate traditional Polish folk music, authentic Polish folk dance, and Polish culture. He studied in Poland with the renowned Polish dance group, Mazowsze, and over the years, became a master dancer and teacher of Polish folk dance. The group is currently under the direction of Monique Legare, his widow, who is an expert dancer and teacher not only of Polish folk dance, but also, international folk dance. Janosik's Assistant Director, Christine McNaull, is a talented dancer, and also serves as the group's Costume Mistress, and graphic artist. Her artistic talents are of great use as we publicize Janosik's events.

The anniversary celebration included the current Janosik members and their families, Janosik alumni (from as far back as 1971) and their families, plus a number of prominent individuals from the Polish community: Mr. Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center; Mr. Richard P. Poremski, Honorary Consul of Maryland; Malgorzata Bondyra, Artistic Director of Ojczyzna Polish Dancers in Baltimore, MD; Marcin Niemiec, President of PKM Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, as well as several PKM dancers. These gracious guests presented beautiful certificates and a hand-crafted wooden bust of Janosik to the group on the occasion of their 55th anniversary.

The attendees were treated to a bounty of appetizers, multiple side dishes and entrees, as well as scrumptious desserts – all prepared by the current Janosik members. Monique presented an artistic program featuring an eight-couple Polonez, several dances from the Lublin suite, Trojak from the Cieszyn suite, Jurgow from the mountain region, and the ever-popular Finale Krakowiak. To highlight Janosik's extensive costume collection, each couple was dressed in a different regional costume with Lowicz, Opoczno, Krakow, Jurgow, Lublin, Rzeszow, Kaszuby and the historic Kontusz all represented. A great time was had by all!

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### May 1, 1908 - Krystyna Skarbek (Born)

Krystyna Skarbek became a spy for the British Special Operations Executive during World War II. She was well-known for her operations in Nazi occupied Poland and France. Due to her resourcefulness and success, more women were recruited by espionage organizations.

### May 2, 1952 - Christine Baranski (Born)

Christine Baranski is an Emmy and Tony Award winning actress. She was born in Buffalo, NY. She is known for her outstanding performances in the TV series *Cybill* and *Frasier*. She also has had roles in several movies including *The Bird Cage* and *The Grinch that Stole Christmas*.



### May 3, 1791 - Polish Constitution Day

Polish Constitution Day marked the second oldest democratic constitution in the world, enacted in Poland on May 3, 1791. This declaration of democracy remains a focal point for the Polish people who are reminded that Poland was the fatherland of documented democracy in Eastern Europe, second only to the democracy established by the American constitution adapted in 1787.

### May 4, 1870 - Zygmunt Stojowski (Born)

Zygmunt Stojowski was a friend of Peter Tchaikovsky and famous student of Ignacy Jan Paderewski. Stojowski was not only a brilliant concert pianist, he was known for being an outstanding professor, teaching countless students in New York until the end of his life. He became a champion of the newly independent Polish nation in 1918.



### May 5, 1846 - Henryk Sienkiewicz (Born)

Henryk Sienkiewicz is a Nobel Prize winner for literature in 1905. Sienkiewicz was born in Poland in 1846 and is the author of "Quo Vadis?" and three other novels known as "The Trilogy".



### May 6, 1867 - Wladyslaw Reymont (Born)

Wladyslaw Reymont received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1924 for his four-volume novel, "The Peasants", completed between 1904 and 1910. Never before had an author presented the daily life and folkways of the Polish countryside.



### May 7, 2004 - Waldemar Milewicz (Died)

Waldemar Milewicz was a Polish journalist and war correspondent who was killed in a drive-by shooting in Iraq. It is believed that his car was followed by a group of Iraqi insurgents in another car. Milewicz's car was clearly marked with a 'press' sticker. Despite that, when the attackers caught up with it, they opened machine gun fire.



### May 8 - Saint Stanislaus Feast Day

Poland's Patron Saint, Saint Stanislaus, an early Bishop of Krakow, Poland, was slain by King Boleslaw Smialy while celebrating Mass in 1079. His body lies in the cathedral of Wawel Hill in Krakow, Poland. Hundreds of Polish churches across the world are named after St. Stanislaus in honor of Poland's Patron Saint.



### May 9, 1931 - Albert Michelson (Died)

Albert Michelson was born in Strzelno, Poland, and emigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1855. He was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, held several professorships at universities across the U.S. and received a Nobel Prize in physics in 1907. His passion was the accurate measurement of the speed of light. Using his interferometer, he paved the way for the development of the theory of relativity, formulated by Albert Einstein.



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**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.**

Since it's the **250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**, we are paying **special tribute to Revolutionary War Heroes, General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Hero of Two Continents, as well as to Ralph Modjeski, Chief Engineer of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia**, which is celebrating its **100th Anniversary** in 2026.

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 Live 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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**PACC Historic Reflections Project Part 2**

**May 10, 1955 - John Radecki (Died)**

John Radecki (also known as Jan Radecki) (1865 - 1955) was a master stained glass artist working in Australia, considered to be the finest such artist of his time. Radecki was born on August 2, 1865 in Łódź, Poland to Pavel Radecki and his wife, Victoria.



**May 11, 1935 - Jozef Pilsudski**

Jozef Pilsudski was a Polish revolutionary, statesman, Field Marshal, and Polish Chief of State. He is considered largely responsible for Poland having regained her independence in 1918. Many Polish and Polish American organizations, schools and clubs are named in his honor.

**May 12, 1970 - General Wladyslaw Anders (Died)**

General Wladyslaw Anders was a Polish freedom fighter and military leader during World War II. In addition to leading Poland's cavalry units during Poland's invasion in 1939, General Wladyslaw Anders is known for creating Anders Army. Anders was also the leader of several successful battles which freed Monte Cassino, Italy, from Nazi occupation.



**May 13, 1984 - Stanislaw Marcin Ulam (Died)**

Stanislaw Marcin Ulam was a Polish mathematician who participated in the Manhattan Project and proposed the Teller-Ulam design of thermonuclear weapons. He also invented nuclear pulse propulsion and developed a number of mathematical tools in number theory, set theory, ergodic theory, and algebraic topology.



**May 14, 1948 - Walter Olkewicz (Born)**

Walter Olkewicz is an actor who played Marko in Wizards and Warriors. He also guest starred in many TV shows including Night Court, Seinfeld, ER, and Who's The Boss. He also played Jacques Renault on Twin Peaks.



**May 15, 1951 - Dr. Frank Wilczek (Born)**

Dr. Frank Wilczek received the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics for the discovery of asymptotic freedom. Dr. Wilczek is a professor of physics at the prestigious M I T University and is considered one of the world's most eminent theoretical physicists.



**May 16, 1902 - Jan Kiepura (Born)**

We remember Jan Kiepura, known as the greatest Polish tenor. Jan Kiepura made his American debut with the Chicago Opera Company in 1931. His performances won him title roles in major operas and he made several recordings during his career.



**May 17, 1941 - Grace Zabriskie (Born)**

Grace Zabriskie is an American actress. She has appeared in many popular American films and television series. Zabriskie may best be remembered in her role as Mrs. Ross, a recurring character on the sitcom, Seinfeld. She played the mother of another doomed daughter, Susan Ross - George Costanza's fiancée.



**May 18, 1920 - Karol Wojtyla (Born)**

Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope on October 16, 1978 and died on April 2, 2005. He is known as Pope John Paul The Great. On April 27, 2014, he was canonized a Saint by Pope Francis as Saint John Paul II.



**May 19, 1939 - Tomasz Sikorski (Born)**

Pianist Tomasz Sikorski was born in Warsaw in 1939. During his life he wrote chamber, orchestral, solo and choral music. In 1975, he was awarded a senior Fulbright scholarship from the United States government which allowed him to work at the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Center in New York. Tomasz Sikorski's work is frequently performed at contemporary Music Festivals throughout the world.



**May 20, 1881 - General Wladyslaw Sikorski (Born)**

General Wladyslaw Sikorski was a Polish military and political leader. During World War II, General Sikorski became Prime Minister of the Polish Government in Exile and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Armed Forces.



# Special Report



From the Desk of  
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May 2026

Dear Supporters, Visitors, Bus Groups Coordinators, Tour Groups & Friends,

First, we would like to **THANK** all those who have taken a special interest and reached out regarding the closing of the **Polish American Cultural Center and Museum Exhibit Hall in Historic Philadelphia.**

**The Polish American Cultural Center and Museum Exhibit Hall WAS proudly located at 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia for over 38 years (1987 – 2025).** After 30 years of operating the Cultural Center, in 2019, representatives of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority informed us that the Federal HUD Grant for the Cultural Center (Applied for by Mayor Wilson Goode in 1989) was NOT Paid to Philadelphia by HUD in Washington, D.C., as was announced publicly by Philadelphia and federal elected officials between 1989-1990. It is important to remember that the Cultural Center grant was for a **FEDERAL HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Grant** suggested to Cultural Center leaders by City of Philadelphia and Federal elected leaders. Our main concern is that no one at the Mayor's office ever alerted the Cultural Center leaders that there was an issue regarding the processing of the grant. **In 2019, 30 years after** the grant was announced as processed and paid, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority employees informed us that the grant was not processed and paid and no one has presented any documents to back up what we have been told **since 2019.**

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This OPEN LETTER outlines how the leadership and staff of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority did not take proper action **for over 30 years** to rectify their mismanagement of Federal Taxpayer Grant Funds that were requested by elected officials for the Polish American Cultural Center property. In recent years, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority employees worked very hard to evict us from the property, but NEVER looked to honor the original agreement made by elected and Polish American representatives in 1987 and 1988. Since 2019, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority employees have used Philadelphia taxpayer dollars against the Polish American Cultural Center project. They should have reviewed the **Philadelphia City Council ordinance #1339** agreements passed by the City Council and signed by Mayor Goode in 1987. This would be the first step in how the City should fund the Polish American Cultural Center Project. The second step was outlined in the Federal Grant Request sent to HUD in Washington, D.C. for **2.1 million dollars** to pay for the Cultural Center property in 1989. If there was any issue of any type, they should have notified the Mayor and the Polish American Center leaders promptly in **1989 and 1990**, so that action could have been taken to resolve this issue. It could have been resolved in hours, not taken years to get to this point.

This report will give you the answers to the questions being asked by the Polish American Community. This type of **MISMANAGEMENT** of our Federal Taxpayer dollars received by the City of Philadelphia each year is unconscionable. Many elected leaders in Washington D.C. are interested to see how this will be resolved as HUD Grant Federal Funds are sent to the City of Philadelphia each year and acknowledged by the city as intended for the good of the people. ALL Federal HUD funds are processed through the City of Philadelphia. HUD representatives in Washington, D.C. continued to tell us the Mayor should have been the first person to request a meeting and present an equitable resolution. This project was presented and fully supported by both Philadelphia and Federal elected officials. However, the MOST IMPORTANT issue is that the Cultural Center project would fully be supported by Federal Grant Funds. The Museum project was to attract tourists to Historic Philadelphia. We as major taxpayers are very aware that a portion of every FEDERAL dollar spent for government services and grants represents a portion of tax dollars paid by Polish Americans all over the United States. **Our main questions since 2019 are the same: How was our grant administered? Why was there no contact for 30 years? Why was this allowed to happen to a major community of taxpayers? Who manages any and all federal grants sent to Philadelphia?**

To help you understand what occurred **between 1987- 2025**, we offered this outline. Kindly share this UPDATE with your family and friends.

1. **In early 1987**, Philadelphia elected leaders proposed and encouraged Polish American Social Services to move its offices from the Fairmount section of the city to 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia. The main objective elected leaders proposed was a place to relocate the social service agency, and have a location to establish a Polish American Museum Exhibit Hall that would be open to the public and welcome tourists to Historic Philadelphia from all over the USA and around the world, which would be a benefit to Philadelphia's economy.
2. Polish American leadership welcomed the idea but made it very clear that without **100% funding support from the City of Philadelphia** and Federal funding, there was NO WAY the project could move forward. In the original proposal, elected officials presented ways to fully fund the purchase of the 308 Walnut Street property and assist with property renovations needed to open the Polish American Museum to the public as quickly as possible. Elected leaders agreed to provide all necessary funding through a Federal HUD "Special Project Program Grant" - Community Development Block Grant - HUD Discretionary funds in Philadelphia's Capitol Budget administered by the Goode Administration until the federal grant was fully processed. Elected officials felt that a new location for the Polish American Social Services Agency at the **308 Walnut Street property**, would also allow for the opening of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum Exhibit Hall in one central location, which would help to provide positive publicity and attract more tourists to Philadelphia. It was presented to Polish Americans from day one as a WIN-WIN for both the City of Philadelphia and the Polish American community and would also be a **MAJOR BENEFIT to Philadelphia's economy**. With all details agreed to, the Cultural Center project moved forward.
3. **For 30 years** the Cultural Center helped welcome millions of tourists to Philadelphia from all over America and around the world. The Museum is listed on tourists' maps, directional signs and historic signs throughout Philadelphia.
4. **After 30 years (1989-2019)** of the Federal HUD Grant being announced as processed and paid by Philadelphia and Federal elected officials, in **early 2019**, the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority announced that the grant submitted by Mayor Wilson Goode in 1989, was in fact NOT processed and paid to Polish American Social Services as was announced. After hearing this news, in March 2019, leaders of the Cultural Center contacted the HUD Secretary in Washington, D.C. for clarification on this, the **FIRST and ONLY Federal Level grant EVER offered to the Polish American people**. Both Philadelphia and Federal elected leaders stated it was an honor to be a part of such a beautiful community-building program funded with minimal federal grant funds for the Polish American community, which seek very little from the government other than general services.
5. **Between 2019 and 2025**, representatives of three HUD Secretaries in Washington D.C. advised us that this matter should be resolved by the Mayor of Philadelphia and the Legislative body, (the Philadelphia City Council), who acknowledges receipt of all Federal HUD Funds received by Philadelphia. Representatives in Washington D.C. advised United Polish American Social Services – Polish American Cultural Center leaders that "When elected officials make a commitment to a MAJOR group of voters and taxpayers, it is up to elected officials to resolve this commitment." They suggested this matter be resolved by the Mayor, no outside parties. They stated the application was **submitted by Mayor Wilson Goode of Philadelphia in 1988 and 1989** and the present Mayor should be the guiding force for a swift resolution. It was also stated that since the Mayor of Philadelphia is the ONLY person to administer HUD funding, the Mayor is the ONLY person who can find out exactly where these funds were allocated.
6. **On August 9, 1988**, the Museum Exhibit Hall was opened to the public with a Grand Opening event which then Vice President George H.W. Bush attended and offered his support for the HUD Grant being prepared by Mayor Wilson Goode to HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce.
7. **On December 5, 1988**, Mayor Wilson Goode sent the formal Federal HUD Grant for Federal-level assistance to Samuel Pierce, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C., under the project title of Polish American Cultural Center/ Polish American Social Services. (HUD Grant identification number B87-MC-42-0012, One Time Special Project Program Application number 18003047).
8. **In January 1989**, George H.W. Bush became President of the United States. In February, the new HUD Secretary, Jack Kemp, requested the application for the Federal HUD "One Time Special Project Program" Grant be resubmitted ONLY in the name of Polish American Social Services. Mayor Wilson Goode submitted the new application in March 1989 to HUD Secretary Jack Kemp.

## Polish American Cultural Center Museum

308 Walnut Street - Philadelphia PA 19106 (1988-2025)



**Additional Highlights of the Museum can be viewed at:**

**[http://www.polishamericancenter.org/pacc\\_exhibit\\_hall.html](http://www.polishamericancenter.org/pacc_exhibit_hall.html)**

9. **In May 1989**, Senator John Heinz, our HUD advocate, met with Edward Schwartz, Director of Philadelphia Housing & Community Development, to discuss the grant for Polish American Social Services. It was discussed with the possibility of using Federal Community Development Block Grant funding presently in Philadelphia's treasury to pay the mortgage on the 308 Walnut Street property. It was also suggested that the grant be paid for by Community Development Block Grant Funds in Philadelphia or City of Philadelphia Capitol funding as needed for the Cultural Center project at the discretion of the Mayor. HUD in Washington also offered the option of securing a loan against future Community Development Block grant entitlement funds designated for Washington, D.C. Philadelphia receives hundreds of millions of Federal HUD Grants dollars paid to the City of Philadelphia for Federal taxpayer dollars like ours each year.

10. **In late May 1989**, Senator John Heinz visited the Polish American Cultural Center to inform us that the grant for the 308 Walnut Street property would be honored from reprogrammed HUD funds presently available in the Philadelphia City Treasury.

11. **During 1989 and 1990**, the Goode Administration, along with several Philadelphia and Federal Elected Officials, announced during many public events in the Polish American Community that the HUD Grant was processed and paid and how honored they were to be part of supporting the **FIRST and ONLY** Federal-Level Grant offered to the Polish American Community for the Cultural Center project which would continue to be great public service to Philadelphia and the taxpayers.

12. **In March 2019**, a meeting was held at the Cultural Center with Philadelphia Councilmember Mark Squilla, representatives of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, and the Polish American Center leadership to resolve the issue as to how things were changed without any communications with representatives of Polish American Social Services/Polish American Cultural Center. During the meeting, representatives of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority were asked to present all documents regarding the determination letter of the **1989 Federal HUD Grant** submitted to HUD Secretary Jack Kemp, in Washington D.C. Leadership was informed by the representatives from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority that records from that time were not available. However, Polish American leaders have the applications and other documents that were provided to them from that time.

13. **Since the March 2019** meeting, we have been attempting to resolve this issue with the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. Through mailings, emails, and calls, we asked the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority why the Mayor's office nor Cultural Center leaders were NEVER contacted to alert them about any problems with the HUD Grant in late 1989 or 1990 so action could have been taken immediately to resolve any issues. In December 2022, a follow-up meeting was held at Councilmember Mark Squilla's office to discuss the progress regarding the requested information about the funding. At that meeting, Cultural Center representatives were informed by a Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority official that they were told for years to "LET IT GO"! How is that even possible? Who would make such a suggestion to employees?

**From the beginning, the Polish American Cultural Center supported ALL operational and repair expenses through fundraising and donations. It did not receive ANY funding from the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, or the Federal Government.**

14. We want EVERYONE to know that at no time **since March 2019 there has NOT been a meeting** with Mayor James Kenny, as HUD in Washington, D.C. suggested (despite multiple requests), City Councilmember Mark Squilla, (who represents the district where the Cultural Center is located), and representatives of the Polish American Cultural Center. In January, 2024 and since then, we have made numerous requests for a meeting with the current Mayor Cherelle Parker. To date, Mayor Parker HAS acknowledged our requests to meet face-to-face but no meeting to reach an equitable resolution to this matter has ever been held with Polish American representatives. While this did not take place during her tenure as the Mayor of Philadelphia, we hoped the elected representative of ALL Philadelphians would be the person to request all the written documentation from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority so all parties can meet and review the records. Since the Mayor is the PERSON who administers Federal HUD Funding, the MAYOR would be able to request an immediate resolution.

**For the record, a letter was also sent** to Mayor Cherelle Parker which proposed the purchase of the 308 Walnut Street property so we can seek new grants and sponsor fundraisers, or to transfer the property to the Cultural Center in recognition for the over 35 years of outstanding services to Philadelphia. The Mayor did not know how to handle the issue and left it in the hands of her appointed employees at the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. For the record, the Mayor appoints the Director of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, which has simply allowed for more time and taxpayer funds to continue to be wasted, rather than resolving the Cultural Center issue, the first and only Federal Grant offered to a Special Project to Polish Americans. We were only seeking that the Cultural Center issue be resolved with the same mission and intent it was agreed to in 1987 by many Philadelphia elected and Federal elected officials and distinguished Polish American leaders. There is no reason for new deals as was suggested. The deal agreed to in 1987 and 1988, fully represented what the property was to be used for and how it would service the **GENERAL PUBLIC** which was well accomplished.

15. **For the record, constituents have suggested to get Philadelphia City Council more involved**, unfortunately City Council cannot administer Federal Grant money sent to the City of Philadelphia each year, **ONLY THE MAYOR HAS THIS AUTHORITY**. City Council simply acknowledges the federal funds proposed in the Mayor's Annual Budget. We have submitted our concerns to elected officials in Washington, D.C. Since the original request was for FEDERAL level Assistance, we also welcome the assistance of Federal Elected Officials to resolve this issue.

16. **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Cultural Center representatives were told in 2019, 2022 and in 2025, by HUD representatives in Washington, D.C., that this is a matter that should be resolved under the leadership of the Mayor of Philadelphia.** "THIS MATTER WILL NOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL we can report to the taxpayers and elected officials in Washington, D.C. that elected officials in Philadelphia have done their jobs to represent the Polish American taxpayers whose Federal grants dollars were requested for the Cultural Center property in Philadelphia. The entire grant for the Cultural Center was for **2.1 million Federal Dollars**.

As we all know, Polish Americans are a **MAJOR community of VOTERS and TAXPAYERS** who pay toward all levels of government services and grants through our taxes every year. The actions of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority have opened our eyes to the MAJOR concerns regarding how our tax dollars are being spent and administered. **This is a REAL call for CONCERN!** It is time for real change remembering that each year Philadelphia receives hundreds of millions of FEDERAL Grant dollars from Washington, D.C.. We are sure this is not they way our tax dollars should be administered.

17. There are **many major concerns** about where the Special Project Program Grant funding for the Cultural Center was allocated once it was received by the City of Philadelphia, let alone the rest of our hard earned taxpayer dollars. Were they misappropriated? Were they allocated to another project? There were too many elected leaders involved for this to have been silent for **over 30 YEARS. It is time for ANSWERS, NOT ANOTHER BRUSH OFF!**

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**We welcome everyone's participation:**

Please **send this information to family and friends** so they can also be informed as to how this city treats a hardworking, dedicated community of taxpayers. We will keep you informed of any new developments. As elected officials suggested this project, it is the responsibility of elected officials to resolve it to the **original mission** and goals agreed to in 1987 and 1988. There is and has been no need for 3rd parties to be involved.

**For the record, there are many opportunities to reestablish the Museum in Historic Philadelphia**, even closer to Independence Hall where so much of America's early history began. However, **we want to hear more from YOU**, our Sponsors and Supporters. Polish Americans were asked by elected officials to do this project to promote Philadelphia and Polish Heritage, which would add to the cultural diversity of Historic Philadelphia.

The Museum Online Committee and Associates offer you their best wishes and Sto Lat! If you would like to see copies of the original documents, let us know and they will be emailed to you. Your comments and suggestions are also welcomed. Email them to:

**Museum@PolishAmericanCenter.com.**

**Submitted by Cultural Center and the Museum Committee  
Michael Blichasz, President**

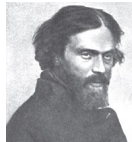
**PACC Historic Reflections Project Part 3**



**May 21, 1674 - Jan Sobieski (Coronation)**  
Jan Sobieski became King of Poland on May 21, 1674. It was Sobieski who defeated the Turkish Armies during the battle of Vienna in 1683, which in turn saved Europe and Western civilization. He has been honored for centuries as the “Defender of Christendom.”

**May 22, 1993 - Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Died)**

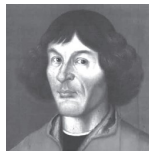
Pianist Mieczyslaw Horszowski was an internationally acclaimed pianist and music teacher whose performances were widely recorded. Mieczyslaw Horszowski was also a teacher at the Curtis Institute and continued to teach and perform until shortly before his death in Philadelphia in 1993 at the age of 100.



**May 23, 1883 - Cyprian Norwid (Died)**  
Cyprian Norwid was a nationally esteemed Polish poet, as well as a prominent sculptor, dramatist and painter. His work was not appreciated during his lifetime. Cyprian Norwid is now considered one of the four most influential poets of Poland.

**May 24, 1543 - Mikolaj Kopernik (Died)**

Polish astronomer Mikolaj Kopernik, known by his Latin name “Nicholas Copernicus”, was born in the city of Torun, Poland. Copernicus is the Father of Modern Astronomy, known as the man who moved the earth and stopped the sun.



**May 25, 992 - Mieszko I (Coronation)**  
Mieszko I was a Duke of Poland and the first historical ruler of Poland. Member of the Piast dynasty, he was son of the legendary Siemomysl, grandchild of Lestek and father to Boleslaw Chrobry, the first crowned prince of Poland, and Swietoslawa-Sygyrdya, a Nordic queen.

**May 26, 1956 - Aloysius Szymanski (Died)**

Aloysius Szymanski, professionally known as Al Simmons, was a player in Major League Baseball for over three decades. Al Simmons was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953. He is on the list of the 100 Greatest Baseball Players in Major League Baseball.



**May 27, 1887 - Kazimierz Fajans (Born)**  
Kazimierz Fajans, a Polish American physical chemist, was the co-author of a work entitled, “The Science of Radioactivity” and helped to formulate the law of radioactive moves. Kazimierz Fajans served as a university professor and researcher in Germany, England and the United States.

**May 28, 1981 - Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński (Died)**

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński was the leader of Poland’s Catholic Church during the dark days of Soviet Communist rule in Poland. Cardinal Wyszyński was the chief church official, the Primate of Poland, from 1948 until his death on May 28th in 1981. He was beatified on September 12, 2021.



**May 29, 1987 - Jack Ham (Hall of Fame Induction)**  
Jack Ham was inducted into the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame on May 29, 1987. He played for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1970’s and is considered one of the greatest outside linebackers in the history of the NFL.

**May 30, 2005 - Tomasz Pacynski (Died)**

Tomasz Pacynski was a Polish fantasy and science fiction writer. He was one of the creators, and since 2004, the chief editor of Fahrenheit, the first Polish Internet science fiction fanzine. He published short stories in such magazines as Science Fiction, SFera, and Fantasy, and in Internet fanzines such as Fahrenheit, Esensja, Fantazin and Srebrny Glob. He also wrote articles published in SFera and Science Fiction.



**May 31, 1957 - Leopold Staff (Died)**  
Leopold Staff was one of the most recognized Polish poets in the first half of the 20th century. Staff was also an editor, dramatist and prolific translator. He was associated with the Young Poland Movement.

**Congratulations Father Jan Palkowski**

The Polish American Cultural Center, supporters of the Polish American Congress, friends, people of St. Adalbert Church in Philadelphia, and various parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia where Fr. Jan Palkowski served as Pastor / Parochial Vicar, join in extending Congratulations and Sto Lat to Fr. Jan as he marks his 50th Anniversary in the priesthood.



Fr. Jan Palkowski

We thank Fr. Jan Palkowski for his 50 years of service to the Catholic Church and the Polish American community.

**Polish American Cultural Center  
Museum Online Outreach Continues to Grow**

Since the year 1997, we saw that welcoming tourists to one physical location in the Heart of Historic Philadelphia needed to be enhanced, so we expanded our **MUSEUM ONLINE** Internet link on **PolishAmericanCenter.com**.

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We thank everyone who supports this ever growing project.

In 2008, the Polish American Cultural Center began and has maintained the Internet site **PlanYourVisitToHistoricPhiladelphia.com**, which welcomes tourists to visit Historic Philadelphia.

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Open Monday to Friday • 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Telephone: (215) 923-1900

Outreach Services in and around the Philadelphia area

If you, a family member, or friend have a question concerning social services, call PASS and discuss your needs with a representative. All calls are CONFIDENTIAL, and PASS will either give you the information you need, handle your service directly, or refer you to the proper agency that can assist you.

Clients are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

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.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

## Medications and Prescription Plans

**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.



## The Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program Clearinghouse

This program works with **Pharma** (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers) to get prescription drugs for those unable to pay. For more information, call 1-800-955-0989.

## Senior Discount on Water

PASS reminds senior citizens living in the city of Philadelphia that they can apply for the 25% water and sewer discount program.

To qualify, you or your spouse must be:

- 65 years of age or older
- have an annual household income of less than \$42,100, (approximately \$3,508 per month.)

Additional Requirements include:

- Proof of Age
- Proof of Address
- Proof of Household Income

Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

For more information or an application contact PASS at 215-923-1900. For more info visit: PolishAmericanSocialServices.com



"PASS" works closely with the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging to provide information and assistance to the elderly. For information regarding services available in Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania, call PCA's helpline number at (215) 765-9040 or PASS (215) 923-1900.

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## Pennsylvania Real Estate Taxes

The Pennsylvania Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program is being administered now. New applications are available. Homeowners and renters can get back as much as \$1000 on last year's real estate taxes or rent. The income limit is \$45,000 annually for homeowners and for renters to qualify. It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline. Age requirements are 65 or older, living with a spouse that is 65 or older, widow or widower between the ages of 50 to 64 or permanently disabled between the ages of 18 and 64. For more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



## Attention Employers!

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

If your place of employment is about to or has posted an employment opportunity, kindly let PASS know. Call Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. (215) 923-1900, or send the job information to:

Attn: Employment Information  
Polish American Social Services

Email: [Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](mailto:Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com)

Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

## Job Seeker and Job Training Outreach

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.

This service is available from Polish American Social Services. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

## 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:

Polish American Social Services  
Employment Outreach

Email to: [Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](mailto:Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com)

For more information call PASS, Monday through Friday between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at: (215) 923-1900.

## 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.**

**Program Deadline: 9/30/26**

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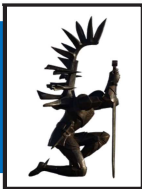


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## **Campaign to Aid Ukrainian Refugees**

**Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,**

**Many people have been asking how they can help Ukrainian Refugees in Poland.**

**On the front page of [PolishAmericanCenter.com](http://PolishAmericanCenter.com), you will find a list of organizations worthy of your donation.**

**From that link you can click on the pages which provide details about each organization and how to make your donation.**

**All donations are appreciated.**

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**We Help Determine What is SOLD in America!**

Every shopper knows that **“the marketplace determines what is sold in America and at the places where we shop”**. Today, cash register technology provides immediate reports to business owners of what’s being sold and what is not being sold.

If an item is being purchased, it’s replaced so it’s available for future customers. **If an item is NOT being purchased, the store will focus on reordering items that are being sold.** By seeking out and buying the **American made** items you need, you are helping determine what will be stocked in the future at the stores where you shop.

The entire **Buy American Made Campaign** is directed to ensure that more American made items are circulated in our stores as we work to promote the American made label and reduce the massive build-up of foreign items that have filled our stores for too long.

Our message is very basic and has been very effective. It demonstrates that **we are working for the benefit of American workers** and the importance of encouraging businesses that are expanding operations in America to do even more to get American made products sold in the United States.

The new global economy has brought about a lot of competition, which is good; however, in order to restore jobs in the United States we “America’s Consumers”, have to direct more of our purchasing power to support America’s private sector businesses that have the ability to restore the **50/50 balance** between foreign and American made items that we so often promote.

Thanks for spreading the word. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Email them to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.**

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**Maintaining Our Focus on American Workers!**

Despite the enormous amount of news and commentary provided daily by the national and local media, very few news outlets focus on ways to support American domestic production of goods and services that keep Americans employed. **The good news is that the media that is promoting the Buy American Made Campaign has helped to restore American jobs and America’s economy** and with your help, that will continue to grow.

For several decades, the American people saw America’s manufacturing base being relocated overseas. We saw trade agreements enacted that took more jobs out of America than were created for American workers. We saw school districts across America downsize or eliminate the trades and industrial arts programs that teach the skills that are needed by every sector of America’s businesses. **Because of our grassroots efforts, the American people are now more empowered, and we have to unite even more people to insure that jobs continue to grow in the United States.**

Right now **we are on the verge of creating millions of new jobs** because more of America’s consumers are circulating more of their hard earned dollars on products made and assembled in America.



One important way for you to help the cause is to go out of your way to support efforts like **“National Small Businesses Weekend”, the First Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of every month.** Shopping locally and seeking out American made has helped our cause and is helping to keep tens-of-millions of people employed in communities all over America.

For more information visit: **NationalSmallBusinessWeekend.com.**

**NO Trade Difficulties When WE Support American Made!**

There has been a tremendous amount of discussion in the news media about **TRADE WARS** with foreign countries. However there are No Trade Wars or Tariffs on products made and assembled in the United States of America.

**For more than 25 years, the Buy American Made Campaign has encouraged supporters to seek out everything possible that you need that is made in America.** Our efforts brought attention to the fact thousands of businesses moved their manufacturing to countries around the world and took tens-of millions of job opportunities out of the United States that could have kept American workers on the job and able to support themselves.

There is a tremendous amount discussed in the national news media about **TRADE WARS**, but they fail to mention how much America and American workers lost as a result of thousands of businesses moving the manufacturing of their products out of the United States. We are talking about the loss of tens-of-millions of jobs during the last 35 years. **As we continue to support “AMERICA”, the country where we live, you are urged to look at labels, ask for American made where you shop and seek out products and services that employ American workers knowing that you are circulating your hard earned dollars in the United States and creating employment opportunities for your family, friends, neighbors and fellow Americans.**

Kindly spread the word and remember, there are no tariffs and no need for trade wars on products made and assembled in the United States of America.

**Support Your Local Businesses Throughout the Year and During**



## National Small Business Weekend

**The First Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Every 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.”**

We began this special campaign in **March, 2012**, in response to local businesses stating that they lost customers to larger stores. In order to help local businesses, we encouraged supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign** to shop local more often and began the **National Small Business Weekend** effort to show our supporters how important local businesses are to their communities.

The fact of the matter is that there are millions of locally-owned private sector businesses in communities all over the United States. **Locally owned businesses employ over 60 million American workers** and they need your business throughout the year to keep people employed.

**Since 2012**

**For more information, visit [NationalSmallBusinessWeekend.com](http://NationalSmallBusinessWeekend.com).**

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## Celebrating Culture at North Penn High School's Spring International Festival

On April 16, 2026, my husband Marek and I had the joy of representing Poland at North Penn High School's Spring International Festival. The event brought together more than thirty countries, along with numerous community organizations, creating a vibrant celebration of culture, learning, and unity.

Throughout the day, the school was filled with music, dancing, children's activities, and displays highlighting history, traditions, and global perspectives. Families of all ages explored the exhibits, discovering new customs and reconnecting with familiar ones.

One of the most beloved features of the festival was the student "passport." Children visited each country's table to collect stamps and answer questions. Our question this year was simple but meaningful: "What is the capital of Poland?" Other exhibitors added to the festive atmosphere by offering small gifts such as pens, keychains, and water bottles.

The festival ran from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with thousands of people in attendance and included with a moving Parade of Nations, accompanied by the color guard and the Star-Spangled Banner. It was a beautiful reminder of the richness of our community and the spirit of welcome that defines the United States — a place where cultures meet, stories are shared, and opportunity continues to flourish.



Marek & Maria Koleda representing Poland at the International Spring Festival.



The Janosik Polish Dance Ensemble performing the Polonaise.



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## Celebrating Culture at North Penn High School's Spring International Festival - Continued



# Dyngus Day Celebration Was a Great Success at Dagwood's Pub

4625 Linden Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114

Easter Monday - April 6, 2026

Dyngus Day in Philadelphia was a special time to enjoy a cherished Polish custom on Easter Monday. Large crowds gathered at Dagwood's Pub to enjoy great food, entertainment by the P.K.M. Polish Folk Dancers, live music and traditional Polish hospitality, which started at 10 A.M. and continued until 10 P.M.

Dyngus Day is 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 water on one another. Along with the Easter Swieconka (blessing of the Easter baskets) this is a custom followed by many Polish American families.



P.K.M. Polish Folk Dancers performing at the Dyngus Day Celebration.

# Dyngus Day Celebration - Bonk's Bar

## 3467 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA

On April 6, 2026, the Clear Day Polka Band entertained the Dyngus Day crowd at Bonk's Bar in Port Richmond with many old familiar polkas, waltzes, and obereks, which began at 4 P.M. and continued until 8 P.M. The day was filled with great music, lots of dancing, and delicious food.

This is a fun tradition everyone looks forward to and hopes will continue for years to come.



Clear Day Polka Band performs at Bonk's Bar for the Dyngus Day Celebration.



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### Sto Lat! - May You Live a Hundred Years!

Often sung at birthdays and name days in Poland, much like "Happy Birthday" in the United States, "Sto Lat" is more versatile as it can be also heard at special events such as anniversaries, patriotic events and award ceremonies. Below is a Polish and English version for you to enjoy.

**Sto Lat**



Sto lat, sto lat niech zy-je, zy-je nam sto lat, sto lat  
Good luck, good cheer may you live one hundred years good luck, good cheer

niech zy-je, zy-je nam jeszcze raz, jeszcze raz niech zy-je, zy-je nam  
may you live one hundred years good luck, good cheer may you live one hundred years

niech zy-je, nam  
one hun-dred years



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