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Polish American Congress Looks Back at the 91st Annual Pulaski Day Parade

Pulaski Day Parade Sunday, October 6, 2024



TV 6 ABC Reporter, Alicia Vitarelli, and Polish American Radio Program & American Workers Radio Host, Michael Blichasz.



Pulaski Day Observance banner carried by members of the Ojczyzna Polish Folk Dancers,

Pulaski Day Parade 2024 in Philadelphia

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District, and the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, extend thanks to everyone who served on the **Pulaski Day Parade Committee**, the organizations, musical groups, dancers and individuals that marched in the Parade and made the **91st Anniversary of Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia** such a great success and another great date in Polish American history.

Thanks to the presidents and leaders of participating organizations, clergy, media and individuals who worked on the various committees.

The parade supplement, distributed in the October edition of the Polish American News, outlined the many organizations and individuals who helped make this year's parade another great event.

Several photos are printed in the Polish American News and you can view the entire **Pulaski Day Parade on YouTube from the link on the front page of PolishAmericanCenter.com.**

Thanks to **WPVI-TV 6 ABC** for broadcasting the parade and helping us reach more than one hundred thousand viewers. Thanks also to the individuals who donated funds and offered salutes in the Polish American News and during the television broadcast on WPVI-TV 6 ABC.

Thanks To All Who Supported the 2024 Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia
Dziękujemy Bardzo!!!

View the rebroadcast of the **2024 Pulaski Day Parade from the front page of PolishAmericanCenter.com**
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General Casimir Pulaski, portrayed by Andrzej Klimek.



General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, portrayed by Aaron Sadowski.



2024 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal, Helen Cyzio, escorted by General Pulaski, portrayed by Andrzej Klimek.

Thank you from our Military Marshal Janusz Romanski Polish Army Active Reserve Officer

Sincerest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the National Polish Army Veterans Association in America for selecting me as the 2024 Pulaski Day Parade Military Marshal in Philadelphia on Sunday, October 6, 2024. I will always remember this day, being so important and precious in my life. Thank you, once again, for the great honor of participating in the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia as the 2024 Military Marshal! Sto Lat!



Dr. Janusz Romanski Military Marshal



United States Marine Corps Color Guard, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines, followed by Frankford High School Junior ROTC Unit Color Guard.



Polish and American National Anthems sung by (left) Annette Horta and Dorothy Orlik.

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Roxborough High School ROTC.



Members of the Pennsbury High School Marching Band under the direction of Band Director Mark Capriotti.



Polish Army Veterans Association Banner.



Historic St. Stanislaus Church, South Philadelphia members and Fr. Edward Kuczynski, Pastor of St. Stanislaus / St. Philip Neri Church.



Polish Army Veterans from the Philadelphia area and Trenton, New Jersey.



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Polish American Heritage Month Banner carried by members of the Polish Scouts "Harcerstwo".



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St. Josaphat Church of Manayunk & Roxborough area banner, honoring Edward Piszek, Founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchen.



Polish National Alliance, Lodge 3106, Cumberland County, NJ.



Polish American Heritage Association of Manayunk & Roxborough banner.



Knights of Columbus 654, Vineland, New Jersey.



St. Joseph Church, Polish Catholic Apostolate of the Camden, Diocese float.



Polish National Alliance, Lodge 3106 FLoat "Marking the 416th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in Jamestown, VA., Cumberland County, NJ.



Children from St. Joseph Church carrying posters honoring Marie Sklodowska Curie.



John Paul II Polish School, Poconos Banner.



St. Joseph Church float portraying Marie Sklodowska Curie.



Adults and Children from John Paul II Polish School, Poconos.



Polish School at St. Hedwig Parish, Trenton, NJ. children and adults.



OgniwO Polish Learning Center with their students.

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Wislanie Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble from Baltimore, MD.



Wislanie Polish Folk Song & Dance Ensemble performing the "Trojak".



St. John Cantius Division Banner, Fr. Konstanty Pruszynski and Members.



St. John Cantius Polish Language School performing with the Song and Dance Parasolki (Umbrellas).



Polish Scouts, "Harcerstwo", Philadelphia, PA.



Polish Scouts float paying tribute to Paul Baron, Jacek Karpinski and Stephen Wozniak.



Polish Eagles Sports Club banner and Members.



Polish Legion RC Bikers with the Polish Eagles Sports Club.



Polish Eagles Sports Club members portraying as Polish Soccer fans with DJ Quest and members.

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Polka Deli Car in the Polish Eagles Sports Club division.



P.K.M. Polish Folk Dance Ensemble banner.



National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA., Fr. Karol Jarzabek and Members.



P.K.M. Polish Folk Dance Ensemble performing a dance from the Kurpie region of Poland.



Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Language School Dance Group commemorating the 85th Anniversary of World War II with a performance.



Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Chorus #321 and their director David Zagorski performing the song "Czerwone Maki na Monte Cassino".



Our Lady of Czestochowa float in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa division, along with the Eagle-Orzel Educational and Cultural Representatives.



Associated Polish Home Division banner and members.

Thank you from our Grand Marshal Helen Cyzio

My sincere thanks and gratitude to the entire Polonia for selecting me as the 2024 Pulaski Day Parade Grand Marshal in Philadelphia on Sunday, October 6, 2024. It certainly was a great day, weather wise, and mostly for me. I was deeply impressed to see how many organizations, churches, choir, and children groups participated in the parade. Once again, I thank everyone for all their kind and best wishes as well as for the beautiful memories. Dziekuje and Sto Lat!



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Representatives of the Polish Police Association of Philadelphia.



Polish National Alliance, banner and members of PNA Council 171, Lehigh Valley, PA., in the PNA division.



Pulaski and Copernicus in the Polish National Alliance Division.



Polish National Alliance Truck with DJ Bogdan Karłowicz.



Members of the Polish American Citizens Society in the Polish National Alliance Division.



Ojczyzna Polish Folk Dancers from Baltimore, MD performing a dance from the Cieszyn region of Poland.



Fr. Jan Palkowski, Fr. James Olson and members, during the Pulaski Day Parade in the St. Adalbert Division.



Polish American String Band in the St. Adalbert Church Division under the direction of Captain Nick Magenta. This year marks their 91st Anniversary.

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St. Adalbert Polish Language School members and Children.



St. Adalbert Polish Language School, with their Choral Director, Maria Koleda, performing the song "Barka", during the Pulaski Day Parade.



Janosik Polish Folk Dance Group banner.



Janosik Polish Folk Dance Group performing the "Koseder" from the Kaszuby region of Poland.



Polish American Heritage Association of Montgomery County.



Fr. Tadeusz Gorka, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Royersford, PA.



Polish Living History Division, Group Banner and Reenactors



All dance groups close the Pulaski Day Parade with the Polonaise.



General Pulaski, portrayed by Andrzej Klimek, and his wife Dayna dancing the Polonaise.



Parade Hosts Michael Blichasz and Alicia Vitarelli dance the Polonaise.



Parade Coordinator Theresa Romanowski and General Kosciuszko, portrayed by Aaron Sadowski, dance the Polonaise.



Dorothy and Richard Klimek with their granddaughter Halina Klimek dancing the Polonaise.

**2024 Pulaski Day Photos by
Donna Blichasz Yeager.**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. **521**

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of October 2024 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, This year is the 1,058th anniversary of the documented history of Poland; and

WHEREAS, It is also the 416th anniversary of Polish settlers arriving in the United States at Jamestown, Virginia, on October 1, 1608; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 405th anniversary of the Polish settlers who organized the first labor strike at Jamestown, Virginia, the 85th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland and the 80th anniversaries of the battle of Monte Cassino and the Warsaw Uprising; and

WHEREAS, This month, the nation will be observing the 43rd Anniversary of "Polish American Heritage Month," which highlights individuals of Polish heritage who have contributed greatly to global advancement and the growth of the United States and our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, General Kazimierz "Casimir" Pulaski, known as the Father of the American Cavalry, is remembered as a hero who fought for independence and freedom in Poland and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Marie Sklodowska Curie earned a share of the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics for joint research on radiation and was awarded the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her discovery of polonium and radium; and

WHEREAS, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, world-famous pianist and composer, statesman and advocate for Polish freedom, was born in Europe in 1860 and died in New York City in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Revolutionary War hero Tadeusz "Thaddeus" Kosciuszko, renowned international conductor Leopold Stokowski, former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and former United States Senator Edmund Muskie are other Polish notables; and

WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage have many reasons to celebrate their heritage, their culture and their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians are grateful for Polish Americans' enduring contributions to the nation; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of October 2024 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

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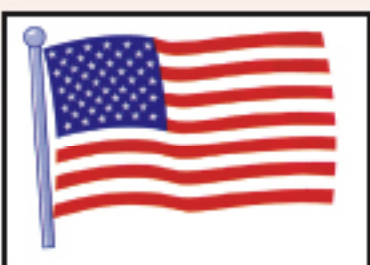
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Our Honoree
John Wisniewski



John Wisniewski is a local activist whose lifetime of work has contributed greatly to our Polish-American community. He is being honored by the Polish Heritage Society with the Polonia Achievement Award for rescuing the stained glass windows from St. Laurentius Church and relocating them to the National Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA.

All proceeds benefit the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia Scholarship Fund

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**Polish Heritage Society
of Philadelphia
Polonaise
Ball**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024
Associated Polish Home**

*9150 Academy Road
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6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
*Hors d'oeuvres
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Museum's Historic Reflections Project November

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

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



November 1, 1918 - Harcerze (Founding)

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



November 2, 1942 - Stefanie Powers (Born)

Stefania Federkiewicz, well-known by her stage name Stephanie Powers, starred in movies and television shows. Stephanie Powers is well known for her television series Hart to Hart with co-star Robert Wagner.

November 3, 1951 - Edward Murawinski (Born)

Edward Murawinski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was formerly employed by the New York Daily News as a cartoonist and a member of the National Cartoonist Society. He attended the Manhattan School of Visual Arts and has been employed by the Daily News since he was seventeen.



November 4, 1937 - Loretta Swit (Born)

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

November 5, 1530 - Jan Kochanowski (Born)

Jan Kochanowski was a Polish Renaissance poet and writer. He is recognized as one of the most important poets before the 19th century.



November 6, 1755 - Stanislaw Staszic (Born)

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

November 7, 1944 - Joe Niekro (Born)

Joe Niekro was a Major League Baseball Player and the brother of Hall of Famer, Phil Niekro. Joe Niekro like his brother Phil, specialized in throwing the knuckleball. During the 1970's and 80's, the Niekro brothers combined for 539 total wins, making them the most successful brother combination in baseball history. Joe's son, Lance, is a former major league baseball player.

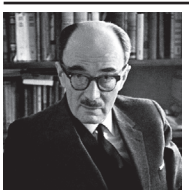


November 8, 1940 - Charles Kowal (Born)

Charles Kowal is a Polish American astronomer who discovered the two moons of Jupiter, Leda in 1974 and Themisto in 1975. Charles Kowal is also known for discovering many supernovas in other galaxies.

November 9, 1505 - Mikolaj Rej (Born)

Mikolaj Rej was one of the best known writers and poets of the Renaissance and was also a politician, musician and nobleman. The Polish Sejm pronounced 2005 as the year of Mikolaj Rej, celebrating the 500th Anniversary of his birth.



November 10, 1909 - Pawel Jasienica (Born)

Pawel Jasienica was the pen-name of Leon Lech Beynar, a Polish non-academic historian, journalist, writer and soldier. Died 1970.

November 11, 1918 - Poland's Independence Day (Event)

In 1918 after World War I, Poland was reestablished as a sovereign country with the assistance of United States President Woodrow Wilson and the Allied Powers.



November 12, 1952 - Steve Bartkowski (Born)

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

November 13, 1806 - Emilia Plater (Born)

Emilia Plater was a Polish freedom fighter who participated in the November Uprising of 1830. Emilia Plater, who achieved the rank of Captain of an Infantry Unit, is considered a revolutionary, patriot and national hero not just in Poland, but also in Belarus and Lithuania.



November 14, 1972 - Edyta Gorniak (Born)

Edyta Gorniak (born in Ziebice, Poland) is one of the most popular female singers of Polish pop music. She was the star of the musical Metro ("Subway") - the most popular and longest running homegrown musical in Polish history.



November 15, 1980 - Pope John Paul II Visit to West Germany (Event)

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

November 16, 1603 - Augustyn Kordecki (Born)

Augustyn Kordecki led the historic defense of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa during the Swedish Invasion from November 18th to December 26th, 1655, prior to the cloister of the Pauline Fathers in Czestochowa, Poland.



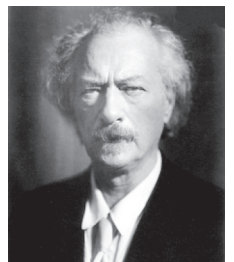
November 17, 1954 - Tadeusz Banachiewicz (Died)

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



November 18, 1860 - Ignacy Paderewski (Born)

Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and composer, became the most noted statesman of Poland to the United States during and after World War I. In 1919, after World War I, Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created Republic of Poland. His heart is enshrined at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and his remains are buried in the crypt at St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw, Poland.



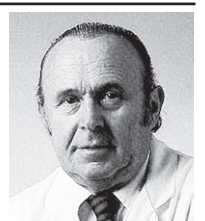
November 19, 1925 - Zygmunt Bauman (Born)

Zygmunt Bauman (born in Poznan) is a Polish sociologist who, since 1971, has resided in England after being driven out of Poland by an anti-Semitic campaign, engineered by the Communist regime of the time. Professor of sociology at the University of Leeds (and since 1990 emeritus professor), Bauman has become best known for his analysis of the links between modernity and the Holocaust, and of postmodern consumerism. Died 2017.



November 20, 1926 - Dr. Andrzej Shally (Born)

Dr. Andrzej Wiktor Shally was a Polish-born endocrinologist who won the Nobel Prize in 1977 in Medicine for research work. Dr. Andrzej Shally developed a whole new realm of knowledge concerning the brain's control over body chemistry.



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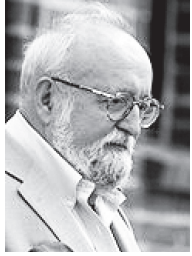


November 21, 1920 - Stanley Musial (Born)

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

November 22, 1950 - Gregory Luzinski (Born)

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

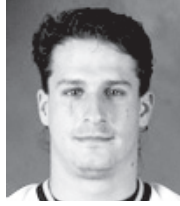


November 23, 1933 - Krzysztof Penderecki (Born)

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

November 24, 1972 - Barry Potomski (Born)

Barry Potomski is a former professional ice hockey right winger. He played 68 National Hockey League games: 59 with the Los Angeles Kings and 9 with the San Jose Sharks.



November 25, 1985 - Ray Jablonski (Died)

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



November 26, 1855 - Adam Mickiewicz (Died)

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

November 27, 1958 - Artur Rodzinski (Died)

Artur Rodzinski was a Polish conductor of opera and symphonic music. Rodzinski studied music in Lwów, and then law in Vienna, where he simultaneously enrolled at the Academy of Music. He was associated with Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and New York Philharmonic.



November 28, 1948 - Agnieszka Holland (Born)

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

November 29, 1830 - Polish Uprising (Event)

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



November 30, 1768 - Jędrzej Sniadecki (Born)

Jędrzej Sniadecki was a Polish writer, physician, chemist and biologist. Sniadecki's most important book was entitled The Beginnings of Chemistry, the first Polish-language chemistry textbook. It is believed that Jędrzej Sniadecki was the original discoverer of the element ruthenium in 1807.

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Many expenses are needed to maintain the Pulaski Parade, such as insurance, equipment rental, audio systems, publicity and many additional general costs, therefore , we are sponsoring a \$500.00 Pulaski Day Parade Raffle.

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Donation: \$5.00 per ticket - Winner need not be present			

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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 wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, 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.

Social Security and Medicare Updates Annual Enrollment Period

Medicare Updates

From **October 15, 2024 to December 7, 2024**, Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their medical and/or prescription drug plans for 2025. Medicare beneficiaries should seek out the help of trusted family members and friends, or community groups to determine if their current plan will be offered next year, what changes to expect in the plan, and if it is still the best plan based on their needs.

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

For more information visit: www.Medicare.gov

Look Out For LIHEAP Fuel Rebate Program About to Begin



As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, will begin November 4, 2024. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

For those who are not familiar with the program, there is no age restriction to apply.

For more information on filing requirements or to get an application, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

Annual Household Income Limits (before taxes):		
Household size	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$1,882.50	\$22,590
2	\$2,555.00	\$30,660
3	\$3,227.50	\$38,730
4	\$3,900.00	\$46,800
5	\$4,572.50	\$54,870
6	\$5,245.00	\$62,940

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"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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Real Estate Taxes

The 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.



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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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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 at the office of Polish American Social Services, 308 Walnut Street in Center City Philadelphia. 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, mail your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Mail your resume to:

**Polish American Social Services
Employment Outreach**
308 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Fax to: (215) 922-1518
Email to: Staff@PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

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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.

Program Deadline: 1/31/25

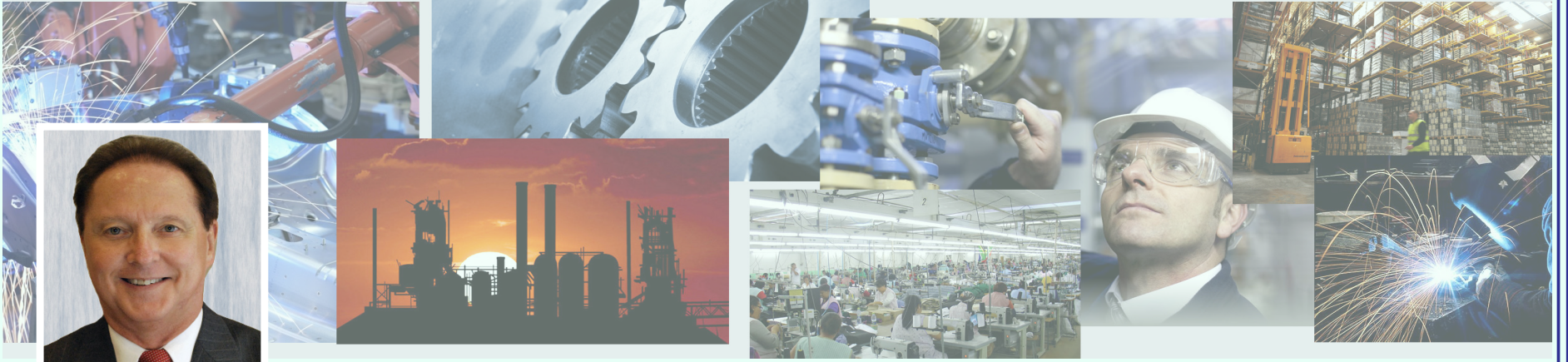
For an application or additional information, call PASS's United Social Services Outreach Program, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at **215-923-1900**.

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During the entire month of November, **American Workers Radio** will expand its efforts to promote America's businesses, the industries manufacturing and assembling products in the U.S.A., and the jobs that employ Americans and add to a vibrant economy.

This is a national event and everyone is asked to participate.

For more information, visit: **AmericanMadeMonth.com**.



Michael Blichasz
Radio Host

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Brief Schedule of 2024 National American Made Month Efforts:

1. **Friday, November 1st, Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd**, go out of your way to support **National Small Business Weekend**, which is held the first full weekend of every month.
2. **November 5th is National Election Day**, an opportunity to vote for political leaders who support efforts to expand the American Made campaign and jobs for Americans from the self-employed to individuals employed by major corporations.
3. **Weekend of November 8th, 9th & 10th**, promote **American Made items**, let others know where they are sold and consider what American Made items will make great gifts for the upcoming holidays.
4. **November 11th, Veterans Day**, a time to honor veterans and promote jobs for America's veterans and all American workers.
5. **November, 28th, Thanksgiving Day**, a time to give thanks and unite our family, friends and neighbors to support the Buy American Made Campaign and jobs for American workers.
6. **Friday, November 29th, Black Friday**, a time to focus on American Made EVERYTHING, so American made businesses benefit.
7. **November 29th and 30th, the last days of American Made Month** are an opportunity to consider what more can be done to make the balance of the holiday shopping season a success for the businesses manufacturing, assembling, promoting, distributing and selling American Made Products.
8. **November 30th, Small Business Saturday**, a national event to support America's small businesses and another opportunity to seek out American made products.

Help Us Spread the Word so that November "American Made Month", will be a Great Success!

This National Event is presented by **American Workers Radio** and our supporters across the United States of America. You can Listen Live or to Re-Broadcasts from our Internet site at: **AmericanWorkersRadio.com**.

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It is important for us to VOTE for the people that will represent us on all levels of government, local, state and federal.

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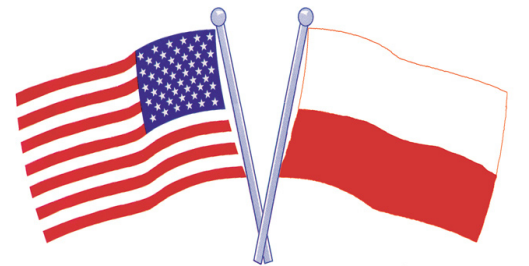


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Email: pkwoka@comcast.net

Polish American Heritage Month Thank You

A SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped promote October as "Polish American Heritage Month". It was celebrated in Polish American communities all over the United States.

This effort was another opportunity to promote the history, culture and pride of the Polish and Polish American people and encourage people to promote their heritage to family and friends and at various public events.



Thanks to the Television Stations, Radio Programs, Newspapers, Organizations, Churches, Cultural and Youth Groups, Internet and Social Media sites that helped promote October as "Polish American Heritage Month". Everyone's participation is sincerely appreciated.

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A 50 / 50 Balance Will Create More Jobs!

As we continue to promote **November as “American Made Month”**, America’s consumers are urged to look closely at the labels on clothing, electronics and general household products as we continue working toward **our goal of 50% of all the items sold in America, being made in America again.**



For over 35 years most Americans did not realize that THOUSANDS of well established American based businesses and THOUSANDS of well-

known brand name items moved the manufacturing of their products outside of the United States. Those businesses left the United States to avoid the ever-rising costs of doing business in America and we urge all supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign to urge their national and state elected leaders to reduce taxes and regulations on businesses so they can rebuild their product lines here in America.**

By supporting manufacturing in the United States we know that we are helping employ many levels of American Workers from purchasing supplies, manufacturing, packing, shipping, sales, product delivery, office and management jobs many which represent employment opportunities for our family, friends and neighbors. Thanks for your participation.

Kindly invite your family and friends to support November as American Made Month and invite them to learn more about our efforts by visiting: **AmericanMadeMonth.com.**

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Kindly send them to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.**

November is American Made Month!

Since November 2014, we have been asking our supporters to promote the entire month of November as “American Made Month”. It’s another opportunity for us to support the private sector businesses that manufacture and assemble products that display the Made in the U.S.A label. As you shop at your local stores and on the Internet, go out of your way to look for and ask for products with the Made in America label. Businesses interested to expand their product lines in the United States would help create jobs for American workers, but they need to know the American people will support what they make here in the United States of America.

As we begin **November as “American Made Month”**, you are asked to promote our brief schedule of efforts which will help America’s businesses and American workers:

- 1. We have been promoting the First weekend of every month as National Small Business Weekend. Go out of your way to support your local businesses.**
- 2. November 5th is Election Day, vote for candidates that support our efforts to expand jobs for Americans from the self-employed to individuals employed by major corporations.**
- 3. November 11th, Veterans Day, is a time to honor veterans and promote jobs for America’s veterans and all American workers.**
- 4. During the Weekend of November 15th, 16th & 17th, promote American Made items, by shopping at the places where they are sold with a focus on the items that will make great gifts for the holidays.**
- 5. November, 28th, Thanksgiving Day, a time to give thanks and encourage family, and friends to support the Buy American Made Campaign and jobs for American workers.**
- 6. Friday, November 29th, Black Friday, is a time to focus on American Made EVERYTHING, so American made businesses benefit from your purchases.**
- 7. November 30th, is Small Business Saturday, a national event to support America’s small businesses and another opportunity to seek out American made products.**
- 8. November 29th and 30th, are the last days of American Made Month and an opportunity to consider what else can be done to make the balance of the holiday shopping season a success for the businesses manufacturing, assembling, promoting, distributing and selling American Made Products.**

Thanks for your participation. For more information visit: **AmericanMadeMonth.com.** Email your suggestions to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.**

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- 2. A label is a symbol of pride for the company and the workers making the products and employing people to get the product to the market place.**
- 3. A label tells us that industries in America are in competition with foreign products and encourages us to support the American Made Label, which we know is helping to maintain and expand jobs in the United States of America.**

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If only 50% of the products sold at America’s stores and on the Internet RIGHT NOW were made in America, our nation’s economy would thrive and more Americans would have many more levels of job opportunities.

American made labels let us know that employment opportunities like management, manufacturing the products, sales, accounting, advertising, research and development, shipping, and many more jobs needed to get the product to market, are all allowing American workers to earn a living, and in the process, add to a strong business base here in the United States of America.

As you go out shopping, look for, ask for and spend as many of your dollars as possible to support America’s businesses and American workers.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Send your email to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.**

Create and Save American Jobs online at:

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Polish People in America Cherish Thanksgiving

Polish people have lived in America since October, 1608. In November, 1610, the colonists in Jamestown, Virginia, enjoyed a Thanksgiving service after English supply ships arrived with food. This colonial celebration was considered the "first Thanksgiving."

The national holiday of Thanksgiving in America stems from the feast held in the autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indian tribe to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts.

On October 3, 1789, George Washington issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating for "the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving" to be held on "Thursday the 26th day of November," 1789, marking the first national celebration of a holiday that has become commonplace in today's households.

On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued the proclamation, "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, ...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November, as a day of Thanksgiving."

During this special time, best wishes to all our families, friends and supporters as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day!

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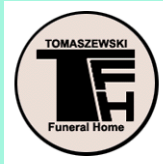
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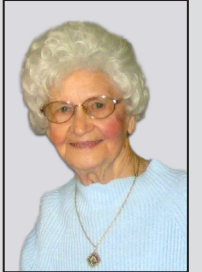
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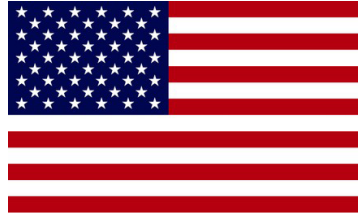
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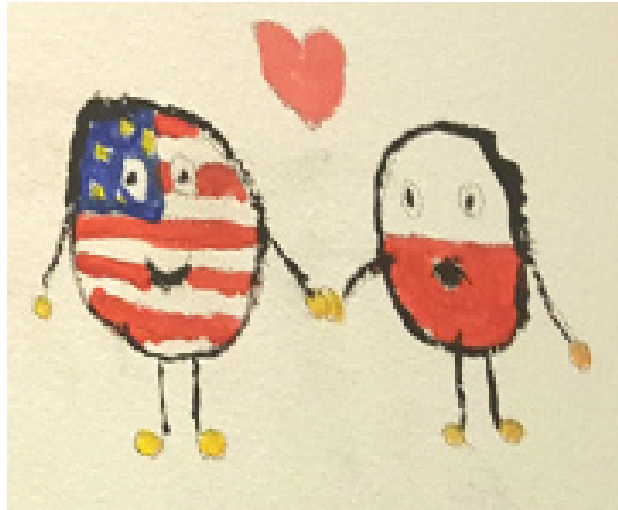
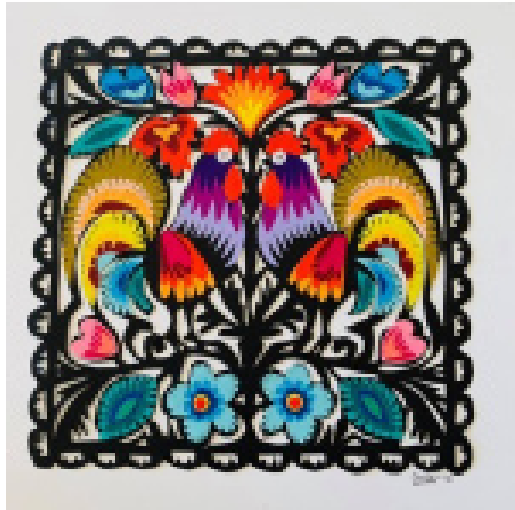
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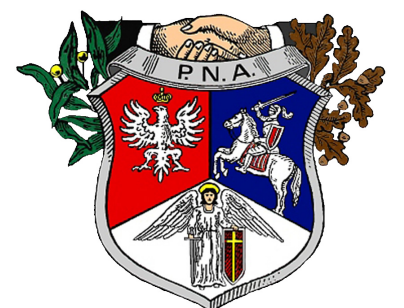
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Ulma Family Beatification

By Bozenna Buda, ED

This year, we have another memorable event to commemorate. On September 10, 2023, the beatification of the Ulma Family- mother, father, six children and one almost-born baby – took place in Poland. They

were killed for hiding Jews in their home in 1944. According to the Vatican, this is the first time an entire family is being beatified together, including the child carried in the mother’s womb at the time of her death.

As the Institute of National

Remembrance noted, “The Ulma family serves as a symbol of those [Catholic] Poles who died at the hands of the Germans for helping Jews during the German occupation of Poland.” The Ulmas were posthumously honored by Yad Vashem Institute in Jerusalem with the title of “Righteous Among the Nations.” A museum named after the Ulma family, dedicated to all Poles who saved Jews during the Holocaust, was opened in Markowa, Poland.

The lives of the Ulma family are an inspiration to all. As Pope St. John Paul II often pointed out, the family unit can be viewed as a “domestic church.” Even those who lead seemingly ordinary lives can exemplify the teachings of the Gospel. They can offer warmth and support to the most vulnerable in society, as did the Ulma family.

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Janusz Zbigniew Brach Eulogy 9/4/2024

Janusz was born on Thursday, June 5, 1930, in Warsaw, Poland. His parents were Wincenty and Marianna (Gierek) Brach. He was the second of 4 children. His older brother was Henryk and wife Danuta, who at 98 is still living in Stockholm, Sweden with her daughter. His younger brother was Roman, and his wife was Halina. Teresa, the baby of the family and only girl, still lives in Warsaw.

Janusz was raised in the city of Warsaw in a section called Praga Warszawska. It was mostly a residential section and was commonly known as the "other side" of the Wisla river because most of the governmental and important businesses were located on the "other side" of the river.

As an early teenager, he was separated from his immediate family during WW2 and ended up living with other family members on a farm near Pultusk, around 45 miles from Warsaw. When the war ended, he walked for 2 days back to his family home in Warsaw. Along the way he picked up shoes, belts, hats, clothing, even drinking cups from dead soldiers and civilians. When he finally found his street he was surprised to find that his home survived all the bombings even though others on the street did not. Even more surprising, his entire family survived the war. He would often recount the story of when he approached his home, his mother was sweeping the porch, and she did not recognize him because he was away for almost 3 year- and he went away as a boy and came back as a man.

He returned to school but decided to leave his studies and find work, due to being so hungry. Janusz got a job for Wedel Chocolate Factory. One of his duties was to decorate the wafer torts (Torciki Wedlowe) which resembled a large round kit-kat bar. He always talked about how he saved his family from starvation. He would bring home scraps of broken torts off the production line (and he even sometimes broke them himself), just to have something to bring home for all to eat. Until almost his last day he loved his sweets and chocolate. He moved on to work for other confectionery makers in Warsaw. And also spent mandatory time in the Polish military.

Janusz fell in love with Hanna Strzyzewska and they were married in Warsaw, in the church of St. Joseph of the Visitationists (Kościół Wizytek) on Oct 20, 1956, and he moved into a one room apartment with his in-laws, Stanislaw and Stanislaw Strzyzewski. They had only one son, Jacek, who was born on February 8, 1958. Shortly after that, the family was awarded a brand new 2 room apartment in a brand-new building directly across from the Jewish Uprising Monument in the Ghetto section of Warsaw. They were lucky because Stanislaw was a pilot for LOT airlines and had to have his own room to sleep because of his random flight schedules. But Janusz knew that he had to provide something better for his wife and son.

So, in 1962, Janusz decided to board the ship MS Batory and come to America (for the first time), staying with his uncle Walter Brach for 1.5 years and working for his business at Bridesburg Roofing Co. Working in Philly, spreading hot tar on roofs was hard work but he knew he could make a better life in the USA. So, He went back to Poland to try to get his family cleared for immigration to the states but due to Communist intervention his family was not allowed to leave Poland. He returned alone to the US again in 1966 and stayed again with his uncle on Buckius Street in Bridesburg and worked again with Uncle Walter and his son Stanley.

On July 1, 1971, after many years of paperwork, his Hania and Jacek came from Poland to Bridesburg. They stayed on Buckius Street with Uncle Walter for a few months but soon bought their first 3 bedroom fixerUpper house around the block on Mercer street and Janusz made that his home for almost 60 years.

Janusz kept working for Bridesburg Roofing until one day he had a heart attack on the roof and thank goodness for the chimney that broke his fall. He had to leave roofing but got back into his element-- working for Whitman's Chocolates on Roosevelt Blvd in Philly.

A few years later there was a job as a housing inspector for the city of Philadelphia. Heaven knows he knew all about house remodeling and development. In that role he worked for several different agencies of the City but it always related to housing. He had many stories about the houses that he would visit and there was even an incident where he and a contractor fell down a set of basement steps that collapsed. Nobody was seriously hurt. So, he continued working and due to Hania getting cancer, he retired in 1996.

While she was undergoing treatments, he had to stay busy and became a group secretary for the Polish Beneficial Association providing insurance and annuity benefits to the Polish community. He became the best "dziadziu" for my 3 kids: Mike, Basia and Joe -building dolls houses, attending school functions and helping with any and all construction projects.

After Hanna passed in 2007, Janusz continued to live alone in the same house on Mercer Street. He spent a lot of time with his cousin Waldek Wodzinski who lived a few houses down from him. He still worked for PBA and also got involved with the Polish Veterans. He loved his Polish St John Cantius church and attended Mass regularly. He would often hear that cheap airplane tickets were available and would fly to Poland to visit his sister-we found out he was gone when she'd call us to ask if he's really waiting for her at the Warsaw airport!

The one thing that he always recommended was to drink a shot of any kind of alcohol every night to disinfect the body- HAHA- a tradition we've kept for many years. And Roger Wilco made a bundle because every time he crossed the Tacony bridge he made a purchase. He also explained that he was made of iron and drinking water would make him rust. The other thing about Janusz- he always had smile on his face- even when angry or sick. And he did not talk much and sort of mumbled his words!

He met Pani Basia and the two of them would attend many family events together. She was good for him because she got him to keep moving and get out for walks in different parks, do some sightseeing, to hit the beaches and boardwalks and go out to eat. It was nice that they spent time together before she passed away last year.

Janusz's health started to deteriorate. After a few falls, some broken bones, a hospital and rehab stay he reluctantly agreed that he could not stay in his house alone, with the only bathroom on the second floor, so, he moved into his final residence at the Brookdale Senior Living in Voorhees NJ in February 2019- only 4 miles from our house. We visited so often that most residents thought we worked there because we were always there. The staff said he has a son and Mary was his real daughter, not a daughter in law.

As he was getting close to 90, he would always say that he's not going to live that long because his father died just weeks short of his 90th birthday. So, a huge party was planned for 90th birthday but then COVID happened and the world shut down. Yet God was merciful to let the 90th party happen on his 92 birthday. He was thrilled. And he managed to see age 94!

The family was growing when Mike married Adrianna and then Joe married Jessica. It brought him much joy to see all his grandkids when either he came over our house or they would visit him but was always happy to have a quiet apartment to go back to. It grew to be 4 generations of Brach's, with Ella, being born 3 years ago (but she was a girl!) AND he said the BEST gift he got for his 94th birthday was when Adri told him he will have a GREAT grandson soon. He couldn't remember very much but knew that there was going to be a BOY Brach.

These last months were so difficult for him being the independent person he was. He hated that the aides had to help him with daily "stuff". He was too proud to accept any help from anybody. So, we knew things were serious when his love of food, sweets, chocolate, Polish TV and seeing family had diminished tremendously.

He died quickly and peacefully on 9/4/24 at age 94. So, let's celebrate Janusz's life---long lived and well lived.

Written by Mary Brach



Pulaski Day in Baltimore

By Michael Carnahan

October 13, 2024 – Baltimore, Maryland

In annual tradition, members of Baltimore's Polish Community gathered in Patterson Park at the Pulaski Monument to honor General Kazimierz Pułaski and to commemorate his courageous efforts in the American War for Independence. Joe Solinsky, president of the Polish Heritage Association of Maryland (PHAM), the organization responsible for this event, led the commemoration which began with an opening prayer by Father Ryszard Czerniak of Holy Rosary Church. The ceremony continued with a wonderfully prepared biography of Pulaski, presented by Polish National Alliance (PNA) Council 21 Librarian and Lodge 918 President Adam Mazurek, a historical perspective presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and information about the monument itself, including details of its planning and creation, and its history since its dedication, presented by President Solinsky.

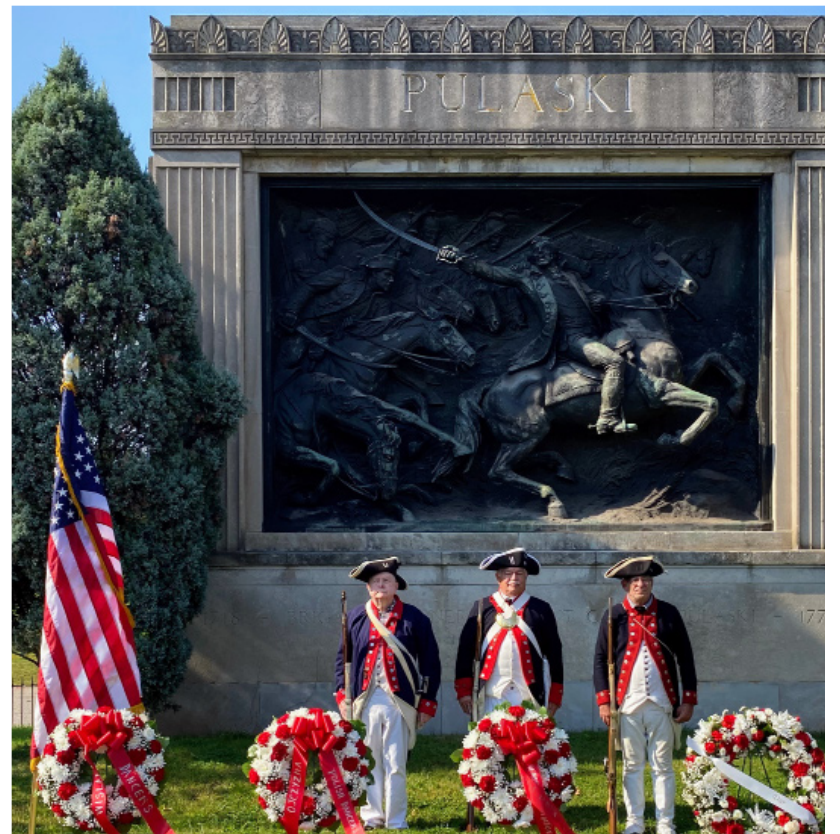


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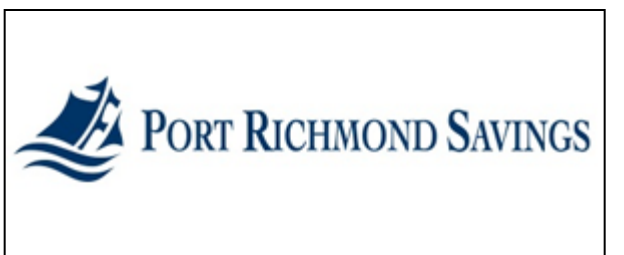
Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard and members of Casimir Pulaski Post 209 of the Polish Legion of American Veterans attended to add military dignity to the commemoration. PNA Council 21 President and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland for the State of Maryland, Richard Poremski, was present to represent the Embassy of Poland and to join many Baltimore Polish organizations in placing a wreath at the monument. Organizations presenting wreaths included PHAM, PNA, Polish Home Club, Ojczyzna Polish Dancers, Wiślanie Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble, National Katyń Memorial Committee, the Polish School at Holy Rosary Church, and many others.

At the end of the ceremony, everyone joined together in singing both the Polish and American national anthems with the flags flying high. The ceremony concluded with prayers by Father Andrzej Bieganowski of Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church. Finally, over 100 of the attendees went to PNA for a reception, which included the playing of the recorded Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia, and the singing of patriotic and folk songs.

While such commemorations are often simply ceremonious in nature, in Baltimore the Pulaski Monument and Pulaski Day Commemoration serve as constant reminders of not only the bold and fearless actions of one Pole in America, but of the commitment and dedication of Poles everywhere to be the first to fight for freedom.



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