

It All Began in Poland World War II Commemoration

The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools,
SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary & Michigan Polonia, LLC

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Tuesday, September 1, 2009

6:00 PM - Mass and Sunset Wypominki Candle Service
Mass in the Shrine Chapel is followed by the sunset service at the
Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

September 5 - 6, 2009

We are honored to have Mrs. Barbara Klich-Kluczevska Ph.D.,
Jagiellonian University- Institute of History (Kraków, Poland) and
Mr. Zygmunt Matyria, Consul General of the Republic of Poland
(Chicago) with us for the events on Saturday and Sunday.

Throughout the weekend there will be ongoing activities including:
- Battalion Burza - a living history re-enactment group of Polish &
American military men and women.

- Assembling a Time Capsule - sponsored by Marie Bozena
(Kozubski) Goffney. A collection of WWII and commemoration
materials to be opened in 2039, the Time Capsule will be
registered with the Smithsonian Institute.

- Personalization of Pawabic Memorial files with signatures of
Polish Veterans and Displaced Persons sponsored by Steve Sobina
and Tony Wisne, and a Kisiega Pamitkowno - Guest Book Signing.

Saturday, September 5, 2009

10:00 - 11:30 - Reunion with Sybracy 2, Polish Refugees
Anoni Walawender, MA, and Helena Zmurkiewicz share their
war time experiences.

Photo history of the Sybracy experience including Siberia, Iran,
India, South Africa, and Mexico and the launch of the oral history
website.

Selected Interviews with Survivors of German work camps
Poet John Guzowski, Ph.D, reads his poetry.

11:30 - 12:15 - Lunch

12:15 - 2:15 - Opening of the Art Exhibition.
Peggy Grant, BFA presents the History and Symbolism of Artist
Adam Grochowski.

Cecile Wendi Jensen, MA presents the History and Symbolism of
Artist Jan Komski, Polish Photographer Marcin Chumiecki speaks
about his Assignment Auschwitz Portfolio.

2:30 - 3:30 - Guy Stern Ph.D, Director of the Holocaust Museum
and Director of the International Institute of Righteous, pays tribute
to the Polish Catholics who risked their lives to save Jews during
World War II and Sue Krolikowski, Ph.D pays tribute to the Polish
Catholic nuns who sheltered Jewish children.

3:45 - 4:45 - Poet John Guzowski, Ph.D discusses his work
Lightening and Ashes and Third Winter of War: Buchenwald.

7:00 - Polish Evening Concert in the Shrine Chapel with Curtis
Posunick, organist at St. Patrick Church in Carleton, Michigan and
guest soloist from the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Sunday, September 6, 2009

1:00 - 2:00 - Mass of the Shrine Chapel to honor the Polish Army
Veterans and Camp Survivors.

Poet John Guzowski addresses veterans

2:00 - 3:00 - The Filaret's Chorus, led by David Troiano, presents a
repertory of poltronic and military songs for the Veterans.

3:00 - 3:15 - Group Photo of Veterans.

3:15 - 4:15 - William Krul, President, Polish Genealogical Society
of Michigan, outlines the required governmental steps he took to
obtain the proper military recognition for his father, William Krul,
Sr. who died in combat during WWII.

4:30 - 5:30 - Hands on training to retrieve U.S. military, refugee,
and naturalization documents via the ancestry.com database and
documents via the Kresy-Siberia website. Adam Cardinal Maida
Library.

This project is funded in part by Michigan Humanities Council,
an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Central Citizens Committee to Celebrate 95th Anniversary

The Polish American Central
Citizens Committee will be
celebrating its 95th Anniversary,
on Sunday, October 18, 2009.
The day will include Mass,
Banquet and more.

Each year, the Central
Citizens Committee honors
numerous Polonia activists and
friends of Polonia with the
General Kazimierz Pulaski
Medal. In an effort to mark this
anniversary, we are attempting to
contact all of the past recipients
that have received the medal.

We are asking the past
recipients to contact via telephone
to (313) 365-8949 [Barbara
Groncel] or (313) 871-1324 [Jane
Tylandal] if they have moved or
not heard from us recently.

Address and contact information
changes can also be e-mailed to:
PACentralCitizens@comcast.net.

Reserve the date and come
join us to celebrate this
milestone.

Laurie Palazzolo to be awarded by Wayne County Council for Arts History & Humanities

The West Side Detroit
Polish American Historical
Society's (WSDPAHS) Vice
President & Executive Director/
Secretary, Laurie A. Gornulka
Palazzolo, has been selected to
receive the 2009 History Award
offered by the Wayne County
Council for Arts, History &
Humanities.

The selection was based
upon a nomination by Council
Executive Board member and
WSDPAHS member Barbara
Rogalie Miller, Esq.

The site is the Ford
Community and Performing Arts
Center on Michigan Avenue in
Dearborn. The awards event will
take place on Thursday,
September 10, and will begin at
7 p.m.

Although the WSDPAHS
was nominated to receive the
History Award, the committee
chose to give the award to
Laurie as an individual. The
decision was based upon
Laurie's work, including the
book "Horn Man: The Polish-
American Musician in Twentieth-
Century Detroit," the

documentary film "Dom Polski:
Polonia," Laurie's role along
with Staś Wiśniach in founding
the WSDPAHS, Laurie's
continued role in running the
society, as well as Laurie's
spearheading and funding the
effort to get the West Side Dom
Polski listed in the National
Register of Historic Places



FPA President awarded ACPC's Founders Award

On Saturday, August 8, 2009
at the 61st Annual Convention of
the American Council for Polish
Culture (ACPC) in Hartford, CT,
the President of the Friends of
Polish Art Carolyn Meleski
(pictured) was presented with
ACPC's prestigious "Founders
Award". The presenter was Peter
Obst, Levittown, PA, who is the
outgoing 2nd vice-president of the
American Council for Polish
Culture. Meleski was also

presented with a bouquet of red
and white roses by Mary Ellen
Tyska of the Friends of Polish Art.

The ACPA Founders Award is
given to an ACPA member whose
exceptional contributions to the
growth of the organization on a
national or local level has earned
him/her the gratitude of the
organization.

House Resolution Recognizes 70th Anniversary of the Soviet and Nazi Invasion of Poland

A resolution recognizing the 70th
anniversary of the Soviet and Nazi invasion
of Poland was introduced in the House of
Representatives on July 31, and referred to
the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Resolution (H.Res. 715), sponsored
by Representative Marcy Kaptur, emphasizes
the pivotal role Poland has assumed at
freedom's edge since gaining independence.
The Resolution pays tribute to the millions of

President Obama Nominates Lee Feinstein as Ambassador to Poland

On July 17, 2009, President Obama
announced his intent to nominate Lee A.
Feinstein as the next U.S. Ambassador to Poland.

An international lawyer, Mr. Feinstein is an
expert on national security, foreign policy, and
international institutions.

Mr. Feinstein is on leave from the Brookings
Institution, where he has been a Visiting Fellow
in Foreign Policy Studies.

Marek Kalinowski is the new Police Chief in Hamtramck

On Wednesday, July 15, Marek Kalinowski
was sworn-in as the new Police Chief in
Hamtramck. Kalinowski is the first foreign-
born Police Chief in the city. He was born in
Tczew, Poland, and came to the United States
with his parents as a toddler. The swearing-in
ceremony was conducted by Hon. Judge Paul
Paruk. The Hamtramck Mayor Karen
Majewski, as well as the City Council members
were on hand to congratulate Marek
Kalinowski.

PBS SAYS ANTI-POLISH SLUR CUT FROM ANDRZE RIEU'S CONCERTS

As a result of Polish American complaints
about Andre Rieu's Polish bashing during his
American concert tour, the Public
Broadcasting Service (PBS) advised the Anti-
Bigotry Committee of the Polish
American Congress the offensive material has
been dropped.

Rieu is the PBS superstar whose
performances are usually taped and later aired
by the network as a fundraiser. His crude
attempt at low class anti-Polish humor appears
to have been out of step with the high class
image usually projected by PBS.

"A lot of us were angry and disappointed
because of Rieu's nasty antics. He took a
cheap shot at us and lost a lot of friends," said
Frank Milewski who heads the Anti-Bigotry
Committee.

Amerykańska Izba Reprezentantów upamiętnia rezolucję 70. rocznicę inwazji radzieckiej i niemieckiej na Polskę

innocent lives lost during World War II, the
suffering of Poles and praises their
subsequent endurance in the struggle for
freedom.

31 lipca amerykańska Izba
Reprezentantów przedłożyła, a
następnie przesłała komisji
spraw zagranicznych, rezolucję
upamiętniającą 70. rocznicę
inwazji radzieckiej i

"Poland lost more lives as a percentage of
its population than any other nation during
World War II." It says, "Poland's freedom-
loving people continued to endure political
suppression and selective annihilation from
1939 to 1989."

nemieckiej na Polskę.
Rezolucja (H.Res. 715), której
autorką jest Marcy Kaptur,
podkreśla kluczową rolę, jaką
Polska po odzyskaniu

niepodległości odegrała w
szerzeniu wolności. Rezolucja
oddaje hołd milionom
niewinnych istnień ludzkich,
które straciły życie w czasie II
wojny światowej oraz zwraca
uwagę na cierpienia narodu
polskiego i wytrwałość
Polaków w walce o wolność.

Procentowo w porównaniu z
innymi narodami Polska
poniosła największe straty
wśród ludności - mówi m.in.
tekst rezolucji. - Narod polski,
który tak bardzo umiałwał
wolność, podlegał

politycznemu uciskowi i
selektywnej zagładzie przez
cały okres od 1939 do 1989
roku".

Margaret Monaghan, a journalist. They have
two children.

If confirmed, Mr. Feinstein will be the
25th U.S. Ambassador to Poland.

Kongresmen proponuje przyspieszenie zniesienia wiz dla Polaków

Demokratyczny kongresmen z
Chicago Mike Quigley zgłosił w Izbie
Reprezentantów Kongresu USA projekt
ustawy, która mogłaby przyspieszyć
zniesienie wiz dla Polaków udających
się do USA.

Szansa na to nie wydają się jednak
duże, m.in. z powodu niewielkiego na
razie poparcia dla projektu.

Według tego projektu, przesunięto
by o dwa lata - do 30 czerwca 2011 roku
- datę automatycznego przywrócenia
prugu 3 procent odnow wizowych, co na
mocy ustawy z zeszłego roku musi

nastąpić w wypadku niewprowadzenia w
życie przez Ministerstwo
Bezpieczeństwa Wewnętrznego (HSD)
programu kontroli wyjazdów
cudzoziemców z USA.

Obecnie obowiązuje próg 10
procent odnow, do którego Polska
zbliża się i jeśli aktualny trend
zmniewszania się liczby odnow się
utrzyma, miałaaby szansę zejść poniżej tej

granicy, co jest warunkiem wejścia do
programu ruchu bezwizowego.
Jednak na mocy wspomnianej
ustawy z ub. roku, we wtorek 30 czerwca

musi zostać przywrócony poprzedni próg
3 procent, gdyż HSD nie wprowadził w
życie programu kontroli wyjazdów.

Projekt Quigleya zmierza do
opóźnienia tego terminu do 30 czerwca
2011 r. Na razie wszakże - jak
poinformowała PAP w czwartek Karolina
Zaczek z biura kongresmena w Chicago -
ma on poparcie tylko dwóch innych
kongresmenów z Chicago: Luisa
Gutierrez i Dana Lipskiego.

Quigley wystął listy do innych
kongresmenów i senatorów z apelem o
współsponsorowanie jego inicjatywy.
Kongresmen prowadzi w tej sprawie
rozmowy z wpływowym
demokratycznym senatorem z Chicago,
Dickiem Durbinem.

Proces legislacyjny w Kongresie
trwa jednak trochę dłużej, a od 30
czerwca dzieli nas tylko 5 dni. Każda
ustawa musi zostać uchwalona przez
obie izby, a następnie podpisana przez
prezydenta.

Quigley wystął niedawno list do
prezydenta Baracka Obamy z apelem o
zniesienie wiz dla Polaków, ale nie
dostał jak dotychczas odpowiedzi.