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Deepest condolences
 to Meg Nagel, her family
 and friends on the
 passing of her mother
 and our member, Helen
 Sowa

Speedy Recovery to
 Michaeline Drust
 Henriette Rocks

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Honor our Deceased Members at the Memorial Mass

PWCC's Memorial Mass will be held on **Monday, November 14** at 12:00 p.m. at **St. Monica Parish**, 5136 N Nottingham Ave., Chicago, IL. Our cantor will be Valerie Glowinski, a very talented vocalist who has helped make past events memorable and promises to help make this Mass even more special.

This year's Mass will honor our deceased members **Irene Jaskulski, Claire Kneisel, Casmera Olech, Regina Siwietz, Helen Sowa, and Florence Szafraniec.**

We will also be honoring

our members' mothers who have passed in the past year. These include Maria Ciesla's mother **Irena Brony**, Geraldine Balut Coleman's mother **Blanche (Pelagia) Bielski Balut**, Christine Seske's mother **Emily Kunz**, Patricia Blus-Zwiercan's mother **Jean Blus**, and Meg Nagel's mother **Helen Sowa.**

We are hoping that many of our present members will come and pay their last respects to the deceased members and their mothers by attending this event.

A family style lunch will follow at the **White Eagle**

Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. Cost per person for the luncheon will be \$18.

The schedule is:

12:00 p.m.—Mass

1:30 p.m.—Lunch

This event is open to members, guests, spouses, perspective members.

Please RSVP by November 10th to:

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Deck the Halls for Our Christmas Luncheon!

The annual PWCC Christmas Luncheon will be held on **December 4** at **Rosewood Restaurant**, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL. Tickets are \$55 per person. Your invitations have already been mailed, so make sure to RSVP right away! Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon raffle are included. Tickets for the Gold Raffle can be purchased at the event.

We will start the festivities at 11:30 a.m. with cocktails and a social hour. Our scholarship recipients will be joining us in festive hats, so make sure to say hi to them! Be ready to join in singing with the PWCC Christmas Choir accompanied by Kathleen Burzycki, a graduate of Northwestern University's Music program who is returning from a limited

engagement at the B.B. King's in New York. Also, one of our past recipients will be exhibiting her work at this event.

This year's committee is being headed by Geraldine Balut Coleman. We still need more raffle prizes and gift cards, and can always use monetary donations to make this event a success. Please contact Geraldine to donate and bring the raffle prizes to the Memorial Mass on Monday, November 14th.

This event promises to be a great time to catch up with friends, support the PWCC, and kick-off the Christmas season. Bring your family, friends, and support PWCC by attending and purchasing raffle tickets. RSVP today!

POLISH WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB GRANTED SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS OF POLISH DESCENT AT ITS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS CEREMONY



In welcoming the guests, President Ann Burzycki mentioned that since its origin, the Organization’s main focus is has been to raise funds for scholarships to students of Polish descent who attend college in the Chicagoland area. To apply for the scholarship, a candidate, in addition to being of Polish descent, needs to have financial need, be involved in a Polish-American organization, be active in social activities, and have good academic credentials.

This year the committee, chaired by Diane Faubl, gave over thirty thousand dollars in scholarships. The committee received approximately forty applications. Thirteen students were awarded scholarships, including two students who received an award of five thousand dollars each.

The winners are: Lukasz Adamczyk, biology and Spanish language student at University of Illinois; Iwona Boska, a nursing student at Aurora University; Monica Ignas, a psychology student at Dominican University; Katarzyna Kata, a pharmacy student at Northwestern University; Richard Kiebała, a pharmacy student at University of Illinois; Justyna Kruk, a graduate of the University of Chicago and a student at John Marshall Law School; Frank Lukes, a student at John Marshall Law School; Katarzyna Opalacz, a criminal justice student at Loyola University; Paulina Pawluczuk, a medical student at Northwestern University in Downers Grove; Barbara Tylka, a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana and a student at Illinois College of Optometry; Joanna Tyrąła, attending Lewis University in Romeoville; Kinga Waśniowski, third year pharmacy student at

the University of Illinois; and Anna Zborek, a biology student at Loyola University. The winners received a check and commemorative diplomas and books that were presented by Diane and Ann Burzycki.

During this festive luncheon Jane Kaminski Simers presided over the installation of new members to the Polish Women's Civic Club. Among the new members who joined this well-respected charitable organization are: Gale Orr, Sandy Dumalski, Judith Drobot, Elizabeth Grabowski, Irene Konieczka, Barbara J. Pawlowski, Catherine Ścisłowicz and Virginia Waszkowiak.

Honored guests who attended the Scholarship Award Lunch included Joseph Drobot, President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, Anna Sokolowski, Vice-President of PRCUA, representatives of Polish Women’s Alliance, former Presidents of Polish Women's Civic Club and others.

“We raise money for the scholarships by organizing two fundraisers a year,” President Ann Burzycki mentioned. “We receive a lot of donations from private donors. Dr. Kenneth Korzec of Texas, who once was our scholarship recipient, is our main benefactor. We are very grateful for all the help we receive, both in money as well as volunteering for the fundraisers,” the president stressed.

Translated by Ann Burzycki from the article as it appeared in weekend issue, (Sept. 30—Oct 2, 2011) of Dziennik Związkowy.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The PWCC Board has been busy scheduling the Memorial Mass and planning our Christmas Luncheon. We decided to switch the location for the last meeting and went to Basilico Ristorante in Norridge, IL. We have found that the board enjoys having our dinners and meetings at different restaurants so that we can discuss business and also try out new cuisine!

The Memorial Mass will be held on November 14th at St. Monica's Parish, 5136 N. Nottingham Ave., Chicago, IL. This year we are not only honoring our deceased members, but also the deceased mothers of our members. There will be a family-style luncheon following our Mass at White Eagle Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL. You can read more about this event on the first page.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL. This year you will have a choice of 3 entrées with a salad and dessert included. Tickets are priced at \$55.

We need your help to make this event a success. Please solicit gift cards and baskets from local retailers, as well as bringing in items for the gold and regular raffles. If you need a solicitation letter, please let Geraldine or me know and we will get it to you ASAP! You can also show the newspaper article to your retailer when asking for a donation.

We need a Chair for our big fundraiser on Palm Sunday. If you would like to join the board, work with wonderful women, and enjoy organizing a large-scale event (where everyone will be very appreciative of your efforts!), call or email me.

The first general meeting for the new year on October 10th at the White Eagle Restaurant was well-attended, and everyone enjoyed our guest speaker Dr. Derek Simpson. We had many guests at this event who also enjoyed his speaking and our camaraderie so much so that they asked for membership applications! We hope they will continue attending our events and become new PWCC members.

Dziennik Zwiazkowy ran an article and pictures of our Scholarship and Installation Luncheon. If you missed the article in the paper, it is translated and reprinted on page 2. Andrzej Baraniak took a lot of pictures, so if you were present, you probably got a picture. Check it out at www.newsrp.smugmug.com. This was a great opportunity to publicize PWCC as an organization that plays a vital role in the Polish community in Chicago. Our scholarships help to finance the education of students of Polish descent. Our support helps them finance their education and become a part of the workforce with less burden. They also gain an appreciation for the importance of non-profit organizations like the PWCC.

We need more members to attend our functions. Plan ahead and attend!

You can find PWCC on both the web and on Facebook. This year's scholarship applicants were able to download and print their applications and supporting materials; that saved the PWCC money in both printing and postage. The web makes us more flexible to change forms as needed without going thru the expense of printing. We are accessible through either "pwcci.org" or "polishwomenscivicclub.org". And remember to like us on Facebook!

2011 promises to be a year full of changes that will help make the PWCC a stronger organization in our community!

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Tatra Muzeum in Zakopane

What's so refreshing about a visit to The Tatra Museum (**Muzeum Tatrzańskie**) in Zakopane, in the southern Tatra Mountains in Poland, is that the artifacts on display don't belong to some long-past culture or dying traditions. Rather, the exhibits in this splendid building explain a rich local culture that is very much alive on the streets outside.

An hour to wander through the Museum is all that's needed to understand that Zakopane is no 'highlander' theme park. The

costumes, textiles, leather goods, folk art and crafts, musical instruments, and carved wooden furniture, cooking, and domestic utensils that you see in the exhibits are the same ones that you see around the town.

Zakopane's locals don't dress in their traditional costumes for tourists, they don't decorate their



homes and restaurants in a rustic style to charm visitors, and the new gabled wooden houses going up all over Zakopane with their carved decorative turrets, doors and balconies, aren't intended to create a highlander Disneyworld. The locals are simply very proud of their rich culture and are determined to keep it alive.

The museum itself is in a very nice building, which was the last building designed by architect Stanisław Witkiewicz, who was famous for establishing the Zakopane Style of

architecture you see around the town that became synonymous with the Tatra highlander house. Built predominantly from wood, perhaps with stone on the ground level, the houses boast sloped roofs, and decorative balconies, windows, and doors, with pretty carved or cut out motifs that are the same as those on the costumes and textiles.



Polish Museum of America Reopens its 4th Floor Art Gallery

The Polish Museum of America proudly invites everyone to a gala Cocktail Reception in honor of the reopening of its 4th Floor art Gallery now renamed The Stephen and Elizabeth Ann Kusmierczak Art Gallery.

The reception will take place on Friday, November

4, 2011 at 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL. Tours of the Gallery will be conducted all evening.

Donation is \$95 per person. R.S.V.P by October 31, 2011 by calling 773.384.3352 or email pma@polishmuseumofamerica.org.

Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball

Maria Konopnicka Adult Culture Group of the PRCUA invites you to their Annual Cinderella-Prince Charming Ball on Saturday, November 19th. This event will take place at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL.

Cocktails at 6:30 – 7:30, dinner at 7:30, music for dancing. Tickets are \$70 per person.

Good Luck to Aurelia Pucinski

Aurelia Pucinski is running for Supreme Court to fill a vacancy and would be so grateful for your help in getting some signatures on petitions. The election is the Democratic primary in March 2012. Aurelia needs 6000 good signatures, registered voters in Cook County, sign name not printed,

sign petition in view of the circulator. She would like to be finished by November 10th.

If you would like to help Aurelia be eligible to run for the Supreme Court call her at 312 545 7223 or email to pucinski2012@gmail.com.

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