



## NEWSLETTER

# POLISH CULTURAL CLUB OF GREATER HARTFORD, INC.

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## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SOCIAL



**THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014**

**6:30 p.m.**

***Polish National Home***

***60 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford***

**Information: Gini: (860) 659-0356**

***Come meet five outstanding young scholars.***

### 2014 PCCGH JENNIE MARCONI-JAVORSKI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. is pleased and proud to announce the following five recipients of the 2014 Jennie Marconi-Javorski Scholarship:

#### **Tara Kowalski, Colchester**

Tara is the daughter of the late Robert Kowalski and Teresa Kobelski Kowalski and was sponsored by *Monica Oleasz*. She is currently attending the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford majoring in Biology/Pre-Pharmacy. While maintaining high scholastic honors, Tara is involved in the Nutrition Club, serves as Vice-President of the Pre-Pharmacy Club, and has been a member of the University of Saint Joseph soccer team. She has also amassed an impressive list of community service activities. A Girl Scout of long standing, she has dedicated one troop meeting before Easter since 2009 to decorating Polish eggs (pisanki) using the beeswax procedure. Tara is described as an exemplary student, strong leader, very organized, and hard working, in addition to being a wonderful role model and mentor.

#### **Kamila Orzechowski, Wethersfield**

Kamila is the daughter of Jarosław Orzechowski and Anna Nawrot Orzechowski and was sponsored by *Sophie Bieniek*. She will be attending the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford majoring in Pharmacy. A 2014 graduate of Wethersfield High School, Kamila's extracurricular activities include junior varsity and varsity field hockey, choir, piano, and dance. Enrolled in Polish language school since the age of 6, she has continued her studies of the language and culture by attending Polish Saturday School and serving as a Teacher's Assistant, in addition to being very involved with Polish Scouting. Last fall, she participated in the Miss Polonia 2014 Beauty Pageant. Kamila is described as mature, polite, and demonstrating a commitment to excel, a strong work ethic, and excellent interpersonal skills. She has been a Student Member of the PCCGH for a number of years.

#### **Hannah Milewski, Bolton**

Hannah is the daughter of Andrew and Meghan Milewski and was sponsored by *Mark Milewski*. She will be attending the University of Connecticut at Storrs and is as yet undecided about her major. A 2014 graduate of Bolton High School, Hannah has been an extremely successful honor student and athlete (cross country and track) while being committed to the service of others. Her church involvement has included volunteering at a Hartford inner-city church, working at a food pantry serving the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, teaching Bible School, and participating in a Mission Trip to Mexico. Hannah is described as being well rounded, very responsible, capable of making great sacrifices, hard working, and deeply dedicated to the welfare and well-being of others.

#### **Nathan Zlotnick, Glastonbury**

Nathan is the son of Andrew and Janice Yiznitsky Zlotnick and was sponsored by grandmother *Nancy Yiznitsky*. He will be attending Northeastern University in Boston majoring in Engineering. A 2014 graduate of Glastonbury High School, Nathan has pursued a rigorous program of studies each year, especially in math and science at the AP or honors level. He has also committed himself to participating in soccer, volunteering in multiple high school clubs, and working a part-time job. Nathan is described as thoughtful, diligent, intelligent, naturally curious, responsible, and a problem solver. Most important, he has a keen interest in finding the answers to his many unanswered questions. The Club has benefitted from Nathan's service as a volunteer in helping with the set-up of several Szopka events. (continued on page 2)



**CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

Greetings! The Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford used 2012-2013 as an experiment in making offerings to Club members a little richer. Since it was difficult to find a person who would take on the single role of president, Cliff Archie and Anna-Mae Maglaty decided to serve in a cooperative co-presidency. This new leadership structure enabled them to spread their wings in meeting the Club's mission of preserving and promoting the history, culture, and customs of Poland.

Once again, the annual Szopka Festival fulfilled its mission to share Polish crafts, foods, and entertainment with the general public. Many young people submitted original creations of Cracovian mangers, and these magnificent works of art were viewed and appreciated by guests from far and wide.

For the 35th Anniversary celebration of the Club's founding, musician, Gary Sredzienski, made use of many accordions to review aspects of Poland's history and colorful music and enchant the audience with toe-tapping rhythms.

Continuing along the line of celebrating the richness of music, a majestic and splendid piano concert was held marking the birth of Frederic Chopin.

Looking forward, the co-presidents have decided to feature a fall program with master storyteller, Staś Radosz, of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, MA. He will offer selections of Polish folklore with an emphasis for children. There is also a possibility of having Suzanne Strempek Shea speak about her latest book, This is Paradise, which highlights the power of a mother's love.

In support of other Polish organizations, the PCCGH aided in the restoration of Hartford's Polish National Home. In addition, it assisted in the completion of the Kosciuszko Squadron Exhibit at the New England Air Museum. The Club also takes pride in assisting with contributions to enable the establishment of the first Endowed Chair of Polish-American Studies at Central CT State University.

Yes, the presence of co-presidents was sometimes a challenge, but it worked! The stature of the position was enhanced, and many more benefits were made possible for the members.

Clifford Archie and Anna-Mae Maglaty  
Co-Presidents, Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

**WADSWORTH ATHENEUM ADMISSION**

Please keep in mind that you may visit the Wadsworth Atheneum free of charge by mentioning at Admissions that you are a member of the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford. The Club holds Corporate Membership status at the Museum.

**JENNIE MARCONI-JAVORSKI SCHOLARSHIP**

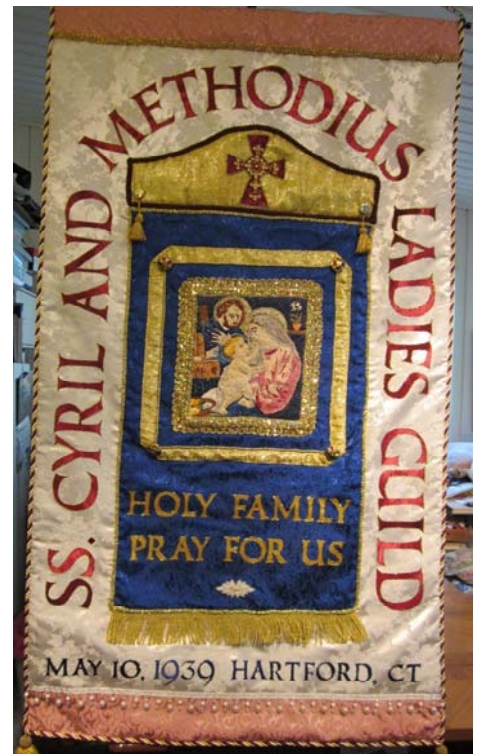
**RECIPIENTS (continued from page 1)**

**Peter Zujko, West Hartford**

Peter is the son of Adam Zujko and Anna Kozakiewicz Zujko and was sponsored by *Krystyna Farley*. He will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York majoring in Engineering/Robotics. A 2014 graduate of Conard High School, Peter has enjoyed high scholastic honors and extra-curricular activities of Robotics, Table Tennis Club, Astronomy, Computer, and Engineering Club. He has been described as a quiet and reflective student who passionately engages in activities related to engineering and mathematics and expresses a particular flair for experimentation and innovation. Peter has huge potential and the makings of a well-rounded scientist or engineer.

**SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH  
LADIES GUILD CELEBRATES THEIR  
75TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Ladies Guild of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, June 8, 2014 with Mass followed by a gala dinner at the Polish National Home. A new banner was unveiled for the occasion. Designed and constructed by Virginia Pudlo and embroidered by Frances Pudlo, both members of the Ladies Guild and the PCCGH, the banner was dedicated to the memory of Irene Dylag, former President of the Ladies Guild and a long-time member and supporter of the PCCGH. Congratulations to the Ladies Guild for its many years of incomparable service to the Parish community and Polonia at large, and best wishes in all of its future endeavors.



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### DID YOU KNOW . . . that Amber is also known as “Polish Gold?”

Amber is a fossil resin derived from extinct coniferous trees which once grew on what is today the bottom of the Baltic Sea. Poland remains the world’s most important center for amber products, and Gdańsk has always been the world’s amber capital. Amber is found on Baltic Sea beaches and is excavated in amber mines. Experts consider Polish amber to be the most beautiful, and its popularity is a result of reasonable prices and the excellent quality of the articles made from it.



Amber’s uniqueness was discovered long ago: the Greeks named it electron due to its power and magical properties. The Romans traveled throughout the whole of Europe to acquire it. The famous Amber Route ran from the Baltic Sea through Silesia, modern-day Hungary, and into the Roman Empire. Amber was also very important in the history of Poland. It was treasured as a gem for making art objects, jewelry, and amulets for warding off evil spirits. At one time, amber was so precious that it was available only to nobility.

Because amber is made up of the fossilized sap from conifers, it sometimes may contain a plant part, trapped insect or other long-extinct creature, fossil leaves, drops of water, or grains of sand. There are more than four hundred shades of amber — usually yellow, sometimes brown, milky or red, reddish, black, and more rarely green or blue. The most “en vogue” is the color cognac. Amber is always beautiful when it catches the rays of the sun, and it is also fashionable to put several colors together or to combine amber with silver elements. Gdańsk citizens have specialized in amber products down through the centuries, manufacturing strings of beads, pendants, earrings, clips, rings, and sometimes signets. Amber is also processed in Warsaw and Kraków, where items can be found from the traditional to sophisticated silver/amber jewelry.

Apart from the indisputable beauty of its color, amber is also purported to have a positive influence on the human body. The always warm-to-the-touch amber gem, which possesses electrostatic properties, was for centuries, and continues to be, utilized for healing purposes. This unusual great power of amber is embedded in its ability to produce negative ions that affects man by easing pain, activating the healing process, and providing protection from harmful radiation. Amber is also a powerful chakra cleanser and healer. At a physical level, it imbues the body with vitality and has the power to draw disease out of the body. By absorbing pain and negative energy, amber allows the body to rebalance and heal itself. It also alleviates stress. Amber strengthens memory and intellect and helps with emotional calming and centering. It is an excellent grounding crystal and transmutes negative energy to positive. Amber radiates a warm and bright energy and gives one the energy of the stone all day long. Amber draws disease out of afflicted areas and neutralizes negative energy allowing the body to heal itself. Wearing Baltic amber close to the skin is a traditional European remedy for teething babies. A natural analgesic, amber will help calm a baby without resorting to drugs. Used for centuries in Europe, amber’s natural anti-inflammatory and pain relieving properties are perfect for this purpose. As amber warms against the skin, it releases its therapeutic properties safely and naturally.

Source: [Poland and Warsaw](#), Tadeusz Jędrzyński, Warsaw, 2007 and [www.amber-teething-necklaces.com](http://www.amber-teething-necklaces.com)

#### LAST CALL FOR ACPC RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS

For members who have not purchased their raffle tickets included with the March Newsletter, there is still time to meet the deadline of June 30. Please make your check payable to “PCCGH” and send it and the ticket stubs to Pat Archie, 219 Arnold Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108. Raffle tickets will be sold at the June 19 Scholarship program. Remember, our Club receives 10% of total sales, and there have been several lucky winners from the Club. Information: Pat at (860) 289-8583.

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

GET WELL WISHES are extended to:

**Michael Rogalsky**  
**Nancy Yiznitsky**



HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:

**Elizabeth (Betty) Kocol** and  
**Ruth Ziolkowski**, widow of Korczak Ziolkowski renowned sculptor of the Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota.

## Co? What? Gdzie? Where? Kiedy? When?

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014**

**6:00 p.m.**

*"Musical Journey with Jimmy Mazz"*

**Felician Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels, Enfield, CT**

Tickets at \$10.00 can be purchased at the Felician Adult Day Care Center, 1315 Enfield Street, Enfield or by calling Sr. Patricia Marie at (860) 745-2542.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14 and SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014**

*"Polish Days at Lake Compounce"*

Sponsored by the Polish American Congress District of CT. Advance tickets of \$23.00 can be purchased in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church store, the Unicorn Bakery in Vernon, and Polish stores on Broad Street in New Britain. Regular price is \$43.95 plus tax. All proceeds to benefit youth scholarships.

Telephone: (860) 956-6233 or (860) 430-5887

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014**

**6:30 p.m.**

*PCCGH Program: "Scholarship Awards/Strawberry Shortcake Social"*

**Dining Room of the Polish National Home**

Information: Gini Pudlo at (860) 659-0356

**FREE**

**THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

*"The World Knew: Jan Karski's Mission for Humanity — an Exhibit on the Life and Mission of Jan Karski"*

**CCSU, Elihu Burritt Library, 2nd Floor**

**FREE**

Jan Karski, who died in 2000, was a Polish Resistance fighter during WWII. He was the first to report to the Allies, at the beginning of the war before anyone knew, that atrocities were being committed in Poland by the occupying German army, including the Holocaust and the building and use of the death camps.

Information: (860) 832-2085

**SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014**

*"Third Annual Polish National Home Founders Scholarship Golf Tournament"*

**11:30 a.m.—Registration and Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. — Shotgun Start (Scramble Format)**

**6:00 p.m.—Dinner, Awards, Raffle—Polish National Home**

Information: Stanley Stelmach @ (860) 287-7330

**SEPTEMBER 2014: POLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR ADULTS** presented by the Polish American Foundation

Eight week course beginning in September taught by Prof. Jonathan Shea of CCSU. \$100 members, \$120 non-members.

## UPCOMING PCCGH SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

### Introduction to the Legends and Tales of Poland

Staś Radosz, Executive Director and founder of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, MA will present a program in September at the Polish National Home called "Introduction to the Legends and Tales of Poland." It will introduce the audience to the history and culture of the Polish people by recounting legends of the founding of the Slavic nations, the origin of Poland (the first capital of Poland, the symbolic White Eagle, the evil king and queen eaten by mice, and the first rule of the Polish people.), as well as the Wavel Dragon, the mysterious 16th century Kraków alchemist Pan Twardowski, Wojtek and his pet duck, and the devil's last gift to mankind.



Wavel Dragon Sculpture by Bronisław Chromy which stands outside of Wavel Castle in Warsaw

Mr. Radosz has a distinguished background. For many years, he taught a course called "Introduction to the Polish People" at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in addition to teaching the Polish language. He also taught at Elms College and local community colleges. For 31 years, he was employed as Slavic Bibliographer and Coordinator for Collection Development at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Library, where he developed the Slavic and East European collection. Staś has worked in Poland as an interpreter for the U.S. Information Service and he has translated for US JPRS and others. He has given well over 300 talks and performances on Polish cultural and historical topics for many organizations, schools, libraries, and clubs throughout the United States and Poland and is a noted storyteller of traditional Polish legends and tales.

More information will follow in the August Newsletter. Please make a note on your calendar for September and plan to attend what should be an enlightening and fun event for children of all ages — from 7 to 70 and beyond.

## AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR POLISH CULTURE

### 66th ANNUAL CONVENTION

**July 30 to August 3, 2014**

**Buffalo, New York**

All members of affiliate organizations are welcome to attend. Registration and schedule information can be obtained on the ACPC website:

[www.polishcultureacpc.org](http://www.polishcultureacpc.org) or by

contacting Tom Payne at

(301) 717-0662 or Debbie Majka at

(215) 870-6909.



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