

Rocznica Konstytucji Trzeciego Maja

BRIEF HISTORY OF PULASKI COUNCIL OF MILWAUKEE:

In 1928, a special committee was organized to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the freeing of Poland. Having completed its function, the committee was ready to dissolve. However, one of its members, Joseph Karas of the editorial staff of the *Kuryer Polski*, suggested the need for a permanent central representative organization for Poles in Milwaukee. The first meeting was held on April 28, 1929, at the South Side Armory, with 106 Polish groups, lodges, fraternal orders, societies and clubs represented. The delegates formally adopted a plan for creating the central organization, Pulaski Council of Milwaukee.

The original Board of Directors consisted of 15 members from the community, including several doctors and attorneys. In accordance with the by-laws, at the first Board meeting, 10 outstanding citizens were added to the Board.

On June 23, 1929, at the South Side Armory, the Constitution and by-laws, and the program of activities of Pulaski Council, were ratified at an open meeting—the first successful attempt of the Poles of Milwaukee uniting their units into one effective central body.

On September 28, 1944, the Pulaski Council of Milwaukee was formally incorporated as an entity with the State of Wisconsin.



PULASKI COUNCIL OF MILWAUKEE

**"Beginnings by undaunted spirit, dedicated
people who had a dream to preserve
Polish heritage for all the future"**

PULASKI COUNCIL OF MILWAUKEE

cordially invites you to attend its annual

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

OBSERVANCE

and

ANNUAL POLISH HERITAGE AWARD

LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Honoring

HEDY RABIEGA

and

Celebrating

Pulaski Council's 70th Anniversary

POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN

6941 South 68th Street

Franklin, Wisconsin 53132

Cash Bar – Noon

Luncheon – 1 p.m.

\$35.00 per person (\$15.00 each child 12 & under)

Please return the enclosed Reply Card by April 24, 2015
Seating is Limited

Questions:
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Pulaski Council of Milwaukee annually honors a Polish-American who has made significant contributions to promote Polish culture in Milwaukee. This year, Pulaski Council is honored to present Hedy Rabiega with its Annual Polish Heritage Award.



HEDY RABIEGA

For decades, Hedy has been involved in many organizations within Milwaukee's Polish community. Her volunteerism includes 38 years with the Polish National Alliance (past National Director, past Commissioner and current Financial Secretary of Council 8), current member and fundraiser for Polonia Sport Club, current director of Polish American Congress—WI Division, current member of Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc., a sustaining member of Polanki, and a supporter of the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble.

Hedy was a director of Pulaski Council of Milwaukee for many years. Hedy was also a member in New Life Chorus (Chor Nowe Zycie) during its existence and was successful in organizing and getting materials from Chicago for the choirwomen's skirts and shawls.

A director of the very first Board of Directors for Polish Fest (established over 30 years ago), Hedy has been a volunteer at Polish Fest ever since. Hedy raised her children to be proud of their Polish heritage and to keep Polish traditions alive—and she is proud to have passed the "Polish torch" to them!