

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Polish American Congress – Wisconsin Division salutes three outstanding organizations on the anniversaries of their founding. We congratulate these organizations for their many contributions to our Polish American community, in Wisconsin and nationally.

POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION OF AMERICA 140 Years of Service

This year marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, in 1873, as the very first fraternal society created to serve the needs of the Polish people in America. Through the years the PRCUA has been very active and visible in Wisconsin.

POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA 115 Years of Service

The year 2013 also marks the 115th anniversary of the birth of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, the first national fraternal society of Polish women in the U.S.A. The PWA, like the PRCUA, has long been an important force in our state.

POLANKI 60 Years of Service

In 1953, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, POLANKI, one of this country's leading organizations devoted to the promotion of knowledge of our cultural heritage in America, was established by four farsighted individuals: Harriet Gostomska, Felicia Kwasiemborska, Maria Laskowska, and Angela Dubiel Mischke.
(Due to a scheduling conflict, POLANKI will be honored at the 2014 PAC-WI Polish Independence Day/Veterans Day event.)

Congratulations to all and our very best wishes to your members!

Congressman Clement J. Zablocki served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Milwaukee's Fifth Congressional District for 35 years. During his long tenure in office, he diligently and effectively responded to his constituents' needs and concerns. In Washington, Congressman Zablocki was devoted to working on behalf of this country's national security and defense. At the same time, he was deeply committed to the freedom of Poland and the well being of its people. He worked closely with the Polish American Congress in all these areas.



POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY VETERANS DAY



Recruitment poster, by Władysław Teodor Benda, published in the USA in 1917

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The Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award

Awarded annually by the
Polish American Congress – Wisconsin Division

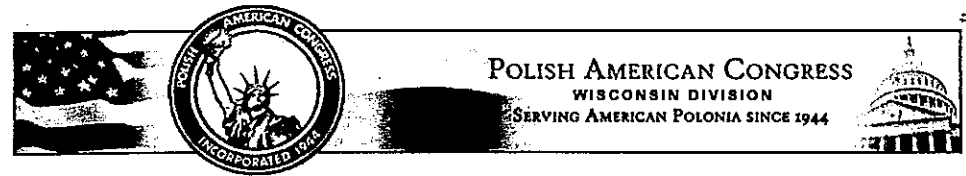
Waldemar and Susan Biniecki, community activists – “Waldek” Biniecki served as president of the Polish American Congress – Wisconsin Division from 2010 to 2012 before relocating to Kansas with his wife, Susan, and their son. As a PAC member and officer, Waldek made many valued contributions to advance the PAC mission in Wisconsin. Currently, Waldek is organizing a PAC state division in Kansas. Susan Biniecki worked at U.W.-Milwaukee for more than a decade and organized a number of excellent educational programs about Poland and its place in European affairs before her faculty appointment at Kansas State University.

Jeanette Holmquist, fraternalist – Jeanette is a long-time leader and officer in our Polish American fraternal insurance organizations. First, with the Federation Life Insurance of America where she served as President and then after its merger with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, another great fraternal organization. Jeanette has continued her strong leadership currently serving as the financial secretary of PRCUA Lodge 2308 (Young Milwaukeeans). Jeanette frequently shares her energies volunteering for various organizational activities. Jeanette is a stalwart activist and officer in the Casimir Pulaski Council of Milwaukee County and currently serves as a Director for the Polish American Congress – Wisconsin Division.

Claude Krawczyk and Members of the Kosciuszko Monument Restoration Committee – Atty. Claude Krawczyk has played a key role with his dedicated committee to raise funds necessary to restore the great monument to General Thaddeus Kosciuszko in Milwaukee’s Kosciuszko Park. This magnificent monument, which was erected in 1905 by our Polish community, was in very poor condition and required massive repairs. Atty. Krawczyk and his committee worked for over three years on this project which will benefit the people of Wisconsin for generations to come.

Scott Potopa, presenter of Polish culture – Scott, who lives in the Green Bay area, is not only a collector of memorabilia that highlights Poland’s great historical heritage, he is always ready to showcase these materials at school events and festivals. For example, Scott brought the armor and weapons of the famed Polish winged horsemen (heavy armored cavalry) of the 16th and 17th centuries to our Polish American Congress – Wisconsin Division’s display at Polish Fest in 2012. Scott’s display received many fine comments from those guests visiting our cultural exhibit. Scott’s work is included in the book entitled: *Polish Re-Enactors Handbook: A Guide To 17th Century Living History In The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth* by Eryk Stefan Jadaszewski.

Ron and Patricia Witkowiak, community leaders – Ron is a long-time Polonia activist in the Milwaukee Society of the PNA (Lodge 2159), the Polish Heritage Alliance of Wisconsin, and is a Director for the Polish American Congress – Wisconsin Division. In addition to serving as an outstanding officer in the Milwaukee County Court system, Ron has made many valuable contacts with public officials that benefitted the Polish community in metro Milwaukee. Pat is very active in various Polonia organizations and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Polish Heritage Alliance. Ron and Pat have been an instrumental team working to advance Polish pride in our area.



Cordially invites you to the annual

POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY/VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

on

Sunday, November 3, 2013

**The Polish Center of Wisconsin
6941 S. 68th Street
Franklin, WI 53132**

Cash Bar/Silent Auction: 12:30 p.m.

Luncheon: 1:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact:

Sharon Haberski: 414-761-3574 or shaberski@aol.com

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Nina Nowakowski: 262-746-9519 or ninanowakowski@wi.rr.com

Guest Reservation Card
Reservation must be made by October 28, 2013

Seating is Limited - please reserve early

Name: Alderman Jose Perez
E-mail: JPerez@milwaukee.gov
Phone: 414-286-2861
Address: 200 E. Wells St. Room 205
City: Milwaukee State: WI Zip: 53202

No. in your party at \$30.00 each: 1

Make check payable to: Polish American Congress - WI Division

On the back please list with whom you wish to be seated (table seats 8)
Your reservation will be confirmed using your email or telephone provided