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Komitet Oswiaty Congratulates PWA'S 2007 Annual Cash Raffle Winners



The winning tickets were drawn on Thursday, June 21, 2007, during the State Presidents' Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Photo at left shows President Virginia Sikora and Vice President Sharon Zago announcing the Grand Prize winner.

The winning tickets were drawn at the Annual State Presidents' Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. National President Virginia Sikora drew the first ticket for the \$2,000 Grand Prize. Honorary President Helen Wojcik drew the second ticket for the \$1,000 Second Prize. The remaining prize winners were drawn by PWA State Presidents who were selected by lottery.

We are happy to announce the following winners:

1. **\$2,000 Grand Prize Winner:**
Adele Sapielewski, Group 585
2. **\$1,000 Second Prize Winner:**
Jean Korzenask, Group 607
3. **\$500 Third Prize Winner:**
Evelyn Rudecki, Group 188
4. **\$250 Fourth Prize Winner:**
Florence Sperato, Group 702
5. **\$250 Fifth Prize Winner:**
Helen Wojcik Family, Group 743
6. **\$100 Sixth Prize Winner:**
Joanne Kluza, Group 141
7. **\$100 Seventh Prize Winner:**
David Czulewicz, non-member
8. **\$100 Eighth Prize Winner:**
L. Wiecek, non-member
9. **\$100 Ninth Prize Winner:**
Henry F. Walczak, Group 73
10. **\$100 Tenth Prize Winner:**
Janice Lysiak, Group 450

Thank you everyone who supported our fundraiser in 2007. One-half of the 2007 Annual Cash Raffle proceeds will be dedicated to help defray the costs of PWA Scholarships. We hope we can count on your support once again in 2008. Dziękujemy serdecznie! Bóg zapłać!

KOMITET OSWIATY:

National Vice President and Chairman Sharon Zago
National Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton,
Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, Felicia Perlick
National President and Ex-Officio Virginia Sikora

Call for PWA Convention Badges

PWA has always prided itself on using special convention badges during its deliberations. We are proud to display a number of such PWA badges from the following conventions: I, X, XI, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX. As you can see we do not have a complete collection. So we appeal to you, our members, to help us complete this important part of our history. If you have any badges you would like to donate, please contact Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898 ext 208 to give them a place of honor in our collection.

You can also contact us by e-mail or visit www.pwaa.org

If you have access to the Internet you can contact Polish Women's Alliance of America at the following e-mail addresses or call our toll-free number at 888-522-1898.

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Next Deadlines for Głos Polek

September/October issue: Deadline for articles is Sept 15th
November/December issue: Deadline for articles is Nov 15th

Smart Women - Smart Money Seminar Hosted by PWA and Illinois State Treasurer's Office



Niles, IL—The first Smart Women-Smart Money Seminar of 2007 was held at the House of the White Eagle on June 12, 2007. As in the past, it was hosted by Polish Women's Alliance and the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Illinois, Alex Giannoulias. The focus of this seminar was on mortgages, foreclosures, and how to protect your investment in your home at a time when interest rates are on the rise. President Virginia Sikora welcomed the guests and State Treasurer Giannoulias also delivered remarks, in addition to the featured speakers. The seminars stress how important it is for women to be well-educated and to take charge of their own finances. Our own Jolanta Kaczmarek-Waltos of Soho Studio, member of PWA



Group 818, was honored as the year's "Business Woman on the Rise." As was the case in the past, the seminar offered PWA a chance to network with professional women and to interest them in the PWA and its products.

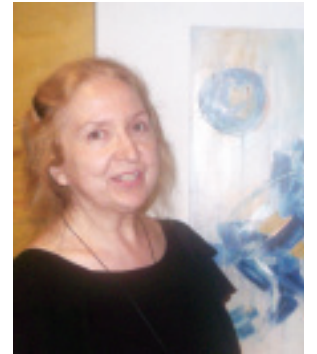
State Presidents' Conference held in Chicago



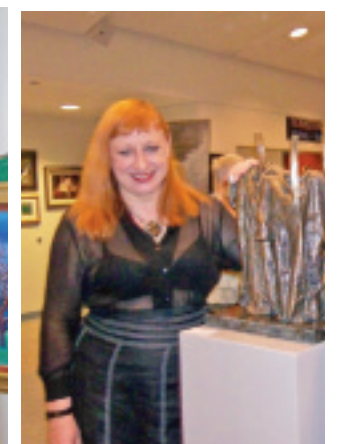
Chicago, IL—The Annual State Presidents' Conference was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007, the day after the PWA Open House. Presidents from all fourteen Districts were present, two of them attending for the first time: Irena Honc-Jadlos from District VII Ohio and Bernadette Vlock from District XI Nebraska. Guest speakers were David Huber, President of the Catholic Order of Foresters (top photo) and Legal Advisor Chris Nowotarski. Business discussions focused on preparations for the 35th National Convention as well as insurance products and sales (second photo). The next day, the Board of Directors held its meeting and in the evening the National Officers attended the annual gala fundraiser of the Polish Museum of America (third photo). PWA made a donation of \$1,000 to the Museum.



PWA Open House and Art Exhibit New Headquarters Shines on Opening Night



Chicago, IL—On Wednesday, June 20, 2007, the new PWA headquarters were officially opened to the public with an Open House and Art Exhibit held in the lower hall of the building at 6643 N. Northwest Hwy. The PWA moved to its new location in April of 2006, but the official welcome reception was saved until the Convention year and the State Presidents' conference which was held on June 21st. State Presidents from the fourteen Districts were present, as were the National Directors and Executive Officers. Also present were members of the Home Office staff, PWA members from Districts I, III, and VI, and many friends from the Polish-American community. The exhibit by ArtPo included paintings and sculptures by 20 Polish artists who live and work in the Chicago area. Entertainment, refreshments, and tours were also offered. National President Virginia Sikora welcomed the guests, saying that a new chapter now begins in PWA history—in its new home. Lidia Rozmus, member of PWA and curator of the exhibit, spoke on behalf of the artists who were pleased to have the opportunity to show their work in such a beautiful setting.



PWA Volunteer Adeline Holda Celebrates 91st Birthday



Chicago, IL—Officers and staff celebrated Adeline Holda's 91st birthday recently at the PWA Home Office. Adeline has been a member of Wawel Group 661 since childhood and remembers coming to meetings with her mother Agnes Kowalewska as a little girl. Today, she is the treasurer and financial secretary of Group 661 and the No. 1 volunteer in the Vice President's office, helping with computer entry and the logging of checks in the Oswiaty Raffle for the past four years. Adeline is in a bowling league, she also crochets, sews, gardens, does her own housekeeping, and chauffeurs friends to PWA events. Adeline most recently helped PWA win third place in the Four Polish Fraternal Officers bowling competition. Adeline says that volunteering at PWA keeps her young.

Best Wishes and Sto Lat, Adeline!

Four Generations of PWA Members in Group 568



Baltimore, MD—Therese Violanti, State President of District XII, is shown holding her first great-grandchild, Colton H. Violanti. Also pictured are Colton's father, Lawrence Violanti Jr., (at left) and his grandfather, Lawrence Violanti. Welcome to the PWA, Colton! And congratulations to four generations of PWA members in the Violanti family!!

Polish-American Day at Great America



Gurnee, IL—Photo above shows the four Fraternal Vice Presidents welcoming the crowds at Six Flags Great America on Saturday, June 2, 2007. From left, Katy Enrique Special Events Rep from Six Flags; Robert Gorny, VP Polish Falcons; Anna Sokolowski, VP Polish Roman Catholic Union; Pawel Pietrasienski, acting Polish General Consul; Sharon Zago, VP Polish Women's Alliance; and Paul Odrobina VP Polish National Alliance.

This was the final outing of the season for the four Polish Fraternal Organizations—Polish American Day at the Six Flags Great America. This past year, the four Fraternal Organizations hosted a Polish American Night at Cellular Field on April 19, a Fraternal Bowling Tournament on (Continued on page 15)

CODE OF ETHICS POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA

Adopted by the Board of Directors at Chicago, Illinois, June 22, 2007.

This Code is to be followed by every officer of the PWA at the group, council, district, and national level.

Objective

The Polish Women's Alliance of America was formed to preserve and promote the high ideals of the Polish people, to develop cultural and educational excellence among our youth, to foster good government and a patriotic American spirit, and to offer fraternal benefits to members. In keeping with this mission it is the intention of the Board of Directors to set out certain standards of conduct for all officers, directors, state presidents, council officers, and group officers which will aid the Polish Women's Alliance in carrying out these high ideals.

Relation to Polish Women's Alliance members

We strive to always remember that our organization exists to serve its members. We will express our gratitude to our members for the confidence that has been shown in the organization and we will strive to serve the needs of members above all else. Polish Women's Alliance has approximately 50,000 certificate holders that have purchased life protection or annuities. We understand that these members are counting on us for their family security and for old-age benefits. We accept this responsibility and take on this obligation with all seriousness and will conduct all our actions with professionalism realizing the fiduciary responsibility we have to our members.

We pledge to our members that we shall conduct the business affairs of the Polish Women's Alliance so that the best interests of our members will be served. Our efforts shall ever be directed to preserve the security of the organization and at the same time promote the fraternal spirit that has always prevailed in the groups, councils and districts of the Polish Women's Alliance.

We believe that the greatest good can come about through a united effort by national officers, directors, state presidents, council presidents, and group officers to transmit to our members and to members of the public a true picture of the sound values which are the basis of Polish Women's Alliance. Further, we acknowledge the loyalty, devotion, and interest of the membership of the Polish Women's Alliance and further acknowledge that the assistance that has come from our members is important in building a strong fraternal system and a strong Polish Women's Alliance of America.

We pledge to our members the following:

1. *To be honest, fair, and upright in all our dealings with members, the public, and competitors;*
2. *To present all facts accurately to the certificate holders or prospective certificate holders;*
3. *To give ourselves unselfishly to the profession of life insurance and annuities and related endeavors;*
4. *To be enthusiastic supporters of the role of fraternal benefit societies;*
5. *To be loyal to the Polish Women's Alliance, its members, and to fellow officers and directors in all of our dealings;*
6. *To constantly comply with the laws and regulations under which our business is conducted.*
7. *To spread the principles of loyalty and devotion to the United States Constitution and democratic forms of government.*
8. *To promote youth programs and through involvement of youth to assure the continuation of Polish tradition and culture and the continuation of the Polish Women's Alliance for generations to come.*
9. *To support an understanding that many worthwhile things can be accomplished by united effort.*



Convention Fundraiser

Raising funds for the PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation

Together ... we can make a difference!

You can help. Here's how ...

- Suggest that your Group have a fundraiser to benefit the Polish Women's Alliance Charitable and Educational Foundation.
- Use the extra cash in your Group's accounts to donate to the Polish Women's Alliance Charitable and Educational Foundation.
- Present a gift at this 35th PWA Convention. During the last session, time will be allocated for personal, Group, Council, or District gifts to the Polish Women's Alliance Charitable and Educational Foundation.
- Fill out a form to pledge an amount for the coming year and send a check to make the first donation on your pledge.
- Name the Polish Women's Alliance Charitable and Educational Foundation
 - ... as beneficiary on your PWA or other insurance policy
 - ... as a recipient of a gift in your Will
 - ... as one of the beneficiaries on your IRA account

It is only when we act together that we can make a real difference in the world! Some of the worthy causes the Foundation supports are Dziecko Polskie, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, the PWA Library, Disaster Relief, as well as the National Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Promoting Polish culture is the job of all of us and the Polish Women's Alliance Charitable and Educational Foundation wants to help you to continue Polish culture in the world. Donate to support PWA's cultural, educational, and charitable activities. Remember "...Poland shall not perish as long as it lives in our hearts."

⇒ Convention News and Notices ⇒ Cleveland, here we come!!

Delegates: Please see the proposed Amendments to the Constitution published in this issue of *Głos Polek*. You can bring the pull-out section with you to the Convention (pages 7-14).

Travel: If you have questions about your air travel arrangements, call National Secretary Grazyna Migala at 1-888-522-1898, ext 211.

Airport Arrivals: Members of District VII Ohio will be greeting the flights with arriving Delegates at the airport. You can also call for the free airport shuttle of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please use the courtesy phones in the arrivals section of the airport.

Hotel Accommodations: If you have questions about your hotel accommodations, please call Ruth Susmarski at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 201. Do not contact the hotel directly.

Hotel Address: (if arriving by car or bus) Crowne Plaza City Centre, 777 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. (Tel. 1-216-771-7600).

Registration: Delegates will be arriving on Saturday, August 25th. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by Mass at the hotel at 5 p.m. and a Welcome Reception. A Convention Schedule will be presented to each Delegate and Guest at the time of Registration. Please remember to bring your copy of the Mandate with you.

Banquet: The Convention Banquet will be held on Sunday, August 26th, in the hotel. Cocktails at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Dress is semi-formal.

Convention Sessions: begin on Sunday morning and end Tuesday evening. Delegates will return home on Wednesday, August 29th.

Convention Fundraiser: Donations at the Convention can be made to the PWA Charitable and Educational Foundation which in turn supports many worthwhile causes, in Poland and in the United States. (See box at left.)

Convention Special: This is your last chance to take advantage of the \$2000 minimum purchase offer. See pages 16 and 17 of this issue of *Głos Polek*. Please mail in your applications or bring them with you to the Convention. Questions? Call Bo Padowski at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 228.

See you in Cleveland! Have a safe trip! Szczęśliwej podróży!



Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Group 277 St. Ann's Society Annual Card Party and Dinner at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, 4200 Martin Ave., south of Michigan Ave., Detroit. Mass at 11 a.m. followed by dinner at 12:45 p.m. Contact: Gene Zmuda at 313-842-8817, Loretta Janiga at 313-898-0129, or Judith Szalc at 313-843-6775 (evenings) for reservations.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

District I National Convention Delegates Luncheon, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Old Warsaw Restaurant, 4750 N. Harlem Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL. Reservation deadline is July 18th. Luncheon is complimentary but reservations are a must. This luncheon is for Convention Delegates *only*. Please call State President Delphine Lytell at 708-598-7988 with any questions or to make your reservation.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Group 341 Krakowianki will hold its next regular meeting at the Panera Bread Company, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh. It's a short walk from church and the meeting will be held right after 9:30 Mass. Contact: Vicki Niemiec for details.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

District I annual Our Lady of Czestochowa celebration will be hosted by Council 13. Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 7240 West 57th Street, Summit, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the European Chalet, 5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Bus service from the House of the White Eagle in Niles leaving at 9:30 a.m. Cost of luncheon \$20. Cost of bus: \$5. Reservation deadline is August 7th. Contact Helen Wojcik at 773-586-9234.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

PWA Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. The annual observance falls at the same time as the National Convention this year. Members not going to the Convention are invited to attend.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Group 585 will hold its first meeting after summer break at 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew Parish. President Kathryn Modelski wishes all members a happy and healthy summer. See you in September!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Group 451 will hold a Luncheon Card Party at 12:30 p.m. in St. Clement's Hall, 5275 Kenilworth Street, Dearborn, MI, between Colson and Ruby Streets. Admission: \$10. Reservations are a must by September 15th. Please call Regina at 313-581-7921; Helen at 313-843-6818; or Wanda at 313-581-5405 for details or to make a reservation.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WITAMY!

We are pleased to present to you our New Members,
introduced from January to May 2007, in this our Convention Year.

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| 0661 | Lorraine Bielawski | Social Member | Niles, IL |
| 0661 | Naomi Janklow | Social Member | Des Plaines, IL |
| 0661 | Sarah Sobieski | Social Member | Chicago, IL |
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PWA Book Club Honors Polish-born Writer Joseph Conrad on the 150th Anniversary of His Birth September - November 2007

The Great Polish Books Roundtable Discussion Group will be focusing on the works of Joseph Conrad (Józef Korzeniowski). Following is the schedule of readings selected for the Fall 2007 sessions. Meetings will be held at the PWA home office.

- September 17: Two shorts stories are scheduled for this first meeting. They are "Youth" and "Lagoon."
- September 24: Two shorts stories: "Prince Roman" and "Amy Foster"
- October 1: Part I and Part II of *Heart of Darkness*
- October 8: Part III of *Heart of Darkness*
- October 15: Parts I through IX of "The End of the Tether"
- October 22: Parts X to the end of "The End of the Tether"
- October 29: We begin the novel *Lord Jim*, about 300 pages long. We will read it in four parts, each about 75 pages long. For this session, read Chapters I through VIII.
- November 5: *Lord Jim*, Chapters IX through XIX.
- November 12: *Lord Jim*, Chapters XX through XXXII.
- November 19: *Lord Jim*, Chapters XXXIII to the end. Last meeting.

You can choose any text you wish, since English is the original language and all stories are in the original version, no matter which edition you use. All the short stories except "The End of the Tether" are available in the edition known as *The Portable Conrad* which is published as a Penguin book. The novels are available in several editions from various publishers.

Contact Vice President Sharon Zago for further information about the PWA Book Club at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 or 1-847-384-1208.

Polish Costumes Available for Sale

Komitet Oswiaty has acquired several vintage Polish Costumes and they are currently for sale. Take advantage of this opportunity to own a piece of Polish costume history. Contact Sharon Zago, Vice President at 1-888-522-1898 ext. 208 for further information.

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By Laws of the Polish Women's Alliance of America



The Committee on Constitutional Amendments respectfully proposes the following recommendations for consideration by the Delegates to the 35th National Convention of the Polish Women's Alliance of America.

All changes are underlined and italicized. Where no changes have been proposed, those Articles and Paragraphs are not mentioned.

Although every effort has been made to carefully present the proposed amendments, any errors printed here will be addressed during the discussion of these proposed Amendments on the National Convention floor.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

1. The Committee recommends that the delegates vote to approve the sections named **“Mission Statement”** and **“History of Foundation”** be removed from the Constitution and By Laws and be placed in a separate section to be included in the booklet that includes the Constitution and By Laws.

2. If the above recommendation is not approved, the committee recommends that the delegates vote to approve the sentence *In 2006, the National offices were moved to a new location at 6643 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL 60631* be added to the end of the last paragraph of the section entitled “History of the Foundation.”

3. *Effective at the 35th National Convention of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will be combined into the newly created office of Secretary-Treasurer and the number of Director positions will be reduced from five (5) to four (4). Upon approval, all text in the Constitution and Bylaws will be amended in accordance with the changes and the 35th National Convention will implement these changes immediately by holding an election for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and four Directors.*

4. The beginning of **Article III, par. 3 begins:** The General Administration includes the National Officers of...

The Committee proposes: *The Administration of the Convention* includes the National Officers of...

5. If the proposed recommendation outlined in item #3 is not approved, **the committee recommends** that beginning with **Article III, par. 3** the title Secretary be changed to read *National Secretary* here and wherever the position of National Secretary is mentioned throughout the remainder of the Constitution.

6. Beginning with **Article III, par. 3** the **Committee proposes** amending the title District/State be consolidated to read *District* here and wherever the title District/State is mentioned throughout the remainder of the Constitution.

7. Article IV, par.1 reads: Every Active Group of the P.W.A. that is not in arrears in the payments of its premiums and its Council dues shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for the first one hundred (100) members. An Active Group shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members or portion thereof. By way of example, an Active Group having a membership of 101 to 200 members inclusive shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and an Active Group having a membership of 201 to 300 members inclusive shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, and so on. The number of delegates shall be based

on the number of members of the Active Group as of December 31st of the year prior to the year of the National Convention. For purposes of determining the count of delegates to the National Convention, the National Secretary shall total the number of active certificates, paid-up certificate members, annuity contracts in the Group, and in the Youth Division. Each member of an Active Group shall be counted only once, notwithstanding the number of certificates or annuity contracts owned by any such members.

The Committee proposes: Every Active Group of the P.W.A. that is not in arrears in the payments of its premiums and its Council dues shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for the first one hundred (100) members. An Active Group shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members or portion thereof. By way of example, an Active Group having a membership of 101 to 200 members inclusive shall be entitled to two (2) delegates, and an Active Group having a membership of 201 to 300 members inclusive shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, and so on. The number of delegates shall be based on the number of members of the Active Group as of *September 30th* of the year prior to the year of the National Convention. For purposes of determining the count of delegates to the National Convention, the National Secretary shall total the number of active certificates, paid-up certificate members, annuity contracts in the Group, and in the Youth Division. Each member of an Active Group shall be counted only once, notwithstanding the number of certificates or annuity contracts owned by any such members.

8. Article VI, par. 1 reads: Every National Convention Committee, except the Constitutional Amendments and Pre-Convention Committees, shall consist of at least three (3) delegates. Each Committee shall submit a written report to the Assembly of the National Convention which shall be incorporated into the minutes.

The Committee proposes: Every National Convention Committee, except the *Committee of the Constitutional Amendments* and Pre-Convention Committee, shall consist of at least three (3) delegates. Each Committee, *with the exception of the Pre-Convention Committee,* shall submit a written report to the Assembly of the National Convention which shall be incorporated into the minutes.

9. Article VI, par. 7 reads: THE COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES: The Committee on Complaints and Grievances shall meet at the Convention as necessary. It shall examine and investigate all of the charges and grievances submitted and report the findings and recommendations of the Committee concerning the complaint and/or grievance to the National Convention Assembly.

The Committee proposes: THE COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES: The Committee on Complaints and Grievances shall meet *on or before the Convention* as necessary. It shall examine and investigate all of the charges and grievances submitted *prior to the Convention and report its findings and recommendations to the National Convention Assembly.*

10. Article VI, par.11 reads: THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET: The Committee on Budget shall assemble at the meeting place of the National Convention prior to the convening thereof. The Committee on Budget shall recommend a schedule of salaries of Officers of the General Administration, District/State Presidents, Officers of the National Convention, as well as the compensation of all National Convention Committees and shall submit same to the National Convention Assembly for approval.

The Committee proposes: THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET: The Committee on Budget shall assemble *at least thirty (30) days prior to the National Convention.* The Committee on Budget shall recommend a schedule of salaries of Officers of the General Administration, District/State Presidents, Officers of the National Convention, as well as the compensation of *the reporting* National Convention Committees *to the National Convention Assembly for approval.*

11. Article VIII, par.1 reads: In conformity with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws, the General Administration shall consist of nine (9) elected persons, namely: the President, the Vice-President, the National Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Directors.

The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The General Counsel, the Chief Medical Examiner, and the Editors of “Glos Polek” (The Polish Women’s Voice) shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the General Administration.

The Committee proposes: In conformity with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws, the General Administration shall consist of nine (9) elected persons, namely: the President, the Vice-President, the National Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Directors. The Executive *Officers* consists of the President, Vice-President, National Secretary and Treasurer, and they are also known as the Executive Committee.

The General Counsel, the Chief Medical Examiner, the Sales Manager and the Editors of “Glos Polek” (The Polish Women’s Voice) shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the General Administration.

If the Amendment proposed in #3 is passed by the Delegates, the text will read **In conformity with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws, the General Administration shall consist of seven (7) elected persons, namely: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary/ Treasurer, and four (4) Directors. The Executive Officers consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and they are also known as the Executive Committee.**

12. Article VIII, par. 2 reads: Only members of the P.W.A. who have been beneficial members for at least five (5) years, and who have held an office for at least two (2) years in a Group, Council, or District, who are citizens of the United States, with a knowledge of the English language, and who hold no office or position in any other insurance company or fraternal benefit association shall be eligible to file applications for office in the General Administration.

The Committee proposes: Only members of the P.W.A. who have been beneficial members for at least five (5) years, and who have held an office for at least two (2) years in a Group, Council, or District, who are citizens of the United States, with a competency of the English language and a knowledge of the Polish language, with a working knowledge of business, finance and insurance and who hold no office or position in any other insurance company or fraternal benefit association shall be eligible to file applications for office in the General Administration.

13. Article VIII, par. 3 reads: Candidates for office must request an application from the National Office for the office they seek. A completed application must be filed with the Nomination Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the National Convention. The names of applicants shall be available to the general membership.

The Committee proposes: Candidates for office must request an application from the National Office for the office they seek. A completed application along with a resume of their qualifications with professional references must be filed with the Nomination Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the National Convention. The names of applicants shall be available to the general membership.

14. Article VIII, par. 9 reads: The election of officers, representatives, and delegates to the National Convention shall be held every four (4) years.

The Committee proposes: This directive should appear in Article III, par. 6 as listed above in item #10 of said proposals. The Committee proposes the new Article VIII, par. 9 read as follows: The term of office of each member of the General Administration shall be four (4) years or until their duly elected successor is installed.

15. Article IX, par. 3 reads: The General Administration, after a proper investigation, shall have the authority to suspend insured members or Groups who violate the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of the P.W.A.

The Committee proposes: The General Administration, after a proper investigation, shall have the authority to suspend insured members or to suspend or dissolve Groups who violate the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of the P.W.A.

16. Article IX, par. 4 reads: If a vacancy occurs in the General Administration between National Conventions, the remaining members of the

General Administration shall publish notice of the vacancy in “Glos Polek” (The Polish Women’s Voice), as soon as possible, and require the filing of applications for the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the date of publication. The General Administration shall then convene a meeting of all of the State/District Presidents and the remaining members of the General Administration to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the filing of an application for the position. Should any member of the General Administration or a State/District President apply for the vacant position, she/he shall be ineligible to vote to fill such vacancy. Should a vacancy occur less than six (6) months prior to the next scheduled National Convention, then an election to fill the vacancy shall not be held.

Article IX, par. 5 reads: Should a vacancy occur in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

The Committee proposes paragraphs 4 & 5 should be combined and should read as follows: Par. 4 If a vacancy occurs in the General Administration between National Conventions, the Executive Officers shall publish notice of the vacancy in “Glos Polek” (The Polish Women’s Voice), as soon as possible, and require the filing of applications for the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the date of publication. The General Administration shall then convene a meeting of all of the State/District Presidents and the remaining members of the General Administration to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the filing of an application for the position. Should any member of the General Administration or a District President apply for the vacant position, she/he shall be ineligible to vote to fill such vacancy. Should a vacancy occur no less than twelve (12) months prior to the next scheduled National Convention, then an election to fill the vacancy shall not be held. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the interim.

17. Article X, par. 1 reads: The National Officers of the General Administration shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors. The General Administration shall hold quarterly meetings. All members of the General Administration must attend all such meetings and any special meetings, unless excused.

The Committee proposes: The National Officers of the General Administration shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors. The General Administration shall hold quarterly meetings. All members of the General Administration must attend all such meetings and any special meetings, unless excused by the National President.

Any member of the General Administration may attend any regular or special meeting in person, via teleconference or by any other electronic means.

18. Article X, par. 10 (j) reads: serve as Publisher of “Glos Polek” (The Polish Women’s Voice);

The Committee proposes: serve as Managing Editor of “Glos Polek” (The Polish Women’s Voice);

19. Article X, par. 11 (l) reads: serve as President in the event of a vacancy in the office of President.

If the proposed recommendation outlined in item #16 is approved, the committee recommends: serve as Interim President in the event of a vacancy in the office of President as stated in Article IX, par. 5.

20. Article X, par.12 and par.13 read: SECRETARY. The Secretary shall have the following duties:

- (a) daily attendance at the office unless official duties require presence elsewhere;
- (b) keep detailed minutes of the meetings of the General Administration and provide copies of same to the members of the General Administration for correction and approval;
- (c) send copies of said minutes to the District/State Presidents within two weeks after the meeting;
- (d) comply with all requirements of the State Departments of Insurance including the timely filing of quarterly and annual reports;
- (e) manage the Secretary's office;
- (f) keep a book of accounts with each fund itemized;
- (g) report the current status of all funds, income, and disbursements to the General Administration;
- (h) issue requisitions, sign checks, and any other documents;
- (i) submit any bills for payment to the General Administration;
- (j) submit proofs of death to the General Administration for approval and payment;

- (k) record death data and the amount of death benefits;
- (l) preserve all records, documents, reports, and correspondence;
- (m) publish lists of newly accepted and deceased members;
- (n) give an insured member official notice of her/his suspension immediately;
- (o) maintain contact with Group Officers, provide them with guidance, and assist them with ideas and materials;
- (p) serve as Secretary of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Education Fund;
- (q) perform any other duties assigned by the President; and
- (r) render a detailed written report at the National Convention.

Par. 13. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- (a) daily attendance at the office unless official duties require presence elsewhere;
- (b) receive all income and issue receipts;
- (c) render a daily statement of amounts received and bank balances to the National President;
- (d) report to the General Administration all investment transactions at each meeting;
- (e) pay all claims and expenses upon written requisition signed by the President;
- (f) preserve all books of accounts, receipts, vouchers, requisitions, checks, and all other documents in good order;
- (g) keep all records in compliance with federal and state laws and P.W.A. rules and regulations;
- (h) publish a complete financial statement annually in "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice);
- (i) hold the records available for inspection at all times;
- (j) serve as Treasurer of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Education Fund;
- (k) perform any other duties assigned by the President; and
- (l) render a detailed written report at the National Convention.

If the proposed recommendation outlined in item #3 is approved, the committee recommends par. 12 and 13 be combined as par. 12 and should read as follows:

SECRETARY/TREASURER. *The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the following duties:*

- a) daily attendance at the office unless official duties require presence elsewhere;*
- b) keep detailed minutes of the meetings of the General Administration and provide copies of same to the members of the General Administration for correction and approval;*
- c) send copies of said minutes to the District/State Presidents within two weeks after the meeting;*
- d) comply with all requirements of the State Departments of Insurance including the timely filing of quarterly and annual reports;*
- e) manage the Secretary/Treasurer's office;*
- f) keep a book of accounts with each fund itemized;*
- g) report the current status of all funds, income, and disbursements to the General Administration;*
- h) issue requisitions, sign checks, and any other documents;*
- i) submit any bills for payment to the General Administration;*
- j) submit proofs of death to the General Administration for approval and payment;*
- k) record death data and the amount of death benefits;*
- l) preserve all records, documents, reports, and correspondence;*
- m) publish lists of newly accepted and deceased members;*
- n) give an insured member official notice of her/his suspension immediately;*
- o) maintain contact with Group Officers, provide them with guidance, and assist them with ideas and materials;*
- p) receive all income and issue receipts;*
- q) render a daily statement of amounts received and bank balances to the National President;*
- r) report to the General Administration all investment transactions at each meeting;*
- s) pay all claims and expenses upon written requisition signed by the President;*

- t) preserve all books of accounts, receipts, vouchers, requisitions, checks, and all other documents in good order;*
- u) keep all records in compliance with federal and state laws and P.W.A. rules and regulations;*
- v) publish a complete financial statement annually in "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice);*
- w) hold the records available for inspection at all times;*
- x) serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Education Foundation;*
- y) perform any other duties assigned by the President; and*
- z) render a detailed written report at the National Convention.*

If the proposed recommendation outlined in item #3 is not approved, the committee recommends:

Par. 12. NATIONAL SECRETARY. *The National Secretary shall have the following duties:*

- a) daily attendance at the office unless official duties require presence elsewhere;
- b) keep detailed minutes of the meetings of the General Administration and provide copies of same to the members of the General Administration for correction and approval;
- c) send copies of said minutes to the State/District Presidents within two weeks after the meeting;
- d) comply with all requirements of the State Departments of Insurance including the timely filing of quarterly and annual reports;
- e) manage the *National Secretary's* office;
- f) submit proofs of death to the General Administration for approval and payment;
- g) record death data and the amount of death benefits;
- h) preserve all records, documents, reports, and correspondence;
- i) publish lists of newly accepted and deceased members;
- j) give an insured member official notice of her/his suspension immediately;
- k) maintain contact with the *State/District President, Council President, and Group President and Secretary*, provide them with guidance, and assist them with ideas and materials;
- l) serve as National Secretary of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable *and Educational Foundation*;
- m) *report to the President* and perform any other duties assigned by the President; and
- n) render a detailed written report at the National Convention.

Par. 13. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- a) daily attendance at the office unless official duties require presence elsewhere;
- b) receive all income and issue receipts;
- c) *keep a book of accounts with each fund itemized;*
- d) render a daily statement of amounts received and bank balances to the National President;
- e) report to the General Administration all investment transactions at each meeting;
- f) pay all claims and expenses upon written requisition signed by the President;
- g) *report the current status of all funds, income, and disbursements to the General Administration;*
- h) preserve all books of accounts, receipts, vouchers, requisitions, checks, and all other documents in good order;
- i) keep all records in compliance with federal and state laws and P.W.A. rules and regulations;
- j) publish a complete financial statement annually in "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice);
- k) hold the records available for inspection at all times;
- l) serve as Treasurer of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable *and Educational Foundation*;
- m) *report to the President* and perform any other duties assigned by the President; and
- n) render a detailed written report at the National Convention.

21. Article X, par. 16 reads: CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER. The Chief Medical Examiner must be a member of the P.W.A and is appointed by the General Administration. The Chief Medical Examiner reviews applications of candidates for insured membership in the P.W.A. and has the authority to request any information deemed necessary to ascertain the insurability of an applicant. It is the Chief Medical Examiner's responsibility to accept or reject a candidate's application. All candidates' applications shall be returned to the Secretary for final disposition by the General Administration. Candidates' applications, which are rejected, shall be returned to the Secretary with a detailed statement as to the reason for the rejection. The Chief Medical Examiner shall have the authority to demand a second examination, if deemed expedient, or a reduction in the amount of benefit. The Chief Medical Examiner may not be a Physician for any proposed member.

The Committee proposes: CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER. The Chief Medical Examiner must be a member of the P.W.A and is appointed by the General Administration. The Chief Medical Examiner reviews applications of candidates for insured membership in the P.W.A. and has the authority to request any information deemed necessary to ascertain the insurability of an applicant. It is the Chief Medical Examiner's responsibility to accept or reject a candidate's application. All candidates' applications shall be returned to the Secretary for final disposition by the General Administration. Candidates' applications, which are rejected, shall be returned to the Secretary with a detailed statement as to the reason for the rejection. The Chief Medical Examiner shall have the authority to demand a second examination, if deemed expedient, or a reduction in the amount of benefit. The Chief Medical Examiner may not be a Physician for any proposed member and shall be paid on a case by case basis.

22. Article X, par. 18 reads: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS/EDITOR. The General Administration shall appoint a Director of Public Relations/Editor, who shall have the personal and educational qualifications requisite for this Office, to prepare the English section of "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice). The General Administration shall appoint a part-time Editor who shall prepare the Polish section. The Director of Public Relations/Editor and the part-time Editor must be a beneficial members of the P.W.A.

The Director of Public Relations/Editor and the part-time Editor shall have the following duties...

The Committee proposes: The General Administration shall appoint a Director of Public Relations/Editor, who shall have the personal and educational qualifications requisite for this Office, to prepare the English section of "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice). The General Administration may appoint a part-time Editor who shall prepare the Polish section. The Director of Public Relations/Editor must be a beneficial member of the P.W.A.

The Director of Public Relations/Editor shall have the following duties...

23. Article X, par 19 reads: SALES MANAGER. The General Administration shall appoint a Sales Manager, who shall have knowledge of the insurance industry in general, PWA insurance products, and all applicable insurance licenses.

The Committee proposes: The General Administration shall appoint a Sales Manager, who shall have knowledge of the insurance industry in general, P.W.A. insurance products, and all applicable insurance licenses. The Sales Manager must be a beneficial member of the P.W.A. and shall serve as the Chairperson of the Insurance Product Development/ Membership Committee.

24. Article XIII, par. 5 (b) reads: organizing Groups and Councils in localities where none exist;

The Committee proposes: organizing Groups and Councils in localities where none exist and reviving dormant Groups and Councils;

25. Article XIV, par. 3 reads: Every Group must belong to a Council within the District and pay the sum of at least two (\$2.00) dollars annually for each delegate. Any Group failing to pay the Council assessment forfeits its right to participate in Council meetings and is prohibited from voting on Council matters and attending the District/State and National Conventions.

The Committee proposes: Every Group must belong to a Council within the District and pay the sum of at least five (\$5.00) dollars annually for each delegate. Any Group failing to pay the Council assessment forfeits its right to participate in Council meetings and is prohibited from voting on Council matters and attending the District/State and National Conventions.

26. Article XIV, par. 6 reads: The Administration of the Council shall consist of a President (no member of the General Administration or District/State President shall be eligible for this office), as many Vice-Presidents as may be deemed necessary by the Council, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Youth Director.

The Committee proposes: The Administration of the Council shall consist of a President (no member of the General Administration or District President shall be eligible for this office), as many Vice-Presidents as may be deemed necessary by the Council, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Youth Director. The officers of the Council shall be elected to a one (1) year term during an election to be held in the months of December or January.

27. The Committee proposes that in Article XIV after par. 8, 3 new paragraphs be added to the article that read:

Par. 9. An officer of a Council may be removed from office by a vote of the members of the Council for neglect of official duties or conduct unbecoming the officer's position in the P.W.A. Such vote should be conducted by the District President.

Par. 10. An officer who has been duly notified of her/his removal from office and of the appointment of a successor shall immediately render a full accounting and surrender all of the records and property of the Council to the successor in office.

Par. 11. Vacancies in an office caused by death, resignation, withdrawal, etc., shall be filled by a special election according to the above rules. The successor shall serve in the position for the unexpired term.

28. Article XV, par. 4 reads: As a fraternal organization, each Group shall follow all rituals, regulations, and instructions governing the rites and ceremonies issued by the General Administration.

The Committee proposes: As a fraternal organization, each Group shall perform fraternal and community activities and follow all rituals, regulations, and instructions governing the rites and ceremonies issued by the General Administration.

29. The Committee proposes that in Article XV after par. 14, a new paragraph be added and named par. 15 that reads: Annually, the Bank Information Reporting Form is to be completed and forwarded to the office of the National Treasurer as well as the District President no later than the 31st of January.

30. The Committee proposes that in Article XV after par. 23, a new paragraph be added and named par. 24 that reads: In the event a Group fails to cooperate with the General Administration's examination or audit of the Group's financial records, the General Administration shall have the right to remove all of the Group officers immediately.

31. The Committee proposes that in Article XVI, par. 5 an item be added and named (g) that reads: file the Bank Reporting Information Form on the Group with the National Office annually.

32. The Committee proposes that in Article XX an item be added and named par. 5 that reads: The General Administration may transfer any member to any Group upon just cause.

33. Article XXI, par. 2 reads: Every insured member who is charged with a breach or violation of the regulations of the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall have the right to demand in writing the appointment of an arbitration committee to investigate the entire charge. The President of the Group shall appoint a judicial committee, in writing, consisting of five (5) insured members, each of whom shall be confirmed by a majority of the insured members present. If the President of a Group should violate any law of the P.W.A., then upon the request of at least eleven (11) insured members, the Group President shall be arraigned before an arbitration committee which is appointed by a vote of the majority of the insured members present. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, either party may apply in writing to the District/State President to investigate the charge. If it cannot be then resolved, either party may apply to the General Administration; and after exhausting all these tribunals, then may appeal in writing to the National Convention.

The Committee proposes: Every member who is charged with a breach or violation of the regulations of the Constitution and Bylaws shall have the right

to demand in writing the appointment of an arbitration committee to investigate the entire charge. The President of the Group shall appoint a judicial committee, in writing, consisting of five (5) members *to render a finding and decision. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, either party may appeal to the General Administration.* If the President of a Group should violate any law of the P.W.A., then upon the request of at least five (5) members, the Group President shall be arraigned before an arbitration committee which is appointed by *the General Administration to render a finding and decision.* After exhausting all these tribunals, then *she/he* may appeal in writing to the National Convention.

34. The Committee proposes that Article XXI, par. 3 (a, b, c, d) be removed and incorporated in the proposed item #35 to follow.

35. The Committee proposes that following Article XXI a new Article be added and named Article XXII that reads:

**ARTICLE XXII
DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING
INSURANCE PRODUCTS**

Par. 1. The purpose of this article is to prescribe the sole means to present and resolve grievances, complaints or disputes between insured members, certificate or policy owners or beneficiaries and the P.W.A. or its directors, officers, agents and employees relating to the P.W.A.'s insurance benefit products (for instance, benefit certificates or policies and annuities). Procedures set forth in this article are meant to provide prompt, fair and efficient opportunities for dispute resolution consistent with the fraternal nature of the P.W.A. without the delay and expense of formal legal proceedings.

Par. 2. Except as expressly limited in this paragraph, this article applies to all past, current and future benefit certificates or policies, members, insureds, certificate or policy owners, beneficiaries and the P.W.A. It applies to all claims, actions, disputes and grievances of any kind or nature whatsoever relating to the P.W.A.'s insurance benefit products. It includes, but is not limited to, claims based on breach of benefit contract, as well as claims based on fraud, misrepresentation, violation of statute, discrimination, denial of civil rights, conspiracy, defamation, and infliction of distress against the P.W.A. or its directors, officers, agents or employees. To the extent permitted by applicable law, this article applies to all claims, actions, disputes and grievances brought by the P.W.A. or its insured members against other members, certificate, or policy owners or beneficiaries with respect to the P.W.A.'s insurance benefit products. In the event that a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction deems any party or claim in a dispute not subject to this article, this article shall remain in full force and effect as to any remaining parties or claims involved in such dispute. This article does not apply to any claims or disputes relating to major medical insurance certificates or pension or retirement benefit plans for its employees. This article also does not apply to claims or disputes made after the applicable statute of limitations has expired.

Par. 3. No lawsuits or any other actions may be brought for any claims or disputes covered by this article. The following are the steps and procedures for presenting and resolving disputes:

(a) Appeal of the dispute to a designated reviewer within the P.W.A. as appropriate to the dispute.

(b) If an appeal as provided in (a) above does not result in a mutually satisfactory resolution, either party has the right to have the matter mediated in accord with the applicable mediation rules of the American Arbitration Association.

(c) If mediation does not result in a mutually satisfactory resolution, the matter will be resolved by binding arbitration administered by and in accordance with the applicable arbitration rules as prescribed by the American Arbitration Association as applicable to the type of matter in dispute. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding, subject only to the right to appeal such decision as provided in the arbitration rules and applicable law.

The member or benefit certificate or policy owner or beneficiary shall have the right to consult with legal counsel of his or her choosing at any time at their own expense (unless, as provided in Section (f) below, he or she is awarded attorneys fees). If an issue in dispute is subject to law that prohibits parties from agreeing to submit future disputes to binding arbitration, arbitration results shall be non-binding, unless both the individual and the P.W.A. agree to binding arbitration after the claim or dispute has arisen.

(d) The administrative costs of the mediation and/or arbitration (including fees and expenses of mediators or arbitrators, filing fees, reasonable and necessary

court reporting fees) shall be paid by the P.W.A. Provided, however, unless awarded pursuant to paragraph (f) below, each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees, expert fees and discovery costs.

(e) The procedures of this article are designed to afford individual members, benefit certificate or policy owners, beneficiaries and the P.W.A. a prompt, fair and efficient means of resolving individual disputes. Accordingly, no disputes may be brought forward in a representative group on behalf of or against any "class" of persons, and the disputes involving multiple members or benefit certificate or policy owners or beneficiaries (other than immediate family) may not be joined together for purposes of these procedures without the express written consent of both (i) all members and benefit certificate or policy owners and beneficiaries affected thereby and (ii) the P.W.A.

(f) This section applies to any claim or dispute resolved through binding arbitration as provided in section (c) above, and it applies to any action in a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction deems any party or claim in a dispute not subject to binding arbitration. Except as expressly limited in this section the parties to a dispute may be awarded any and all damages or other relief allowed for the claim in dispute by applicable federal or state law, including attorneys fees and expenses if such attorney's fees and expenses are deemed appropriate under applicable law. Exemplary or punitive damages may be awarded to pursuant to federal or state statute or, if awarded pursuant to the common law, exemplary or punitive damages may be awarded but may not exceed three times the amount of compensatory damages.

(g) In the event that any court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction deems any portion of this Article to be unenforceable or otherwise void under applicable law, the remaining portions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect.

36. Article XXII, par. 7 (d) reads: No less than ten (\$0.10) cents per month to each Active Group, for every one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of insurance in force in the Group for fraternal promotion.

The Committee proposes: *Effective January 1, 2008,* no less than ten (\$0.10) cents per month *will be paid annually* to each Active Group, for every one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of insurance in force in the Group for fraternal promotion. *In order to receive said payment, each Group must comply with the following requirements:*

i. hold at least two (2) activities annually, and

ii. enroll one (1) new insured beneficial member, if such Group as of December 31st of the prior year, had one hundred fifty (150) or less members; all other Groups must enroll at least two (2) new insured beneficial members.

37. Article XXII, par. 10 reads: The Financial Aid Fund shall be used for the Old Age Program and the 30/80 Program.

The Committee proposes: The Financial Aid Fund shall be used for the Old Age Program and the 40/80 Program.

Article XXII, par. 12 reads: The 30/80 Program.

(a) When a member attains the age of eighty (80) and has a certificate which has been in force for thirty (30) or more years, the General Administration may authorize the payment of the premiums on such policy from the Financial Aid Fund.

The Committee proposes: The 40/80 Program.

(a) When a member attains the age of eighty (80) and has a certificate which has been in force for *forty (40)* or more years, the General Administration may authorize the payment of the premiums on such policy from the Financial Aid Fund.

NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

38. The Committee recommends that the delegates vote to approve the corrections of the typographical, grammatical, and spelling errors found in the Constitution beginning with **Article III, Par. 2 through the end of Article XXVI, Par. 8.**

39. Article II, Par. 4 (e) reads: to grant fraternal benefits to its members. **The Committee proposes:** to *assist members in achieving financial security through insurance and annuity products and* to grant fraternal benefits to its members.

40. Article III, Par. 2 reads: The National Convention is the supreme legislative, judicial, and governing body of the P.W.A It shall have the power to enact and amend the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, and Bylaws and may make rules and regulations.

The Committee proposes: The National Convention is the supreme legislative, judicial, and governing body of the P.W.A It shall have the power to enact and amend the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and Bylaws ("Bylaws") and may make rules and regulations.

41. Article III, par. 6 reads: The National Convention shall be composed of delegates elected by vote of a majority of the members of the Groups present at meetings duly notified by mail in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the P.W.A.

The Committee proposes: The National Convention shall be composed of delegates elected every four years by vote of a majority of the members of the Groups present at meetings duly notified by mail in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the P.W.A.

42. Article IV, par. 6 begins: Delegates who have credentials accepted by the National Convention are entitled to participate in the deliberations. The National Officers, which include the four (4) Executive Officers and the Directors, District/State Presidents, and Council Presidents, shall be delegates to the National Convention by virtue of their office.

The Committee proposes: Delegates who have credentials accepted by the National Convention are entitled to participate in the deliberations. The National President, Vice President, National Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, District Presidents and Council Presidents, shall be delegates to the National Convention by virtue of their office.

43. Article IV, par. 11 (d) reads: Singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Jeszcze Polska Nie Zginela" (Please see Addendum for the lyrics)

The Committee proposes: Singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Jeszcze Polska Nie Zginela."

44. The Committee proposes Article IV, par. 11 (f) be removed.
It reads: Introduction of Guests by the National President.

45. Article IV, par. 11 (k) reads: Recommendation of Budget Committee for Salaries of Convention Officers and Convention Committees.

The Committee proposes: Recommendation of Committee on Budget regarding salaries of Convention Officers and reporting Convention Committees.

46. Article IV, par. 11 (s) reads: Reports of the National Convention Committees

The Committee proposes the Committees should be listed individually and in order as to how they will render their reports, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Report of the Committee on Complaints and Grievances

Report of the Committee on Youth and Education

Report of the Committee on Membership, Development and Expansion

Report of the Committee on Budget regarding salaries of the National Officers and District Presidents

47. Article IV, par. 11 (t) reads: Nominating Committee Report

The Committee proposes: Report of the Committee on Nominations

48. Article IV, par. 11 (x) reads: Resolutions

The Committee proposes: Report of the Committee on Resolutions

49. Article V, par. 1 reads: The Officers of the National Convention shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Parliamentarian, a Sergeant-at Arms, and four (4) Assistants.

The Committee proposes: The Officers of the National Convention shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Parliamentarian, a Sergeant-at Arms, and Assistants.

50. Article V, par. 8 reads: The Sergeants-at-Arms shall maintain order in the Convention hall during the sessions and shall inform the delegates as to where and to whom they may present all appeals, motions, and all other communications pertinent to the National Convention.

The Committee proposes: The Sergeants-at-Arms and Assistants shall maintain order in the Convention hall during the sessions and shall inform the delegates as to where and to whom they may present all appeals, motions, and all other communications pertinent to the National Convention.

51. Article VI, par. 5 reads: THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER: The Committee on Rules of Order shall be appointed the day before the National Convention by the President of the P.W.A. The Committee shall arrange the order of business of the National Convention according to Paragraph 4 of Article IV. All Convention Committees shall communicate with the Committee on Rules of Order to ensure an orderly Convention. The Committee shall keep in close contact with the respective Committees engaged in organizing the work of the National Convention or which may have matters to be presented to the National Convention Assembly, so that they may be included at an appropriate time in the order of the day. The order of the day for the next session shall be read and accepted prior to the adjournment of each session.

The Committee proposes: THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER: The Committee on Rules of Order shall be appointed at least the day before the National Convention by the President of the P.W.A. The Committee shall arrange the order of business of the National Convention according to Paragraph 4 of Article IV. All Convention Committees shall communicate with the Committee on Rules of Order to ensure an orderly Convention. The Committee shall keep in close contact with the respective Committees engaged in organizing the work of the National Convention that may have matters to be presented to the National Convention Assembly, so that they may be included at an appropriate time in the order of the day. The order of the day for the next session shall be read and accepted prior to the adjournment of each session.

52. Article VI, par. 6 reads: THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND EDUCATION: The Committee on Youth and Education shall consist of the delegates appointed by the President, and the National Vice President as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The President shall appoint the Committee members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. It shall review all of the Youth and Educational programs and activities of the P.W.A. during the previous four (4) years and develop recommendations for approval by the Convention to encourage young people to participate in P.W.A. sponsored programs for the next administration. It shall also review and recommend policies furthering educational programs.

The Committee proposes: THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND EDUCATION: The Committee on Youth and Education shall consist of the delegates appointed by the President. The National Vice President serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The President shall appoint the Committee members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. It shall review all of the Youth and Educational programs and activities of the P.W.A. during the previous four (4) years and develop recommendations for approval by the Convention to encourage young people to participate in the P.W.A. sponsored programs for the next administration. It shall also review and recommend policies furthering educational programs.

53. Article IX, par. 2 reads: When the General Administration receives a written complaint from a group or an insured member, it shall render a decision only after a proper investigation. Failure to abide by the decision may result in a suspension of membership. Any party suspended shall have the right to appeal to the National Convention.

The Committee proposes: When the General Administration receives a written complaint from a Group or an insured member, it shall render a decision only after a proper investigation. Failure to abide by the decision may result in a suspension of membership. Any party suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Committee of Complaints and Grievances of the National Convention.

54. The title of Article X reads: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & OF OTHER ADMINISTRATORS

The Committee proposes: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & OF OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

55. The Committee proposes that Article X, par.14 be moved and shall be called Article X, par. 2 that reads: At the conclusion of the National Officer's term, she/he shall relinquish to the successor all property relating to the position and acquaint the successor with all matters and procedures pertinent to the office.

56. Article X, par 2 reads: The other Administrators shall include the Legal Advisor, Director of Public Relations/Editor, Chief Medical Examiner, and Sales Manager.

The Committee proposes: *Other Administrative positions may include* the Legal Advisor, Director of Public Relations/Editor, Chief Medical Examiner, and Sales Manager. Paragraph will become par 3 and successive paragraphs will be renumbered.

57. Article X, par. 4 reads: Beginning with the General Administration elected at the National Convention held in 2007, each member must pass a LOMA level 1 and level 2 exam within two (2) years of taking office. Failure to pass such examination will result in the General Administration declaring a vacancy in such office.

The Committee proposes: *Beginning with the National Convention held in 2007, each elected Executive Officer* must pass a LOMA level 1 and level 2 exam within two (2) years of taking office. Failure to pass *these examinations* will result in the General Administration declaring a vacancy in such office.

58. Article X, par. 9 reads: The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as the officers of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Educational Fund, an Illinois non-profit Corporation, which is also a charitable institution and is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Committee proposes: The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as the officers of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Educational *Foundation*, an Illinois non-profit Corporation, which is also a charitable institution and is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

59. Article X, par. 10 (o) reads: serve as President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Educational Fund.

The Committee proposes: serve as President of the Polish Women's Alliance of America Charitable and Educational *Foundation*.

60. Article X, par. 11 (d) reads: develop youth activities;

The Committee proposes: develop youth activities *and work with the Councils*;

61. Article X, par. 11 (h) reads: encourage such events as the holiday observance of Oplatek and Swieconka as well as other events;

The Committee proposes: *encourage holiday observance of Oplatek and Swieconka as well as other events*;

62. Article X, par. 11 (j) reads: perform any other duties assigned by the President;

The Committee proposes: *report to the President and* perform any other duties assigned by the President;

63. Article XI, par. 3 reads: Under no circumstances or pretext shall the mailing list of the members be delivered to any person other than the printer of the "Glos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice).

The Committee proposes: Under no circumstances or pretext shall the mailing list of the members be delivered to any person other than the printer of the "Glos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice) *unless approved by the Executive Officers*.

64. Article XII, par. 1 reads: The Permanent Committees shall be the Building and Grounds, Education (Komitet Oswiaty), Hospitality, Insurance Product Development, Investment, Membership and Development, Scholarship, and Youth. The Executive Committee and Investment Committee are comprised of the National Officers of the General Administration: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Committee proposes: The Permanent Committees shall be the *Education /Komitet Oswiaty (which shall include the youth and scholarship sub-committees), Budget, Insurance Product Development/Membership and Investment*. The Executive Committee and Investment Committee are comprised of the National Officers of the General Administration: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

65. Article XIII, par. 2 reads: The District/State President shall be elected by the delegates for the District/State at a District/State Convention held at least eight (8) months and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the National Convention and shall be confirmed by the National Convention.

The Committee proposes: The District/State President shall be elected *to a four (4) year term* by the delegates for the District at a District Convention held at least eight (8) months and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the National Convention and shall be confirmed by the National Convention.

66. Article XIII, par. 5 (d) reads: fostering a spirit of harmony and unity within their district and/or state;

The Committee proposes: fostering a spirit of harmony and unity within their district;

67. Article XIII, par. 5(g) reads: attending an annual District/State President's Conference with the General Administration on the subject of benefit insurance;

The Committee proposes: attending an annual District Presidents' Conference with the General Administration;

68. Article XIV, par. 14 reads: The Officers of the Council shall be administered the following oath: "I, _____(name and surname), assuming the duties of the office of _____in Council _____, District _____, P.W.A. of A., under oath before God and in the presence of the delegates here assembled, do solemnly swear that I will perform the duties of the office entrusted to me faithfully and conscientiously, and I promise to surrender all property belonging to the Council upon expiration of my term of office, so help me God and Our Lady of Czestochowa, Patroness of Polish Women's Alliance of America."

The Committee proposes: The Officers of the Council shall be administered the following oath: "I, _____(name and surname), assuming the duties of the office of _____in Council _____, District _____, *Polish Women's Alliance of America*, under oath before God and in the presence of the delegates here assembled, do solemnly swear that I will perform the duties of the office entrusted to me faithfully and conscientiously, and I promise to surrender all property belonging to the Council upon expiration of my term of office, so help me God and Our Lady of Czestochowa, Patroness of Polish Women's Alliance of America."

69. Article XV, par. 10 reads: In addition to the above a Group may have the following officers, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Trustees, and Sergeant at Arms.

The Committee proposes: In addition to the above a Group may have the following officers, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Trustees, Sergeant at Arms, and *Youth Counselor*.

70. Article XV, par. 12 reads: In a Group election, the presiding officer shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of insured members of such Group and not candidates for any office.

The Committee proposes: In a Group election, the presiding officer may appoint an Election Committee consisting of insured members of such Group and not candidates for any office.

71. Article XV, par. 13 reads: The duly elected officers of the Group shall be installed at the first meeting of the ensuing term.

The Committee proposes: The duly elected officers of the Group shall be installed at the first meeting of the ensuing term *or as soon as possible after the election is held*.

72. Article XV, par. 14 reads: A list of newly elected officers is to be forwarded to the office of Secretary no later than in the month of February.

The Committee proposes: *Annually*, a list of the elected officers is to be forwarded to the office of Secretary *as well as the District President* no later than *the 31st of January*.

73. Article XV, par. 19 reads: The fiscal year of Groups of P.W.A. begins on the 1st of January and ends the 31st of December.

The Committee proposes: The fiscal year of *a P.W.A. Group* begins on the 1st of January and ends the 31st of December.

74. Article XV, par. 21 reads: Regular meetings of the Group shall be held at a time and place designated by a resolution adopted by the Group. The group Secretary shall immediately notify the Secretary of any change in the dates of meetings or of the addresses of the officers.

The Committee proposes: Regular meetings of the Group shall be held at a time and place designated by a resolution adopted by the Group. The Group shall immediately notify the National Secretary of any change in the dates of meetings or of the addresses of the officers.

75. Article XV, par. 28 lists the order of business for all group meetings.

The Committee proposes Article XV, par. 28 (a) be removed.

It reads: Collection of membership dues.

76. Article XVI, par. 1 (b) reads: enforce all laws of the Group;

The Committee proposes: enforce all laws of the National Office, District, Council and Group;

77. Article XVI, par. 2 (b) reads: in the absence of the President, perform all other duties provided for under the laws of the P.W.A. and under the rules and regulations of the Group.

The Committee proposes: in the absence of the President, perform all other duties provided for under the Bylaws of the P.W.A. and under the rules and regulations of the Group.

78. The Committee proposes Article XVI, par. 3 (d) be removed.

It reads: notify the Secretary directly of all withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements occurring in the Group, giving in each case the name of the insured member and the number of the certificate where applicable;

79. The Committee proposes Article XVI, par. 3 (f) be removed.

It reads: prepare monthly financial reports of all premiums collected where applicable and all other income and disbursements of the Group;

80. Article XVI, par. 3 (h) reads: perform all other duties required under the laws of the P.W.A. and the rules and regulations of the Group; countersign all requisitions with the Treasurer; and

The Committee proposes: perform all other duties required under the Bylaws of the P.W.A. and the rules and regulations of the Group; countersign all requisitions with the Treasurer; and

81. Article XVI, par. 4 reads: In the event a Group does not elect a Recording Secretary, the President shall appoint an individual to perform the above duties.

The Committee proposes: In the event a Group does not elect a Recording Secretary, the President may appoint an individual to perform the above duties.

82. Article XVIII, par. 1 reads: Members of the P.W.A. may be honorary, beneficial (insured), and social.

The Committee proposes: Members of the P.W.A. may be honorary, beneficial, and social.

83. Article XVIII, par. 8 reads: Premiums are payable by every insured member of the P.W.A. on the first day of each calendar month.

The Committee proposes: Premiums are payable by every insured member of the P.W.A. on the first day of each calendar month or as otherwise stated.

84. Article XVIII, par. 13 reads: The publication of any notice in "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice) and mailing of the issue to each individual member, addressed to her/his last known address, shall be deemed sufficient notice to the member.

The Committee proposes: The publication of any notice in "Głos Polek" (The Polish Women's Voice) and mailing of the issue to each individual member's household, addressed to her/his last known address, shall be deemed sufficient notice to the member.

85. Article XIX, par. 1 (b) reads: violation of the laws, rules, and regulations of the P.W.A.; or

The Committee recommends: violation of the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the P.W.A.; or

86. Article XXI, par. 1 reads: Every insured member of the P.W.A. whose conduct is unbecoming and detrimental to the organization or who violates the Constitution and Bylaws may be arraigned thereof and shall be punished according to the degree of the offense.

The Committee proposes: Every insured member of the P.W.A. whose conduct is unbecoming and detrimental to the organization or who violates the Constitution and Bylaws may be arraigned thereof and shall be punished according to the degree of the offense in accordance with this article.

87. Article XXII, pars. 13 and 14 read:

Par. 13. The Relief Fund shall consist of the amount on hand on December 31, 1966, plus all income specifically allotted for the Relief Fund less any deductions made from the Fund.

Par 14. The Relief Fund shall be used for cases of critical need as determined by the General Administration.

The Committee proposes paragraphs 13 and 14 be combined to read: The Relief Fund shall consist of the amount on hand on December 31, 1966, plus all income specifically allotted for the Relief Fund less any deductions made from the Fund. The Relief Fund shall be used for cases of critical need as determined by the General Administration.

88. Article XXIII, par. 1 reads: The insurance benefit certificates to be issued to members of the P.W.A. shall first be approved by the General Administration and shall be issued in such amounts and forms, and provide such benefits, as are permitted by the laws of the State wherein the P.W.A. is licensed to do business.

The Committee proposes: The insurance benefit certificates and annuity certificates to be issued to members of the P.W.A. shall first be approved by the General Administration and shall be issued in such amounts and forms, and provide such benefits, as are permitted by the laws of the State wherein the P.W.A. is licensed to do business.

89. Article XXIV, par. 3 reads: In the event of the death of any beneficiary named in the certificate before the death of the insured member, that part of the benefit made payable to the deceased beneficiary or beneficiaries shall be paid equally to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in the certificate.

The Committee proposes: In the event of the death of any beneficiary named in the certificate before the death of the insured member, that part of the benefit made payable to the deceased beneficiary or beneficiaries shall be paid equally to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in the certificate unless otherwise designated by the insured.

90. Article XXV, par. 2 reads: The death benefit shall be paid to the person or persons designated and notification of payment shall be sent to the Financial Secretary of the Group.

The Committee proposes: The death benefit shall be paid to the person or persons designated.

91. Article XXVI, par. 8 reads: The Bylaws of the P.W.A. shall be printed in both the English and Polish language, however, in case of any conflict the English text shall prevail.

The Committee proposes: The Constitution and Bylaws of the P.W.A. shall be printed in both the English and Polish language; however, in case of any conflict the English text shall prevail.

Respectfully submitted,

Appointed Members of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Chair: Delphine Lytell, District 1 President.

Members: Rita Giersch, Gr. 211, Teresa Makowski, Gr. 114, Dawn

Nelson, Gr. 743, and Yvonne Serafin, Gr. 440.

Ex Officio Member: Virginia Sikora, National President.

Advisor: Counsel Christopher Nowotarski

Note: Delegates are urged to read and review the proposed amendments and to discuss them with Group members prior to attending the Convention. Please bring your copy of the current Constitution to the Convention, if you have one.

❧ **IN MEMORIAM MARCH-APRIL** ❧

We note with sadness the passing of the following PWA members. May they rest in peace.

| Gr. | Name | City/State | Gr. | Name | City/State |
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| 0000 | Helen Zielinski | Crown Point, IN | 0419 | Angela Ozdych | Buffalo, NY |
| 0037 | Sally Lachowiec | Munster, IN | 0426 | Helen Lilly | Brookfield, IL |
| 0043 | Barbara A Karch | Hillside, IL | 0439 | Victoria Glinka | Wyandotte, MI |
| 0043 | Irene D Cebrzynski | Darien, IL | 0440 | Alice J Tapogna | Springfield, OH |
| 0044 | Lois Kirsch | Winchester, CA | 0444 | Pelagia Wyszynski | Hobart, IN |
| 0047 | Anna Sokol | Chicago, IL | 0444 | Lottie Miskuf | Merrillville, IN |
| 0055 | Jean Dudzik | Martins Ferry, OH | 0450 | Eleanor Gulla | Avoca, PA |
| 0077 | Anna T Jagielo | Hammond, IN | 0450 | Janina Poch | Scranton, PA |
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| 0112 | Martha Marczak | Calumet City, IL | 0469 | Cecilia M Knickerbocker | Erie, PA |
| 0112 | Franciszka Badyniak | Calumet City, IL | 0480 | Helen Styka | South Holland, IL |
| 0126 | Helena Siek | Chicago, IL | 0481 | Diane Pompei | Warren, MI |
| 0127 | Genevieve Szpunar | Romulus, MI | 0482 | Roberta L Conley | Utica, NY |
| 0130 | Helen C Horn | Kiel, WI | 0483 | Helen M Gadowski | Mount Carmel, PA |
| 0132 | Sally A Marciniak | East Chicago, IN | 0483 | Bronislaw Zalewska | Atlas, PA |
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| 0141 | Stella Wadlegger | Southampton, MA | 0488 | Sophie V Wasiek | Canton, MI |
| 0145 | Bronislaw Tracz | Chicago, IL | 0510 | Helen Kordel | Northport, MI |
| 0149 | Helena Kulikowska | Oak Lawn, IL | 0510 | Sabina Nichols | Cockeysville, MD |
| 0149 | Eugenia Becatti | Chicago, IL | 0530 | Stella Hodges | Nanticoke, PA |
| 0160 | Estelle Gorny | Sheboygan, WI | 0535 | Eleanor Talerico | Old Forge, PA |
| 0160 | Bridget A Lata | Chicago, IL | 0535 | Viola Mozeleski | Old Forge, PA |
| 0163 | Irene Trybala | Sagamore Hills, OH | 0535 | Helen Esposito | Scranton, PA |
| 0165 | Maryanne Kosman | Calumet Park, IL | 0536 | Phyllis Gabrhel | South Milwaukee, WI |
| 0170 | Kathleen Norris | Detroit, MI | 0540 | Anna M Strish | Ashley, PA |
| 0180 | Dolores Wisniewski | La Porte, IN | 0553 | Jane Kowalski | Berlin, CT |
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| 0221 | Winifred G Stark | Allison Park, PA | 0561 | Rosalind Kaniewski | Northville, MI |
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| 0224 | Mary A Wieczorkowski | Pittsburgh, PA | 0561 | Ruth B Mandy | Dearborn, MI |
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| 0267 | Mary Mikiewicz | Duryea, PA | 0612 | Sandra Rushinsky | Logansport, IN |
| 0267 | Theresa A Gayza | Dupont, PA | 0642 | Alicya Boguszevska | Scranton, PA |
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| 0305 | Kazmiera Matuszak | Dacula, GA | | | |
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| 0309 | Janina L Nagy | Garden City, MI | | | |
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| 0418 | Ronald Fisher | Washington, MI | | | |

Great America

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April 23, and the Fraternal Junior Bowling Tournament (April-May). The Six Flags Great America event was chaired by Mrs. Anna Sokolowski of PRCUA, assisted by the Vice Presidents of the other Fraternal.

The weather cooperated giving us a beautiful day. The park opened at 10 a.m. starting a perfect and fun-filled day, with families and friends taking in the attractions that the park has to offer including rides, roller coasters, Polish food, shows, and other exciting things to do throughout the day.

At 7 p.m. at the Theatre Royale, located in the Orleans section of the park, a special performance was held featuring dance groups from the PNA and PRCUA. The groups performing included: Wesoly Lud and Polonia from the PRCUA and WICI, Lajkonik, and Polanie of the PNA. Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the performances put on by these excellent dance groups.

It was another day of fun and fraternalism for everyone!

Story by: Robert M. Jadach, Photo by: Jan Odrobina

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This is your last chance to apply for
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Single Payment Whole Life Insurance.
This is a ONE-TIME OFFER ONLY!!
**In addition, if you are a PWAA member
in good standing, the premium
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XXXV PWAA CONVENTION
SPECIAL COUPON
on page 17.**

RULES: Promotion ends **August 15, 2007**. Any person between the ages 16 days and 85 years (nearest birthday) can participate. For existing PWAA members in good standing (those who have an active PWA life insurance or annuity policy) we are offering a special **\$35-Off XXXV Convention Coupon** (see page 17). Each active PWA member can use one coupon. The \$35-Off Convention Coupon is transferable.

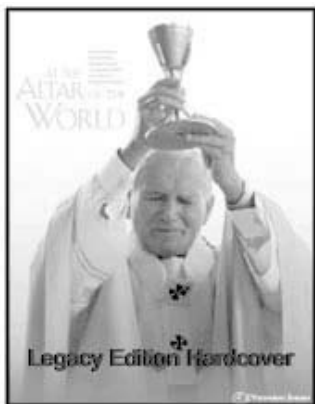
TO APPLY: Fill in the application on this page. Look up the rates in the table on page 17. Find your age (to the nearest birthday); then look for the corresponding single premium. If you will be using the 35th Convention Coupon on page 17, you must fill it out and send it with the completed application and with the premium payment to: **Polish Women's Alliance of America, 6643 N Northwest Hwy., 2nd Floor; Chicago, IL 60631.**

Questions? Call Bo Padowski at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 228.

**A Special Book about the
Life of Pope John Paul II**
"At the Altar of the World"

This 192-page hardbound book features more than 150 photos of the Pope's life and travels as well as essays by American Cardinals, Bishops, and Catholic scholars reflecting on the Holy Father's encyclical on the Eucharist.

This beautiful book will be sent to everyone who sells 5 new policies during the 35th Convention Special!



Offer expires August 15th!

This application is to be used with our 35th Convention Special

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| Plan applied for (Write Plan Name): Face Amount: _____ Premium Mode (Check one): Ann S-Ann Quar Mo Single <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | | APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE With POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE OF AMERICA 6643 N Northwest Highway, 2 nd Floor Chicago, IL 60631 | | Office Use Only Group No. _____ Certificate No. _____ Plan No. _____ Amount of Insurance _____ | | |
| 1. Name of Proposed Insured | | | 2. Residence Address | | | |
| 3. Sex Male Female <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | | 4. Date of Birth (Mo) (Day) (Yr) | 5. Age | | City State Zip | |
| 6. Height | Weight | 7. Place of Birth | | 8. Telephone Number Home Work | | |
| 9. Marital Status (Check One) Single Married Widowed Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | | | 10. If female, and ever married, give maiden name | | 11. Social Security No. | |
| 12. Occupation | | | 13. Name and Address of Employer | | | |
| 14. Beneficiary Name _____ Relationship _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ | | | | | | |
| 15. Contingent Beneficiary Name _____ Relationship _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ | | | | | | |
| DECLARATION OF INSURABILITY | | | | | Yes | No |
| 1. Within the past 3 years, has the proposed insured used tobacco in any form? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Within the past 3 years has the proposed insured ever had or been treated for: | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a. Disease or disorder of heart, kidneys, stomach, liver, lungs, bones or joints? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Epilepsy, convulsion, dizziness, fainting, stroke or mental disorder? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. High blood pressure, chest pain, diabetes, cancer or tumor? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Alcoholism, alcohol abuse or drug abuse? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Any other physical disease or deformity or consulted or been examined by any physician for other than a symptom-free check-up, or had an electrocardiogram, x-rays, or blood studies during the past 3 years? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Has any application for life insurance on the proposed insured been declined, withdrawn, postponed, or modified in any way by any insurance company during the past 3 years? | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A. Is the insurance intended to replace or change any insurance now in force? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | |
| B. What is the total amount of life insurance in force on the life of the proposed insured? _____ | | | | | | |
| C. What is the total amount of life insurance in force on the life of the applicant, if other than the proposed insured? _____ | | | | | | |
| D. Is the applicant a member of the Polish Women's Alliance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | |
| E. Select dividend option: <input type="checkbox"/> left on deposit <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> purchase paid up additions | | | | | | |
| Information in this application is given to obtain this insurance and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. This certificate shall not take effect unless the first or single premium is actually paid to the Alliance at the time of application. | | | | | | |
| Signature of Proposed Insured _____ | | | | | | |
| Signature of Applicant, if other than Proposed Insured _____ | | | | | | |
| Signature of Witness or Agent _____ | | | | | | |
| Full Amount Attached \$ _____ Signed at (City, State) _____ Date _____ | | | | | | |
| Form No. LA-2005/PWA | | | | | | |

Our Gift to you if you sell more than 5 Insurance Policies!

You must act now, to take advantage of applying for **\$2,000** in Single Payment Whole Life Insurance for **THE LAST TIME**. Use the **\$35-Off Convention Coupon** on page 17 for additional savings. Offer ends August 15th.

PWA members who help sell five or more policies will be recognized at the Convention and will receive a very special gift, a book about Pope John Paul II: "At the Altar of the World." So far, there are six members who have qualified:

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|--------------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| BERTHA KUCKLA | Gr. 267 | MARY KURTZ | Gr. 579 |
| DOROTHY WISNIEWSKI | Gr. 509 | MARY NOWAK | Gr. 786 |
| BERNADETTE VLOCK | Gr. 409 | EVELYN LISEK | Gr. 562 |

Also, your Group can earn up to \$1,000 for new applications! The checks of the winning Groups will be presented to Group Presidents at the 35th Convention. Please call Bo Padowski at 1-888-522-1898 ext 228 for details on how your Group can earn CASH!

35th CONVENTION SPECIAL

Single Premium Rates for \$2,000 Face Amount Whole Life Insurance

| FEMALE | | | | | | MALE | | | | | |
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| 0 | 169.96 | 134.96 | 43 | 651.34 | 616.34 | 0 | 191.26 | 156.26 | 43 | 704.40 | 669.40 |
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| 2 | 177.00 | 142.00 | 45 | 690.14 | 655.14 | 2 | 198.06 | 163.06 | 45 | 743.66 | 708.66 |
| 3 | 181.02 | 146.02 | 46 | 709.72 | 674.72 | 3 | 202.64 | 167.64 | 46 | 763.82 | 728.82 |
| 4 | 185.42 | 150.42 | 47 | 729.46 | 694.46 | 4 | 207.80 | 172.80 | 47 | 784.58 | 749.58 |
| 5 | 189.94 | 154.94 | 48 | 749.18 | 714.18 | 5 | 213.20 | 178.20 | 48 | 805.52 | 770.52 |
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| 7 | 199.70 | 164.70 | 50 | 787.78 | 752.78 | 7 | 224.64 | 189.64 | 50 | 848.26 | 813.26 |
| 8 | 204.80 | 169.80 | 51 | 807.24 | 772.24 | 8 | 230.70 | 195.70 | 51 | 870.36 | 835.36 |
| 9 | 210.12 | 175.12 | 52 | 826.54 | 791.54 | 9 | 237.04 | 202.04 | 52 | 892.96 | 857.96 |
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| 12 | 227.34 | 192.34 | 55 | 885.98 | 850.98 | 12 | 257.60 | 222.60 | 55 | 962.92 | 927.92 |
| 13 | 233.52 | 198.52 | 56 | 905.84 | 870.84 | 13 | 264.96 | 229.96 | 56 | 986.48 | 951.48 |
| 14 | 239.90 | 204.90 | 57 | 926.00 | 891.00 | 14 | 272.58 | 237.58 | 57 | 1,011.46 | 976.46 |
| 15 | 246.46 | 211.46 | 58 | 946.48 | 911.48 | 15 | 280.36 | 245.36 | 58 | 1,035.82 | 1,000.82 |
| 16 | 253.16 | 218.16 | 59 | 967.42 | 932.42 | 16 | 288.30 | 253.30 | 59 | 1,059.98 | 1,024.98 |
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| 18 | 267.24 | 232.24 | 61 | 1,009.22 | 974.22 | 18 | 303.56 | 268.56 | 61 | 1,106.70 | 1,071.70 |
| 19 | 274.70 | 239.70 | 62 | 1,030.10 | 995.10 | 19 | 311.04 | 276.04 | 62 | 1,129.58 | 1,094.58 |
| 20 | 282.36 | 247.36 | 63 | 1,050.62 | 1,015.62 | 20 | 318.68 | 283.68 | 63 | 1,153.54 | 1,118.54 |
| 21 | 342.14 | 307.14 | 64 | 1,071.86 | 1,036.86 | 21 | 378.88 | 343.88 | 64 | 1,178.26 | 1,143.26 |
| 22 | 352.18 | 317.18 | 65 | 1,092.08 | 1,057.08 | 22 | 388.26 | 353.26 | 65 | 1,203.30 | 1,168.30 |
| 23 | 362.40 | 327.40 | 66 | 1,110.96 | 1,075.96 | 23 | 398.40 | 363.40 | 66 | 1,226.22 | 1,191.22 |
| 24 | 372.98 | 337.98 | 67 | 1,130.16 | 1,095.16 | 24 | 409.08 | 374.08 | 67 | 1,249.12 | 1,214.12 |
| 25 | 383.88 | 348.88 | 68 | 1,150.08 | 1,115.08 | 25 | 420.36 | 385.36 | 68 | 1,273.78 | 1,238.78 |
| 26 | 395.10 | 360.10 | 69 | 1,169.96 | 1,134.96 | 26 | 432.44 | 397.44 | 69 | 1,294.52 | 1,259.52 |
| 27 | 406.74 | 371.74 | 70 | 1,189.94 | 1,154.94 | 27 | 445.20 | 410.20 | 70 | 1,319.14 | 1,284.14 |
| 28 | 418.72 | 383.72 | 71 | 1,210.16 | 1,175.16 | 28 | 458.48 | 423.48 | 71 | 1,341.78 | 1,306.78 |
| 29 | 431.18 | 396.18 | 72 | 1,232.22 | 1,197.22 | 29 | 472.20 | 437.20 | 72 | 1,358.98 | 1,323.98 |
| 30 | 443.98 | 408.98 | 73 | 1,251.94 | 1,216.94 | 30 | 485.98 | 450.98 | 73 | 1,377.68 | 1,342.68 |
| 31 | 457.38 | 422.38 | 74 | 1,272.84 | 1,237.84 | 31 | 499.92 | 464.92 | 74 | 1,399.58 | 1,364.58 |
| 32 | 471.26 | 436.26 | 75 | 1,293.86 | 1,258.86 | 32 | 513.96 | 478.96 | 75 | 1,427.40 | 1,392.40 |
| 33 | 485.62 | 450.62 | 76 | 1,320.38 | 1,285.38 | 33 | 528.76 | 493.76 | 76 | 1,454.42 | 1,419.42 |
| 34 | 500.42 | 465.42 | 77 | 1,348.12 | 1,313.12 | 34 | 544.24 | 509.24 | 77 | 1,480.84 | 1,445.84 |
| 35 | 515.78 | 480.78 | 78 | 1,376.50 | 1,341.50 | 35 | 560.16 | 525.16 | 78 | 1,507.48 | 1,472.48 |
| 36 | 531.30 | 496.30 | 79 | 1,404.78 | 1,369.78 | 36 | 576.42 | 541.42 | 79 | 1,535.18 | 1,500.18 |
| 37 | 547.18 | 512.18 | 80 | 1,433.60 | 1,398.60 | 37 | 593.00 | 558.00 | 80 | 1,562.82 | 1,527.82 |
| 38 | 563.24 | 528.24 | 81 | 1,463.34 | 1,428.34 | 38 | 610.44 | 575.44 | 81 | 1,589.48 | 1,554.48 |
| 39 | 579.86 | 544.86 | 82 | 1,493.22 | 1,458.22 | 39 | 628.34 | 593.34 | 82 | 1,616.38 | 1,581.38 |
| 40 | 596.90 | 561.90 | 83 | 1,522.16 | 1,487.16 | 40 | 646.76 | 611.76 | 83 | 1,643.10 | 1,608.10 |
| 41 | 614.50 | 579.50 | 84 | 1,552.22 | 1,517.22 | 41 | 665.92 | 630.92 | 84 | 1,671.58 | 1,636.58 |
| 42 | 632.64 | 597.64 | 85 | 1,582.06 | 1,547.06 | 42 | 685.46 | 650.46 | 85 | 1,699.80 | 1,664.80 |

* Age to the nearest birthday.

If you are a member of Polish Women's Alliance of America you can use the coupon below (one coupon per PWAA member).

Please fill out the information in the coupon below and send it together with the application on page 7 and with the premium payment to PWAA.



35th Convention Coupon

For Existing PWAA Members

\$35
OFF!

This coupon can be used with the 35th Convention Special only. This coupon cannot be redeemed for cash.

Please return with application and payment to: Polish Women's Alliance, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Fl., Chicago, IL 60631.

1. Information about you: (if you are an existing PWAA member; if you are not a PWAA member, you cannot use this coupon):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

PWA Certificate Number: _____

2. Below please write the name of the person for whom you wish to use this coupon:

Name of Proposed Insured: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Home Office Use Only:

Number of New Certificate: _____

Group Number: _____ Issue Date: _____

Insured Name: _____

For: _____

Garland Youth Section

Special PWA Scholarships Awarded in 2007



The 2007 High School Senior Sports Award \$500
and the
The 2007 High School Senior Academic Award \$500

were both awarded to

Joseph Stanek
District XIV, Council 40, Gr. 348

An honors student and varsity athlete at Hanover Area High School in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Joseph will attend Mansfield University in the fall



**Announcing
the 2007-08
Undergraduate
Special Academic
Scholarship Winners**



**Five Awards of
\$1000 each**

Addam Wawrzonek
District II, Council 2, Gr. 177
Robert E. Cook Honors College
Indiana University of PA



Natalia Szadkowski
District I, Council 27, Gr. 114
Northwestern University



Rebecca Lizonitz
District XIV, Council 44, Gr. 427
College Misericordia



Sarah Houde
District XI, Council 40, Gr. 431
Franciscan University



Ashley Wrobel
District V, Council 20, Gr. 786
Siena Heights University

PWA Announces a Scholarship for the

**KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION
JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY
SUMMER 2008 PROGRAM
IN KRAKOW, POLAND**

Application Period from June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

PWA will award one fully-paid scholarship in 2007 for a PWA member to attend the four-week Summer Program at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, in summer of 2008. The scholarship also includes a round-trip airline ticket to Poland. All Kosciuszko Foundation Jagiellonian Summer Program rules, regulations, and requirements associated with this program apply to this award. (www.kosciuszkofoundation.org/educationalprograms/summerprograms)



Collegium Novum, UJ, Krakow

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, a PWA member in good standing for at least five years, and have at least \$3,000 in insurance coverage with PWA. Term certificates, endowments, annuities, lapsed or suspended certificates and certificates with outstanding loans are excluded from eligibility.

The application is available on the PWA website. Go to www.pwaa.org to download the application. Please be sure to fill it out completely. The Scholarship Committee will not consider any incomplete, unsigned, or late applications. They will be automatically rejected. In addition to the application, a 500-750 word essay on the following topic is required:

“What Polish heritage benefits do I anticipate to gain by attending the Summer Program at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland”

The essay should be typed in English and stapled to the application. Be sure to include your full name and address is on the essay page. The completed application, essay, wallet-sized photo, media form, and insurance application (if needed) must be submitted to the District/State President postmarked no later than August 15, 2007. The District/State President must submit applications to Sharon Zago, Vice President and Scholarship Committee Chair, postmarked by August 31, 2007. Applications received without District President signature will automatically be disqualified.

Scholarship Committee: Sharon Zago, Vice President and Chairman; Directors: Helen Simmons, Jennie Starzyk Benton, Antoinette Trela-Vander Noot, Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy, and Felicia Perlick; Ex-Officio: Virginia Sikora, National President.

Council 40 May Festival

Wilkes-Barre, PA—Council 40 held its annual May Festival on May 15, 2007, at Kings College Chapel in Wilkes-Barre. Father Patrick Sullivan led the prayer service for the May Crowning. In the photo are Krystina Durako, Miss PWA 2006, and Michelle Lahnemann, Miss PWA 2007. A tea was held following the Crowning ceremony.



Group 105 Welcomes New Member

Miss Eliza Mealey is the newest member of Group 105 Plymouth, PA. The daughter of John and Elizabeth Mealey of Towson, MD, she is a fifth-generation member of the Group. Grandmother Dolores Mealey of Baltimore, father, aunts, and cousins are also members of Group 105. Welcome, Eliza!



Obwód 1 zaprasza na uroczystość ku czci Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej

We wtorek, 14 sierpnia, 2007
Komisja 13, Obwód Illinois ZPwA
zaprasza na uroczyste doroczne
obchody Dnia Matki Boskiej
Częstochowskiej.

Obchody rozpocznie msza św.

w kościele św Józefa 7240 W. 57th Street w Summit.

**Bezpośrednio po mszy w restauracji European Chalet,
5445 S. Harlem w Chicago odbędzie się lunch.**

Organizatorzy zapewniają autobus dowożący za drobną opłatą członków i ich gości z północnej strony. Konieczna rezerwacja, bilety nie będą sprzedawane w dniu uroczystości. Prezenty na loterię fantową i donacje pieniężne na fundusz stypendialny obwodu mile widziane. Zapraszamy do rozpoczęcia modlitw za 109 lat nieprzerwanej działalności organizacji i powodzenie tegorocznego Sejmu ZPwA.

**Rezerwacje przyjmujemy do 7 sierpnia, po informacje proszę
dzwonić do Heleny Wojcik 773-586-9234**

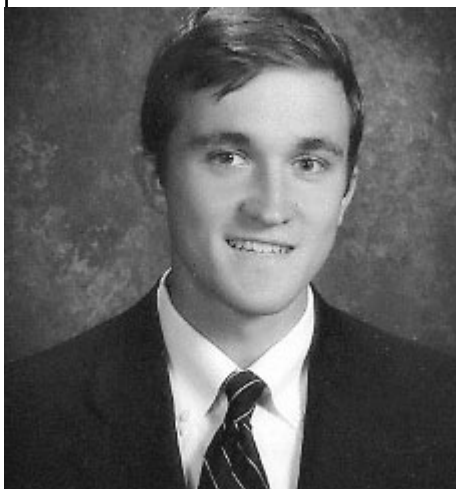
Donacje proszę wysyłać na adres:

5756 S. Nottingham Ave., Chicago, IL 60638

Serdecznie zapraszając pozdrawiają:

**Helen V. Wojcik Przewodnicząca Komisji 13,
Dawn Nelson, Dorothy Polus, Dolores Muszyński, Joan Litzan
i Josephine Halback**

**David Spotts laureatem 1-wszej
nagrody Harvest for Hunger
Student Leadership Awards**



5-tego czerwca br. na uroczystości zorganizowanej przez Foodbank w Cleveland, Ohio, **David Spotts** wnuk byłej Prezeski Obwodu VII, Mercedes Spotts, który właśnie ukończył Uniwersytet i od jesieni będzie kontynuował studia na De Paul University za swoją pracę otrzymał specjalną nagrodę tak zwaną 1-st Harvest for Hunger Student Leadership Award.

**W imieniu Rady Dyrektorów i Zarządu ZPwA
serdecznie gratulujemy i życzymy dalszych
sukcesów.**

Polskie stroje na sprzedaż



Komitet Oświaty ZPwA jest w posiadaniu pięknych, lekko używanych polskich strojów. Zainteresowanych kupnem prosimy o telefon do Wice Prezeski organizacji Sharon Zago na numer 1888-522-1898 wewn. 208

ZPwA poszukuje plaketek/oznak używanych w czasie Sejmów

Od samego początku, Związek Polek w Ameryce był dumny z używania w czasie trwania Konwencji specjalnych plaketek lub oznak. Z dumą prezentujemy ich kolekcję z następujących Sejmów: I, X, XI, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII i XIX.

Jak Państwo widzicie nasza kolekcja nie jest kompletna. Zwracamy się więc do wszystkich naszych członków o pomoc w uzupełnieniu kolekcji reprezentującej naszą historię. Jeżeli jesteście Państwo w posiadaniu tych oznak prosimy o przekazanie ich do muzeum organizacji. Po więcej informacji proszę dzwonić do Wice Prezeski Sharon Zago na numer: 1-888-522-1898, wewn. 208



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Sprawozdanie poświęcone pracy grup i ich działalności przedstawiła Grażyna Migala - Sekretarz Krajowy ZPwA. Skarbnik ZPwA Barbara Miller omówiła opublikowany w czerwcowym wydaniu *Głosu Polek* Raport Finansowy ZPwA. Jednym z jego ważniejszych punktów było omówienie nowego systemu mającego na celu zachowanie dla potomności dokumentów związanych z działalnością grup, komisji i obwodów ZPwA. Zbiory te są wielkim źródłem informacji dotyczącym Polonii a w szczególności kobiet naszej grupy etnicznej.

Prawnik ZPwA Chris Nowotarski w swoim wystąpieniu omówił ostatecznie zmiany w przepisach prawnych dotyczących działalności grup, ich spraw finansowych,

spraw związanych ze sponsorowaniem przez grupy i komisje różnych inicjatyw czy wydarzeń kulturalno-oświatowych i związanej z tym koniecznej dokumentacji. Wice-prezeska ZPwA Sharon Zago omówiła rezultaty akcji stypendialnych i grantów na działalność związaną z historią i koserwacją kolekcji Związku. W sobotnie przedpołudnie konferencji po dokonaniu losowania loterii pieniężnej Zarząd i Rada Dyrektorów ZPwA omawiała przygotowania do Sejmu a wieczorem nasze Panie reprezentowały Związek Polek w Ameryce na Biało-Czerwonym Balu Muzeum Polskiego w Chicago, dorocznej imprezie charytatywnej organizowanej w celu zbiórki funduszy koniecznych do utrzymania tej tak ważnej dla całej Polonii instytucji.

Specjalna Oferta

z okazji 35-go

Walnego Sejmu ZPwA

Ostatnie chwile specjalnej
promocyjnej oferty z okazji
35-tego Sejmu ZPwA

Detale w sekcji angielskiej
Głosu Polek

Po więcej informacji prosimy

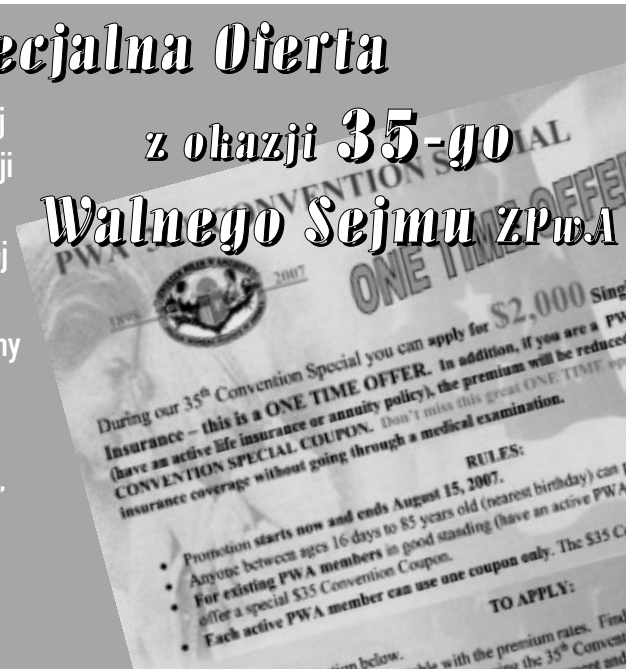
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Padowski

na numer 1888-522-1898,

wewn. 228;

e-mailem:

padowski@pwaa.org



Konferencja Prezesek Stanowych 2007 połączona z uroczystym otwarciem nowej siedziby ZPWA

W dniach od 20 do 22 czerwca 2007 w Chicago, w pięknej nowej siedzibie ZPWA odbyła się doroczna konferencja Prezesek Stanowych, Zarządu Głównego i Rady Dyrektorek Związku Polek w Ameryce. Tegoroczną konferencję rozpoczęło uroczyste otwarcie nowej siedziby organizacji mieszczącej się już w Chicago pod adresem 6643 N. Northwest Hwy. Konferencję uświetniło uroczyste otwarcie, któremu towarzyszyła bardzo ciekawa wystawa sztuki polskich i polonijnych artystów grupy ArtPo.

Głównymi kuratorami wystawy byli Lidia Rozmus członkini Grupy 89 ZPWA i Krzysztof Babiradzki. Lidia Rozmus urodziła się i wychowała w Polsce, Ukończyła historię sztuki na Uniwersytecie Jagiellońskim w Krakowie oraz studia w Instytucie Sztuki w Chicago, gdzie od 1980 roku artystka mieszka i tworzy. Pracuje jako grafik i wykładowca. Od wielu lat Lidia Rozmus w malarstwie tworzy w japońskiej technice zwanej sumi-e, równocześnie uprawiając poezję haiku. W 2004 artystka miała zaszczyt pobierać nauki u słynnego japońskiego mistrza w tej dziedzinie Shozo Sato. Jest autorką ilustracji do wielu książek i publikacji oraz poetką która wydała wiele tomików poezji haiku ilustrowanych własnymi sumi-e. Lidia Rozmus prowadzi warsztaty artystyczne i odczyty



rozpoczęli doroczną konferencję.

Tegoroczny zjazd poświęcony był głównie podsumowaniu działalności organizacji, przedyskutowaniu nowych planów i koniecznych zmian i unowocześnień i tematom związanym ze zbliżającym się w sierpniu Sejmem ZPWA.

popularyzujące ten rodzaj sztuki w Stanach Zjednoczonych, Polsce i w Japonii. Lidia jest redaktorem artystycznym czasopisma „Modern Haiku” reprezentując artystów amerykańskich na wielu międzynarodowych spotkaniach i konferencjach.

Współorganizator wystawy Krzysztof Babiradzki głównie pracuje w technice olejnej

prestigious go festiwalu w Wenecji do międzynarodowych festiwali sztuki w Ameryce. Jego prace znajdują się również w słynnych galeriach i kolekcjach prywatnych. W wystawie wzięło udział ponad 20



Na zdjęciu od lewej: Sekretarz Krajowy-Grażyna Migala, Wice Prezes-Sharon Zago, Prezydent Catholic Order of Foresters-David E. Hubert, Prezes ZPWA-Virginia Sikora i Skarbnik-Barbara Miller

specjalizując się w portretach przedstawiając sobie współczesnych od dygnitarzy i lokalnych luminarzy do pięknych powabnych Polek. Zajmuje się również z dużym powodzeniem fotografią artystyczną i grafiką. Jego prace prezentowane są na festiwalach sztuki począwszy od

artystów reprezentujących wiele dziedzin sztuki od malarstwa przedstawiającego i surrealistycznego do abstrakcji i ekspresjonizmu. Prezentowano również piękne przykłady mniejszych form rzeźby i znakomitej fotografii. W pamięci wszystkich obecnych poziom i przygotowanie wystawy na długo pozostawią znakomite wrażenia. Po tym niezapomnianym wieczorze uatrakcyjnionym koncertem jazzowym uczestnicy zjazdu w otoczeniu polskiej sztuki

Obrady rozpoczęło odczytaniem listy uczestników, i modlitwą o pomyślność konferencji zainicjowana przez Honorową Prezeskę ZPWA Helen Wójcik.

Przemówienie wstępne otwierające konferencję i podsumowujące działalność organizacji wygłosiła Prezydent ZPWA Wirginia Sikora. Prezydent Sikora podziękowała gorąco Prezesce Obwodu VII Irenie Honc-Jadlos za pracę nad przygotowaniem do tegorocznego Sejmu ZPWA w Cleveland, Ohio. Następnie wystąpił gość tegorocznej konferencji Prezydent Catholic Order of Foresters David E. Hubert. W swoim wystąpieniu podzielił się z uczestnikami informacjami dotyczącymi działalności braterskiej organizacji sposobami mającymi stymulować jej rozwój i działalność, jak również kontrolę pracy w szczególności w aspekcie ostatnio zmieniających się federalnych i stanowych przepisów ją określających.

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