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Polish American Cultural Center Historic Reflections Project - March

The Polish American Cultural Center presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history on the Polish American Radio Program. The reflections are organized in a daily format. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person's life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of a historical event in Polonia or Poland's history.

For your information, we have listed a brief outline of historic reflections for the month of March.

March 1, 1819 - Wladyslaw Taczanowski (Born)

Wladyslaw Taczanowski was a Polish zoologist who is considered one of the most important European zoologists of the 19th Century. Taczanowski is known for two significant studies, Birds of Poland, written in 1882 and Ornithology of Peru in 1884. Two animal species are named after him.

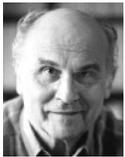


March 2, 1973 - Paul Popowich (Born)

Paul Popowich is an actor who has performed in many television series (such as Beverly Hills, 90210). Paul is best known for his portrayal of Mr. Smith in Season 2 of Twice in a Lifetime, where he played an angel who had to help people change their past for a better future.

March 3, 1996 - John Cardinal Krol (Died)

John Cardinal Krol was a Polish American Cardinal and the Archbishop of Philadelphia from 1961 to 1988. John Cardinal Krol participated in the Second Vatican Council, served as President of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was advisor to Pope John Paul II.



March 4, 1932 - Ryszard Kapuscinski (Born)

Ryszard Kapuscinski was an internationally renowned Polish journalist, author, publicist and poet. Ryszard Kapuscinski documented world events from the fall of the Shah of Iran to the fall of the Soviet Empire. His books have been translated into thirty languages.

March 5, 1901 - Julian Przybos (Born)

Julian Przybos was a Polish poet, essayist and translator, one of the most important poets of Kraków Avantgarde.



March 6, 1926 - Andrzej Wajda (Born)

Andrzej Wajda was a film and theater director, script writer and set designer, and world renowned cinematographer. He produced numerous award winning films in Poland and then spread his talents to other European countries and the world. He has received awards for excellence from dozens of countries and received an honorary Oscar Award for his lifetime achievements.

March 7, 1911 - Stefan Kisielewski (Born)

Stefan Kisielewski, pseudonyms Kisiel, Julia Holynska, Teodor Klon, Tomasz Stalinski, was a Polish writer, publicist, composer and politician, and one of the members of Znak, one of the founders of the UPR, the Polish libertarian and conservative political party.



March 8, 1822- Jan Lukasiewicz (Born)

Jan Józef Ignacy Lukasiewicz was a Polish pharmacist and petroleum industry pioneer who in 1856 built the first oil refinery in the world. Among his other achievements were the discovery of how to distill kerosene from seep oil, the invention of the modern kerosene lamp (1853), the introduction of the first modern street lamp in Europe (1853), and the construction of the first oil well in Poland (1854).

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March 9, 1852 - Hieronim Derdowski (Born)

Hieronim Derdowski was a Polish immigrant who played an important part in his community in Winona, Minnesota. Hieronim Derdowski edited the weekly newspaper, Wiarus, where he advocated for sustaining Polish culture and traditions and carried stories about Polish communities in the United States and Europe. He was a Kaszubian, from the Baltic coast of Poland, and maintained the Kaszubian dialect, traditions and folkways.



March 10, 1936 - Wojciech Lukaszewski (Born)

Wojciech Lukaszewski was a composer and music teacher from Czestochowa, Poland. Lukaszewski's music continues to be performed throughout Poland and by orchestras and choral groups throughout the world. Lukaszewski received numerous awards for his musical presentations written in the 1950's, 60's and 70's.

March 11, 2000 - Kazimierz Brandys (Died)

Kazimierz Brandys was a Polish writer who lectured in the United States and lived his last days in Paris. Brandys took part in establishing the democratic opposition movement in Poland. He is known for his moving account of Stalinist terror in his book Matka Krolow.



March 12, 1999 - Poland Joins NATO (Event)

The foreign ministers of Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary put an end to a decade of tough political negotiations as they handed over the NATO Accession Protocols to U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on March 12, 1999 in Independence, Missouri, in the United States.

March 13, 1995 - Franciszek Gajowniczek (Died)

Franciszek Gajowniczek, whose life was spared at the Auschwitz death camp when Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, now Saint Maximilian Kolbe, asked to be executed in Gajowniczek's place in 1941. In return, Fr. Kolbe was sentenced to a slow death by starvation and Franciszek Gajowniczek was eventually reunited with his family.



March 14, 1882 - Wacław Sierpinski (Born)

Wacław Franciszek Sierpinski was a Polish mathematician. He was known for outstanding contributions to set theory (research on the axiom of choice and the continuum hypothesis), number theory, theory of functions and topology. He published over 700 papers and 50 books. Three well-known fractals are named after him (the Sierpinski triangle, the Sierpinski carpet and the Sierpinski curve), as are Sierpinski numbers and the associated Sierpinski problem.

March 15, 1869 - Stanisław Wojciechowski (Born)

Stanisław Wojciechowski was a Polish politician and scientist. In 1922 he was elected the second President of the Republic of Poland following the assassination of Gabriel Narutowicz. He was ousted by the May Coup d'État of 1926.



March 16, 1964 - Gregor 'Gore' Verbinski (Born)

Gregor "Gore" Verbinski is an American film director and writer, best known for directing the first three Pirates of the Caribbean films and The Ring. In addition to movies, he has also directed numerous music videos.

March 17, 1956 - Irene Joliet-Curie (Died)

Irene Joliet-Curie, the daughter of Pierre and Marie Curie, was also a recipient of a Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1935 for the discovery of artificial radioactivity. This made the Curies the family with most Nobel laureates to date.



March 18, 1866 - Karol Adamiecki (Born)

Karol Adamiecki was a Polish economist, engineer and management researcher. He was one of the most famous management researchers in Central and Eastern Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He authored the law of harmony in management theory and the University of Economics in Katowice Poland bears his name.

PACC Historic Reflections Project - Part 3

March 19, 1887 - Jozef Kraszewski (Died)

Jozef Ignacy Kraszewski was a noted author of numerous fiction stories, historian of Polish literature, social activist and politician.



March 30, 1892 - Stefan Banach (Born)

Stefan Banach was a mathematician who founded the branch of modern mathematics called functional analysis. A self-taught mathematics prodigy, Banach was the founder of the Lwów School of Mathematics.



March 20, 1997 - Tony Zale (Died)

Tony Zale was a champion middleweight boxer and hall of famer also known as "the Man of Steel". He earned fighter of the year honors from Ring Magazine and the Boxing Writers Association of America for his thrilling three fight series with fellow hall of famer Rocky Graziano.

March 21, 1972 - Piotr Adamczyk (Born)

Polish actor, Piotr Adamczyk, portrayed Karol Wojtyła, who later became Pope John Paul II, in the television movie, The Man Who Became Pope.



March 31, 1888 - Mieczyslaw Haiman (Born)

Mieczyslaw Haiman was a leading historian of the Polish American community. Born in Poland in 1888, Haiman arrived in America in 1913 and settled in Buffalo. In 1935, Haiman became the curator of the Polish Museum of America in Chicago which was founded by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. The Polish American Historical Association bestows the Mieczyslaw Haiman Award annually to a scholar who has done exemplary work in the area of Polish American studies.



March 22, 1786 - Joachim Lelewel (Born)

Joachim Lelewel is considered the most eminent Polish historian. Lelewel wrote a timeline of Polish history and his writings remain a focal point of 18th and 19th century Polish history. His lectures were very popular among the youth and Adam Mickiewicz dedicated a poem to him.

March 23, 1951 - Ron Jaworski (Born)

Ron Jaworski, known as "JAWS" and the "Polish Rifle", is a former football quarterback of the Philadelphia Eagles. Jaworski led the Eagles to their first Super Bowl appearance in 1981. Jaworski is currently a sports broadcaster and is part owner of the Philadelphia Soul Arena Football Team.



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March 24, 1915 - Karol Olszewski (Died)

Karol Stanislaw Olszewski was a noted Polish chemist, mathematician and physicist.



March 25, 1970 - Shawn Antoski (Born)

Shawn Antoski is a retired professional ice hockey left winger who played 8 seasons in the National Hockey League in the 1990s. He played for the Vancouver Canucks, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins, and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

March 26, 1996 - Edmund Marciszewski (Died)

Edmund Marciszewski, known as Edmund Muskie, was a former senator from the State of Maine. The son of Polish immigrants, he served as the Governor of the State of Maine before his election to the U.S. Senate, where he served as the Secretary of the Senate. Senator Muskie also ran as a candidate for the United States Vice Presidency.



March 27, 2004 - Edward Piszek (Died)

Edward Piszek was a Polish American Industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Piszek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Piszek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia.

March 28, 1928 - Zbigniew Brzezinski (Born)

Zbigniew Brzezinski was born in Warsaw, Poland, and was internationally respected as a political scientist and statesman. Brzezinski served as the United States National Security Advisor to President Carter and a major international foreign policy analyst. Brzezinski was a professor of American foreign policy at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. He died on May 26, 2017.



March 29, 1963 - Pola Gojawiczyńska (Died)

Apolonia, "Pola" Gojawiczyńska, née Kozniewska, was a prolific Polish writer. Gojawiczyńska was one of the most popular women writers of the Polish literature of interwar period. Her works included psychological themes and social themes connected with proletarian and small town environment of Warsaw and Silesia.



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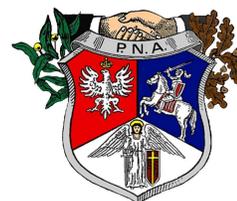
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A Traditional Polish Easter Basket and Its Contents

Święconka (shyven-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukspan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms" which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.

Listed at the right are Polish Easter Foods that are most commonly placed in the Easter Basket for the traditional blessing, along with the symbolism of each item.



We can all enjoy this beautiful tradition. It is a great way to teach new generations of Polish-Americans about our common heritage.

Bacon - Boczek / Ślonina (boh-cheh /swo-nee-nah)
Symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy on us.

Bread - Chleb (h'leh) Home baked bread, the staff of life.

Easter Bread - Babka (bab-kah)
A special round loaf, made of rich dough and raisins, and decorated with a cross, reminds us of Jesus, the Risen Lord,

Butter - Masło (mas-wo)
The butter should be shaped into the figure of a lamb or cross. Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of Salvation which flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Candle - Świeca (sh-veh-tsa)
The only non-edible item in the basket, the candle symbolizes Jesus, the Life and Light of the World. The candle can be lit during the blessing.

Cheese - Ser (sair)
A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.

Colored Eggs - Pisanki (pee-san-key)
Both colored and uncolored eggs, indicate hope, new life and Resurrection. Because of their special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed are decorated with symbols of Easter.

Ham - Szynka (shin-kah)
This popular main dish is symbolic of great joy and abundance.

Horseradish - Chrzan (h'shan)
This represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the life of slavery in Egypt. It also reminds us of the bitterness of the Passion of Jesus, by which he entered glory. Horseradish is often prepared with red beets in the dish "cwikła."

Salt - Sól (sool)
Symbolizes wisdom and preservation from corruption, it is included to remind us that Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave.

Sausage - Kielbasa (kel-bah-sah)
This is an old Slavic tradition. Its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as God's favor and generosity.

Happy Easter! - Wesolego Alleluja! (ves-so-weh-go ah-lay-lu-juh)



Pisanki-Coloring & Displaying of Easter Eggs



The pisanki derive from an ancient tradition when eggs, the symbol of life, were endowed with magical properties and were thought to ensure both a plentiful harvest and good health. The name Pisanki comes from the Polish word "pisac", which means to write.

The practice of coloring Easter eggs is very much alive in Poland today as well as enjoyed by Polish people all over the world. There are several techniques for making pisanki including the use of wax flowing from a pipe or funnel, producing richly ornamented designs or the etching of designs onto a previously colored egg. The geometric and floral patterns or the animal and human images produced reveal a high level of craftsmanship and artistry.

These eggs are exchanged among friends and relatives with good wishes. Many American Poles design eggs with the names of their friends written on them. They exchange these decorated eggs with each other during their Easter visitations along with their good wishes.

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Celebrating a Polish Easter

The celebration of Easter among Poles and Polish Americans is an elaborate occasion shared with family and close friends. Pisanki, or elaborately decorated Easter eggs are made during Holy Week. The baking of breads and pastries is an art among Polish housekeepers and special confections, such as the famous Babka are prepared for Easter as are lamb-shaped cakes and lambs molded from butter. Along with various cured meats, sausage and ham, these items are elaborately arranged in a large basket and taken to church on Holy Saturday for a special blessing. These blessed foods constitute the basis of the Swieconka or Easter Meal.

On Sunday morning, the table is set with the best linens, china, and finery. Featured foods include colored eggs, cold meats, coils of sausages, ham, yeast cakes, pound cakes, poppyseed cakes, other pastries, and, in the middle of it all, a lamb-molded cake or lamb made of sugar or butter. This symbol commemorates the resurrected Christ. In olden times, no cooking was permitted on Easter Sunday, so the Poles evolved the tradition of not serving warm meals on that day. Among the favorite foods is cwikla or grated horseradish and red beets, home-made pickles, marinated mushrooms and other delicacies. Sharing a blessed boiled egg with one's relatives is a national tradition, and everyone must have a piece of the blessed egg to ensure good health and prosperity.

Dyngus Day

The Easter festivities continue the following day, on Easter Monday. On this day, many Poles and Polish Americans celebrate a very ancient Slavic spring tradition called Smingus-Dyngus or the custom of sprinkling or pouring water on one another. Along with the Easter Swieconka, this is a custom followed in many Polish American families.

Article by David Motak, Director of Communications Polish Falcons of America

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Polish Easter Hymns

for the Polish and English Language

Polish

ZŁÓZCIE TROSKI

Złózcie troski, żalujący Chrystusa umarłego,
Otrzyjcie już lzy roniący, mamy zmartwychwstałego !
Tysięcznych pociech przyczyna, ogłoszona jest nowina.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, niechaj brzmi Alleluja !

Niewiasty, które przy grobie były to powiedziały,
Że Chrystus w chwały ozdobie żyje już zmartwychwstały!
Stąd pociechy, stąd radości, ustąpcie wszelkie żalności.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, niechaj brzmi Alleluja !

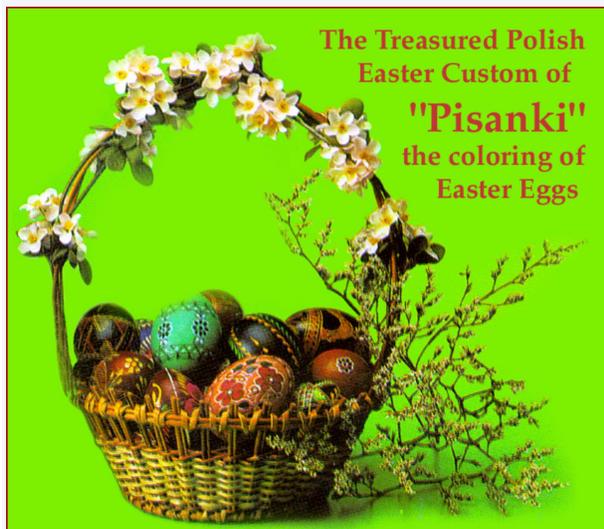
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Zlozcie Troski

Banish fear and sorrow, hide all grief
and sadness for the Savior they crucified.
He is truly risen by His mighty power,
Wipe the tears that have dimmed your eyes.
Wondrous joys in hearts are swelling,
As the glorious news they're telling.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let it ring the Alleluia.

Holy women bearing jars of precious ointment
Brought the news of the crucified.
Christ is truly risen and in glory living just as once
He had prophesied.
From this day our life tells gladness,
Gone at last are fear and sadness.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let it ring the Alleluia.

WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA HAPPY EASTER



Polish

ZWYCIĘZCA ŚMIERCI

Zwycięzca śmierci, piekła i szatana,
Wychodzi z grobu dnia trzeciego z rana.
Naród niewierny trwoży się przestrasza,
Na cud Jonasza. Alleluja !

English

Zwyciezca Smierci

Christ conquered death and sin,
Hell and satan's power,
Rising on Easter Morn in that glorious hour.
A faithless people looks with fear and trembling,
At this prophetic sign, Alleluia.

Polish

WESOŁY NAM DZIEŃ

Wesoły nam dziś dzień nastał,
Którego z nas każdy żądał,
Tego dnia Chrystus zmartwychwstał,
Alleluja, Alleluja !

Król niebieski k'nam zawitał,
Jako śliczny kwiat zakwitał,
Po śmierci się nam pokazał,
Alleluja, Alleluja !

English

Wesoly Nam Dzień

A great day for us has dawned,
One for which we were all yearning,
The day of Christ's resurrection,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Heaven's King, His might assuming,
Like a lovely rose is blooming,
After death to us appearing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.



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WYŚLAWIAJMY CHRYSŁA PANA

Wysławiajmy Chrysta Pana, który stał śmierć i szatana.
Z Nim bolały słońce, miesiąc i Stworzenia z Stwórcą cierpiąc.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

Z męki Pańskiej i Anieli
Płacz z żalem powód mieli.
Skały pękły, Ziemia drżała,
Zasłona się Święta rwała.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

English

Wysławiajmy Chrysta Pana

Let us praise the Lord with gladness
Who crushed Satan death and sadness.
With Him suffered all creation
Only man left Him forsaken.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

All the angels at His passion
Looked upon Christ with compassion
Rocks are shaken, the earth trembles
The shadow of sorrow is uncovered.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Polish

OTRZYJCIE JUŻ ŁZY PŁACZĄCY

Otrzyjcie już łzy płaczący,
Żale z serca wyzujcie.
Wszyscy w Chrystusa wierzący,
Weselcie się, radujcie!
Bo zmartwychwstał samowładnie,
Jak przepowiedział dokładnie.
Alleluja, Alleluja,
Niechaj zabrzmi Alleluja !

English

Otrzyjcie Juz Lzy Placzacy

Wipe your tears all who are weeping,
Of all sadness rid your hearts.
All in Christ truly believing,
Let your sorrow be turned to joy.
Christ has risen by His own might and power,
As he promised in that darkened hour.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let us sing Alleluia.

WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA

Polish

WSTAŁ PAN CHRYSŁUS

Wstał Pan Chrystus zmartwych ninie,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Uweselił lud Swój mile,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Który cierpiał, dnia trzeciego,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Dla człowieka mizernego.
Alleluja, Alleluja.

Niewiasty, gdy do grobu szły,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Drogie maści z sobą niosły,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
W bieli Anioła ujrzały,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Trwożyć sobą poczynały.
Alleluja, Alleluja.

English

Wstał Pan Chrystus

Christ has risen as predicted, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Saved His faithful in affliction, Alleluia, Alleluia.
On the third day from His Passion, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Suffering for man in cruel fashion, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Pious women by appointment, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Reached the tomb with costly ointments, Alleluia,
Alleluia.
When they saw an angel dressed in white, Alleluia,
Alleluia.
Each was frightened by this strange sight, Alleluia,
Alleluia.



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Sto Lat

Sto lat, sto lat niech zy- je, zy- je nam sto lat, sto lat
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You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

LIHEAP Fuel Rebate Program



As in previous years, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), also known as the Fuel Rebate Program, began in November, 2025, and ends April 10, 2026.. Those who have applied in previous years should be receiving applications in the mail.

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For more information on filing requirements or to get an application, call PASS at (215) 923-1900.

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Senior Discount on Water

PASS reminds senior citizens living in the city of Philadelphia that they can apply for the 25% water and sewer discount program.

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- 65 years of age or older
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- Proof of Age
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Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

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Pennsylvania Real Estate Taxes

The Pennsylvania Real Estate Tax/Rent Rebate Program is being administered now. New applications are available. Homeowners and renters can get back as much as \$1000 on last year's real estate taxes or rent. The income limit is \$45,000 annually for homeowners and for renters to qualify. It is important to know that only half of your Social Security or SSI counts toward the income guideline. Age requirements are 65 or older, living with a spouse that is 65 or older, widow or widower between the ages of 50 to 64 or permanently disabled between the ages of 18 and 64. For more information call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



Attention Employers!

People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

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Do You Have A Resume?

PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

This service is available from Polish American Social Services. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, email your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Email your resume to:

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City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze

If you are a senior citizen living in the city of Philadelphia and are interested in applying for the **City of Philadelphia Property Tax Freeze Program**, call "PASS" Polish American Social Services, also known as United Social Services.

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Those who qualify will receive a freeze on their City of Philadelphia property taxes.

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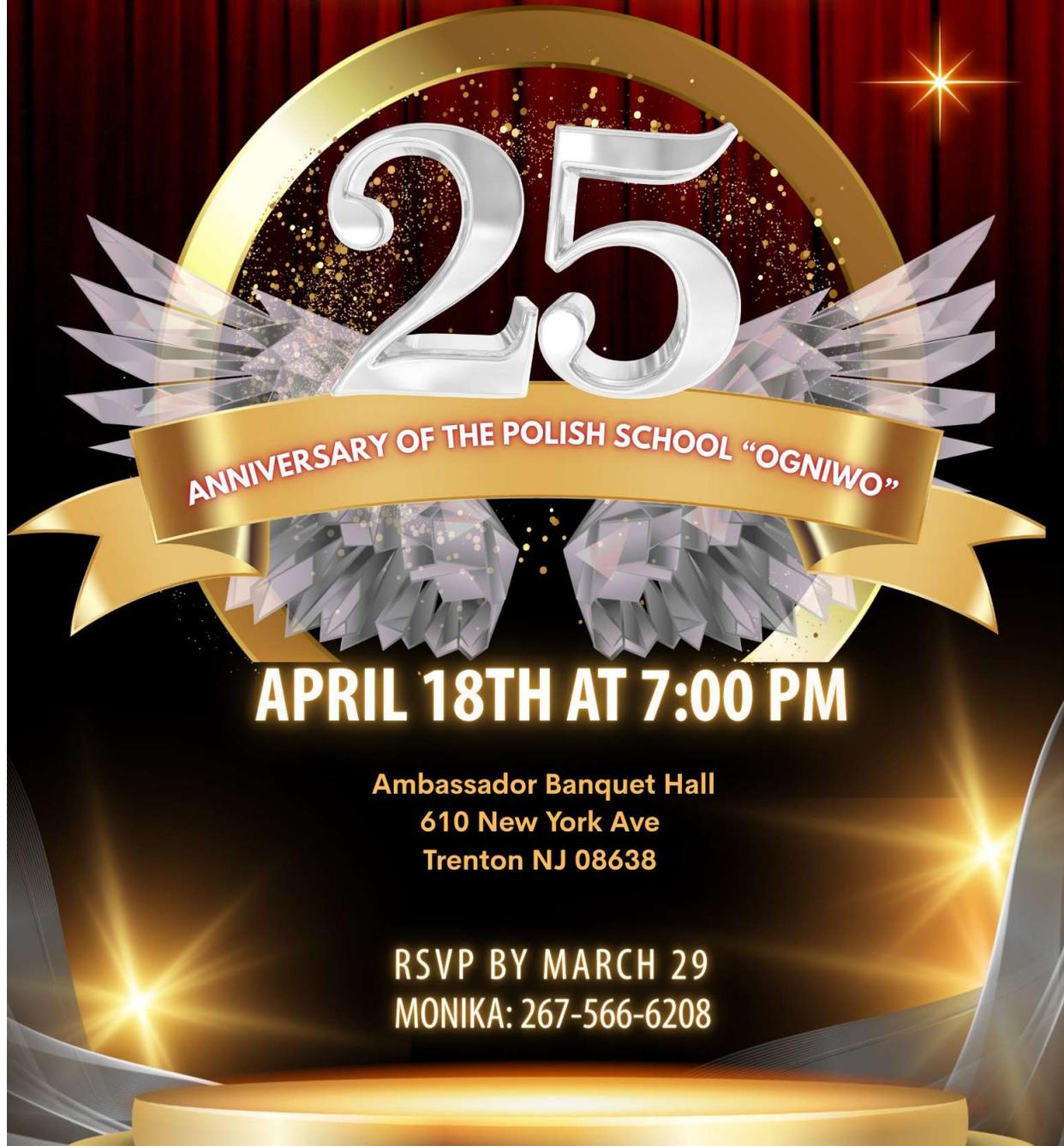
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I welcome you to review the information from my recent weekly commentaries and ask that you share this information with others.

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Always Look Out For Our Fellow Americans!

Thanks to everyone looking out for our fellow-Americans. As a result of our expanded unity, we continue to see positive changes happening in America's economy. **With our focus on American workers and the private sector business employing them, there has been a major increase in jobs and job skills for working aged and able-bodied Americans.**

America's consumers are doing their part and it's important that government officials also look to purchase even more American made supplies for America's public schools, hospitals, military, police, roads, bridges, security and many other projects supported by our tax dollars. **This is an opportunity for United States government leaders and state level leaders to help create a demand for products made and assembled in the United States of America.**

Therefore, we are requesting that you **contact your federal, state, and local elected leaders, school boards and all who govern distribution of our tax dollars** so they hear firsthand your support for American workers, America's economy and our nation's future.

The American people, as well as government officials and institutional administrators, have endless opportunities to create a demand for products made in America, simply by purchasing **MORE AMERICAN MADE EVERYTHING**. Creating a demand for American made is in and of itself the most important way to expand America's economy and create more job opportunities.

Spread the word to everyone you know because WE have to look out for American Workers FIRST. I appreciate hearing from you and I welcome your comments and suggestions. Email them to **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com**.

Americans Are Now Much More Selective!

As the American people see more advertisements in the media promoting the **"Made in the U.S.A. label"**, sales of American made products have been growing. **For several years, Americans have become more selective of what they purchase** at small and large stores and on the Internet. People are looking at labels and speaking up in support of American made. **This is great because more products with American made labels are being circulated and it is encouraging more businesses to expand in America.**

The fact that more people want to support American businesses has been helping to keep Americans employed and able to earn a living to support themselves and their families. It also means **American based businesses are able to circulate more of their products as the inventory of American made products moves off store shelves.**

In recent years, **businesses that supply both large stores and local stores are reporting that they have been requesting more American made products** from their local and national merchandisers. This has been helping businesses expand their product lines in America to compete with foreign imports. All of this is happening because America's consumers are showing their support for American workers, America's economy and America's future.

We all know it is still difficult to find American made products in most stores, however, every time an American made or assembled product is sold in the U.S.A., we see more light at the end of the tunnel and more possibilities for American workers.

Thanks for spreading the word about the Buy American Made Campaign. Your participation is appreciated. I welcome your comments and suggestions. Send them to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com**.

It's Happening Because of Us!

We can all be pleased to hear that more jobs are being created in almost every type of business in America. As our supporters continue to promote American made, we also are hearing that **America is on track to create up to 10 million new jobs during the next five years** as AMERICA'S consumers spend more of their dollars on products and services that employ all levels of American workers.

We have all heard how difficult it would be to expand manufacturing in the United States now that so many industries have chosen to locate outside of America. **After years of urging Buy American Made Campaign supporters to support American workers and the businesses that employ them, we are seeing a new focus by businesses to make more of their products in the United States.**

In order to get additional merchandisers to include a fair balance of foreign and American made items on their sales supply lists, **it is very important for America's consumers to seek out and support the products and services provided by American workers.** We have the opportunity to create an additional 10 million new jobs in the United States, **by remaining focused on the goals of the Buy American Made Campaign and its mission to create and maintain jobs for American workers.**

Thanks for your support and for spreading the word to others. I welcome your comments and suggestions. Email them to: **Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com**.

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We began this special campaign in **March, 2012**, in response to local businesses stating that they lost customers to larger stores. In order to help local businesses, we encouraged supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign** to shop local more often and began the **National Small Business Weekend** effort to show our supporters how important local businesses are to their communities.

The fact of the matter is that there are millions of locally-owned private sector businesses in communities all over the United States. **Locally owned businesses employ over 60 million American workers** and they need your business throughout the year to keep people employed.

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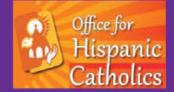
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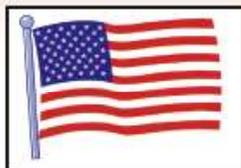


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Born in 2009, Evelina Kleczek began playing piano at the age of five and currently studies with Dr. Martin Labazevitch in Washington, D.C. Evelina has won prizes at several piano competitions, including Grand Prize and audience award at the 2025 MostArts Young Pianist Competition, third prize and audience award at the 2024 Thomas F. Hulbert International Piano Competition, the Rosalyn Tureck prizes in the contemporary and Prelude and Fugue categories at the 7th Tureck International Bach Competition in 2022, and first prize and Szymanowski award at the 2020 Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition for Young Pianists in Washington, D.C. Evelina also won the state and division levels of the 2025-2026 MTNA Senior Piano Competition. Besides exploring solo piano repertoire, Evelina was accepted into the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship Program for the 2024-2025 school year, which gave her the opportunity to immerse herself in chamber music. Her chamber music ensemble "Reinecke Trio" won third prize at the 2025 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and second prize at the 2025 Misbin Family Memorial Chamber Music Competition. In addition to her competition awards, Evelina is a 2026 National YoungArts Winner and has received the Chopin Foundation Scholarship for the past three years.

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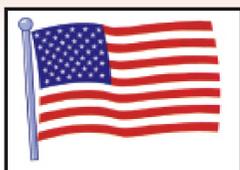
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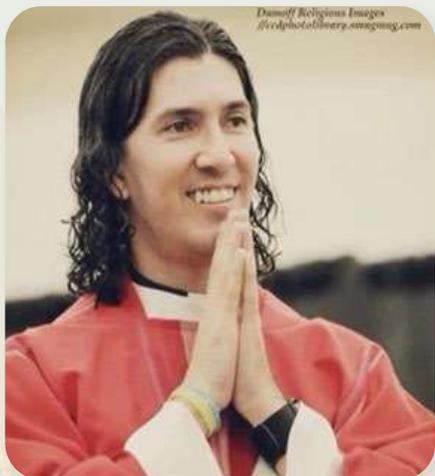
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