



Alliance News

Toledo-Poznan Alliance quarterly newsletter

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Former Board Member Remembered

Don Samull, former TPA Board member passed away on March 5, 2009. He did not fully recover from surgery in the fall. He was very active in many Detroit Polonia events and was well known for his annual Polish American calendar. The Mass of Resurrection for him was at the historic Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Detroit. Don was usually present at our Dozynki celebrations with a table selling Polish items and calendars. Remember Don and his family in your prayers.

Helena Modjeska (Modrzejewska)

The Polish communities here and in Poland are commemorating the 100th anniversary of her death. Modjeska was a celebrated Polish-American Shakespearean actress of the 19th century. She was a dominant force in Polish theater and prominent in Warsaw high society. Leaving Poland for personal and political reasons, she founded a utopian community in California. Modjeska was considered by many critics to be the best American female Shakespearean of that time and was compared to Edwin Booth. She was a godmother to Ethel Barrymore and her fame extended beyond her theatrical performances. A memorial Mass was celebrated on April 5th at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in New York and a historic plaque was unveiled in her memory. This was the same church where her funeral mass took place and it is the oldest Polish Catholic Church in Manhattan. Her remains were taken back to Poland in 1909 for burial.

TPA Annual Meeting

The Toledo Poznan Alliance held their annual meeting Sunday, March 29 at Lourdes College, Franciscan Center. We had two very interesting speakers: Lidia Bosek-Libersole spoke on the customs of Poland as they are today. She went through the Holidays explaining how we celebrate them here in the states versus how Poland celebrates them today; Russ Pawlowski, from the Toledo Polish Genealogy Society, spoke on how to search our family tree. Russ had a map and explained how he had managed to pinpoint exactly where his relatives lived in Poland and hundreds of our local pioneer immigrant families. Both were extremely informative. Many thanks to both of them for taking their time to come and share with our group. Thanks to everyone who came as well



DOZYNKI

The TPA Committee spoke of our upcoming Dozynki 2009 which is going to be held on Sunday, September 27 at Central Park West on Central Avenue. We are in need of individuals who are willing to step up and volunteer to help with this year's event. Positions are open in many areas such as co-chair, Advertising, Entertainment, Publicity, Decorating, Food, and Silent Auction to name a few. Please consider helping in whatever way you can. You do not have to be a Board member. If you are interested in helping in anyway please contact David Chelminski or Pat Konwinski.

TOLEDO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL HONORS TPA FOUNDING MEMBERS

Eleven members of the Toledo Poznan Alliance past and present attended a warm reception. "Toledo Sister Cities International Thanks Its Volunteers", held on Tuesday, April 28, at the Ward Pavilion at Wildwood Metropark in Toledo. The TSCI Volunteer Event Committee chaired by our own Sister Ann Francis Klimkowski hosted a well-planned and very cordial event featuring a brief history from TPA Board member Ann Galloway (who also happens to be a Board member of the national Sister Cities International Foundation, as well as, past President of the of the TSCI Board). The agenda included distribution of certificates of recognition to honorees present, a drawing, raffle and a silent auction. ALLIANCE NEWS takes this opportunity to thank all of the Toledo Poznan Alliance's members and volunteers who have given us so much to be proud of and so much to build upon in our two decades of existence.

A list is included separately with the Founding Members of the Toledo-Poznan Alliance (1990)



CHICAGO TRIP

Saturday, April 25 a group of about 50 from St. Adalbert's Parish and the Toledo Polish Genealogy Society set out for a day trip to Chicago.

Fr. Richard Philiposki of St. Adalbert's Parish planned a day trip to visit various Polish Catholic Parishes in Chicago. Among the churches we visited were: Holy Trinity served by the Society of Christ Fathers, St. Stanilaus Koska Church which was once one of the largest parishes, St. Mary of the Angels, served by the priests of Opus Dei and the Basilica of St. Hyacinth. Each one was more beautiful than the other. All were magnificent in both beauty and architecture. We also made a stop at PRUCA and home of the Polish Museum of America. We were treated to polish delicacies and coffee and a power-point presentation on their various artifacts. A dinner had been planned at the Jolly Inn were we feasted on an all Polish buffet. Behind the Jolly Inn was Wally's Market were one could buy all sorts of Polish meats, desserts, beer and liquor. After that we embarked on the Pulaski Skyway on Lake Michigan to the Horseshoe Casino to either give or take away some money. We then (with either more or less) took the Highway home. What a wonderful day!! Father Richie promised more trips in the future. Count me in.

Help Us Save/Preserve Our Polish Heritage, History & Memories From the Garbage/Trash Can...

Did Babcia/Babka/Buszia (Grandmother) or Dziadek/Dziadzio/Djadja (Grandfather) just pass on, leaving behind their Polish history, heritage and artifacts for you to deal with?

Well, if/when it happens to you and you have more than you could possibly want/need, call us and let us come in and preserve/archive what you would likely just throw away.

Yes, the **Toledo Polish Genealogical Society** wants to collect and preserve the Polish related stuff that you may just want to get rid of.

Whether it be pictures, old cookbooks, family genealogy information/work, birth information/records, special events, death records, funeral cards, letters from the "Old Country," or old Polish newspapers, we want and NEED them for our growing collection.

We are also particularly interested in old City Directories, family photo albums, especially pictures with notations made on them, and family records, such as bibles (with events recorded in them).

And if you have anything like this that you would still like to keep, we would be more than happy to scan the items (for information and archival purposes) either at your home or at the TPGS library and leave the originals with you.

And don't forget those printed funeral cards and newspaper clippings; they are particularly useful in furthering our efforts!

So, if you have Polish artifacts, whether or not you want to keep them or not, get in touch with us and allow us to help you with saving these priceless bits of our culture for future generations.

If you are still in doubt as to what we are looking for, call one of us BEFORE throwing it away.

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Thank you for helping us to preserve and save our history in both Toledo and Poland, our mother country!

Dziękuję!

**The Toledo Polish Genealogy Society
Culture & History Department, Library staff**

FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE TOLEDO- POZNAN ALLIANCE (1990)

+ Indicates deceased, or as we would say in Polish, "of Blessed Memory"

1. Anonymous
2. + Felix Ambrosiewicz
3. + Roman Babula
4. Ursula Cauffiel
5. David Chelminski
6. + Gwidon Chelminski
7. + Julia Chelminski
8. Karol Cios
9. Krzysztof Cios
10. + Ted Dial
11. + Louise Ficker
12. Ann Galloway
13. Alicia Glowacki
14. Richard Glowacki
15. Victor Glowacki
16. Kathy Gabel
17. +Lucille Jarczyński
18. + John Kalisz
19. + Daniel Kasprzak
20. + Leona Katafiasz
21. + Conrad Kochanski
22. Betty Kochanski
23. Joe Kochanski
24. + Wladyslawa Kornaszewski
25. + Emily Kosinski
26. + Alice Kovach
27. Richard Kozbial
28. + Clementine Kulwicki
29. Rev. Paul Kwiatkowski
30. Chester Lipinski
31. Catherine Macaro
32. + Mary Martis
33. Lucy Marzec
34. Gerald Mazuchowski
35. + Celia Murzynski
36. Zbigniew Orłowski
37. Walter Pakulski
38. + Evelyn Pakulski
39. + Casimir Pawlecki
40. Irene Petryk
41. Robert Przyojski
42. Evelyn Przyojski
43. + Veronika Rybka
44. Leokadia Rogalska
45. Clementine Skiba
46. Lillian Sniegowski
47. + Joe Szafarowicz
48. Lucy Szafarowicz
49. + Pauline Voorhees
50. Elenora Warchol
51. Edward Zoltanski
52. + Richard Zak