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Happy Easter!

Polish Easter Traditions Blessing of the Easter Basket Foods From www.polishcenter.org

The blessing of the Easter foods is a tradition dear to the hearts of every Polish family. Being deeply religious, they are grateful to God for all His gifts of both nature and grace. As a token of this gratitude, they have the food of their table sanctified with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy.

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Easter evergreen.

The blessed foods and their symbolic meanings are:
Egg (pisanka)—Symbol of life and rebirth.

Sausage (kielbasa) or ham—All types of pork were forbidden under the dietary code of the Old Testament (Leviticus 11.7). The coming of Christ was seen as exceeding the old law and the dietary items now became acceptable (Mark 7.19).

Paschal lamb—It can be made of butter, cake or even plaster. It is the centerpiece of the meal. Christ is seen as the "Lamb of God."

Horseradish/pepper—Symbolize the bitter herbs of the Passover and the Exodus.

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.

Fun Fact: *Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych* means **Happy Easter** in Polish!

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Polish Easter Basket as seen on www.catholicicing.com
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PNU and Spojnia Credit Union offices will be closed on Friday April 19th in observance of Good Friday

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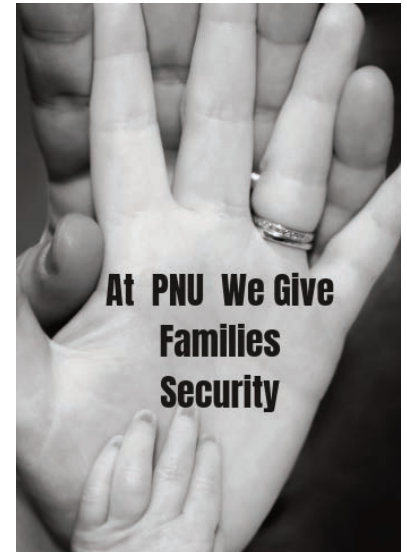
**Polish National Union
Death Benefit Report**

We express our sincere
condolences to the families
of the deceased.
May perpetual light shine
upon them. May they Rest in
Peace.

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District One Special Delegate Meeting Reminder

Come out and vote to elect delegates and alternates to attend the 31st General Convention aboard the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas!

This important election meeting for District One will be held on April 25th at 7 PM in the lower level of the PNCC Building

District Director Contact: Joan Scheuneman (570) 344-1513

The cruise convention is set to sail from September 29, 2019-October 6, 2019 and will include stops at St. Maarten, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

Remembering Dedicated PNU Leaders

Four dedicated leaders of the PNU recently entered into eternal rest. They all dedicated so much to the PNU and we send our condolences to their friends and families. They will all be truly missed.

Regina M. Nycz

Former PNU employee and Branch 17 Secretary

Regina M. Nycz, formerly of South Scranton, born on Aug 23, 1930 to the late Frank and Josephine Fijalkiewicz Nycz, died at the age of 88 on Friday, March 22 in Elderwood at Hamburg, N.Y in hospice care. She was an active member of St. Stanislaus PNCC and the Spojnia Credit Union. She was a longtime office staff member of the Polish National Union of America, working at various capacities including Branch 17 Secretary. Throughout her life, Regina was an independent and spunky woman who loved to travel and be in the company of good friends and family, especially at get-togethers and family celebrations. She will truly be missed.

(Excerpt taken from The Scranton Times on March 25, 2019)

Florence Zaganiaczyk

Former District 4 Director and Branch Secretary

Florence Zaganiaczyk passed away on March 27, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Leo A. and Martha (Raczyk) Zaganiaczyk; dearest sister of the late Dorothy (late Eugene) Wyglondalski and late Henry (late Lenore) Zaganiaczyk; dear aunt of James (Jackie), the late Robert Zaganiaczyk and Frank (Jacqueline) Wyglondalski.

(Excerpt taken from buffalonews.com)

Dorothy A. Stahelski

Former Branch 13 Secretary

Dorothy A. (Socha) Stahelski, 86, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, with her loving family at her side. She was born May 16, 1932, daughter of the late Peter and Mary (Spieczny) Socha. She was raised and educated in Chicopee, and resided in Westfield since 1957. A graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1949, Dorothy retired from AT&T after working many years as a service representative. She was dedicated to the Polish National Catholic Church, and was a devoted communicant of both St. Joseph's Church of Westfield and Holy Mother of the Rosary Church of Chicopee. Dorothy served on the Supreme Council of the PNCC, the music scholarship program, ANS, and Children of Mary Society. She was a faithful member of the church choir, taught Sunday School classes and participated in various parish committees. In retirement, Dorothy was a Westfield School Volunteer, serving as a classroom aide.

(Excerpt taken from The Republican)

Rita D Kasper

Former District 8 Director

Rita D. Kasper (Ryta Kasprzak), 91, of Larksville, died Monday, March 25, 2019, at Tiffany Court, Kingston. She was born in Edwardsville, daughter of the late Lawrence and Anna Janiec Kasper. Rita graduated from Edwardsville High School, Luzerne Community College and Wilkes-Barre Business College. Book-keeping was her career, but her love was for her Polish heritage. As district coordinator for the Polish National Union, organist and cantor for The Resurrection of the Lord and Good Shepherd churches, sister, aunt and friend, Rita had a fulfilling life. Through her service to family and church, Rita was able to help meet the needs of others in her own unassuming way, giving of her time and energy as much as was physically possible. A special thanks goes out to her beloved churches for recognizing her giving spirit and quiet devotion; friends Father Lucian Urbaniak and wife Shari, Art and JoAnn Montigney, Margaret Garvin, Elinor Grimes, the staff at Tiffany Court, and all her nieces and nephews. She will be missed.

BELOVED MOTHER (Polish hymn sung at funerals)

Beloved Mother, guardian of the nation,
Hear orphans weeping in their supplication.
We are Eve's exiles, do you hear us praying?
Show us your mercy when we begin straying.

We have sinned often over all the ages,
Hence we deserve God's punishment that rages.
But when the Father strikes, be our defender,
Be our safe refuge, Mother dear and tender.

Serdeczna Matko, opiekunko ludzi,
Niech Cię p³acz sierot do litoœci zbudzi.

Wygnañcy Ewy do Ciebie wo³amy:
Zmi³uj siê zmi³uj, niech siê nie tu³amy.
Zas³u³ylicemy, to prawda, przez z³oœci

By nas Bóg kara³ różg¹ surowoœci.
Lecz kiedy Ojciec rozgniewany siecze,
Szc³œliwy kto siê do Matki uciecze.

Month of February 2019

The PNU is pleased to welcome two new members this month

Month of March 2019

The Home Office sold \$35,000 worth of insurance this month

Cruise News - PNU CFO Andrzejewski's Inside Tour Of The Convention Cruise

Don't Miss Out On The Adventure of A Lifetime!

CFO John Andrzejewski met with Karen and Jen from "The Cruise People" in Florida during the first week of April to get an inside look at the ship for this year's convention cruise. The 31st General Convention of The Polish National Union of America, taking place September 29th - October 6, 2019, will be packed with adventure and excitement. Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas is set to sail out of Ft. Lauderdale from a new terminal that was recently constructed. "It's a beautiful and enormous ship with so many different activities, shopping options, and dining choices," John commented about his recent inside look at the ship.

Two nights on board will be considered a formal dining night so please be prepared with the appropriate dress e.g. men-suits - women banquet dress/clothing. The PNU group dining time is set for 5:15 PM, but you can certainly dine at any time you wish while on board. With 14 free dining options, 11 options that come with a fee, 24 hour room service, and an array of foods from around the world, the cruise will be sure to satisfy every taste bud. Splurging and indulging is encouraged as every meal is considered all you can eat, which means go ahead and order more than one thing on the menu and enjoy as much as your stomach can take.

The ship boasts 1,000 different species of plants, complete with a horticulturist on the ship, a beautiful courtyard, and different themes, such as Central Park and The Boardwalk. Thinking about bringing the kids? Bring them with confidence. Adventure Ocean is the name of a program that provides activities and supervision for children ages 2-15 and the best part is the cost is included in the cost of the cruise. The ship truly has something for all ages!

"Planning ahead is definitely a smart idea," John commented when he explained how many activities will be available on the ship. Guests will want to reserve their spot for the different activities that will be offered because 90 days prior to the cruise Royal Caribbean will open up reservations. Once you have your confirmation number and the reservations are available you will want to log in to the Royal Caribbean website and select the activities you want to participate in. To speed up the check-in process John also stressed checking in online for the cruise prior to departure.

The Cruise People have third party excursion booking information that is available to view on the PNU Cruise Convention Facebook page, Royal Caribbean also offers excursion booking, and for the natural planners there is always Trip Advisor and other online avenues to customize the perfect off-shore experiences for memories that will last a lifetime. For the adventure seekers and shots of adrenaline give zip-lining a try - John did while checking out the cruise and we can't wait to see the PNU group's adventure come to life on board this September. Remember that anyone is welcome on board and we can't wait to sail the open sea with you all!

An Insider Tip

If you already secured your spot on this exciting cruise you are off to a great start! Learn more about the activities, shopping, food, excursions and what these beautiful destinations have to offer by looking them up on Trip Advisor! Simply visit www.tripadvisor.com and enter the destination you would like to explore. You can also read and participate in forum style discussions from travelers who have been there! Google search St. Maarten Trip Advisor Forum

(for example) and plan ahead for a cruise come true!



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Delegates to the 30th General Convention of the PNU November 2015.



The Boardwalk area and Aqua Theater



Upper deck relaxation

This is the 5th convention at sea that we are hosting for the PNU!

All are welcome so invite your friends. You don't have to be a convention delegate to enjoy the Allure of the Seas.

Call "The Cruise People" at 800-642-2469 for information.

Remember to secure your place in advance and start thinking about what kind of activities will be the perfect fit for your tropical getaway!



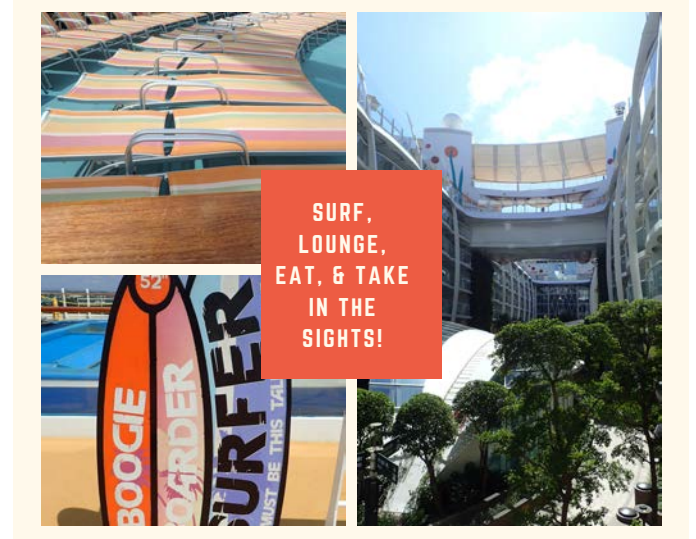
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**PNU CFO John Andrzejewski went
zip-lining on the ship! Will You?**

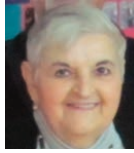
The above are all photos from John's trip to Florida for an inside look at the "Allure of the Seas" cruise ship that will set sail this Fall for the 31st PNU Convention Cruise! There will be fun for everyone both on the ship and at the ports of call!
Ports of call: San Juan, PR, St. Maarten, and Labadee, Haiti



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District Three and Eleven

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A Letter From Fr. Sr. Rob

Dear members and friends of PNU District 3,

Thank you for all who supported our Easter Raffle and congratulations to our prize winners.

Wishing you a blessed rest of this Lenten Journey - remember to take advantage of these most sacred days of Passiontide and share in these important salvific events through the liturgy of our Holy Church.

Fraternally in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Fr. Sr. Rob



District Three Easter Raffle Winners Are Selected

PNU District 3 Easter Raffle

Drawing – April 7, 2019 at Holy Cross Parish (Central Falls, RI)

3 Winners

\$50 – Fr. Adam Czarnecki – *Northampton, MA*

\$25 – Bill Zygodlo – *Manchester, NH*

\$25 – Wanda Janusz – *Central Falls, RI*

Parishes who sold tickets

Holy Trinity Cathedral – Manchester, NH - \$140.00

Blessed Trinity – Fall River - \$137.00

Holy Cross – Central Falls - \$ 85.00

Our Saviour – Woonsocket - \$67.00

Holy Trinity – Plantsville - \$35.00

Holy Name – S. Deerfield - \$30.00

St. Valentine’s – Northampton - \$10.00

St. Joseph’s – Westfield - \$10.00

Total Profit for District 3 = \$ 514.00

Thanks to our prize donors for your generosity and support:

Phil Kaczorowski - \$25.00

Tom & Lynette Zarek - \$25.00

Fr. Sr. Joe & Loraine Krusienki - \$25.00

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District Four
Beverly Basinski

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DISTRICT Four QUARTERLY MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

The PNU District Four meeting was held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Bishop Peplowski Center. Seven members were in attendance. Branch Secretary, Beverly Basinski, called the meeting to order and Bishop John Mack gave the invocation.

Sharon Pawlowski, secretary, read the minutes from September 9, 2018. Motion to accept the minutes was made, all in favor. Due to inclement weather there was no treasurers report. Expenses will be added to the report for next meeting.

Election of officers for 2019, district officers only - includes all branches, will be held at a meeting in March 2019. Beverly Basinski has been appointed District Director for District 4. Branch 85 has been taken over by Home Office. Branch 79 director is Viola Przybylski and Branch 311 director is Beverly Basinski. Beverly is updating addresses on the district list of Spojnia members.

Spojnia Sunday on September 23, 2018 went well. We gained one new social member.

The 31st General Convention of the PNU will be from September 29, 2019 to October 6, 2019. Delegates reimbursement rules are \$717.00 allowed per cabin. Three delegates can be elected from District 4. Two from Branch 311 and one from the pool. Beverly Basinski goes automatically because she is the District Director. Ed Dudek nominated Christina Giczkowski and Sharon Pawlowski to go as delegates from Branch 311. Secretary cast one vote for delegates elected to 31st PNU Convention. The delegate from the pool will be elected at our next meeting in March 2019.

Beverly told the members that any new annuities have an additional form to fill out from New York State.

New Business: Think about a PNU family day in 2019 and open it to non-members too. Suggestions – Bowling party, movie day, hay ride in fall, turkey raffle. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM was made by Ed Dudek, seconded by Christina Giczkowski and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Pawlowski
Recording Secretary

District 4 Luncheon Meeting

PNU District 4 held a luncheon meeting on Saturday, March 23 at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster NY, to finalize the election of delegates to the 31st PNU General Convention. After the delegate election we also elected District Officers for 2019. We had a very productive meeting as we plan for a Family Day in June to be sponsored by the District. It was also agreed to hold a Thanksgiving raffle. Proceeds from the sales of raffle tickets are to benefit our community food pantry during Thanksgiving. Thank you to those in attendance for your support and ideas.
Beverly Basinski
District Director



District Four meeting participants enjoy lunch together



District Four meeting attendees enjoy a variety of delicious food choices for their luncheon meeting



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PNU District 5 Quarterly Meeting – March 16, 2019

Meeting was hosted by Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks, PA.

Attendance – Fr Bruce Sleczkowski, Marian Sleczkowski, Henrietta Kleckner, Terry Kleckner, Melissa Snee, Michael Wisniewski, Barbara Wisniewski, Fr Mark Swoger, Paulette Beliuнас, Maryanne Kiska, Stanley Kiska, Fran Sliwinski, Joe Sliwinski, Janice Amend, Rosalie Clark. 11:07am Melissa Snee opened the meeting, Fr Bruce Sleczkowski offered prayer for the meeting.

Minutes – Marian Sleczkowski read the minutes for the Nov 18th meeting. There were no changes/corrections. Maryann Kiska made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Henrietta Kleckner. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Henrietta Kleckner presented the Financial Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2018. Paulette Beliuнас motioned to accept financial report, seconded by Rosalie Clark. Motion passed.

Correspondence – Ad request for Easter from Straz, Thank You card from Fr Seiler for the donation to Family Promises.

Janice Amend informed us that Georgine Katocs was admitted to St Clair Hospital on Friday. Prayers offered.

Old Business – PNU Performance vs District 5 – Melissa Snee reported on the PNU 2018 performance. Henrietta Kleckner and Rosalie Clark were the top performers in the 4th quarter. As of the year-to-date reports District 5 was in 2nd place in the PNU, District 8 was in 1st place. Unfortunately, PNU has paid/cashed out many more policies than had been sold last year.

New Business – Branches – Br 105 Carnegie is trying to get a new slate of officers and a new branch secretary.

Br 116 Canonsburg has new officers and branch secretary. Irene Jugan, Fr Bruce & Marian Sleczkowski attended a meeting in February. We now have updated names and addresses and hope to re-open the lines of communication and gain Br 116's participation in the District. Melissa Snee has also been talking to David Bober, Branch Secretary. She will work with him to bring the branch up to speed.

Br 119 New Castle – the PNU Board of Directors has approved the merger of Br 119 into Br 132 McKeesport, PA

Branch Update – Melissa Snee would like to have the Branch Secretaries give quarterly reports at the District meetings to keep everyone in the district up-to-date with our branch activities.

2019 Family Day – After much discussion regarding various venues, it was decided that we would try to hold the outing at the Wild Things Baseball Faith Night on July 7, 2019 with the buffet dinner. Henrietta Kleckner made a motion, seconded by Barbara Wisniewski. Motion passed. Henrietta Kleckner will put the details together.

Education & Youth Commission – There were some changes to the Student Stipend application, it is available on the website and due by April 15, 2019.

2019 Convention – Branch 132 hosted the delegate election meeting on Feb 17, 2019 – Delegate elected Marian Sleczkowski. Branch 197 hosted the delegate election meeting via teleconference on Feb 10, 2019 – Delegate elected Michael Wisniewski. Branch 105 hosted the delegate election meeting via teleconference on March 10, 2019 – Delegate elected Janice Amend. Branch 116 hosted the delegate election meeting March 10 – no delegate elected. Those 2 delegate positions will be added to the District pool. District 5 will have delegate election meeting after our regular quarterly meeting Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Meeting Schedule for 2019:

Next meeting - Sunday, June 30, 2019 3:00pm Holy Trinity Parish, Washington, PA

Saturday, September 21 11:00am Holy Family Parish, McKeesport, PA

Sunday, December 1, 2019 3:00pm TELECONFERENCE
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Henrietta Kleckner, seconded by Maryann Kiska.

Melissa Snee closed the meeting at 12:20pm. Fr. Mark Swoger offered closing prayer including prayers for Georgine Katocs

**PNU District 5 Special Delegate Election Meeting
March 16, 2019**

Melissa Snee opened this special meeting at 12:21pm. She explained that we need to elect 6 delegates and how the process works.

She also stated that she would be unable to attend the convention. She, therefore, was appointing Fr Bruce Sleczkowski, District Vice-Director, to take her place.

Round 1 – Fr Bruce Sleczkowski nominated Paulette Beliuнас, seconded by Fr Mark Swoger. No additional nominations offered. Paulette Beliuнас was elected.

Round 2 – Nominated were Barbara Wisniewski, Rosalie Clark, Ted Gibala, Janis Gibala and Sherry Mack. Terry Kleckner made a motion to accept these members as delegates, it was seconded by Fr Mark Swoger. Motion passed. Melissa closed this meeting at 1:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marian E. Sleczkowski

Read More District Five News On P. 16



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District Six

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District Six Annual Family Night Success

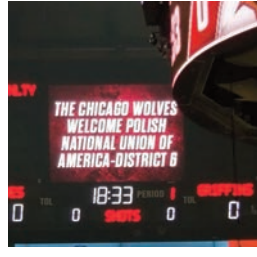
PNU District Six hosted its annual Family Night by attending the Chicago Wolves hockey game on Saturday, February 23. The Wolves played against the Grand Rapid Griffins and won 3-2. It was the Wolves 25th anniversary and decided to thank the fans by treating them to free parking at the Allstate Arena all season. District Six sold 43 tickets and our seats were once again at center ice! A great time was had by all. Thanks to Kathy and Larry Chockley from District 7 for visiting the area for the weekend and attending our Family Night!



Chris & Jeanette
Plewniak & Jill
Sarbenoff pose for
the camera



Chris & Marty Wachna,
Larry & Kathy Chockley,
and Father John &
Cathy Kowalczyk



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2019 Meeting Schedule

2nd Quarter – Teleconference – Thursday, May 16, 2019 –
6:30 pm Central / 7:30 pm Eastern

3rd Quarter – Teleconference – Thursday, September 5,
2019 - 6:30 pm Central / 7:30 pm Eastern

4th Quarter – In-Person Meeting – Saturday, October 19,
2019 – 12 Noon Central – All Saints Cathedral 2019

Polish National Union - District Six Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019 - Teleconference

Present: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Rafalko, Rev. John Kowalczyk, Christine Wachna, Dr. Walter Cegelka, Cathy Kowalczyk, Martin Wachna, Bob Maycan, Dian Maycan, Teri Heath, Christina Danielkiewicz, Judie Szydowski

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm Central time by Director Christine Wachna. The Invocation was pronounced by Very Rev. Rafalko.

Christine Wachna added “Convention Committee Elections” to the Old Business section of the Agenda. A motion to accept the Agenda as amended was made by Bob Maycan, seconded by Christine Danielkiewicz and carried.

Minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Martin Wachna, seconded by Dian Maycan. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Christine Wachna received a Stipend Application packet. Applications are due back to the home office by April 15th.

Financial Report

Financial Report for the 4th Quarter of 2018 was presented. A motion to approve the reports was made by Dian Maycan, seconded by Teri Heath. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Branch Elections and Meetings

Branch 37 held their Convention Delegate Election as well as their regular Meeting with Election of Officers on February 4th. Branch 295 will meet on Sunday, February 10th. Branch 293 will schedule a delegate election meeting.

Convention Committee Election

As District Six is the “host” of the Convention, we are responsible for producing the Ad Book as well as help out with various tasks at the Convention. A motion to elect the sitting District officers as the Convention Committee was made by Bob Maycan and seconded by Dr. Walter Cegelka. Motion carried.

2019 PNU Convention Ad Book

Christine Wachna will call a meeting of the Convention Committee by the end of February to discuss the Ad Book and other responsibilities.

2019 Family Night Update

Christine Wachna reported that a total of 43 tickets were sold, and all are paid in full.

Jesus is the Resurrection "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die." John 11:25-26



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FOR
YOUR
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**WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY
& BLESSED EASTER!**
Prime Bishop Emeritus and Florence Nemkovich
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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN
INDEED!**
Bishop Paul & Karen
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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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Henrietta Kleckner

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." JOHN 3:16

"For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died." Thessalonians 4:14

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Z okazji Świąt Wielkanocnych:

miłości, która jest ważniejsza od wszelkich dóbr,

zdrowia, które pozwala przetrwać najgorsze.

Pracy, która pomaga żyć.

Uśmiechów bliskich i nieznanym, które pozwalają lżej oddychać

i szczęścia, które niejednokrotnie ocala nam życie.

On the occasion of Easter I/we wish you

love, which is more important than any property,

health that can survive the worst.

Work, which helps to live.

Smiles of loved ones and strangers, which allow easier breathing and happiness, which often saves our lives.

The sernik ('SAIR-neek') is a rich creamy baked cheesecake that differs from its American counterpart in cheese. You could try to replace the exclusively Polish cheese called twaróg with country, cottage, quark, curd or ricotta cheese, but it won't do the trick.

Twaróg is more dense, sweeter, and less wet than those cheeses and less smooth than ricotta.

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Święconka (Polish pronunciation: [ɛfɛnˈtɕɔnka]), meaning "the blessing of the Easter baskets," is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions on Holy Saturday. With roots dating back to the early history of Poland, it is also observed by descendant Poles in the U.S., Canada, the UK, and other Polish Parish communities.

“The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.”

Isaiah 57: 1-2

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Happy Easter!

Zdrowych, Pogodnych Świąt Wielkanocnych,
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 Radosnego, wiosennego nastroju,
 serdecznych spotkań w gronie rodziny
 i wśród przyjaciół
 oraz wesołego “Alleluja”
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 full of faith, hope and love.
 Joyful, spring mood,
 cordial meetings with family
 and among friends
 and happy “hallelujah”

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 Szczęścia, zdrowia oraz zgody.

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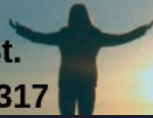
Beautifully painted eggs,
 Happy and joyful Easter.
 On Monday, a bucket of water.
 Happiness, health and consent.

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again because God raised Christ Jesus from the dead.” -1 Peter 1:3

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peace, love,
and Easter
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Fr. Sr. Rick Seiler

Znak Krzyża świętego

W imię Ojca i Syna, i Ducha
Świętego. Amen.

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.

Ojcze Nasz

Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w
niebie, święć się Imię Twoje.
Przyjdź królestwo Twoje.
Bądź wola Twoja, jako w
niebie tak i na ziemi. Chleba
naszego powszedniego daj
nam dzisiaj. I odpuść nam
nasze winy, jako i my od-
puszczamy naszym winowaj-
com. I nie wódź nas na
pokuszenie, ale nas zbaw ode
złego. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in
heaven, Hallowed be Thy
Name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done, on earth as
it is in Heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread. And for-
give us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. Amen.

Zdrowaś Maryjo

Zdrowaś Maryjo, łaski pełna,
Pan z Tobą, błogosławionaś
Ty między niewiastami, i
błogosławiony owoc żywota
Twojego, Jezus. Święta
Maryjo, Matko Boża, módl
się za nami grzesznymi teraz
i w godzinę śmierci naszej.
Amen.

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The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death.

Amen.

“Jesus Comforts His Disciples “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” John 14:1-2

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Spring from the Cycle "Immaculata"

Flow out from the light of
the morning rainbow,
Covered by fog, like a light
garment,

Daughter of Earth -- Im-
maculata...

Before her the Earth in
prayer is kneeling,
Towards her, homeless or-
phans' hands

Shine in morning prayer and
rainbow ...

Flow out, covered in light
fog,

IMMACULATA..

Flow clean -- through the
lowland earth,

Between complaints, sad-
ness, and misfortunes...

Here a sign wakes up the
fertile earth,

There beauty -- birds are
quiet..

Flow... flow through the
lowland earth,

in a virginal, luminous aure-
ole,

over unfortunate orphans
bursting into tears,

IMMACULATA..

Over poor cottages throw
happiness,

With light, wipe up the tears
of the orphans

After her crossing, pains
turn pale,

For she grieves for the ill-
fated.

Shine... flow by the stars,
through the air...

After her the breeze rustles
and hums,

To her voices flow every
day in the morning:

IMMACULATA.

– Wladyslaw Orkan

Easter Grace Blessing (a short prayer suitable to say before an Easter dinner meal)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this day. May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate together. May your love be shared amongst us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship. May we remember to give out the grace and forgiveness that you have freely given us, And may we always give thanks for your sacrificial love. Amen. www.prayerscapes.com

Report of Actions Taken by the Board of Directors

March 7, 2019

OPENING

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America was held on March 7, 2019 via teleconference. All Board members were present. A member of the Internal Audit Committee was also present.

Minutes

The minutes for the regular board meeting held December 6, 2018 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held December 6, 2018 as presented. The motion passed.

STANDARD REPORTS

Standard reports for Spójnia Inc., monthly membership, and the Annual Statement were given during this portion of the board meeting. Each report was considered separately with respect to any discussion and questions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mortgage Department CEO Jugan reported on the activity in the mortgage department. No actions resulted from the items reported.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Exonerations: There were none brought before the Board for consideration.

Correspondence

CFO Andrzejewski noted that several pieces of correspondence were received including two thank you cards and a routine letter of inquiry from the Pennsylvania Insurance Department regarding a question on the Third Quarter Financial Statement.

Branch Affairs

There were two items to discuss and act upon regarding branch affairs. The first concerned Branch 116. A new branch roster was received. Upon recommendation a motion was made and seconded to approve the Branch 116 roster and accept David Bober as the Branch Secretary of Branch 116. The motion passed. The second item concerned Branch 119. A request was received from the Branch to merge with another Branch. The board reviewed the information reported by CEO Jugan and discussed the merger options.

After discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the merger of Branch 119, New Castle, PA with Branch 132, McKeesport, PA. The motion passed.

Annual Statement Related Items

A number of annual statement related documents were distributed to the board for their review prior to the meeting. Time was spent reviewing and discussing the highlights of the documents distributed. No action resulted.

Non Ordinary Adjusting Entries

A listing of all entries associated with the preparation of the annual statement and closing of the books for the year 2018 was distributed prior to the meeting for the board to review. **After a review of the entries a motion was made and seconded to approve the non-ordinary adjusting entries provided to the board. The motion passed.**

Personnel

CFO Andrzejewski updated the Board with respect to the transition of the personnel recently hired.

Revised Vehicle Lease

The new lease for the vehicle used by the PNU was discussed during the December meeting of the Board. At that time a motion was made to approve authorization for a lease with different terms than the final lease. The new terms were determined to be more cost advantageous to the PNU. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the lease as negotiated and ratify the action of the CFO with respect to entering into the lease. The motion passed.**

Penetration Testing

CFO Andrzejewski introduced discussion regarding contracting for penetration test services. The penetration test is a part of the Cyber Security work needed to assure the PNU that the computer systems and security in place is sufficient to protect the insurance data. A discussion was entered into regarding the services. **At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the contract as proposed. The motion passed.**

Items Noted

Prior to concluding CFO Andrzejewski noted three items for the information of the Board members. They include:
The distribution of new rate manuals is underway.
Work is progressing on the administration website.
The process to establish the ability to directly draw premiums from member's accounts was started. With this the CFO Report was concluded.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the CFO. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Investment Committee

Chairman Maycan reported on the activity of the Investment Committee.

The committee recommended that the board keep mortgage and annuity rates the same as set for the first quarter ending March 31, 2019 for the second quarter ending June 30, 2019. **After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. The motion passed.**

The rates are as follows:

The annuity rate for all new issues and annuities issued after 12/31/2012 will be set at 2.5%. The annuity rate for issues prior to 1/01/2013 will be set at 3%.

The residential loan rates would be set at 5% for twenty years, 4.75% for fifteen years and 4.5% for ten years.

The Commercial loan rates would be set at 5.5% for twenty years, 5.25% for fifteen years, and 5.0% for ten years.

Spójnia Credit Union

A written report was submitted. Highlights of the report were reviewed with the Board.

Fraternal Activities Committee

Chairman Michael Zarek reported regarding the activities and finances of the committee. **At the conclusion of the report a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.**

Education and Youth Commission

Mary Ann Stankowski, Chair of the commission was called upon for a report. A summary of the work of the commission and their finances was submitted and distributed to the Board. **At the conclusion of the report a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.**

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Ad Hoc Constitution Committee

Chairman, Very Reverend Robert Nemkovich, Jr. reported that the committee met on several occasions to review submitted change suggestions and to discuss suggestions for change which will be ultimately submitted to the convention on behalf of the Board of Directors. The potential changes were reviewed with the board. The board discussed each change and provided guidance to the committee.

Input from the board would be used to finalize a recommendation for the proposed changes during the June board meeting.

Chairman Nemkovich was thanked by CEO Jugan and the Board for the work done on the potential changes.

With the conclusion of the Ad-Hoc Constitution Committee discussion a motion was made and seconded to accept the reports presented. The motion passed.

District Reports

The Board noted that reports were received from Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Reports were not received from Districts 6, 8 and 10. District 8 currently has no District Director in place.

The Board entered into discussion regarding the reports. During the discussion board members noted that reports showed that the districts were active in many different aspects of the organization.

Regarding the inactive districts and reporting discipline the Board entered into discussion which resulted in direction given to the executive officers.

OLD BUSINESS

Spójnia Park

Vice President Robert Maycan reported that the trustees were still working to close the sale of property discussed during the last meeting of the Board. There has been a delay.

2019 Convention

CFO Andrzejewski noted that there were four items listed on the agenda for discussion.

Pre-convention Committee: CEO Jugan reported that she had been working with the director of District 6, the host district, to form the Pre-convention Committee. She reported that members of the committee as appointed by District 6 are:

Christine Wachna – President

Rev. John Kowalczyk – Vice President

Judith Szydowski – Recording Secretary

Catherine Kowalczyk - Treasurer .

Delegate Meetings and Returns: CFO Andrzejewski reported that as of the board meeting several special election meetings have been held with the remaining meetings scheduled through the end of March.

Group Transportation: CFO Andrzejewski informed the board that he had been contacted regarding covering the cost of organized transportation from a common gathering point to the airport terminal. The board entered into discussion regarding this matter. A consensus was reached that this type of cost would not be covered out of the general treasury. However, should a district wish to organize the transport it would be a valid expenditure out of the district treasury.

What's Next-Delegate Registration Packet: CFO Andrzejewski informed the board that work is underway to complete the delegate registration packet. Distribution is expected to the reported delegates through mid March.

NEW BUSINESS

Spójnia Sunday 2019

Preparations for Spójnia Sunday 2019 were discussed and a member of the Board was assigned to coordinate the activities.

Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 6, 2019.

CLOSING

With no further business to come before the Board CEO Jugan adjourned the meeting following a closing prayer.

This concludes the Report of Actions Taken at a regular meeting held March 7, 2019. As submitted the report is represented to be as accurate as possible with regard to the content and matters discussed and the disposition of matters presented to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Andrzejewski, III

CFO/Secretary

Polish Easter Traditions Blessing of the Easter Basket Foods (continued from front page)

Baranek Wielkanocny. The Easter Lamb bearing a cross-embazoned flag represents Christ Resurrected and is thus the typical Polish Easter symbol. The lamb adorns greeting cards, sugar lambs are blessed in Easter baskets and plaster lambs form the centerpiece of the swieconka table.

After Easter Mass, the faithful hurry home to feast on the delicacies they saw little of during Lent. Cold dishes predominate like ham, kielbasa, roast meats, paszta (pate), hard-boiled eggs in various sauces, salads, beet and horseradish relish (cwikla), followed by such holiday cakes as babka, mazurek and sernik. In some families the breakfast starts with a tart, whitish soup containing eggs and kielbasa, known as biały barszcz in eastern Poland and zurek elsewhere.

Before Easter breakfast begins, members of the family consume wedges of blessed Easter eggs and exchange best wishes in much the same way as opłatek is shared on Christmas Eve.

This centuries old custom is indeed richly symbolic and beautiful. It is one in which the whole family can participate and help prepare. May this tradition endure for many generations to come.

All of you can enjoy this beautiful Polish custom by participating at the blessing of the Easter food at the Polish Center or at the Polish church nearest you. This is an excellent way to teach the younger members of your family about this treasured Polish tradition. Remember, it is up to us to teach our customs to our children.

Branch 132 Food Drive Was A Huge Success!



A few of our members who assisted with the “Roll away the Stone of Hunger” Food Drive. Pictured above: Marian Sleczkowski, Rosalie Clark, Melissa Snee, Fr Bruce Sleczkowski, Ted Gibala and Janis Gibala

PNU Branch 132 Held a food drive during lent - “Roll away the Stone of Hunger”. We also received a \$500 donation to the food drive from Holy Family’s YMSR. We had great participation!

Thank you,

Marian Sleczkowski

Recording Secretary Branch 132



Frank Posiask loads up the truck for delivery after a very successful food drive to help people in need



Don't miss out on the next opportunity to get involved! A list of district directors and their contact info can be found on page 2. Find a district director in your area today and learn more about ways you can get involved for a great cause or participate in our next event.

Jajka Faszerowany: Polish Stuffed Eggs Recipe



Polish Stuffed Eggs Photo Credit :Barbara Rolek

Total:

32 mins Prep: 20 mins

Cook: 12 mins

Yield: 12 Egg Halves (12 Servings)

Polish stuffed eggs, or jajka faszerowany (YI-kah fah-sheh-rroh-VAH-nih), are also known as deviled eggs in the States.

The filling is made with ham, cheese, sour cream, and mustard. What sets them apart is the broiled polonaise-style buttered bread crumb topping.

This makes a great appetizer course or light lunch with a crisp salad and crusty bread. It is a popular offering at Easter brunch after Mass along with żurek wielkanocny (Easter sour soup), kielbasa świąteczna (Easter sausage), and a groaning board of other delicacies.

Ingredients

Steps

Comments

Ingredients

6 large eggs (hard-cooked, shelled and halved)

8 ounces ham (cooked, ground)

4 tablespoons cheese (Polish honey cheese [slotki ser z miodem] or other mild cheese)

4 tablespoons sour cream

2 teaspoons mustard (prepared)

Salt (to taste)

Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

2 teaspoons dill (fresh, chopped, or chives)

1 cup breadcrumbs (dry, fine)

2 ounces/1/2 stick butter (melted)

Steps to Make It

Remove yolks from egg halves and combine them with the rest of the ingredients, except the bread crumbs and melted butter. Mix well.

Heat broiler. Mound the mixture into the egg whites, smoothing with a knife.

Place on a heatproof dish or pan. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, covering the filling and whites completely, and drizzle with melted butter.

Broil about 3 minutes or until breadcrumbs are crisp and golden. Serve warm or at room temperature. Refrigerate leftovers.

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The first sign of approaching Easter in Poland is a large number of branches and dried flowers being brought to church. One week before Easter, Palm Sunday (in Polish niedziela palmowa) takes place. According to Catholic tradition, the day marks the entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem. Since palm trees are rare in Poland – although there is one known specimen – churchgoers often bring pussy willows or 'palms' made of colourful woven dried branches.

The Holy Week preceding Easter involves spring cleaning. In the countryside, people would use the occasion to repaint their barns. Religious fasts are sometimes observed in varying degrees of strictness. Families visit representations of the tomb of Christ, often decorated in a spectacular fashion for the occasion.

On the Saturday before Easter Sunday, Poles paint hard-boiled eggs (called pisanki). Some use store-bought kits which make the coloring and decorating easier, others continue to make dyes the traditional way - with boiled onion skins. Egg painting is encountered in several other Slavic cultures, and is thought to date back to talismanic pagan rituals that are over 5000 years old.

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Another Saturday activity is the preparation of Easter baskets. Lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the baskets contain a sampling of Easter foods: pisanki, a piece of sausage or ham, salt and pepper, bread, a piece of cake and an Easter Lamb made of sugar or even plastic. They are brought to church to be blessed.

Wishing You A Happy Easter !
Wesołego Alleluja!

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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On the most important day, Easter Sunday, some go to church at 6am for the Resurrection mass – a ceremonial service and procession. Homes come alive with families who gather to eat breakfast. Before the meal, in much the same way as for Christmas with the sharing of the opłatek (Christmas wafer), people share wedges of the blessed Easter eggs from the basket. They exchange wishes and a Wesołego Alleluja (Joyful Hallelujah).

The breakfast is dominated by cold dishes and is a feast for meat lovers: ham, sausage, roast meats, pâté (pasztet), eggs, horseradish relish, bread. Easter breakfast is so decadent that it has to be considered a day-off from the Spring diet.

What follows is a frenzy of Easter cakes: a tall, round 15-yolk sweet yeast cake with a hole in the middle (babka) that can be compared to the American election cake, a mazurek - cake with a fat layer of icing, decorated with dried fruit, walnuts, almonds, roasted seeds or a cheese-cake – sernik.

Author: Marta Jazowska

Luke 24:2-3. "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."

Wishing You A Happy Easter !
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PRIESTS AND DEACONS

“Then they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take. It was the third hour when they crucified Him.”

Mark 15: 23-25

“When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?", which is translated "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Mark 15: 33-34

Wishing You A Happy Easter !
Wesołego Alleluja!

**Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!**

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“When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.”

**Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!**

Mark 16: 1-6

Stolat and Best Wishes!

Frank Wudarski, Maintenance Supervisor for the National Church Center, recently retired from his position after sixteen years of employment. Frank initially started to work for the PNU and later transferred to work for the PNCC as they assumed full ownership of the National Church Center.

During his career he was instrumental in providing all of the occupants of our facility with a quick response to maintenance needs and for the pristine condition of the National Church Center. Frank also assisted setup for a number of events held at the National Church Center including the Spójnia Credit Union Annual Meeting, District 1 Annual Christmas Party and the Annual Holiday gathering of Veterans. Prior to his departure a farewell luncheon was organized by Julie Orzell, secretary to the Prime Bishop.

Franks retirement was celebrated with the staff of the PNCC and PNU. This provided the opportunity to impart advice for retirement and essential tools, which did not include a snow shovel, to engage in a number of leisurely activities. Prime Bishop Mikovsky officiated with prayer, blessings and well wishes. On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the PNU, we say thanks for all that Frank has assisted with and wish him all the best on his retirement. He will surely be missed.

John Andrzejewski,
CFO/Secretary



Frank and Cathy Wudarski share a laugh at one of the gag gifts given at his retirement party in late March. The party was complete with a celebration cake.



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The PNU Staff and Board of Directors wishes everyone a Happy Easter!

(District Six Quarterly Meeting Cont. From P. 9)

NEW BUSINESS

Sales Prospects and Discussion

Dr. Walter Cegelka reported that he has several sales in the pipeline.

For the Good of the District

Father John Kowalczyk reminded us that we need to find a worthwhile endeavor for the District to support.

Adjournment

Father John Kowalczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Cathy Kowalczyk and was carried. Father John led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judie Szydowski, Recording Secretary

Traditional Polish Easter Soup Recipe

Mazurek (aka mazurka) pictured above, is a traditional Polish dessert. Want to try something new for Easter? Check out these recipes!



White Barszcz, a traditional Polish Easter soup

Barszcz, biały barszcz (white barszcz) to be specific, the red one is made with beetroots and is red. Cook 1 cup diced smoked kielbasa in 6 c water with 1 quartered onion and 1 bay leaf 1 hr. Remove from heat. Fork-blend 1 c sour cream with 1 heaping T flour until smooth and gradually stir into slightly cooled soup. Return to heat and simmer without boiling several min. Flavor to taste with salt, pepper, vinegar and 2 buds crushed garlic. Season with salt, pepper and marjoram to taste and serve over sliced hard-boiled eggs (usually 1 egg per serving).

Care To Share?

What is your favorite traditional Polish dish? Send us your recipes, photos, and tips to do it yourself Polish food! We are happy to publish it in The STRAZ!

Every Member

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Get A Member

Mazurek, also known as mazurka, is a flat Polish cake made with yeast or non-yeast doughs and topped with any combination of almond paste, preserves, dried fruits, nuts, meringues, and sometimes left plain. The one thing they have in common is they are rarely over 1 inch in height.

A mazurka also is the word for a Polish folk dance, a country sparrow and someone from Mazur in North Central Poland. Traditionally served at Easter, this pastry is so delicious and easy to make, it now appears at tables year-round.

Ingredients

Steps

Comments

Ingredients

6 ounces butter (room temperature)

4 tablespoons sugar

2 ounces almonds (ground blanched, 6 tablespoons)

1/2 teaspoon lemon zest (grated)

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 large egg yolks (hard-cooked, sieved)

1 large egg yolk (raw)

Pinch salt

Pinch cinnamon

6 ounces apricot preserves

6 ounces raspberry preserves (or cherry preserves)

Confectioners' sugar (for dusting)

Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients.

Cream together butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy.

By hand, stir in almonds, zest, flour, making sure to measure flour correctly, and hard-cooked egg yolks.

Add raw egg yolk, salt, and cinnamon, and mix into a smooth dough. This entire process, from step 1, can be done in a food processor, if you prefer.

Place dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 375 F.

Cut off 1/3 dough and return, wrapped, to the refrigerator. Roll out 2/3 dough and place on an 8-inch-by-11-inch tart pan with a removal bottom or a small sheet pan. Pierce or "dock" the dough with the tines of a fork. Using pastry brush, egg wash (1 beaten egg with 1 teaspoon water) dough.

Roll remaining 1/3 dough and cut into 1/4-inch strips. Arrange strips lattice-style over dough. Brush lattice strips with egg wash.

Bake for 20 to 30 minutes, or until light golden brown and crisp.

Allow to cool completely. Place pastry on a serving plate and spoon fruit preserves alternately into the open spaces of the lattice work. Sprinkle lightly with confectioners' sugar.

Spojnia Credit Union's Annual Meeting

Spojnia Credit Union recently held their Annual Meeting. President Jan S. Cwikla called the meeting to order on March 15, 2019 at 10:40 am. The theme this year was "Quality Connections, Ready! Set! Grow!"

With the new core processor in place, this theme was perfect. Mobile Banking, Remote Check Deposit, Electronic Statements and enhancements to Home Banking and Bill Payment now make it possible for you to connect to your account twenty four hours a day, seven days a week from just about any place in the world.

Reports were given by all board members and committee chairs. Elections were held, a luncheon was served and door prizes were awarded. Spojnia Credit Union holds its Annual Meeting the second Saturday in March. It is a great time for fellowship, review the past year and see what the credit union has planned for the upcoming year.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Spojnia Credit Union held its reorganization meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting. The following is the 2019 Spojnia Credit Union's Board of Directors and Committee Members.

Board of Directors: President Jan S. Cwikla (elected), Vice-President Jacek Grotnik, Secretary Joan Scheuneman, Treasurer John C. Andrzejewski, III, and Director John F. Ostroski, Jr. (elected)

Supervisory Committee: Chair Edmund Kotula, Father Carmen Bolock (elected), Paul Kowalski

Credit Committee: Chair Mary Lou Crispino (elected), Katherine Gnat, Stacey Shrive

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President Cwikla addressing the members at the annual meeting for the Spojnia Credit Union (Left to right: Manager Karen Rieder, Treasurer John Andrzejewski, III, Secretary Joan Scheuneman, President Jan Cwikla, Vice President Jacek Grotnik, and Director Jack Ostroski)

National Credit Union Youth Month Challenge

The Future is Yours, Picture it! Save for it!, Share it! This is the theme for National Credit Union Youth Month. During the month of April, those youth members, ages 17 and under who make a deposit to their account at Spojnia Credit Union will be entered into a special drawing for a VISA Gift Card.

Picture it! Send Spojnia Credit Union a photo or draw a picture of something you want and tell us how you are *Saving for it!* You will be eligible for a second entry into the drawing.

All deposits and photos or drawings must be postmarked by April 30, 2019. The total amount of deposits and drawings will determine the amount of the VISA Gift Card. Not to exceed \$50.00

Winners will be notified in May.

Spojnia Credit Union's \$500.00 Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded in June to a credit union member furthering their education at the next level.

Applications were mailed to those credit union youth members age 17 and 18 who will be graduating high school and in good standing with the credit union.

The application, list of activities, awards, and essay must be returned and post-marked by May 30, 2019. The essay is based on the National Credit Union Youth Month theme, *The Future is Yours, Picture it!, Save for it!, Share it!*. If you meet the above criteria and have not received the application by April 30, contact the credit union at 570-344-1513.

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